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Important Personalities

- ICICI Lombard has appointed whom as their Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer? **Sanjeev Mantri**
- For how many years has the Central Government extended the tenure of RBI Deputy Governor M Rajeshwar Rao? **01 year**
- Who will lead the delegation of Parliament to the 9th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in Johannesburg? **Harivansh Narayan Singh**

- president of which company? **Intel India**
- Cognizant Technology Solutions has appointed whom as its new CFO? **Jatin Dalal**
- The Election Commission of India has appointed whom as the New Police Commissioner of Hyderabad? **Sandeep Shandilya**
- SBI Life Insurance has appointed whom as its new Chief Executive Officer? **Amit Jhingran**
- Who has been taken charges as the 28th Director General of the Border Roads Organisation? **Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan**
- Who has recently took oath as a Member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)? **Dr Dinesh Dasa**
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India? **Saugata Gupta**
- Who has recently elected as The President of Maldives? **Mohamed Muizzu**
- Who has been taken over as the Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff? **Tarun Sobti**
- ICC has named whom as "Global Ambassador" for ODI World Cup? **Sachin Tendulkar**
- Who has been promoted to the role of global CEO of PayU succeeding Laurent Le Moal? **Anirban Mukherjee**
- Name the former MD and CEO of HDFC Bank, who has joined Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP as senior adviser? **Aditya Puri**
- Who has been appointed as the new Executive Director by the Reserve Bank of India? **Munish Kapoor**
- Which country has elected as President of Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development for a third successive term? **India**
- Which country has taken over as chair of Indian Ocean Rim Association? **Sri Lanka**
- Who has been appointed as Director (Industrial Systems & Products) of BHEL? **Bani Verma**
- Who has been assumed the charge of national president of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce? **Pankaj Bohra**
- The 23rd Council of Ministers of IORA met in Colombo as Sri Lanka assumed the chairmanship. Which country has assumed the position of Vice Chair in IORA? **India**

01
OCTOBER

INTERNATIONAL — DAY OF THE — OLDER PERSONS

Importance

To acknowledge and appreciate contributions made by older people in society.

Motto

To raise awareness about issues affecting the elderly, such as senescence and elder abuse.

Note

It is also a day to appreciate the contributions that older people make to society. It is similar to National Grandparents Day in US and Canada.



2023 Theme

Fulfilling the Promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for Older Persons: Across Generations

INCEPTION: 14 DECEMBER 1990 | 1ST OBSERVED: 1991 | EDITION: 33rd

- Who has become the first woman Speaker of the Odisha Assembly? **Pramila Malik**
- Who has been elected as chairman of Media Research Users Council India? **Shailesh Gupta**
- Gokul Subramaniam has recently appointed as

- VJ Kurian has been appointed as the new chairman of which bank? **South Indian Bank**
- Who has been named as ICC "Player of the Month" for September 2023? **Shubman Gill**
- Daniel Noboa has recently become the youngest-ever President of which country? **Ecuador**
- Who has been elected as the newly elected Prime Minister of New Zealand? **Christopher Luxon**
- Who has been assumed charge as Director of Finance at Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency? **B K Mohanty**
- Who has been appointed as the chief justice of Manipur High Court? **Justice Siddharth Mridul**
- Who has been appointed as India's ambassador to United Nations in Geneva? **Arindam Bagchi**
- Who has chaired the Regional Conference of India's ASEAN and East Asia Ambassadors in Singapore? **Dr S Jaishankar**
- Who has been appointed as the new Governor of Odisha? **Raghuvar Das**
- Who will be the next Managing Director & Chief

- Executive Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank? **Ashok Vaswani**
- Who has been appointed as assistant coach by Rajasthan Royals? **Shane Bond**
- Name the father of India's Green Revolution who has passed away recently? **Dr M S Swaminathan**
- Sarat Chandra Mishra, who has passed away recently, was the former DGP of which state? **Odisha**
- Dahyabhai Shastri, who has passed away recently, was the founder of which college? **Brahmarshi Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya**
- S Sachidananda Murthy has passed away, he was a famous personality of which field? **Journalism**
- Name the former Chief Election Commissioner who has passed away recently in October 2023? **Manohar Singh Gill**
- Spiritual leader Bangaru Adigal, who has passed away recently, was the founder of which temple? **Adhiparasakthi Siddhar Peedam**
- Bishan Singh Bedi has passed away, he was associated with which sport? **Cricket**

01 OCTOBER



WORLD VEGETARIAN DAY

Importance

To highlight the advantages of being vegetarian and to show the meatless life can also be a very delicious life.

