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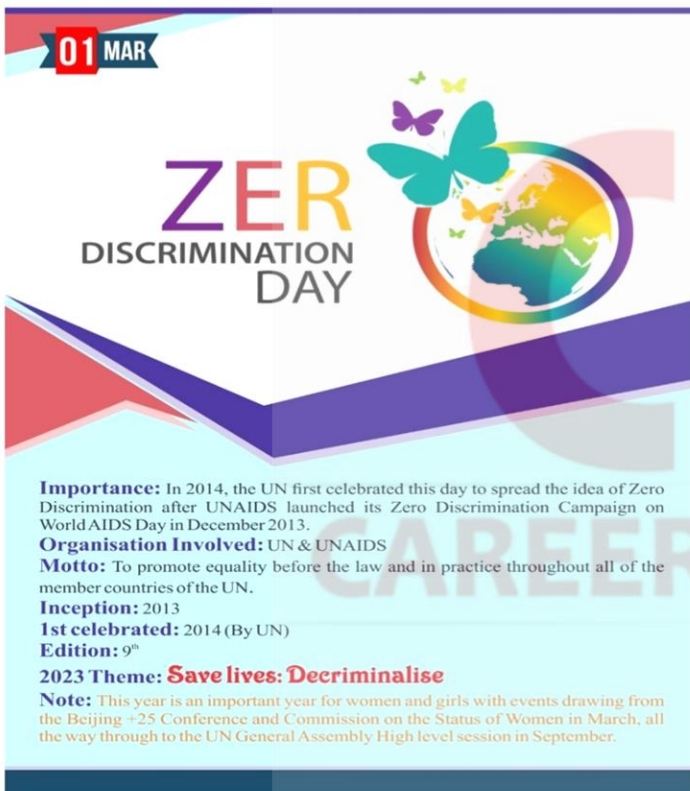
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Important Personalities

- Who has recently taken charge as Director General Quality Assurance? **RS Reen**
- Who has been appointed as the new Secretary General of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry? **Shailesh Pathak**
- Which company has recently roped in Ranveer Singh as its brand ambassador? **Pepsi**



- Who will be the head of the recently formed committee by Supreme Court of India to look into Hindenburg report on Adani Group? **AM Sapre**
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- President of which country? **Nigeria**
- Salhoutuonuo Kruse and Hekani Jakhalu has recently become the first women MLAs from which state of India? **Nagaland**
- Who has been appointed as the Director-General of the Sashastra Seema Bal? **Rashmi Shukla**
- Who has been appointed as new chairperson of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission? **Jishnu Barua**
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- Who has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Godrej industries? **Vishal Sharma**
- Who has been named as principal director general of Press Information Bureau? **Rajesh Malhotra**
- Who has recently assumed the control of flag officer chief in Western Naval Command? **Dinesh K Tripathi**
- Recently, which space agency has appointed Dr Nicola Fox to lead agency's science directorate? **NASA**
- Recently, Bola Tinubu has been elected as the new

- Which state has become India's first state to start insurance scheme for sericulturists? **Uttarakhand**
- Tablesh Pandey and M Jagannath have been appointed as the managing directors of which company? **Life Insurance Company**
- Honeywell International HON has recently appointed whom as its chief executive officer? **Vimal Kapur**
- What is the name of FIFA president, who has recently re-elected for another term? **Gianni Infantino**
- Who has been appointed as US Ambassador to India? **Eric Garcetti**
- Recently US Senate has named whom as Assistant Secretary of US Air Force? **Ravi Chaudhary**
- Who has taken over as the new chairman and managing director of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)? **G Krishnakumar**
- Who will be the new CEO of India-based consumer electronics brand 'boAt'? **Sameer Mehta**
- Who is the third Vice President of Nepal? **Ram Sahay Prasad Yadav**
- Who has been appointed as the new Head of Flipkart Labs? **Ravi Krishnan**
- Recently, Ashwani Kumar has been named as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of which bank? **UCO Bank**
- Who has been recently appointed as chairperson of Bharat Petroleum Corporation? **G Krishnakumar**
- Who has been approved as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Cotton Corporation of India? **Lalit Kumar Gupta**
- Who has been appointed as the CEO of Silicon Valley Bank by the FDIC? **Tim Mayopoulos**
- Which Indian industrialist has been appointed in "Order of Australia" for distinguished service? **Ratan Tata**
- The US Federal Reserve hikes interest rate by 25 basis point to curb inflation despite banking turmoil. In context to same who is the incumbent Chairperson of the US Federal Reserve? **Jerome Powell**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled India's 6G mission & appointed an apex council to oversee it.

This apex council is chaired by whom? **K Rajaraman**

- Name the Indian-origin person, who will become the next CEO of "Grammarly", an American cloud-based typing assistant? **Rahul Roy Chowdhury**
- Who has been given the additional role of COO of the Citi Bank in order to lead risk management overhaul? **Anand Selva**
- Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of Invest India, the investment promotion and facilitation body under the Ministry of Commerce? **Manmeet K Nanda**
- Who has been appointed by French Football Federation as France captain? **Kylian Mbappe**
- Name the former Chief Justice of India who has passed away recently in March 2023? **AM Ahmadi**



Importance: To commemorate the establishment of ICDO Constitution which came into force as an intergovernmental organization in 1972.

Motto: To bring attention of the world public to the vital importance of Civil Protection and pay tribute to the efforts and sacrifices of the national services responsible for the fight against disasters.

ICDO:

- **Formerly:** Association of Geneva zones
- ICDO was created in 1931 in Paris by French Surgeon-General George Saint-Paul.
- The organization was recognized by the French Parliament in June 1935 and in 1972 it achieved status of intergovernmental organization.
- Today 50 countries are the members of ICDO.

Note: 1st March has been chosen to mark the 'CONSTITUENT' status to the organisation

National & International News

- Recently, which ministry has launched the MSME Competitive (LEAN) Scheme to provide a roadmap to global competitiveness for the MSMEs of India? **Ministry of MSME**
- Which state has become first in the country to use robotic scavengers to clean manholes? **Kerala**
- Which state will build the country's first Marina or a boat basin offering dockage? **Karnataka**
- Which state's chief minister has unveiled North East's first compressed biogas plant? **Assam**
- Recently, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated 7 National Highway projects in which state? **Madhya Pradesh**
- Recently, the first B2B Global Conference & Expo on Traditional Medicine has been inaugurated in Guwahati under which international organization? **SCO**
- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the 7th International Dharma Dhamma Conference 2023 in which state? **Madhya Pradesh**

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MARCH



Importance: To mark the day of signature of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in 1973.

Motto: To celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild fauna and flora and recognized the important role of CITES in ensuring that international trade does not threaten the survival of species.

Inception: 2013

Edition: 10th

2023 Theme: Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation

Note: The year 2020, known as a "biodiversity super year", will host several major global events that place biodiversity at the forefront of the global sustainable development agenda.

- In February 2023, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Shivamogga airport. This airport is the ninth domestic airport in which Indian state? **Karnataka**
- Recently, the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush has attended the Siang Uying Festival in which state? **Arunachal Pradesh**
- Which edition of the annual flagship conference on geopolitics and geo-strategy "Raisina Dialogue" has begun in New Delhi? **47th**
- Asia's biggest International Food and Hospitality Fair "AAHAR 2023" has begun in which state/UT? **Delhi**
- Recently, Gold deposits have been found at three different location of which state? **Odisha**
- President Droupadi Murmu has recently launched which campaign with idea of sustainability of drinking water sources? **Catch the Rain 2023**
- What is the name of recently formed 53rd district of Madhya Pradesh? **Maunanj**
- The 23rd Commonwealth Law Conference has been inaugurated in which state? **Goa**
- Which state has recently introduced 4th women policy to give more opportunities to women? **Maharashtra**
- Indian Army has recently erected the tallest "Iconic National Banner" in which area of Jammu & Kashmir? **Doda**
- In March 2023, PM Modi has inaugurated world's longest railway platform in which state? **Karnataka**
- Recently The Centre has approved the additional Central assistance of over _____ rupees under the NDRF to 5 States which were affected by the floods, landslides, and cloudbursts in 2022. **1,816 crore**
- Which state government has decided to withdraw from the Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreement with Kuki insurgent groups? **Manipur**
- Recently, SpaceX has launched how many OneWeb internet satellites, lands rocket? **40**
- A new initiative called "beggar-free city" has been started in which city? **Nagpur**
- Recently, The Government has unveiled how much budget for Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory for the next financial year? **Rs 118500 crore**
- What is the name of the comprehensive self-monitoring framework which has been launched by Atal Innovation Mission to strengthen the ever-growing ecosystem of Atal Tinkering Labs? **ATL Sarthi**
- Which state government has approved 10% horizontal reservation for statehood activists? **Uttarakhand**

