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PREFACE

Socrates' famous statement, "The only genuine wisdom is acknowledging that you know nothing," inspired us to develop something that equips us with knowledge beyond mere ignorance.

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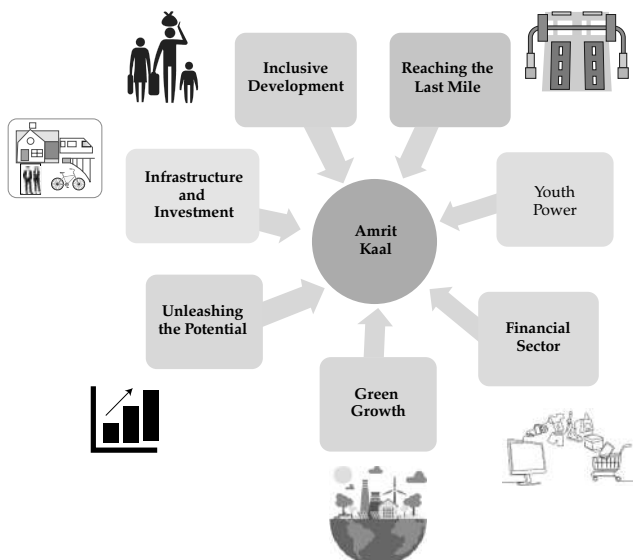
Knowledge is ready and waiting; let's begin!

Warm regards,

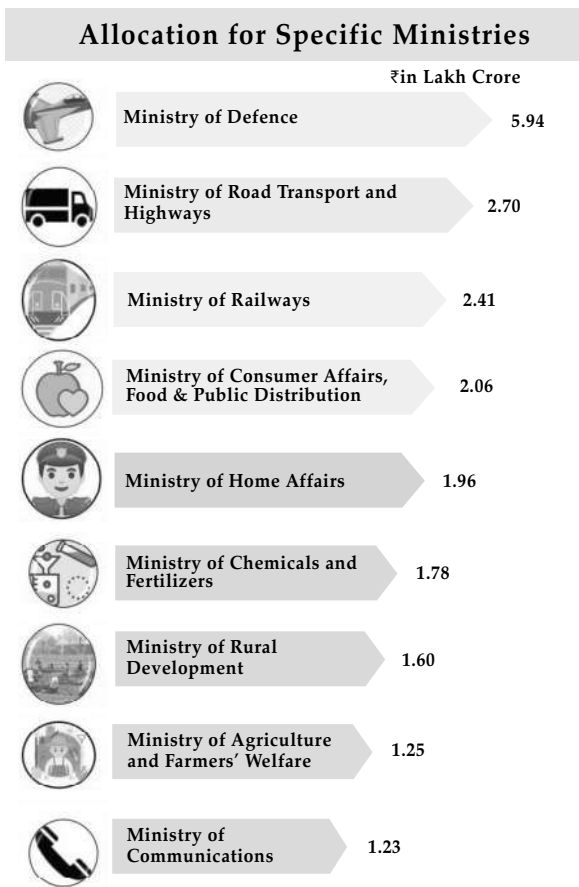
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Union Budget 2023-24**Key Highlights:**

- ♦ The Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman, presented the Union Budget 2023-24 on 01 February 2023. The Union Budget is the annual financial report of India, which deals with the expected income and expenditure of the economy in the upcoming fiscal year.
- ♦ The Budget adopts the following seven priorities. They complement each other and act as the 'Saptarishi', guiding us through the Amrit Kaal.
 1. Inclusive Development
 2. Reaching the Last Mile
 3. Infrastructure and Investment
 4. Unleashing the Potential
 5. Green Growth
 6. Youth Power
 7. Financial Sector



- ◆ Here's how this year's Budget proposes to allocate money to various ministries when compared to the last one:



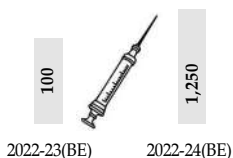
Ministries	Previous year's Budget allocations (In Crores)	Current year's Budget allocations (In Crores)
Defence Ministry	₹ 5,25,166	₹ 5,93,538
Road Transport and Highways Ministry	₹ 1,99,108	₹ 2,70,435

Railways Ministry	₹ 1,40,367	₹ 2,41,268
Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ministry	₹ 2,17,684	₹ 2,05,765
Home Affairs Ministry	₹ 1,85,777	₹ 1,96,035
Chemicals and Fertiliser Ministry	₹ 1,07,715	₹ 1,78,482
Rural Development Ministry	₹ 1,38,204	₹ 1,59,964
Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Ministry	₹ 1,32,514	₹ 1,25,036
Communications Ministry	₹ 1,05,407	₹ 1,23,393

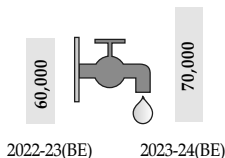
- ◆ Here's how the Budget proposes to allocate money for major government schemes when compared to the last one:

Allocation to Major Schemes (in ₹ crore)

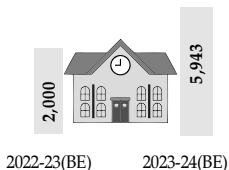
Development of Pharmaceutical Industry



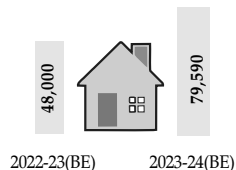
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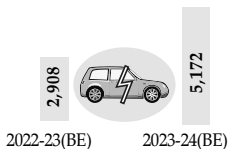
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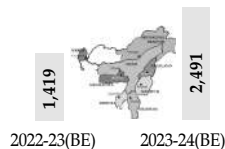
Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana



Scheme for faster Adoption and Manufacturing of EV's (FAME)



North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme



Government Schemes	Previous year Budget allocations (In Crores)	Current year Budget allocations (In Crores)
Pharmaceuticals Industry	₹ 100	₹ 1,250
Jal Jeevan Mission	₹ 60,000	₹ 70,000
Eklavya Model Residential Schools	₹ 2,000	₹ 5,943
Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana	₹ 48,000	₹ 79,590
Scheme for faster Adoption and Manufacturing of EVs (FAME)	₹ 2,908	₹ 5,172
North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme	₹ 1,419	₹ 2,491

Major Takeaways

- ◆ Finance Minister has announced the increment of capital investment outlay in the third year by 33 per cent to ₹10 lakh crore, which will be 3.3 per cent of GDP.



Increased capital investment outlay by 33.4% to ₹ 10 lakh crore.



