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- The ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has developed a mobile app, 'MARLIN@CMFRI', to encourage citizen science initiatives in marine fisheries research.
- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) have launched BhashaNet portal at the Universal Acceptance Day event.
- The Election Commission of India has launched 'Saksham App' to facilitate easier voting for Persons with Disabilities and to avail facilities at Polling Stations.
- Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), inaugurated Zerodha Broking Limited's NPS web-app, in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan and Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan' (PM-SURAJ) national portal and sanctioned credit support to one lakh entrepreneurs of disadvantaged sections.
- Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas appoints Mohammad Mustafa as prime minister of the Palestinian Authority (PA).
- Prabowo Subianto has been elected as president of the Indonesia.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin has won 5th term as the president of Russia in the 2024 presidential elections.
- Sheetal Devi, a distinguished Para-archer, and Arjuna Awardee, was announced as the National Icon in the PwD category.
- Retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers Gyanesh Kumar and Dr Sukhbir Singh Sandhu appointed as the new election commissioners in the Election Commission of India.
- Shri Rajendra Prasad Goyal, Director (Finance), NHPC Limited has assumed the additional charge of the post of Chairman and Managing Director, NHPC Limited with effect from 1st March 2024.
- Hungary's parliament elected Constitutional Court chief Tamas Sulyok as the country's next president.
- Future Generali India Life Insurance has appointed Alok Rungta as the Managing Director & CEO effective 1st April 2024.
- Gustavo Adrianzen appointed as the new prime minister of Peru.

- Jharkhand Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan took charge as Telangana governor.
- Author and philanthropist Sudha Murty has been nominated to the Rajya Sabha by President Droupadi Murmu.
- Nayab Singh Saini was sworn in as Haryana 11th chief minister replacing Manohar Lal Khattar.
- The 1989-batch IAS officer Brajesh Mehrotra was appointed as new chief secretary of Bihar with effect from 4th March 2024.
- Asif Ali Zardari took oath as Pakistan's 14th President for the 2nd term.
- Indian athlete Devendra Jhajharia was elected as the new president of the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI).
- Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif took oath his second term as Pakistan's prime minister.
- Bank of Maharashtra approved the appointment of Nidhu Saxena as MD & CEO of the bank for a period of three years effective from 27 March 2024.
- The President of India, Droupadi Murmu appointed former Supreme Court judge, justice Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar as the chairperson of Lokpal.
- Ajay Kanwal re-appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jana Small Finance Bank for three years.
- Mundkur Shyamprasad Kamath appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of S Ravindran as the part-time chairman of Tuticorin-based Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB), effective 29 February 2024.
- The Supreme Court (SC) has constituted an expert committee to balance the conservation and protection of the endangered Great Indian Bustard bird population.
- Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad chief Sadanand Vasant Date has been appointed as the Director General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA).
- Kamal Kishore has been appointed as assistant secretary-general and special representative of the secretary-general for disaster risk reduction, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR).

- Indian men's hockey team goalkeeper PR Sreejesh appointed as co-chairs along with Chile's Camila Caram, of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) new Athletes Committee.
- Luís Montenegro, the head of the Democratic Alliance (AD), has been appointed Prime Minister of Portugal.
- Naveen Jindal, chairman of Jindal Steel and Power, took charge as president of Indian Steel Association (ISA).
- The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) has selected Girija Subramanian as chairman and managing director (CMD) of the New India Assurance Company and Bhupesh Sushil Rahul as CMD of United India Insurance Company.
- Reigning Olympic and Asian Games gold medalist in Javelin Throw, Neeraj Chopra was appointed as the newest brand ambassador of Eveready Industries India Ltd (EIL).
- Managing Director and CEO of the Central Bank of India, MV Rao, has been appointed as the Chairman of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) for the 2023–24 term.
- Earth Sciences Minister Kiren Rijiju took additional charge as the Union Minister of Food Processing Industries.
- Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas appoints Mohammad Mustafa as prime minister of the Palestinian Authority (PA).
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has announced the formation of an expert 16-member committee, chaired by Dr. V K Paul, to review the implementation of AB-PMJAY.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank has appointed Jaideep Hansraj, the managing director & CEO of Kotak Securities, as the group president-One Kotak.
- The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) has unanimously elected Ashwani Kumar as its new president.
- Kishor Makwana assumed the charge of Chairman of National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) in New Delhi.
- Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi was sworn in as the new judicial member of Lokpal of India.
- Noted poet and litterateur Prabha Varma will be awarded the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2023 for his verse novel Roudra Sathwikam.

- The Indian Express's Chief of National Bureau (govt) Ritika Chopra and independent journalist Greeshma Kuthar have been jointly awarded the Chameli Devi Jain Award 2024 for Outstanding Woman Media Person of the Year.
- Renowned carnatic musician, T M Krishna, has been chosen as the Sangita Kalanidhi awardee for 2024.
- Ratan Tata, former chairman of Tata Sons, was awarded with the prestigious PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for his outstanding philanthropic contributions.
- The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters has announced to award the Abel Prize for 2024 to Michel Talagrand of the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), Paris, France.
- Indian airline IndiGo is named as the 'Airline of the Year' at the Air Transport Awards 2024 held in Greece's Athens.
- According to a report Brand Finance Insurance 100 2024, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has emerged as the strongest insurance brand globally.
- The General Council of Sangeet Natak Akademi, the National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama, New Delhi, at its meeting held at New Delhi unanimously elected 6 eminent personalities in the field of performing arts as Akademi Fellows (Akademi Ratna).
- Bharti Enterprises founder and chairman, Sunil Bharti Mittal has become 1st Indian citizen to receive an Honorary Knighthood from United Kingdom's King Charles III.
- Japanese architect Riken Yamamoto was awarded the Pritzker Architecture Prize 2024.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented the inaugural '1st National Creators Award' at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- India has been honoured with the prestigious 'Measles and Rubella Champion' Award by The Measles and Rubella Partnership at the American Red Cross Headquarters in Washington D.C, USA.
- President of India, the Supreme Commander of the Indian Armed Forces, Droupadi Murmu, awarded the prestigious President's Standard and Colours to 4 Indian Air Force Units.
- Indian writer Amitav Ghosh was awarded with the 'Erasmus Prize 2024' for his writing on the climate change crisis.

