

Weekly One Liners 08th to 14th of May 2023

Pulitzer Prizes 2023 Announced: Check The Complete List Of Winners

Pulitzer Prizes 2023

The **2023 Pulitzer Prize** winners were announced, with four of the 16 awards for journalism across 15 categories going to local outlets reporting on corruption among local officials. The Pulitzers are regarded as the highest honor that a U.S.-based journalist or organization can receive. The awards were announced by **Marjorie Miller**, the administrator of the Pulitzer Prizes. There are 22 Pulitzer categories. In 21 of those categories the winners receive a **\$15,000 cash award** and a certificate.

2023 Pulitzer Prizes: JOURNALISM#F16622

Category	Winner	Description
Public Service	Associated Press, for the work of Mstyslav Chernov, Evgeniy Maloletka, Vasilisa Stepanenko and Lori Hinnant	Courageous reporting from the besieged city of Mariupol that bore witness to the slaughter of civilians in Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
Breaking News Reporting	Staff of the Los Angeles Times	For revealing a secretly recorded conversation among city officials that included racist comments, followed by coverage of the rapidly resulting turmoil and deeply reported pieces that delved further into the racial issues affecting local politics.
Investigative Reporting	Staff of The Wall Street Journal	For sharp accountability reporting on financial conflicts of interest among officials at 50 federal agencies, revealing those who bought and sold stocks they regulated and other ethical violations by individuals charged with safeguarding the public's interest.
Explanatory Reporting	Caitlin Dickerson of The Atlantic	For deeply reported and compelling accounting of the Trump administration policy that forcefully separated migrant children from their parents, resulting in abuses that have persisted under the current administration.
Local Reporting	Anna Wolfe of Mississippi Today, Ridgeland, Miss.	For reporting that revealed how a former Mississippi governor used his office to steer millions of state welfare dollars to benefit his family and friends, including NFL quarterback Brett Favre. John Archibald, Ashley Remkus, Ramsey Archibald and Challen Stephens of AL.com, Birmingham For a series exposing how the police force in the town of Brookside preyed on residents to inflate revenue, coverage that prompted the resignation of the police chief, four new laws and a state audit.
National Reporting	Caroline Kitchener of The Washington Post	For unflinching reporting that captured the complex consequences of life after Roe v. Wade, including the story of a Texas teenager who gave birth to twins after new restrictions denied her an abortion.
International Reporting	Staff of The New York Times	For their unflinching coverage of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, including an eight-month investigation into Ukrainian deaths in the town of Bucha and the Russian unit responsible for the killings.
Feature Writing	Eli Saslow of The Washington Post	For evocative individual narratives about people struggling with the pandemic, homelessness, addiction and inequality that collectively form a sharply-observed portrait of contemporary America.
Commentary	Kyle Whitmire of AL.com, Birmingham	For measured and persuasive columns that document how Alabama's Confederate heritage still colors the present with racism and exclusion, told through tours of its first capital, its mansions and monuments—and through the history that has been omitted.
Criticism	Andrea Long Chu of New York magazine	For book reviews that scrutinize authors as well as their works, using multiple cultural lenses to explore some of society's most fraught topics.

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Editorial Writing	Nancy Ancrum, Amy Driscoll, Luisa Yanez, Isadora Rangel and Lauren Costantino of the Miami Herald	For a series of editorials on the failure of Florida public officials to deliver on many taxpayer-funded amenities and services promised to residents over decades.
Illustrated Reporting and Commentary	Mona Chalabi, contributor, The New York Times	For striking illustrations that combine statistical reporting with keen analysis to help readers understand the immense wealth and economic power of Amazon founder Jeff Bezos.
Breaking News Photography	Photography Staff of Associated Press	For unique and urgent images from the first weeks of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, including the devastation of Mariupol after other news organizations left, victims of the targeting of civilian infrastructure and the resilience of the Ukrainian people who were able to flee.
Feature Photography	Christina House of the Los Angeles Times	For an intimate look into the life of a pregnant 22-year-old woman living on the street in a tent—images that show
Audio Reporting	Staff of Gimlet Media, notably Connie Walker	Whose investigation into her father's troubled past revealed a larger story of abuse of hundreds of Indigenous children at an Indian residential school in Canada, including other members of Walker's extended family, a personal search for answers expertly blended with rigorous investigative reporting.

2023 Pulitzer Prizes: BOOKS, DRAMA & MUSIC

Category	Title and Author
Fiction	"Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver (Harper)
Fiction	"Trust" by Hernan Diaz (Riverhead Books)
Drama	"English" by Sanaz Toossi
History	"Freedom's Dominion: A Saga of White Resistance to Federal Power" by Jefferson Cowie (Basic Books)
Biography	"G-Man: J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century" by Beverly Gage (Viking)
Memoir or Autobiography	"Stay True" by Hua Hsu (Doubleday)
Poetry	"Then the War: And Selected Poems, 2007-2020" by Carl Phillips (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
General Nonfiction	"His Name Is George Floyd: One Man's Life and the Struggle for Racial Justice" by Robert Samuels and Toluse Olorunnipa (Viking) (Moved by the Board from the Biography category.)
Music	"Omar" by Rhiannon Giddens and Michael Abels

Madrid Open 2023: Carlos Alcaraz successfully defended Madrid Open trophy

Madrid Open 2023:

Carlos Alcaraz has successfully defended his Madrid Open tennis trophy by beating a very good Jann-Lennard Struff in three sets 6-4 3-6 6-3. The victory in just over an hour took the 19-year-old's winning streak to 10 matches and gave him a second consecutive title after victory last month in Barcelona. Alcaraz beat Rafael Nadal and world No. 1 Novak Djokovic on his way to the Madrid final a first in a clay court tournament and will climb to No. 6 in the world.

