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EXAMS



Gender pay gap by state and territory

State/Territory	Gender pay gap (%)
South Australia	10.3%
Western Australia	22.0%

Gender pay gap by industry

Industry	Gender pay gap (%)
Public Administration and Safety & Other Services	6.8%



IRENA
International Renewable Energy Agency

WORLD ENERGY TRANSITIONS OUTLOOK
1.5°C Pathway



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Women Officers in Regiment of Artillery

In a historic move, the Indian Army is set to commission its first lot of women officers in the artillery regiments later this month. The Officers' Training Academy (OTA) in Chennai will see these women officers pass out after receiving training to handle howitzers and rocket systems. This development comes after women officers have been serving in the Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Navy for several years.

The women officers who pass out of OTA this month will be commissioned into units like air defence, signals, engineers, aviation, ASC, and ordnance. Several of them are expected to be inducted into the Regiment of Artillery for the first time. However, they will first serve in the units they are assigned to and then undergo artillery-specific courses, which will begin with gunnery training on the 105mm Indian field guns.

Australia's Gender Pay Gap Law

Australia has recently passed a new law aimed at addressing the gender pay gap in the country. The law requires companies with over 100 employees to reveal their gender pay gaps, a move towards transparency that is expected to make businesses accountable for their actions. The new law, which takes effect early next year, will require the Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) to publicly publish details of companies' gender pay gaps.

The new legislation is an important step towards improving the economic security of women in Australia. The country's Sex Discrimination Commissioner Kate Jenkins has stated that the change will play an important role in encouraging business, industry, and government to be more active in their efforts to reduce the gender pay gap.

Finland's NATO Membership

On April 4 this year, Finland officially became a member of the NATO, marking a definitive shift in Europe's post-World War II alignment and isolating Russia further. The move ends over 70 years of military non-alignment for the small Nordic country that shares a 1,340-km border with Russia. During the Cold War era, the policy of neutrality between the USSR and the West was known as "Finlandisation", and this had been one of the options discussed for Ukraine before Russia invaded it. Finland is now the 31st NATO member.

For Finland, joining NATO brings better security, but the country is losing out on significant trade and tourist revenue it was making from Russia and its position as the West's gateway to the East. Russia has criticized Finland's move and said it would fray relations with Moscow, undo its status as a confidence-building presence in the Baltic Sea and Europe, and raise the risk of the Ukraine conflict escalating further.

Food Conclave 2023

On April 28 and 29, the Telangana government will host the Food Conclave-2023. The event is an annual brainstorming session that brings together 100 thought leaders from the agri-food industry. The conclave's objective is to identify the main challenges and opportunities for the growth of the Indian agri-food sector in the present decade.

The event will have five thematic tracks that cover different aspects of the agri-food sector. Agriculture (green), edible oil (yellow), dairy (white), meat and poultry (pink), and aquaculture (blue) will be the main focus areas.

World Energy Transitions: Outlook 2023

The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) released its World Energy Transitions: Outlook 2023 report, highlighting the need for a more aggressive approach to transition towards renewable energy sources. The report outlines the current state of renewable energy generation and provides insights into the challenges that need to be overcome to achieve the goals outlined in the Paris Agreement.

Renewable Energy Generation: The Current State





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Renewable energy has come a long way in recent years, and the report reveals that 40% of installed power generation globally comes from renewable sources. In 2022, renewables accounted for 83% of global power additions, indicating the growing trend towards cleaner energy. However, there is still a lot of work to be done to achieve the target set by the Paris Agreement to limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

The Challenges Facing the Energy Transition

The report identifies two significant events that have compounded the challenges facing the energy transition: the Covid-19 pandemic and the Ukraine crisis. Both of these events have slowed down progress towards achieving renewable energy targets. Additionally, the report highlights that Africa accounted for only 1% of additional renewable energy capacity in 2022, indicating the need for more investment in the region.

