

# Weekly One Liners 17th to 23rd of July 2023

## Wimbledon 2023 Final: Carlos Alcaraz beats Novak Djokovic

**Wimbledon 2023 men's singles final** in which **Carlos Alcaraz** beat four-time defending champion **Novak Djokovic** 1-6, 7-6(6), 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 to win his maiden title at The Championships. The action as it unfolded on Centre Court at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in London, England.

### On women's singles

**Marketa Vondrousova** becomes **Wimbledon champion**, the first unseeded player to do so in the Open Era. She beats last year's runner-up **Ons Jabeur** 6-4, 6-4 in the final. Marketa Vondrousova is the first **unseeded player** to do so in the Open Era.

### Here is the Complete List of Winners in Different Categories:

S.No	Category	Winner	Runner up
1	<b>Men's Singles</b>	Carlos Alcaraz	Novak Djokovic
2	<b>Women's Singles</b>	Marketa Vondrousova	Ons Jabeur
3	<b>Men's Doubles</b>	WesleyKoolhof & NealSkupski	HoracioZeballos & MarcelGranollers
4	<b>Women's Doubles</b>	Barbora Strýcová & Hsieh Su-wei	Elise Mertens & Storm Sanders
5	<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	Mate Pavić & Lyudmy laKichenok	XuYi fan & Joran Vliegen

### Wimbledon Championships 2023

The **Wimbledon Championships 2023** is a **Grand Slam tennis tournament** that takes place at the **All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club** in Wimbledon, London, United Kingdom. The tournament will be played on grass courts, with all main draw matches to be played from Jun 26–Jul 16, 2023, at the All England lawn tennis and croquet club, Wimbledon. The 2023 Championships is the 136th edition, the 129th staging of the Ladies' Singles Championship event, the 55th in the Open Era and the third Grand Slam tournament of the year.

### Wimbledon 2023 Prize Money

**Men's and Women's Doubles prize money Total amounts for each team in £= Pound**

Winner – £600,000

Runner-up – £300,000

### How much players earn by round

Winner: £2,350,000

Runner-up: £1,175,000

Semi-Finalists: £600,000

Quarter-Finalists: £340,000

Fourth Round: £207,000

Third Round: £131,000

Second Round: £85,000

First Round: £55,000

Total prize money: £32,154,000

## 13.5 crore Indians escape Multidimensional Poverty in 5 years

According to the latest **NITI Aayog** report, India has achieved a remarkable feat in its efforts to reduce multidimensional poverty. Between **2015-16** and **2019-21**, a staggering 13.5 crore people moved out of multidimensional poverty, showcasing the country's commitment to sustainable and equitable development.

### Comprehensive Methodology and Progress

The report, 'National Multidimensional Poverty Index: A Progress Review 2023,' draws its data from the latest **National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5)** conducted between 2019 and 2021. It builds upon the baseline report launched in 2021 and follows a methodology aligned with global standards. The National MPI measures deprivations in health, education, and standard of living through **12 SDG-aligned indicators**.



### Striking Improvements Across Indicators

India has witnessed marked improvements in all **12 indicators**, including nutrition, child and adolescent mortality, maternal health, education, sanitation, and access to basic amenities like drinking water and electricity. The results indicate a decline of 9.89 percentage points in the number of multidimensionally poor, reducing from 24.85% in 2015-16 to 14.96% in 2019-2021.

**Rural Areas Leading the Way**

The report highlights that the decline in multidimensional poverty was most prominent in rural areas, decreasing from 32.59% to 19.28%. Urban areas also witnessed a reduction, going from 8.65% to 5.27%. Uttar Pradesh showed significant progress, with 3.43 crore people escaping multidimensional poverty, marking the largest decline among all states.

**Path Towards SDG 2030**

India's progress is commendable as the MPI value has nearly halved from **0.117 to 0.066**, and the intensity of poverty has reduced from **47% to 44%**. This puts India well on track to achieve SDG Target 1.2 of reducing multidimensional poverty by at least half much ahead of the **2030 timeline**. The government's strategic focus on inclusive development and poverty eradication has played a pivotal role in this achievement.

**Government Initiatives Driving Change**

Flagship programs like **Poshan Abhiyan, Anaemia Mukh Bharat, Swachh Bharat Mission, Jal Jeevan Mission, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, PMAY, PMJDY, and Samagra Shiksha** have significantly contributed to improving access to healthcare, sanitation, nutrition, cooking fuel, financial inclusion, housing, and education. The efforts have resulted in reduced deprivations across various indicators, showcasing the impact of consistent implementation of well-linked initiatives.

**Tamil Nadu topped NITI Aayog's Export Preparedness Index 2022**

**Context:**

Tamil Nadu topped the **third edition** of the **NITI Aayog's Export Preparedness Index 2022** with an overall score of **80.89**, piping **Maharashtra (78.20)** and **Karnataka (76.36)**.

**Overview of the Export Preparedness Index 2022:**

The third edition of the NITI Aayog's Preparedness Index 2022 has released on **17<sup>th</sup> July 2023**. According to the report, out of the **680 districts** engaged in exports, the top 100 districts contribute about **87% of the total exports** from India. To promote exports, **647 districts** have formed a **District Export Promotion Committee**, while **557** have formulated a **District Export Action Plan**.

- According to the Export Preparedness Index 2022, Tamil Nadu topped the ranking with an overall score of 80.89 while Maharashtra with a score of 78.20 was second and Karnataka was third with a score of 76.36.
- **Gujarat** scored **fourth** position with a score of **73.22** followed by Andhra Pradesh, Odissa, West Bengal and Kerala in the ranking of coastal areas.