Here are the winners of different categories:

Category	Winner
Men's singles:	C. Alcaraz Garfia
Women's singles:	A. Sabalenka
Men's doubles:	K. Khachanov & A. Rublev
Women's doubles:	V. Azarenka & B. Haddad Maia

About the Madrid Open:

The Madrid Open is a professional tennis tournament that takes place annually in Madrid, Spain. The tournament is part of the ATP Tour and the WTA Tour, which are the men's and women's professional tennis circuits, respectively. The Madrid Open is one of the most prestigious tennis events in the world, and it is held at the Caja Magica, which is a multi-purpose stadium with three clay courts.

The Madrid Open features both men's and women's singles and doubles competitions. The event is known for attracting the best players in the world, including top-ranked players like Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic, and Serena Williams. The tournament is played on clay courts, which is a surface that is commonly used in many European tennis tournaments.

The Madrid Open was first held in 2002, and it has since become one of the most significant tennis events in the world. The tournament is known for its state-of-the-art facilities, including the Caja Magica stadium, which has retractable roofs on all three courts. The Madrid Open has also introduced innovative initiatives, such as using blue clay courts in 2012, which generated controversy among players and fans alike.

Argentina's Lionel Messi wins Laureus sportsman of the year 2023

Laureus World Sports Awards 2023

Lionel Messi, who led Argentina to victory in the 2022 World Cup as their captain, was honored with the **Laureus Sportsman of the Year award** at a ceremony held in Paris. In addition to that, Messi accepted the World Team of the Year award on behalf of the Argentina men's football team, who won the championship in Qatar. Messi also became the first athlete to scoop both the World Sportsman of the Year Award and the World Team of the Year Award in the same year.

Laureus World Sports Awards: Full awards list

Award	Winner
World Sportsman of the Year Award	Lionel Messi
World Sportswoman of the Year Award	Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce
World Team of the Year Award	Argentina Men's Football Team
World Breakthrough of the Year Award	Carlos Alcaraz
World Comeback of the Year Award	Christian Eriksen
World Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability Award	Catherine Debrunner
World Action Sportsperson of the Year Award	Eileen Gu
Laureus Sport for Good Award	TeamUp



Fakhar Zaman, Naruemol Chaiwai crowned ICC players of the month for April

The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** announced the winners of the ICC Player of the Month awards for April 2023. **Fakhar Zaman of Pakistan** wins the ICC Men's Player of the Month award, and Thailand skipper **Naruemol Chaiwai** secures the ICC Women's Player of the Month after both produced dominant match-winning performances for their countries in the One-Day International (ODI) format.

Why Fakhar Zaman?

Following a quiet T20I series, Fakhar was at the forefront of his side's success in the subsequent ODI showdowns. Chasing 289 in the first match in Rawalpindi, the batter enjoyed a 124-run opening stand with Imam-ul-Haq in a supreme display of control and counter-attacking play, eventually securing a five-wicket win thanks to 117 runs in 114 balls. Fakhar overcame fellow nominees Mark Chapman (New Zealand) and Prabath Jayasuriya (Sri Lanka) in the global vote, and commenting on his success in April.

Why Naruemol Chaiwai?

Naruemol Chaiwai celebrates winning the ICC Women's Player of the Month for April following a consistent spell of high scoring across Thailand's historic ODI series victory against Zimbabwe, which the hosts won 3-0. Chaiwai emerged victorious from Kavisha Egodage of UAE, and Kelis Ndhlovu of Zimbabwe in the voting process, and becomes the first Thai player to be named ICC Player of the Month.