Continuation of 50-year interest-free loan to state Governments to incentivise infrastructure investment



Highest even Capital outlay of ₹2.4 lakh crore for Railways



100 transport infrastructure projects identified for end-to-end connectivity for ports, coal, steel, fertiliser sectors



Creating Urban Infrastructure in Tier 2 and 3 cities via establishment of UIDF**

- ◆ Capital outlay of ₹2.40 lakh crore has been provided for the Railways, which is the highest-ever outlay and about nine times the outlay made in 2013-14.
- ◆ Fiscal deficit for Fiscal Year 2023-24 is projected at 5.9 per cent of GDP.
- ◆ PAN will be used as the standard identifier for all digital systems of specified government agencies to bring in Ease of Doing Business.
- ◆ Outlay for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana is being enhanced by 66% to over ₹79,000 crores.
- ◆ To promote healthcare, a promise to establish 157 new nursing colleges has been made.
- ◆ Urban infra-development funds will be managed by the National Housing Bank (NHB) and will be used by public agencies. An allocation of ₹10,000 crore p.a. for urban infra development funds has been made.
- ◆ 100 labs to be set up for 5G services-based application development to realize new opportunities, business models and employment potential, the 5G labs will cover applications such as smart classrooms, precision farming, intelligent transport system and healthcare applications.
- ◆ Mahila Savings Certificate for two years up to March 2025, a new small savings scheme announced for women.
- ◆ NITI Aayog policy expanded to continue for another three years.
- ◆ Finance Minister said ₹2 lakh crore for the entire year will be borne by the central government under the 'PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana' scheme.
- ◆ Allocation of ₹35,000 crore for energy transition and net-zero carbon emission target will be made.
- ◆ The maximum deposit for the senior citizen saving scheme is to be enhanced to ₹30 lakh from ₹15 lakh.
- ◆ The maximum deposit limit for the Monthly Income Account Scheme is to be enhanced from ₹4.5 lakh to ₹9 lakh for a single account and from ₹9 lakh to ₹15 lakh for joint account.
- ◆ Per capita income has more than doubled to ₹1.97 lakh in around nine years.
- ◆ Indian economy has increased in size from being 10th to 5th largest in the world in the past nine years.
- ◆ Credit guarantee for MSMEs of ₹9,000 crores infused in the corpus, allowing additional collateral-free credit of ₹2 lakh crores, starting from April 1, 2023.
- ◆ EPFO membership has more than doubled to 27 crores.
- ◆ Atmanirbhar Clean Plant Program with an outlay of ₹2200 crore to be launched to boost availability of disease-free, quality planting material for high value horticultural crops.
- ◆ 500 new 'waste to wealth' plants under the GOBARdhan (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan) scheme to be established to promote a circular economy at a total investment of ₹10,000 crore. 5 percent compressed biogas (CBG) mandate for all organizations marketing natural and biogas.

- ◆ 30 Skill India International Centres to be set up across different States to skill the youth for international opportunities.

Education and Skilling

Teacher' training to be Revamped via District
Institutes of Education and Training
National Digital Library to be Set up for
children and adolescents
States will be encouraged to set up physical
libraries at Panchayal and Wards level



- ◆ Targeted Fiscal Deficit to be below 4.5% by 2025-26.
- ◆ To make India a global hub for 'Shree Anna', the Indian Institute of Millet Research, Hyderabad, will be supported by the government as the centre of excellence for sharing best practices research and technologies at the international level.

Agriculture and Cooperatives

Building Digital Public
Infrastructure (DPI)
Building an accessible,
inclusive and informative
solution for Farmers



Agriculture accelerator fund
to be set-up to encourage
agri-startups in rural areas

Atmanirbhar Clean Plant
Programme to improve the
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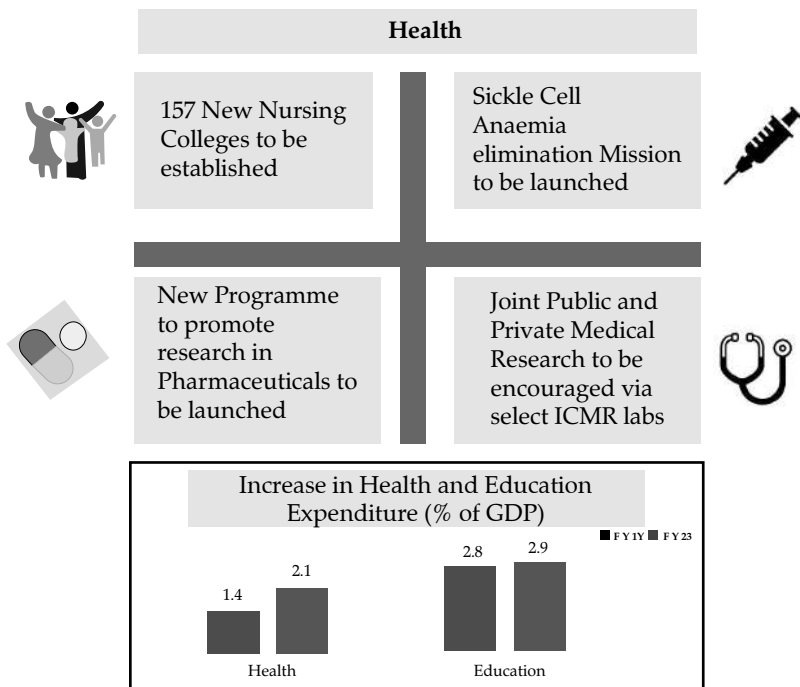
Targeted Funding
₹20 lakh crore
agricultural credit
targeted at Animal
Husbandry, Dairy and
Fisheries sector

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technologies at the national
and international level.



**Setting up of widely
available storage capacity**
Will enhance Farmers'
remuneration by enabling
sale at an appropriate time

- ◆ A new sub-scheme of PM Matsya Sampada Yojana with a targeted investment of ₹6,000 crore to be launched to enable further activities of fishermen, fish vendors, and micro & small enterprises, improve value chain efficiencies, and expand the market.
- ◆ Direct capital investment by the Centre is complemented by the provision for creating capital assets through Grants-in-Aid to States. "Effective Capital Expenditure" of the Centre would be budgeted at ₹13.7 lakh crore i.e. 4.5% of GDP.
- ◆ Jan Vishwas Bill to amend 42 Central Acts have been introduced to further trust-based governance.
- ◆ Phase 3 of the E-Courts project is to be launched with an outlay of ₹7,000 crores for efficient administration of justice.
- ◆ Annual production of 5 MMT under the Green Hydrogen Mission to be targeted by 2030 to facilitate the transition of the economy to low carbon intensity and to reduce dependence on fossil fuel imports.
- ◆ Sickle Cell Anaemia elimination mission to be launched.



- ◆ 157 new nursing colleges to be established in co-location with the existing 157 medical colleges established since 2014.
- ◆ ₹5,300 crores to be given as central assistance to the Upper Bhadra Irrigation Project to provide sustainable micro irrigation and filling up of surface tanks for drinking water.
- ◆ “PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother Earth” (PM-PRANAM) will be launched to incentivise States and Union Territories to promote alternative fertilizers and balanced use of chemical fertilizers.
- ◆ Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0, will be launched to skill lakhs of youth within the next three years covering new age courses for Industry 4.0 like coding, AI, robotics, mechatronics, IOT, 3D printing, drones, and soft skills.
- ◆ ‘Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes’ (MISHTI), will be taken up for mangrove plantation along the coastline and on salt pan lands through convergence between MGNREGS, CAMPA Fund and other sources.
- ◆ Amrit Dharohar scheme will be implemented over the next three years to encourage optimal use of wetlands, enhance bio-diversity, carbon stock, eco-tourism opportunities and income generation for local communities.



PMKVY 4.0 will be launched

Covering new courses like coding, AI, Robotics, 3D printing etc.



Measures to boost Tourism sector

At least 50 destinations to be selected, through challenge mode, to be developed as a complete package for domestic and foreign tourists.



States will be encouraged to set-up Unity Malls

For promotion and sale of ODOP (One District-One Product), GI and handicraft products.

