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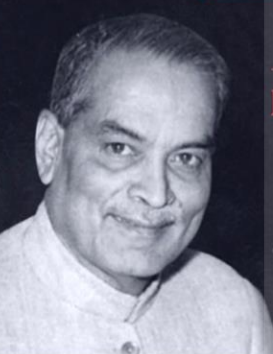
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Important Personalities

- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Punjab in June 2023? **Anurag Verma**
- Who has been appointed as the head coach of the junior women's national team by Hockey India? **Tushar Khandkar**
- Who has been appointed as the Solicitor General of India? **Tushar Mehta**
- Who has sworn in as deputy chief minister of Maharashtra in July 2023? **Ajit Pawar**

1 JULY



HAPPY DOCTOR'S DAY

IMPORTANCE

To mark the Birth Anniversary of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, who the legendary physician and the second Chief Minister of West Bengal.


Motto: To value doctors and their role in country's development.

Inception: 1991

By: Govt. of India

BIDHAN CHANDRA ROY
1st July 1882 - 1st July 1962

(An eminent Indian physician, educationist, philanthropist, freedom fighter and politician)



- What is the name of the ambassador of India to the WTO, whose tenure has been extended for nine months? **Brajendra Navnit**
- Who has been taken over as the chairman of Coal India? **PM Prasad**
- Who has been appointed as the Special Director in the Central Bureau of Investigation? **Ajay Bhatnagar**
- Who has been appointed as the new Additional Secretary of the Department of Military Affairs? **Atul Anand**
- State Bank of India's has appointed whom as its Chief Financial Officer? **Kameshwar Rao Kodavanti**
- QU Dongyu has been re-elected for second term as Director-General of which organisation? **FAO**
- Union govt has appointed whom as the National Cybersecurity Coordinator (NCSC)? **M U Nair**
- Who has been appointed as the chairman of Men's Selection Committee by BCCI? **Ajit Agarkar**
- Who has been elected as president of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI)? **Aadhav Arjuna**
- Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Research Advisory Committee for the ICAR-Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research (IIOPR)? **B Neeraja Prabhakar**
- Which company has appointed Sreenivasa Reddy as its top government affairs executive in India? **Google**
- The Reserve Bank of India has appointed whom as executive director? **P Vasudevan**
- Who has been appointed as New IFSCA Chairman? **K Rajaraman**
- Which institution has developed an early warning system called "Farmers' Distress Index"? **Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture**
- In July 2023, who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Lithuania? **Devesh Uttam**
- Under which article recently President of India has appointed Justice Ujjal Bhuyan and Justice S Venkatanarayana Bhatti as Supreme Court judge? **Article 124**
- Who became the first woman to lead Reserve Bank of Australia? **Michele Bullock**
- Who has been appointed as the Director of UNOOSA? **Aarti Holla-Maini**
- DBS Bank India has appointed whom as Managing Director? **Rajat Verma**
- What is the name of the CEO of Mastercard who has joined USISPF Board of Directors? **Michael Miebach**
- Kuwait's Sheikh Talal Fahad Al Ahmad Al Sabah has been elected as the new President of which Sports governing body? **Olympic Council of Asia**
- Audi has appointed whom as its new CEO of the Board of Management? **Gernot Dollner**

- Name the two new Judges, who have been approved by the Central Government for appointment as judges of the Supreme Court? **Justices Ujjal Bhuyan and SV Bhatti**
- Who is the project director of the mission, Chandrayaan-3, recently launched? **P Veeramuthuvel**
- Who has been appointed as the chairman of UP Electricity Regulatory? **Arvind Kumar**
- Who will chair the recently formed panel by Government to review all official data? **Pronab Sen**
- Who has been elected as President of Cement Manufacturers' Association? **Neeraj Akhoury**
- Finance Ministry has appointed whom as a Member in the Board of International Financial Services Centre Authority? **Pramod Rao**
- Who has been appointed the new Managing Director & CEO of SBI Capital Markets Ltd? **Rajay Kumar Sinha**
- Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Noida Industrial Development Authority? **Lokesh M**
- Nivruti Rai, who has recently appointed as MD & CEO of Invest India, was the former head of which company? **Intel India**
- Who has been appointed as 25th Director General of Indian Coast Guard? **Rakesh Pal**
- Who is designated as the mascot of Hockey Asian Champions Trophy 2023, unveiled recently in Chennai? **Bomman**
- Who has been appointed as the coach of the Indian national women's volleyball team? **Ravindra Banshtu**
- Which Bollywood celebrity has been appointed as the brand ambassador of ICC World Cup 2023? **Shahrukh Khan**
- Justice Alok Aradhe has recently taken oath as Chief Justice of which state? **Telangana**
- Name the Co-inventor of lithium-ion batteries and co-winner of the 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, who died recently? **John Bannister Goodenough**
- John Goodenough, who has passed away recently, was

the inventor of - **Lithium battery**

- Bir Devinder Singh, who has passed away recently, was the former deputy speaker of which state? **Punjab**
- Renowned artist Namboothiri, who has passed away recently, hails from which state? **Kerala**
- Luis Suárez, who has passed away recently, was related to which sport? **Soccer**
- Ravindra Mahajani, who has passed away recently, was a veteran actor of which cinema? **Marathi**
- Dr Mangala Narlikar, who has passed away recently, was a famous - **Mathematician**
- Leader CM Oommen Chandy who has passed away recently, was the former chief minister of which state? **Kerala**
- Former cricketer Brian Taber, who passed away recently, played for which country? **Australia**



CANADA DAY 1 JULY

Erstwhile: Dominion Day (Renamed in 1982, the year the Canada Act was passed)

Inception: 1879

Interesting Facts:

- Canada has the longest coastline in the world .
- Canada's biggest bay is Hudson Bay which was discovered in 1610.
- Canada's longest river is McKenzie River.
- Canada is the world leader in uranium mining.
- The Trans-Canada highway is said to be the longest national highway in the world.

National & International News

- Recently, Union Minister Amit Shah has laid the foundation stone of "Balidaan Stambh" in which city? **Srinagar**
- Which state government has launched "Operation Conviction" for cow slaughter? **Uttar Pradesh**
- The recently launched portal "CHAMPIONS 2.0" is related to - **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises**
- Centre has approved Rs 56,415 Crore to how many states under "Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2023-24" Scheme? **16 States**
- Which state government has dedicated a special task force to combat drug menace? **Himachal Pradesh**
- The recently launched "one-tap-one-tree" campaign is associated with which state? **Uttar Pradesh**
- What is the price has been approved by the central government for sugarcane farmers for the season 2023-24? **315 rupees per quintal**
- Aurangzeb Lane in Delhi has been renamed after whom? **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam**
- Which city has hosted the G-20 Research and Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG) Summit? **Mumbai**
- Which ministry has organized a G20 conference on crime and security in Gurugram? **Ministry of Home Affairs**
- Which state government has launched "Jagananna Amma Vodi" scheme, with a financial assistance of Rs 6392 crore? **Andhra Pradesh**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Sai Hira Global Convention Centre in which state? **Andhra Pradesh**
- India's first "Police Drone Unit" has been launched in which city? **Chennai**
- Recently Bihar has surpassed which state to become highest in micro lending borrowing? **Tamil Nadu**
- Recently, India has added how many animal species to its faunal database in 2022? **664**
- Which armed force has launched outreach programme in Ladakh? **Indian Navy**
- PM Modi has inaugurated the construction of three National Highway projects in which state in July 2023? **Chhattisgarh**
- Which city's municipal corporation has become the first urban body to get EPR credit? **Indore**
- Which ministry has released the Performance Grading Index 2.0 for States/UTs for the year 2021-22? **Ministry of Education**
- Under which program the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi has distributed Honeybee-Boxes and Toolkits to 130 recipients? **Gramodyog Vikas Yojana**
- The 3rd trade and investment working group meeting has begun in which city? **Kevadia**
- The India Literacy Board will set up a Literacy Museum known as Literacy House in which city? **Lucknow**
- Who has inaugurated the mega conclave "Strengthening PACS through FPOs? **Amit Shah**
- Which state has recently got its first flying training school? **Tamil Nadu**



IMPORTANCE

To mark the establishment of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) in 1949.

It was founded a year before the Constitution of the country was formalized



CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS DAY

Interesting facts:

- Oldest professional institutions in India by an act of Parliament.
- Second largest accounting organization in the world.
- There is no reservation in ICAI.
- 'Garuda', the official emblem of ICAI was given by Sri Aurobindo.
- 1st certificate issued by ICAI to Gopaldas Padamsey Kapadia.

- The state government of Assam will built its first underwater tunnel under which river? **Brahmaputra**
- Which Ministry has launched 8th edition of world's largest Urban Cleanliness Survey "Swachh Survekshan 2023"? **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**
- Union Home Min Amit Shah launches Akshar River Cruise in which city? **Ahmedabad**



- Recently, Odisha state cabinet has given an approval to the inclusion of which language in the 8th schedule of the Constitution of India? **Kui Language**
- What is the title of the one month campaign launched by Ministry of Agriculture for the banks under Agri Infra Fund? **BHARAT**
- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has organized a mangrove plantation program in which state? **Tamil Nadu**
- Central Government will double income slab for which category under PMAY in Mumbai Metropolitan Region? **EWS**
- Authoor betel leaves from which state has received Geographical Indication certificate in July 2023? **Tamil Nadu**
- The "Gajah Kotha" campaign has been initiated by which state? **Assam**
- Which international airport of India has become first to have four Runways & an elevated cross taxiway? **Indira Gandhi International Airport**
- Which state government has launched website of "Aapda Rahat Kosh-2023"? **Himachal Pradesh**
- Harela festival 2023 has recently started in which state? **Uttarakhand**
- Which country will host the global summit of food safety regulators? **India**
- Under which scheme, the Centre has decided to sale subsidised chana dal? **Bharat Dal**
- India has recently signed an agreement with which country to develop new generation military equipment? **France**
- Which state has secured the first position in NITI Aayog's Export Preparedness Index 2022? **Tamil Nadu**
- The 4th G20 Employment Working Group Ministers' meeting begin in which city? **Indore**
- Which state government has launched portal for processing electric vehicles subsidy claim? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Which river has been declared as a "non perennial river"? **Gomti River**
- Recently, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has approved a basin project on which river? **Khadag river**
- The first Global Food Regulators Summit 2023 has been organized by which statutory body? **FSSAI**
- Who has become the second longest serving chief minister of a state with a tenure of 23 years and 139 days? **Naveen Patnaik**
- Indian Institute of Technology will open its first-ever overseas campus in which country? **Tanzania**
- Which country has formally submitted an application to join the BRICS group of nations in July 2023? **Algeria**
- Which country has removed from UNSG report on impact of armed conflict on children? **India**
- Which state government has launched Mukhyamantri Khet Suraksha Yojana across the state? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Which state government has approved Mission Shakti Scooter Yojana? **Odisha**
- Which International body will provide 400 million US dollars in loans to Bangladesh for the construction of 102 kilometers long dual gauge railways between Chattogram and Cox's Bazar to promote trade, investment and tourism? **ADB**
- Which country has become second in the world by beating China in terms of road network? **India**
- Which country has launched "digital nomad strategy" for foreign workers? **Canada**
- According to the Institute for Economics and Peace, which country is the least peaceful country in the world? **Afghanistan**
- Which country has recently become full member of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in July 2023? **Iran**
- Which international organisation will hold a first-ever meeting on the threats of Artificial Intelligence? **UN Security Council**
- The highly anticipated 67th Travel Agents Association of India Convention has commenced in which city? **Colombo**
- Taiwan will establish representative office in which city to Boost India-Taiwan ties? **Mumbai**
- Which country has joined Champions Group of Global Crisis Response Group in July 2023? **India**
- India has recently conducted Operation Broader Sword with which country? **United States**
- In which country a national health emergency has been declared due to "Guillain-Barre syndrome"? **Peru**
- 11th meeting of the Executive Board of Association of World Election Bodies has been organized in which country? **Colombia**
- Where has the G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies meeting begin? **Gandhinagar**
- The 4-day, 3rd G20 Sherpa meeting has begun in which city? **Hampi**
- Who has launched Export Preparedness Index 2022? **NITI Aayog**
- Which country has become 51st country to sign ASEAN's TAC? **Saudi Arabia**
- Which country has the world's most powerful passport as per the Henley Passport Index 2023? **Singapore**
- In which country 'International Defense Exhibition 2023' will be organized? **South Korea**
- India has donated how much to promote Hindi at UN? **\$1.0 million**