The Targets for the Energy Transition

To keep the 1.5°C target alive, the report outlines that over 10,000 GW of renewable energy deployment must be achieved by 2030. Additionally, the report suggests that yearly investments of over \$5 trillion are needed to stay on the 1.5°C pathway. To achieve this, the report highlights that 80% of planned investment by 2030 must go towards transition technologies, and USD 1 trillion of planned annual fossil fuel investment must be redirected towards transition technologies and infrastructure.

Priority Pillars of the Energy Transition

The report outlines three priority pillars of the energy transition: physical infrastructure, policy and regulatory enablers, and a well-skilled workforce. All three pillars are crucial for driving the transition towards renewable energy sources. The report highlights that investing in these pillars will lead to economic growth, job creation, and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

The Emissions Gap in 2050

The report reveals that if current pledges and plans are implemented, there will still be an emissions gap of 16 gigatonnes (Gt) in 2050. This indicates that more action needs to be taken to achieve the targets set by the Paris Agreement.

Reducing Carbon Dioxide Emissions

The report suggests that fully implementing nationally determined contributions (NDCs), long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies (LT-LEDs), and net-zero targets can help reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions by 6% by 2030.

World Health Day

World Health Day is celebrated globally on April 7 every year to raise awareness about physical, mental, and social wellness. It is an initiative of the World Health Organization (WHO) to promote health and well-being for all individuals. The day aims to raise awareness about health issues, encouraging conversations and discussions about ways to maintain good health, and advocating actions on a global scale. This year, it marks the 75th anniversary of the World Health Organization, which was established in 1948.

Themes for World Health Day

Each year, WHO picks a specific theme relevant to the wellness and medical field. The theme for World Health Day 2023 is 'Health For All'.

The theme highlights the public health successes of the WHO that played a role in improving the quality of life of the past seven decades. It also calls on the world to address the present and future health-related challenges.





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Importance of World Health Day

World Health Day is an important day to reflect on your own health and take steps towards improving it. By choosing a different theme each year, it ensures that everyone is aware of the current pressing health issue. The day also helps reduce the stigma associated with illness, leading to more people seeking support and treatment. 9 APRIL-2023

National Medical Council's Guidelines on Professional Responsibilities of Students and Teachers:

The National Medical Council (NMC) is an apex body responsible for regulating medical education and professionals in India. Recently, the NMC issued a set of guidelines for medical students, teachers, and institutions, outlining their professional responsibilities.

The 25-page document explains the code of conduct for teachers and students, covering topics such as the relationship between teachers and students, personal attributes and conduct, and collective responsibility towards the community. The guidelines emphasize that sexual orientation, gender, and socio-economic class should not be the basis for any discrimination.

Himachal Pradesh Sukh Ashraya (Care, Protection and Self Reliance of Children) Bill, 2023

The Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu recently announced the launch of the Sukh-Ashraya Yojana, a scheme that aims to provide better life and education opportunities to orphans and destitute children in the state. This initiative addresses a long-neglected issue of caring for children who are deprived and needy. The state government has initiated the scheme, which has now been given a legal shape during the budget session via the Himachal Pradesh Sukh-Ashraya (Care, Protection and Self-Reliance of Children) Bill, 2023.

New Jumping Spider Species

In early 2022, a research team was located in Meghalaya, a state in Northeast India, for over three months. The team, consisting of scientists and researchers, embarked on a mission to discover new species of spiders. species of jumping spiders in Meghalaya. The species were found in the districts of South Garo Hills and South West Khasi Hills.

Stacking up the Benefits Lessons from India's Digital Journey" Report

India's development of a "world-class digital public infrastructure" has been lauded by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in a working paper titled 'Stacking up the Benefits Lessons from India's Digital Journey.' The paper credits India's building block approach and focus on supporting innovation for the success of its digital public infrastructure (DPI).

India's approach to building its digital public infrastructure involves identifying a minimal common core to solve a set of problems. The building block approach provides basic tools for creating tailored solutions. For a diverse country like India, this approach allows each building block to address multiple problems.

Interoperability and Vibrant Ecosystem

Interoperability between different DPIs and a competition-focused design support a vibrant ecosystem. The interoperability is supported via open standards, enabling everyone to use India Stack's functionality. This fosters innovation and provides the opportunity to tailor solutions to the local context. The design of India Stack encourages competition and removes silos, sidestepping existing bottlenecks and incumbent interests.