National Affairs

- **India** is reportedly considering joining the **'Climate Club'**, an environmental initiative started by the **G7** to promote stronger climate action. The club's three pillars are advancing ambitious and transparent climate policies, supporting substantial industrial decarbonisation, and encouraging international cooperation towards a just transition. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, **Shri Shantanu Thakur**, presided over a ceremony where he inaugurated the Direct Shipping Service between **Tuticorin** and **Maldives** by flagging off the vessel **'M.V. MSS Galena'** from **V.O. Chidambaranar Port**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** opened the country's first **Indian Air Force Heritage Centre** in Chandigarh on 8 May, under a memorandum of understanding between the **Indian Air Force** and the **Union Territory of Chandigarh**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways** has launched '**Harit Sagar**' **Green Port Guidelines 2023** to achieve its vision of zero carbon emissions. The guidelines were launched by Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and AYUSH, **Shri Sarbananda Sonowal**, in the presence of other senior officials of the ministry in New Delhi. The guidelines aim to align with the 'Working with Nature' concept, minimize the impact on the biotic components of harbor ecosystems, and promote the use of clean/green energy in port operations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant judgment, the **Supreme Court** has granted control over all services in the national capital, including the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), to the **Delhi government**, except for those related to land, police, and law and order. The Constitution Bench comprising **Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud** and Justices MR Shah, Krishna Murari, Hima Kohli, and PS Narasimha passed a unanimous judgment on the matter. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)**, which is a branch of the commerce ministry, has proposed the implementation of an anti-dumping tax on a specific type of optical fiber imported from **China, Korea, and Indonesia** to protect the local industry from low-priced foreign shipments. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The fifth edition of the Global Ayurveda Festival (Gaf 2023) will be held from December 1 to 5 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. The theme of the event is '**Emerging Challenges in Healthcare & A Resurgent Ayurveda**'. The event will bring together Ayurveda practitioners and stakeholders from around the world to showcase Ayurveda's potential in addressing health challenges. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Higher Education Minister, **R. Bindu** has officially introduced the **Kerala Institutional Ranking Framework (KIRF)**, which is designed to evaluate the quality of higher education institutions in Kerala. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao laid the foundation for the **Hare Krishna Heritage Tower in Hyderabad**. The 400 feet tall structure will be constructed on six acres of land in **Narsingi** at a cost of Rs 200 crore. The tower will house the temples of Sri Sri Radha Krishna and Sri Venkateswara Swamy. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Lithium** reserves have been discovered in **Rajasthan's Degana** following the recent discovery in **Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi**. The newly discovered reserves in Degana are believed to be larger than those found in Jammu and Kashmir and officials claim that they could meet up to 80% of India's demand for lithium. This is the first time that lithium reserves have been found in Degana. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Telangana government** introduced a new policy known as the State Robotics Framework. It is designed to establish a self-sustaining robotics ecosystem and to position the state as a leader in robotics in India. The policy aims to provide support for research and development, encourage collaboration between academia and industry, and promote the adoption of robotics technology across various sectors. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to a recent statement by the State government of **Uttar Pradesh**, the Urban Development Department and Lucknow Smart City have collaborated to launch a pilot project called the "**School Health Program**" in **Lucknow**. The program aims to improve the health of students and has been implemented in three schools as a part of the pilot project. ([Click here to read the article](#))

States in the News

- To promote trade and commerce between **India and Bangladesh**, the **Dawki land port** was inaugurated by Union Minister Nityanand Rai in Meghalaya's West Jaintia Hills district. Meghalaya Deputy Chief Minister **Sniawbhalang Dhar** was also present during the inauguration. Rai stated that the land port will have an impact on the tourism and business sectors. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Uttar Pradesh government** has approved the establishment of the state's **first Pharma Park** in Lalitpur district of Bundelkhand. The project will require the transfer of 1500 hectares of land from the Animal Husbandry Department to the Industrial Development Department. The government has allocated a budget of Rs 1560 crore for the development and provision of necessary facilities to investors in **Lalitpur Pharma Park**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

International Affairs