- ◆ States to be encouraged to set up a Unity Mall for promotion and sale of their own and also all others states' ODOPs (One District, One Product), GI products and handicrafts.
- ◆ Direct Benefit Transfer under a pan-India National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme to be rolled out to provide stipend support to 47 lakh youth in three years.
- ◆ Sector specific skilling and entrepreneurship development to be dovetailed to achieve the objectives of the 'Dekho Apna Desh' initiative.
- ◆ Centre to recruit 38,800 teachers and support staff for the 740 Eklavya Model Residential Schools, serving 3.5 lakh tribal students over the next three years.

Reaching the Last Mile



Pradhan Mantri PVTG* Development Mission to be launched

Financial assistance to be given for sustainable micro irrigation in drought prone regions of Karnataka

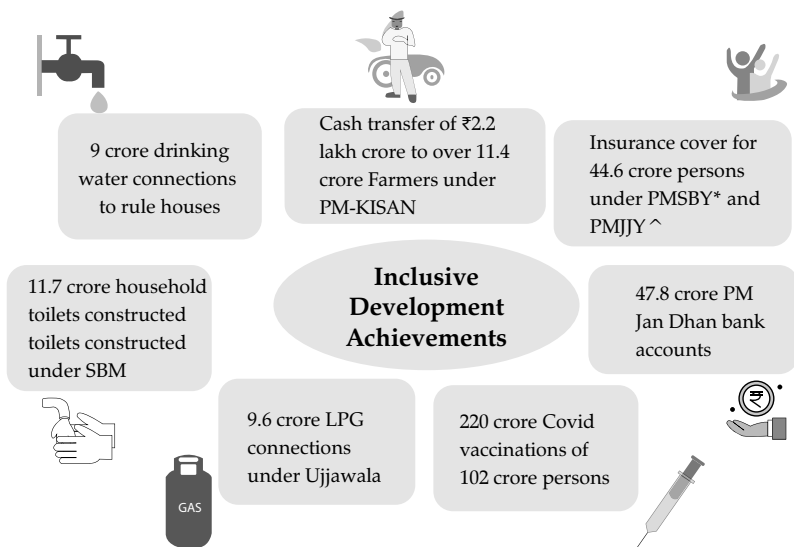


More teachers to be recruited for 740 Eklavya Model Residential Schools.

Bharat (SHRI) ^ to be set up for digitization of ancient inscriptions.



- ◆ ₹15,000 crore for implementing Pradhan of Pradhan Mantri PVTG Development Mission over the next three years under the Development Action Plan for the Scheduled Tribes.
- ◆ To commemorate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a one-time new small savings scheme, Mahila Samman Savings Certificate to be launched. It will offer a deposit facility of upto ₹2 lakh in the name of women or girls for a tenure of 2 years (up to March 2025) at a fixed interest rate of 7.5 per cent with a partial withdrawal option.



- ◆ 11.7 crore household toilets constructed under Swachh Bharat Mission.
- ◆ 9.6 crore LPG connections provided under Ujjwala.
- ◆ 47.8 crore Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan bank accounts.
- ◆ Insurance cover for 44.6 crore persons under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Yojana.
- ◆ Cash transfer of ₹2.2 lakh crore to over 11.4 crore farmers under Pradhan Mantri KisanSamman Nidhi.

Direct Taxes

- ◆ Direct Tax proposals aim to maintain the continuity and stability of taxation, further simplify and rationalise various provisions to reduce the compliance burden, promote the

entrepreneurial spirit and provide tax relief to citizens.

- ◆ Rebate limit of Personal Income Tax to be increased to ₹7 lakhs from the current ₹5 lakhs in the new tax regime. Thus, persons in the new tax regime, with income up to ₹7 lakh will not have to pay any tax.
- ◆ Tax structure in the new personal income tax regime, introduced in 2020 with six income slabs, to change by reducing the number of slabs to five and increasing the tax exemption limit to ₹3 lakhs. Change to provide significant relief to all taxpayers in the new regime.
- ◆ Under the new personal tax regime, six income slabs have been implemented. The government has also increased the tax exemption limits in some of these categories.

New Tax Rates

Total Income (₹)	Rate (per cent)
Up to 3,00,000	Nil
From 3,00,001 to 6,00,000	5
From 6,00,001 to 9,00,000	10
From 9,00,001 to 12,00,000	15
From 12,00,001 to 15,00,000	20
Above 15,00,000	30

- ◆ The new income tax regime to be made the default tax regime. However, citizens will continue to have the option to avail the benefit of the old tax regime.
- ◆ Proposal to limit income tax exemption from proceeds of insurance policies with very high value. Where the aggregate premium for life insurance policies (other than ULIP) issued on or after 1st April, 2023, is above ₹5 lakhs, income from only those policies with aggregate premiums up to ₹5 lakhs shall be exempt.
- ◆ Minimum threshold of Rs. 10,000/- for TDS to be removed and taxability relating to online gaming to be clarified. Proposal to provide for TDS and taxability on net winnings at the time of withdrawal or at the end of the financial year.

Indirect Taxes

- ◆ Number of basic customs duty (CBD) rates on goods, other than textiles and agriculture, reduced to 13 from 21.
- ◆ Excise duty is exempted on GST-paid compressed biogas contained in blended compressed natural gas.
- ◆ Extend the customs duty exemption to import of capital goods and machinery required for manufacture of lithium-ion cells for batteries used in electric vehicles.
- ◆ Basic customs duty reduced on parts of open cells of TV panels to 2.5 per cent.
- ◆ Basic customs duty on heat coil manufacturing of electric kitchen chimneys reduced to 15 per cent from 20 per cent.
- ◆ Basic customs duty on crude glycerin for use in the manufacture of epichlorohydrin reduced to 2.5 per cent from 7.5 per cent.
- ◆ Budget proposed to nullify the BCD on seeds used in the manufacturing of Lab Grown Diamonds from the current 5%.
- ◆ Duties on articles made from dore and bars of gold and platinum increased.
- ◆ Import duty on silver dore, bars and articles increased.
- ◆ Basic customs duty rate on compounded rubber increased to 25 per cent from 10 per cent or 30 per kg, whichever is lower.
- ◆ National Calamity Contingent Duty (NCCD) on specified cigarettes revised upwards by about 16 per cent.
- ◆ Legislative Changes in Customs Laws.
- ◆ Customs Act, 1962, to be amended to specify a time limit of nine months from date of filing application for passing final order by Settlement Commission.
- ◆ Customs Tariff Act to be amended to clarify the intent and scope of provisions relating to Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD), Countervailing Duty (CVD), and Safeguard Measures.

- ◆ To raise the minimum threshold of tax amount for launching prosecution under GST from one crore to two crore.
- ◆ To reduce the compounding amount from the present range of 50 to 150 per cent of tax amount to the range of 25 to 100 per cent;
- ◆ To restrict filing of returns/statements to a maximum period of three years from the due date of filing of the relevant return/statement; and
- ◆ To enable unregistered suppliers and composition taxpayers to make intra-state supply of goods through E-Commerce Operators (ECOs).

Fiscal deficit:

- ◆ The fiscal deficit is estimated to be 5.9% of the GDP in FY 2023-24.
- ◆ Net borrowings to finance the fiscal deficit are estimated to be ₹11.8 lakh crore.

Capital investment:

- ◆ The capital investment outlay increased for the third year in a row by 33% to ₹10 lakh crore, which would be 3.3% of GDP and almost three times the outlay in 2019-20.