- Recently Rajasthan government has announced how many new districts for the state? **19**
- As part of the initiative to become a net zero carbon emitter by 2030, recently which state will now be able to run electric trains for the first time? **Meghalaya**
- Under which scheme, seven mega textile parks will be set up in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra? **PM MITRA**
- Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Global Millets (Shree Anna) conference in which city in 18th March, 2023? **New Delhi**
- Sagar Parikrama Phase IV has recently concluded in which state? **Karnataka**
- Which state has hosted B20 meeting under India's G20 presidency? **Sikkim**
- Which state government has announced 19 new districts and three new divisions in March 2023? **Rajasthan**
- Recently, Central Government has selected how many states to set up new textile parks under the PM MITRA scheme? **Seven**
- International Ayurved conclave on "Veterinary and Ayurveda" has recently inaugurated in which city? **Haridwar**
- The J&K government has received its first FDI to construct the mega shopping mall at Srinagar. This shopping mall is constructed by which company? **Emaar Properties**
- Name the recently declared 18th wildlife sanctuary in Tamil Nadu? **Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Recently inaugurated National Centre of Excellence in Green Port & Shipping (NCoEGPS) has been set-up in which city? **Gurugram**
- Global mass movement "Mission Lifestyle for Environment" has been inaugurated in which state in March 2023? **Assam**
- Which country has agreed with India to cooperate in the oil and gas sector, including long-term crude purchase in February 2023? **Guyana**
- Recently in February 2023, which country has suspended from financial crime watchdog FATF? **Russia**
- Which country will host first I2U2 Vice-Ministerial meeting to discuss investment opportunities? **United Arab Emirates**
- Recently, India has joined Agricultural Innovation Mission for Climate. It was started by which country along with United Arab Emirates? **USA**
- The Deakin University will set up a campus in GIFT city. The Deakin University is situated in which country? **Australia**

- Recently, Indonesia has moved its capital from Jakarta to which city over environmental issues? **Borneo**
- Which country has opened military service to women in March 2023 for first time in 25 years? **Colombia**
- In March 2023, India has agreed on strengthening economic, defence ties with which country? **Australia**
- According to the latest report by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), which country was the world's largest arms importer between 2018 and 2022? **India**
- Recently the European Union (EU) will develop renewable energy projects with which nation in order to full fill its oil & gas needs amid the Ukraine-Russia war? **Algeria**
- India and which country inaugurated an exhibition titled Geoffrey Bawa in New Delhi? **Sri Lanka**
- India's Wholesale price index inflation eases to what percent in February 2023? **3.85%**
- Which country has been hosted SCO International Conference on "Shared Buddhist Heritage"? **India**
- Which country has recently graduated from the group of UN least development countries? **Bhutan**
- National Youth Conclave 2023 (NYC 2023) will be organized under Presidency of which country of G20? **India**
- To commemorate the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and which country "Geoffrey Bawa" exhibition has been inaugurated? **Sri Lanka**
- Which country has recently become a member of the BRICS New Development Bank (NDB)? **Egypt**



Importance: To mark the establishment of National Safety Council in 1966.

Motto: It is observed to highlight the importance of Safety in all spheres of life so as to prevent mishaps and accidents resulting out of neglect or lack of awareness.

Inception: 1972

Edition: 51st

By: National Safety Council 1966

2023 Theme: **Our Aim - Zero Harm**

What is SHE culture?

To take Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) movement to different parts of the country.

Banking & Economy

- Which IT company has collaborates with Microsoft to accelerate industry adoption of cloud? **Infosys**
- According to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation India's gross domestic product growth rate fell for the second straight quarter in the October-December period for how much percent? **4.4%**
- According to Moody's, what is the expected GDP growth rate of India in 2023? **5.5%**
- Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corp Ltd has announced the launch of a co-branded travel credit card with which bank? **HDFC Bank**
- Who has launched the mission "Har Payment Digital"? **Reserve Bank of India**

08 MAR



International
Women's Day

Importance: A proposal by German revolutionary Clara Zetkin at the 1910 International Socialist Women's Conference to honor the day annually in memory of working women.

Motto: To highlight the achievements recognised by women without regard to divisions.

Inception: 1910

1st Celebrated: 1911

Note: The UN began celebrating International Women's Day in the International Women's Year, 1975.

Edition: 48th

Motto: This day aimed to help nations worldwide eliminate discrimination against women. It also focused on helping women gain full and equal participation in global development.

2023 Theme: **DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality**

- Recently RBI granted an 'Infrastructure Finance Company (IFC)' status to IREDA. In context to same what does the term 'R' stands for in the abbreviation "IREDA"? **Renewable**
- IDFC Mutual Fund (MF) has recently rebranded itself as - **Bandhan Mutual Fund**
- How much penalty has been imposed by RBI on IGH Holdings Private Limited, Mumbai for non-compliance with certain provisions? **₹11.25 lakh**
- Name India's top oil company that is going to invest Rs 61,077 crore in building a petrochemical complex at Paradip in Odisha? **Indian Oil Corporation**
- The LIC Mutual Fund's acquisition of IDBI Mutual Fund approved by CCI. In context to same who is the

- regulatory body of Mutual Funds in India? **Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)**
- In February 2023, which state government has inked a deal with two private firms to construct ropeway? **Uttarakhand**
- Which country has pursue an agreement with India to build 6 submarines for 5.2 billion dollar? **Germany**
- Which state government has signed a pact with UN Women to empower women in tourism? **Kerala**
- Japan has inked a MoU with which state government to develop 30 new hotel with an investment of Rs 7200 crore in the state? **Uttar Pradesh**
- India has signed a framework mechanism with which country for mutual recognition of qualifications recently in March 2023? **Australia**
- Recently, Tata Steel Mining has signed a MoU with which company to get clean fuel? **GAIL**
- Recently, the defence ministry has signed a contract for procurement of which type of 6 aircraft from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited? **Dornier-228**
- Recently with whom India has signed a MoC to strengthen cooperation & promote research networking between research institutions from both countries? **Sweden**
- Recently Pakistan has signed a contract to increase their electricity exchange with which country? **Iran**
- Recently, India has signed a loan agreement for construction of Green National Highway Corridors Project in 4 States with which international entity? **World Bank**
- Recently Reserve Bank of India has signed MoU with which country's central bank to promote Innovation? **UAE**
- India Post has signed an MoU with which logistics aggregator to help startups and MSMEs? **Shiprocket**
- Recently which conglomerate has announced to call off the deal regarding acquisition of Ramesh Chauhan's Bisleri International? **Tata Group**
- Which armed force signed MoU with NTPC Renewable Energy Limited for setting up Green Hydrogen based Micro Grid Power Plant Project? **Indian Army**
- Which bank has recently partnered with Autotrac Finance Limited Ltd (AFL) through Yubi to offer 'New Tractor Loans'? **Axis Bank**
- Which company has signed agreement with France-based McPhy for electrolyzer manufacturing? **Larsen & Toubro**



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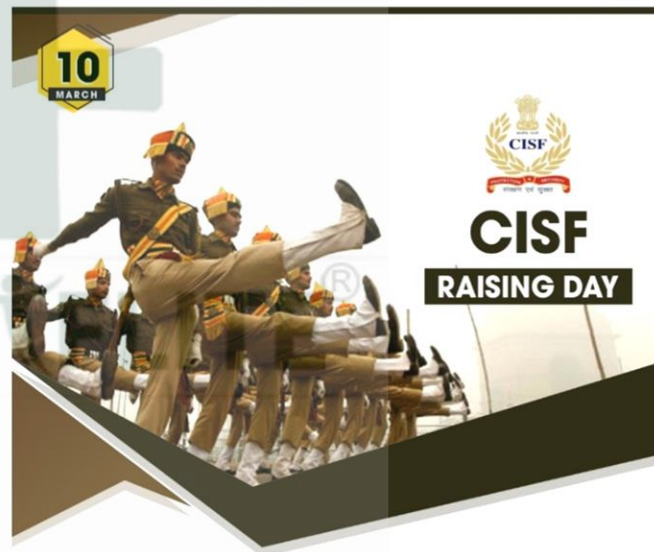


Awards & Recognitions

- Which Indian movie has bagged the "Best International Film" award at the Hollywood Critics Association Film Awards? **RRR**
- Who has been awarded by the 2023 Marconi Prize? **Hari Balakrishnan**
- Who has recently won "Best FIFA player of 2022" award? **Lionel Messi**
- A life-size statue of which former cricketer has been planned to install in Wankhede stadium? **Sachin Tendulkar**
- Groupe Speciale Mobile Association (GSMA) has conferred Government Leadership Award 2023 to which country? **India**
- Sashidhar Jagdishan, has been chosen as the Business Standard Banker of the Year 2022, is the MD and CEO of which bank? **HDFC Bank**
- The Asian Chess Federation conferred whom with Player of the Year award in February 2023? **D Gukesh**
- Which ministry has received the Porter Prize 2023? **Health Ministry**
- Name the Indian writer who has won 2023 PEN/Nabokov Lifetime Achievement Award? **Vinod Kumar Shukla**
- Who has won the Lifetime Achievement Award at 8th National Photography Awards? **Sipra Das**
- Which Indian song has named the 95th Academy Awards' Best Original Song? **Naatu Naatu**
- Which country has won Golden & Silver Star at "Golden City Gate Tourism Awards" in "TV/Cinema

Commercials International and Country International" category? **India**

- Which documentary has won the 95th Academy Awards' Best Documentary Short award? **The Elephant Whisperers**
- What is the name of Indian Navy's gunnery school which has been presented with the President's Colour? **INS Dronacharya**
- Name the Indian-American actress who has received the prestigious 2021 National Humanities Medal from US President, Joe Biden? **Mindy Kaling**



The CISF provides security cover to 300 industrial units, government infrastructure projects and facilities and establishments located all over India.