- The **first-ever border haat** in Sylhet division along the India border was opened at **Bholaganj** in Companiganj upazila. Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Imran Ahmad and Indian High Commissioner in Sylhet Niraj Kumar Jaiswal jointly inaugurated the haat, which is located between East Khasi Hills of India's Meghalaya and Sylhet's Bholaganj. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Ministry of External Affairs announced that French President **Emmanuel Macron** had extended an invitation to Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** to be the Guest of Honour at the Bastille Day Parade in Paris on July 14, and that Mr. Modi had accepted. According to an official press release, a contingent from the Indian armed forces will also take part in the parade, which celebrates "**liberty, equality and fraternity**." ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Russia held the **78th Victory Day parade** anniversary on May 9th, at Red Square in Moscow to celebrate the historic victory of the **Soviet Union in 1945**, when they defeated Nazi Germany in World War II, also known as the Great Patriotic War. This year's parade featured more than 10,000 individuals and 125 pieces of weaponry, which were all showcased by the **Russian Defense Minister, Sergey Shoigu**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** led as the top source market for **Sri Lanka's tourism sector for the month of April 2023**. India regained the top spot after six months as almost 20,000 Indian tourists arrived in the island nation last month. Sri Lanka's Tourism Authority figures showed that 19,915 Indians had visited the island in April over 14,656 Russian tourist arrivals. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Supreme Court of Sri Lanka** has approved a bill seeking to decriminalize **homosexuality**, according to the Speaker of Parliament, in a move welcomed by **LGBTQ+** rights campaigners. Under current laws, **homosexuality** is punishable by imprisonment and fines, but activists have long campaigned for change. After hearing submissions from both sides, the **Supreme Court** ruled that the proposed legislation was not unconstitutional. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- For the first time in 75 years, **Pakistan** has made the decision to surrender its **Hajj quota to Saudi Arabia**. This move was prompted by the rising inflation in the country, which has caused thousands of Pakistanis to forgo the pilgrimage this year. In total, **Pakistan** has returned 8,000 unused seats, which will save the government a considerable amount of money totalling \$24 million. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In the midst of an economic crisis, India has decided to extend a **\$1 billion credit line** to Sri Lanka for another year, providing the much-needed funds to pay for essential imports. The credit line is part of the \$4 billion emergency assistance extended by India to Sri Lanka during its peak crisis time last year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Saudi Arabia** has introduced a new e-visa system to replace traditional visa stickers on passports. The initiative, which began in May 2023, is aimed at digitizing consular services and creating a new way to issue work, residency, and visit visas in seven countries: **Jordan, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Egypt, India, Bangladesh, the Philippines, and Indonesia**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Pakistan, China, and Afghanistan** have agreed to enhance their economic relations by extending the **China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)**, which is supported by **Beijing, to Afghanistan**. This move aims to fully exploit the potential of Afghanistan as a regional connectivity hub. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- After more than a decade of being suspended from the **Arab League** due to a government crackdown on anti-Assad protesters that led to war, **Syria** has been readmitted to the organization. This move comes as President **Bashar al-Assad** seeks to normalize relationships with other Arab nations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Raghuram Rajan, the former **Reserve Bank of India Governor**, has shared his concerns regarding the state of the global economy and the challenges it presently faces. According to **Raghuram Rajan**, despite already experiencing the collapse of three major banks, the world's largest economy, the **United States of America**, is still set to face many more challenges. In particular, Rajan expressed alarm at the domino effect, riskless capitalism, simmering time bombs, and long-term issues. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **MakeMyTrip**, leading travel portal announced a collaboration with **Microsoft** to bring travel planning to a wider audience through the introduction of voice-assisted booking in Indian languages. The new technology stack incorporates **Microsoft Azure OpenAI Service** and **Azure Cognitive Services** to enable personalised travel recommendations for users based on their preferences. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India and Canada** have agreed to ramp up their discussions on the movement of skilled professionals and students to enhance their bilateral economic partnership. This decision was made during the sixth India-Canada Ministerial Dialogue on Trade and Investment, where Commerce and Industry Minister **Piyush Goyal** and his Canadian counterpart **Mary Ng** reviewed the progress of the seven rounds of negotiations towards an early harvest trade deal. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- The Ministry of Ayush and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote and collaborate on **integrative health research**. This cooperation is a significant step towards providing scientific evidence to the Ayush system of medicines and creating a niche for traditional medicine knowledge. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Books and Authors