Agriculture:

- ◆ Credit target for agriculture and allied sector has been announced to be increased to 20 lakh crore with focus on animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries.
- ◆ **PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman (PM VIKAS):** The first-of-its-kind package assistance endeavors to improve the quality of, scale and reach of the products made by traditional artisans and craftspeople. Components of the scheme would not only provide financial support

but also access to advanced skill training, knowledge of modern digital techniques and efficient green technologies, digital payments and social security.

- ◆ **Vivad se Vishwas I:** If MSMEs failed to execute contracts during the pandemic period, 95% of the forfeited amount relating to bid or performance security would be returned to them by the government or its undertakings.

Credit Guarantee:

- ◆ The scheme for MSMEs has been revamped with an infusion of ₹9,000 crore in the corpus. It will be enforced from April 1, 2023. This would enable an additional collateral-free guaranteed credit of ₹2 lakh crore.
- ◆ The cost of credit would be reduced by about 1 percent.

Green energy:

- ◆ The budget provided ₹35,000 crore for priority capital investments towards achieving energy transition and to achieve the goal of net zero emissions by 2070.

National

- ◆ India's tiger population is estimated to be 3,925 with an annual growth rate of 6.1% per annum holding 75% of the global wild tiger population.
- ◆ 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaign launch by PM Modi to honour martyrs and foster national unity.
- ◆ Eco-Friendly 'Bahu Balli' Bamboo Barriers to replace steel barriers on highways.
- ◆ Byculla Railway Station of Maharashtra receives UNESCO Award for Heritage Restoration and Modernization.

- ◆ Semicon India 2023 is held from 28 to 30 July 2023, in Gandhinagar.
- ◆ Redeveloped Pragati Maidan Complex is set to host G20 Leaders Meetings 2023.
- ◆ Union Home Minister inaugurated Aviation Security Control Centre (ASCC) of CISF at Mahipalpur campus in New Delhi.
- ◆ Sixth India-Arab Partnership Conference 2023 took place on 12 July 2023 in New Delhi.
- ◆ Seventh edition of India Mobile Congress (IMC) exhibition to be held from 27th October at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- ◆ Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX 23) was held in Visakhapatnam from 05-10 July 2023.
- ◆ PM Narendra Modi conferred the Prestigious Lokmanya Tilak Award 2023.
- ◆ Parth Salunkhe becomes the first Indian to win the Youth World Championship in the recurve category.
- ◆ BSF Commander Parimal Kumar Ghosh, the First Indian Officer to aid Bangladesh Freedom Fighters, passed away at 84.
- ◆ India will be Open Defecation Free in the next five years. Sikkim will be the first ODF state.
- ◆ RAPIDX, India's first regional train service, will commence operations in July.
- ◆ Ajit Pawar took over as Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra and joined the BJP led government.
- ◆ India's First Indigenously Developed 700 MW Nuclear Power Reactor was installed at Kakrapar nuclear power plant, Gujarat.
- ◆ 23rd Summit of the SCO Council of Heads of State chaired by PM Modi on 4 July 2023.
- ◆ PM Narendra Modi met Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi for bilateral talks in Cairo (Egypt).
- ◆ India launches first booster vaccine, "GEMCOVAC-OM" for Omicron Variant of COVID-19.
- ◆ Apple is set to launch its credit card in India.
- ◆ Deepest metro station in India: Howrah metro station.
- ◆ North India's first Skin Bank was inaugurated at Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi.
- ◆ The G20 tourism working group and tourism ministerial meetings concluded in Goa.
- ◆ Senior IPS officer Ravi Sinha was appointed as the new chief of India's external spy agency RAW.
- ◆ Amit Agarwal took over as the CEO of UIDAI.
- ◆ Ethnic clash in Manipur between Meitei and Kuki Tribes.
- ◆ Lieutenant General Rajiv Ghai has assumed command of the Chinar Corps in Kashmir.
- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the International Day of Yoga celebrations at the UN Headquarters in New York.
- ◆ Geeta Press, Gorakhpur, conferred Gandhi Peace Prize for 2021.
- ◆ Fourth National Water Awards, 2022: MP Best State, Ganjam Best District and Jagannadhapuram Best Village Panchayat.
- ◆ Raja Mahotsav celebrated in Odisha from 14 to 16 June, 2023.

- ◆ The G20 Third Framework Working Group meeting is underway in Kochi.
- ◆ India-Maldives joint military exercise “Ekuverrein” began in Chaubatia, Uttarakhand.
- ◆ Cyclone ‘Biparjoy’ originated in Arabian Sea, Coastal Gujarat on high alert.
- ◆ Air India Express creates history with all-women Haj flight.
- ◆ Government is launching a Mission on Advanced and High Impact Research, MAHIR.
- ◆ Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde launched Asia’s biggest cluster development scheme in Thane.
- ◆ India’s first carbon-neutral village is being developed in Bhiwandi taluka of Thane district, Maharashtra.
- ◆ Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off India’s first international cruise ship from Chennai to Sri Lanka.
- ◆ 233 killed and over 900 were injured in the Coromandel Express train accident in Odisha’s Balasore district.
- ◆ Bidyut Bihari Swain, IAS, took the oath of office and secrecy as a member of UPSC.
- ◆ Praveen Kumar Srivastava sworn in as Central Vigilance Commissioner.
- ◆ India’s public sector Sutej Jal Vidyut Nigam will develop Arun-4, the second hydroelectric project in Nepal.
- ◆ CAG of India Girish Chandra Murmu was re-elected as External Auditor of WHO for a second term.
- ◆ The first Mining Startup Summit will be held in Mumbai.
- ◆ India’s National Climate Research Agenda was released at the International Climate Research Conclave.
- ◆ PM Modi flagged off the Guwahati-New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express in Assam.
- ◆ Suman Sharma, IRS, took the oath of office and secrecy as a member of UPSC.
- ◆ IPS officer Praveen Sood took charge as CBI director.
- ◆ PM flagged off the first Vande Bharat Express train between Dehradun-Delhi on 25 May, 2023.
- ◆ Supreme Court gets two new judges: Justice Prashant Mishra, KV Viswanathan.
- ◆ Madhya Pradesh is becoming the first state in the country to send older people on air travel.
- ◆ Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal has been given independent charge as Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice in addition to his existing portfolios while Kiren Rijiju, who was serving as Minister of Law and Justice, has now been given the charge of Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- ◆ Karnataka’s Siddaramaiah will take oath as Chief Minister and DK Shivakumar as Deputy CM.
- ◆ Dr Manoj Soni sworn in as Chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).
- ◆ International Museum Expo 2023 was held on 18th May at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- ◆ Gajraj Corps of the Indian Army conducted a Joint Flood Relief Exercise in Assam, demonstrating preparedness and coordination.
- ◆ Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister inaugurated

the Integrated Biological Control Laboratory in Hyderabad.