CoWIN: A Successful Example

India's principles are implemented in DPIs in education and health industries. On such example is the COVID-19 vaccine distribution platform, CoWIN. India successfully scaled its vaccine delivery and addressed large-scale internal migration with the help of the digital backbone. CoWIN's technology was also used in countries like Indonesia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Jamaica to implement their vaccination programs.





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Importance of Information Technology

India's recognition of the importance of Information Technology (IT) in developing the identity layer is also highlighted. Before the Aadhaar card, India had various identity cards and databases, but none had universal coverage or the ability to handle a billion-plus citizens. The government appointed a successful IT entrepreneur as its founding chairman and enabled UIDAI to hire more relevant talent for the task. India's success in this area highlights the importance of recognizing the role of IT in building digital infrastructure.

Transforming Lives

Luis E Breuer, IMF Senior Resident Representative to India, praised India's digital public infrastructure in a tweet, stating that it is transforming people's lives. The paper concludes that India's journey offers lessons for other nations undergoing digital transformation. The building block approach fosters innovation, allowing each building block to address multiple problems.

UN Statistical Commission

India's recent election to the UN Statistical Commission is a testament to its expertise in the field of statistics, diversity and demography. The UN Statistical Commission is the highest decision-making body for international statistical activities and is responsible for setting statistical standards and the development of concepts and methods.

India's Election to the UN Statistical Commission

India was last a member of the Statistical Commission in 2004. It has been elected again for a four-year term beginning on January 1, 2024. India secured an overwhelming 46 out of 53 votes in the secret ballot in the UN Statistical Commission election. The country that won other seat in the Asia Pacific States category is South Korea.

India has also been elected to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, along with 21 other countries, including Argentina, China, Kenya, Nigeria, and South Africa. Additionally, it has been elected to the Committee for Programme and Coordination, which helps in the coordination and integration of the work of the UN in economic and social fields. India will serve a four-year term beginning on January 1, 2024, along with other elected countries such as Brazil, Germany, Japan, Mexico, and the United States.

India's Expertise in the Field of Statistics

According to the Permanent Mission of India to the UN, India's expertise in the field of statistics, diversity and demography has earned it a seat on the UN Statistical Commission. This expertise is evident in the fact that India has developed its own statistical system, which is comparable to international standards. India has also developed methods to estimate poverty, measures of labor force participation, and consumer expenditure.

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7th India-Japan Defence Policy Dialogue

India and Japan have been working together to strengthen their defense and security cooperation. The latest development in this regard was the 7th India-Japan Defense Policy Dialogue, which was co-chaired by the defense secretaries of both countries on April 6, 2023.

The Aim of the India-Japan Defense Policy Dialogue

The primary aim of the India-Japan Defense Policy Dialogue is to enhance defense and security cooperation between the two countries. This partnership aims to provide a secure and stable environment for the citizens of both countries and to maintain peace and stability in the region.





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Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (Juice) Mission

The Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (JUICE) is a mission by the European Space Agency (ESA) set to launch on April 13, 2023, from the European Spaceport in Kourou, French Guiana.

The primary focus of JUICE's science goals is the Jupiter system, with a particular emphasis on Ganymede as a planetary body and potential habitat. The mission objectives for Ganymede include the characterization of the ocean layers and detection of putative subsurface water reservoirs, topographical, geological, and compositional mapping of the surface, studying the physical properties of the icy crusts, characterizing the internal mass distribution, dynamics, and evolution of the interiors, investigating the exosphere, and studying Ganymede's intrinsic magnetic field and its interactions with the Jovian magnetosphere.

What is Siren sphagnicola?

Siren sphagnicola is a recently discovered species of elongate, eel-like aquatic salamanders that inhabits seepage areas in the eastern Gulf Coastal Plain of the United States.

Siren sphagnicola belongs to the family Sirenidae, which is part of the order Caudata (salamanders). This family comprises two genera, Siren and Pseudobranchius. All living sirens, including Siren sphagnicola, have lidless eyes, external gills with comb-like filaments and laterally compressed tails with fin blades. What makes sirens unique within salamanders is their lack of pelvic girdles and associated hindlimbs.