- Pankaj Kumar Chatterjee, the Bengali translator of Stalin's Couch, has won the 7th edition of the Romain Rolland Book Prize.
- Oppenheimer won a leading 7 awards in 96th Academy Awards (Oscars 2024).
- Krystyna Pyszkova from the Czech Republic won the Miss World 2024 title at 71st Miss World pageant, held at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai.
- Author Rakhi Kapoor wins her second Golden Book Award for her 26th book titled 'Breaking Free Embracing Me – healing from childhood abuse and Toxic Conditioning'.
- Bank of Baroda has launched 'bob LITE Savings Account', a Lifetime Zero Balance Savings Bank Account.
- DBS Bank India announced a lending commitment of USD 250 million for start-ups.
- L&T Finance Holdings has signed a financing pact with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) worth \$125 million to support financing in rural and peri-urban areas in India.
- Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) has launched a new loan scheme called 'Vikas Spoorty'.
- Federal Bank and South Indian Bank have stopped issuing co-branded credit cards following regulatory changes in credit card rules.
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has signed of a multi-year MoU with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, for conducting joint research on Blockchain and Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology.
- Ministry of Finance and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$181 million loan to build quality infrastructure and services toward improving urban livability and mobility in the peri-urban areas of Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) has partnered with Nepal-based payment network Fonepay Payment Service, for cross-border UPI transactions between India and Nepal.
- Fairfax India Holdings Corporation has committed to provide up to USD 200 million liquidity support to IIFL Finance after the Reserve Bank of India barred the non-bank lender to disburse gold loans.

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has directed the Association of Mutual Funds to stop inflows into overseas exchange traded funds from 1st April.
- RBL Bank offered GO Savings Account with zero balance feature.
- RBI and the Bank Indonesia signed a MoU in Mumbai for establishing a framework to promote the use of local currencies viz the Indian Rupee (INR) and the Indonesian Rupiah (IDR) for cross-border transactions.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) notified regulations in REITs to create a system of regulation for Small and Medium REITs (SM REITs).
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced a third settlement scheme for entities involved in reversal trades in the stock options segment on BSE in 2014 and 2015.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) expanded its framework for qualified stock brokers (QSBs)!
- The State Bank of India has partnered with Paytm parent organisation One97 Communications to settle Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions upon acquiring the third-party app provider (TPAP) license.
- The total number of complaints received by the Offices of the RBI Ombudsman (ORBIOs) and Centralised Receipt and Processing Centre (CRPC) saw a 68.24% to 7,03,544 during FY23 compared with 4,18,184 complaints during FY22.
- IndusInd Bank launched its contactless payments wearables, 'Indus PayWear,' India's first All-in-One tokenizable wearables for both debit and credit cards exclusively on Mastercard.
- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has secured approval from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for its first anchored project, Avaana Sustainability Fund (ASF), valued at USD 120 million.
- Bank of Baroda has launched the bob Earth Green Team Deposits scheme to raise deposits that will be deployed towards financing eligible environment-friendly projects and sectors.
- Future Generali India Insurance Company (FGII) launched most comprehensive women's health insurance plan 'Health PowHER'.
- RBI has directed card issuers, which include authorised payment system providers, banks and non-banks not to enter into any arrangement or agreement with card networks that restrains them from availing the services of other card networks.

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has partnered with online travel tech platform EaseMyTrip to launch a co-branded travel credit card “PNB EMT Credit Card”.
- World Bank has approved new programme of \$452 million loan to support Assam to improve connectivity for over 1.8 million people living in rural areas.
- REC Limited has partnered with the Unit of Science and Educational Development (UNISED) to support the education of around 75,500 children of Siddharthnagar district, Uttar Pradesh.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) barred JM Financial Products Ltd (JMFPL) from financing against shares and debentures, including sanction and disbursal of loans against initial public offering (IPO) of shares with immediate effect.
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has acquired the co-branding rights for three stations of Delhi Metro.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has notified the Retirement Adviser (RA) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced a Financial Literacy Ideathon for postgraduate students, currently enrolled in recognised educational institutions.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) priced a USD 3.5 billion 5-year global bond, aimed at bolstering its ordinary capital resources and advancing its mission across the Asia-Pacific region.
- Reserve Bank of India has revised regulatory framework for Bharat Bill Payment Systems (BBPS) based on a review of developments in the payments landscape to streamline the bill payments process, enable greater participation, and enhance customer protection.
- Reserve Bank of India has updated the ‘Enabling Framework for Regulatory Sandbox’, increasing the timelines for various stages of the sandbox process and allowing applicants to enter into in-principle partnerships before applying for the sandbox.
- NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL), a subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has signed an MoU with Greece-based Eurobank S.A. to enhance cross-border UPI payments.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank has launched the ‘Smart Choice Gold Loan’ to offers consumers the maximum value and flexibility to meet their credit needs.

- REC Ltd, a leading NBFC under the Ministry of Power, has successfully listed two bonds worth Rs5,375 crore on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given approval to NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd (NBBL) to launch interoperable payment system for internet banking to facilitate quicker settlement of funds for merchants.
- Infibeam Avenues Ltd received the final authorisation for operating as an Online Payment Aggregator by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- Axis Bank has introduced digital US dollar fixed deposit (FD) for NRI customers at the IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City, Gujarat.
- NTPC Ltd has signed a pact with a Japanese agency for sourcing foreign currency loans of USD 200 million (JPY 30 billion or around Rs1,650 crore).
- PayU launched a first-of-its-kind Downpayment EMI solution.
- Star Housing Finance has signed a co-lending arrangement with Tata Capital Housing Finance.
- The Government of India updated the list of banks authorised to import gold and silver during 2024-25.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re) and the New India Assurance Company continue to be identified as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has modified norms for regulated entities (REs) concerning their investments in Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs).
- India has released the second tranche of Rs500 crore to Bhutan for the development of infrastructure related to the GyalSung Project.
- The board of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has given approval to 8 principle-based regulations.
- Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited ("ABHFL") has launched 'ABHFL- Finverse', a unified digital lending platform.
- Federal Bank has launched a RuPay smart key chain called 'Flash Pay' for contactless NCMC (National Common Mobility Card) payments at enabled metro stations and PoS terminals.