Motto

To promote the joy, compassion and life-enhancing possibilities of vegetarianism.

Note

World Vegetarian Day initiates the month of October as Vegetarian Awareness Month, which ends with November 1, World Vegan Day.

Fact

The country with the largest vegetarian population is India. About two-thirds of the world's vegetarians currently reside in India and the country accounts for more vegetarians than any other country in the world.

INCEPTION: 1977 (North American Vegetarian Society), 1978 (Endorsed by International Vegetarian Union)

01 OCTOBER



INTERNATIONAL COFFEE DAY

Importance

To recognize the efforts of millions of farmers whose livelihood depends on this aromatic crop.

Motto

To promote fair trade coffee and to raise awareness for the plight of the coffee growers.

Note

As per the international reports, Coffee is the second most traded commodity in the world after oil.

Organisation Involved

International Coffee Organisation (ICO).

Origin

An Ethiopian goat herder Kaldi first discovered the Coffee beans in the world.

INCEPTION: 2015 | 1ST OBSERVED: 2015 | EDITION: 9th

National & International News

- Which village of Assam state has been selected as Best Tourism Village of India 2023? **Biswanath Ghat**
- India Smart Cities Conclave 2023 has been organised in Indore by which ministry? **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**
- Recently, India has got its 54th Tiger Reserve as "Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve", located in which state? **Madhya Pradesh**
- Who has inaugurated the 'India Energy Summit 2023'? **RK Singh**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of FM relay station in which city? **Dahod**
- Ministry of Tourism has organised the Global Launch of which initiative in September 2023? **Travel for LIFE**

- at block level in how many districts across the country? **329 districts**
- The PM's call for "Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Saath" is associated with which campaign? **Swachh Bharat Mission**
- In which district will the second tiger reserve of Bihar state be established? **Kaimur**
- On World Tourism Day, The Tourism Minister of Uttarakhand has unveiled the country's first Cartography Museum in which city? **Mussoorie**
- The 28th Meeting of the Standing Advisory Committee concluded in which city to review credit flow to MSMEs? **Lucknow**
- Which state government has launched Mukhyamantri Nirmaan Shramik Pension Yojana? **Chhattisgarh**
- India's first solar roof cycling track was inaugurated in which city? **Hyderabad**
- Who has flagged off CRPF Women Bike Expedition "Yashasvini" from the iconic LalChowk, Srinagar? **Manoj Sinha**
- The 4th Eklavya Model Residential Schools National Cultural & Literary Fest and Kala Utsav-2023 has been inaugurated in which city? **Dehradun**
- Which board will be established by the Union government of India to focus on the development and growth of turmeric? **National Turmeric Board**
- The Neev Literature Festival for 2023 is scheduled to take place in which city? **Bengaluru**
- Where is the Pacific Asia Travel Association Travel Mart 2023 being held? **New Delhi**
- Which Union Ministry launched 'CRIIO 4 GOOD modules'? **Ministry of Education**
- The "Aadi Mahotsav" has recently inaugurated in which state? **Jharkhand**
- Which state has recently created three district Malpura, Sujangarh, and Kuchaman City? **Rajasthan**
- NITI Aayog has organized first state workshop on women-Led Development in which state? **Goa**
- Who has recently inaugurated International Research Conference in New Delhi? **Droupadi Murmu**
- India has began ferry service to the Sri Lanka from which district? **Nagapattinam**
- Which ministry has identified 449 Sites Across the Country for Cleanliness under Special Swachhata Campaign 3.0? **Ministry of Culture**
- In which city of India will the 16th Agricultural Science Congress be organized? **Kochi**
- Who has inaugurated the "Bharat NCX 2023" ceremony? **Ajay Kumar Sood**

02
OCTOBER

INTERNATIONAL -DAY OF- NON-VIOLENCE

Importance

To mark the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence.

INCEPTION

On 15 June 2007, UNGA adopted a resolution to declare 2 October will be celebrated as the International Day of Non-Violence.

Great Britain released a stamp honouring him after 21 years of his death 48 roads outside India that are named after Mahatma Gandhi.