Indian Space Policy 2023

The Indian government recently approved the Indian Space Policy 2023, with the aim of institutionalizing and facilitating private sector participation in the Indian space sector. The policy's approval by the Cabinet Committee, helmed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is a significant step towards transforming India into a major space power.

Under the new policy, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will focus on research and development of advanced space technologies. The private players' participation in the space sector is crucial to increase India's current share of less than two per cent in the global space economy to 10 per cent in the future.

NSIL's Role in Carrying Out Strategic Activities

New Space India Limited (NSIL) will carry out strategic activities related to the space sector. NSIL will work in a demand-driven mode, according to Union Minister Jitendra Singh. This means that private players will have access to end-to-end space activities, including building rockets, satellites, launch vehicles, data collection, and dissemination.

In-Space as the Interface between ISRO and Private Sector Enterprises

Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (In-Space) serves as a liaison between ISRO and private sector enterprises. In-Space will enable private players to participate in the space sector by offering a simplified regulatory environment for private entities' operations. The policy's approval is expected to pave the way for the Indian space sector's privatization and contribute to the country's economic growth.

The Rise of Private Sector Companies in India's Space Industry

Over 100 active space companies have been operating in India since 2012, according to the Economic Survey of India. Private sector companies like SpaceX, led by Elon Musk, have become a popular choice for space missions around the world. The Indian government's approval of the Indian Space Policy 2023 is expected to encourage more private sector companies to enter the space sector.

Muthuvans and Human-Animal Conflicts

The Muthuvans are a tribe of cultivators who dwell in the hilly regions of Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore and Madurai and Kerala's Adimali and Devikulam forest regions of Idukki district. They have a rich cultural heritage and are known for





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their agricultural practices. However, in recent times, they have been facing severe problems with human-animal conflict, particularly with elephants. In response to this issue, the Kerala High Court appointed a committee of experts to investigate the matter. The Muthuvans are cultivators known to traditionally grow ragi, cardamom, and lemon grass. Their name, Muthuvar, means elders.

International Conference on Defence Finance & Economics

The International Conference on Defence Finance & Economics, organized by the Ministry of Defence (Finance), is held on April 12, 2023. The conference aims to foster dialogue and collaboration among eminent policy makers, academics, and government officials from India and abroad. The focus of the conference is on defence finance and economics in the context of changing security scenarios, with the objective of aligning processes in the Indian context with international standards and disseminating best practices, experiences, and expertise of various countries.

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Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jayanti

Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jayanti is a day observed on 11 April every year to remember the works of Jyotirao Govindrao Phule, a social activist, thinker, writer and anti-caste social reformer born on the same day in 1827 in Maharashtra. Jyotiba Phule, together with his wife, Savitribai Phule, fought for women's education in India and were the first to facilitate schooling for women in the country. Jyotirao Govindrao Phule worked towards eradicating untouchability and the caste system in India, and his contributions to society are remembered and honored on Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jayanti.

RailTel and Electronic Knowledge Network Project

RailTel Corporation of India Limited is a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Railways, with expertise in the fields of Information Technology (IT) and education. Recently, RailTel Corporation of India Limited has been awarded an order worth Rs. 76.10 Crores by the Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation (BSEDC) to provide high capacity, scalable, and reliable network infrastructure for the Electronic Knowledge Network project.

Hay Fever in Japan

Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has recently vowed to tackle hay fever, a pollen allergy that affects a significant portion of the Japanese population. In a recent parliamentary committee, Kishida referred to hay fever as a "social problem" and pledged to work with ministers to devise a response to the issue. In this article, we will explore the prevalence of hay fever in Japan and the measures being taken to address it.

What is Hay Fever?

Hay fever is a pollen allergy that typically causes itchy, watery eyes and sneezing. It is usually caused by the pollen of specific plants or trees, and its symptoms can range from mild to severe. Hay fever is a common ailment in many parts of the world and is estimated to affect up to 30% of the global population.