- The book titled **“Droupadi Murmu: From Tribal Hinterlands to Raisina Hills”** tells the inspiring story of a tribal girl who overcame obstacles to become a symbol of resilience, determination, and perseverance. Murmu achieved many milestones by taking an unconventional path, starting from leaving her small village in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha to becoming the first citizen of India. The author of the book is Kasturi Ray. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Indian Metropolis: Deconstructing India’s Urban Spaces** is a book by **Feroze Varun Gandhi**, published in 2023. The book examines the challenges facing India’s urban spaces, including poverty, inequality, crime, and environmental degradation. Gandhi argues that India’s cities need to be transformed in order to be more inclusive and sustainable. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The UNESCO World Heritage Centre has recommended **Santiniketan**, the cultural site in West Bengal, India, for inclusion in the **UNESCO World Heritage List**. The International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), a France-based international non-governmental organization, made the recommendation. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Banking/Economy/Business News

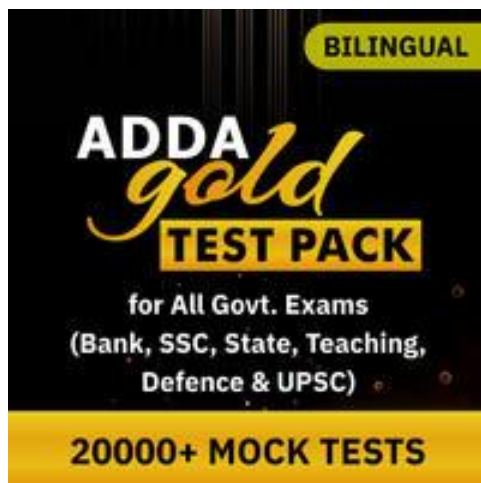
- As per the **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI)** report on **Currency and Finance (RCF)** for the year 2022-23, India would require at least 2.5% of GDP annually until 2030 for green financing. The report addresses various areas such as the extensive and rapid impact of climate change, implications for financial stability, and policy choices to mitigate climate-related risks. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **GetVantage**, a fintech platform offering alternative financing solutions, has obtained an NBFC licence from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**. Its lending operations will be managed by its NBFC subsidiary, **GetGrowth Capital**. The platform plans to raise a total of ₹200 crore to expand its lending operations, with ₹50 crore already invested by backers such as **Chiratae Ventures, InCred and Sony and DI**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **HDFC Bank** has launched a retail banking initiative called **'Vishesh'** aimed at customers in **semi-urban and rural areas**. The bank is hoping to attract around 100,000 new customers through the programme, which involves increasing its branch network and developing bespoke financial products for the market segment. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced the **Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) system** for issuers that have listed or are planning to list non-convertible securities, securitized debt instruments, and security receipts. This unique global identifier for legal entities participating in financial transactions aims to create a global reference data system that uniquely identifies every legal entity that is a party to a financial transaction. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Fitch Ratings** has affirmed India’s long-term foreign-currency **issuer default rating (IDR)** at ‘BBB-’ with a stable outlook. The rating agency cited **India’s robust growth** outlook and resilient external finances as key factors in supporting its decision, despite concerns over weak public finances and lagging structural indicators. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced that it has deployed its incremental reserves in **bonds and securities**, with a particular focus on **US Treasuries** and debt issued by other top-rated sovereigns. This move is part of the bank’s ongoing efforts to manage its foreign currency assets and ensure the stability of the Indian economy. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has increased its **gold reserves** by 4.5% to 794.64 metric tonnes in the fiscal year that ended on March 31, 2023. The bank added 34.22 metric tonnes of gold during this period, which brought its total gold reserves up from 760.42 metric tonnes at the end of the previous fiscal year. The RBI has been building up its gold reserves for the last five to six years. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **BharatPe**, a leading fintech company in India, has announced the rebranding of **PAYBACK India**, the country’s largest multi-brand loyalty program, as **‘Zillion.’** This move aligns with the company’s vision to make Zillion a ubiquitous loyalty and rewards program across the nation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Cashfree Payments and YES Bank have joined hands to launch **‘Global Collections’**, an international collection service for **exporters** who hold an account with YES Bank. This partnership enables the bank’s account holders to collect payments in over 30 foreign currencies using the Global Collections service. Additionally, the funds collected can be converted into INR and settled into their local bank account within one business day. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1.73 crore on the **Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd (HSBC Bank)** for violating the **Credit Information Companies Rules, 2006**. The RBI stated that during their examination of the Risk Assessment Report and all related correspondences pertaining to the same, it was discovered that the bank had breached the aforementioned rules. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Finance Minister Smt. **Nirmala Sitharaman** chaired the 27th meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) in New Delhi. This was the first meeting held after the announcement of the Budget 2023-24. The council discussed the policy and legislative reform measures needed to develop the financial sector further and increase financial access for the people. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA)** has announced plans to establish an online "**Bank Clinic**" to assist retail bank customers with grievance redressal. AIBEA General Secretary CH Venkatachalam stated that once a customer files a complaint with the Bank Clinic, AIBEA's team will work with the bank to address the issue. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Mastercard** has reportedly taken over from **BharatPe** as the global sponsor of the **International Cricket Council (ICC)**, a multinational financial services corporation based in the United States. Over the past year, **Mastercard** has been actively seeking to secure lucrative sponsorship deals and has already secured the title sponsorship rights for the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** international and domestic home fixtures from **Paytm**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **AU Small Finance Bank** has teamed up with **RuPay** to introduce the **Business Cashback RuPay credit card**, a novel solution designed to fulfill the financial requirements of self-employed clients. The latest product is intended to provide a wide range of advantages to small enterprises. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** has extended the deadline for linking Permanent Account Number (PAN) with Aadhaar to 30 June 2023. The **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** has also extended the date for PAN-Aadhaar linking till this date. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Businesses** with a turnover of **Rs 5 crore** or more will be obligated to generate e-invoicing for all **business-to-business (B2B)** transactions starting from August 1, according to a new mandate notified by the **Ministry of Finance**. The previous requirement for e-invoicing was for companies with a turnover of Rs 10 crore or more. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has joined forces with the **Global Financial Innovation Network (GFIN)** to participate in the Greenwashing TechSprint. The event aims to address concerns surrounding exaggerated, misleading, or unsubstantiated claims related to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) credentials. The TechSprint will bring together 13 international regulators, firms, and innovators to develop a tool that could help regulators and the market more effectively tackle the risks of greenwashing in financial services. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Export Import Bank of India**, commonly known as Exim Bank, plans to raise up to a record \$4 billion in financial year 2023-24 (FY24) for extending trade finance and term loans. The amount will depend on market conditions and Exim, which raised \$3.47 billion in FY23, has a broad investor base and will look at different currencies. **Harsha Bangari**, managing director of the export credit agency, stated that the funds will be used to support the bank's growth plans. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced the launch of a special **100-day campaign** to trace and settle **unclaimed deposits** in every district of the country. Under the campaign, which will begin on June 1, 2023, banks will trace and settle their **top 100 unclaimed deposits** in each district. The move is aimed at reducing the quantum of unclaimed deposits in the banking system and returning such deposits to their rightful owners. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to government data released, **India's retail inflation** based on the consumer price index decreased to 4.7% in April from 5.66% in the previous month due to lower food and fuel prices. This is the lowest inflation rate in 18 months and falls within the **Reserve Bank of India's** acceptable range of 2-6% for the second consecutive month. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India's industrial production** growth fell to a five-month low of 1.1% in March 2023, according to government data released. The poor performance of the power and **manufacturing sectors** was primarily responsible for this decline, with the manufacturing sector growing only 0.5% compared to 1.4% a year ago. Power generation declined by 1.6% in March 2023, compared to a growth of 6.1% last year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG)** has announced its plan to set up a technology centre of excellence in **Hyderabad, India**. This move is expected to create about 1,000 jobs a year and boost the **Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI)** sector in the city. The announcement was made after Telangana IT and Industries Minister **KT Rama Rao's** meeting with LSEG Group CIO Anthony McCarthy in London. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Appointments/Resignations