- Airtel Payments Bank has collaborated with Noise and Mastercard to launch the Airtel Payments Bank Smart Watch.
- Guyana signed a Line of Credit (LOC) Agreement worth USD 23.27 million with the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) for the acquisition of two Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) manufactured Dornier 228 aircraft.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) approved launch of same day settlement (T+0) for a limited set of 25 scrips with a limited number of brokers along with a slew of measures to bring flexibility for initial public offerings (IPOs), Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), and Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs).
- SBI Card has partnered with Titan Company Limited, to launch Titan SBI Card.
- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed penalties on DCB Bank and Tamilnad Mercantile Bank for non-compliance with certain directions related to 'interest rate on advances'.
- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has launched two new jewel loan products - IOB Gold Powered Card and Jewel Loan Suvidha.
- The Reserve Bank of India has reconstituted the three-member Committee of Advisors of Abhyudaya Cooperative Bank Ltd.
- The Union Minister of Finance, Nirmala Sitharaman was presented with two insightful books by, Sivasubramanian Ramann, Chairman and Managing Director, SIDBI.
- Kerala Animal Husbandry Minister J. Chinchurani released a book titled 'A Compendium on Non-Native Organisms of India' in a function, held at T.K Madhava Memorial (TKMM) College, Nangiarkulangara.
- The Zoological Survey of India published a book entitled, 'An illustrated guide to the Lepidoptera of India: taxonomic procedures, family characters, diversity and distribution'.
- Author Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri, career diplomat and former assistant secretary general of the United Nations, launched her book 'Swallowing the Sun'.
- Former President of Sri Lanka, Gotabaya Rajapaksa has authored a book titled "The Conspiracy to Oust Me from the Presidency".
- Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has released a book titled 'Israel War Diary' written by Vishal Pandey at a function in New Delhi.

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik released a coffee table book titled 'FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023'.
- The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) hosted the 1st 'Blue Talks' meeting in New Delhi, which was co-chaired by the Secretary, MoES Dr M. Ravichandran.
- The comprehensive maritime security exercise 'Sea Defenders-2024' between the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) & United States Coast Guard (USCG) concluded at Port Blair on 9th March 2024.
- As part of 'Aatmanirbharta in Defence' and to further boost Make-in-India initiative, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed five major capital acquisition contracts worth Rs39,125.39 crore on 1st March 2024 in New Delhi.
- Exercise Samudra Laksamana 2024, 3rd edition of India-Malaysia bilateral exercise, was held from 28 February to 2 March 2024 at Visakhapatnam.
- On 23 March 2024, Indian Navy completed 100 days of the ongoing maritime security operations under the aegis of 'Op Sankalp'.
- The 3rd edition of bilateral tri-service humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) exercise named Tiger Triumph-24 between India and the United States commenced on the Eastern Seaboard on 18th March 2024.
- INS Tir, the lead ship of First Training Squadron (1TS), participated in Exercise Cutlass Express - 24 (CE - 24) held at Port Victoria, Seychelles.
- The grand 'Bharat Shakti' exercise on 12th March 2024, showcased the capabilities of indigenously manufactured defence equipment of the three services at the Pokhran firing range in Rajasthan.
- An Indian Army contingent 'GORKHA RIFLES' embarked for Seychelles to participate in the 10th edition of Joint Military Exercise 'LAMITIYE-2024', which will be conducted at Seychelles from 18 to 27 March 2024.
- The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract worth Rs2,890 crore with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for Mid Life Upgrade (MLU) of 25 Dornier Aircraft along with associated equipment for the Indian Navy.
- Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated 'Nausena Bhawan', the newly-constructed headquarters of the Indian Navy, located at Delhi Cantonment.
- Ministry of Defence signed two contracts for a combined value of Rs8073.17 crore with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for acquisition of 34 Advanced Light Helicopters Dhruv Mk III.

- INS Tir and INS Sujata will participate in the forthcoming 2nd edition of India Mozambique Tanzania (IMT) Tri Lateral (TRILAT) Exercise, a joint maritime exercise held from 21-29 March 2024.
- Reliance Consumer Products Limited has partnered with Sri Lanka-based beverage maker Elephant House, to manufacture, market, distribute and sell beverages under the Elephant House brand across India.
- Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) and Jakarta Futures Exchange (JFX) signed a MoU to enhance collaboration in key areas such as knowledge sharing, research, education, training, awareness creation, and other market development initiatives.
- Global rating agency Fitch Ratings raised India's growth forecast for the next financial year (FY25) to 7% from 6.5% estimated earlier.
- Reliance Industries has agreed to buy Paramount Global's entire 13.01% stake in Viacom 18 Media for approximately Rs4,286 crore.
- SBI Mutual Fund acquired a 3% stake or 20.73 lakh shares in Savita Oil Technologies in the block deal.
- HDFC Bank has completed the sale of its stake in education finance arm HDFC Credila for Rs 9,553 crore (\$1.15 billion) to private equity firms BPEA EQT and ChrysCapital.
- B2B SaaS fintech company Perfios has become India's second unicorn of 2024 as it raised \$80 million in a new funding round from Teachers' Venture Growth (TVG).
- Tata Sons sold 2.34 crore shares or 0.65 percent equity in Tata Consultancy Services through a block deal for ₹9,362.3 crore (\$1.13 billion).
- India's growth expected to be between 6.5 to 7 percent in FY25.
- As per Swiss Wealth Management major UBS, India's GDP growth is expected to moderate to 7 percent in 2024-25 from the estimated 7.6 percent.
- Current account deficit (CAD) narrowed sequentially to \$10.5 billion in the quarter ended December 2023 (Q3 FY24), 1.2 percent of gross domestic product (GDP), from \$11.4 billion in Q2 FY24 (1.3 percent of GDP).
- S&P Global raised India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for Financial Year 2024-25 (FY25) by 40 basis points to 6.8 percent.