- Among hilly/Himalayan states **Uttarakhand** topped the ranking with a score of **59.13** followed by Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Tripura, Sikkim, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram in that order.
- Among the **landlocked regions**, **Harayana** topped the ranking with a score of **63.65** followed by Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.
- In the category of **Union Territories/small states**, **Goa** topped the ranking with a score of **51.58** followed by Jammu-Kashmir, Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar and Ladakh.
- Among export districts, **Jamnagar in Gujarat** topped the chart which was followed by Surat, Mumbai Suburban, Mumbai, Pune, Bharuch, Kanchipuram, Ahmedabad, Gautam Buddha Nagar and Bengaluru Urban.
- Gujarat has **8 districts**, the highest number of districts in the top 25 export districts in the country.

**About the Export Preparedness Index:**

- The Export Preparedness Index is a comprehensive assess the export preparedness of the States and UTs in the country.
- The index conducts a comprehensive analysis of States and UTs across export-related parameters to identify their strengths and weaknesses.
- The methodology of the index is an evolving process that constantly incorporates stakeholder feedback.

**Objectives of Export Preparedness Index:**

- To provide a comprehensive and objective assessment of the export preparedness of the States and UTs.
- To highlight the achievements and best practices adopted by the States and UTs to improve their ranking in the index.
- To foster a competitive spirit among States and UTs.
- To enhance cooperation between them and the Centre, to achieve sustainable growth and development for India.



**Pillars of Export Preparedness Index:**

The index uses 4 pillars to assess the export preparedness and the performance:

- **Policy Pillar:** This pillar evaluated how well the states and UTs adopted and implemented export related policies at state and district level.
- **Business Ecosystem:** This pillar assesses the quality and availability of business supportive infrastructure such as power, water, land and logistics as well as the transport connectivity of the States and UTs to domestic and international market.
- **Export Ecosystem:** This pillar focuses on the export supportive infrastructure and trade services provided by the States and the UTs.
- **Export Performance:** This pillar measures the actual export outcomes of the states and UTs such as export growth, diversification and competitiveness.

**Singapore Passport Tops Henley Passport Index 2023 as World's Most Powerful**

According to the Henley Passport Index, **Singapore** now holds the title of the world's most powerful passport, granting visa-free access to **192 out of 227 global travel destinations**. Three European countries, namely Germany, Italy, and Spain, have moved up one rank to share the second position, with visa-free access to 190 destinations. For the first time in five years, Japan has been dethroned from the top spot and now ranks third, with its passport providing visa-free access to 189 destinations.

**India's ranking in Henley Passport Index**

**India** has made significant progress in the Henley Passport Index, improving its ranking by 5 spots compared to the previous year. It currently shares the **80th position** on the index with **Togo and Senegal**. Indian passport holders now enjoy visa-free access to 57 countries, reflecting the country's enhanced global travel privileges.

**Overview of the Henley Passport Index**

- The **United States**, formerly the top-ranked country almost a decade ago, has now slipped to the eighth position in the Henley Passport Index. It shares this position with Lithuania, with both countries offering visa-free access to 184 destinations.
- On the other hand, the **United Kingdom** has made significant progress, jumping two places to claim the fourth spot in the index. British passport holders can now access 188 countries without a visa, a position they last held in 2017.

- At the opposite end of the spectrum, **Afghanistan** holds the lowest rank in the ranking, with its passport holders having visa-free access to only 27 destinations. Just above Afghanistan are Iraq with a score of 29 and Syria with 30, making them the three weakest passports in the world.
- The influx of migrants into Singapore, driven by a crackdown on private enterprise in China and concerns over geopolitical tensions, has resulted in increased citizenship grants in the nation. Approximately 23,100 people were granted Singaporean citizenship last year.

**Passports of these countries hold the top 10 spots on the Henley Index:**

Rank	Country	Visa-free travel to (out of 277 nations)
1	Singapore	192
2	Germany, Italy, Spain	190
3	Austria, Finland, France, Japan, South Korea, Luxembourg, Sweden	189
4	Denmark, Ireland, Netherlands, UK	188
5	Belgium, Czech Republic, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Switzerland	187
6	Australia, Hungary, Poland	186
7	Canada, Greece	185
8	Lithuania, US	184
9	Latvia, Slovakia, Slovenia	183
10	Estonia, Iceland	182

**Passports of these countries hold the bottom 10 spots on the Henley Index:**

Rank	Country	Visa-free travel to (out of 277 nations)
103	Afghanistan	27
102	Iraq	29
101	Syria	30
100	Pakistan	33
99	Yemen, Somalia	35
98	Palestinian territory, Nepal	38
97	North Korea	39
96	Bangladesh	40
95	Sri Lanka, Libya	41
94	Kosovo	42

**About the Henley Passport Index**

Invented nearly 20 years ago by **Dr Christian H Kaelin, Chairman, Henley & Partners**, the index is based on the exclusive and official data from the **International Air Transport Association (IATA)**. It is the original ranking of all the passports according to the number of destinations their holders can visit without a prior visa. It's worth noting that the Henley Passport Index relies on data from the International Air Transport Association to calculate its rankings. The methodology used by this index differs from other passport rankings, such as the one published by financial advisory Arton Capital, which placed the United Arab Emirates in the top position last year.