- Recently, the government has extended Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act in parts of Arunachal, Nagaland for how many months? **Six months**
- Which country is the host of Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Travel Mart 2023? **India**
- Which Union Ministry organised the 'Technology and Bharatiya Bhasha Summit'? **Ministry of Education**
- Recently launched "Sankalp Saptaaah" will be observed



- Government has introduced "SHRESHTA" scheme for SC category students. What does "R" stands for in the abbreviation of "SHRESHTA"? **Residential**
- When will the Government of India organize World Food India 2023? **03 to 05 November**
- According to the 14th report on States/UTs performance on CPGRAMS, which two states disposed of the maximum number of grievances in September 2023? **Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat**
- Assam cabinet approved how much for new road project under asom mala? **Rs 3000 cr**
- The Union Cabinet has approved the creation of which new autonomous body for youth development and youth-led development? **'Mera Yuva Bharat'**
- In which district did UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath unveil the statue of freedom fighter Raja Rao? **Unnao**
- The 6th Annual Technology Conference - "Infinity 2023" has been held in which city? **Noida**
- In which state, 7 bridge projects worth Rs 118.50 crore have been approved under the Setu Bandhan Scheme? **Arunachal Pradesh**
- Which state has recently declared the Gangetic dolphin as the state aquatic animal? **Uttar Pradesh**
- The 141st meeting of the International Olympic Committee has been held in India after how many years on 14 October? **40 Years**
- Parshottam Rupala launched tenth phase of Sagar Parikrama in October 2023 from which city? **Chennai**
- Which edition of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Annual Tourism Summit has been inaugurated recently? **17th**
- In which state has Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya recently inaugurated the state's first medical college? **Nagaland**
- Which state has unveiled its first 3D-printed building, named Amaze-28? **Kerala**
- The recently discovered toad species in Dampa tiger reserve of Mizoram has been named after whom? **Subramanian Bhupathy**
- In which city is the Global Maritime India Summit 2023 being organized? **Mumbai**
- Which Union Minister launched IndiaSkills 2023-24 in New Delhi? **Dharmendra Pradhan**
- The fourth agriculture road map (2023-2028) has been launched in which state by President Draupadi Murmu? **Bihar**
- Recently, Centre has approved to set up of Khelo India State Excellence Centre in which state/UT? **Ladakh**
- Jhulaghat Suspension Bridge is constructed on which river, which has now fully operational? **Kali River**
- Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched India's first regional rail "RapidX" in which state? **Uttar Pradesh**
- National Handicrafts Exhibition- Gandhi Bunkar Mela has recently began in which city? **Kolkata**
- Which initiative has been launched by the Punjab government to make the state completely drug free? **'Hope Initiative'**
- Which state has approved the formation of "Special Tiger Protection Force" for tiger reserves? **Arunachal Pradesh**
- In which state did PM Narendra Modi launch 511 'Pramad Mahajan Rural Skill Development Centres'? **Maharashtra**
- Which state has launched "Mukhyamantri Maka Mission" (MMM) to promote maize cultivation? **Odisha**
- Who has inaugurated project "Heartland Tripura", aimed at boosting employment & employability in Tripura? **Rajeev Chandrasekhar**
- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has launched Vistadome train services in which state/UT? **Jammu & Kashmir**
- Recently, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved 13 GW Renewable Energy Project in which state/UT? **Ladakh**
- In which state the two-day-long "Anthurium" festival has begun? **Mizoram**
- Which village of Gujarat has received global recognition as one of the best tourist villages awarded by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation? **Dhordo Village**
- United Nations has launched a joint capacity-building initiative with which country for Global South? **India**
- Indian Council for Cultural Relations has organised which edition of the Indo-Latin America Cultural Festival? **4th**
- What is the depth of recently found world's second deepest blue hole on Mexico Coast? **900 Feet**
- Outside India, in which country will the largest statue of Dr BR Ambedkar be unveiled? **USA**
- The Ninth G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) will be held in which city? **New Delhi**
- Which union has approved world's first Green Bond standards to combat greenwashing? **European Union**
- Which country is chairing the 2023 International Conference on Climate Change and Nuclear Energy from 9th to 13th October? **UAE**
- Operation Iron Sword is associated with which country? **Israel**
- Which operation has been launched by India to facilitate the return from Israel of its citizens? **Operation Ajay**
- Om Birla has recently handed over P20 Presidency to which country? **Brazil**
- In which country, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has unveiled the statue of Rabindranath Tagore? **Vietnam**
- In October 2023, S Jaishankar has unveiled bust of Mahatma Gandhi in which country? **Vietnam**
- Which state/UT has achieved 100% "Open Defecation Free Plus Model" status? **Jammu and Kashmir**