Importance: To mark the establishment of CISF on 10 March 1969

Governing Body: Union Ministry of Home Affairs

Parent agency: Central Armed Police Forces

Edition: 54th

Note: CISF was subsequently made an armed force of the Republic of India by another Act of Parliament passed on 15 June 1983.

Annual budget: ₹ 13,214.68 crore (2023–24)

Sports

- Which women cricket team has clinched 6th Women's T20 World Cup title? **Australia**
- Recently, Daniil Medvedev has won the Qatar Open title by defeating whom? **Andy Murray**
- Which team has won the Carabao Cup title 2023? **Manchester United**
- Name the India's Triple-Jumper, who has recently banned by NADA for Four Years? **Aishwarya Babu**
- Which state has won the Santosh Trophy national football championship? **Karnataka**
- Who has won season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix 2023? **Max Verstappen**
- Who has won the BBC Indian Sportswoman of The Year for 2022? **Mirabai Chanu**
- Who has won the ICC Men's Player of the Month title

for February 2023? **Harry Brook**

- Tim Paine, who recently announced his retirement, is a former captain of which national cricket team? **Australia**
- What is the name of Indian swimmer who has recently set a record as fastest Indian to swim across Palk Strait? **Sampanna Ramesh**
- Cricketer Tim Paine, who has announced his retirement, used to play for which country? **Australia**
- Who has become the oldest tennis player to win ATP Masters 1000 title at an age of 43? **Rohan Bopanna**
- Recently which Indian shooter clinched gold medal in men's 10m Air Pistol event at ISSF Rifle & Pistol World Cup in Bhopal, M.P.? **Sarabjot Singh**

2ND THURSDAY
OF MARCH



World
Kidney
Day

Motto: To raise awareness of the importance of our kidneys to our overall health and to reduce the frequency and impact of kidney disease and its associated health problems worldwide.

Inception: 2006

Edition: 18th

2023 Theme: Kidney Health for All - Preparing for the unexpected, supporting the vulnerable!

Note: World Kidney Day is a joint initiative of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF).

Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme:

Rollled out in 2016.

Motto: To provide important life-saving procedure close to the community and also for reducing impoverishment on account of out of pocket expenditure for patients.

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MARCH



Importance: This day is a celebration for those who can see the value and importance of the art form "theatre"

Motto: To generate awareness about the importance of theatre arts, how they played an important role in the field of entertainment and the changes that theatre brings in the life

By: International Theatre Institute (ITI)

Inception: 1961

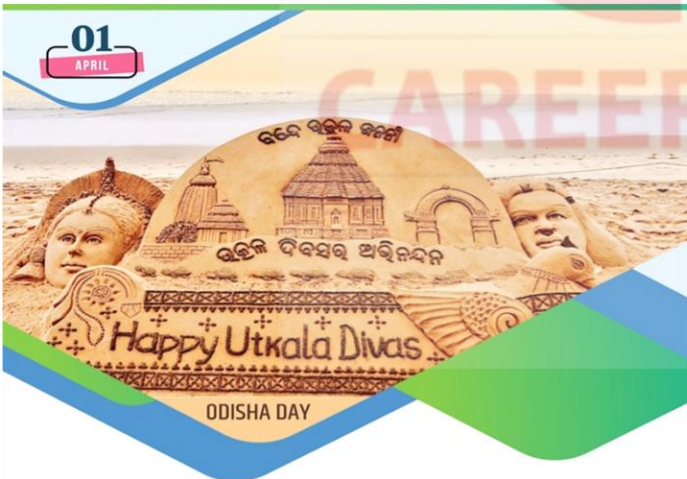
1st Celebrated: 1962 ("Theatre of Nations" season in Paris)

Edition: 62nd

Fact Behind: The first World Theatre Day Message was written by Jean Cocteau in 1962

Science & Technology

- Which company has got approval from Union Cabinet for the procurement of 70 HTT-40 basic trainer aircraft? **HAL**
- Which country has inaugurated a project to store carbon dioxide 1800 metres beneath the North Sea? **Denmark**
- According to a report by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, campaign "Atmanirbhar Bharat" will attain Energy Independence by which year? **2047**
- What is the name of the Mobile App launched by Income Tax Department for taxpayers? **Annual Information Statement (AIS)**
- Indian Space Research Organization ISRO will launch ____ mission on March 26 from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota. **OneWeb India-2**
- Asia's largest four meter international liquid mirror telescope located at Devasthal Observatory in Uttarakhand at an altitude of ___. **2450 metres**
- What is the name of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASWSWC), the second in the series of eight indigenous ships launched by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)? **INS Androth**
- Name the mobile application launched by Income Tax Department to view taxpayer's tax-related information in the Annual Information Statement. **AIS for Taxpayer**
- Which tech giant has introduced "Bing Image Creator" powered by OpenAI's DALL-E? **Microsoft**

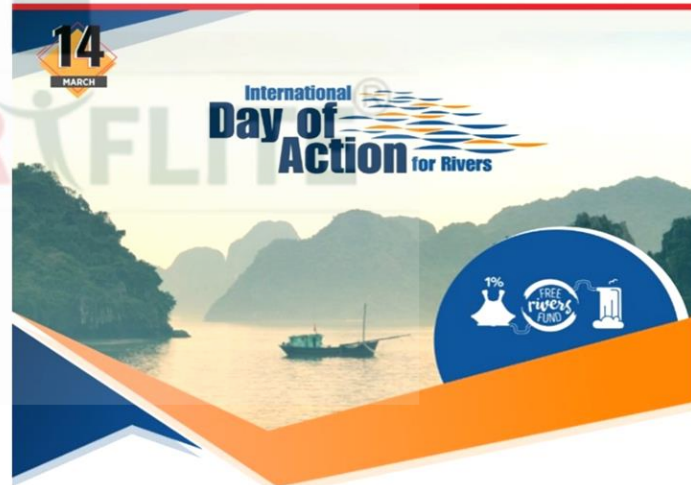


Importance: To embark the formation of the state(Odisha) as a separate state out of Bihar and Odisha province on 1 April 1936

Edition:86th

Quick Facts:

- After losing its political identity completely in 1568 following the defeat and demise of the last king Mukunda Dev, efforts resulted in the formation of a politically separate state under British rule on a linguistic basis on 1 April 1936
- Odisha is the third state in India in terms of tribal population.
- Odisha Day is also called Orissa Foundation Day and Vishuva Milan.
- Cuttack was the capital of the state since 1135 till 1948, after which Bhubaneswar took the mantle.



Importance: The International Day of Action for Rivers is a day to celebrate victories such as dam removal and river restoration.

Motto: To educate one another about the threats facing our rivers, and learn about better water and energy solutions.

Edition: 26th

2023 Theme: Rights of Rivers

Background: The International Day of Action Against Dams and For Rivers, Water and Life was adopted by the participants of the first International Meeting of People Affected by Dams, March 1997 in Curitiba Brazil

Miscellaneous

- According to HedgewithCrypto research, what is the rank of India in context to ready to adopt crypto in 2023? **7th biggest**
- Barisu Kannada Dim Dimava cultural festival, which has recently inaugurated in Delhi, is celebrated in which state? **Karnataka**
- Whose 56th death anniversary has recently been observed on 26th of February 2023? **Veer Savarkar**
- World NGO Day 2023 is observed every year on which day of February? **27th February**
- Which country has ranked first in the International IP Index 2023? **USA**

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Importance: This day was inspired by U.S. President John F Kennedy, who sent a special message to the US Congress on 15th March 1962, to address the issue of consumer rights.

Motto: To raise global awareness about consumer rights and needs.

2023 Theme: Clean Energy Transitions

Fact: Ralph Nader is considered the father of the modern day consumer movement, who stated as "The right to be fully informed about the performance and quality of all goods and services, The right to free choice of goods and services."