- ♦ Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav launched the mobile application Meri LiFE.
- ♦ Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit took charge as the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff.
- ♦ India's largest tunnel aquarium 'Aqua Marine Park' will be built in Hyderabad.
- ♦ IPS officer Praveen Sood has been appointed as the next director of CBI.
- ♦ The 4th edition of the Indo-Indonesia bilateral Exercise Samudra Shakti-23 concluded on 19 May 23.
- ♦ 4-day millet festival started from 13 May, 2023 in Dehradun.
- ♦ 728 Railway Stations across states and union territories are covered under One Station One Product.
- ♦ Third Meeting of the Working Group on Transition to Energy Sources (ETWG) to be held in Mumbai.
- ♦ Third cheetah dies in a fight at Kuno National Park.
- ♦ Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Indian Air Force Heritage Center in Chandigarh.
- ♦ Indian Air Force's MiG-21 crashes near Hanumangarh in Rajasthan, killing three civilians.
- ♦ 3rd G20 Development Working Group meeting under the chairmanship of India was held in Goa.
- ♦ Foreign ministers of SCO member states will continue their discussions on the 2nd day of their meeting in Goa.
- ♦ Air Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari took over as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the South Western Air Command.
- ♦ Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan took over as the 17th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN).
- ♦ Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched the 'Millets Experience Centre' in New Delhi.
- ♦ Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's Defence Ministers Meeting was held in New Delhi.
- ♦ NASSCOM appointed Ananth Maheshwari as its chairman for 2023-24.
- ♦ Y20 pre-summit will be held in Ladakh under the G20 chairmanship of India.
- ♦ Former Chief Minister of Punjab, Parkash Singh Badal, has passed away.
- ♦ Exercise Cope India-2023 concludes at Air Force Station, Kalaikunda.
- ♦ POWERGRID (PGCIL) won the Global Gold Award for CSR work.
- ♦ 11th High Level Meeting (HLM) between the Indian Coast Guard and the Korean Coast Guard held in New Delhi.
- ♦ Wing Commander Deepika Misra has become the first woman Air Force officer to receive a gallantry medal.
- ♦ India Overtakes China as World's Most Populous Nation as per UN Data.
- ♦ Assam and Arunachal Pradesh have signed an agreement to settle of an inter-state boundary dispute.
- ♦ Apple CEO Tim Cook meets with Indian Prime Minister Modi to discuss technology's positive impact on India's future.
- ♦ G-20 Conference on Research and Innovation for Egalitarian Society begins in Dharamshala.

- ◆ Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam is held in Somnath, Gujarat.
- ◆ First Global Buddhist Summit concluded in New Delhi on 18 & 19 April 2023.
- ◆ Nandini Gupta from Rajasthan crowned Femina Miss India World 2023.
- ◆ Kolkata Metro conducts a successful test run of India's first-ever underwater metro.
- ◆ PM Narendra Modi flagged off Rajasthan's first Vande Bharat Express between Jaipur and Delhi Cantt.
- ◆ The Election Commission of India grants National Party status to AAP, Trinamool Congress, CPI and NCP to lose national party status.
- ◆ Bihar Government to recruit Teachers through Commission and Make All Government School Teachers State Employees.
- ◆ President Draupadi Murmu took a sortie in a Sukhoi 30 MKI fighter aircraft at the Tezpur Air Force Station.
- ◆ First-of-its-kind a two-day animal fair held in Muzaffarnagar.
- ◆ Delhi-Dehradun Greenfield Expressway will start from North East Delhi, Akshardham and pass through Baghpat, Shamli and Saharanpur.
- ◆ 'Uttar Pradesh Siksha Seva Chayan Ayog' to recruit of teachers in UP.
- ◆ Indian Government selects 140,000 pilgrims for Haj through the digital selection process; a largest-ever contingent of women without male guardians to undertake pilgrimage.
- ◆ Indian Government identifies 1275 railway stations for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.
- ◆ The first Batch of Agniveers from INS Chilka successfully completes training and is ready to join the Indian Navy.
- ◆ Swachh Mashaal March was organized from 28 to 31 March 2023, part of the ongoing Swachhotsav 2023 campaign.
- ◆ National Gallery of Modern Art in New Delhi celebrates 69 Years with 'Spring Fiesta' Event.
- ◆ 1st G20 Trade and Investment Working Group Meeting held in Mumbai from 28 to 30 March 2023.
- ◆ World's highest railway bridge: Chenab bridge.
- ◆ G20 Working Group Meeting held in India focuses on Water Management and Climate Sustainability.
- ◆ PM Modi inaugurated Bengaluru Metro's eastern extension line and National Common Mobility Card.
- ◆ Indian Army and Air Force carried out exercise 'Vayu Prahar' in the eastern sector.
- ◆ National Institute of Urban Affairs is organized the first Urban Climate Film Festival under U20 Engagement Events.
- ◆ The first meeting of the G-20 Trade and Investment Working Group (TIWG) will be held in Mumbai.
- ◆ Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has been sentenced to two years in prison by a Gujarat Court.
- ◆ Civil 20 inception meeting under the India G20 presidency was held in Nagpur.
- ◆ Asia's largest tulip garden opened for public in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar.
- ◆ Government announced 10% reservation in CISF for ex-Agniveers.

- ◆ 2nd G20 SFWG meeting will be held in Udaipur, Rajasthan from 21-23 March.
- ◆ India-Singapore joint military exercise 'Bold Kurukshetra 2023' concluded in Jodhpur.
- ◆ Surekha Yadav, Asia's first woman loco pilot, piloted the Vande Bharat Express.
- ◆ First International Conference on Common Buddhist Heritage began in New Delhi.
- ◆ 'DIVYA KALA MELA' to be organized from 12th to 21st March, 2023 in Bhopal.
- ◆ World's largest railway platform has been built in Hubballi, Karnataka.
- ◆ Indian film RRR creates history at Oscars 2023 'Naatu Naatu' wins Best Original Song.
- ◆ World Food India-2023 will be organized in New Delhi from 3 to 5 Nov 2023.
- ◆ National Youth Conclave 2023 will be held in New Delhi.
- ◆ Neiphiu Rio took oath as the CM of Nagaland for the 5th time.
- ◆ Salhoutuonuo Kruse became the first woman minister of Nagaland.
- ◆ Conrad Sangma took oath as the Chief Minister of Meghalaya.
- ◆ Veteran actor and director Satish Kaushik passed away.
- ◆ Manik Saha took oath as the Chief Minister of Tripura for the second time.
- ◆ Group Captain Shalija Dhami became the first woman officer to command an IAF fighter unit.
- ◆ S. S. Dubey took charge as new Controller General of Accounts (CGA).
- ◆ Joint Military Exercise FRINJEX-23 conducted between the Indian Army and the French Army in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- ◆ World's 1st 200-meter-tall bamboo crash barrier is installed on the Vani-Warora highway in Vidarbha, Maharashtra.
- ◆ The first edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2023 began onboard INS Vikrant.
- ◆ Health Ministry received the Porter Prize 2023 for the government's strategy in managing COVID-19.
- ◆ G20 foreign ministers meeting will be held in New Delhi from 1 to 2 Mar 2023.
- ◆ 8th Raisina Dialogue inaugurated by Prime Minister Modi in New Delhi on 2nd March.
- ◆ Rajesh Malhotra took over as Principal Director General of Press Information Bureau.
- ◆ India will host the Quad Foreign Ministers' meeting on 3 March 2023 in New Delhi.
- ◆ W-20 (Women 20) meeting under India's G20 Presidency held at Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar in Maharashtra.
- ◆ PM inaugurates Shivamogga Airport in Karnataka.
- ◆ MIT Professor Hari Balakrishnan won the 2023 Marconi Prize.
- ◆ Lt Gen RS Reen took over as Director General Quality Assurance.
- ◆ Maharaja Sayajirao University Vadodara will host the Youth 20 India Summit for environmental protection.
- ◆ IRCTC will operate the Baba Saheb Ambedkar Yatra tour package under the "Dekho Apna Desh" initiative.
- ◆ Biswabhusan Harichandan took oath as the ninth Governor of Chhattisgarh.