- Global Brokerage firm Morgan Stanley raised India's GDP growth estimates for FY25 to 6.8 percent from 6.5 percent earlier on the back on continued traction in industrial and capex activity.
- SAIC Motor and JSW Group have partnered to launch a new joint venture, named JSW MG Motor India Pvt Ltd.
- As per State Bank of India (SBI) report 'Ecowrap', GDP growth for the current financial year (FY24) could be within striking distance of 8 percent.
- The Indian economy grow 8.4 percent during the October-December quarter of the current financial year 2023-24 (Q3FY24), according to gross domestic product (GDP) data released by the Statistics Ministry.
- The Centre's fiscal deficit widened in April-February 2024 to ₹15.01 lakh crore, which is about 86.5 percent of Revised Estimate of ₹17.35-lakh crore.
- Jindal Advanced Materials (JAM) has collaborated with Italy's MAE S.p.A. to invest Rs 2,700 crore to set up a carbon fibre plant of 3,500 metric tonnes annual capacity.
- Standard Chartered Bank sold its entire 7.18 percent stake in Central Depository Services (India) Ltd for Rs1,266 crore through an open market transaction.
- India's gross domestic product (GDP) expected to grow at 6.8% in fiscal 2024-25 (FY25).
- The Boards of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL) and Aditya Birla Finance (ABFL) approved the Scheme of Amalgamation (Scheme) of the two companies, to further create a large unified operating NBFC.
- Foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows in India declined 13% to USD 32.03 billion in April-December 2023.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approval to Ring Plus Aqua Limited (RPAL) proposed acquisition of 59.25% shareholding in Maini Precision Products Limited (MPPL).
- Global rating agency Moody's raised India's GDP growth projection for 2024 calendar year to 6.8%, up from the 6.1% earlier.
- NTPC Green Energy Limited has signed a joint venture agreement (JVA) with Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited to develop renewable power parks and projects in Uttar Pradesh.

- Researchers from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have discovered a new species of sea slug named 'Melanochlamys Droupadi' in West Bengal and Odisha and have named it after the country's president.
- Researchers have named a new species of deep-sea isopod called 'Brucethoa isro' discovered off the Kollam coast after the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- A new genus and species named 'Indopria Angulata' of parasitoid wasp has been discovered by a team of researchers at the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Kolkata.
- A new colourful flowering plant species, 'Begonia Narahari', was discovered in Mishmi Hills of Arunachal Pradesh's Lohit district by scientists.
- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai launched 'Krishak Unnati Yojna' to provide input assistance to farmers and released Rs13,320 crore to 24.72 lakh cultivators.
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh launched Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX (ADITI) scheme to promote innovations in critical and strategic defence technologies, during DefConnect 2024 in New Delhi on 4th March 2024.
- Uttar Pradesh's Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launch the "Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan (MYUVA)" scheme in Uttar Pradesh, aimed at nurturing entrepreneurship among the state's youth.
- Telangana Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy launched the Indiramma Housing Scheme.
- In a major boost to women empowerment in Chhattisgarh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Mahatari Vandana Yojana and disbursed the first instalment under The Scheme.
- The Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers is announce the Revamped Pharmaceuticals Technology Upgradation Assistance (RPTUAS) Scheme.
- Easy Trip Planner Ltd signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Rural Development to train members of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)'s Women's Self Help Groups (SHGs) under the Lakhpati Didi Yojana.
- International Day of Action for Rivers is annually observed on 14 March to spread awareness about the importance of rivers and climate change.

- International Women's Day (IWD) is annually celebrated on 8th March.
- India celebrates the 55th anniversary of CISF (Central Industrial Security Force) Raising Day on 10 March 2024.
- International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness is annually observed on 5th March to promote public awareness, particularly among youth, about the importance of disarmament.
- World Wildlife Day (WWD) is celebrated every year on 3 March to raise awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation and the need to protect endangered species.
- National Safety Week 2024 is being celebrated from 4 March to 10 March.
- World Piano Day 2024 has celebrated on 28th March 2024.
- Zero Discrimination Day is annually observed on 1st March to promote inclusion, equality, peace and create awareness among people.
- World Civil Defence Day is annually observed on 1st March to raise awareness about the measures that should be taken to ensure that people are safeguarded.
- The Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) celebrated its 48th Civil Accounts Day on 1st March 2024.
- Rare Disease Day is observed on the last day of February, However, since the year 2024 is a leap year, Rare Disease Day is being observed on February 29.
- World Poetry Day falls on 21 March to honour poets and bring back the practice of poetry readings.
- The World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People is annually celebrated on 20 March to attract the attention of a wider public to the art of theatre for children and young people.
- Global Recycling Day is celebrated every year on 18th March to raise awareness of the importance of recycling and encourage people to take action to reduce waste and protect the environment.
- The United Nations French Language Day is annually observed on 20th March to marks the celebration of the French language and its culture.