Banking & Economy

- BankID BankAxept AS has selected which Indian company to boost Norway's national payments, e-ID systems? **TCS**
- Which company has been recognized as a "Great Place To Work" in India from Sept 2023 to September 2024 period? **SBI General Insurance**
- Which currency has emerged as the best-performing currency of the September quarter in 2023? **Afghani**
- Reserve Bank of India has given approval to International Finance Corporation to acquire stake in which bank? **Federal Bank**
- RBI has approved the merger of fintech startup Slice with which bank? **North East Small Finance Bank**
- Reserve Bank of India has maintained the repo rate at what percentage? **6.50 Percent**
- Which bank has becomes the first lender to offer "ONDC Network Gift Card"? **YES Bank**
- Which bank has introduced a new card called NAV-eCash? **State Bank of India**
- Recently, Government of India has granted "Navratna" status to which company? **RITES Ltd**
- What percentage increase in dearness allowance for central government employees has been approved by the Union Cabinet? **4 Percent**
- The central government has increased the minimum support price of wheat for the 2024-25 season by how much rupees? **Rs 150**
- Which bank has unveiled "XpressWay" digital platform for Swift Loans? **HDFC Bank**
- Rural Electrification Corporation Limited has signed MoU with which bank to co-finance infrastructure projects? **Punjab National Bank**
- Kotak Mutual Fund has launched investor education program in partnership with which board of education? **CBSE Board**
- With whom will NPCI International Payments Ltd tie up for cross border transactions? **Al Etihad Payments**
- First ever mobile tower has been installed at Siachen Glacier by Indian Army in partnership with which

company? **BSNL**

- With whom has the Defense Ministry signed an agreement for the mid-life upgrade of INS Beas? **Cochin Shipyard Limited**
- Which tech company has inked 3 pacts with IT Ministry on semiconductor, AI, Q-computing? **IBM**
- THDC India Limited has signed MoU with which IIT for R&D in green hydrogen, recycling & EVs? **IIT Delhi**

08
OCTOBER

INDIAN
AIR FORCE
—DAY—



Importance

To mark the foundation of the Indian Air Force on 8 October 1932

Motto
Touching the Sky with Glory.

In 2010, the Air Force Network (AFNET), a robust digital information grid that enabled quick and meticulous threat responses, was launched.

Facts

IAF ranks as the fourth-best airforce in the world. The President of India is the Commander-in-Chief of IAF. HAL (formed in 1948) is currently the largest defense firm in public sector.

INCEPTION: 1932

EDITION: 91st



Awards & Recognitions

- Who has become the first Odia to receive the Norman Borlaug Award? **Dr Swati Nayak**
- Antyodaya Diwas has celebrated in India on September 25 to honour whom? **Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya**
- Who will be honored with the Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award? **Waheeda Rehman**

09
OCTOBER



Importance

To Mark the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern.

Motto

To spread awareness about the postal services and their role in the everyday lives of people and businesses.

India has the largest postal network in the world with 1,54,939 post offices as on March 31, 2015. India Post ATMs have been installed in more than 500 locations across the country.

India Post

India is one of the earliest active members of the Universal Postal Union (UPU).

One can buy exclusive collection of postal stamps offered by India Post on e-commerce websites like Snapdeal and Shopclues.

The postal department has 38 heritage buildings having architectural value.

INCEPTION: 1969

EDITION: 54th

- Which state has been awarded as the "Top State in Linking Health Records with ABHA" under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission? **Andhra Pradesh**
- General Manoj Pande has presented the "President's Colours" award to which Military unit? **Naga Regiment**
- Recently, who has conferred National Intellectual Property Awards 2023? **Piyush Goyal**

Monthly Current Affairs One-Liners

- The Union Ministry of Tourism awarded the title of "Best Tourism Village of India 2023" to which village of Punjab? **Nawanpind Sardaran**
- Who has won the Best Actor Award in National Film Awards conferred recently? **Allu Arjun**
- In which location did the Umling La fashion show surpass the previous Guinness World Record for the highest-altitude fashion show in the world? **Ladakh**
- Who will be awarded the 2023 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine? **Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman**
- How many scientists have been jointly awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in the year 2023? **3**
- Who has become the first woman to receive Global Indian Award? **Sudha Murty**
- Mounji G Bawendi, Louis E Brus and Alexei I Ekimov have been awarded by The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2023 for the discovery and synthesis of - **Quantum dots**
- Who has been awarded by the Nobel Prize in Literature 2023? **Jon Fosse**
- Who has been awarded the prestigious Tata Literature Live Lifetime Achievement Award? **C S Lakshmi**
- Who has won the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize? **Narges Mohammadi**
- What is the name of Norwegian author, who has won Nobel Prize 2023 in Literature? **Jon Fosse**
- Who has recently been awarded the Spinoza Prize related to climate change? **Dr Joyita Gupta**
- The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2023 has been awarded to whom? **Claudia Goldin**
- Which country's President has conferred with an Honorary Doctorate by Jawaharlal Nehru University? **Tanzania**
- Who has been honoured by US First Lady Jill Biden for "Girls Leading Change" celebration? **Gitanjali Rao**
- Which Indian movie has been accepted in "Academy Collections" by Oscars library? **The Vaccine War**
- Which company has secured the "Best Innovation in Refinery" award for the year 2022-23 from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas? **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation**
- Who has won the European Union's Sakharov Prize 2023? **Jina Mahsa Amini**
- Who has been honored with "Award For Global Leadership" by Harvard Law School? **CJI DY Chandrachud**
- Which Hollywood actor will be honoured with the Satyajit Ray Excellence in Film Lifetime Award at the 54th International Film Festival of India? **Michael Douglas**