- ◆ CAG Girish Chandra Murmu was selected as external auditor of ILO in Geneva.
- ◆ World Book Fair held from 25 Feb to 5 March, 2023 in New Delhi.
- ◆ Aam Aadmi Party leader Shelly Oberoi was elected 1st Mayor of the Unified Municipal Corporation of Delhi.
- ◆ Union Cabinet approves Air Services Agreement between India and Guyana.
- ◆ Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde declared Shiv Sena chief.
- ◆ International 'Khajuraho Dance Festival-2023' begin on 20 to 26 Feb at Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh.
- ◆ Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival (DPIFF) 2023 was held in Mumbai.
- ◆ Retd IAS BVR Subrahmanyam appointed as new CEO of NITI Aayog.
- ◆ 49th meeting of GST Council held in New Delhi.
- ◆ The first G20 meeting of finance ministers and Central Bank Governors was held in Bengaluru.
- ◆ Khalistan Tiger Force and Jammu and Kashmir Ghaznavi Force Declared as terrorist organizations by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ◆ "G20 Model Meeting" successfully concluded in New Delhi.
- ◆ Prime Minister Modi will address the Economic Times Global Business Summit in New Delhi.
- ◆ 12 cheetahs brought from South Africa were kept in Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.
- ◆ Lieutenant General M. V. Suchindra Kumar was appointed as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff.
- ◆ Indian Railways launched Rail Post Gati Shakti Express Cargo Service.
- ◆ Sixth edition of joint exercise TARKASH concluded by The National Security Guard (NSG) and US Special Operations Forces (SOF).
- ◆ Department of Posts organises AMRITPEX 2023 at New Delhi.
- ◆ The first meeting of the Culture Working Group of G-20 was held in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh.
- ◆ Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities will organize 'Divya Kala Mela' in Mumbai.
- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Aadi Mahotsav at Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi.
- ◆ The G20 Digital Economy Working Group meeting was held in Lucknow.
- ◆ 1st Agriculture Deputies Meeting (ADM) of Agriculture Working Group (AWG) under India's G20 Presidency was held at Indore.
- ◆ Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav 2023 held in Mumbai from 11th to 19th February 2023.
- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Aero India 2023 in Bengaluru.
- ◆ Geological Survey of India finds Lithium reserves in J&K.
- ◆ Two new Vande Bharat Express trains started: Mumbai-Solapur and Mumbai-Shirdi.
- ◆ Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the new campus of Al-Jamia-Tus-Saifiyah, an Arabic academy in Mumbai.
- ◆ Justice Rajesh Bindal and Justice Arvind Kumar were appointed as Judges in the Supreme Court of India.

- ◆ India's national accreditation system has been ranked 5th in the world.
- ◆ Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit 2023 was held in Lucknow.
- ◆ Eknath Shinde Announced 'Jai Jai Maharashtra Majha' As State Song of Maharashtra.
- ◆ Madhya Pradesh Government has changed the name of Bhopal's Islam Nagar village to 'Jagdishpur'.
- ◆ Naval Light Combat Aircraft, MIG29 K fighter aircraft successfully flew onboard INS Vikrant.
- ◆ Bengaluru musician Ricky Kej won a Grammy Award 2023.
- ◆ India Energy Week (IEW) 2023 is to be held from 6 to 8 February in Bengaluru.
- ◆ Home Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of Nano Urea Plant in Jharkhand.
- ◆ President Droupadi Murmu became the first Indian to be honoured with the Grand Order of the Chain of the Yellow Star, the highest civilian award in Suriname.
- ◆ The Ministry of Tourism was held its 1st G-20 Tourism Working Group meeting from 7 to 9 Feb 2023, in the Rann of Kutch, Gujarat.
- ◆ International Surajkund Crafts Mela 2023 was held from 3 to 19 Feb 2023, at Faridabad, Haryana.
- ◆ Uttarakhand tableau wins first prize in the 74th Republic Day parade.
- ◆ Madhya Pradesh Government announced 'Laadli Bahna' scheme.
- ◆ Visakhapatnam will be the new capital of Andhra Pradesh.
- ◆ Indian Army organises integrated Exercise "Trishakri Prahar" in North Bengal.
- ◆ Karnataka government announced free bus travel for women under 'Shakti Yojana'.
- ◆ The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, has retained the top spot in the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF), 2023.
- ◆ Author Shantanu Gupta launches his new graphic novel 'Ajay to Yogi Adityanath'.
- ◆ Priya A. S. received the Sahitya Akademi Award 2023 for children's literature.
- ◆ GoI appointed Ravneet Kaur as the Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI).
- ◆ Ruskin Bond wrote a new book titled 'The Golden Years'.
- ◆ Alia Bhatt appointed as first Indian Global Ambassador of Gucci.
- ◆ Tushar Mehta reappointed as Solicitor General of India.
- ◆ Coal India named PM Prasad as Chairman and Managing Director.
- ◆ IPS officer Manoj Yadava is appointed as the Director General (DG) of the Railway Protection Force.
- ◆ Government appoints Sat Pal Bhanoo as Managing Director of Life Insurance Corporation.

International

- ◆ Indian-American Nisha Biswal becomes Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.
- ◆ United States officially re-enters UNESCO after five-year.
- ◆ Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen to Resign and Hand Over Power to Eldest Son, Hun Manet.

- ◆ Twitter Unveils New Logo in Major Rebranding Move: Blue Bird Replaced with an X.
- ◆ The BRICS was held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 22 to 24 August 2023.
- ◆ India and UAE Agree to Currency-based Trade Settlement and UPI – IPP Integration.
- ◆ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi to set up its first Campus outside India in Abu Dhabi (UAE).
- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the Bastille Day Parade in France as the Guest of Honour.
- ◆ India and Bangladesh launched Rupee-Based Bilateral Trade.
- ◆ NATO summit was held in Vilnius, Lithuania, from 11 to 12 July 2023.
- ◆ Indian Navy and Air Force contingent to participated in the Bastille Day Parade on 14 July 2023.
- ◆ First IIT Campus Outside India to be Established in Zanzibar, Tanzania.
- ◆ Indian-origin Expert Aarti Holla-Maini Appointed as Director of UNOOSA.
- ◆ Greece's New Democracy Party Wins Parliamentary Election, Kyriakos Mitsotakis Re-elected as Prime Minister.
- ◆ Russia's Private Militia Wagner declared Rebel against Russian President Vladimir Putin.
- ◆ Nusrat Jahan Choudhary has become the first Muslim woman to become a federal judge in the United States.
- ◆ Indian military contingent participated in the multinational joint exercise "Ex Khaan Quest 2023" in Ulaanbaatar of Mongolia.
- ◆ American company GE Aerospace signed a MoU with HAL to manufacture fighter jet engines for the Indian Air Force.
- ◆ China has blocked the proposal to declared the 26/11 attack-accused Sajid Mir as a global terrorist.
- ◆ Ritu Kalra became the Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer at Harvard University.
- ◆ The first edition of the India, France and UAE maritime partnership exercise began in the Gulf of Oman.
- ◆ India Sri Lanka Defense Symposium cum Exhibition was held at Taj Samudra in Colombo.
- ◆ The UAE will host the world's largest conservation conference in 2025.
- ◆ Celeste Saulo of Argentina has been appointed as the first female Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
- ◆ UAE wins Presidency of World Meteorological Organization.
- ◆ Recep Tayyip Erdoğan wins the Turkish presidential election.
- ◆ Dubai successfully tests drug delivery via drones, paving the way for advanced technologies in healthcare.
- ◆ Bulgarian writer Georgi Gospodinov won the International Booker Prize on Tuesday for the book 'Time Shelter'
- ◆ King Norodom Sihamoni of Cambodia visited India from 29 to 31 May.
- ◆ PM Modi conferred with the highest honour of Fiji and Papua New Guinea.
- ◆ INS Tarkash and INS Subhadra arrive in Saudi Arabia, marking the beginning of the Al-Mohad Al-Hindi 2023 naval exercise.
- ◆ India launched 'Operation Karuna' to help cyclone-hit Myanmar.
- ◆ The 29th edition of CABSAT was held at the Dubai World Trade Centre.