- Which armed force will participate in the multilateral air exercise "Exercise Cobra Warrior" in the United Kingdom from March 6 to 24, 2023? **Indian Air Force**
- National Science Day 2023 has recently celebrated on which day of February with the theme of "Global Science for Global Wellness"? **28 February**

- Recently, the Archaeological Survey of India has discovered a 1300-year-old stupa in which state? **Odisha**
- According to a Bloomberg Billionaires Index report, who has become the richest person in the world as in February 2023? **Elon Musk**
- The Civil Accounts Day was celebrated on first March to mark the 47th foundation day of which Civil Service of India? **Indian Civil Accounts Service**
- In February 2023, Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela has organized by which institute in New Delhi? **Indian Agricultural Research Institute**
- Which Indian telecom company has become the second-strongest telecom brand in world? **Reliance Jio**
- World Wildlife Day 2023 has been celebrated on which day of March with the "Partnerships for wildlife conservation" theme? **03 March**
- In February 2023, India's Unemployment rate has been rose to what percent? **7.45%**
- The International Yoga Festival 2023 is held in which city from 1st March to 7th March 2023? **Rishikesh**
- Which Indian city has ranked at 37th place globally in Price Growth in Luxury Housing? **Mumbai**
- Indian Air Force has participated in exercise Shinyuu Maitri with which country's Air Defense Force? **Japan**
- National Safety Day 2023 has been observed on which day of March with "Our Aim – Zero Harm" theme? **04th March**
- What is the length of the world's first bamboo crash barrier installed on a highway in Maharashtra? **200-metre**
- What is the rank of India in Electoral Democracy Index 2023? **108th**
- The 5th Jan Aushadhi Diwas has been celebrated on which day of March 2023? **7th March**
- Which Indian force has conducted "Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise for 2023"? **Indian Navy**
- Which armed force has recently observed its 54th raising day on March 10? **CISF**
- Attukal Pongala is a festival of which state that has recently celebrated with pomp in state? **Kerala**
- The International Day of Women Judges is celebrated every year on which day of March? **10 March**
- Recently, Yaoshang festival has begun in which state? **Manipur**



- Recently launched book "Mundaka Upanishad: The Gateway to Eternity" has been written by whom? **Dr Karan Singh**
- World Kidney Day 2023 has recently been observed on which day of March? **9th March**
- The recently launched book "As Good as My Word" has been authored by whom? **KM Chandrasekhar**
- Where is the Indo-France joint military exercise Fringex-23 being held? **Thiruvananthapuram**
- Which country runs the third edition of the multilateral exercise La Perouse among India, US, Japan, France, UK and Australia? **France**
- Who has assumed additional charge as NMDC CMD? **Amitava Mukherjee**
- World Consumer rights Day 2023 has been observed on which day of March globally? **15th March**
- A bilateral armour training exercise "Operation Bold Kurukshetra" has recently concluded in which state between India and Singapore? **Rajasthan**
- International Day of Mathematics or Pi Day has recently observed globally on which day of March? **14 March**
- India's retail inflation has dropped to what percent in February 2023? **6.44%**
- According to SIPRI report 2023, which country has emerged as world's largest arms importer? **India**
- Which edition of Exercise Sea Dragon 23 has recently begun in Guam, USA between India and USA? **Third**
- National Vaccination Day or "Polio Ravivar" has recently observed on which day of March? **16 March**
- What is the theme of International Day of Action for Rivers 2023? **Rights of Rivers**
- What is the rank of India in Global Terrorism Index 2023? **13th**
- International Day of Happiness 2023 has been

- observed on which day of March? **March 20**
- What is the name of the Africa-India field training exercise that began at the Foreign Training Node? **AFINDEX 2023**
- When is World Water Day celebrated every year? **22 March**
- International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims is celebrated in honor of whom? **Óscar Romero**
- World Tuberculosis Day 2023 is observed every year on which day of March? **24 March**
- Recently, India celebrated which festival of the spring season mark the beginning of the traditional new year in India? **Chaitra Sukladi**
- Which Indian Institute of Technology has been ranked among the top 50 engineering institutions in the QS World University Rankings 2023? **IIT Delhi**



Importance: To mark the establishment of India's oldest Ordnance Factory at Cossipore of Kolkata on 18th March 1802.

Note: Ordnance Factories Board is engaged in research, development, production, testing, marketing and logistics of a comprehensive product range in the areas of air, land and sea systems.

Ordnance factories are divided into five operating divisions, depending upon the type of the main products/technologies employed. These are:

1. Ammunition and Explosives (A&E)
2. Weapons, Vehicles & Equipment (WV&E)
3. Materials and Components (M&C)
4. Armoured Vehicles (AV)
5. Ordnance Equipment Group of Factories (OEF)

Facts Behind: OFB is the world's largest government-operated production organisation, and the oldest organisation run by the Government of India.

Ordnance Factories Day is popularly known as "Fourth Arm of Defence" after Navy, Air force & Army.

Important Days

Day	Observed/Celebrated As	Motto/Importance
01- Apr	Utkal Diwas/Odisha day	To embark the formation of the state(Odisha) as a separate state out of Bihar and Odisha province on 1 April 1936
02- Apr	World Autism Awareness Day	To put a spotlight on the hurdles that people with autism face every day.
04- Apr	International Day for Mine Awareness	To spread awareness about the threat caused by landmines to the safety, health and lives of civilian populations
05- Apr	National Maritime day	Propelling Indian Maritime to Net Zero
07- Apr	World Health day	Health For All
10- Apr	World Homeopathy day	Homeopathy- Roadmap for Integrative Medicine
11- Apr	National Safe Motherhood Day	To raise awareness about the proper healthcare of women and maternity facilities to pregnant and lactating women.
17- Apr	World Haemophilia Day	Access for All: Prevention of bleeds as the global standard of care
18- Apr	International Day for Monuments and Sites	HERITAGE CHANGES
19- Apr	World Liver Day	To spread awareness about liver related disease
21- Apr	Civil Service Day	To commemorate the day when 1st Home Minister of Independent India addressed the Administrative Services Officers in 1947.
22- Apr	Earth Day	Invest In Our Planet
23- Apr	World Book & Copyright Day	To pay a worldwide tribute to books and authors and to encourage people to discover the pleasure of reading.
24- Apr	National Panchayati Day	On this day the 73rd Constitution Amendment Act, 1992 came into force
25- Apr	World Malaria Day	Ready to Beat Malaria
26- Apr	World Intellectual Property Day	Women and IP: Accelerating innovation and creativity
28- Apr	World Day for Safety and Health at work	To honour the memory of victims of occupational accidents and diseases
29- Apr	International Dance Day	To mark the birth anniversary of Jean-Georges Noverre (1727–1810), the creator of modern ballet.
30- Apr	Ayushman Bharat Diwas	To mark the rollout of India's most affordable medical Scheme, i.e. Ayushman Bharat Programme.

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Let's Recap

- National Tourism Day is celebrated every year on which day of January to raise awareness about the importance of tourism for the Indian economy? **25 January**
- Recently, Indian Navy's "TROPEX 2023" maritime exercise held in the Indian Ocean. What does O stands for, in the abbreviation of "TROPEX"? **Operational**
- Recently, Banwari Lal Purohit has inaugurated North India's largest floating Solar project in which city? **Chandigarh**
- In January 2023, Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi, who passed away recently, was a renowned _____. **Architecture**



Importance: To mark the adoption of Happiness Resolution by UNGA on 20 Mar 2012.

Motto: To spread the belief that the happiness, wellbeing, and freedom of all life on earth is the ultimate purpose of every human being, nation, and society.

Inception: 2012

1st celebrated: 2013

Edition: 11th

Founder: Jayme Illien

2023 Theme: **Mindful Grateful Kind**

Facts Behind: The initiative to declare a day of happiness came from Bhutan – a country whose citizens are considered to be some of the happiest people in the world.

- Which men's cricket teams topped the ICC ODI rankings after defeating New Zealand in January 2023? **India**
- Which railway station has been awarded with "Green Railway Station Certificate"? **Visakhapatnam Railway Station**

- In the 12th Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group on Animal Genetic Resources which country has elected as Vice-Chair and represented Asia & Pacific region? **India**
- Which Broadcasting company has signed an MOU with National Media Authority of Egypt to facilitate content exchange, capacity building, and Co-Productions? **Prasar Bharati**
- US President has nominated whom as North Korea Human Rights Envoy? **Julie Turner**
- Who has been appointed as new General Manager of Central Railway? **Naresh Lalwani**
- With which country recently India has concluded Veer Guardian 2023 exercise? **Japan**
- Orange Festival is celebrated in which state as, recently it has observed in the state? **Nagaland**
- Recently in January 2023, under which mission 11 crore rural families have provided water facility to every house? **Jal Jeevan Mission**
- Which Indian-American astronaut has nominated by US President Joe Biden for the post of Air Force brigadier general? **Raja Chari**
- Recently, the which state government has airlifted 25 lakh doses of goat pox vaccine for early prevention of cattle from lumpy skin disease? **Punjab**
- What is the name of the cluster of digital solutions like Aadhaar, UPI, Digi Locker, Co-Win, GeM, and GSTN? **India Stack**
- Petr Pavel, former chairman of the NATO Military Committee has become the president of which country? **Czechia**
- Martyrs Day (Shaheed Diwas) on 30 January 2023 is observed as death anniversary of whom? **Mahatma Gandhi**
- World Leprosy Day has been observed on which day of January 2023? **29 January**
- Which team has won the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 by beating Belgium? **Germany**
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presents Economic Survey in both Houses of Parliament. This survey is being prepared by: **V. Anantha Nageswaran (Chief Economic Adviser)**
- According to the new tax regime under Budget 2023, Now a person/individual will avail tax exemption limit upto: **Rs. 3 Lakhs**
- According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, with a current fortune of \$84.4 billion, Gautam Adani is now the ___ richest in the world. **11**