Banking & Economy

- Asian Development Bank has approved 295 million dollar loan to improve transport connectivity in which bank? **Bihar**
- How much loan has been approved by the World Bank to improve technical education in government institutions? **USD 255.5 million**
- Which bank has become first PSB to allow credit card based UPI payments? **Canara Bank**
- India's current account deficit has narrowed to how much percent of GDP in the fourth quarter of FY23? **0.2%**
- The government of India has decided to reduce the GST rate on electronic items to what maximum percent? **18%**
- Central government's fiscal deficit at May-end 2023 narrowed to what percent of the annual budget estimates? **11.8%**
- Project WAVE has been launched by which bank? **Indian Bank**
- Which bank has recently started offering Mahila Samman Savings Certificate scheme? **Bank of India**
- Reserve Bank has held the 33rd Conference of State Finance Secretaries on which theme? **Debt Sustainability: States' Perspective**
- The National Housing Bank has announced the operationalization of the Urban Infrastructure Development Fund of how much? **10,000 crore**
- Which company has become India's first PSU to Achieve Anti-Bribery—Management System Certification? **ONGC**
- Recently, RBI has launched UPI QR code for CBDC with an aim to increase the per day transactions of CBDC to how much? **10 lakh**
- Which international organisation has released global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2023? **UNDP**
- Which bank has become world's 7th largest lender with entering in \$100 billion market-cap club? **HDFC Bank**
- Indian Overseas Bank has signed MoU with which state for State Rural Livelihood Mission? **Tamil Nadu**
- With which country India has signed Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties (MLATs) in criminal matters? **Belgium**
- Which payment service company has signed MoU with Arunachal Pradesh for creating startup ecosystem? **Paytm**
- Which company now become the principal jersey sponsor of Indian cricket team? **Dream11**
- India has sign MoU with which country on electoral cooperation in July 2023? **Panama**
- Ministry of Defence signed a contract with which company for procurement of two Dornier aircraft? **HAL**
- NCC has signed an MoU with which bank for opening bank accounts of cadets? **State Bank of India**
- Max Life Insurance has collaborated with which bank to offer comprehensive range of Life Insurance Solutions? **DCB Bank**
- The Defence ministry has signed an MoU with which Statutory body to promote use of millet and healthy eating practices among armed forces? **FSSAI**
- Recently IFSCA & PIEDS BITS Pilani, have signed a MoU to enable cooperation and collaboration on diverse initiatives regarding FinTech. In context to same what does IFSCA stands for? **International Financial Services Centres Authority**
- Recently, a MoU has signed to establish first campus of IIT Delhi in which country? **UAE**
- Which Indian port has recently set a record of 59,150 metric tons iron ore lumps cargo loading in 24 hours? **Gopalpur Port**
- Recently, Meta has partnered with which tech company for its latest AI model Llama-2? **Microsoft**
- Recently, India and Argentina have signed agreement to strengthen cooperation in which field? **Defence**
- Which IIT has recently signed MoU with Indian Council of World Affairs? **IIT Guwahati**
- India has signed MOU with which country to develop semiconductor ecosystem? **Japan**
- Ministry of Culture has been signed an MoU with which bank to disburse financial assistance to veteran artists? **Canara Bank**
- Name India's one of the largest IT services firm which has been selected by Denmark-based Danske Bank as a partner to accelerate the lender's digital transformation? **Infosys**



WORLD ZOO NOSES DAY

Motto: To emphasize and bring the problem awareness amongst people, and teach them to take right action.

Organisation Involved: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Note: The first vaccination against a zoonotic disease was administered by Louis Pasteur on 6 July 1885.

What is Zoonoses?

- Zoonosis is derived from the Greek words zoon 'animal' and nosos 'ailment'.
- It is the process whereby an infectious disease is transmitted between species from animals to humans or vice versa.



Awards & Recognitions

- Which company has received "Most Preferred Workplace of 2023-24" award from Team Marksmen? **NTPC**
- Recently the Egyptian President honoured whom with the Order of the Nile – the highest civilian honour of Egypt? **PM Narendra Modi**
- This year which Indian eminent Musician was conferred with an honorary doctorate by Birmingham City University (BCU) in London, England? **Shankar Mahadevan**
- Who has received The Sahitya Akademi Award 2023 for children's literature? **Priya AS**
- Who has been selected for an award instituted by the Indian Medical Association to commemorate National Doctors' Day? **Dr K Venugopal**
- What is the name of the highest award of Egypt that Prime Minister Modi has been conferred with recently? **Order of the Nile**
- Name the current president of World Bank who has named in 2023 list of great immigrants? **Ajay Banga**
- Who has been named as the Global Indian Icon at UK-India Awards? **Mary Kom**
- Name the British children's writer who has been awarded by the PEN Pinter Prize 2023? **Michael Rosen**
- Who has been named as the AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year for 2022-23? **Lallianzuala Chhangte**
- King Charles III and Queen Camilla has recently presented the prestigious "Tara" award to whom? **Kartiki Gonsalves**
- Which pair has been awarded by the Player of the Month for June 2023 by ICC? **Wanindu Hasaranga and Ashleigh Gardner**
- Which Indian leader has been invited as the guest of honour for France's Bastille Day celebrations on 14th July? **Narendra Modi**
- Lambani Art set a Guinness World record in 3rd G20 CWC meeting, Lambani Art is related to - **Cloths**
- Which Indian personality has been conferred with the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour, France's highest civilian and military honour? **Prime Minister**

Narendra Modi

- Which company has won "Golden Peacock Environment Management Award 2023" in the "Power Transmission Sector"? **Adani Transmission**
- Which state government is starting an award program to honour folk artists in the state? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Which company has been honored with the first Prize in the Swachhta Pakhwada Awards 2023 by the Ministry of Power? **SJVN Limited**
- Which state will host 69th edition of Filmfare awards in 2024? **Gujarat**
- Who has won the prestigious International Eni Award? **Thalappil Pradeep**
- Which ministry has won the "Best Engagement" award for procurement through GeM portal? **Coal Ministry**
- In July 2023, which country has honoured Indian Army contribution in second world war? **Italy**



IMPORTANCE

In order to mark the urgency and importance of population issues, UNGA made a resolution to observe the same in 1990.

World Population Day

Motto: To focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues.

Organisation Involved: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Inception: 1989

1st Observed: 11 July 1990

Note: The day was suggested by Dr. K.C.Zachariah in which population reaches Five Billion when he worked as Sr Demographer at World Bank.

Fact: The Day of Five Billion, which was observed on 11 July 1987 was the inspiration behind World Population Day.

Sports

- Which country won the 2023 European Athletics Team Championships held in Chorzow, Poland with a score of 426.5? **Italy**
- Who has clinched the singles title at the 2023 Queen's Club Championships? **Carlos Alcaraz**
- Which player has achieved a remarkable feat in cricket by becoming the first spinner and second overall player in history to take three consecutive 5-wicket hauls in the One Day Internationals (ODIs)? **Wanindu Hasaranga**
- Name the female Indian cricketer who has joined MCC World Cricket Committee? **Jhulan Goswami**
- What is the rank of India in the latest FIFA Men's Football rankings? **100**
- Who has won the Austrian Grand Prix 2023? **Max Verstappen**
- Which state has won the Senior Women's National Football Championship? **Tamil Nadu**
- Which batsman has become second-fastest ever to score 9000 Test runs? **Steve Smith**
- Which Indian tennis player has won career's 1st ATP Tour tennis title at Mallorca Open? **Yuki Bhambri**
- Who has broken the national record in the women's 100m backstroke event? **Manna Patel**
- India has won 9th South Asian Football Federation Championship by beating whom? **Kuwait**
- 132nd edition of Durand Cup tournament will be organized in which city? **Kolkata**
- Who has topped the ranking round of the World Archery Youth Champ? **Parth Salunkhe**
- Aryan Nehra, who has recently set a new national record at the men's 800m freestyle event, hails from which state? **Gujarat**
- Which country has won the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23 season? **Netherland**
- Who has won the British Grand Prix 2023? **Max Verstappen**



NATIONAL SIMPLICITY DAY

Motto: To be free from the complications of the world and to allow ourselves to just be simple.

Who is Henry David Thoreau?

He was an American author, an environmentalist, philosopher, naturalist, poet, historian, surveyor and a transcendentalist. He is best known for his book Walden which is a reflection upon simple living in natural surroundings.