**National Affairs**

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** is set to virtually inaugurate the new integrated terminal building of **Veer Savarkar International Airport** in Port Blair on July 18 at 10:30 am via video conferencing. The event will witness the presence of Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, Union Minister of State for Road, Transport and Highways and Civil Aviation, General (Retd.) V K Singh, and other senior officials attending the ceremony in person. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **New Delhi:** In a groundbreaking move, **NITI Aayog**, India's premier policy think tank, introduced the **Techno-Commercial Readiness and Market Maturity Matrix (TCRM Matrix)** framework. Aimed at transforming technology assessment, the framework seeks to ignite innovation and entrepreneurship across the country. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **Shri Amit Shah**, the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, officially inaugurated the **CRCS – Sahara Refund Portal** (<https://mocrefund.crccs.gov.in/>) in New Delhi. This user-friendly portal has been specifically designed to facilitate genuine depositors of Cooperative Societies of **Sahara Group**, including Sahara Credit Cooperative Society Limited, Saharayan Universal Multipurpose Society Limited, Hamara India Credit Cooperative Society Limited, and Stars Multipurpose Cooperative Society Limited, to submit their claims conveniently. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The leaders of 26 Opposition political parties from across India have united to create the **INDIA coalition**, which stands for the **Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance**. The main objective of this alliance is to challenge the ruling **National Democratic Alliance (NDA)** led by the BJP in the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha election. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

- **Indian Railway** has taken an effective initiative to provide the passengers of the general coaches with the economic meal at an affordable price of **Rs.20 and snacks would cost Rs. 50 with glasses of water of 200ml at affordable prices.** [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **India** has donated **\$1 million** to the United Nations to support the promotion of the Hindi language. **Melissa Fleming**, the Global Communications under-secretary-general, expressed gratitude to **@IndiaUNNewYork** and **@ruchirakamboj** for their generous investment in the **@UNinHindi service**, aimed at delivering UN news and stories to Hindi-speaking audiences in India and beyond. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **The Supreme Court** has issued new guidelines for designating senior advocates, replacing the existing 2017 guidelines. Under the new regulations, lawyers with a minimum of **10 years** of standing and **aged 45 years or above** are eligible to apply. The applications will be reviewed by a committee comprising the **Chief Justice of India (CJI)**, two senior most judges, the **Attorney General**, and a bar representative, who will meet twice a year to assess the candidates. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- India has thrown its weight behind the **United Nations'** efforts to continue the **Black Sea Grain** initiative and has called for a swift resolution to the impasse. The Black Sea Initiative holds significant importance for Ukraine's agricultural sector, known as **"Europe's breadbasket,"** which faces disruptions due to the Russian invasion in February 2022. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- On **July 20, 2023**, the **Union Ministry of Jal Shakti** revealed that **21 states and union territories** in India have successfully implemented the **Ground Water Act**. This legislation includes a crucial provision for rainwater harvesting, aimed at promoting sustainable water management. In response to a question in the **Lok Sabha**, Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti, **Bishweshwar Tudu**, informed that the ministry has prepared a model bill to assist all states and union territories in enacting suitable groundwater laws. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

**States in the News**

- In an effort to mitigate the escalating human-elephant conflict (HEC) issue, **Assam** has launched the **"Gajah Kotha"** campaign, involving more than 1,200 individuals and promoting coexistence. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

- The **Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC)**, the Maharashtra government, and the Indian Ministry of Textiles joined hands by signing a memorandum of understanding to establish the PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel Park (PM MITRA Park) in **Amravati, Maharashtra**. The inauguration of the PM MITRA mega textile park took place with the aim of attracting an investment of ₹10,000 crore and creating 300,000 job opportunities. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The local graziers of the Tawang region near Bumla Pass, **Arunachal Pradesh**, celebrated the **Chachin grazing festival** on July 14-15. The two-day event held at Chachin saw enthusiastic participation from Graziers from all over the Tawang region. The event was attended by nearly 100 graziers and their herd of yaks numbering more than 400. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Water experts and river rights activists have criticized a government order (GO) issued by the irrigation department of the **Uttar Pradesh** government on September 3, 2020 which declared the **Gomti river** as a “non-perennial river”. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- To set up a ‘Satellite Network Portal Site’, Gujarat signed a MoU on **19<sup>th</sup> July** with London-Based Company, **OneWeb Company** and the **Department of Science and Technology**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Rajasthan Assembly** passed ‘**The Rajasthan Minimum Guaranteed Income Bill, 2023**,’ aiming to provide a guarantee of wages or pension to the entire adult population in the state. The bill is hailed as “**incomparable and historic**” by Parliamentary Affairs Minister **Shanti Dhariwal**, as it promises employment guarantee for **125 days every year** and a minimum pension of **Rs 1,000 per month** to all families, including those in urban and rural areas. The pension will also see an annual automatic increase of **15 percent**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