- Who has been selected as the brand ambassador of NMDC recently? **Nikhat Zareen**
- Who has won the 85th edition of Tata Steel Chess Masters 2023? **Anish Giri**
- Union Government has allocated a capital outlay of how much for the Indian Railways in the Union Budget 2023? **Rs 2.40 lakh crore**
- Indian Coast Guard has celebrated its 47th Raising Day on which day of February in 2023? **1st February**
- As per the state government of Andhra Pradesh, which city will be the new capital of the state? **Visakhapatnam**
- India's first green solar panel factory will be build by Luminous Power Technologies in which state? **Uttarakhand**
- As per the budget 2023-24, by which year the government has aimed to produce 5 MMT of green hydrogen? **2030**
- According to the Budget 2023, what is the revised average processing time for ITR? **16 days**
- World Wetlands Day is celebrated annually on which day of February? **02 February**
- Puma India has named whom as its brand ambassador? **Harmanpreet Kaur**
- Who has joined oversight committee panel formed against Wrestling Federation of India? **Babita Phogat**
- Morgan Stanley has named whom as new country head for India? **Arun Kohli**
- Which country has been chosen as theme country at the 46th International Kolkata Book Fair? **Spain**
- Which State Government has launched the Vision for All School Eye Health program in partnership with two others? **Goa**
- According to the ministry of railway, India's first Hydrogen train will come by which year? **2023**
- Islam Nagar village situated in which state, which has recently been renamed as Jagdishpur? **Madhya Pradesh**
- Who has been appointed as the first Chief Executive Officer of Gujarat Ports Infrastructure Company Limited of the Gujarat Maritime Cluster? **Madhvendra Singh**
- Which tech giant has invested around 300 million dollar in Anthropic? **Google**
- India launched the "Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies" with which country? **USA**
- What is the theme of World Cancer Day 2023? **Close The Care Gap**
- IBM has collaborated with which space agency to gain new findings on Earth's climate through the power of AI technology? **NASA**
- Which country will host 2027 Asian Nations Cup? **Saudi Arabia**
- With which two countries India has agreed to establish a formal trilateral cooperation initiative with the aim of expanding cooperation in various fields of mutual interest? **France and UAE**
- According to the US-based consulting firm "Morning Consult" who has been emerged as world's most popular leader? **Narendra Modi**
- Legendary singer Vani Jayaram has been passed away recently. In which year she was honored with the Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award? **2012**



Importance: To mark the adoption of resolution of the United Nations General Assembly on November 28, 2012.

Motto: To raise awareness of the importance of forests to people and their vital role in poverty eradication, environmental sustainability and food security.

Edition: 11th

2023 Theme: **Forests and health**

It has been celebrated around the world for 30 years to remind people of the importance of forests and the many benefits we gain from them.

Note: World Forestry Day established by the States Member of Conference of the Agriculture and Food organization with the help of the voting for creating it.

- Who has been appointed as a member of the Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister? **Shamika Ravi**
- Which state has won the inaugural champions of National Beach Soccer Championship? **Kerala**
- Which has become the first civic body in India to issue green bonds? **Indore Municipal Corporation**
- Under which initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, over 20 thousand youth will travel across the country and gain a unique opportunity of cross-cultural learning? **Yuva Sangam**
- Who has been appointed by Vedanta Ltd as CEO of its semiconductor unit? **David Reed**

- What is the percentage of India in milk production in the world in 2021-22? **24%**
- Recently, K Satyanarayana Raju has been named as new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of which bank? **Canara Bank**
- India received the highest ever foreign inward remittance of how many million dollars in a year in the financial year 2021-22? **\$89,127 million**
- Which company has become the first fintech apps to support RuPay Credit Cards on UPI? **MobiKwik**
- An "epic tale" of a 14th-century woman "Victory City" novel has been authored by whom? **Salman Rushdie**
- Which country is the world's happiest country according to the World Happiness Index 2023 Report? **Finland**
- Kala Ghoda Arts Festival has begun in which city after break of two years? **Mumbai**
- What is the rank of India's national accreditation system under the Quality Council of India in the Global Quality Infrastructure Index (GQII) 2021? **Fifth**
- Recently, which ministry has launched "Digital Payments Utsav" to promote digital payments across India? **Ministry for IT**
- Drugmaker company Pfizer India Limited has appointed whom as an Additional Director and Managing Director for five years? **Meenakshi Nevatia**
- Which fusion power research company in world has developed first super magnets for testing in nuclear plant? **Tokamak Energy Built**
- Who has become the fastest Indian bowler to pick up 450 Test wickets? **Ravichandran Ashwin**
- According to DGCA, what is the rank of India in ICAO's Aviation Safety Oversight Ranking? **55**
- The United Nations General Assembly has designated which day in February as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science? **February 11**
- Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh has laid the foundation stone of "Himachal Niketan" in which city? **New Delhi**
- Which state government has recently launched "Family ID – One Family One Identity Portal" in February 2023? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Which Indian skipper has become first Indian skipper to Record Hundreds in All 3 Formats? **Rohit Sharma**
- Who has been awarded with Maharashtra Bhushan award 2023? **Dattatraya Narayan**
- What is the theme of World Radio Day 2023? **Radio and Peace**



Importance: To mark the adoption of resolution by UNGA on 22 December 1992 to declared World Day for Water, to be observed starting in 1993.

Motto: As a means of focusing attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.

Inception: 1993

Edition: 31st

2023 Theme: **ACCELERATING CHANGE**

Agenda: The UN's Sustainable Development Goal 6 aims to "ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all" by the year 2030.

Coordinated by: UN-Water – the UN's inter-agency in collaboration mechanism for all freshwater related issues - in collaboration with governments and partners.

- Who has become the first Indian-American woman to head Harvard Law Review? **Apsara A. Iyer**
- Aaron Finch, who recently announced his retirement from international cricket, is associated with which national cricket team? **Australia**
- Which payment company has recently launched cross-border UPI payment services in February 2023? **PhonePe**
- In February 2023, the recently unveiled British stamp has featured with whose image? **King Charles III**
- Reliance Jio in collaboration with which company has unveiled a nationwide Digital Skill initiative in India? **GSMA Association**

- Recently 200th birth anniversary of Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati has been celebrated in the country. He founded Arya Samaj in which year? **1875**
- 12th World Hindi Conference has been inaugurated in which country by External Minister S Jaishankar? **Fiji**
- Who has been appointed as the new governor of Maharashtra state? **Ramesh Bais**
- What is the name of first-ever woman astronaut from Saudi Arabia, who is going on a Space Mission in 2023? **Rayyana Barnawi**
- Which state has topped in the medal tally at 5th Khelo India Youth Games 2022? **Maharashtra**
- India's first Air Conditioner double decker electric bus has recently introduced in which city? **Mumbai**
- Recently, Mohammad Shahabuddin has been elected as 22nd President of which country? **Bangladesh**
- Who has become the second highest paid athlete in 2021-22? **LeBron James**
- Among the big States in the country, which two states has allocated the most proportion of their budget towards education in FY23? **Chhattisgarh and Bihar**
- What is the theme of second global hackathon "HARBINGER 2023 - Innovation for Transformation" launched by Reserve Bank of India? **Inclusive Digital Services**
- According to the Ministry of Home Affairs, in the last five years, which state has reported highest number of custodial deaths at 80? **Gujarat**
- Recently, which app has been launched by Ministry of Coal to curb illegal mining? **Khanan Prahari**
- Recently scientists have discovered the third natural source of quasicrystals in which country? **America**
- Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the National Aadi Mahotsav in February 2023 in which city? **New Delhi**
- In February 2023, The Ministry of Tourism has identified four pilgrim centers for development of which state under PRASAD scheme? **Karnataka**
- Name the president of World Bank who resigned from his post recently? **David Malpass**
- Which aerospace company has unveiled its solar-powered drone "SURAJ"? **Garuda Aerospace**
- Who has become the first female Indian cricketer to take 100 wickets in T20I cricket history? **Deepti Sharma**
- The RBI has made changes to which type of payment systems for Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) related transactions? **NEFT and RTGS**
- With which country, India has agreed to cooperate in digital infra, climate action, clean energy? **Spain**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Jal Jan Abhiyan in which state? **Rajasthan**
- Which state/UT will host India's First Frozen-Lake

Marathon? **Ladakh**

- According to Morgan Stanley report, India's gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to grow at what percent in FY24? **6.2%**
- World Pangolin Day 2023 has recently observed on which day of February? **18 February**
- Famous Yakshagana singer and screenwriter Balipa Narayan Bhagwat, who has passed away recently, was from which state? **Kerala**
- Name the Chief Selector of BCCI who has resigned recently? **Chetan Sharma**
- Which space company has launched world's first cloud-built demonstration satellite JANUS-1? **Antaris Space**
- Who will be the new Vice Chief of Indian Army? **Suchindra Kumar**



Importance: To mark the establishment of World Meteorological Organization on 23 March 1950.

