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Current Affairs 'One Liner PDF'

- Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Shri Pralhad Joshi launched a web portal of CMPFO namely C-CARES developed and designed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), an R&D organization under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Tribal Affairs Shri Arjun Munda launched the centralized "Kisan Rakshak Helpline 14447 and Portal", Agri-Insurance Sandbox Framework Platform SARTHI and Learning Management System (LMS) Platform.
- In a significant stride towards fostering digital inclusion in the MSME sector, the Quality Council of India (QCI) and Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) launch of the DigiReady Certification (DRC) portal.
- Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India Prof Ajay Kumar Sood launched "Science for Women-A Technology & Innovation (SWATI)" Portal.
- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the 'Van Mitra' scheme and its portal to encourage community participation in tree planting activities in non-forest areas.
- Minister for Industries, Law and Coir Shri P Rajeeve unveiled the logo and web portal of the Kerala Brand as part of the ambitious project to tap into the increasing domestic and global demand for a wide range of high-quality products made in Kerala.
- The Minister of Information and Broadcasting Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, launched 4 transformatory portals for a Modernized Media Landscape.
- Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited (Mahindra Finance) has partnered with American technology company IBM to develop a 24x7 super app.
- India-born media executive Dr Samir Shah is set to be appointed as the new BBC chairman with effect from 4th March 2024 for a period of 4 years until March 2028.
- Senior IAS officer Radha Raturi was appointed as the first woman chief secretary of Uttarakhand.
- The Central Government has notified the appointments of Chief Justices for 6 High Courts.
- The World Bank Group (WBG) appointed Wencai Zhang as Managing Director and World Bank Group Chief Administrative Officer.
- Yemen's Presidential Leadership Council appointed its foreign minister Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak as the country's new prime minister.

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- President Droupadi Murmu has appointed three full-time members and a part-time member to the 16th Finance Commission.
- Former Railway Board Chief Anil Kumar Lahoti has been appointed as the chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).
- AU Small Finance Bank (SFB) has appointed Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) former Deputy Governor HR Khan as part-time Chairman.
- Tuvalu's former Attorney-General Feleti Teo was appointed as 14th prime minister of Tuvalu, as Pacific Island nation in South Pacific Region.
- President Droupadi Murmu has appointed A S Rajeev as Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).
- Paytm founder and CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma has resigned from his position as part-time non-executive chairman and board member of Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL).
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd has re-designated KVS Manian as the joint managing director as of March 1, 2024.
- O Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh has been roped in as the brand ambassador of audio products brand boAt.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of MR Kumar as a part-time non-official Director as well as Non- Executive Chairman on the Board of Bank of India for a term of three years.
- Justice Nilay V Anjaria was appointed as the next chief justice of the Karnataka High Court.
- Azerbaijan Incumbent president Ilham Aliyev won a fifth consecutive term with over 92% of the vote and re-elected.
- Private sector lender SBM Bank India has appointed Ashish Vijayakar as managing director and chief executive officer.
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) elected Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal as their new President.
- Justice Pratinidhi Srinivasacharya Dinesh Kumar took oath as the Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court.
- Prabowo Subianto to be appointed as 8th President of Indonesia.

- Lebanese Judge Nawaf Salam was elected president of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) by his peers, for a term of three years with effect from 6th February 2024.
- Finland's former Prime Minister Alexander Stubb became the Nordic country's 13th president after defeating former Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto in election.
- Apurva Chandra, 1988-batch IAS officer from Maharashtra cadre, has been appointed as the new Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Kazakh President Qasym-Zhomart Toqaev has appointed Olzhas Bektenov, the former head of his administration and an anti-corruption watchdog, as the Kazakhstan's new prime minister just a day after dismissing the government.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has appointed Mio Oka as its new Country Director for India, succeeding Takeo Konishi who has been promoted as ADB Director General for South Asia at the Manila headquarters.
- IRS officer Narendra Kumar Yadav, Additional Director GST, has been appointed as the new brand ambassador of The Fit India movement, a flagship initiative by the Government of India.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India secretary Jay Shah was appointed as president of the Asian Cricket Council for a third consecutive term on 31 January 2024.
- ☐ Johor Ruler Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar sworn oath of office as the 17th Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia (17th King of Malaysia) for a five-year term.
- JMM legislature party leader Champai Soren on 2 February 2024 took oath as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand at the Raj Bhavan in Ranchi.
- Nangolo Mbumba has been sworn in as the interim president of the southern African country of Namibia, after the death of President Hage Geingob.
- Real Madrid's Vinicius Jr has been appointed as a goodwill ambassador for UNESCO's Education for All initiative.
- Shri Vivek Kumar Gupta, an IRSE 1988 batch officer, has assumed charge as Managing Director of National High Speed Rail Corporation Ltd (NHSRCL).
- Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited Board has appointed Venkatachalam H. as the new Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, subject to regulatory approval from IRDAI.



- Nayib Bukele, the incumbent President of El Salvador, wins re-election for a second consecutive term in elections in the Central American country.
- LIC Mutual Fund Asset Management (LIC AMC) has appointed Ravi Kumar Jha as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.
- REC Limited has been bestowed with the prestigious Best Green Bond Corporate Award at The Asset Triple A Awards for Sustainable Finance 2024.
- Veteran leader, Shri Lal Krishna Advani will be conferred with Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award of the nation.
- Dr Bina Modi, Chairperson of Modi Enterprises, was honoured with the 'Outstanding Business Woman of the Year - 2023' Award by Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister of India.
- Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Ajay Bhatt gave away the best marching contingents and tableaux awards for the Republic Day Parade on January 30, 2024.
- UK photographer Nima Sarikhani has won the Wildlife Photographer of the Year People's Choice Award for the photo of a cute polar bear sleeping peacefully on a small iceberg.
- Former Prime Ministers PV Narasimha Rao and Chaudhary Charan Singh, and eminent agricultural scientist MS Swaminathan will be conferred with the highest civilian award 'Bharat Ratna'.
- Indian paraarcher Sheetal Devi won the Sportstar Aces Award for the Sportstar of the Year (female) and Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra won the Sportstar Aces Award for Sportstar of the Year (Male) at Sportstar ACES Awards 2024 held at the Taj Mahal Hotel in Mumbai.
- Legendary sprinter and Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President PT Usha was conferred with the 'Lifetime Achievement' award by Sports Journalists Federation of India (SJFI) and Delhi Sports Journalists Association (DSJA) at the National Sports Club of India in New Delhi.
- Isha Ambani, Director of Reliance Retail Ventures, received a special award at the Lokmat Maharashtrian of the Year 2024 (LMOTY 2024) for her remarkable contributions in the field of business.
- President Droupadi Murmu has awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal to Havildar Varinder Singh of the Sikh Regiment in the Indian Army for his development of a 'multipurpose octocopter'.