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### International Affairs

- **Jakarta, Indonesia** – On the sidelines of the 56th ASEAN Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (AMM) in Jakarta, **Saudi Arabia** has officially become the **51st country to accede to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC)**. The accession signing ceremony took place on July 12, and Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi, on behalf of ASEAN, expressed her appreciation to Saudi Arabia for joining the treaty. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A private Chinese company launched the World’s first **methane-fuelled space rocket** into orbit named “**Zhuque-2**”. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Talim** made landfall in Zhanjiang city, located in **Guangdong** province. China typically experiences its primary flood season from late July to early August. During this period, there is an upsurge in tropical cyclone and typhoon activity, particularly in the South China Sea and Western Pacific regions, with particular emphasis on the southern and southeastern coastal areas of the country. Hong Kong hoisted the Tropical Cyclone **Warning Signal No 8**, the **third-highest** warning level first time this year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** and the **United States** have recently agreed to enhance cooperation on various fronts, including strengthening multilateral development banks, promoting climate action, and facilitating energy transition. The Union Finance Minister, **Nirmala Sitharaman**, met with US Treasury Secretary, **Janet Yellen**, during a **G20** event to discuss their bilateral interests and explore new investment opportunities in renewable energy. The collaboration between the two nations spans economic, commercial, and technological issues, with a focus on supply chain strengthening and catalyzing clean energy transition. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- North Korea recently tested its latest **intercontinental ballistic missile (IBM) – Hwasong-18**. Hwasong-18 is a **three stage solid-fuelled** intercontinental ballistic missile (IBM) developed by North Korea. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The external minister of India **S. Jaishankar** met his Myanmar counterpart **Tha Swe** to discuss the expeditions projects especially the **India-Myanmar-Thailand trilateral highway** and the challenges faced in the smooth implementation of the project. The total distance of this highway is approximately **1,400 km (845 miles)** which starts from **Moreh in Manipur, India** and passes through Myanmar and ends at **Mae Sot in Thailand**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- In a significant move, **India and Japan** have solidified their partnership by signing an agreement to jointly develop the **semiconductor ecosystem**. The deal aims to bolster the resilience of the global supply chain, particularly in the crucial semiconductor industry. This marks Japan as the second Quad partner, after the **United States**, to join hands with India in this endeavor. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the UAE, **India and the UAE** agreed to facilitate trade settlement in their respective currencies and integrate their **fast payment systems**. The move aims to simplify international financial interactions and promote bilateral economic cooperation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Ministry of Education and Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) and the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi) to establish the first IIT Delhi campus in Abu Dhabi. The signing ceremony took place in the presence of **UAE President HE Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On **July 15**, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** and the **Central Bank of UAE (CBUAE)** signed two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) aimed at bolstering economic ties between the two nations. The MoUs focus on promoting the use of local currencies for **cross-border transactions** and interlinking their payment systems, including the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** with the **Instant Payment Platform (IPP)** of UAE. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- during Prime Minister **Narendra Modi's** state visit to France, India and France signed a groundbreaking agreement that allows Indian tourists to use India's **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** for transactions in rupees. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian Oil**, a government-owned enterprise, has signed lucrative agreements worth billions with France's **Total Energies** and Abu Dhabi's **Adnoc**. According to the list of agreements released by the Ministry of External Affairs, Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Total Energies Gas and Power Ltd (TotalEnergies) have signed a Head of Agreement (HoA) to establish a long-term **LNG** Sale and Purchase agreement (SPA). ([Click here to read the article](#))

- In a significant gesture of cultural repatriation, the **United States** handed over **105 trafficked antiquities to India** during a repatriation ceremony at the Indian Consulate in **New York**. The restitution of these artefacts is a result of an agreement made during Prime Minister **Narendra Modi's** state visit to the U.S. last month. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The collaboration of **OPPO India** with **NITI Aayog's Atal innovation mission** established the first ever **Atal Tinkering Lab** which is based on the **PPP model**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Books and Authors

- A book titled "**India Rising Memoir of a Scientist**" authored by **R. Chidambaram and Suresh Gangotra**. The book looks at the life of one of India's foremost scientists, Dr R. Chidambaram, who served as principal scientific advisor (PSA) to the Government of India and as chairman of the Scientific Advisory Committee to the Cabinet (SAC-C) from November 2001 to March 2018. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- "**Through The Broken Glass: An Autobiography**" authored by **T.N. Seshan**, the former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India, who made a significant difference to Indian elections. It was published by Rupa Publications India. This autobiography also covers his term as the CEC from 1990 to 1995 with a page count of 368. It has been published 4 years after he passed away in 2019. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- HDFC Bank**, India's largest private lender, has achieved a significant milestone by entering the **\$100 billion market-capitalization club**. This accomplishment came after its reverse merger with its parent company, HDFC Ltd. Despite this achievement, the bank currently ranks third on the Indian stock exchanges, trailing behind Reliance Industries (RIL) and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's renowned fintech giant and leading Full-Stack Payments and Business Banking Platform, **Razorpay**, has made a significant announcement regarding its first-ever international Payment Gateway for the **Malaysian** market as it acquires Malaysian fintech start-up '**Curlec**' for \$20 million, which has been rebranded as '**Curlec by Razorpay**'. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **The Reserve Bank of India**, in its monthly bulletin, has outlined the significant growth targets India must achieve over the next 25 years to become a developed economy with high per capita income. Currently estimated at \$2,500, India's per capita income needs to surpass **\$21,664 by 2047**, as per World Bank standards, to be classified as a high-income country. To achieve this ambitious goal, the country must maintain a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.6% in real GDP during 2023-24 to 2047-48. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **The Asian Development Bank (ADB)** recently projected India's economic growth to moderate in the current financial year, **FY24, to 6.4 per cent**, down from the **6.8 per cent** expansion witnessed in **FY23**. The slowdown is attributed to tight monetary conditions and elevated oil prices. However, ADB remains optimistic about India's economic prospects, expecting growth to accelerate to **6.7 per cent in FY25**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **The European Investment Bank (EIB)**, the lending arm of the **European Union**, has expressed its intention to invest approximately **€1 billion in India's renewable energy sector**. EIB's Vice President, **Kris Peeter**, confirmed that discussions are underway with the Central government to provide **€500 million** during the first phase of funding. The investment aims to bolster renewable sectors, focusing on **green hydrogen and solar panels**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **The Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)** pilot in India is gaining traction as banks accelerate their efforts to onboard customers, with the pilot now in its second phase. After covering major cities like **Mumbai, New Delhi, Bengaluru, Bhubaneshwar, and Chandigarh**, banks are extending their reach to select customers in cities like **Hyderabad, Indore, Kochi, Lucknow, Patna, Shimla, Goa, Guwahati**, and Tier-II locations such as **Varanasi**. This expansion aims to attract more users to enrol in the pilot. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** is set to introduce a standard operating procedure (SOP) to enable banks to expedite the issuance of **Foreign Inward Remittance Certificates (FIRC)** and **Electronic Bank Realization Certificates (e-BRCs)**. This proactive step comes in response to the challenges faced by exporters using the rupee-based trading mechanism for foreign trade. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Additional Tier-1 (AT-1) bonds worth **Rs. 10,000 crore** at the coupon **rate of 8.1%** recently issued by the **State Bank of India (SBI)**. But the issue did not get a good response by the subscribers as only **Rs.3,100 crore** worth of bonds were subscribed. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Reliance Brands Ltd, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries' retail arm, Reliance Retail Ventures, is nearing the acquisition of actor Alia Bhatt's kidswear brand, **Ed-a-Mamma**, at an estimated value of **₹300-350 crore**. The agreement is anticipated to be concluded in the next seven to ten days, and it is poised to transform the children's wear market Reliance Brands' acquisition of Ed-a-Mamma not only broadens the retail powerhouse's children's wear offerings but also opens up new prospects for Ed-a-Mamma to strengthen its presence in physical stores. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **IDBI Bank**, a private sector lender, has announced revised interest rates for fixed deposits (FDs) under **₹2 crore**, effective from **April 1st, 2023**. The bank has launched the **"Amrit Mahotsav FD"** scheme, offering attractive returns for both elderly individuals and the general public. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Due to inadequate capital and poor earning prospects, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to cancel the registration certificate of **United India Cooperative Bank Ltd**, based in Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **HDFC Bank** achieved a significant milestone by surpassing **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** to become the second most valuable company in India based on **market capitalization**. The recent merger of its parent company HDFC into itself further bolstered the bank's position. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