- National Vaccination Day is annually celebrated in India on 16 March to acknowledge and appreciate the hard work of frontline health care workers to ensure the vaccination of every child.
- Ordnance Factories Day is annually observed on 18 March.
- The International Day of Happiness is annually observed on 20th March.
- World Oral Health Day is celebrated every year on March 20 to spread awareness around oral health.
- Every year on 21 March, World Down Syndrome Day is observed across the globe.
- Every year, World Sparrow Day is observed on 20 March to create awareness about the significance of sparrows and what we can do to keep their population thriving.
- 'International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination' is annually celebrated on 21 March.
- World Forestry Day is annually observed on 21 March to remind people of the significance of forests and trees in our lives.
- The International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is annually observed on 25 March.
- Earth Hour 2024 was observed on 23rd March.
- World Water Day is annually celebrated on 22 March to spread awareness about the importance of freshwater.
- Every year, World Meteorological Day is observed on 23 March.
- Shaheed Diwas is annually observed on 23 March to commemorate the fateful day when three freedom fighters - Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru, and Sukhdev Thapar – were hanged by the British Government.
- World Tuberculosis (TB) Day is celebrated on March 24 annually to raise awareness around the disease and mobilise support for those affected by TB.
- The International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims is annually observed on 24th March.

- International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members is observed on March 25 every year.
- World Theatre Day is annually celebrated on 27 March to encourage theater's development and to increase public awareness of its importance in our lives.
- International Day to Combat Islamophobia is annually observed across the globe on 15 March.
- World Seagrass Day is annually observed on 1st March to enhancing ecosystem services and functions is important for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- World Hearing Day is observed on March 3 every year to create awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss.
- National Security Day (NSD) or Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas, is annually observed on March 4 in India to honours the Indian security forces.
- World Day of Fight Against Sexual Exploitation is celebrated every year on 4th March to unite the world to take a stand against all forms of sexual exploitation.
- World Obesity Day is annually observed on 4th March with the aim of changing perspectives on obesity, correcting misconceptions, ending stigmas and raising awareness on this medical condition.
- World Puppetry Day is celebrated every year on 21 March.
- World Sleep Day 2024 was observed on Friday, 15 March.
- Every year, World Consumer Rights Day is observed on 15 March to create more awareness about consumer rights.
- The International Day of Women Judges is celebrated on 10 March every year to recognizing the contributions of women judges worldwide.
- World Kidney Day 2024 was observed on 14th March.
- 7th March 2024 marked the observance of 6th Jan Aushadhi Diwas.
- International Day of Mathematics (IDM) is annually celebrated on 14th March to spread awareness about its role in solving real-world problems.

- World Rotaract Day is annually observed across the globe on 13 March.
- Mumbai is now the Asian capital with the most number of billionaires, according to Hurun Research Institute's global rich list.
- The US Chamber of Commerce released the 12th edition of its International IP (intellectual property) Index 2024, India ranked at 42 out of the 55 countries in the index with an overall score of 38.64 percent.
- India's ranked improved to 113 out of 190 countries in the World Bank's Women, Business and Law index, according to the 10th edition of Women, Business, and the Law (WBL) 2024 report released by the World Bank Group.
- Panama has become the 97th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).
- According to a new United Nations report, The world wasted an estimated 19 percent of the food produced globally in 2022, or about 1.05 billion metric tons.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Mauritius, Mr. Pravind Jugnauth, jointly inaugurated the new Airstrip and St. James Jetty along with six community development projects at the Agalega Island in Mauritius on 29 February 2024.
- The Southeast Asian countries Comoros and Timor-Leste formally joined the World Trade Organisation (WTO), becoming the 165th and 166th members of the global trade body.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on a visit to Bhutan from 22-23 March 2024.
- According to data from the United Nation's 4th Global E-waste Monitor (GEM), Global generation of electronic scrap is rising 5 times faster than documented e-scrap recycling.
- The United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted the 1st global resolution on Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- UNESCO's Executive Board has approved the addition of 18 sites to the UNESCO Global Geoparks network.
- As per the India Employment Report 2024 released by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Institute of Human Development (IHD), India's youth account for almost 83% of the unemployed workforce.
- India launched 'Operation Indravati' to evacuate its citizens stranded in war-torn Haiti amid the intense fighting between the armed groups and the government.

- Dr Neeraj Mittal, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, Government of India, led a high-level delegation to Geneva for a series of crucial meetings at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- President of India Droupadi Murmu, was visit on Mauritius from 11th to 13th March 2024.
- The World Bank, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the U.N children's agency UNICEF pledged nearly \$600 million towards eliminating cervical cancer.
- Sweden formally joined NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) as the 32nd member of the transatlantic military alliance.
- India world's largest arms importer, despite ongoing efforts to bolster its defense-industrial base between 2019 and 2023.
- The protocol for establishment of Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) between India and Dominican Republic was signed at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MIREX) of Dominican Republic at Santo Domingo.
- An MoU has been signed between India's National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) and Information Technology Institute (ITI) of Egypt to promote cooperation and collaboration in the IECT domain.
- The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India signed a MoU with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi on Artificial Intelligence.
- The Rural Development Ministry has signed an MoU with IIT-Delhi for leveraging the use of geospatial technology and artificial intelligence to monitor assets under the MGNREGA.
- The Union Cabinet approved the signing of MoU between India and Bhutan on extending co-operation in the field of Energy Efficiency and Energy Conservation Measures.
- The Union Cabinet gave its Ex-post facto approval to the Inter-Governmental Framework Agreement (IGFA) that was signed on 13th February, 2024 during the High Level visit between the Government of Republic of India and the Government of the United Arab Emirates.
- The Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) has signed a tripartite MoU with Prasar Bharati and the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) to extend affordable and accessible digital services across India.
- Ministry of Heavy Industries and IIT Roorkee signed a MoU to work together to encourage innovation and advance the automotive and electric vehicle (EV) sector.