- The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs organised Prize Distribution Function of the 16th National Youth Parliament Competition, 2019-20 for Universities/Colleges at GMC Balayogi Auditorium, Parliament House Complex, New Delhi.
- Renowned Urdu poet Gulzar and Sanskrit scholar Jagadguru Rambhadracharya have been named the recipients of the 58th Jnanpith Award (2023).
- Professor Aditi Sen De has been awarded the prestigious 32nd G. D. Birla Award for Scientific Research for the year 2023.
- Shashi Tharoor, a prolific author and a diplomat-turned-politician, was conferred France's highest civilian honour "Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur" at the French Embassy by French Senate President Gerard Larcher.
- Taylor Swift won album of the year for 4th time at the Grammy Awards for "Midnights".
- HDFC Bank has raised USD 300 million in its maiden sustainable finance bond issue.
- RBL Bank partnered with Innoviti Technologies Pvt Ltd to create an omnichannel payments platform called Omnium for merchants.
- Amazon Pay, the fintech branch of e-commerce giant Amazon India, has been granted a payment aggregator license by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed penalties amounting to almost Rs3 crore on State Bank of India, Canara Bank, and City Union Bank for violation of regulatory norms.
- Federal Bank launch RuPay NCMC wallet Debit cards.
- ESAF Small Finance Bank has officially declared a bancassurance collaboration with Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance.
- ICICI Bank has acquired an additional 1.41% stake in ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company through the open market.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) amended the Master Direction on Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI), to allowed authorised bank and non-bank PPI issuers to issue PPIs for making payments across various public transport systems.
- The Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (CEIB) has launched an "Automated Search Portal" to help public sector banks (PSBs) with antecedent verification of prospective borrowers and non-performing assets (NPAs).



- HDFC Bank has received approval from markets regulator Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to sell 90% stake in HDFC Credila.
- India has contributed 1 million US Dollars to the Poverty and Hunger Alleviation Fund IBSA, established by India, Brazil, and South Africa.
- The Government of Goa has announced a groundbreaking partnership with the World Bank to establish a pioneering Blended Finance Facility (BFF) aimed at bolstering climate resilience.
- Fintech startup Paymart has partnered with 5 Indian banks to offer its innovative virtual, cardless, and hardware-less cash withdrawal service.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$23 million loan to enhance access to quality fintech education, research, and innovation at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) in India.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has notified the National Pension System Trust (Second Amendment) Regulations 2023 and Pension Fund (Amendment) Regulations 2023.
- Mswipe Technologies has received a payment aggregator (PA) license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) and Singapore-headquartered DBS Bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding to spread awareness on investment and fraudulent schemes.
- Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) celebrated its 89th Business Commencement Day in Pune on 8th February, 2024.
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has granted In-principle approval to Policybazaar for upgradation of license from direct insurance broker (Life and General) to composite insurance broker.
- PayNearby, a branchless banking and digital network has launched the 'Digital Naari' platform to generate long-term self-employment for women across Bharat.
- LIC of India has introduced a new plan called "LIC's Amritbaal Plan 874".
- Mirae Asset Mutual Fund launched Mirae Asset Nifty Smallcap 250 Momentum Quality 100 ETF, marking the country's first multi-factor-based ETF (exchange traded fund) on the Nifty Smallcap 250 Index.

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the Proposed Combination involving acquisition of 100% of the equity shares of Tianish Laboratories Private Limited by the Matrix Pharma Private Limited.
- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) commemorated its 88th Foundation Day on 10 February 2024 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) issued draft regulations on Bima Sugam, which is a one-stop online insurance marketplace.
- Federal Bank introduced its newest product, the 'Stellar Savings Account', aiming to transform the banking sector by delivering exceptional benefits and innovative features.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB) signed Terms of Reference for the integration of fast payment systems.
- BOBCARD (formerly known as BOB Financial Solutions), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda, and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched Corporate Credit Card on RuPay Network.
- In a move to support farmers and traders with low-interest rate loans, the Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA) and Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- Fintech startup LeRemitt and Yes Bank have partnered to introduce a cross-border platform that enables micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to conduct international transactions in key currencies, including US dollars and euro.
- Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) has partnered with Google Cloud to finance fast-growing climate technology firms.
- Ahmedabad-based real estate developer Shivalik Group has received regulatory approval from Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for its first fund-Shivalik Investment Fund as a Category II AIF (Alternative Investment Fund).
- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has released the CRISIL's impact assessment of the Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS) study report named "Prabhaav".
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$200 million loan to strengthen flood and riverbank erosion risk management along the 650 kilometers (km) long main stem of the Brahmaputra River in Assam, India.
- India has successfully introduced its Unified Payment Interface (UPI) services in Sri Lanka and Mauritius.