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- Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** inaugurated the '**GST Bhawan**' in **Agartala**, **Tripura's** capital. The newly established office complex will serve as the headquarters for **CGST, CX**, and Customs for the **Agartala, Guwahati Zone under CBIC**. Situated at **Mantri Bari Road**, Agartala, the GST Bhawan is designed to offer quick and easy accessibility to all taxpayers in the region, with its proximity to the newly created **Agartala Airport complex**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Appointments/Resignations

- Finance Ministry** has appointed **Pramod Rao**, Executive Director, SEBI, as a Member in the Board of **International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA)**. Rao has replaced **Sujit Prasad**, Executive Director SEBI, who was appointed as a Member (representing SEBI) in IFSCA in July 2020. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Cement Manufacturers' Association (CMA)**, the apex body of India's large cement manufacturers, unanimously elected **Neeraj Akhoury**, managing director of Shree Cement, as President and **Parth Jindal**, managing director of JSW Cement as vice president. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Rajay Kumar Sinha** has officially assumed the position of Chief at **SBI Capital Markets Limited (SBICAPS)**. Before taking on this role, he was responsible for overseeing **Treasury operations at State Bank of India (SBI)**, where he managed various aspects, including the bank's investment portfolio, money market, equity, private equity, and forex operations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Ms. Nivruti Rai** joined as the **Managing Director & CEO of Invest India**. She has taken over the charge from **Ms. Manmeet K Nanda**, Joint Secretary, **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** who had assumed this additional charge of MD & CEO ad-interim in March 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Manoj Yadava**, a senior IPS officer from the Haryana cadre, has been designated as the new **Director General of the Railway Protection Force (RPF)**, according to an order from the Personnel Ministry. Yadava, who belongs to the 1988 batch of the Indian Police Service, will take over from **Sanjay Chander**, who is set to retire on July 31. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved Yadava's appointment as DG, RPF, until his retirement on July 31, 2025. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Rakesh Pal** has been appointed as the **25th Director General (DG)** of the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)**. He is an alumnus of the Indian Naval Academy and joined the Indian Coast Guard in January 1989. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Sat Pal Bhanoo**, who currently serves as the Additional Zonal Manager at LIC of India's Zonal Office in **Bhopal**, has been appointed as the new **Managing Director** of the company. He will take charge from **Siddhartha Mohanty**, who has been appointed as chairman of the firm in April, 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Tata Motors-owned **Jaguar Land Rover (JLR)** has appointed **Adrian Mardell** as Chief Executive Officer for a three-year term. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Renowned scientist, clinician and researcher, **S. Vincent Rajkumar**, has been appointed as chairman-elect of the Board of Directors of the **International Myeloma Foundation (IMF)**. Dr. Rajkumar takes over from the current chairman, **Brian G.M. Durie**, who is not seeking re-election to the post. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Defence News