- **Neera Tandon**, an Indian-American, was appointed as the **Domestic Policy Advisor** in the Biden administration. This move was made with the presidential election in mind, which is set to take place in 2024. Tandon's appointment is historic, as she became the first Asian-American to lead the **White House Advisory Council**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Manufacturer of mattresses, **Wakefit Innovations Private Limited**, has signed actor **Ayushmann Khurrana** as Wakefit.co's brand ambassador. The company has roped in the actor to create resonance with the local community. Besides being the face of the brand and spearheading upcoming campaigns, the actor will also help the brand in spreading awareness about sleep health and its importance in the modern context. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Rathendra Raman**, who belongs to the 1995 batch of the Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS), has taken charge as the new chairman of the Kolkata Port, which has been renamed as **Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)**, an Indian multinational engineering company, announced that it has appointed **S N Subrahmanyam** as its new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), effective October 1, 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Parminder Chopra** has been recommended by the Public Enterprise Selection Board (PESB) to become the next **Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)** of **Power Finance Corporation (PFC)**, India's largest **Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)** by net worth. If appointed, she will be the first woman to hold the position. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Bollywood star **Ayushmann Khurrana** has been chosen to inspire and support the Indian contingent participating in the upcoming **Special Olympics for individuals with intellectual disabilities**, set to take place in Berlin from June 16 to June 25. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **Gucci**, the luxury fashion brand from **Italy**, has appointed **Alia Bhatt** as its first global ambassador from India. She will debut as the brand's newest global ambassador at the **Gucci Cruise 2024 show** in **Seoul** next week. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL) has appointed **Rajiv Dhar**, Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer as the Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director of NIIFL on an interim basis, effective May 11, 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Sportswear retailer **Puma** has appointed **Karthik Balagopalan** as the new Managing Director of PUMA India. He earlier served as Global Director Retail and e-commerce at the company. He will succeed **Abhishek Ganguly**, who worked for PUMA's Indian business for 17 years and has been the Managing Director of PUMA India since 2014. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Ex-NBCUniversal advertising executive **Linda Yaccarino** will take over as **CEO of Twitter**, Elon Musk said. Musk, who runs Tesla and Space X, said a day prior that he plans to transition to a role as executive chairman and chief technology officer. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Defence News

- 'Buland Bharat' is an integrated training exercise taking place at the longest high-altitude Artillery Ranges in the eastern theatre which were recently brought into operation. This exercise saw the **Artillery** and **Infantry** effectively using their surveillance and firepower abilities, working closely with Special Forces, Aviation, and **Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF)**, who were deployed in the West Kameng and Tawang districts of **Arunachal Pradesh**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Border Roads Organisation Project Dantak** is an overseas project under the Ministry of Defence of India, established on 24 April 1961 as a result of an agreement between Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, the third king of Bhutan, and then Prime Minister of India Jawahar Lal Nehru. Project Dantak has been instrumental in developing infrastructure and providing connectivity in remote areas of Bhutan. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- INS Magar, the oldest Landing Ship Tank (Large), was decommissioned by the **Indian Navy** after 36 years of service on May 06 at the Naval base in Kochi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The air force has received its first indigenously designed and developed loitering munitions. These are capable of operating from all kinds of terrain and high altitude areas and can take down targets at a range of over 50 km, without exposing any personnel to risk. Developed by **Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL)**, the autonomous system is designed for **Vertical Take Off and Landing (VTOL)** and has successfully demonstrated its capability to carry out precision strikes during trials and tests. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The first **C295 aircraft** for India has successfully completed its inaugural flight, marking a significant achievement towards its delivery in the latter half of 2023. The tactical plane (used by **Indian Air Force**) took off from **Seville, Spain**, at 11:45 am local time on May 5th, landing three hours afterward at 2:45 pm. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy conducted the 35th edition of the **India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT)** from May 3 to May 10, 2023. The exercise was aimed at reinforcing maritime linkages between the two countries and ensuring the safety and security of the Indian Ocean. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- President of India, **Smt Droupadi Murmu**, who is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, awarded **8 Kirti Chakras and 29 Shaurya Chakras to personnel of the Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces, and State/Union Territory Police. Five of the Kirti Chakras and five of the Shaurya Chakras were awarded posthumously.** The gallantry awards were presented to individuals who demonstrated outstanding bravery, unwavering courage, and exceptional devotion to their duties. The names of the awardees were listed in the order in which they were presented with their respective awards. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former President of India, **Ram Nath Kovind**, presented the **Bharat Ratna Dr. Ambedkar Award** to Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** for his efforts in creating a fear-free Uttar Pradesh. The award ceremony took place at the Shri Shanmukhananda Auditorium in Mumbai, where Dr. Lalji Prasad Nirmal, a member of the UP legislative council, received the award on behalf of the Chief Minister. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways honoured the **Cochin Port Authority (CPA)** with the **Sagar Shreshtha Sammaan** for the best turnaround time in non-container category during 2022-23. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Summits and Conferences News

- The **42nd Summit** of the **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)** has kicked off in Indonesia with a theme of **"ASEAN Affairs: Epicenter of Growth."** The summit aims to demonstrate the bloc's hopes and efforts to become the center and driving force behind global development. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **University of Kashmir** will host a two-day **Youth20 event (Y20)** on climate change that will bring together delegates from 10 countries, including India according to Vice Chancellor **Prof Neelofar Khan**. The theme of the event is **"Climate change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a Way of Life"**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **G20** is a global platform comprised of 20 of the largest economies that prioritizes policy discussions and financial stability. Collectively, the G20 accounts for a significant portion of the world economy, with a combined **GDP** of approximately USD 82.8 trillion, representing 74% of the world's total **GDP** for 2020 according to data from the **World Bank**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Petersberg Climate Dialogue**, a forum for high-level international climate talks held annually before the United Nations Climate Change Conferences (COP), took place in **Berlin, Germany** from May 2-3, 2023. This year's conference was hosted by Germany and the United Arab Emirates, which is hosting the **28th Conference of Parties (COP28)** to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). ([Click here to read the article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- Global IT research firm **Everest Group** has released its annual **PEAK Matrix Service Provider of the Year Awards** for Information Technology (IT) services. The rankings recognise large IT service providers with over \$2 billion in annual revenue who have demonstrated superior capabilities and service strategies. For the seventh year in a row, **Accenture** has secured the number one spot in the rankings, followed by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Capgemini, Wipro, and HCLTech. TCS climbed to second place, while Capgemini and Wipro each rose three positions in the rankings over last year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A new report from the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has highlighted the challenges faced in reducing maternal deaths, stillbirths, and newborn deaths globally. The report shows that, in 2020-2021, there were a combined 4.5 million deaths of this kind, with **India** leading a list of 10 countries that account for 60% of the total. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** announced on May 11 that the **global health emergency for mpox**, a viral disease formerly known as monkeypox, has ended after 10 months. This came after confirmed cases in over 100 countries since the disease started spreading globally in May 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Sports News