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- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised upwards the ceiling in respect of remuneration of Non-Executive Directors (NEDs), other than the Chair of the Board, to ₹30 lakh per annum from ₹20 lakh.
- Fintech firms Juspay and Decentro and software-as-a-service company Zoho have received the final authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as payment aggregators.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) maintained its benchmark interest rate (repo rate) at 6.5% during its 6th bi-monthly policy announcement for the financial year 2023–24.
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA) has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to set up a wholly owned subsidiary in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) situated in GIFT City in Gujarat.
- The Reserve Bank of India has issued a circular, revising the eligibility norms for the inclusion of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has instructed general insurance companies to ensure that Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (AYUSH).
- India has officially introduced the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) at the Eiffel Tower in Paris, marking a significant step towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of globalizing UPI.
- SBI (State Bank of India) tied up with Flywire for easing payments for Indian students studying abroad.
- In an effort to expand its card business and reach small and medium-sized businesses (SME), HDFC Bank introduced four credit cards- BizFirst, BizGrow, BizPower, and BizBlack.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched a new investment plan- LIC Index Plus Plan.
- With loans to some countries extended through Exim Bank of India being classified as "doubtful debt" in 2023-24, the Ministry of External Affairs has provided Rs9,013.72 crore to the financial institution after it invoked Government of India guarantee on these loans.
- Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar released a book titled "9 Incredible Years of Haryana Government: Emergence of a New and Vibrant Haryana" at Surajkund, Faridabad.



- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik released "Shree Jagannatha, Lord Of The Universe", a coffee-table book brought out by The Hindu Group at the valedictory session of the three-day, first-ever "World Odia Language Conference".
- O Information and Broadcasting Secretary, Sanjay Jaju inaugurated the Publications Division stall at the World Book Fair in New Delhi's Pragati Maidan.
- The book 'Neeraj Chopra: The Man Who Made History' was written by Norris Pritam.
- Ohief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan unveiled a book, 'Artificial Intelligence and National Security' at the Defence Literature Festival, "Kalam and Kavach," in Pune.
- 'Fool Bahadur', the first Magahi novel translated into English by Indian poet-diplomat, editor and translator Abhay K. was launched in Patna at the 4th edition of Grand Trunk Road Initiatives.
- Ogoa Governor Shri P. S. Sreedharan Pillai unveiled his latest literary book, "Basic Structure and Republic," during a ceremony held in Raj Bhavan's Durbar Hall (Old), Panaji, Goa.
- Telangana Deputy Chief Minister and State Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramaraka presented the Vote on Account Budget for the year 2024-25 with an outlay Rs2,75,891 crore in the State Legislative Assembly.
- West Bengal Finance Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya presented a Rs 3.6 lakh crore budget for West Bengal for 2024-25.
- Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary, who is also the Finance Minister, tabled a Rs 2.79 lakh crore budget in the assembly for the financial year 2024-25.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu presented the annual state Budget of Rs58,444 crore for 2024-25 with a focus on the agriculture and rural sectors, and announced an increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for milk.
- Odisha finance minister Bikram Keshari Arukha presented the Annual Budget (Vote-on-Account) for 2024 □ 25 in the State Assembly with an outlay of Rs2,55,000 crore, which is about 11 percent more than 2023-24 budget.
- Assam Finance Minister Ajanta Neog presented a Rs 2.9 lakh crore budget for the 2024-2025 financial year with a deficit of Rs 774.47 crore and proposed no new tax.
- Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant presented a Rs 26,850.56 crore revenue surplus budget for 2024-25 in the Assembly, with no additional taxes being imposed on the citizens of the coastal state.



- Andhra Pradesh finance minister Buggana Rajendranath has presented the Vote-On-Account Budget with an outlay of Rs2.86 lakh crore for 2024-25 in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly.
- Kerala Finance Minister K.N Balagopal presented the State budget for 2024-25, proposing a deficit of ₹273.94 crore, after accounting for ₹1,067 crore in additional resource mobilisation and ₹1,420 crore in additional expenditure.
- Gujarat finance minister Kanubhai Desai presented a ₹3.32 lakh crore state budget with no new taxes imposed on people.
- Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena has given his approval to the annual budget of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for the financial year 2024-25, setting an ambitious outlay of Rs 8,811 crore.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed an interim Budget of ₹1.18 lakh crore for fiscal 2024-25 for the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.
- Uttar Pradesh Finance Minister Suresh Kumar Khanna presented the budget for financial year 2024-25 in the state assembly with an outlay of Rs 7.36 lakh crore, higher from current fiscal's budget of Rs 6.90 lakh crore.
- Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane co-chaired the 12th Joint Military Cooperation Committee (JMCC) meeting with Secretary General, Ministry of Defence, Oman Dr Mohammed Bin Naseer Bin Ali Al Zaabi in Muscat on 31 Jan 2024.
- The 193rd Meeting of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) was held in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Shri Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Labour and Employment, Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Chairman, ESIC.
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) announced the reconstitution of the Expert Committee on the implementation of Ind AS/IFRS.
- The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), under the chairmanship of Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, accorded approval for Acceptance of Necessity (AoNs) for various capital acquisition proposals amounting to Rs 84,560 crore.
- The Indian Air Force conduct Exercise 'Vayu Shakti-24' on 17 February 2024 at the Pokhran Air to Ground Range, near Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- The Indian Coast Guard is jointly conducting 16th edition of the biennial exercise 'Dosti-16' with Sri Lanka and Maldives, from 22-25 February 2024 in the Male, Maldives.