Prevalence of Hay Fever in Japan

In Japan, hay fever is particularly prevalent, with approximately 40% of the population experiencing symptoms. The main culprits responsible for the outbreak of hay fever in Japan are cedar and cypress trees, which are widely planted throughout the country.





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Draft 'Sagarmala Innovation and Start-up Policy'

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has recently issued the Sagarmala Innovation and Start-up Policy to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship in the maritime sector in India. The policy aims to create a conducive environment for the growth of start-ups and other entities in the maritime sector, leading to sustainable development and employment opportunities.

Significance of the Sagarmala Innovation and Start-up Policy

The Sagarmala Innovation and Start-up Policy is significant for the maritime sector in India as it aims to create a strong innovation ecosystem that will lead to significant development in the sector and create numerous employment opportunities. The policy will promote entrepreneurship, innovation, and technology in the maritime sector, leading to sustainable growth and development.

India's Tiger Census – 2022

India is home to the largest population of tigers in the world, and their protection and conservation is of utmost importance. The country conducts a scientific estimation of its tiger population once every four years, and the latest report was released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently.

The Total Number of Tigers in India

The report revealed that as of 2022, India's tiger population stands at 3,167, which is a significant increase from the 2006 figure of 1,411. This growth indicates that conservation efforts in India are working and that the government's initiatives and measures are helping in preserving the species.

However, the report also shows a decrease in tiger population in the Western Ghats landscape. The Western Ghats have seen a significant decline in the tiger population due to the overlap between "wildlife and humans" caused by developmental activities. This area covers about 1,40,000 square km and is a cause of concern for conservationists.

The report further highlights that the Nilgiri cluster that is Nagarhole to BRT Hills in Karnataka has the largest tiger population in the world. However, the tiger populations in areas outside of the reserves such as Wayanad landscape, BRT Hills, and the tiger areas on Goa-Karnataka border have decreased significantly.

States Reporting a Decline in Tiger Populations

The report has shown a decline in tiger populations in the Indian states of Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. This data highlights the need for increased protection and conservation measures in these areas.

Increase in Tiger Populations in Other Landscapes

The report indicates that several landscapes have shown a substantial increase in tiger population, such as Shivalik and Gangetic floodplain, central India, northeastern hills, Brahmaputra flood plains, and Sundarbans. This growth is promising and a testament to the conservation efforts that have been implemented in these areas.

International Big Cat Alliance

In a bid to protect and conserve seven major big cats of the world – tigers, lions, leopards, snow leopards, pumas, jaguars, and cheetahs, the International Big Cat Alliance was inaugurated in Mysuru. The alliance aims to work towards the protection and conservation of these big cats.

What is Crab Nebula?

NASA's Imaging X-ray Polarimetry Explorer (IXPE) released a breathtaking image of the Crab Nebula, a celestial object that has intrigued astronomers for centuries.





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NASA's IXPE is a spacecraft that is designed to study the polarization of X-rays emitted from celestial objects like the Crab Nebula. The IXPE was launched on December 9, 2021, and it has already captured incredible images of the Crab Nebula, which is located in the Taurus constellation. The Crab Nebula is approximately 6,500 light-years away from Earth.

What is Orion Wargame?

France is hosting the multinational wargame codenamed Orion, which is expected to be held from the third week of April to May 5. This exercise will involve various countries, including India, and will test their combat capabilities in a simulated war scenario.

The backdrop of this wargame is the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, where NATO led by the US is opposing Russian moves against Ukraine. The aim of the exercise is to test the preparedness of the participating countries' air forces and their ability to operate in a multi-national environment.