- ◆ G7 summit from 19-21 May 2023 was held in Hiroshima, Japan.
- ◆ 6th Indian Ocean Conference to begin in Dhaka.
- ◆ The first ministerial meeting of the India-EU Business and Technology Council was held in Brussels.
- ◆ A new border-haat between India and Bangladesh was inaugurated in Bholaganj under Companiganj upazila of Sylhet.
- ◆ UAE Government launches 'Machines Can See 2023' Summit.
- ◆ Ajay Banga appointed as next President of the World Bank.
- ◆ The Ministry of Tourism is participating in the Arabian Travel Mart (ATM) 2023, being held in Dubai.
- ◆ Santiago Peña of Paraguay's ruling conservative Colorado party won the Presidential election.
- ◆ The International Apparel and Clothing Fair began in Dubai, with 90 Indian participants.
- ◆ Dubai-based airline Emirates unveiled the world's first robotic check-in assistant.
- ◆ India and the UK will jointly set up an India-UK 'Net Zero' Innovation Virtual Centre.
- ◆ The 7th edition of the joint military exercise "Ajeya Warrior-23" is being conducted between India and the United Kingdom.
- ◆ Japanese startup iSpace Inc. has admitted failure in its attempt to conduct the first private moon landing.
- ◆ Australia hosted the third in-person Quad Summit on May 24, 2023 in Sydney.
- ◆ Md. Sahabuddin takes oath as the 22nd President of Bangladesh.
- ◆ India launched 'Operation Kaveri' to rescue citizens stranded in Sudan.
- ◆ Dr. S. Jaishankar inaugurated the Buzi Bridge in Mozambique.
- ◆ The Indian Air Force team participated with Rafale aircraft in the Orion exercise held in France.
- ◆ Exercise Cope India 23 has started between the Indian Air Force and the United States Air Force on 10th April 2023.
- ◆ Annual Bilateral Maritime Exercise Konkan 2023, concluded between India and United Kingdom.
- ◆ India participated in the 2nd Indo-IPEF dialogue round to be held in Bali, Indonesia.
- ◆ The twenty-sixth edition of 'Elevate' was held on 21 March 2023 in Dubai.
- ◆ India was invited to the G7 Hiroshima summit in Japan.
- ◆ Ram Sahay Prasad Yadav was elected the third Vice President of Nepal.
- ◆ NASA unveiled a new generation of spacesuits for humanity's return trip to the Moon.
- ◆ Indian Navy arrived in Guam, USA, where it will participate in 'Exercise Sea-Dragon 23'.
- ◆ US Senate confirms nomination of Eric Garcetti as US Ambassador to India.
- ◆ The US has termed the McMahon line as an international border and said that– Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India.
- ◆ Multilateral exercise "La Perouse" 2023 between India, Australia, Canada, the United States, France, Japan and the

United Kingdom is being conducted in the Indian Ocean region.

- ◆ India-US 5th Commercial Dialogue meeting held in New Delhi.
- ◆ Ram Chandra Poudel has been elected the third President of Nepal.
- ◆ Xi Jinping was elected President of China for the third time.
- ◆ Arun Subramanian has become the first Indian American to become the Judge of the Manhattan Federal District Court of New York.
- ◆ Australian PM Anthony Albanese visited India from 8-11 March.
- ◆ India won the GSMA Government Leadership Award 2023.
- ◆ Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark arrived in New Delhi on a four-day visit to India.
- ◆ Indian Air Force (IAF) participated in exercise Shinyuu Maitri 2023 with Japan Air Self Defense Force (JASDF).
- ◆ Bola Tinubu wins Nigeria's Presidential election.
- ◆ Vo Van Thuong was elected as the new President of Vietnam.
- ◆ Italian PM Giorgia Meloni visited India on a two-day visit.
- ◆ An Indian Air Force contingent arrived in the United Arab Emirates to participate in the Desert Flag VIII exercise.
- ◆ Indian Air Force will participate in the Cobra Warrior air exercise at Waddington, UK.
- ◆ German Chancellor Olaf Scholz visited India on a two-day visit.
- ◆ Bangladesh announced plans to buy 300 electric double-decker air-conditioned buses from India.
- ◆ INS Sumedha reached Abu Dhabi to participate in IDEX and NAVDEX.
- ◆ India-Uzbekistan biennial military training exercise DUSTLIK 2023 began in Uttarakhand.
- ◆ UAE & India launched the UAE chapter of the Business Council to promote bilateral trade and investment.
- ◆ India & Fiji signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Visa Exemption for holders of Diplomatic and Official Passports.
- ◆ Indian-American Neal Mohan became the new CEO of YouTube.
- ◆ Indo-Japanese joint military training exercise "Dharma Guardian" conducted in Japan.
- ◆ Prominent Indian-American politician Nikki Haley has announced her candidacy for the US presidency.
- ◆ Air India signs a deal for 470 aircraft with Airbus and Boeing.
- ◆ Saudi Arabia will send its first female astronaut "Rayana Barnawi" into space this year.
- ◆ India will organize the 12th World Hindi Conference in Fiji.
- ◆ Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) was held from 8 to 11 February 2023 in New Delhi.
- ◆ Former Foreign Minister Nikos Christodoulides to be Cyprus's next president.
- ◆ Massive earthquake hits Turkey.
- ◆ Indian-American student Natasha Periyanyagam has been named the 'World's Brightest' Student for the second time.
- ◆ Grammy Award 2023: Beyonce scripts history for most Grammy wins.
- ◆ India provided 50 buses to Sri Lanka under the economic assistance scheme.

- ◆ India will be the theme country of the 2025 Madrid International Book Fair.
- ◆ British economist Meghnad Desai wrote a new book titled "The Poverty of Political Economics".
- ◆ Manuela Roca Botey has appointed as the first female PM of Equatorial Guinea.
- ◆ Sri Lanka Supreme Court clears way to decriminalise homosexuality.
- ◆ US and UK Forge 'Atlantic Declaration' to Boost Economic Ties.
- ◆ Germany hosted "Air Defender 2023", NATO's biggest ever air exercise.
- ◆ The 50th anniversary of World Environment Day hosted by Côte D'Ivoire, with the theme of "solutions to plastic pollution".
- ◆ Dennis Francis elected 78th UNGA president.
- ◆ Japan raises the age of consent from 13 to 16 after over a century.
- ◆ Finland's parliament elects Petteri Orpo as the country's new PM.
- ◆ Oman creates history as first Foreign Government to promote country through Yoga.
- ◆ Pakistan has recently implemented a ban on the celebration of Holi and other Hindu festivals across educational institutions in the country.
- ◆ Salman Rushdie wins the prestigious German Peace Prize 2023.
- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi receives Egypt's highest honour 'Order of the Nile'.
- ◆ Latvian Parliament elects Foreign Minister Edgars Rinkevics as the new President.
- ◆ Neera Tandon, Indian-American, appointed as Domestic Policy Advisor in the Biden Administration.
- ◆ Linda Yaccarino appointed as the new CEO of Twitter.
- ◆ New Zealand became first country to ban plastic produce bags at supermarkets.
- ◆ Iran becomes Full Member of Shanghai Co-operation Organisation.
- ◆ India-Mongolia joint military exercise "Nomadic Elephant – 2023" was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Economics