- The 5th edition of Joint Military Exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN' between the Indian Army and the Japan Ground Self Defence Force commenced on 25th February 2024 at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan.
- The 12th edition of the Multilateral Naval Exercise-2024 "MILAN24", hosted by India, commenced on 19th February 2024 in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Nepali Army and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command are co-hosting Exercise Shanti Prayas IV at the Birendra Peace Operations Training Centre (BPOTC) in Panchkhal, Nepal from 20 February to 4 March 2024.
- As part of events planned to celebrate the "48th Raising Day of Indian Coast Guard", a "Day at Sea" was conducted by the Indian Coast Guard Regional Headquarters off Chennai harbour on 25th February 2024.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of up to 8.79% of the equity share capital of Pricol Limited (Pricol/Target) by Minda Corporation Limited (Minda/Acquirer).
- Bandhan Financial Holdings Limited (BFHL) has received the final approval on the acquisition from the Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority (IRDAI) to acquire the 100% paid up share capital of Aegon Life Insurance Company.
- Japan's Mizuho Bank has acquired 15 percent stake in Digital non-banking finance company Credit Saison (CS) India for Rs 1,200 crore.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the following on 30th January 2024.
- Morgan Stanley Research expects India's GDP growth for FY25 to moderate to 6.5 percent from 6.9 percent projected for FY24.
- As per International Monetary Fund's latest World Economic Outlook update, Growth in India is projected to remain strong at 6.5 percent in both 2024 and 2025.
- ☐ India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has increased India's GDP growth forecast for Financial Year FY24 to 6.9% from 6.7% projected in January 2024.
- As per S&P Global ratings, Credit growth in India is expected to moderate to 14 percent in FY25 from the existing 16 percent.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has given INSCO (Independent Sugar Corporation), a Madhvani Group company based in Africa, for green channel approval for the proposed acquisition of Hindustan National Glass (HNGIL).

- State-owned Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has become the first government firm to collaborate with SACE, an Italian export credit agency, to boost the cooperation between the two countries.
- The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has increased its paid-up share in SBI Cards and Payments Services, a non-banking financial company, to over 5.02% from 4.99%.
- Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has recommended 8.25 percent interest rate for fiscal year 2023-24.
- The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has raised India's growth outlook for the fiscal year 2024-25 (FY25) to 6.2%, up from the earlier estimate of 6.1%.
- Olobal ratings agency Fitch estimate, that the fiscal deficit will reach 5.4% of the GDP in FY25, more than the government's target of 5.1% announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the interim budget.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved acquisition of 70% stake by Zurich Insurance Company Ltd (Acquirer) in Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited (Target).
- ◯ HDFC Bank have received the Reserve Bank of India's approval to acquire up to 9.5 percent in six banks- Axis Bank, Suryoday Small Finance Bank, ICICI Bank, Bandhan Bank, YES Bank and IndusInd Bank.
- The Indian economy is anticipated to experience a consistent growth of 6.7 percent annually from 2024 to 2031, as per the latest report by CRISIL.
- Researchers from national and international institutions have discovered a new frog species named as 'Sphaerotheca Varshaabhu' in urban Bengaluru.
- Researchers of the National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR), functioning under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), have discovered two eel species, one each from the coasts of Gulf of Mannar in Ramanathapuram and Kochi in Kerala.
- A team of researchers led by the Department of Zoology at Calicut University and Kerala Forest Research Institute has discovered a new species of kangaroo lizard named 'Agasthyagama Edge' at Kulamavu in Idukki, Kerala.
- Researchers from the Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI), Botanical Survey of India, and the University of Hyderabad have discovered a new fungus species, 'Trichoglossum syamviswanathii', from Kerala.



- A team of researchers have discovered a new species of damselfly named 'Phylloneura rupestris' at the Ponmudi hills in Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala.
- Researchers at Odisha's Berhampur University have discovered a new species of marine amphipod, named 'Parhyale odian', from the state's Chilika Lake, Asia's biggest brackish water lagoon on India's east coast.
- Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh launched a World Bank-assisted Tamang INSPIRES Service Provision Sikkim (Integrated and Innovation for Revising Economics), aimed at providing economic growth opportunities for women and youth.
- Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah launched 'Asha Kirana Eye Care at Your Doorstep' under the aegis of National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment in Haveri, Karnataka.
- Tripura Chief Minister Professor Dr. Manik Saha launched the Chief Minister Jan Arogya Yojana (CM-JAY), a health insurance scheme that aims to provide coverage of Rs5 lakh per year to 4.15 lakh families in the state.
- The Odisha government on January 29 announced the launch of LABHA ('Laghu Bana Jatya Drabya Kraya') Yojana a 100% State-funded minimum support price (MSP) scheme for minor forest produce (MFP).
- The 2024 edition of Safer Internet Day was celebrated on Tuesday, 6 February 2024.
- The International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism (PVE Day) is annually observed on 12th February.
- International Epilepsy Day 2024, observed on 12th February.
- January 30th is observed as Martyr's Day or Shaheed Diwas in memory of Mahatma Gandhi.
- World Wetlands Day is observed on 2nd February every year worldwide to commemorate the signing of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance in 1971.
- Every year, International Day of Human Fraternity is observed on February 4.
- National Science Day is annually observed on February 28 to commemorate the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' by Indian Scientist CV Raman.



- World Thinking Day (WTD) is annually celebrated on February 22.
- World NGO Day, an event to celebrate the contributions made by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) worldwide, annually celebrated on February 27.
- World Protein Day is annually observed on February 27 to draw people's attention and create awareness on the health benefits of protein in our diets and to promote nutritional security worldwide.
- International Mother Language Day is annually observed on 21 February to recognise and promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.
- The Central Excise Day is observed on February 24 every year in India to honour the contributions of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) to the Indian economy.
- The Global Tourism Resilience Day is annually celebrated on February 17 to raise awareness of the need to promote resilient tourism development capable of withstanding both predictable and unexpected challenges.
- World Day of Social Justice is observed on 20 February annually to raise voices against social injustice and remove barriers regarding gender, race, inequality, religious discrimination, etc.
- World Pangolin Day is observed annually on the third Saturday in February and taken place on February 17 in this year 2024.
- World Radio Day is marked annually on 13th February.
- February 13th is celebrated as National Women's Day in India, in honour of Sarojini Naidu, known as 'The Nightingale of India'.
- International Childhood Cancer Day is observed every year on February 15 to raise awareness around the unique challenges of childhood cancers.
- The International Day of Women and Girls in Science is celebrated on February 11 every year.
- World Unani Day is celebrated on 11 February across the world.
- National Productivity Day is celebrated on 12th February every year in India to commemorate the founding of the National Productivity Council (NPC).