One liner

- The government approved the Indian Space Policy 2023 that seeks to institutionalise the private sector participation in space sector.
- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology released an amendment to the IT Rules, 2021, to regulate 'online real money games.
- Centre extends ceasefire agreements with three Naga groups for a further period of one year.
- Ministry of Education released a "pre-draft" version of the National Curriculum Framework for School Education.
- Information and Broadcasting Ministry advised media to refrain from transmitting advertisements of online Betting platforms.
- Finance Ministry notified the formation of a committee to review the pension system for government employees.
- Total enrolments under various schemes of NPS, APY crossed 1.35 crore margin during FY 2022-23.
- Reserve Bank of India has decided to start a portal to help in tracing unclaimed deposits.
- Reserve Bank of India expands the scope of UPI by allowing pre-approved credit lines using UPI.
- UAE and Vietnam sign declaration to begin talks on Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.
- France and China sign several economic agreements in sectors such as transport, energy, agriculture, culture and science.
- Prime Minister inaugurated infrastructure projects worth more than Rs 5,200 crore in Tamil Nadu; launches State's second Vande Bharat Express.
- Ayush Ministry to organise scientific convention on World Homeopathy Day in New Delhi.
- Report: Prevalence of obesity, and dyslipidemia among Indians has risen.
- Droupadi Murmu becomes third President to fly a sortie on a Sukhoi fighter jet.
- CSIR scientists find rare-earth elements (REEs) in Anantapur district in Andhra Pradesh.
- Union government is set up to constitute the Sixteenth Finance Commission in November 2023.
- State-owned non-banking finance firm REC raises USD 750 million through green bonds.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will attend the Spring Meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund along with G20.
- US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) filed an appeal against a ruling by a federal judge which blocked abortion bills.
- U.S. launches probe into alleged leak of Ukraine war files
- Ukraine's first Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Emine Dzhaparova to begin 4-day visit to India





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- India's Priyanshu Rajawat reaches finals of Orleans Masters Super 300 badminton tournament in France.
- Chennai to host the second edition of the 'Street Child Cricket World Cup'.
- University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified a new set of regulations for redressal of grievances of students.
- Indian Army and Indian Air Force hold multi-domain exercise on eastern sector.
- India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the World Food Programme (WFP) for sending 10,000 tonnes of wheat to Afghanistan.
- Prime Minister Modi dedicated northeast's first AIIMS to the nation; to dedicate ₹14,300 crore worth of projects on first day of the State's spring festival 'Rongali Bihu'.
- Andhra Pradesh begins Online process for issuance of new accreditation cards to journalists.
- Festivals of Vishu, Rongali Bihu, Naba Barsha, Vaisakhadi, Meshadi, and Puthandu Pirappu being celebrated in different parts of country.
- India's goods exports declined for the second successive month in March, falling 13.9% to USD 38.38 billion, while imports dipped 7.9% to USD 58.11 billion.
- Net Direct tax collection increases by 172.83 percent in the last nine years.
- A powerful cyclone Ilsa hit Western Australia close to Port Hedland as a category five storm.
- India, Japan and France announce common platform for Sri Lanka creditors
- Qatar and Bahrain announce to resume their diplomatic ties after over two years.
- Aman Sehrawat clinches India's first gold medal at Asian Wrestling Championships.
- Indian Women wrestlers bag seven medals to finish third at Asian Wrestling Championship.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah to launch Vibrant Villages Programme in Arunachal Pradesh.
- India has at least 3,167 tigers, according to the estimates from the latest tiger census.
- The Centre is planning a comprehensive livestock insurance scheme modelled on the Prime Minister's Fasal Bima Yojana.
- India's active Covid caseload crosses 35,000-mark, according to the Union Health Ministry data.
- 78% of communicable disease deaths in 2021 due to respiratory ailments: NSO
- Himachal Pradesh launches project Sanjeevani to empower dairy farmers.
- Maharashtra government introduces vacant land tax for assets registration.
- Indian-American C.R. Rao wins Nobel Prize equivalent in statistics at the age of 102.
- Asian Development Bank and Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited entered a pact to augment power distribution in the national capital.
- The Government specifies retail price based GST cess rate for pan masala, tobacco
- Russia destroys 70000-tonne fuel depot near southeastern Ukrainian city of Zaporizhzhia.
- World Homoeopathy Day (WHD) is celebrated on 10 April; The day marks the birth anniversary of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann.
- India's Priyanshu Rajawat defeated Denmark's Magnus Johannesen to claim the men's singles title at the Orleans Masters.
- Tamil Nadu Governor gives assent to Bill against online gambling.
- 3000 villages were identified under 'Vibrant Village Programme' for comprehensive development along International borders.
- Trinamool Congress, CPI and NCP lose national party status; Aam Aadmi Party has been granted a National party status.
- Nationwide mock drill to review the preparedness of COVID management across all government and private hospitals were done.