- ◆ IMF raises India's GDP growth forecast to 6.1% for the current fiscal year.
- ◆ Reserve Bank of India Governor Shakti Kanta Das launched the Financial Inclusion Dashboard – ANTARDRISHTI.
- ◆ Reserve Bank of India allows banks to use RuPay Prepaid Forex Card.
- ◆ RBI withdraws ₹2000 note from circulation under the "Clean Note Policy".
- ◆ International Conference on Defense Finance and Economics held in New Delhi on 12 April 2023.
- ◆ The deadline for linking PAN and Aadhaar has been extended to 30th June, 2023.
- ◆ India is the third largest fish-producing country, contributing 8% to the global fish production.
- ◆ Income Tax Department launched a mobile app AIS for taxpayers.
- ◆ Seylan Bank of Sri Lanka opened INR denominated Nostro account with the Indian Bank in Mumbai.
- ◆ AAHAR 2023: Asia's largest international food and hospitality fair held in Delhi.

- ◆ RBI Governor Shakti Kant Das was honoured with the 'Governor of the Year' award at the London Central Banking Awards 2023.
- ◆ Rajesh Gopinathan resigns as MD-CEO of TCS, K. Krithivasan became the new CEO.
- ◆ Silicon Valley Bank of USA Collapse.
- ◆ RBI launched the "Har Payment Digital" Mission to promote digital payments in India.
- ◆ RBI imposes ₹3.06 Crore penalty on Amazon Pay (India).
- ◆ Reliance Jio is ranked 9th in the world's Top 25 strongest brands.
- ◆ India's UPI and Singapore's PayNow are now integrated.
- ◆ RBI has increased the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.50%.
- ◆ Women's Cricket T20 World Cup 2023 was held at Cape Town, South Africa.
- ◆ India ranks first in milk production in the world and contributes 24% to global milk production.
- ◆ NTPC has won the 'ATD Best Awards-2023' for the 6th consecutive year.
- ◆ Indore has become the first civic body to launch green bonds.
- ◆ Morgan Stanley has announced Arun Kohli as the new country head of India.
- ◆ India received the highest-ever Foreign Inward Remittances in a single year of \$89,127 million in FY 2021-22.
- ◆ India's GDP likely to grow at 6.2% in Financial year 2024, says Morgan Stanley.
- ◆ NSE gets the final SEBI approval to launch the Social Stock Exchange.
- ◆ SBI Card and Punjab & Sind Bank join hands to launch Co-Branded Credit Cards.
- ◆ Bandhan Bank launched the 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' Campaign.
- ◆ ADB, India has signed \$130 million loan to promote horticulture in Himachal Pradesh.
- ◆ Go Digit Life Insurance Limited, backed by the Fairfax Group, has received regulatory approval from IRDAI to commence its operations in the Indian life insurance sector.
- ◆ Bank of Baroda Introduces UPI Cash Withdrawal Facility at ATMs
- ◆ The Federal Bank's 'I am Adyar, Adyar is me' campaign in Chennai stands as a remarkable initiative to honour and celebrate the local community.
- ◆ Germany's Economic Downturn: Fourth Largest Global Economy Slips into Recession.
- ◆ New Zealand Slips into Recession as GDP Falls 0.1% in March Quarter.
- ◆ RBI Expands Presence in North East India with Sub-Office in Kohima, Plans Office in Itanagar.
- ◆ Equitas Holdings Surrenders NBFC License to RBI, Registration Cancelled.
- ◆ Fino Payments Bank Partners with Hubble to Introduce India's First Spending Account.
- ◆ SBI Presents Record-breaking Dividend Cheque of ₹5,740 Crore to Finance Minister.
- ◆ RBI Imposes ₹84.50 Lakh Penalty on Central Bank of India for Non-Compliance with Fraud Reporting Norms.
- ◆ RBI Imposes ₹84.50 Lakh Penalty on Central Bank of India for Non-Compliance with Fraud Reporting Norms.
- ◆ ADB and India Sign \$141.12 Million Loan for Industrial Corridor Development in Andhra Pradesh.

- ◆ PhonePe Becomes the First Payment App to Link 2 Lakh Rupay Credit Cards to UPI.
- ◆ Paytm Launches Paytm SBI Card on RuPay Network with NPCI.
- ◆ AU Small Finance Bank introduces RuPay credit card for self-employed Customers.
- ◆ RBI Approves ₹87,416 Crore Surplus Transfer to Government for FY23, Triple the Previous Year's Amount.
- ◆ India remains a bright spot, economy expected to grow 6.7% in 2024: United Nations.
- ◆ India to Surpass US and Become World's 2nd Largest Economy by 2075: Goldman Sachs Report.
- ◆ India Needs Average Annual 7.6% GDP Growth To Become Developed By 2047: RBI.
- ◆ The Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the registration certificate of United India Cooperative Bank Ltd, located in Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh, due to insufficient capital.
- ◆ India's AI Supercomputer 'AIRAWAT' has been ranked at No. 75 in the world at the International Supercomputing Conference (ISC 2023) in Germany.
- ◆ The 6th Scorpion submarine 'VAGH-SHEER' conducted its sea trials.
- ◆ WHO M-pox no longer a global health emergency.
- ◆ The first C 295 tactical lift aircraft made for the Indian Air Force undertook its maiden test flight in Spain.
- ◆ INS Magar was decommissioned after 36 years of service.
- ◆ Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO-India) Project, in Hingoli, Maharashtra.
- ◆ DRDO and Indian Navy successfully test first indigenous Air Droppable Container 'ADC-150' from IL-38SD aircraft of Goa coast.
- ◆ Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah launched IFFCO Nano DAP (Liquid) at New Delhi.
- ◆ India aims to develop 10,000 km of optic fibre cables for 5G and 6G connectivity by 2024-25.
- ◆ Two-day global conference on Compressed Biogas (CBG) was held in New Delhi on April 17 and 18, 2023.
- ◆ European Space Agency launches JUICE mission to explore icy moons of Jupiter.
- ◆ "Mission Digital Mahila" launched in a two-days Women 20 meeting in Jaipur.
- ◆ India's National Green Hydrogen Mission: net-zero emissions by 2070.
- ◆ Skyroot Aerospace, a private space vehicle company, successfully test-fired the 3D-printed Dhawan II engine.

Space

- ◆ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s PSLV-C56 rocket successfully launched the Singapore's DS-SAR satellite and six co-passenger.
- ◆ Chandrayaan-3 launched from Sathish Dhawan Space Centre Sriharikota on 14 July 2023.
- ◆ Defence Acquisition Council approved the procurement of 26 Rafale Marine aircraft from France for the Indian Navy.
- ◆ ISRO launched its next-generation navigation satellite – NVS-1 from Sriharikota.
- ◆ iPhone users in India can now download the ChatGPT app.