About Walden: Or, Life in the Woods

Author: Henry David Thoreau

Published: August 9, 1854



- Which country has been chosen as the host for U-17 World Cup? **Indonesia**
- Who has won the second ladies European tour event title? **Diksha Dagar**
- Who has won the Lausanne Diamond League 2023? **Neeraj Chopra**
- Which country has won the Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023? **India**
- Which team has won India's first-ever Historic Women's Kabaddi League held in Dubai? **Uma Kolkata**
- Name the Indian player, who has made a Guinness world record for the fastest hit of 565 km/h in badminton? **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy**
- Olympic gold medallist Nikki McCray-Penson, who has passed away recently, was related to which sport? **Basketball**
- Who has won the Canada Open Super 500 at Calgary? **Lakshya Sen**
- Who has become the first Indian to win Youth World Championship? **Parth Salunkhe**
- Which country has won the 34th International Biology Olympiad? **India**
- India has bagged how many medals in World Archery Youth Championships, 2023? **11**
- Which Indian athlete won gold in 100m hurdles in the ongoing Asian Athletics Championships in Bangkok? **Jyothi Yarraji**
- Who has won the 2023 Wimbledon women's singles title? **Marketa Vondrousova**
- Who has won the gold at ISSF world championship 2023? **Shubham Bisla**
- Who has clinched gold in Men's javelin throw in Para Athletics? **Ajeet Singh**
- What is the rank of Indian football team in the latest in FIFA rankings 2023? **99th**
- Who has won the Hungarian Grand Prix? **Max Verstappen**

Science & Technology

- Medha Rail Coach Factory has been inaugurated in which city? **Hyderabad**
- Who has organised an "Anusandhaan Chintan Shivir"? **DRDO**
- Recently, India's biggest natural arch has been discovered by GSI in which state? **Odisha**
- Which space tourism company has recently completed first manned mission to space? **Virgin Galactic**
- What is the capacity of India's first indigenous nuclear reactor which has recently started commercial operation in Gujarat? **700 MW**
- Which company has developed country's first hand-held navigation device based on NavIC? **Elena Geo Systems**
- As per ISRO, when the India's lunar mission Chandrayaan-3 will be launched? **July 2023**
- Which space agency has launched "Euclid Space Telescope" to view solar system bodies? **ESA**
- Which country has launched its computer operating

- system, named OpenKylin? **China**
- Which state government has approved two ultra-supercritical thermal power projects in a 50:50 partnership with NTPC? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Which Indian Institute of Technology has developed AI-based model for knee X ray? **IIT Guwahati**
- The Defense Acquisition Council has approved the proposals for the purchase of 26 Rafale seaplanes from which country to boost the operational capabilities of the Indian Navy? **France**
- Recently ISRO launched highly anticipated Chandrayaan-3 mission. In context to same what is the name of the launch vehicle(rocket) on which the Chandrayaan is onboard? **Launch Vehicle Mark 3 (LVM 3)**
- Which company has inaugurated all-Women Meter Testing Laboratory in Odisha? **TPSODL**
- Recently, India has handed over which naval vessel to Vietnam? **INS Kirpan**



**INTERNATIONAL
TIGER DAY
29 JULY**

IMPORTANCE
This day was established in 2010 at Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit in Russia to raise awareness about the decline of wild tiger numbers.

Motto: To promote a global system for protecting the natural habitats of tigers and to raise public awareness and support for tiger conservation issues.

Inception: 2010

Note: The tiger is officially classed as endangered by the IUCN.

Facts Behind:

- Tigers are the largest wild cats in the world.
- A group of Tigers are called an ambush or streak
- Tigers can live for about 25 years
- Tigers are good swimmers!
- At full speed, tigers can reach up to 65km/h.

Note: There are 5 species of Tiger namely, Bengal tiger, South China tiger, Indochinese tiger, Sumatran tiger and Siberian tiger.



IMPORTANCE
To make people aware about the use of paper bags that contribute to fight with climate change and environment pollution.



**NATIONAL
PAPER BAG
DAY**

History Behind:

- In 1852, an American inventor, Francis Wolle, established first paper bag machine.
- In 1871, Margaret E. Knight designed another machine that can produce flat-bottom paper bags.
- Margaret E. Knight also known as Mother of Grocery Bag.
- In 1883, Charles Stilwell invented a machine that can produce square-bottom paper bags.
- In 1912, Walter Deubener used cord to reinforce paper bags and add carrying handles.

Miscellaneous

- Who has authored the new book "India's Finance Ministers: From Independence to Emergency (1947-1977)"? **Ashok Kumar Bhattacharya**
- According to the Global Liveability Index 2023 report, which city has got the top spot as the best city to live in worldwide? **Vienna**
- Day of the Seafarer 2023 has been observed on which day of June? **25th June**
- What is India's rank in the 2023 Global Competitiveness Index, which is topped by Denmark? **40**
- Which university has got top position in QS World University Rankings 2024? **Cambridge University**
- What is the theme of World MSME Day 2023? **Future-ready MSMEs for India@100**
- Which armed force has carried out Exercise "Ranvijay" with focus on integrated operations? **Indian Air Force**
- Who has authored the newly launched book "The Yoga Sutra for Children"? **Roopa Pai**
- National Statistics Day 2023 has been observed on June 29 to honor whom? **Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis**
- What is the rank of India in the latest Energy Transition Index? **67**
- World UFO Day 2023 has been observed on which day? **02 July**
- The biggest air exercise of Indian Air force "Tarang Shakti" will consist of how many countries? **12**
- International Day of Parliamentarism 2023 has been observed on which day? **30 June**
- Which country is the most peaceful country in the

world according to 2023 Global Peace Index? **Iceland**

- Which edition of the bilateral Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2023 has conducted at Visakhapatnam? **Seventh**
- Indian Navy has conducted seventh edition of SALVEX Exercise with which country's Navy in Kochi? **US Navy**
- World Population Day 2023 has been observed on which day of July? **11 July**
- Recently launched book "Colours of devotion" has been authored by whom? **Anita Bharat Shah**



WORLD DAY FOR INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

Motto: To recognise the strengthening system of international justice

Inception: 17 July 2010

Edition: 11th

International Criminal Court (ICC)

The ICC has jurisdiction to prosecute individuals for the international crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and the crime of aggression.

Member states: 123

Establishment

- Rome Statute adopted: 17 July 1998

- Entered into force: 1 July 2002



- According to Global Firepower, what is the rank of India as strongest military force? **Fourth**
- National Fish Farmer's Day 2023 has been observed on which day of July? **10 July**
- Which institution released the 'World Investment Report 2023'? **UNCTAD**
- International Malala Day 2023 has been observed on which day of July? **12 July**
- Ker Puja festival, which has been celebrated recently, is celebrated in which state? **Tripura**
- Which Indian patrol vessel participates in Op Southern Readiness 2023 conducted by Combined Maritime Forces(CMF) recently? **INS Sunayna**
- World Day for International Justice 2023 has been observed on which day? **17 July**
- Which organisation has commemorated its 95th Foundation and Technology Day on July 16th 2023? **ICAR**
- Which two countries has started Naval exercise "Security Bond-2023" in Gulf of Oman? **China and Russia**
- Joint military exercise "Nomadic Elephant – 2023" has recently been started between India and which country? **Mongolia**
- Nelson Mandela International Day 2023 has been observed on which day of July 2023? **18 July**
- Who has recently released the 'National Multidimensional Poverty Index'? **NITI Aayog**
- International Moon Day has been observed on which day of July 2023? **20th July**
- Chachin Grazing Festival has recently been celebrated in which state? **Arunachal Pradesh**
- Asian Development Bank has retained India's growth forecast for the current financial year at what percent? **6.4 percent**
- From which city the Women's Tri-Services Motorcycle Rally was flagged off to mark the 24th Kargil Vijay Diwas? **New Delhi**
- Recently launched book "Raag Prakash" has been authored by whom? **Dr Om Prakash Kaul**
- Recently, released book "As the wheel turns" has been authored by whom? **Ranjit Pratap**
- Aaykar Diwas Or Income Tax Day 2023 has been observed on which day? **July 24**



INTERNATIONAL NELSON MANDELA DAY

Motto: To bring people around the world together to fight poverty and promote peace, reconciliation and cultural diversity according to Mandela's beliefs.

1st observed: 2010

Nelson Mandela

(18 July 1918 – 5 December 2013)

- He was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, political leader and philanthropist who served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999.
- He was the first black president of South Africa.
- He was imprisoned from 1962-1990 for treason and conspiracy against the government.
- He is considered the father of Modern South Africa.
- He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993
- In addition to the Nobel Peace Prize, he won over 250 other awards.

Important Days

Day	Observed/Celebrated As	Motto/Importance
1 August	Yorkshire Day	To mark the anniversary of the Battle of Minden and the emancipation of slaves.
6 August	Hiroshima Day	To mark the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by the United States in 1945.
8 August	Quit India Movement Day	To mark the inception of the Quit India Movement on August 8, 1942.
9 August	Nagasaki Day	To pay tribute to the victims of the people who died when US dropped atomic bomb on the Nagasaki city of Japan in 1945 during World War II.
12 August	International Youth Day	Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World
13 August	World Organ Donation Day	This day strives to motivate people to donate their healthy and precious organs after death to save lives.
15 August	Independence Day in India	To mark the end of British rule in 1947 and the establishment of a free and independent India.
19 August	World Photography Day	To mark the purchase of patent of Daguerreotype process by French government and make it free to the world as a gift in 1839.
20 August	World Mosquito Day	This day commemorates Sir Ronald Ross' 1897 discovery of the link between mosquitoes and malaria transmission
20 August	Sadbhavna Diwas	To mark the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
21 August	World Senior Citizen Day	It's a day to remember and celebrate the older persons and thank them for their contributions.
23 August	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition	To honour men and women who revolted and paved the way for the end of slavery and dehumanization.
26 August	Women's Equality Day	This act stopped the federal government and states from preventing people the right to vote based on their sex.
29 August	National Sports Day	To commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand.
30 August	Small Industry Day	To provide balanced growth to existing small, medium, and large scale enterprises to support and promote small industries.

Let's Recap

- Which state has become India's first fully e-Governed state? **Kerala**
- World Thyroid Awareness Day 2023 has been observed on which day of May? **25th May**
- Who has recently conquered Mount Everest using prosthetic leg? **Hari Buddha Magar**
- Which tech giant has launched "Jugalbandi", a multilingual AI-chat bot for rural India? **Microsoft**
- Which institution released the "Global Annual to Decadal Climate Update"? **WMO**
- Which campaign has launched by Union Minister Giriraj Singh to promote digital transactions in rural areas and empowering women? **SAMARTH**
- Which state government signed a MoU with Infosys and Nasscom to enhance the skills and employability of students in Higher Education Institutions? **Odisha**
- First urban climate film festival will begin in which city in June 2023? **Kolkata**
- Who has been appointed as the chairman of recently formed committee by NTCA to oversee Cheetah Project? **Rajesh Gopal**
- Central government has launched a coin of how much value to Mark new parliament inauguration? **Rs 75**
- Who has been recently taken the oath as a Member of Union Public Service Commission? **Suman Sharma**
- Bhoto Jatra which is a part of month-long chariot procession of Rato Machhindranath Jatra has been started in which country? **Nepal**
- What is the name of the World Chess Champion, who has won the 2023 Superbet Rapid & Blitz Poland? **Magnus Carlsen**
- What is the maximum seating capacity of Lok Sabha members in the newly inaugurated Parliament building? **888 members**
- What is the theme of NITI Aayog's 8th Governing Council Meeting, recently chaired by PM Modi? **Viksit Bharat @ 2047: Role of Team India**
- Which bank has emerged as top performer in NPA management during FY23? **Bank of Maharashtra**
- Which film has been awarded as best film at IIFA Awards 2023? **Drishyam 2**
- Who has won Monaco Grand Prix 2023? **Max Verstappen**
- Who has won the 57th Jnanpith Award? **Damodar Mauzo**
- Who has won the Purple Cap in Indian Premier League 2023? **Mohammed Shami**
- Which player has won the Orange Cap 2023 in Indian Premier League? **Shubman Gill**
- Who has been appointed to the Advisory Committee to the President of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) of the UNFCCC? **Mukesh Ambani**
- Which bank has been selected as a Clearing and Settlement Bank by the Indian Clearing Corporation Ltd? **Indian Bank**
- Which state has achieved 100% coverage of PMJDY? **Telangana**
- Who has been re-elected as the External Auditor of the World Health Organisation (WHO)? **Girish Chandra Murmu**

26 JULY



IMPORTANCE

To commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the conflict that took place in the mountains above Kargil on the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir.

KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS

Motto: To pay tribute to the Kargil War Heroes.

Facts Behind:

- The Kargil war, which lasted a little over two months, ended on July 26, 1999, and led to 527 deaths on India's side.
- The Indian Army launched Operation Vijay.
- While IAF has launched Operation Safed Sagar.
- Indian Navy also launched Operation Talwar to blockade Pakistani ports.



- Which bank has been got approval as the new owner of HDFC AMC by SEBI? **HDFC Bank**
- What is the name of the founder of Dream11 who has been elected as the chairperson of Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)? **Harsh Jain**
- Tipu Sultan's sword has created new auction record in United Kingdom with how much British Pound? **GBP 14 million**



- What is the theme of World No Tobacco Day 2023 observed on 31st May? **We need food, not tobacco**
- Who has been appointed India's representative to the council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal, Canada? **Angshumali Rastogi**
- The urban unemployment in India has declined to what percent in January to March 2023 quarter? **6.8%**
- Who has been sworn in as Central Vigilance Commissioner? **Praveen Srivastava**
- Which state will host the 14th Clean Energy Ministerial and 8th Mission Innovation Meeting alongside G20 Energy Transitions Ministerial? **Goa**
- Which country has won the title of NSC-CAVA Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup held in Kathmandu? **India**
- The India-EU Connectivity Conference has been concluded in which state on the first day of June 2023? **Meghalaya**
- Who has been assumed charge as the Managing Director of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited? **Ajay Yadav**
- Which state government has recently launched "Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana" aimed at providing support to farmers in the state? **Maharashtra**
- Who has been taken charge as the new chairman and managing director of Steel Authority of India Limited? **Amarendu Prakash**
- Who has been taken over as the Managing Director (additional charge) of Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL)? **Sanjay Varma**
- Which state government has formed an expert committee to review the state's reservation policy? **Meghalaya**
- What is the theme of this year's World Bicycle Day 2023? **Riding Together for a Sustainable Future**
- Why has Reserve Bank of India has launched "100 Days 100 Pays"? **For Inoperative Accounts**
- Who has been appointed as the first female Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)? **Celeste Saulo**
- Who has taken charge as Director General of Naval Armament (DGONA) in June 2023? **P Upadhyay**
- Which hospital has become the first of all AIIMS to receive National Accreditation Board for Hospitals (NABH) accreditation? **AIIMS Nagpur**
- Who has been elected as 78th president of United Nations General Assembly? **Dennis Francis**
- Dr Abdulla Al Mandous has been elected as the new President of which international organisation for a four-year term from 2023 to 2027? **World Meteorological Organization**
- Who will head the recently formed commission

formed by the government to Probe Manipur Violence? **Ajai Lamba**

- The recent Refresher Training Programme organized by NIPCCD was focused on which government scheme? **Mission Vatsalya**
- According to the "The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2023" which institution has emerged as India's highest-placed university? **Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham**
- Which Indian Institute of Technology has got the top spot in the eighth edition of National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF), 2023? **IIT Madras**

4th Sunday
in July



IMPORTANCE

In 1994, President Bill Clinton introduced National Parents' Day by signing a Congressional Resolution making it a law.

NATIONAL PARENTS' DAY

This day is celebrated to honour all the parents for their unconditional love and sacrifice for their children that cannot be measured.

Inception: 1994

Motto: For "recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the role of parents in the rearing of children.

Other related observances:

- **Mother's Day:** 2nd Sunday of May
- **Father's Day:** 3rd Sunday of June

- Name the two Indian shooters who have won gold at the ISSF World Cup Junior in 10 meter Air Rifle? **Abhinav Shaw and Gautami Bhanot**
- The second Mt Everest International Yoga Championship has scheduled to be held in which country in June 2023? **Nepal**
- Which university has emerged as the overall champion 3rd Khelo India University Games, concluded recently at IIT BHU Varanasi? **Punjab University**
- Who has been appointed as the chairperson of "The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited" (THGPPL)? **Nirmala Lakshman**

- Who has become the first Indian to be honoured with the Grand Order of the Chain of the Yellow Star, the highest civilian award in Suriname? **Droupadi Murmu**
- World Bank Cuts India's GDP Growth Forecast for FY24 to what percent? **6.3%**
- Which multinational company has signs 1.6 Billion dollar EV Battery Plant Deal in Gujarat? **Tata Group**
- Which AIIMS has obtained the prestigious accreditation from the National Board for Hospitals (NABH) in June 2023? **AIIMS Nagpur**
- Who has been authored the recently published book "The Power of One Thought: Master Your Mind, Master Your Life"? **BK Shivani**

- Name the Indian-origin scientist who has been awarded by the Spinoza Prize, the highest distinction in Dutch science? **Joyeta Gupta**
- Which state has topped at the fifth State Food Safety Index among larger state? **Kerala**
- What is the position of India in producing crude steel from 2014-15 to 2022-23? **Second largest**
- Who has been appointed as Harvard University's Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer? **Ritu Kalra**
- Miss World 2023 pageant will be held in which country in November 2023? **India**
- The first Round Table Joint Meeting between India and which country has recently concluded in New Delhi in June 2023? **New Zealand**
- Which state will avail free power to their citizens under Gruha Jyoti scheme? **Karnataka**
- Who will be the next Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Container Corporation of India (CONCOR)? **Sanjay Swarup**
- According to Mercer's Cost of Living survey which city has been identified as the most expensive city for expatriates in India? **Mumbai**
- Which country has named the 'Biparjoy Cyclone' that arose in the Arabian Sea? **Bangladesh**
- What is the position of India in the medal list of International Shooting Sport Federation Junior World Cup? **First**
- Name the author, who has been awarded by the 2023 Royal Society of Literature Christopher Bland Prize? **Paterson Joseph**
- Who has won his men's-record 23rd Grand Slam title with a victory in French Open Final? **Novak Djokovic**
- World Day Against Child Labour 2023 has observed on which day of June 2023? **12 June**
- Which country built the world's most powerful hypersonic wind tunnel? **China**
- Who has been named as the Director General of National Testing Agency? **Subodh Kumar Singh**
- What is the outlay of 'Exploration of Coal and Lignite Scheme' from 2021 to 2025? **Rs 2980 crore**
- Where has the 12th edition of the Indo-Maldives joint military exercise "Ex Ekuverin" has commenced between India and Maldives? **Uttarakhand**
- Silvio Berlusconi, who has passed away recently, was the former prime minister of which country? **Italy**
- Asian Development Bank has signed a loan with India of how much to promote horticulture in Himachal Pradesh? **\$130 million**
- What is the name of the documentary film, which has won a special prize in the "Health for All" category at the 4th Annual Health for All Film Festival? **When Climate Change Turns Violent**

28TH JULY

IMPORTANCE
To mark the birth anniversary of Nobel-prize winning scientist Dr Baruch Blumberg, who discovered hepatitis B virus (HBV) and developed a diagnostic test and vaccine for the virus.

WORLD HEPATITIS DAY

Motto: To raise global awareness of hepatitis — a group of infectious diseases known as Hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E — and encourage prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

Inception:

2023 Theme: Don't miss the target

- Hepatitis refers to an inflammatory condition of the liver.
 - These include autoimmune hepatitis and hepatitis that occurs as a secondary result of medications, drugs, toxins, and alcohol.
- Classified as: Hepatitis A, B, C, D & E

- What is the theme of World Oceans Day 2023? Planet Ocean: **The Tides are changing**
- Recently, Janardan Prasad has been appointed as the new Director-General of which government agency? **Geological Survey of India**
- Who has taken over as Air Officer-in-Charge Administration (AOA)? **Rajesh Kumar Anand**
- Recently in which state the sub-office of Reserve Bank has been opened? **Nagaland**

- Who has resigned from the post of chairman of the selection committee of Athletics Federation of India? **Gurbachan Singh Randhawa**
- World Blood Donor Day has been observed on which day of June 2023? **14 June**
- Andy Murray has recently won Surbiton Trophy by beating whom? **Jurij Rodionov**
- The Education Ministry will host the final Education Working Group (EdWG) Meeting under India's G20 presidency in which city in June 2023? **Pune**
- What is the name of the child rights advocate who has won the 2023 Iqbal Masih Award? **Lalitha Natarajan**
- In June 2023, which railway station has achieved "Eat Right Station" certification from FSSAI? **Guwahati Railway Station**
- What is the name of the fourth Survey Vessel large warship of the Indian Navy which has been launched recently? **Sanshodhak**
- Cormac McCarthy, who has passed away recently, was awarded by Pulitzer Prize for which of his book? **The Road**
- Indian Oil Corp's has partnered with which company to set an aviation fuel plant in Haryana? **LanzaJet**
- In June 2023, which Training Institution has awarded accreditation as "Athi Uttam"? **Geological Survey of India Training Institute**
- Who has been taken over as Director at National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited? **Uttam Lal**
- What is the rank of NTPC in the 2023 Forbes' -The Global 2000, released recently? **433**
- PTC India Financial Services Limited has appointed whom as the Director (Finance) of the company? **Mahendra Lodha**
- Palkhi festival, which has recently celebrated in Maharashtra, is related to which community? **Warkari community**
- Recently inaugurated Naval Airfield Integrated Security System has been built by which company? **Bharat Electronics Limited**
- Which district has topped in the Good Governance Index of Jammu & Kashmir? **Jammu**
- Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society has been renamed as? **PM Memorial Museum and Library Society**
- Who is organizing the outreach program "Julie Ladakh"? **Indian Navy**
- Who is the writer of "Rebels Against the Raj: Western Fighters for India's Freedom", which has won the Elizabeth Longford Prize? **Ramchandra Guha**
- The two day conference of Science-20 under G-20 is being organised in which city? **Bhopal**
- Which state has topped in National Water Awards in Best State Category? **Madhya Pradesh**

- Which country has won the Intercontinental Cup? **India**
- Sustainable Gastronomy Day has been celebrated on which day of June 2023? **June 18**
- Which country has decided to adopt IMF mandated method to calculate its Forex reserve? **Bangladesh**
- Which country returned remains of Indigenous Maori and Moriori people to New Zealand? **Germany**
- Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of Indraprastha Gas Ltd? **Kamal Kishore Chatiwal**
- Which state government has named the prisons in the state as "Reform Homes" to reform the prison system? **Uttar Pradesh**
- What is the theme for International Yoga Day 2023? **Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**
- Intel company has signed 32.8 Billion Dollar chip plant agreement with which country? **Germany**
- India's first women's Kabaddi league was inaugurated in which city? **Dubai**
- India will gift which missile corvette to Vietnam as a friendly gesture? **INS Kirpan**



WORLD NATURE CONSERVATION DAY

Major initiatives that India has undertaken:

1. Nagar Van Udyan Scheme
2. Waste Management under Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan
3. Project Tiger
4. Mangroves for the Future (MFF)
5. National Wetland Conservation Programme

Note: There are three essential words about the conservation of environment that is Reduce, Recycle and Reuse.