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- Tamil Nadu House resolution asks Centre to set time limit for Governor for clearing Bills.
- Covid jab Covovax will be available on CoWIN portal soon.
- Electric two-wheeler sales in India rose over twofold to 8,46,976 units in 2022-23 compared with the previous fiscal.
- The government retains the interest rate payable on savings in General Provident Fund (GPF) at 7.1% for the April to June 2023 quarter.
- Reserve Bank of India came out with detailed norms for outsourcing of IT services by banks, NBFCs and regulated financial sector entities.
- US Navy says 'USS Milius' conducts navigational rights and freedoms mission in South China Sea.
- Union External Affairs Minister Jaishankar launches 'Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project' in Uganda
- Israeli Prime Minister reverses his decision to sack Defence Minister Yoav Gallant
- China reports first death from H3N8 bird flu, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Grandmaster D. Gukesh wins at World Chess Armageddon Asia & Oceania
- Vikas secured bronze medal for India in Greco Roman 72kg category at the Asian wrestling championships in Astana.
- Tamil Nadu notifies Prohibition of Online Gambling Act; Hosting online gambling services can result in up to 3 years of jail
- SNEHA, suicide prevention centre, has launched an online chat service for those in distress.
- India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicts normal monsoon; India's four-year run of heavy summer monsoon rainfall is likely to end this year.
- Rajasthan: 2nd Women 20 International Meeting to be held in Jaipur.
- Ministry of Education to organise a Young Authors' Conference during the SCO Summit 2022-23.
- Unified Portal of Central Bureau of Narcotics launched; will be one step solution for all licensing processes of the Bureau.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurates Peerah-Kunfer Tunnel at Ramban in Jammu and Kashmir.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announces framework for acceptance of Green Deposits.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF) has projected that India's economy will grow by 5.9% for the current fiscal year 2023-24.
- US President Joe Biden arrives in Belfast capital of Northern Ireland to commemorate 25th anniversary of Good Friday Agreement.
- Bangladesh's public health pioneer Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury passes away.
- Three-day International Conference on Defence Finance and Economics to begin in New Delhi.
- Iran develops new domestically-build suicide drone which can destroy targets within a range of 450 kilometers.
- Nisha Dahia wins Silver in 68kg category in Asian Wrestling Championships in Kazakhstan.
- Chennai to host Asian Hockey Men's Championship after 15 years.
- India's International Aviation Safety Assessment rating to continue to remain in Category One.
- Women 20 (W20) International Meeting to commence at Jaipur in Rajasthan.
- Tejas, Rafale, Su-30MKI and Jaguars of the Indian Air Force (IAF) will set to participate in second phase of the ongoing bilateral air exercise, Cope India 23, along with US Air Force.
- India ranked fifth in terms of investments received by startups offering artificial intelligence (AI)-based products and services last year.
- FAHD Minister Parshottam Rupala to launch "Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative (APPI)" under National One Health Mission.
- Consumer inflation eases to 5.66% in March; This is higher than the 6.5% average price rise projected by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).





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- IIP Data: Industrial output of the country rises 5.6 percent in February 2023, on a year-on-year basis.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued a draft circular on 'Fair lending practice, penal charges on loan accounts'.
- Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva arrived in China for an official visit aimed at boosting tieS.
- UAE's Rashid Rover, onboard the HAKUTO-R Mission 1 Lunar Lander, is scheduled to land on the Moon on 25th April 2023.
- Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2022 shows that the poverty rate in Bangladesh declined from 24.3 percent in 2016 to 18.7 percent in 2022.
- Japan announces plans to develop advanced long-range missiles amid increasing tensions with China.
- India's Antim Pangal clinches silver at Asian Wrestling Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- Nisha Dahia wins Silver in Asian Wrestling Championships in Kazakhstan.

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