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- Every year on 12 February International Darwin Day is observed to commemorate the birthday of Charles Darwin.
- World Pulses Day is annually observed on February 10 with the primary aim of educating the masses about its nutritional value and environmental benefits.
- National Deworming Day (NDD) is annually observed February 10 to make every child in the country worm-free.
- The first-ever United Nations (UN)'s International Day of the Arabian Leopard was observed across the globe on 10th February 2024 to raise awareness about the critically endangered status of the Arabian Leopard.
- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) celebrated its 48th Raising Day on February 1, 2024, in New Delhi, commemorating its remarkable journey from a modest beginning in 1977 to becoming a formidable force in maritime security.
- World Interfaith Harmony Week is observed every year in the first week of February, from February 1 to 7.
- The International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) observed every year on 6th February.
- World Cancer Day is observed on 4 February.
- The Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF) has released the rankings of business schools in 2024.
- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Chairman and Managing Director, Mukesh Ambani, has secured the top position among Indians and second globally in the Brand Guardianship Index 2024.
- Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) is the India's 'most valuable company' with a market capitalisation (mcap) of ₹15.64 trillion, according to a study by Axis Bank's private banking unit Burgunddy Private, and Hurun India.
- Forbes India unveiled its prestigious 30 Under 30 list for 2024.
- According to the 2023 edition of the 12th Annual World Cooperative Monitor (WCM) report, Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) has been ranked again as the No. 1 cooperative among the top 300 cooperatives in the world.

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- The Henley Passport Index for 2024 has been released, with France securing the top spot, while India's passport ranking has slipped one place from last year, moving from 84th to 85th position.
- India ranked 93 out of 180 countries on the corruption perceptions index for 2023, according to a Transparency International report.
- Malta has joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA), becoming the 119th country to be part of this intergovernmental organization.
- The 5th Plenary Session of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) under the Presidency of T. Raja Kumar of Singapore concluded in Paris, France.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on a three-day visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Qatar, marking his seventh visit to the UAE and second to Qatar since assuming office in 2014.
- Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, chaired the 62nd session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD62), held from 5th to 14th February 2024 at the UN headquarters in New York.
- The World's Migratory Species report was released at the opening press conference of the 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS COP14) in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- India contributed USD 32.89 million to the United Nations Regular Budget for 2024, joining the "honour roll" of 36 Member States who have paid their regular budget dues in full to the UN on time.
- The second edition of the World Defense Show was held from 4th February 2024 to 8th February 2024 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- signed 2008 India and Russia have а protocol on amendments to the intergovernmental agreement on cooperation in construction of additional nuclear Nuclear Power Kudankulam Project site in construction and Russia-designed nuclear power plants at new sites in India.
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- Tech giant Google signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Maharashtra to provide artificial intelligence (AI)-led solutions across key sectors in the state.
- NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) has signed a MoU with Government of Maharashtra for development of Green Hydrogen and derivatives (Green Ammonia, Green Methanol) of up to 1 million Ton capacity per annum.
- Kolkata-based PSU Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) and UK's Rolls-Royce have signed a 'frame and individual licence' agreement for production of the MTU IMO Tier II compliant Series 4000 marine engines to power government ships.
- With an objective to develop a robust National Highways network, NHAI has signed a MoU with Geological Survey of India (GSI) to provide services to NHAI for site specific geotechnical consultancy and assist in vetting of Detailed Project Reports (DPR) from geotechnical point of view.
- Karnataka signed a MoU with Wistron (ICT Service Management Solutions) in connection with the latter's plans to set up a laptop manufacturing plant in the State.
- National Rural Livelihood Promotion Society (NRLPS), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) signed an MOU with BRAC International, a Global South-led organisation with a mission to empower people and communities.
- REC Limited has signed agreements worth Rs588 crores with Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) to strengthen infrastructure and energy projects in the Damodar Valley region.
- Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) for setting up a world's first green hydrogen plant in the premises of Cochin Airport.
- India and Colombia signed a MoU on Cooperation in the field of Sharing Successful Digital Solutions Implemented at Population Scale for Digital Transformation.
- Taiwan and India signed a memorandum of understanding to facilitate employment of Indian workers in Taiwan.
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA) and Punjab National Bank (PNB) have signed a MoU aimed at advancing renewable energy initiatives across the nation.
- Department of Fisheries signs a MoU with Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).



- The Bihar Startup Fund Trust (BSFT), the Bihar government and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) have signed an MoU to administer the Rs 50-crore Bihar Startup Scale-up Financing Fund' (BSSFF).
- The Ministry of Ayush and the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) signed a MoU for the nutritional improvement of adolescent girls in the age group of 14-18 years through Ayurveda Interventions in a 12-month period.
- Election Commission of India (ECI) signed a MoU with the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) and the Department of Posts (DoP) to amplify its voter outreach and awareness efforts ahead of the forthcoming General Elections to Lok Sabha 2024.
- International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Technology (iCreate), Microsoft signed an MoU facilitated by the Ministry of Electronics & IT to boost AI startups in India.
- NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) has signed a Land Lease Agreement with Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (APIIC) for the development of an "Integrated Green Hydrogen Hub".
- Akshayakalpa Farms and Foods Pvt Ltd has signed an MoU with UK-based British International Investment plc (BII) and agri-firm Samunnati to provide financing to up to 1,500 smallholder dairy farmers in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.
- Uber has signed a MoU with India's Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) to explore an integration with the network to explore integration with the network to expand the range of mobility offerings on its app.
- The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed loan agreements with the Government of India in Delhi to provide Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA) loans of up to Japanese Yen (JPY) 232.209 billion for 9 projects across various sectors in India.
- The Ministry of Ayush and Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) signed a MoU in New Delhi to bring forth the overview of Ayush Service sector.
- The National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur and Department of Thai Traditional and Alternative Medicine (DTAM) of the Ministry of Public Health of the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand signed a MoU to establish an Academic Collaboration in Ayurveda and Thai Traditional Medicine.
- State-run GAIL India has signed a long term contract for procuring liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) of 0.5 MTPA for a period of ten years beginning 2026.