Quick Bytes

- Indian Navy decommissioned INS Kirpan and handed over the indigenously built missile corvette to Vietnam.
- Esther Vergeer and Rick Draney will be inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.
- Indian compound archers Sarita and Rakesh Kumar bag the country's first-ever gold medal in the World Archery Para Championships.
- Admiral Lisa Franchetti becomes the first woman to lead the US Navy
- Rajasthan Assembly passed the 'Rajasthan Minimum Guaranteed Income Bill, 2023'
- National Mango Day is celebrated every year on 22 July.
- World Brain Day, also known as International Brain Day, is an annual health care event observed around the world on 22 July.
- Saudi Aramco completed its purchase of 10 % stake in China petrochemicals firm.
- U.S. President Joe Biden has chosen Admiral Lisa Franchetti to lead the Navy.
- Kohli becomes fifth highest run-scorer in international cricket.
- Indian team bags rapid fire pistol silver at Junior Worlds Championship in Changwon, Korea.
- Union Minister released 'Swachhata Chronicles: Transformative Tales from India'
- Indian-origin seven-year-old Moksha Roy has been honored with the British Prime Minister's 'Points of Light' award.
- The Ministry of Culture and the Indian Navy collaborated to revive the 2000-year-old 'Stitched Shipbuilding Method'.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu launched 'Sashakt Mahila Loan Yojana', a collateral-free loan scheme for women.
- Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan has been roped in as the brand ambassador for the ICC World Cup 2023.
- Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to conduct Cell Broadcast Alert System testing to enhance emergency communication during disasters.
- MoU signed between Ministry of Culture and Canara Bank to facilitate provision of financial assistance to Veteran Artists.
- First ever 'Credit Guarantee Scheme for Livestock Sector has been launched.
- Indo-Japan bilateral held for cooperation in the steel sector and decarbonisation issues.
- India breaks into top-100 in FIFA ranking for first time since 2018 at rank 99.
- Stuart Broad, the second fast bowler to take 600 wickets in Test cricket
- Adrian Mardell appointed as CEO of Jaguar Land Rover
- Japan becomes second Quad partner to sign semiconductor agreement with India
- Renowned hacker Kevin Mitnick in the history of cyber security has died at the age of 59 after battling pancreatic cancer for over a year.
- Anshuman Jhingran, an 18-year-old open water swimmer from Navi Mumbai, achieved a remarkable feat by becoming the youngest person to cross the North Channel.
- Rajasthan introduced 'The Rajasthan Minimum Guaranteed Income Bill, 2023' in the Assembly.
- Tata to invest £4 billion for building JLR battery cell gigafactory in U.K.
- The Surat Diamond Bourse has also surpassed the Pentagon office complex of the US Department of Defense as the world's largest office complex.
- Chennai Metro inks ₹1,205-crore contract agreement with Tata Projects for stations.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) retains India's growth forecast at 6.4% for current fiscal.
- DR Congo's state company signs USD 1.9-billion mining deal with UAE.
- The U.K. House of Lords passed the Illegal Migration Bill.
- Pakistan gets another USD 600 million loan from China.
- India's R. Satwiksairaj set the Guinness World Record for the fastest hit by a male player in badminton at 565kmph.
- ICC Test rankings: Rohit back in top 10 list of batters; Ashwin retains Number 1 spot in the list of Test bowler.
- INS Sahyadri and INS Kolkata arrive at Jakarta for Bilateral Maritime Exercise

- NITI Aayog released the Techno-Commercial Readiness and Market Maturity Matrix (TCRM Matrix) framework for promoting innovation and entrepreneurship in India.
- Arunachal Pradesh Tourism Secretary Swapnil Naik launches 'Yuva Tourism Club' in Itanagar.
- U.S. hands over 105 antiquities to India following agreement.
- Ashok Leyland bags Rs 800 crore contract from Indian Army.
- Russia exits UN-brokered deal to export Ukrainian grain via Black Sea.
- Pakistan and Iran agree to work together to stop border attacks by militants.
- India shooter Prithviraj Tondaiman bags Bronze medal at ISSF Shotgun World Cup in Italy.
- Fintech firm Razorpay launched its first international Razorpay gateway in Malaysia in partnership with Curlec.
- Power major NTPC has been honoured with the prestigious Economic Times (ET) HR World Future Skills Awards 2023.
- Indian and Mongolian troops will take part in the 15th edition of a bilateral military exercise in Ulaanbaatar.
- India and UAE sign MoU on linking of India's UPI with Instant Payment Platform of UAE.
- ISRO and BARC join hands to develop nuclear engines for rockets.
- U.K. signs accession protocol for the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).
- Keerthana Pandian defeated fellow Indian Anupama Ramachandran in the final to emerge as the IBSF World under-21 women's snooker champion.
- The Namda craft of Jammu and Kashmir was facing extinction, but has been successfully revived through the Skill India pilot project under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY).
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi to set up offshore campus in Abu Dhabi.
- Freedom fighter Sankaraiyah to get honorary doctorate by Madurai Kamaraj University, Tamil Nadu.
- Karnataka to begin Gruha Lakshmi scheme.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated the state-of-the-art Kalaingar Centenary Library in Madurai.
- India and UAE set to use rupee, dirham for trade; MoU signed between the Reserve Bank of India and the Central Bank of the UAE.
- R Ashwin became the second-highest wicket-taker for India behind Anil Kumble (953) in international cricket.
- Marketa Vondrousova defeats Tunisia's Ons Jabeur to become the first unseeded player in the professional era to win the Wimbledon women's singles title.
- Israel Parliament Approves Bill Limiting Supreme Court's Power
- Rare bird 'Jerdon's Babbler' spotted in Dudhwa Tiger Reserve, Uttar Pradesh
- Assam launched "Gajah Kotha" campaign to address the growing problem of Human-Elephant Conflict (HEC).
- India and France set to co-develop combat aircraft engine and engine for the Indian multi-role helicopter (IMRH).
- Odisha to build 2,000 meeting halls as part of the Mukhyamantri Sabha Gruha Scheme in western Odisha.
- Annual rate of inflation based on all India WPI recorded 4.12% down for June 2023
- Pakistan Prime Minister launches USD 3.5-billion Chinese-designed nuclear project.
- Asian Athletics: Tajinderpal Singh Toor wins gold, Parul Chaudhary wins maiden Asians title; Shaili Singh wins silver.
- Rituraj to lead India men's cricket team at the 19th Asian Games.
- Centre to supply free Doordarshan DTH connections and facilitate better mobile connectivity in villages along border areas.
- U.S. Senate Committee passes resolution recognising Arunachal Pradesh as integral part of India.
- Google launches ChatGPT rival Bard in European Union, Brazil and several more nations.
- Indian hurdler Jyothi Yarraji, triple jumper Abdulla Aboobacker and middle-distance runner Ajay Kumar Saroj won gold medals at the Asian Athletics Championships 2023.
- Sumit Antil scripted a world record in F64 javelin throw with a best attempt of 70.83m at the World Para-Athletics Championship.
- Megasiphon Thylacos, a new fossil species of tunicate discovered
- Archaeologists in Peru have discovered a 3,000-year-old sealed passageway, dubbed the "Condor's Passageway", at a temple site associated with the ancient Chavín culture.

- UAE becomes first Arab country to get observer status on Asia-Pacific money laundering
- ABSS is a development program initiated by Southern Railway.
- A new book 'Prism: The Ancestral Abode of Rainbow' by Vinod Mankara released
- Department of Space is to transfer of technology associated with Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) to eligible Indian industries.
- Ministry of Defence and FSSAI sign MoU to promote use of millets.
- Retail inflation, based on Consumer Price Index (CPI), stood at 4.81 percent in June this year.
- India's Nishad Kumar clinches silver in Men's High Jump event at Para Athletics World Championships.
- India to host ASEAN countries conference on traditional medicines
- World's largest International Temple Convention and Expo organized in Varanasi
- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) approved EKVI Air Training Organization Pvt Ltd to set up the first Flying Training Organization (FTO) in Tamil Nadu, India.
- Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approves two thermal power projects of 800 MW each.
- 28% tax to be imposed on online gaming firms
- UNDP: 415 million Indians came out of multidimensional poverty in 15 years.
- Saudi Arabia has deposited USD 2 billion into Pakistan's central bank.
- Ash Gardner has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month- the first to win ICC Player of the Month honour thrice.
- Gymnastics: Dipa Karmakar tops all-around competition in Asiad trials.
- National Housing Bank (NHB) operationalises ₹10,000-crore Urban Infrastructure Development Fund.
- New Zealand Prime Minister Hipkins signs 'ambitious' trade deal with EU.
- Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen clinches Men's Singles title of Canada Open Badminton.
- Priyansh wins compound men's under-21 individual title in the World youth archery championships.
- The annual celebration known as World Population Day is observed on 11 July every year. Its theme is "Unleashing the Power of Gender Equality: Elevating the Voices of Women and Girls to Unlock the Infinite Potential of Our World."
- India Tops Medals Tally in 34th International Biology Olympiad, Secures Four Gold Medals
- National Law University Delhi launches 'Eklavya': A Research Affiliate Program
- Foxconn pulls out of joint venture with Vedanta to make semiconductors
- Sheikh Talal Fahad Al Ahmad Al Sabah elected as OCA President
- National Fish Farmers Day is celebrated every year on 10th July to honour and support the work of fish farmers, fishermen and other stakeholders associated with fisheries in India.
- Parth Salunkhe became the first male archer to win a gold medal in the recurve event
- Agreement between Ministry of Defense and HAL for the manufacture of Dornier aircraft for the Indian Coast Guard
- India and Tanzania begin trade settlements in local currencies.
- Gukesh defeats Viswanathan Anand in the eighth round of Rapid event of the 2023 SuperUnited Rapid and Blitz tournament.
- International Tennis Federation awarded Justine Henin its highest honour, the Philippe Chatrier Award.
- Third World Hindu Conference organized in Bangkok
- India has been included in the "Champions Group" of the Global Crisis Resolution Group (GCRG).
- B. Neeraj Prabhakar has been appointed as the chairman of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- Google appoints Srinivasa Reddy as new India policy head
- ESA launches 'Euclid Space Telescope' to review solar system bodies
- The Election Commission of India (ECI) and the Electoral Tribunal (ET) of Panama signed an MoU on Electoral Cooperation.
- Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah presents 'guarantee Budget'; allocates ₹35,410 crores.