- A group of 43 Indian Army personnel departed for Mongolia today to take part in the **15th edition** of the joint military exercise called "**NOMADIC ELEPHANT-23**." The exercise is set to occur in **Ulaanbaatar**, Mongolia from July 17th to July 31st, 2023. NOMADIC ELEPHANT is an annual training event between India and Mongolia, held alternately in both countries. The previous edition took place in October 2019 at the Special Forces Training School in **Bakloh**, India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A joint naval exercise called "**Security Bond-2023**" has been initiated by **China, Russia, and Iran** in the **Gulf of Oman**. This exercise, spanning five days, aims to safeguard critical maritime routes. The exercise will encompass various activities such as aerial search operations, sea rescue operations, fleet formation exercises, and other assigned tasks. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Jammu-Kashmir** continues **Operation Trinetra-II** in **Sindarah and Maidana of Surankote tehsil** on 17<sup>th</sup> July to neutralize hiding terrorists. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- INS Sahyadri** and **INS Kolkata**, the two flagship ships of the Indian Navy, reached **Jakarta** to take part in a bilateral maritime exercise alongside the Indonesian Naval Forces. Upon their arrival in Jakarta, The Indonesian Navy extended a warm welcome to both naval ships deployed for the South-Eastern Indian Ocean Region (IOR) mission. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- The commercial vehicles manufacturer, **Ashok Leyland** recently disclosed securing defense contracts valued at Rs 800 Crore. These contracts entail the supply of specialized 4x4 Field, Artillery Tractors and 6x6 Gun Towing Vehicles to the Indian army within the next 12 months. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The Defence Minister of Argentina visited **Bengaluru** where he signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited** to foster cooperation between the two parties for the acquisition of Light and Medium Utility **Helicopters** for the armed forces of **Argentina**. This LoI signifies a commitment to productive collaboration between HAL and the Ministry of Defence of The Republic of Argentina. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **Ministry of Culture** and the **Indian Navy** have collaborated through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to revive and preserve the ancient 2000-year-old shipbuilding technique known as the 'stitched shipbuilding method' or 'Tankai method'. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **second** edition of "G20 THINQ" has been launched by the **Indian Navy** and the Navy Welfare and Wellness Association (NWWA), with the support of the G20 Secretariat. Its purpose is to unite youth from diverse regions and geographies, fostering lasting friendships with the spirit of 'Vasudaiva Kutumbakam' – World is One Family. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

### Awards and Recognitions

- **On July 18, 2023**, the President of India will bestow the prestigious "**Bhoomi Samman**" awards at **Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi**. The awards will be presented to 9 State Secretaries and 68 District Collectors, along with their teams, who have demonstrated exceptional achievements in implementing the **Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP)** – a crucial component of governance. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The Jammu & Kashmir Rural Livelihood (JKRL) has received the SKOCH Award under the theme "**State of Governance India 2047**" in Gold category for its outstanding efforts in creating marketing avenues for **Self-Help Groups (SHGs)** in the Union Territory. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **M K Stalin** has announced that veteran communist leader N. Sankaraiah will receive an Honorary Doctorate from **Madurai Kamaraj University**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

- **SJVN Limited** has been honored with the 1st Prize in the **Swachhta Pakhwada Awards 2023** by the Ministry of Power. NL Sharma, the **Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of SJVN**, received the award from Pankaj Agarwal, the Secretary of the Ministry of Power, during a ceremony held in New Delhi. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Prof. **Thalappil Pradeep** from the Department of Chemistry at the **Indian Institute of Technology Madras** has been honored with the prestigious '**Eni Award**,' a highly regarded global recognition for scientific research in the fields of energy and environment. **Established in 2007**, this is the **15th edition of the Eni Award**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- A seven-year-old girl of Indian origin has received the **British Prime Minister's Points of Light award** for her outstanding efforts in helping the environment. **Moksha Roy** began volunteering for a United Nations sustainability initiative against microplastic pollution when she was only three years old. She is now recognized as the world's youngest sustainability advocate. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

### Summits and Conferences News

- Nirmala Sitharaman, during the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting in Gandhinagar, announced the commencement of the "**India – Indonesia Economic and Financial Dialogue**." This dialogue intends to strengthen cooperation and promote mutual understanding on global issues between the two nations. It will serve as a platform for discussing shared interests and exploring mutually beneficial matters. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **seventh** edition of India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2023, Asia's premier digital technology exhibition, will take place from 27 October to 30 October at **Pragati Maidan, New Delhi**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

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- India will inaugurate the **Global Food Regulators Summit** in **New Delhi** on July 20th and 21st. The summit is expected to include participation from a wide range of stakeholders representing various countries, international organizations, and national entities. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways** has launched the **Curtain Raiser event** of Global Maritime India Summit 2023 on **18th July 2023**. According to the **Shri Sarbananda Sonowal**, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, the **third edition** of Global Maritime India Summit is going to be held in **October 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a momentous **NATO** summit held in **Vilnius, Lithuania**, the alliance achieved significant growth and unity, highlighting **Russia's** strategic failure in its invasion of **Ukraine**. The summit witnessed one new member joining the table, with two more countries set to follow suit, symbolizing NATO's robust expansion and resolve in the face of aggression. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Ranks and Reports

- In **June, 1958**, the First Geological Survey of India (**GSI**) of the **Siachen** took place by an Indian geologist, **V.K. Raina**. It is just northeast of the point **NJ9842** where the Line of Control between India and Pakistan ends. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Mumbai** has been ranked as the best Indian city for students in the **QS Best Student Cities 2024 ranking**. However, its global ranking dropped to **118**, indicating a decline from the previous year's position. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A new global report, launched by **UN Women** and **UNDP** at the **Women Deliver Conference**, highlights the challenges in achieving gender parity and women's empowerment worldwide. The report introduces two indices – **Women's Empowerment Index (WEI)** and **Global Gender Parity Index (GGPI)** – as tools to assess progress in women's human development. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Sports News