Inception: 1961

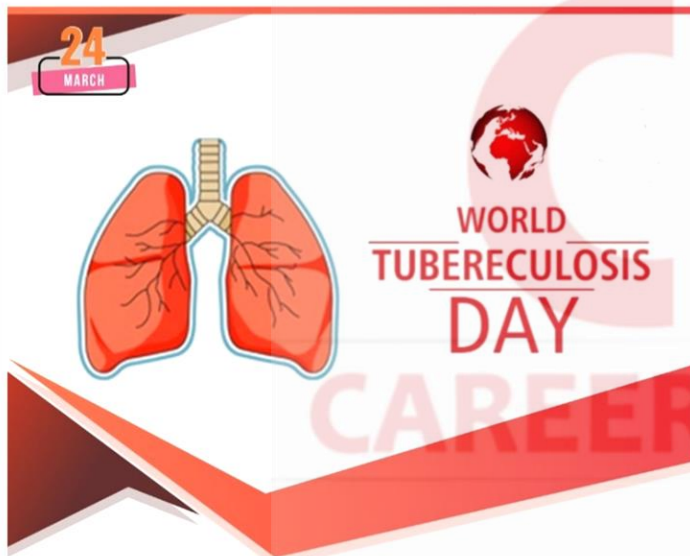
Edition: 63rd

2023 Theme: The Future of Weather, Climate and Water across Generations

Note: The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) is an intergovernmental organization with its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, and is a member of the United Nations Development Group.

- Who has inaugurated the "SemiconIndia Conference of Electronics Manufacturing Supply Chain Ecosystem"? **Ashwini Vaishnaw**
- Which state government has organized its first state-level "Prawn Fair" or Shrimp mela? **Punjab Govt**
- UNICEF India has appointed whom as national ambassador of child rights? **Ayushmann Khurrana**
- Who has been appointed as CEO of Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust? **Meghana Pandit**
- Which cricket team has clinched its second Ranji Trophy title 2022-23? **Saurashtra**
- Om Prakash Kohli, who passed away recently, was the former governor of which state? **Gujarat**
- Who has created history by becoming the first-ever cricketer to play 150 T20I matches? **Harmanpreet Kaur**

- Recently, Dmitry Dmitruk has been appointed as the coach of which Sport association? **Boxing Federation of India**
- Recently, Rajesh Rai has been appointed as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Indian Telephone Industries Limited (ITI Ltd) for how many years? **5**
- Which bank has emerged as the top performer among state-owned lenders in terms of loan growth percentage during the third quarter of 2022-23? **Bank of Maharashtra**
- Recently, 49th Khajuraho Dance Festival has begun with at the Khajuraho temple declared as UNESCO heritage. The Dance is organised for how many days? **Seven Days**
- Ministry of Rural Development has signed a MoU with which company to help in the marketing of products made by the Self-Help Groups? **Meesho**
- Which edition of ELECRAMA 2023 has been inaugurated by Cabinet Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy R K Singh? **15th**
- Recently, government has formed a panel to monitor Mission Karmayogi. Who will head the panel? **Rajiv Gauba**
- Which organisation has launched India's first hybrid sounding rocket Chengalpattu district of Tamil Nadu? **Martin Foundation**
- Recently, Union Minister Pashupati Kumar Paras has inaugurated "India Pavillion Gulfood 2023" at the venue of 28th edition of Gulfood 2023. 28th edition of Gulfood 2023 has been held in which city? **Dubai**
- Which state's High Court published a judgement in regional language and become the first high court in the nation to do so? **Kerala High Court**
- Which country has recently surpassed India as the sixth-largest equity market in the world? **UK**
- Who has been appointed as new Drug Controller General of India? **Rajeev Raghuvanshi**
- Who has bagged "Entrepreneur of the Year 2022" title? **Sajjan Jindal**
- Sergio Ramos, who has announced his retirement from international football hales from which country? **Spain**
- Mumbai's Churchgate railway station has been renamed after whom? **CD Deshmukh**
- Ex-Mastercard Chief Executive Officer Ajay Banga has nominated by US President to lead which international organisation? **World Bank**
- In a view of sudden dengue attack, which country has declared "Health Emergency"? **Peru**



World TB Day is a day to educate the public about the impact of TB around the world.

Importance: This day marks the day in 1882 when Dr Robert Koch announced that he had discovered the bacterium that causes TB, which opened the way towards diagnosing and curing this disease.

Motto: To raise public awareness about the devastating health, social and economic consequences of TB, and to step up efforts to end the global TB epidemic.

2023 Theme: Yes! We can end TB!

Facts behind: Each day, over 4000 people lose their lives to TB and close to 30,000 people fall ill with this preventable and curable disease.

About TB: TB is an infectious bacterial disease caused by Mycobacterium tuberculosis, which most commonly affects the lungs. It is transmitted from person to person via droplets from the throat and lungs of people with the disease.

- With which country, India has launched a joint digital payment mechanism enabling residents of both the countries to make easy and faster cross-border transactions? **Singapore**

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Adani Vs Hindenburg: All you need to know about



The Hindenburg Research report on the Adani Group

The Hindenburg Research report on the Adani Group, released in January 2023, is a critical analysis of the Indian conglomerate's financial and operational practices. The report has sparked a heated debate about the business practices of one of India's largest companies and raises serious questions about the ethics and legality of Adani Group's operations. Adani Group is a multinational conglomerate with interests in ports, logistics, agribusiness, energy, real estate, and defence. With revenues of over \$11 billion in the fiscal year 2021, the company is a major player in the Indian business world. However, the Hindenburg report alleges that the company has used unethical accounting practices to exceed its wealth and understate its liabilities.

Here are some of the key points in the report:

- 1. Business practices:** The report claims that Adani has a history of controversial business practices, including environmental violations and fraud. It also accuses the company of using its political connections to win favourable treatment from the Indian government.
- 2. Corporate governance:** Hindenburg Research claims that Adani's corporate governance is lacking and that the company is controlled by its founder, Gautam Adani, to the detriment of minority shareholders.
- 3. Financial performance:** The report argues that Adani's financial performance is overstated and that the company has a poor track record of delivering on its promises. It also claims that Adani has a history of overstating its earnings and high debt levels.
- 4. Port business:** Adani's port business is a significant part of its operations and the report claims that the company has used its political connections to gain unfair advantages in the industry.
- 5. Environmental concerns:** Hindenburg Research claims that Adani has a history of environmental violations and that the company's proposed Carmichael coal mine in

Australia is a major environmental risk.

Adani group rubbishes report

Adani group has since rubbished the report as a "malicious combination of selective misinformation and stale, baseless and discredited allegations".

Is this report a conspiracy against India?

In a word, no. Because investment banks on Wall Street, hedge funds and short sellers operate at a level of selfishness and greed that can be difficult for an average person to understand. In fact, it is difficult to imagine a short seller seeing themselves as part of any nation or group. But was the short seller report used opportunistically to attack India? Absolutely, yes. Major international publications pounced on this report to declare India as unworthy of investment, a den of crony capitalism, and so on. Somebody out there was desperate to hurt India's reputation. Who could that be? These are the same publications who would not dare ask how Biden's son got to be on the board of shady gas companies from Ukraine.

Hindenburg Research and its existence

Hindenburg Research is a forensic financial research firm which analyses equity, credit and derivatives. It has a track-record of finding corporate wrongdoings and placing bets against the companies. In 1937, a hydrogen-powered German airship flying into New Jersey caught fire and crashed, killing 35 passengers on board. It was sort of a man-made disaster as some 100 people were loaded on to a balloon filled with the most flammable material in the universe. The airship was named Hindenburg. Eight decades later, in 2017, a graduate of international business management from the University of Connecticut founded a "forensic financial research" firm to specialise in spotting wrong-doings and frauds, or what it calls "man-made disasters", at companies around the globe and take market bets against them. Founder Nathan (Nate) Anderson named his firm Hindenburg Research after the doomed airship.

Academy Awards aka Oscars 2023



In the 95th Academy Awards ceremony, India's 'Naatu Naatu song' from SS Rajamouli's film RRR made history by becoming the first Indian film to win an Oscar for best original song.

Composer of the song M. M. Keeravani along with lyricist Chandrabose collected the award. Playback singers of the Naatu Naatu song, Rahul Sipligunj and Kaala Bhairava performed the song at the Academy Awards ceremony at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles in USA.

RRR is the first Indian film in over two decades to be nominated for the Academy Awards while 'Naatu Naatu' was the first Indian song to be nominated at the Oscars.

Another Indian entry in the Academy Awards 'The Elephant Whisperers' also won an Oscar in the Best Documentary Short Film category.

This 41 minutes short documentary movie of filmmaker Kartiki Gonsalves and producer Guneet Monga, explores

the bond between Raghu, an orphaned baby elephant, and his caretakers.

It is the second Indian song to win this prestigious award, after 'Jai Ho', composed by AR Rahman and penned by Gulzar from Slumdog Millionaire (British drama film) won one in 2009 in the same category.

The song already made history in January when it won a Golden Globe for the best original song - a first for India. The same month, it also won the Critics' Choice award for the best song.

Brendan Fraser won the Best Actor Oscar for 'The Whale', while Michelle Yeoh made history as the first Asian woman to win the Best Actress Oscar for 'Everything Everywhere All At Once'. Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert won Best Directing award for 'Everything Everywhere All At Once', which also won Best Picture.