- Israel announces investment of USD 11 million for delivery technology, Health and technology solutions for schools and campus security.
- Wimbledon Tennis: Reigning champion Novak Djokovic beat Stan Wawrinka of Switzerland.
- LC India Ltd bags GeM Award in “Timely Payments (CPSEs)” Category for 2023.
- World Swahili Language Day is celebrated on July 7.
- Netherlands to return colonial-era acquisitions to Sri Lanka and Indonesia.
- World Archery Youth Championships: Indian pair Priyansh and Avneet Kaur win gold in junior mixed team compound event in Ireland.
- FPSB India appoints Krishna Mishra as CEO
- Amit Shah lays foundation stone of first co-operative-run Sainik School in Gujarat
- Piramal Finance opened the first all women branch named "Maitreyi" at Thripunithura near Kochi to cater to the unique needs of women customers.
- Sirisha Voruganti appointed MD & CEO of Lloyds Banking Group's Technology Center in India
- The Union Cabinet has cleared the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Bill.
- MoU for setting up of campus of IIT Madras in Zanzibar- Tanzania signed; It would be the first ever IIT campus to be set up outside India.
- DGCA signs MoU with European Union Aviation Safety Agency for unmanned aircraft systems & Innovative air mobility.
- Ministry of Home Affairs, launches ‘Scheme for Expansion and Modernization of Fire Services in the States’ with a total outlay of Rs.5,000 Crore.
- Aadhav Arjuna Elected as President of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI)
- British writer Michael Rosen honored with Pen Pinter Prize, 2023
- India's First 'Police Drone Unit' Launched in Chennai for Enhanced Aerial Surveillance and Quick Detection of Criminal Activities
- UK calls for expansion of UNSC’s permanent seats to include India, Brazil, Germany, Japan as well as African representation.
- Lallianzuala Chhangte and Manisha Kalyan were named the AIFF Men’s and Women’s Footballer of the Year for 2022-23.
- India won the final of the South Asian Football Federation Championship 2023.
- Shreyanka Patil becomes the first Indian cricketer to be a part of WCPL
- German luxury car maker Audi AG has appointed Gernot Dollner as the new CEO of the management board.
- Dipika Pallikal and Harinder Sandhu win 2023 Asian Squash Mixed Doubles Championships.
- US Supreme Court strikes down President Joe Biden’s 400 billion student loan forgiveness proposal.
- Britain’s King Charles III and Queen Camilla presented the Elephant Family environmental award to Kartiki Gonsalves, director of ‘The Elephant Whisperers’.
- Union WCD Minister inaugurates Regional Symposium on Child Protection, Safety and Child Welfare.
- Payments made using international credit cards (ICC) during overseas visits will not attract Tax Collected at Source (TCS).
- Neeraj Chopra has won his second ‘Lausanne Diamond League’ title.
- India storm into final of SAFF football championship defeating Lebanon 4-2.
- Yuki Bhambri wins maiden ATP doubles title in Mallorca, Spain
- Prime Minister launched the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission in Madhya Pradesh
- National Doctor's Day is celebrated every year on 1st July in India to appreciate and honour the valuable contribution of doctors and health care professionals in the world. The theme for National Doctor's Day 2023 is "Celebrating Resilience and Healing Hands".
- Vice Admiral Atul Anand assumed the role of Additional Secretary, Department of Military Affairs.
- Bank of Baroda to divest 49% in credit card arm BOB Financial Solutions.
- Indian Bank rolls out digital services under ‘Project WAVE’ initiative.
- France and UAE collaborate to accelerate shift towards Clean Energy amidst the trilateral initiative with India.



- Two-time champions West Indies fail to qualify for ICC World Cup 2023.
- Double world champion Max Verstappen ran away with an Austrian Grand Prix sprint race.
- The Central Government has started a new relief scheme under the 'Mission Vatsalya' scheme in relation to the abandonment of the families of minor girls who are victims of rape when they become pregnant.
- New Zealand has become the first country to ban plastic produce bags in supermarkets.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Sai Hira Global Convention Center in Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh.
- Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated an International Hostel named "Madhumaas" at ICAR-IARI.
- Indian tennis player Yuki Bhambri won his maiden ATP doubles title at the Mallorca Championships in Spain.
- Prime Minister inaugurates Sai Hira Global Convention Centre in Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh.
- IDFC Limited set to merge with lender IDFC First Bank.
- UAE establishes new Ministry of Investment to Boost Economic Competitiveness.
- National Anti-Doping Agency, India (NADA India) signs MoU with South Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization (SARADO).
- Nadubhagom Chundan of the Nadubhagom Boat Club lifted the Raja Pramukhan Trophy in Kerala.
- Bangabandhu SAFF Championship: Indian men's football team to take on Kuwait in grand finale.
- The first underwater tunnel in Assam will be constructed between Numaligarh and Gohpur at an estimated cost of Rs 6,000 crore.
- The Union Environment Ministry granted Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) approval to the Tamil Nadu government's proposal to build the Muthmiz Arignar Dr Kalaingar Pen Monument in the Bay of Bengal, off Marina beach in Chennai, with 15 conditions.
- The Uttar Pradesh government launched the 'Legal Aid Defense Counseling System (LADCS)'.
- The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, also known as World Drug Day, is observed annually on 26 June. The theme for World Drug Day 2023 is "People First: Stop Stigma and Discrimination, Strengthen Prevention."
- Greece's conservative New Democracy party has emerged victorious in the parliamentary election, securing another four-year term for reformist Kyriakos Mitsotakis as the Prime Minister.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a loan agreement with the government of Bangladesh to provide \$400 million for the construction of a dual gauge railway between Chattogram and Cox's Bazar.
- World Drug Day is observed on June 26, this year's theme is 'People first: Stop stigma and discrimination'.
- Infosys signs \$454-million deal with Danske Bank.
- Asian Development Bank to provide 400 million US dollars in loans to Bangladesh.
- American rapper Busta Rhymes was awarded the BET Lifetime Achievement Award for 2023.



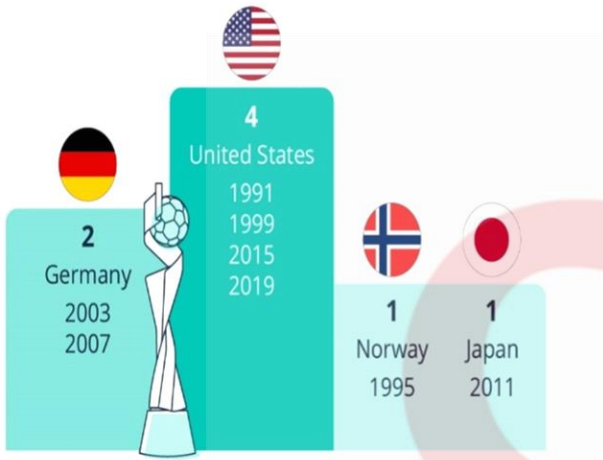
- Diksha Dagar won her second Ladies European Tour (LET) title, as she claims the Czech Ladies Open title.
- Sutirtha Mukherjee and Ayhika Mukherjee claimed its maiden women's doubles title in the WTT Contender Tunis.
- T.S. Singh Deo made Chhattisgarh Deputy Chief Minister, ahead of Assembly poll.
- Union Cabinet approved the National Research Foundation (NRF) Bill, 2023.
- Union Culture Ministry to implement "Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists" along with Canara Bank.
- CCEA approved the PM-PRANAM (PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness, Generation, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother Earth) scheme.
- Nepal Supreme Court orders government to register same-sex marriages.
- China and New Zealand signed agreements to boost trade between the two countries, in Beijing.
- Pakistan passes law paving way for return of exiled former Prime Minister.
- Australia batter Steve Smith became the second fastest to reach 9,000 runs in Tests after Sangakkara.
- Tamil Nadu beats Haryana and claim the senior women's National football championship.
- India's first hydrogen-powered train will start its journey from Jind district of Haryana.
- Priya A.S. Received the Sahitya Akademi Children's Literature Award 2023 in the Malayalam language for his novel "Perumazhayathe Kunjithalukal" (The Children Who Were Never Withered).
- A new book titled "The Yoga Sutras for Children" by Indian author Roopa Pai was published by Hachette India.
- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has announced the appointment of Xu Haoliang from China as the new Undersecretary-General and Associate Administrator of the UN Development Programme (UNDP).
- Canada launched the "Digital Nomad Strategy" to address its skilled labour shortage, particularly in the tech industry.
- Cabinet approves ratification of the Headquarters Agreement (HQA) between India and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)
- National Statistics Day is observed annually on 29 June to honour the contribution of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis in statistics and economic planning. Its theme is "Aligning the State Indicator Framework with the National Indicator Framework for Monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals".
- June 30 is recognized as the International Day of Parliamentarism, which commemorates the founding of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in 1889. This year's theme is 'Parliaments for the Planet', which urges parliaments around the world to lead by example in building a greener and more sustainable future.
- Ajay Bhatnagar, a senior IPS officer of the 1989 batch from Jharkhand cadre, has been appointed as the Special Director in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) as per a Personnel Ministry order.
- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has given its approval to wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia for their training proposals under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS).