- **Australia's Victoria state** has withdrawn as host of the **2026 Commonwealth Games** because of a massive increase in the projected cost of staging the multi-sports event. Victoria Premier Daniel Andrews said his government last year agreed to host the next edition of the quadrennial event "but not at any cost." ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The Charlety Stadium in **Paris** hosted the **Para Athletics World Championships** from 8 to 17 July, attracting a diverse participation of more than 1200 athletes from 107 nations. **Ajeet Singh** displayed his exceptional prowess in the finals of the Men's javelin throw F46 category, emerging as the champion and claiming the gold medal. With a remarkable throw measuring **65.41 meters**, he secured the **top spot** in the competition. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's lone medal at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup in Lonato, **Italy** came from **Prithviraj Tondaiman**, who clinched the **bronze medal** in the **trap event**. In the final round, Prithviraj secured the **third** position with a total of 34 points which marked his second individual ISSF World Cup medal, as he had previously won a bronze in Doha back in March. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India achieved a historic milestone at the recently concluded **25th Asian Athletics Championship 2023** in Bangkok, **Thailand**. The Championship took place from July 12 to 16. With an impressive tally of 27 medals, including **six gold**, 12 silver, and nine bronze, India secured the **third** position overall, following China and Japan. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy**, achieved the remarkable feat of setting a new Guinness world record for the fastest hit by a male player in badminton in the ongoing Korea Open 2023. His smash reached an astonishing speed of **565 km/h**, surpassing the decade-long record set in May 2013 by **Malaysian** player Tan Boon Heong, who had previously recorded a speed of 493 km/h with his smash. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- DD Sports has partnered with 1Stadia to broadcast the highly anticipated **9th** edition of the FIFA Women's World Cup, bringing joy and excitement to fans. The tournament, starting on July 20, 2023, will mark the inaugural occasion when the World Cup is co-hosted by two countries, namely **Australia** and **New Zealand**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **R Praggnanandhaa**, the 17-year-old Indian Grandmaster, achieved a remarkable triumph in the Super GM chess tournament 2023, scoring an impressive 6.5 points. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian cricketing legend **Virat Kohli** achieved a significant milestone by becoming the **10th cricketer in history** to make **500 international appearances**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **South Zone** outclassed **West Zone** to win the **Duleep Trophy** with a 75-run victory at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru. In pursuit of a target of 298 runs, West Zone, who resumed their innings at 182/5 on the final day, were eventually bowled out for 222. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Bollywood actor **Shah Rukh Khan** has been appointed as the brand ambassador of **ICC World Cup 2023**. Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan launched the World Cup 2023 campaign 'It takes one day' in his iconic voiceover. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Star India batter **Virat Kohli** has surpassed South Africa's **Jacques Kallis** to become the fifth-highest run-scorer in international cricket history. Kohli achieved this upward movement in the batting charts during India's second Test against West Indies at Port of Spain. On the first day of the match, which is also his **500th international game**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- England's **Stuart Broad** has become the second pace bowler to take **600 wickets in Test cricket**. The 36 year cricketer reached the mark by removing Australia's Travis Head on day one of the fourth Ashes Test at Old Trafford. England team-mate James Anderson is the only other quick bowler to achieve the feat. ([Click here to read the article](#))

#### Schemes and Committees News

- The **Ministry of Commerce & Industry**, through the **Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)**, oversees the Advance Authorisation Scheme, enabling duty-free import of inputs for export purposes. The scheme's eligibility is determined by Sector-specific Norms Committees, evaluating input-output norms. To enhance efficiency and streamline the norms fixation process, the DGFT has made significant advancements to the Advance Authorisation and Norms Fixation Workflow. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Registration for Gruha Lakshmi starts on **19<sup>th</sup> July 2023**, an effective scheme launched by the **Karnataka Government** to provide financial assistance to women heads of a household. The beneficiaries of Gruha Lakshmi Yojana would be able to register for free without being lured by any middleman. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Union Government has diverted the allocation of **1.44 lakh** houses under **PMAY-G** from about **24 States** and **UTs** to U.P. as they missed the deadline **30 June 2023** to sanction them. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **CM Bhupesh Baghel** announced the launching of New Rural Housing Scheme named **Gramin Awaas Nyay Yojna** on **19<sup>th</sup> July** to provide free housing facility to the poor. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian government has introduced a pioneering "**Credit Guarantee Scheme**" for the **Livestock Sector** aimed at revitalizing the rural economy and empowering **Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- CM of Himachal Pradesh announced the launching of a collateral-free loan scheme, namely **Sashakt Mahila Rin Yojna** to economically empower women. ([Click here to read the article](#))

#### Science and Technology News

- ISRO successfully tested **Gaganyaan Human Spaceflight Mission** on **19<sup>th</sup> July** at ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) at **Mahendragiri** in **Tamil Nadu**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **HCL Tech**, a multinational IT company, has joined the **XR Startup Program**, a collaborative effort between **Meta** and the MeitY Startup Hub, to bolster and accelerate extended reality (XR) technology startups in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))