- India and Singapore have signed a MoU, to deepen cooperation on legal and dispute resolution services between the two countries.
- The Karnataka government signed a Letter of Intent with the World Economic Forum (WEF) to set up a Centre for Artificial Intelligence in the state.
- Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India has signed a Non-Financial MoU with the Bharat Financial Inclusion Limited (BFIL) to support the livelihood intervention of DAY-NRLM by syncing their activities in livestock and fisheries development.
- REC Limited has signed a MoU with the Government of Rajasthan, finance power & infrastructure projects in Rajasthan worth Rs20,000 crores annually for next 6 years.
- To transform the Fair Price Shops (FPSs) across India, the Department of Food and Public Distribution has signed two MoUs with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
- REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited (RECPDCL) has signed an MoU with Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited (BHEL) for joint development of utility scale Renewable Energy Projects across the country.
- ETS India and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance India's workforce employability.
- Ministry of Defence has signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding with BEML Limited, Bharat Electronics Limited and Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited for indigenous development of Advanced Fuelling and Control System for Engines for heavy duty applications.
- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) signed an MoU with Qualcomm to establish a strategic partnership that will foster innovation in India and support India based developers and start-ups working on innovative products and use cases.
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has signed a MoU with the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) to promote women led development in rural areas.
- NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) has signed a Joint venture Agreement with Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited (MAHAGENCO) for development of Renewable Energy Parks in the state of Maharashtra.

- Coal India Ltd (CIL) and Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd signed a joint venture agreement for setting up an ammonium nitrate plant in Odisha through surface coal gasification (SCG) technology route.
- Sterlite Power and Singapore's GIC have signed definitive agreements to set up a new platform to develop and operate power transmission projects in India.
- The Ministry of Defence has signed a ₹200 crore contract for anti-drone systems for the Indian Army and Indian Air Force (IAF) with Big Bang Boom Solutions Private Limited (BBBS).
- India and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) signed a Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) committed to promote investments to increase the stock of foreign direct investments by USD 100 billion in India in the next 15 years.
- To provide immediate assistance to accidents victims and strengthen the Incident Management System (IMS) on the National Highways, NHAI has signed a MoU with HLL Lifecare Limited.
- Ministry of Jal Shakti has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore for Establishment of an International Centre of Excellence.
- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has signed an MoU with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) under ISRO to digitalise Urban Frame Survey (UFS) using the Bhuvan Platform.
- The Cabinet Committee on Security headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has put its stamp of approval on Rs15,000 crore indigenous fifth generation Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) fighter jet project for the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- Ashwini Vaishnav, Union Minister of Communications, Railways, and Electronics & Information Technology, launched the 'NITI for States' platform.
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the I-Hub Foundation, an incubation centre, at IIM Sambalpur in Odisha.
- The Union Cabinet approved Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialization Scheme 2024 (UNNATI – 2024) for a period of 10 years from the date of notification along with 8 years for committed liabilities at a total cost of Rs10,037 crore.
- The Union Cabinet has approved a crucial bill to providing reservations to Scheduled Tribes (ST) in the Goa Legislative Assembly.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for various connectivity projects in West Bengal's Kolkata, with a total value of Rs15,400 crore.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated, inaugurated, and laid the foundation stone of various infrastructure projects worth around Rs12,800 crore at Bettiah in Bihar's West Champaran district.
- India's Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) has raised 1 billion rupees (\$12.07 million) by issuing Asia's first certified green municipal bond.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the priority corridor of the Agra Metro Rail Project, which aims to connect the Unesco World Heritage sites including the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, and Sikandra Tomb, for tourists.
- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the state's own Over-The-Top (OTT) platform 'Cspace'.
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- During the year 2023-24, there is an increase of 27% in terms of farmers enrolled under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) so far.
- Government Notified of Rules framed under Section 49M of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 (as amended in 2022).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation multiple development projects of Rs17,000 crore across Madhya Pradesh.
- Union Steel Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia virtually inaugurated India's 1st Green Hydrogen Plant in the Stainless Steel Sector at Jindal Stainless Limited, Hisar, Haryana.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) notified Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) rules, 2024.
- Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Health & Family Welfare launched a credit assistance program for Jan Aushadhi Kendras.
- Bichom, carved out of West and East Kameng, became the 27th district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Maharashtra Cabinet decided to rename 8 Mumbai railway stations.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled development projects worth ₹17,500 crore in Assam on 9th March 2024 during his Assam visit.

- India rejected China's diplomatic protest over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Arunachal Pradesh.
- During the West Bengal visit, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled infrastructure projects worth more than Rs4,500 crore in Siliguri, the largest city in the region, and then address a BJP rally.
- The ministry of women and child development launched a National Curriculum for Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) for children from 3 to 6 years as well as a National Framework for early childhood stimulation for children from birth to 3 years.
- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has amended the green credit Rules to incentivise environmental action and bolster forest restoration efforts.
- Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw released a commemorative postage stamp to celebrate the 100 years of the All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF), one of the largest and oldest trade unions of railway workers.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was visit Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh on 22 February and 23 February 2024 during which he inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth more than Rs61,000 crore in the two states.
- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal launched 'Bharat Startup Ecosystem Registry' and the website and logo of Startup Mahakumbh.
- Union Minister of Women & Child Development and Minority Affairs, Government of India, Smriti Zubin Irani has launched the logo and the website for the Alliance for Global Good – Gender Equity and Equality.
- 12 distinctive products from Arunachal Pradesh received Geographical Indication (GI) tags with the support of NABARD.
- The Education Ministry and the Information and Broadcasting Ministry have jointly launched a nationwide awareness campaign “Mera pehla vote desh ke liye (my first vote for the country)”, to encourage the first-time voters to participate in the 2024 Lok Sabha election.
- According to a report 'Status of Leopards in India' released by the Union Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India's leopard numbers rose by 8% from 12,852 in 2018 to 13,874 in 2022.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off first tanker 'Swarna Sindhu', carrying the first parcel of crude oil from ONGC's Krishna Godavari deepwater project.

- Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the Ministry of Power, celebrated its 22nd Foundation Day on 1st March 2024 under the theme “Energy Transition through Electrification and Decarbonization in India”.
- The 'Project ODISERV', was launched by the Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan at Gangadhar Meher University (GMU) in Sambalpur, Odisha.
- 10 Products from 8 States got Geographical Indication (GI) Tag.
- Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Piyush Goyal launched the 'e-Kisan Upaj Nidhi' (Digital Gateway), online digital platform of the Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA).
- Minister of Communications, Railway, and Electronics & Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the Department of Telecommunications (DoT)'s 'Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP)' and 'Chakshu (चक्षुः)', a pioneering initiative empowering citizens to proactively report suspected fraud communication.
- Minister of State for Communications Devusinh Chauhan participated in the event related to the completion of the second Phase of Dak Karmayogi project and launched 25 new courses under it in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Maharashtra, where he inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several developmental projects.
- The US Consulate, in collaboration with the Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA) have launched the first-ever US-India Cyber Security Initiative to strengthen IT connections between the two countries.
- The cabinet approved PM-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana for installing rooftop solar in one crore households with a total outlay of Rs75,021 crore.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the establishment of International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) with headquarters in India with a one-time budgetary support of Rs150 crore for a period of five years from 2023-24 to 2027-28.
- Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Minister, Narayan Rane launched 3 initiatives to women-oriented Entrepreneurial at the 9th SHAKTI International Women Entrepreneurs Summit in New Delhi.
- Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Shri Pralhad Joshi has launched a groundbreaking initiative, the "Coal Logistics Plan and Policy".

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry in collaboration with the World Bank Group organised a National Workshop on Logistics Efficiency Enhancement in New Delhi.
- India has added a 24 GW of solar PV manufacturing capacity in 2023.
- The Ministry of Rural Development has notified a 3-10 percent increase in the wage rate of MGNREGA workers in nominal terms for the financial year 2024-25.
- Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) inaugurated its Indian subsidiary, AeroSpace Services India (ASI), in New Delhi.
- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has released recommendations on 'Usage of Embedded SIM for Machine-to-Machine (M2M) Communications'.
- The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) signed a Working Arrangement for establishing cooperative relations between the law enforcement authorities of these two organisations.
- The 4th edition of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Startup Forum was organized on 19th March 2024 in New Delhi.
- India's first integrated Oil Palm Processing Unit by 3F Oil Palm started its commercial operations in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation the Marathwada Rail Coach Factory and launched various other railway projects in Maharashtra.
- Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs, launched 'ETHANOL 100, a revolutionary automotive fuel at IndianOil Retail Outlet Irwin Road Service Station, New Delhi.
- The ministry of information & broadcasting (MIB) notified the new Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 2024, to improve the process of film certification and enhance transparency, efficiency and ease of doing business for the film industry.
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has unveiled several initiatives aimed at enhancing the scale and pace of the skill ecosystem.
- India and Brazil hold their first-ever '2+2' defence and foreign ministerial dialogue in New Delhi.

- Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde inaugurated India's first Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) powered bus, which will be operated by Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC).
- The Department of Fisheries successfully inaugurated the integration of the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Fisheries scheme onto the JanSamarth Portal.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated and addressed the youth in the 'India's Techade: Chips for Viksit Bharat' at via video conferencing.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the first-ever nationwide initiative 'Dekho Apna Desh People's Choice 2024' in order to identify the pulse of the nation on tourism.
- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs notified amendments in competition laws allowing the Competition Commission of India (CCI) to impose penalty on the global turnover of a company.
- According to the annual India TB report, India has witnessed a 16% decline in tuberculosis (TB) incidence from 2015 to 2022.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, inaugurated India's first Indoor Athletics Centre and Indoor Aquatic Centre at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.
- The Union government has approved the transfer of Air India building in Mumbai to the Government of Maharashtra at a consideration of Rs1,601 crore.
- Shri Apurva Chandra, Union Health Secretary launched a National Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Snakebite Envenoming (NAP-SE) in India.
- Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has secured other orders valued at Rs1940.35 crore.
- 6 new sites from Madhya Pradesh have found place in the tentative UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites (WHS).
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah virtually inaugurated a unique digital Criminal Case Management System (CCMS), designed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in New Delhi.
- The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) has approved new electric vehicle (EV) policy to promote India as a manufacturing destination for e-vehicles.
- Minister of State for Culture and External Affairs, Meenakshi Lekhi unveiled the revamped website of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and handed over the MoUs for Monuments Adoption under the Adopt a Heritage 2.0.

- Union Minister of Science & Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated the first-of-its-kind "National Speed Breeding Crop Facility" at the premier National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI) in Mohali, Punjab.
- The Government of India has announced its decision to celebrate September 17, the day on which the princely State of Hyderabad merged into the Indian Union in 1948, as 'Hyderabad Liberation Day'.
- On 12th March 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off 10 new Vande Bharat trains during Gujarat visit.
- The central government has approved the 'TG' prefix, replacing 'TS' for vehicle registration number plates in Telangana.
- Union Minister for Civil Aviation and Steel, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated Fly91, a regional airline and flagged off its maiden flight between Manohar International Airport (MOPA), Goa and Agatti Islands, Lakshadweep.
- The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi inaugurated Bharat Tex 2024, one of the largest-ever global textile events, organized in the country at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- Overview of Prime Minister Narendra Modi was visit Jharkhand, West Bengal and Bihar on 1st-2nd March 2024.
- Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Housing & Urban Affairs, inaugurated 201 CNG stations and India's first Small Scale LNG Unit of GAIL (India) Limited.
- Grid Controller of India Limited (GRID-INDIA) conferred with the status of Miniratna Category-I Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE).
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has released guidelines for establishing green hydrogen hubs as part of the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM).
- Rajasthan is the first state in the country to launch State Water Resources Information System Dashboard.
- The Department of Pharmaceuticals has notified a new code UCPMP 2024 which prohibits pharma companies.
- Carved out of Lower Subansiri, Keyi Panyor became the 26th district of Arunachal Pradesh.