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Women's World Cup Champions

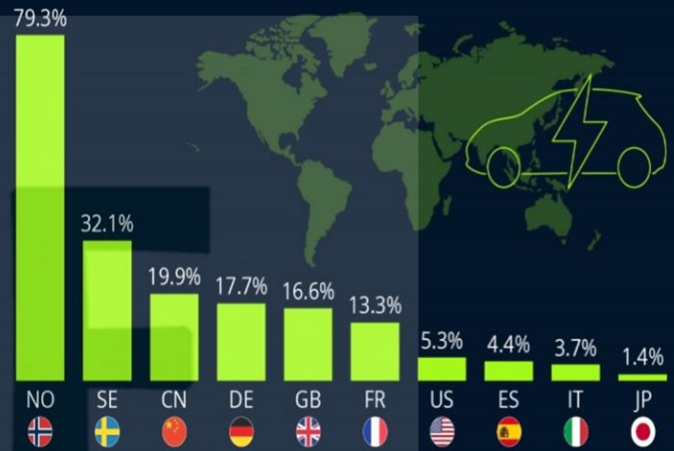
National soccer teams that have won the FIFA Women's World Cup



Source: FIFA

E-Mobility: Norway Leads the Charge

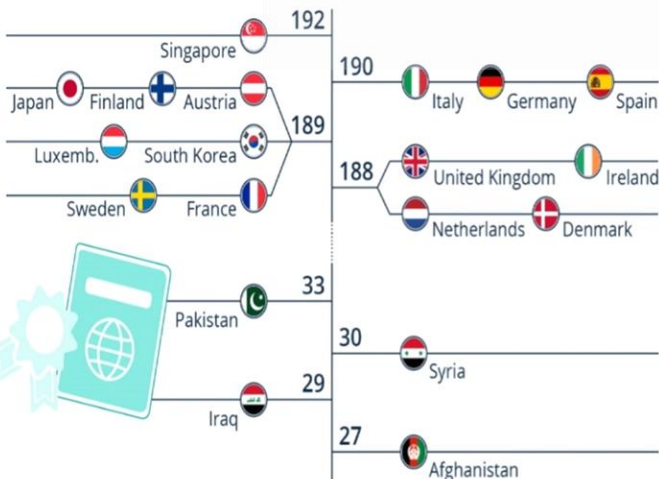
Share of electric vehicles in new passenger car registrations in selected countries in 2022*



* battery electric vehicles (BEV) excl. plug-in hybrids (PHEV) and other hybrids
Sources: Industry data via PwC

The World's Most (And Least) Powerful Passports

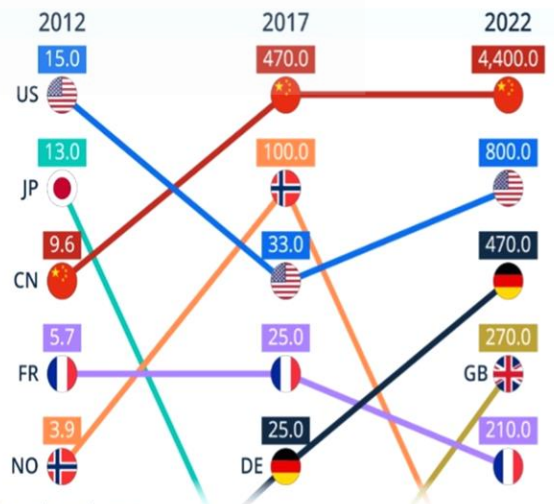
Passports ranked by the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa in 2023



Source: Henley Passport Index

China Leads the Way in Electrifying the Road

Countries with the most BEV sales per year (in thousands)*



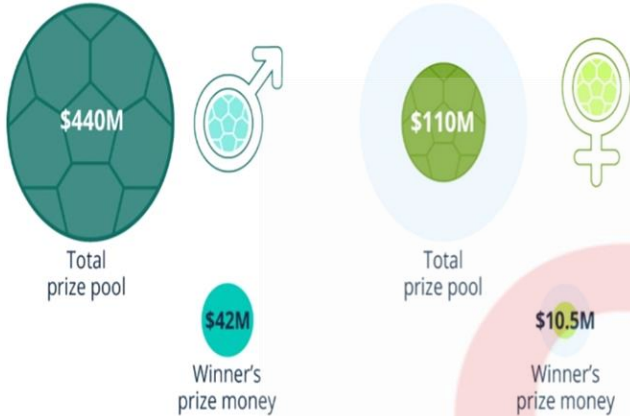
* Excl. trucks and vans
Source: International Energy Agency

The World Cup Gender Pay Gap

Prize money allocation for the latest Men's and Women's FIFA World Cup tournaments (in million U.S. dollars)

Men's World Cup 2022

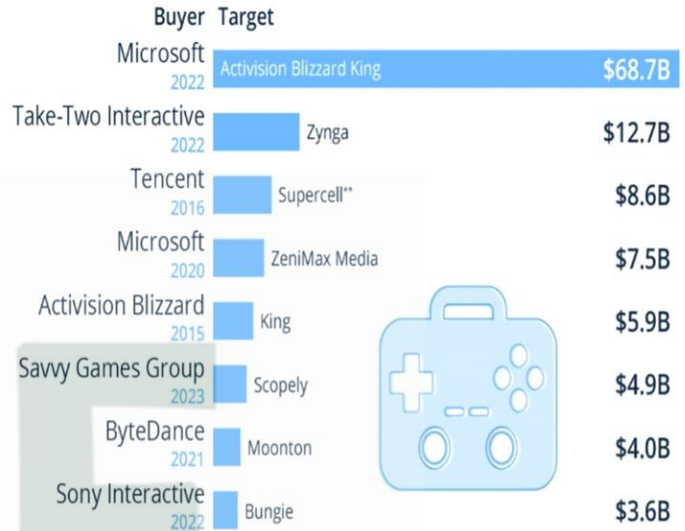
Women's World Cup 2023



Source: FIFA

Microsoft-Activision Deal Is the Largest in Gaming History

Most expensive video game company acquisitions*

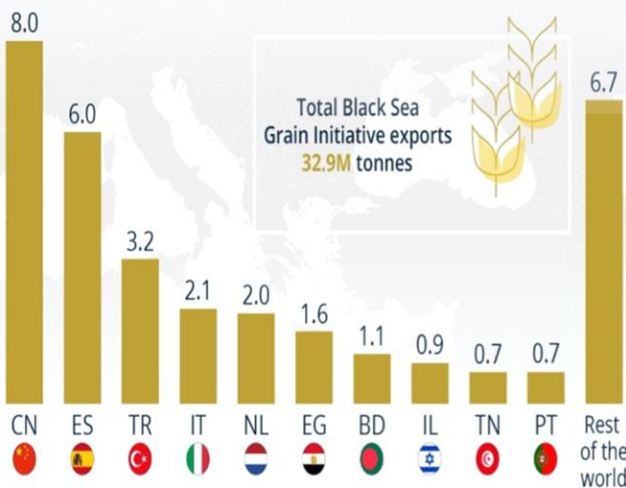


* Historical prices ** Majority stake of 81.4%

Sources: Bloomberg, gamesindustry.biz, New York Times, Variety

The Vital Importance of the Black Sea Grain Initiative

Grain exported by Ukraine via the Black Sea Grain Initiative, by destination country* (in million tonnes)

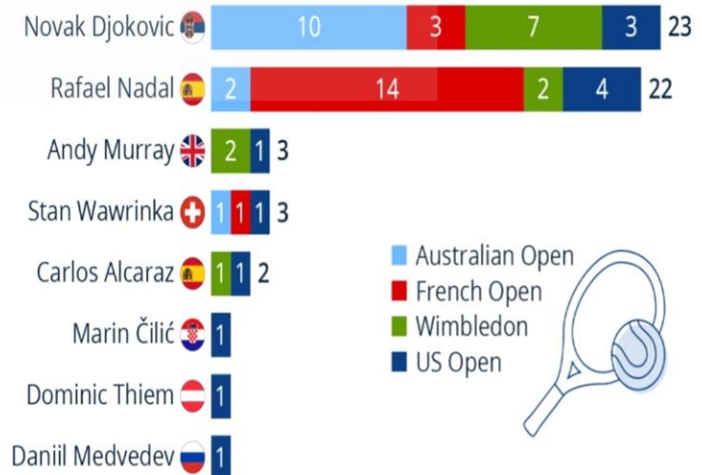


* From Aug. 3, 2022 to Jul. 16, 2023

Source: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Alcaraz Halts Djokovic's Grand Slam March

Number of Grand Slam singles titles won by active male Tennis players



As of Jul. 17, 2023

Source: ATP

Landing on the Moon

Successful Moon lander and impactor missions, by country*



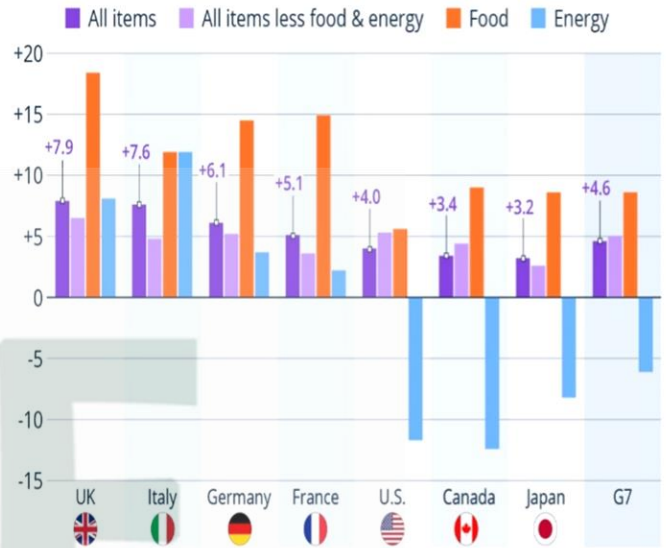
As of July 13, 2023

* Excludes impacts resulting from mission failures and the final stage of orbiter missions.

Source: Statista research

Which G7 Economies Have the Highest Inflation?

Inflation rates in G7 countries in May 2023 (in %)