Here's the complete list of winners:

- Best Picture: Everything Everywhere All At Once
- Best Actress: Michelle Yeoh (Everything Everywhere All at Once)
- Best Actor: Brendan Fraser (The Whale)
- Best Director: Daniel Kwan and Daniel Schienert (Everything Everywhere All at Once)
- Best Film Editing: Everything Everywhere All at Once
- Best Original Song: "Naatu Naatu" (RRR)
- Best Sound: Top Gun: Maverick
- Best Adapted Screenplay: Women Talking
- Best Original Screenplay: Everything Everywhere All at Once – Daniel Kwan and Daniel Schienert
- Best Visual Effects: Avatar: The Way of Water
- Best Animated Feature Film: Guillermo del Toro's 'Pinocchio'
- Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Jamie Lee Curtis in 'Everything Everywhere All at Once'
- Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Ke Huy Quan in 'Everything Everywhere All at Once'
- Best Documentary Feature Film: 'Navalny' by Daniel Roher, Odessa Rae, Diane Becker, Melanie Miller and Shane Boris
- Best Live Action Short Film: 'An Irish Goodbye' by Tom Berkeley and Ross White
- Best Cinematography: 'All Quiet on the Western Front' by James Friend
- Best Makeup and Hairstyling: Adrien Morot, Judy Chin and Annemarie Bradley for 'The Whale'
- Best Costume Design: Ruth Carter for 'Black Panther: Wakanda Forever'
- Best International Feature Film: 'All Quiet on the Western Front' – Germany
- Best Documentary Short Film: 'The Elephant Whisperers' by Kartiki Gonsalves and Guneet Monga
- Best Animated Short Film: The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse
- Best Original Score: All Quiet on the Western Front
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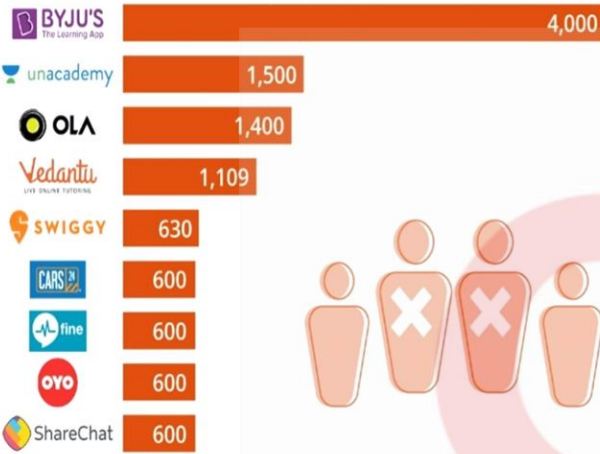
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The Indian Tech Companies Laying Off the Most Employees

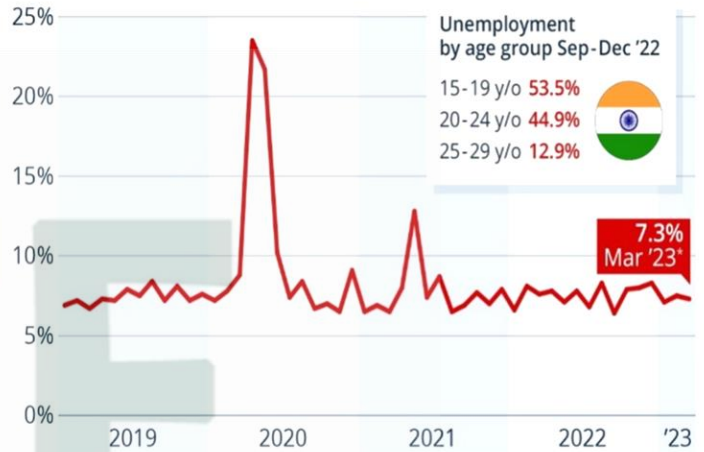
Indian companies in the tech/startup sector with the highest number of workers laid off in 2022 and 2023



Source: Layoffs.fyi

Indian Unemployment Steady, But Youth Suffers

Average unemployment rate in India (2019-2023)

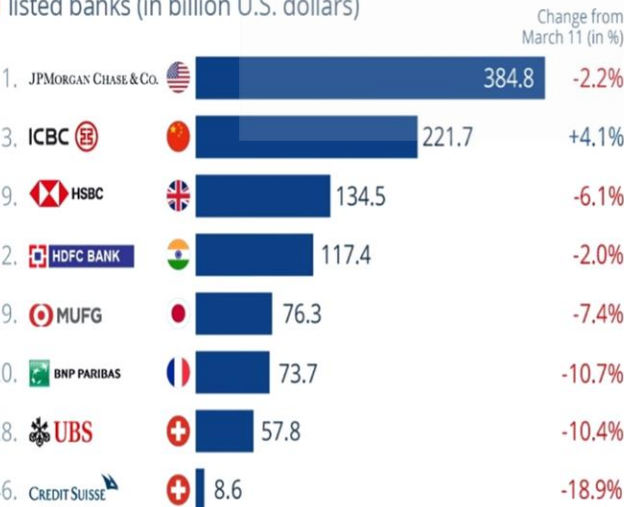


* week of March 19

Source: Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy

U.S. Bank Failures Continue Global Ripple Effects

Market capitalization of selected publicly listed banks (in billion U.S. dollars)

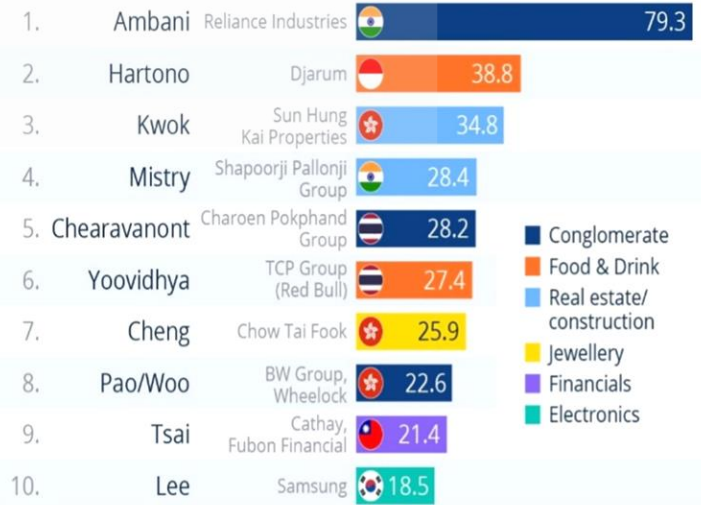


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Source: Companiesmarketcap.com

Asia's Richest Families

Net worth of the richest families in Asia as of March 14, 2023 (in billion U.S. dollars)

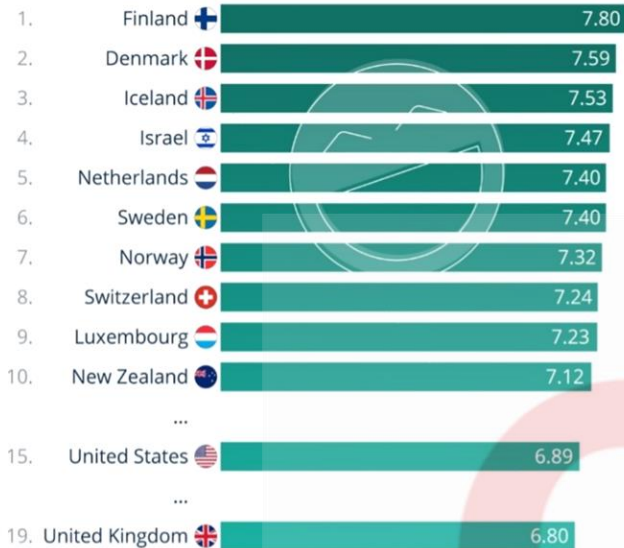


Only includes wealth dynasties, excludes first-generation wealth

Source: Bloomberg

The Happiest Countries in the World

Ranking of the world's happiest countries by index value (2020-22)

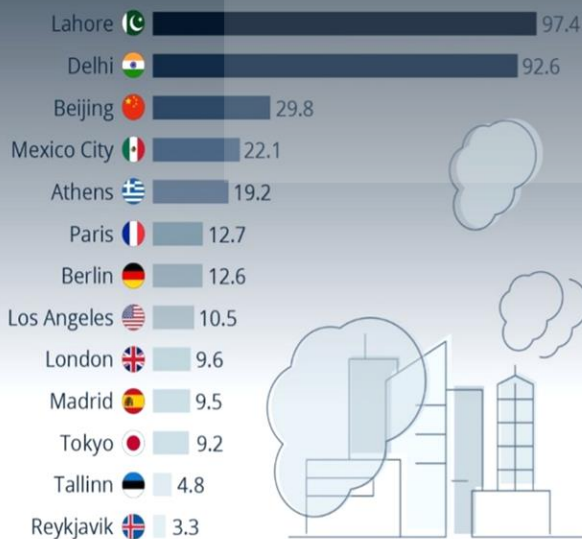


Scores were averaged over three years and based on life evaluations from the Gallup World Poll data.