- Indian athlete **Praveen Chithravel** achieved an extraordinary feat by winning the **men's triple jump event** at an athletics meet in **Havana, Cuba**, with a record-breaking national mark of 17.37m. He surpassed the previous men's triple jump national record of 17.30m, set by **Renjith Maheswary** at the third Indian Grand Prix in Bangalore in 2016. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- World champion **Max Verstappen** powered from ninth on the grid to beat Red Bull team-mate **Sergio Perez** and win the **Miami Grand Prix 2023**. The victory extends Verstappen's lead at the top of the standings and follows his triumph in the inaugural Miami race last year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Badminton Asia** has appointed Omar Rashid, the Joint Secretary of the Badminton Association of India (BAI), as the Chair of the Technical Officials Committee. Rashid's vast experience in his previous role with BAI makes him a valuable addition to the committee, ensuring further advancement of badminton in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Andy Murray**, a Scottish tennis player, has won his first tournament since 2019 by defeating **Tommy Paul**, the world No. 17, 2-6 6-1 6-2 in the final of the ATP Challenger event in **Aix-en-Provence**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Yuzvendra Chahal**, the spinner for both India and the **Rajasthan Royals** cricket team, made history on Sunday as he became the first Indian bowler to take 300 wickets in **T20 cricket**. Chahal's impressive performance against the **Sunrisers Hyderabad** saw him take four wickets for just 17 runs in four overs, ultimately leading his team to a 72-run victory. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** has declared that June 23, the birth anniversary of Indian football legend **Pradip Kumar Banerjee**, will be recognized as '**AIFF Grassroots Day**'. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **Yashasvi Jaiswal**, a player for the **Rajasthan Royals**, has been performing exceptionally well in the IPL 2023. During a match against the Kolkata Knight Riders at Eden Gardens, he set a new record by scoring the fastest 50 in IPL history, achieving this feat in just 13 balls. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Schemes and Committees News

- Union Tourism Minister **G Kishan Reddy** inaugurated a **PM Jan Aushadhi Kendra** at **Warasiguda** in **Secunderabad**. During the inauguration, Mr Reddy highlighted the importance of these Jan Aushadhi Kendras in providing affordable healthcare and generating self-employment opportunities for youth. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Learning Management Information System (LMIS) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) called **SAKSHAM (Stimulating Advanced Knowledge for Sustainable Health Management)** was launched by the Union Health Secretary. The digital platform was created by the National Institute of Health & Family Welfare (NIHFW) in New Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A Report initiated by the **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas** in **India** has proposed prohibiting the usage of diesel-fueled four-wheeled vehicles in cities with a population exceeding 10 lakhs by 2027, and instead, promoting electric and gas-based vehicles. The panel, led by former Oil Secretary **Tarun Kapoor**, also recommended gradually phasing out motorcycles, scooters, and three-wheelers with internal combustion engines by 2035. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** recently hosted the third edition of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Startup Forum** in the form of the first-ever physical event in New Delhi. The event was organized by **Startup India**, the Department of Promotion for Industry and Internal Trade under the Ministry of Commerce. The forum aimed to expand startup interactions among **SCO Member States** and encourage innovation, employment generation, and talent building. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Science and Technology News

- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has announced a new online training programme for post-graduate and final-year undergraduate students of physical sciences and technology. The programme is called **Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START)** and is part of ISRO's efforts to enable Indian students to become professionals in space science and technology. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Details have been released by **NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory** about five asteroids that will approach Earth closely in May. **Asteroid 2023 HG1** is currently travelling towards **Earth** at a speed of 7200 KMPH (2 KMPH) and is estimated to be the size of a house. On May 9, 2023, it is expected to pass within 2,590,000 miles (4,160,000 km) of **Earth**, with a diameter of 60 feet (18 metres). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Google** has announced that it will be rolling out its generative AI chatbot Bard in over **180 countries**, including India. Bard is a large language model (LLM) that can generate text, translate languages, write different kinds of creative content, and answer your questions in an informative way. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Many scholars and researchers have noted that satellite historical imagery of India over the past two decades has disappeared from **Google Earth**. This service is relied upon to track changes in topography, forest cover, urbanization, and history. Although satellite imagery from 2020 is still available for certain locations in India, the difference is stark when comparing it to the scrubbed clean historical imagery of **Amritsar**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Important Days News