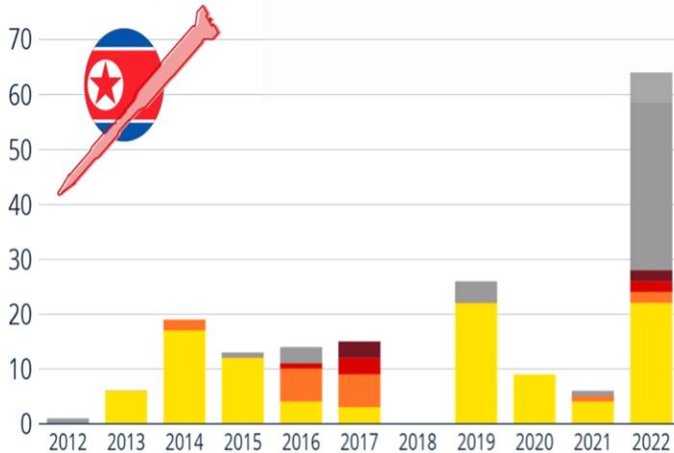


Sources: OECD, Statistics Bureau of Japan

North Korean Missile Tests Hit a Record High in 2022

Ballistic missile tests in North Korea, by range*

Short-range Medium-range Intermediate
Intercontinental Other/Unknown

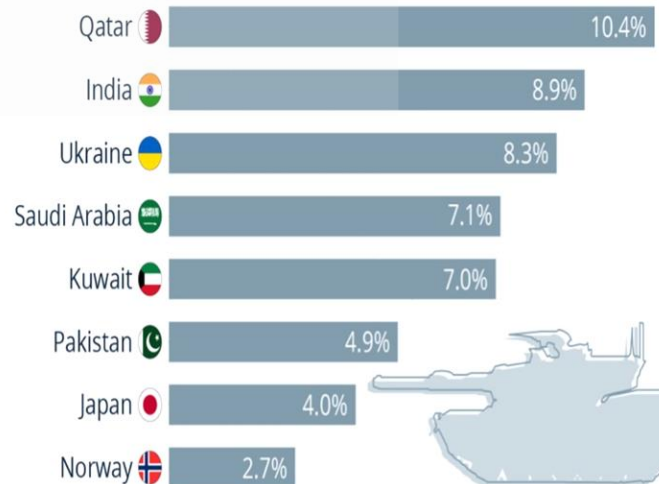


* Tests considered 'successful' or with an unknown result

Source: Nuclear Threat Initiative

The World's Biggest Arms Importers

Share of global arms imports in 2022 based on SIPRI Trend Indicator Value*

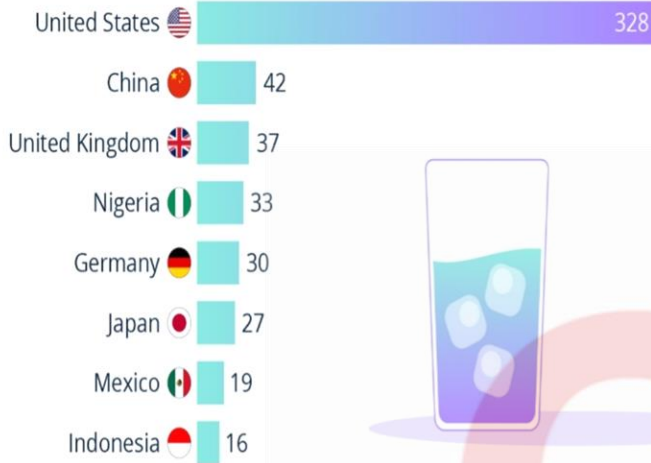


* measures the size of the transfer regardless of the purchase price

Source: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

The World's Largest Soft Drinks Markets

Estimated sales of non-alcoholic drinks by country in 2023 (in billion U.S. dollars)



Source: Statista Market Insights

Continental Shift: The World's Most Populous Countries

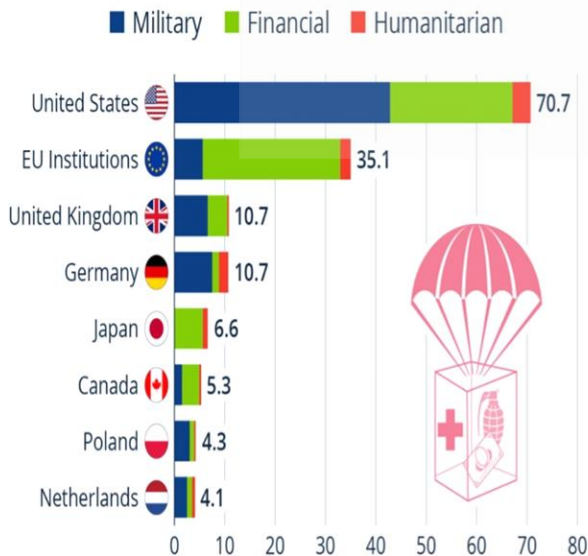
Estimated/projected population on July 1 of the respective year*



* UN population estimates are based on today's borders. For example, the 1950 estimate for Russia is for today's Russia, not the USSR.
Source: United Nations | World Population Prospects 2022

The Countries Committing the Most Aid to Ukraine

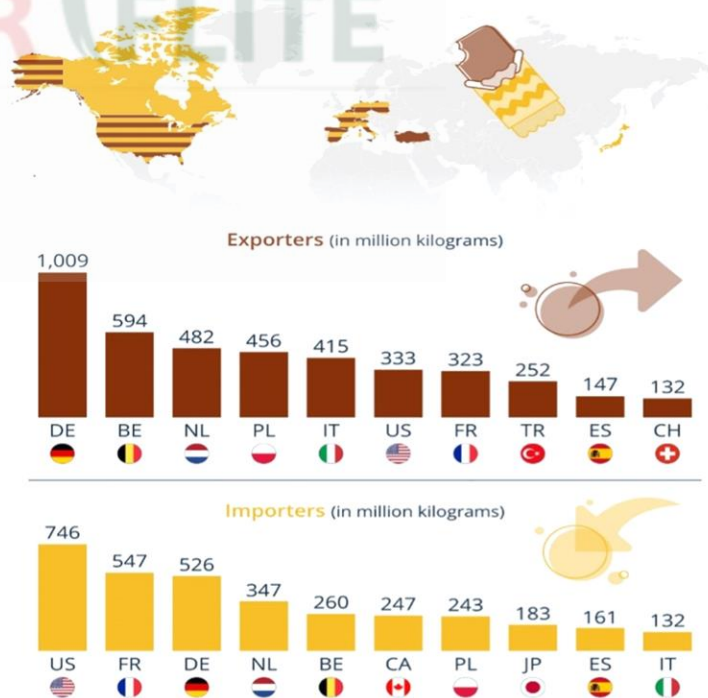
Countries committing the most aid to Ukraine between Jan. 24, 2022 and May 31, 2023 (in billion euros)



Source: IFW Kiel Ukraine Support Tracker

The World Leaders in Chocolate Trade

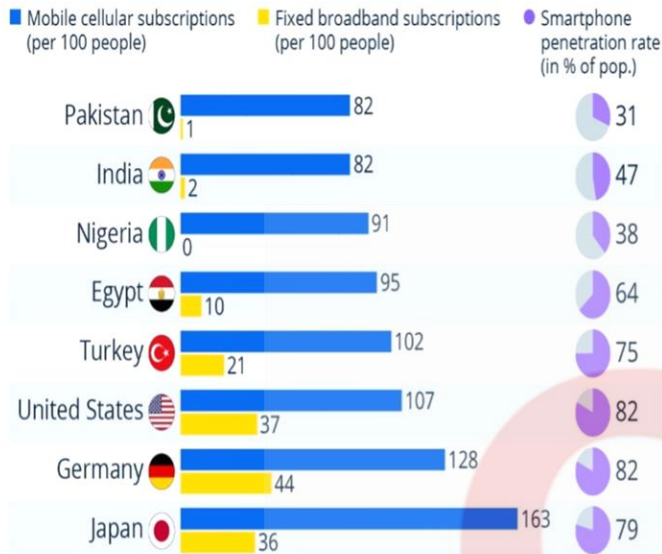
Largest exporters and importers of chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa in 2022



Source: UN Comtrade

How the World Goes Online

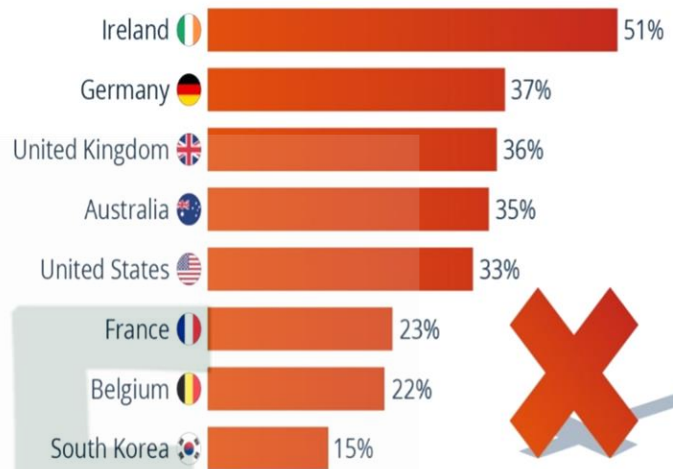
Cellular and broadband internet subscriptions as well as smartphone penetration rate in selected countries



Cellular/Broadband: 2021. Smartphone penetration: 2022
Sources: World Bank, NewZoo

Where People Feel Healthcare Is Falling Short

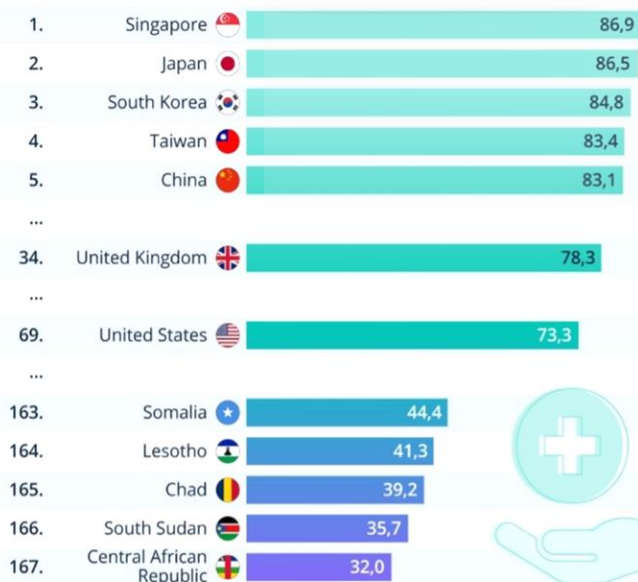
Share of respondents who say that the health system in their country frequently lets patients down



1,000-10,000 respondents per selected country surveyed Apr. 2022-Mar. 2023
Source: Statista Consumer Insights

The Healthiest (& Unhealthiest) Countries in the World

Health and health care system index scores by country (100=best possible score)



* Based on people's health, access to health services, health outcomes, health systems, illness and risk factors, mortality rates. 2022 or latest available
Source: Legatum Institute Foundation

The World's Best Hospitals in 2023

Top 10 hospitals according to peer recommendations, patient experience & medical KPIs



Based on surveys of 80,000+ medical professionals across 27 countries, as well as publicly available patient survey and hospital performance data.
Sources: Statista, Newsweek

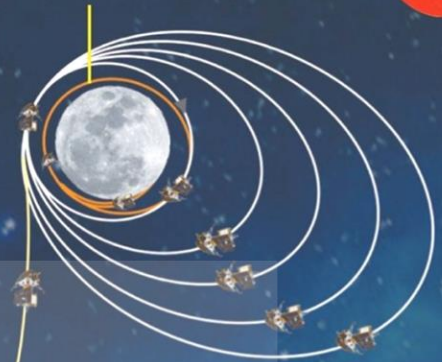
CHANDRAYAAN-3 MOON MISSION

Chandrayaan-3, the succeeding mission to Chandrayaan-2, is set to launch on Friday, July 14, 2023 at 2.35 pm



100 km
Circular Lunar Orbit

Lunar Orbit Insertion



EBNs

Integrated Module Phase

Lunar Transfer Trajectory

Mission life
1 Lunar day
(14 Earth days)

Mass
1,749.86 kg
including
Rover

Take off from
Sriharikota

LVM3-M4
Vehicle

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