- The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change in collaboration with Government of Madhya Pradesh, organised a national event at Sirpur Lake, Indore through Indore Municipal Corporation and Environmental Planning & Coordination Organisation, Government of Madhya Pradesh to celebrate World Wetlands Day (WWD) 2024.
- Drone maker Marut Drones has delivered two customised drones to state-owned mining major NMDC for use in mining.
- At the invitation of Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, President of the French Republic Mr Emmanuel Macron paid a State Visit to India as the Chief Guest for the 75th Republic Day of India.
- The Ministry of Education, Government of India releases All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2021-2022.
- Adani Defence & Aerospace unveiled its India's first private sector ammunition-missile manufacturing complex in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, Dharmendra Pradhan launched the 'SWAYAM Plus' platform, that will offer courses developed collaboratively with the industry in Delhi 27th Feb 2024.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was visit Gujarat on 24th and 25th February 2024.
- The Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the scheme for the promotion of coal/lignite gasification projects of government PSUs and private sector with an outlay of Rs8,500 crore towards incentive for coal gasification projects under three categories.
- India has nominated the "Maratha Military Landscape" for the UNESCO World Heritage List of 2024-25.
- Union Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav released the report on the 'Status of Snow leopards in India' during the National Board for Wildlife meeting held in New Delhi.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah launched the Computerization project of Agriculture and Rural Development Banks (ARDBs) and the Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCSs) of all States and Union Territories in New Delhi on January 30, 2024.

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- The government announced diversion of Chenab river water through diversion tunnels at Drabshalla in Kishtwar district to expedite the 850-MW Ratle Hydro Electric Project in Jammu & Kashmir.
- The finance ministry has recognised SNV Aviation Private Limited (Akasa Air) as a 'designated Indian carrier'.
- The 4th edition of the annual Orange Festival was held from 24 January to 25 January 2024 at Local ground Rüsoma village in Kohima district, Nagaland.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was visit Uttar Pradesh on 19th February, 2024.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the continuation of centrally sponsored Scheme FMBAP with total outlay of Rs4,100 crore for a period of 5 years from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the proposal of Ministry of Home Affairs of continuation of implementation of Umbrella Scheme on 'Safety of Women' at a total cost of Rs1179.72 crore during the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has accorded approval for procurement of more than 200 BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles and associated equipment for the Indian Navy at a cost of around Rs19,000 crore.
- Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, inaugurated the Country's first Skill India Centre (SIC) in Sambalpur, Odisha.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has virtually inaugurated two institutes of Ministry of Ayush in Jhajjar and Pune.
- Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) in partnership with the Lokamata Rani Rashmoni Mission (LRRM), West Bengal and WildTeam, Bangladesh, organised a transboundary community engagement learning and sharing workshop from 4th and 8th February 2024, at Joymoni, Bagerhat District, Bangladesh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 9th edition of Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi.
- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and Foreign Minister of Finland, Ms. Elina Valtonen unveiled a logo celebrating 75 years of India-Finland diplomatic ties in New Delhi.
- Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Shri Arjun Munda has launched "Joint National Level Project of Health Screening and Management through Ayurvedic Interventions".

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- The Government has announced an extension of the Interest Equalization Scheme for pre and post-shipment rupee export credit until June 30, 2024, according to a notification by the Reserve Bank of India.
- India's first 'Gati Shakti Research Chair' will be established at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Shillong.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 'Viksit Bharat Viksit Chhattisgarh' programme and laid the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth over Rs34,400 crore.
- 'Maharashtra MSME Defense Expo' was inaugurated by Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis at International Exhibition and Convention Center at Moshi near Pune.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Jammu and Kashmir on 20th February, 2024.
- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated and dedicated to the Nation around 2000 railway infrastructure projects worth more than Rs41,000 crores.
- The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal launched 'Sagar Aankalan' guidelines during the stakeholders meet for implementation of the MoUs signed earlier at the Global Maritime India Summit 2023 (GMIS 2023).
- Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched three impactful books from SBM-G during the National Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM-(G)) held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- The Odisha Cabinet approved 'Swatantra Yuva Udyami (SWAYAM)' yojana, which is meant to provide interest-free loans to unemployed youths in the State.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visit Rewari in Haryana.
- Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to organised a two-day national workshop convened in Ranchi, Jharkhand, from February 15-16, 2024.
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- Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman presided over the 19th Foundation Day celebrations of the Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL) through hybrid mode, in New Delhi.
- The Government of India (GoI) has announced an increase in the authorized capital of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) from Rs10,000 Crore to Rs21,000 Crore.
- Bihar introduced 'Patna Declaration' to strengthen bird conservation initiatives in South Asian region.
- Arunachal Pradesh has become the first state in the North-East India and 10th in the country to achieve 100 percent saturation of Har Ghar Jal under Jal Jeevan Mission.
- President Droupadi Murmu has given her assent to the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2024.
- Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala launched the realigned Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) Scheme and released the Radio Jingle on AHIDF at New Delhi.
- The Government of India has unveiled the prestigious 'National Creators Award' to acknowledge the growing influence of digital creators and influencers and champion India's digital economy.
- The pristine Gupteswar Forest, adjacent to Gupteswar Shiva temple in Odisha's Koraput district has been declared as the fourth Biodiversity-Heritage Site (BHS) of the state.
- The second edition of India Energy Week 2024 in Goa concluded successfully, with an announcement that the next edition of the global energy conclave will be held at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi between February 11-14.
- Union minister for education, skill development & entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan launched the 100-Cube Start-Up initiative of IIT Bhubaneswar's Research and Entrepreneurship Park.
- The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, exempted Income Tax for the Dairy Cooperative Society.
- The "Scheme Guidelines for implementation of Pilot Projects for use of Green Hydrogen in the Transport Sector", have been issued by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) on February 14, 2024, under the National Green Hydrogen Mission.
- The famed Kaji nemu (kaji lemon), which has been declared the state fruit of Assam.