- **May 8 marks World Thalassaemia Day**, which is a special day dedicated to raising awareness about a genetic disorder called Thalassaemia. This disorder causes the body to produce insufficient amounts of haemoglobin, which is essential for carrying oxygen in the blood. Individuals with Thalassaemia inherit this condition, and it results in reduced levels of oxygen-carrying proteins in their blood. The theme for this year's International Thalassaemia Day is "**Strengthening Education to Bridge the Thalassaemia Care Gap.**" ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day** is celebrated annually on **May 8th** to honor the birth anniversary of **Henry Dunant**, who founded the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and was the first person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is a worldwide humanitarian network that operates in almost every country across the globe. The theme of World Red Cross Day for 2023 is "**Everything we do comes from the heart.**" ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Every year on May 10, the **International Day of Argania** or **International Day of the Argan Tree** is observed to promote awareness and understanding of the argan tree's environmental importance worldwide. This holiday was established by UNESCO in 2021. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Every year on **May 11th**, India observes **National Technology Day** to recognize and honor the remarkable accomplishments and contributions of its scientists, engineers, and technologists in the development of the country. This day holds great cultural and historical importance, underscoring India's dedication to innovation and its quest for technological progress. This year's theme is '**School to Startups- Igniting Young Minds to Innovate**'. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The United Nations designated **12 May** the **International Day of Plant Health (IDPH)** to raise global awareness on how protecting plant health can help end hunger, reduce poverty, protect biodiversity and the environment, and boost economic development. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Nurses Day** is observed on the **12th of May** every year to commemorate the birth of **Florence Nightingale**, the founder of modern nursing, who was born on **May 12, 1820**. The theme for International Nurses Day 2023 is 'Our Nurses. Our Future.' ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Migratory Bird Day** is a global event held twice a year on the second Saturday of May and October. It brings together bird enthusiasts to promote the conservation of migratory birds and raise awareness about their significance. In 2023, the focus is on water and its importance for these birds. Today, May 13, marks the celebration of World Migratory Bird Day. World Migratory Bird Day 2023 will focus on the topic of **water** and its importance for migratory birds. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Obituaries News

- **Antonio Carbajal**, the first Mexican player to appear in five World Cups, has passed away at the age of 93. Carbajal, who was nicknamed "La Tota," played for Mexico between 1950 and 1966, making 11 World Cup appearances. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **Former All India Football Federation (AIFF) Vice-President A.R. Khaleel** passed away. He was 91. Khaleel, who had served as the president of the Karnataka State Football Association (KSFA) for 28 years, had also served as the AIFF treasurer and executive committee member. On occasion, Khaleel was a member of Asian Football Confederation Standing Committees. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- Union minister **Kiren Rijju** said after launching the trailer of the "first ever" movie in Tagin language of his home state **Arunachal Pradesh**. The film looks at displaying the culture of the Tagin community before the whole country and the world. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor (MAHSR)** is currently under construction to link the major cities of Mumbai and Ahmedabad in India. Once completed, it will be the country's first high-speed rail line, resulting in a considerable reduction in travel time between the two cities from 6 hours 35 minutes to just 1 hour 58 minutes. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Sittwe Port in Myanmar** has been put into operation by India, with the first shipment departing from the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Kolkata. The project is a part of the **Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport initiative**. The inaugural shipment, carrying 20,000 bags of cement weighing 1,000 metric tonnes, is expected to arrive at the Sittwe Port. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Lal Bahadur Shastri International (LBSI) Airport** here has become the first in India to have a **reading lounge**. Apart from books on Kashi, the lounge's library has a collection of literature and books in many international languages besides books of youth authors published under **Prime Minister Yuva Yojana**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Cyclone Mocha** was a very severe cyclonic storm that formed in the Bay of Bengal on May 10, 2023. The storm intensified rapidly, reaching peak winds of 160 kilometers per hour (100 miles per hour) before making landfall in Bangladesh on May 14. Cyclone Mocha was named on the basis of a suggestion made by **Yemen**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Bollywood star **Deepika Padukone** has been featured on the latest cover of **TIME magazine**. The iconic American magazine described Padukone as a 'global star' bringing 'the world to Bollywood'. It had previously named Padukone among its list of 100 most influential people in the world in 2018. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Static Takeaways

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

- Telangana Chief minister: K. Chandrashekar Rao;
- Telangana Governor: Tamilisai Soundararajan;
- Telangana Official animal: Chital;
- Telangana Official song: Jaya Jaya He Telangana.
- Google Founders: Larry Page, Sergey Brin;
- Google Parent organization: Alphabet Inc.;
- Google Headquarters: Mountain View, California, United States;
- Google CEO: Sundar Pichai (2 Oct 2015–).
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Mastercard: Michael Miebach
- Group President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BharatPe: Suhail Sameer
- Headquarters of Mastercard: New York, United States
- Headquarters of BharatPe: Gurugram, Haryana, India
- MD & CEO of AU Small Finance Bank: Sanjay Agarwal
- Headquarters of AU Small Finance Bank: Jaipur, Rajasthan, India
- CEO of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI): Dilip Asbe
- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) CEO: S N Subrahmanyam (Jul 2017–);
- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Founded: 7 February 1946, Mumbai.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath;
- Uttar Pradesh Capital: Lucknow (Executive Branch);
- Uttar Pradesh Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Twitter Parent organization: X Corp;
- Twitter Founders: Jack Dorsey, Evan Williams, Biz Stone, Noah Glass;
- Twitter Founded: 21 March 2006, San Francisco, California, United States;
- Twitter Headquarters: San Francisco, California, United States.
- President: Kalyan Chaubey;
- AIFF has its headquarters at the Football House in Dwarka, New Delhi;
- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) was formed in 1937.

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