Source: World Happiness Report 2023

Air Pollution: A Global Health Threat

Air quality for selected cities based on annual average PM2.5 particle concentration in 2022 (in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)*



* Population weighted. Air quality data analyzed in 7,323 cities across 131 countries, regions, and territories.

Source: IQAir

The Cost of Blocking the Internet

Total economic cost of major internet blocks and shutdowns in 2022, by country (in million U.S. dollars)

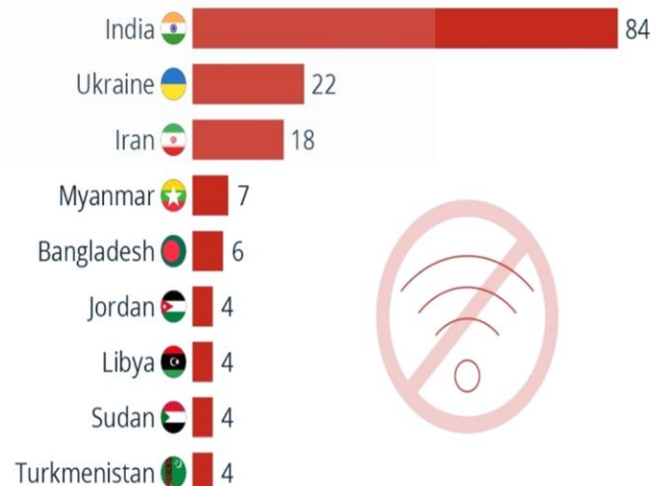


Includes throttling, full blackouts and partial blocks (for example specific social media)

Source: Top 10 VPN

The Countries Shutting Down the Internet the Most

Number of internet shutdowns by country in 2022*

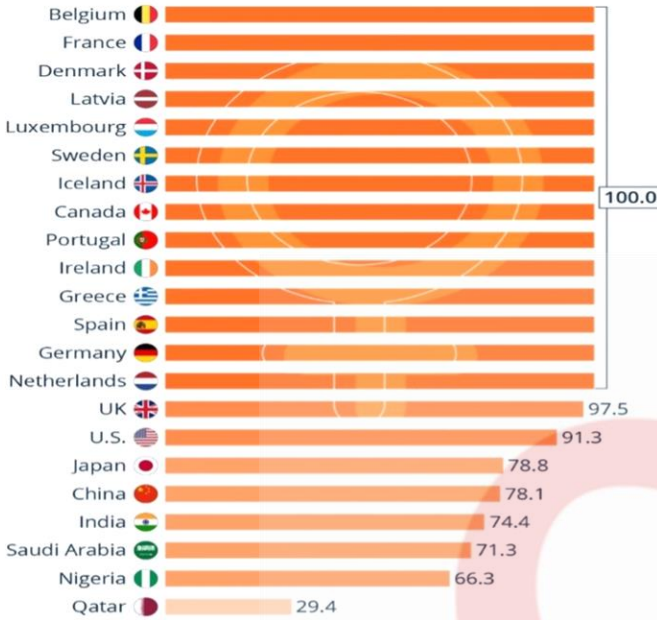


* In most shutdowns, the government intentionally disrupts the (mobile) internet. Ukraine: Disruption by external forces (armed conflict)

Source: Access Now

Only 14 Countries Have Full Equal Rights for Women

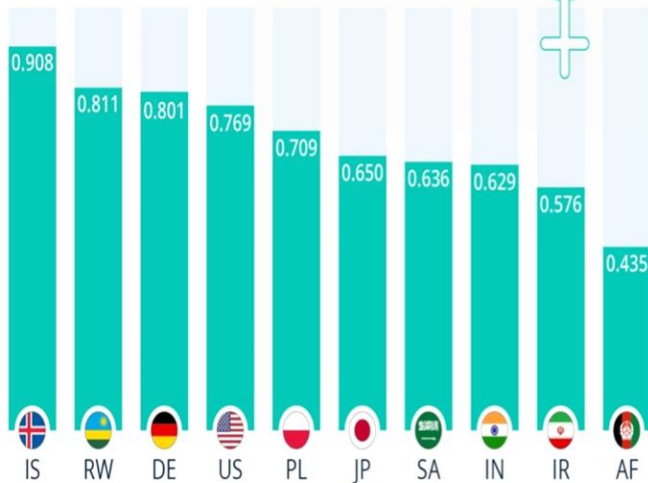
Index scores* for equality guaranteed by law in selected countries in 2023 (100=fully equal)



* laws concerning freedom of movement, work, equal pay, marriage, child rearing, business ownership, asset management and pensions taken into account
Source: Women, Business and the Law 2023 (World Bank)

How Close Are Countries to Closing the Gender Gap?

Global Gender Gap Index 2022 rankings (1.0 = full gender parity)*



* based on economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, health and survival, political empowerment.

Source: World Economic Forum

The Most & Least Free Countries Around the World

Top and bottom scoring countries on the Freedom House Freedom Index in 2022*



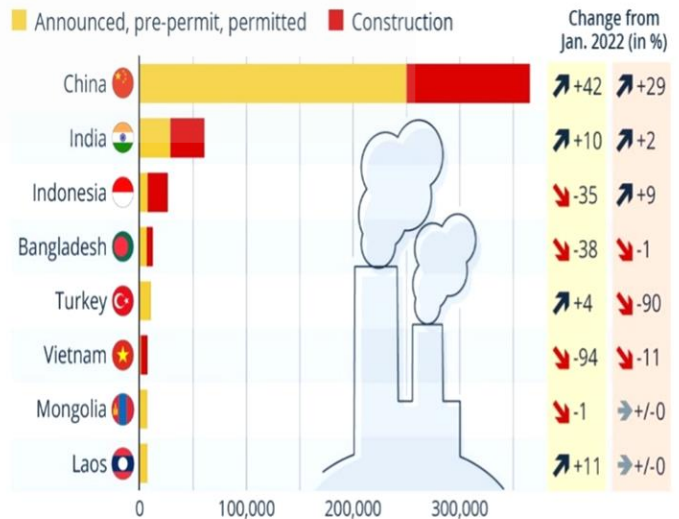
* Excluding territories.

Based on countries' political rights and civil liberties (100=most free)

Source: Freedom House

China Boosts New Coal Power Projects in 2022

Countries with the most coal power plants in (pre-)construction (in megawatts of capacity)



As of January 2023

Source: Global Energy Monitor

Australia to Add Nuclear Submarines to Its Fleet

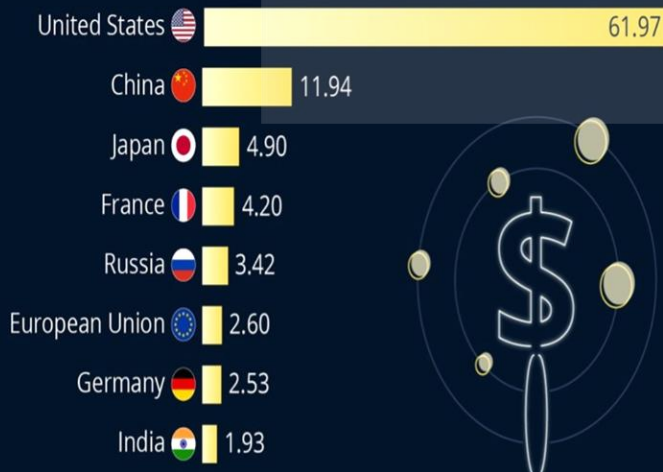
Global fleet of nuclear-powered submarines



As of March 2023
Source: IISS via AFP

The Governments With the Largest Space Budgets

Government expenditure on space programs in 2022 (in billion U.S. dollars)



Figures for European countries include contributions to ESA and Eumetsat.
Source: Euroconsult - EC

A Brief History of Indian Oscar Triumphs



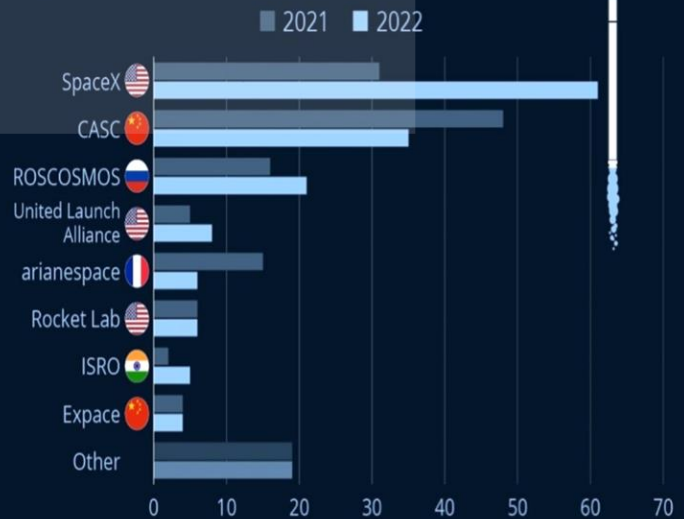
Indian winners at the Academy Awards



Excluding honorary awards and awards for technical achievements
Source: The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences

SpaceX Doubles Number of Rocket Launches

Number of worldwide rocket launches by companies and space agencies



Source: Bryce Tech

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