- Indian Navy has declared 2024 as 'Year of Naval Civilians' to improve administration, efficiency and well-being of Naval Civilians by addressing all facets of Civilian HR Management in a time bound manner.
- The guidelines, named "Scheme Guidelines for implementation of Pilot projects for use of Green Hydrogen in the Shipping Sector", have been issued by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) on 1st February, 2024, under the National Green Hydrogen Mission.
- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has introduced a new medal, Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak by merging four existing medals.
- Chennai Metro Rail has become the first metro service to be included in the ONDC Network.
- Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the 4th National Chilika Birds Festival at an event coordinated by the department of tourism, department of forest, and Chilika Development Authority.
- The Tamil Nadu government has declared 80,114.80 hectares of reserve forests in Bargur Hills in Erode district, as the Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Union Minister for the Ports, Shipping & Waterways and AYUSH, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, launched two digital modules within the SagarSetu (NLP-Marine) platform.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Odisha and Assam on 3-4 February, 2024.
- Union Minister of State for Electronics and IT, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, and Jal Shakti, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar launched the "Digital India FutureLABS" at the 'Digital India FutureLABS Summit 2024'.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the continuation of Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) to be implemented under Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF) with an outlay of Rs29,610.25 crore for another three years up to 2025-26.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narender Modi approved extension of scheme of sugar subsidy for Antyodya Anna Yojna (AAY) families distributed through Public Distribution Scheme (PDS) for two more years i.e. 31 March 2026.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for signing and ratification of Bilateral Investment Treaty between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the United Arab Emirates.

- The 7th session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) was held from 29th January 2024 to 2nd February 2024 at Kochi.
- The Telangana government decided to change the state's abbreviation to 'TG' from present 'TS'.
- Ministry of Education launched the Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR) using Common Service Centres (CSCs) in remote villages across the country.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the "Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY)".
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved auctions in eight spectrum bands for mobile phone services at a base price of Rs 96,317.65 crore to improve the quality of telecom services and coverage for consumers.
- The Supreme Court has issued several directions to ensure that environmental bodies function vibrantly, and are assisted by robust infrastructure and human resources.
- On 7th February 2024, the Uttarakhand Assembly passed the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill, becoming the first state in India to pass a law.
- The Telangana State Board for Wildlife has approved a proposal by the Forest Department to declare the corridor area between Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (Maharashtra) and Kawal Tiger Reserve (Telangana) as a conservation reserve.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Goa on 6th February, 2024.
- The headquarters of the Confederation of International Small Tea Holders (CITS) will shift to India from China.
- Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, launched the EdCIL Vidyanjali Scholarship Programme on 6th February 2024 in New Delhi.
- Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched the AIIMS-SBI Smart Payment Card.
- The Ministry of Rural Development unveiled the National Generic Document Registration System (NDGRS) throughout Assam, alongside the launch of the Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) and Blockchain technology in the Darrang district of Assam.



- Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has inks a contract worth Rs 2,282 crore from the Indian Navy.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various developmental projects worth Rs 7,500 crore in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh.
- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) has revised the National Film Awards regulations and made significant changes, including renaming awards, merging categories, and increasing prize money.
- Greening and Restoration of Wasteland with Agroforestry (GROW) report and portal was launched by Prof Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog at NITI Aayog.
- The urban unemployment rate declined to its lowest level in over four years of 6.5% in October-December 2023 (Q3FY24).
- Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) has released the Annual NeSDA Way Forward Report 2023.
- Mir Mohammad Farooq Nazki, veteran broadcaster, poet and Sahitya Akademi winner, passed away in Katra at the age of 83.
- N. Scott Momaday, whose portrayal of a disaffected World War II veteran's journey to spiritual renewal in his novel "House Made of Dawn" won a Pulitzer Prize, the first for a Native American author, died at the age of 89.
- Dr Nitya Anand, who developed India's first oral contraceptive pill 'Saheli', passed away at SGPGIMS Lucknow following a protracted illness at the age of 99.
- Eminent actor and director Sadhu Meher, who had made a mark in both Hindi and Odia cine industries, passed away in Mumbai at the of 84.
- Renowned chef Imitiaz Qureshi, a recipient of the Padma Shri award, passed away at the age of 93.
- Renowned announcer and talk show host Ameen Sayani passed away due to a heart attack at the age of 91 in Mumbai.
- Renowned Indian filmmaker and academic Kumar Sahani passed away at the age of 83 in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- Former Maharashtra CM and ex-Lok Sabha Speaker Manohar Joshi passed away at the age of 86 in Mumbai.
- Eminent jurist and senior Supreme Court advocate Fali S Nariman passed away at the age of 95 in New Delhi.



- FIFA World Cup winner Andreas Brehme, whose late penalty in the 1990 final against Argentina in Italy handed Germany their third world title, has passed away at the age of 63.
- Padmashri Pankaj Udhas, The popular ghazal and playback singer, passed away at the age of 72 in Mumbai.
- Padma Shri awardee Dr Ishwar Chander Verma (I C Verma), an advisor in the institute of medical genetics and genomics, passed away.
- Chile's two-time former president Sebastián Piñera has died in a helicopter crash.
- Prominent British-Indian peer Shreela Flather passed away in the UK at the age of 89.
- Renowned litterateur and Padma Shri awardee Usha Kiran Khan passed away at the age of 78 in Patna, Bihar.
- Former Union minister Harmohan Dhawan died following a prolonged illness at a private hospital in Mohali at the age of 83.
- The Digital Fly-by-Wire Flight Control Computer (DFCC) was integrated in prototype LSP7 and successfully flown.
- After 30 years of service the TU-142M aircraft of Indian Navy was decommissioned and displayed at museum in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Ministry of Defence has inducted indigenously developed 46-meter Modular Bridge into Indian Army.
- NASA has initiated a series of extended flights across Asia with its colossal flying laboratory, the DC-8.
- Assert Al launched 'Pratham', a groundbreaking platform that is patented for its innovative approach to democratizing computer vision and artificial intelligence.
- SpaceX launched the 'Merah Putih 2' communications satellite on a Falcon 9 rocket from Florida's Cape Canaveral Space Force Station.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched the INSAT-3DS mission into space aboard the heavy-lift Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mk-II (GSLV-MkII).
- SpaceX launched 'Odysseus', also known as NOVA-C, as part of the Intuitive Machines 1 Mission (IM-1) from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.