Sports

- Recently, India has won gold medal in which category of men's shooting at the Asian Games 2023? **10m Air Rifle**
- Who has won the maiden Indian Grand Prix 2023? **Marco Bezzecchi**
- Who has won a bronze medal in men's 10m air rifle at the Hangzhou Asian Games? **Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar**
- In which city will the IBSA Blind Football Intercontinental Cup 2023 be organized? **Kochi**
- Recently, India has clinched the gold medal in women cricket by defeating which team in the 2023 Asian Games? **Sri Lanka**
- Who has become the first Asian to be nominated for the International Tennis Hall of Fame? **Leander Paes**
- Who has won gold in women's 50m rifle 3P with a world record score of 469.6 at the Asian Games 2023? **Sift Kaur Samra**
- Who has become the first Indian to reach the quarter-finals of the women's singles table tennis competition at the Asian Games? **Manika Batra**
- Tajinderpal Singh Toor has clinched the gold medal in which sport at the Asian Games 2023? **Shot Put**
- Who has become the third Indian track and field athlete to win gold at the 2023 Asian Games, winning the women's 5000m? **Parul Chaudhary**
- Which country has won the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Under-19 Championship? **India**
- Which team has won the Irani Cup 2023-24? **Rest of India cricket team**
- Who has won the gold in women's javelin throw at Asian Games 2023? **Annu Rani**
- Sonam Malik has bagged which medal in women's freestyle 62kg category? **Bronze**
- The recently inaugurated country's first high-tech sports training centre for Divyangjan has been named after whom? **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**
- Who has become the First Asian Games Gold Medalist from Nagpur? **Ojas Deotale**
- Who has won gold medal in the women's individual archery at the 19th Asian Games? **Jyothi Surekha Vennam**
- How many gold medals did India win in the Asian Games 2023, concluded recently? **28 Gold**
- Kelvin Kiptum, who has sets Marathon World record at Chicago Marathon, hails from which country? **Kenya**
- Who has become the fastest batsman in the world to score 1000 ODI World Cup runs? **David Warner**
- The International Olympic Committee has decided to include which sport in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics? **Cricket**
- Name the player who has won the U-19 Girls' National

- Chess Championship 2023? **Shubhi Gupta**
- In which state will the 37th National Games be organized? **Goa**
- Which cricket team has made the record of the biggest run chase in the history of ODI World Cup? **Pakistan**
- The International Olympic Council has suspended which National Olympic committee for "breach of charter"? **Russian Olympic Committee**
- World Athletics has nominated which Indian athlete for the Men's Athlete of the Year award 2023? **Neeraj Chopra**
- Who has won the FIDE World Junior Rapid Chess Championship? **Raunak Sadhwani**
- In which country will the 4th Asian Para Games be organized? **China**
- In October 2023, which cricket team has smashed the highest ever T20 total in Indian cricket history? **Punjab**
- Which Indian Chess Grandmaster has beaten World number One Magnus Carlsen in Qatar Masters? **Karthikeyan Murali**
- Which Indian city has been chosen as host city of ABB FIA Formula E World Championship in 2024? **Hyderabad**

04
OCTOBER

WORLD
ANIMAL WELFARE
DAY

Importance

This day was started in 1931 to highlight the plight of endangered species. This day is chosen to mark the feast day of St Francis of Assisi.

Motto

To raise the status of animals in order to improve welfare standards around the globe.

Note

Day was moved to 4 October for the first time in 1929.