#### Important Days News

- The **International Criminal Court (ICC)** observes the **Day of International Criminal Justice on 17 July** each year. This significant date commemorates the adoption of the Rome Statute on **17 July 1998**, which established the ICC. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Nelson Mandela day** is observed on **July 18** every year. The United Nations (UN) had in 2009 declared July 18 as Nelson Mandela Day to honour Nelson Mandela, a South African anti-apartheid activist who served as the first President from 1994 to 1999. With the theme **Climate, Food & Solidarity**, we are calling on our partners and the public to take action against climate change and create food-resilient environments in solidarity with communities across the world facing crisis due to climate change. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** commemorated its **95th** Foundation and Technology Day at the National Agriculture Science Complex in Pusa, New Delhi, with the presence of Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare **Narendra Singh Tomar** as the chief guest. ICAR traditionally celebrates its Foundation Day on **July 16th** each year, but starting from this year, it has been designated as the '**Foundation and Technology Day**'. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **National Zoological Park, New Delhi (Delhi Zoo)** has celebrated **World Snake Day on 16.07.2023**. The purpose of World Snake Day celebration is to protect snakes by raising awareness about snakes of India, snakes disbelieves and importance of snakes in our ecosystem. On this occasion, an enrichment activity was conducted by snake keeping staff by providing cage furniture in the reptile house. Plantation was also conducted inside the snake houses. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **International Moon Day** is an annual day dedicated to the Earth's one and only natural satellite, the Moon!. It's held every year on the **20th of July**, which is the anniversary of the day on which astronauts **Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin** famously set foot on the Moon in 1969. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Every year **20 July** is observed as **World Chess Day** to commemorate the establishment of **Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE)** or **World Chess Federation** in 1924. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **Pi Approximation Day** is observed on **July 22 (22/7 in the day/month date format)**, since the fraction 22/7 is a common approximation of  $\pi$ , which is accurate to two decimal places and dates from Archimedes. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **World Brain Day**, also known as **International Brain Day**, is a worldwide healthcare event that takes place annually on **July 22**. In 2023, the theme for World Brain Day is "**Brain Health and Disability: Leave No One Behind.**" [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **National Mango Day** is annually observed on **July 22**. Mango is one of the most-relished fruit, as well as, an integral part of Indian history. It is consumed worldwide. It can be relished in various ways, for example in ice creams, mousse, smoothies, and much more. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- On **July 23rd**, India commemorates **National Broadcasting Day** to honor the profound influence of radio in our lives. This significant day marks the inception of India's first-ever radio broadcast, known as "All India Radio (AIR)." [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The Income Tax department observes **July 24** every year as **Income Tax Day** or '**Aaykar Diwas**', to commemorate the introduction of provision of income tax in the country. On the same day in the year 1860, Income tax was originally introduced in India by Sir James Wilson, to compensate for the losses incurred during the first war of independence. This is the **163rd** anniversary of Income Tax Day. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

### Obituaries News

- **Dr Mangala Narlikar**, an eminent mathematician and the wife of Dr Jayant Narlikar who is the founder director of Pune-based Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), passed away. She was 80. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **Oommen Chandy**, the former Chief Minister of Kerala, passed away at the age of 79. He was a well-respected public figure and a prominent legislator, representing the Puthupally constituency in Kottayam district. Chandy held the office of Chief Minister twice during his political career. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **Kevin Mitnick**, who was once one of the most wanted computer hackers in the world, has passed away at the age of 59. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

### Miscellaneous News

- **Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA)** achieved a significant milestone as it became **India's first airport to have four runways**. The civil aviation minister, **Jyotiraditya Scindia**, inaugurated the airport's fourth runway, increasing its throughput capacity from approximately 1400-1500 air traffic movements per day to almost 2000 air traffic movements per day. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Jammu-Kashmir launched a path breaking Mobile-Dost App in sync with the vision of **Apka-Mobila-Humara-Daftar**, an effective initiative for mobile based delivery of **citizen-centric services** in the Union Territory. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **Google** honours **Asma Hamza**, a prominent Sudanese composer and oud player, with Doodle. On this day in **1997**, **Hamza** achieved a remarkable milestone by emerging as one of the winners in the prestigious **Laylat AlQadr AlKubra music** competition held in Sudan. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- With an engaging slideshow on its homepage, **Google Doodle** honors the **204th** birthday of **Eunice Newton Foote**, an **American scientist** and advocate for women's rights. Foote, born in 1819 in Goshen, Connecticut, USA, achieved a noteworthy milestone in climate science by being the first to discover the greenhouse effect and its impact on the Earth's warming. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

- India and many other countries are facing outbreak of Measles, the cases of which are increasing at a faster rate after the **Covid-19**. According the data of **WHO**, the maximum number of cases of measles are seen in India which is about **73,536** and after that in Yemen and Pakistan. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a historic move, **S Phangnon Konyak**, the lone **Nagaland MP** in the **Upper House**, has been nominated as one of the vice chairpersons of the Rajya Sabha. This appointment comes as a recognition of BJP's commitment to women empowerment. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In Andhra Pradesh, a fascinating combination of prehistoric rock painting from **Mesolithic period** and exquisite artwork from the **Kakatiya dynasty** were found in the Rudragiri hillock. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Christopher Nolan's movie Oppenheimer** hits theatres across the world. Oppenheimer film chronicles the story of the scientist Julius Robert Oppenheimer the "**Father of the Atomic Bomb**". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- CEO and Co-founder of Curlec: Zac Liew
- Razorpay Founded: 2013
- Union Minister of Textiles: Piyush Goyal
- India's first PM MITRA Park in: Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu
- CEO of Food Safety Standard Authority of India (FSSAI): G. Kamala Vardhana Rao
- Current chairperson of FSSAI : Rajesh Bhusan
- Indian Oil Corporation Limited Chairman: Shrikant Madhav Vaidya
- World Federation of Neurology Headquarters location: London, United Kingdom;
- World Federation of Neurology Founded: July 1957;
- World Federation of Neurology President: Prof. Wolfgang Grisold.
- Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh: Pema Khandu
- Indian Coast Guard Founded: 1 February 1977;
- Indian Coast Guard Headquarters: Indian Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi.
- Chairman of Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation: Dr M.D. Patra
- Headquarters of Life Insurance Corporation of India: Mumbai
- MD and CEO of Ashok Leyland: Shenu Agarwal
- Chairperson & MD of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited: CB Ananthkrishnan
- Headquarters of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited: Bangalore, Karnataka
- Minister of Defense of Argentina: Jorge Taiana
- National Startup Day: January 16
- CEO of HCL Tech: C Vijayakumar
- The current/25th Navy Chief: Admiral R. Hari Kumar

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- Chief Minister of Assam: Himanta Biswa Sarma
- Mongolia Capital: Ulaanbaatar
- Mongolia Currency: Mongolian Tugrik
- Minister of Finance of Indonesia: Sri Mulyani
- Director of Indian Council of Agricultural Research: Himashu Pathak
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