- Skyroot Aerospace has launched the Kalpana Fellowship.
- Japan's space agency Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) successful launched its new flagship rocket on 17 February 2024, the third time, H3 launch vehicle (H3TF2) after two previous failed attempts.
- The State Department has made a determination approving a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of India of MQ-9B Remotely Piloted Aircraft and related equipment for an estimated cost of USD 3.99 billion.
- Dr Neeraj Mittal, Chairman, Digital Communications Commission and Secretary, Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications (MoC), launched the "Bharat 5G Portal- an integrated portal".
- A Green Propulsion System, developed under the Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme of DRDO, has successfully demonstrated in-orbit functionality on a payload launched by PSLV C-58 mission.
- IIT Madras has joined hands with Munitions India (MIL) to develop India's first indigenous 155mm guided smart ammunition.
- US space agency NASA has announced the discovery of a 'super-Earth,' a planet that might support life and is located 137 light-years away.
- The Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) has partnered with ISRO for NISAR Phase II research programme.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted four flight trials of the high-speed expendable aerial target 'ABHYAS' from the integrated test range at Chandipur in Odisha.
- A new satellite data acquisition and processing facility (Oceansat3 and X/L band ground station) and release of a postal stamp on marked the 25 years of Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) at Pragatinagar.
- China launches powerful Jielong-3 rocket, paves way for more commercial missions.
- 25T Bollard Pull (BP) Tug, Mahabali has been delivered to Indian Navy in presence of Rear Admiral Subir Mukherjee, NM, ASY(Kochi).
- INS Sandhayak (Yard 3025) was commissioned into the Indian Navy in the presence of Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh at an impressive ceremony held at the Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam on February 03, 2024.



- The Bihar State Disaster Management Authority (BSDMA) has launched the Novel Initiative Technological Intervention for Safety of Humanlives (NITISH) device.
- The American space agency NASA has launched a new PACE satellite designed to closely study the world's oceans and atmosphere.
- Embraer Defense & Security and Mahindra Defence Systems have announced a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to collaborate on the C-390 Millennium bid for the Indian Air Force's (IAF's) Medium Transport Aircraft (MTA) procurement project.
- PhonePe, a Walmart Inc. owned fintech, has launched a mobile application store 'Indus Appstore' for consumers in India.
- Centre For Development Of Telematics (C-DOT) and Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee (IIT-R), have signed an agreement to develop a groundbreaking 140GHz Fully Integrated Transmitter & Receiver Module for 6G and Beyond.
- Google has introduced a new video generation Al model called 'Lumiere' that uses a new diffusion model called Space-Time-U-Net, or STUNet.
- The Ministry of Education has partnered with Fédération internationale de football association (FIFA) to promote football in schools across India.
- Assam Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the Logo, Anthem, Mascot, Jersey, and Torch of Khelo India University Games 2023, Ashtalakshmi in Guwahati.
- Abhinav Bindra, India's first individual gold medallist at the Olympic Games, has been selected as a torchbearer for the upcoming 2024 Paris Olympic Games.
- India's Leon Luke Mendonca clinched the 2024 Tata Steel Challengers title with a final round win over compatriot Divya Deshmukh at Wijk aan Zee, Netherlands.
- Khelo India Youth Games 2024, the sixth edition of the flagship event under the Indian government's Khelo India initiative, concluded on January 31, 2024.
- The United World Wrestling (UWW) announced that they have lifted the suspension on the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) with immediate effect on 13th February 2024.
- The Indian women's badminton team clinched their maiden gold defeated Thailand (3-2) at the Badminton Asia Team Championships (BATC) 2024.
- In the Bengaluru Open tennis, India's Saketh Myneni and Ramkumar Ramanathan won the doubles title.

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- The 11th edition of the Asian Indoor Athletics Championships in Tehran, Iran concluded on February 19, 2024.
- Olimination Indian cricketer Shubman Gill has been named as Punjab's 'state icon' for the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections.
- Indian shuttlers won 18 medals, including 3 gold, 4 silver and 11 bronze, at the BWF Para Badminton World Championships 2024, which concluded in Pattaya, Thailand.
- India wins 14 medals, including 9 gold, 4 silver and 1 bronze medal at the Archery Asia Cup 2024, held in Baghdad, Iraq.
- The Indian Army team won the Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) 2024 title, winning 21 medals including 10 gold, 5 silver and 6 bronze.
- ☐ India finished as runner-up at the inaugural edition of the FIH Hockey 5s Women's World Cup after a 7-2 loss to the Netherlands in the final in Muscat.
- Magnus Carlsen (NOR) defeated Fabiano Caruana (USA) in the second game of the Finals to win WEISSENHAUS Freestyle Chess G.O.A.T Challenge.
- India and Bangladesh were declared joint champions of the SAFF U19 Women's Championship at the BSSSMK Stadium in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on February 8, 2024.
- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur, handed over the Chess Olympiad Torch to Budapest, Hungary, the host of the 45th edition of the Chess Olympiad.
- Australia beat India in the Under-19 World Cup of the International Cricket Council (ICC) in South Africa.
- The 11th edition of World Government Summit 2024 (WGS2024), was held in Dubai, UAE from 12th to 14th February 2024, with the theme "Shaping Future Governments'.

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