Science & Technology

- In September 2023, which country has unveiled an AI-powered battle tank "Barak"? **Israel**
- Researchers from the Cochin University of Science and Technology has named a new species of marine tardigrade after whom? **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam**
- Which company has launched the nation's first green hydrogen-powered bus? **Indian Oil Corporation**
- The Dornier Do-228 aircraft which has recently inducted into the Indian Air Force is manufactured by which company? **HAL**
- Which tech giant has unveiled its Earthquake Alerts System for smartphones in India? **Google**
- What does "V" stands for in the abbreviation of Astra (BVR) missile, which will inducted into Indian Airforce? **Visual**
- Which country has launched Southeast Asia's First High-Speed Railway "Whoosh"? **Indonesia**
- Which company has built the first trainer version of the LCA Tejas for the Indian Air Force? **HAL**
- Rural Electrification Corporation Limited has launched which mobile app for 54EC Bonds Investors? **SUGAM REC**
- Which Indian company has unveiled the space economy vision for 2023-33? **IN-SPACE**
- Which space agency has launched a spacecraft called 'Psyche'? **NASA**
- Recently, DCGI has granted market authorization for CAR-T (Chimeric Antigen Receptor-T) cell therapy. It is developed by which IIT? **IIT Bombay**
- Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched which activity-based web portal on Mission Chandrayaan-3? **Apna Chandrayaan**
- Which state has recently launched its first AI-based early warning system for elephant? **Tamil Nadu**
- Which education board has developed Vidya Samiksha Software- "Saagar se Saraansh"? **CBSE**
- After the success of Gaganyaan mission, India will become the ___ country to send humans into space. **Fourth**

10
OCTOBER

WORLD
MENTAL HEALTH
DAY

Importance

Started as an annual activity of the World Federation for Mental Health by the then Deputy Secretary General Richard Hunter in 1992.

Motto

To raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health.



MENTAL HEALTH
MINDFULNESS.

It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices.

What is Mental health?

It includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being.

It affects how we think, feel, and act.

INCEPTION: 1992

EDITION: 32nd



Miscellaneous

- Which edition of National Book Fair has been scheduled to hold from September 22 to October 2 in Lucknow? **20th**
- India's first lighthouse festival has begun in which state in September 2023? **Goa**
- International Day of Sign Languages has been observed on which day of September? **23 September**
- Which Indian Naval ship has participated in maiden trilateral Maritime exercise held from 20 - 21 Sep 2023? **INS Sahyadri**
- What is the rank of India in the Economic Freedom Index among 165 countries? **87th**
- World Pharmacists Day has been celebrated on which day of September 2023? **25 September**
- World Tourism Day 2023 has been observed on which day of September? **27 September**
- Union govt has organised which national event focused on the role of women in technological advances? **SHAKTI-2023**
- What is the theme of the World Tourism Day 2023? **Tourism and green investment**
- The recently launched book "Tales from the Home of Wags & Wiggles" has been authored by whom? **V Raghavan**
- Jhaadu Daan initiative has earned place in India Book of Records. The initiative is associated with which state? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Which city has got the top spot for green office spaces in India? **Bengaluru**
- What is the rank of India in Global Innovation Index 2023 ranking? **40**
- What is the rank of India in 2023 World Talent Ranking? **56**
- What is the theme of BioAsia 2024, annual event dedicated to the life sciences sector? **Data and AI: Redefining Possibilities**
- India and Bangladesh have commenced the 11th edition of joint military exercise SAMPRITI in which state? **Meghalaya**
- What is the theme of World Teachers' Day 2023? **The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage**
- World Cotton Day has been observed on which day of October? **07 October**
- When the World Post Day has been celebrated recently? **09 October**
- What is the theme of World Dyslexia Awareness Day 2023? **Uniquely You**
- International Girl Child Day has been observed on which day of October? **October 11**
- World Arthritis Day 2023 has been observed on which day of October? **12 October**
- The Female Labour Force Participation Rate in the country rose to what percent in 2023? **37%**
- Which Indian PSU has been recognized as one of the "World's Best Employers 2023" by Forbes? **NTPC Limited**
- What is the rank of India in Global Hunger Index 2023? **111th**
- Which Indian city has secured 19th spot in Global Prime Residential Index? **Mumbai**
- What is the theme of World Food Day 2023? **Water is Life, Water is Food. Leave No One Behind**
- World Anaesthesia Day has been celebrated on which day of October? **16 October**
- International Day for the Eradication of Poverty has been observed on which day of October? **17 October**
- On what theme will 'Ayurveda Day' be organized this year? **'Ayurveda for One Health'**
- In October 2023, which Indian airport has been recognized as the "world's most punctual airport" for the past three consecutive months? **Kempegowda International Airport**
- What is the theme of world statistics day 2023? **"Connecting the world with data we can trust"**
- National Police Commemoration Day 2023 has been observed on which day of October 2023? **21 October**