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- Canada's 18th Prime Minister Martin Brian Mulroney passed away at the age of 84 in Florida, USA.
- Former Uttar Pradesh Governor and senior Congress leader Aziz Qureshi passed away at the age of 83 in Bhopal.
- Renowned archaeologist Padmashree Dr Arun Kumar Sharma passed away in Chhattisgarh at the age of 91.
- Akira Toriyama, the Japanese manga artist who created the enormously popular and influential Dragon Ball series, passed away.
- Former Navy Chief Admiral (retd) L Ramdas passed away at the age of 90.
- Padma Shri awardee for handloom and Bababuti sarees, Kapil Dev Prasad passed away in Bihar.
- Frans de Waal, Dutch-American primatologist and ethologist, passed away in Stone Mountain, Georgia.
- David Seidler, the Oscar-winning screenwriter of The King's Speech, passed away in New Zealand.
- Writer and former chairman of Karnataka Sahitya Academy Prof Dr Gurulinga Kapse passed away.
- Best-selling psychologist and Nobel Prize-winning economist Daniel Kahneman passed away.
- Samajwadi Party MP from Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal and India's oldest parliamentarian Shafiqur Rahman Barq passed away at the age of 93 in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- Indian Navy launched 'Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile Barge, LSAM 18', 4th Barge of 11 x ACTCM Barge Project, built by MSME Shipyard, M/s Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd, Thane.

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted two flight tests of Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) missile from Integrated Test Range off Odisha's Chandipur.
- Engineering major Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has commissioned its first indigenously manufactured electrolyzer at the green hydrogen plant at A M Naik Heavy Engineering Complex in Hazira, Gujarat.
- Skyroot Aerospace has successfully test-fired the Stage-2 of Vikram-1 space launch vehicle, called Kalam-250.
- The first production series fighter of LCA Tejas Mark-1A, an advanced variant of the LCA Mk-1, completed its maiden flight in Bengaluru.
- Russia launched 'Pars 1', an Iranian imaging satellite, into space, which has the capability of sending high-resolution images of surface locations from its orbit 500 km above Earth.
- Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of MoPSW & AYUSH inaugurated the 60T bollard pull tug named 'Ocean Grace', first-ever Made-in-India ASTDS tug.
- SpaceX and NASA successfully launched their joint Crew-8 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) from the NASA Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted India's first successful flight test of the indigenously developed Agni-V missile.
- The Indian Navy commissioned INS Jatayu, at Minicoy island in the Lakshadweep Islands, its second base in Lakshadweep after INS Dweeprakshak in Kavaratti.
- C-17 transport aircraft of the Indian Air Force airdropped an indigenously developed heavy platform that can carry a maximum load of over 22 tonnes.
- China successfully launched the Yunhai-3 02 satellite from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in Shanxi Province.
- IIT Madras has partnered up with French aerospace and defence firm Starburst Accelerator SARL to set up an innovative hub for start-ups with a funding support of €100 million.
- Pharmaceutical manufacturer Akums launched India's first indigenous hydroxyurea oral solution, which is used for the treatment of sickle cell disease in children.
- The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has given its stamp of approval to the name 'Statio Shiv Shakti' for the landing site of India's Chandrayaan-3 mission.

- The Indian Army has introduced seven new indigenous integrated drone detection and interdiction systems (IDD&IS) along the northern borders with China.
- The Indian Space Research Organization successfully conducted the 2nd landing test of its reusable launch vehicle (RLV), 'Pushpak', from the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) in Challakere near Chitradurga in Karnataka.
- The CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (CSIR-NIIST) has signed a MoU with the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) for collaboration in the area of advanced materials for India's space programmes.
- The Indian Army has launched "Signals Technology Evaluation and Adaptation Group" (STEAG), a first of its kind specialised technology unit, for undertaking research and evaluation of the next generation communication technologies.
- India successfully test-fired its first indigenously-made 1500 Horsepower (HP) engine for Main Battle Tanks at BEML's Engine division in Mysuru complex.
- The UK's Ministry of Defence (MoD) has conducted successful tests of its first-ever laser weapon, named "DragonFire".
- China launched its Queqiao-2 relay satellite to support upcoming lunar far side and south polar missions.
- 'Agray' and 'Akshay', the 5th and 6th ships of 08 x ASW Shallow Water Craft (SWC) Project being built by M/S GRSE for Indian Navy, were launched at M/S GRSE, Kolkata.
- MethaneSAT, a satellite which will track and measure methane emissions at a global scale, was launched aboard a SpaceX Falcon9 rocket from California.
- Royal Challengers Bangalore won the Women's Premier League 2024 title with an 8-wicket victory over Delhi Capitals in the final at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in New Delhi.
- YES Bank partnered with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) as the Official Banking Partner for Team India at the Paris Olympics 2024.
- Veteran table tennis player Sharath Kamal will be India's flag-bearer at the upcoming Paris 2024 Olympics.
- Olympic bronze medalist MC Mary Kom has been named as the chef de mission for the Paris 2024 Olympics.
- India's Sreeja Akula won the women's singles title at the WTT Feeder Beirut II 2024 table tennis tournament at the Al Kawthar Secondary School in Lebanon.

- India's Sathiyar Gnanasekaran beat compatriot Manav Thakkar in the final to win the men's singles title at the WTT Feeder Beirut 2024 table tennis tournament at the Al Kawthar Secondary School in Lebanon.
- Ferrari's Carlos Sainz won the Australian Grand Prix, the third round of the 2024 Formula 1 World Championship, in Melbourne.
- India Men's Cricket team won the Anthony de Mello Trophy 2024 by defeating England in the five-match test series for 4-1 held from 25th January to 9th March 2024.
- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won the French Open 2024 badminton men's doubles title with a win over Chinese Taipei's Lee Jhe-Huei and Yang Po-Hsuan in the final.
- Chandigarh University winning their maiden KIUG title in Khelo India University Games 2024.
- India finishes runner-up after narrow loss to Kosovo in the final match of the Turkish Women's Cup 2024 football tournament at the Gold City Sports Complex in Alanya, Turkey.
- Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix 2024.
- Belgian and Dutch racing driver, Max Verstappen won the season-opening Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix 2024.
- Mumbai wins their 42nd Ranji Trophy title, beating Vidarbha in the final that concluded at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.
- Puneri Paltan defeated Haryana Steelers to win their first ever Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) title at the GMC Balayogi Sports Complex, Gachibowli, Hyderabad.