Important Days

Day	Observed/Celebrated As	Motto/Importance
1 November	World Vegan Day	To commemorate the establishment of UK Vegan Society in 1944
5 November	World Tsunami Day	To mark the adoption of the Sendai Framework by UN in 2015
7 November	Infant Protection Day	To spread awareness about the safety of infants
7 November	National Cancer Awareness Day	To mark the birth anniversary of Nobel Laureate Marie Curie (In 1867)
9 November	Uttarakhand Foundation Day	To mark the establishment of Uttarakhand state in 2000.
11 November	Armistice Day (Remembrance Day)	It marks the day when World War-I ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918.
12 November	World Pneumonia Day	Stop Pneumonia / Every Breath Counts
13 November	World Kindness Day	To highlight and encourage people, society, and the community to do good things and be kind to everyone.
14 November	World Diabetes Day	Access to Diabetes Care
14 November	Children's Day	To mark the birth anniversary of India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru who was born on November 14, 1889.
15 November	Jharkhand Foundation Day	To mark the establishment of the State Jharkhand in 2000
19 November	International Men's Day	To raise awareness about mental health issues in men
19 November	World Toilet Day	To inspire action to tackle the global sanitation crisis.
20 November	Universal Children's Day	To promote awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare
21 November	World Television Day	To mark the establishment of first World Television Forum by UN in 22 November, 1996.
25 November	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	To prevent and end violence against women at the global, regional and national levels
26 November	Constitution Day of India	To commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India on 26 November 1949

Let's Recap

- Sports inaugurated 33 Khelo India Centres in which state? **Rajasthan**
- Which city secured first position in Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2023? **Indore**
- United World Wrestling has recently suspended the wrestling association of which country in August 2023? **India**
- What is the theme of this year's Women's Equality Day 2023? **Embrace Equity**
- Which state is leading in attracting FDI during first quarter of FY 2023-24? **Maharashtra**
- RBI has recently increased the upper limit of an offline payment transaction from Rs 200 to how much? **₹500**
- In August 2023, which state government has completed survey exercise of caste enumeration? **Bihar**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently conferred with the Grand Cross of the Order of Honour. It is the highest civilian honour of which country? **Greece**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared which day of August as National Space Day? **August 23**
- Arunachal Pradesh League, which has launched in New Delhi recently, is associated with which sport? **Cricket**
- Who has won the Dutch Grand Prix 2023? **Max Verstappen**
- Which country hold the BRIGHT STAR-23 exercise from August 27 to September 16, 2023? **Egypt**
- Emmerson Mnangagwa has been elected as the President of which country? **Zimbabwe**
- SVAMITVA Scheme, which has honored with the National Award for e-Governance 2023 associated with which ministry? **Ministry of Panchayati Raj**
- Jayanta Mahapatra, who has passed away recently, was a famous - **Litterateur**
- National Small Industry Day 2023 has been observed on which day of August? **30 August**
- President Murmu has unveiled a commemorative coin honoring which former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister? **N T Rama Rao**
- Which bank has become the first to get the sponsorship for BCCI in India for 3 years? **IDFC First Bank**
- India and Asian Development Bank will set up climate change and health hub in which city? **Delhi**
- Who has been appointed as member of the International Mediator Panel of Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC)? **N V Ramana**
- Priyan Sain, who has clinched the title of Miss Earth India 2023, hails from which state? **Rajasthan**
- Reserve Bank of India has authorized which bank as the official pension disbursement bank? **Bandhan Bank**
- Chokuwa Rice, which has recently secured a Geographical Indication tag, is said to be rooted from which dynasty? **Ahom dynasty**

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OCTOBER



Importance

To bring awareness to the growing prevalence of arthritis, the need for additional research and advocacy, and to encourage physical activity among the millions of adults with arthritis.

Note

It was started by the Arthritis and Rheumatism International (ARI) to increase global awareness about the rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases (RMD).

Organisation Involved
European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR).

What is Arthritis?

Arthritis literally means the swelling and tenderness of one or more joints which leads to pain and stiffness in the joints.

The most common forms of arthritis are osteoarthritis, gout, fibromyalgia, and rheumatoid arthritis.

INCEPTION: 1996

- India has partnered with which country for the MeitY-National Science Foundation (NSF) research collaboration? **USA**
- India has agreed with which country to drop the arbitration clause in Chabahar port issue? **Iran**



- Sagar Parikrama Phase-VIII commencing on 31st August 2023 will take place in which city? **Kanyakumari**
- Which state government has initiated efforts to install pink toilets for women in urban areas? **Tripura**
- Who has been honoured with Dr V G Patel Memorial Award-2023? **Satyajit Majumdar**
- President of India Draupadi Murmu has launched "Year of Positive Change" in which city? **Raipur**
- Which state from the North Eastern Region has become first in India to introduce Aadhaar Linked Birth Registration? **Nagaland**
- The Asian Development Bank has approved how much loan to improve Bhutan's technical and vocational education and training system? **USD 30 million**
- Who will chair the SEBI's reconstituted panel on alternative investment policy? **N R Narayana Murthy**
- The 81st Plenary Meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee will be hosted by which country? **India**
- The Numaligarh Refinery Ltd have signed a MoA with which IIT to develop technology for producing marketable green carbon from bamboo dust? **IIT-Guwahati**
- Grant Shapps has been appointed as new defence secretary of which country? **UK**
- Who is the chairman of the eight-member high-level committee constituted by the Government of India to probe the One Nation, One Election? **Ram Nath Kovind**
- Which month has been declared as 'Hindu Heritage' month by Georgia Governor Brian Kemp in an official proclamation? **October**
- Who has been honoured with the 8th Dr M.S. Swaminathan award? **P.V. Satyanarayana**
- Bank lending to the commercial real estate sector increased by what percent in July 2022 to July 2023 as per RBI data? **38%**
- Who has become first-ever F1 driver to win 10 races in a row? **M. Verstappen**
- Who country was the runner the runner up in the inaugural Men's Hockey 5s Asia Cup 2023? **Pakistan**
- Name the railway zone which has won the PMI South Asia Award for "Micro Project of the Year"? **Northeast Frontier Railway**
- Which company has got RBI approval to initiate NBFC operations without accepting public deposits? **Bajaj Auto Consumer Finance**
- A statue of whom has recently been installed at Bharat Mandapam, the venue of the G20 summit in Delhi? **Nataraja**

- International Day of Charity has recently observed on which day of September 2023? **5 September**
- Who has taken charge of the position of Principal Director General at Akashvani? **Dr Vasudha Gupta**
- Recently, the Jal Jeevan Mission has achieved a milestone of providing tap water connections to 13 cr rural households in how many years of launching? **04 years**
- Saatvik Solar has appointed whom as its National Brand Ambassador? **Ravindra Jadeja**
- Art Mumbai will take place in which month at the Mahalaxmi Racecourse Members' Enclosure? **November 2023**
- Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has tied up with whom to empower "teachers and entrepreneurs"? **Meta**
- Who has been appointed as Nasscom Chairperson recently? **Rajesh Nambiar**
- India's first solar city has been inaugurated in which state recently? **Madhya Pradesh**
- Who has signed USD 100 million loan agreement with EXIM Bank? **REC Limited**
- India's first UPI ATM has been launched by which payment services? **Hitachi Payment Services**

13 OCTOBER

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Importance

The United Nations' (UN) International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction is marked to raise the profile of disaster risk reduction.

Motto

To raise awareness of how people are taking action to reduce their risk to disasters.

Note

It was declared as a part of International Decade for Disaster Reduction, whereas it was decided to be celebrated as an annual event in 2002 and was finally, officially declared so in 2009.

Inception

On 22 December 1989, the UNGA designated the second Wednesday of October International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction. On 21 December 2009, the UNGA decided to designate 13 October as the date to commemorate the Day and to changed the name to International Day for Disaster Reduction. On 17 January 2019, the UNGA decided to rename the International Day for Disaster Reduction as the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction.

- The General Body of the International Esports Federation has elected whom for three year term? **Lokesh Suji**
- International Literacy Day 2023 has been celebrated on which day of September? **September 08**
- In September 2023, "One Week One Lab" program will be organized by which research institute? **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research**
- What is the name of president of UNGA who has led 78th session of UN General Assembly? **Dennis Francis**
- Union Home Ministry has approved how much percent reservation for government school students in medical education? **10%**

- Which country is hosting the 'Exercise Bright Star - 23'? **Egypt**
- Which country has re-joined the European Union's Horizon science research program? **UK**
- Which edition of Varuna naval exercise has been concluded between India and France in 2023? **21st**
- Himalaya Day or Himalaya Diwas has been celebrated on which day of September 2023? **09 September**
- India has recently initiated the process to purchase 31 MQ-9B drones from which country? **USA**
- Operation Muskaan has been implemented in which city? **Mumbai**
- The Cabinet granted approval for allocation of Rs 1164 crore for the Industrial Development Scheme (IDS) 2017 in which states? **Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand**
- Who will be the representative of India to Russia for the 2023 Eastern Economic Forum? **Sarbananda Sonowal**
- How many scientists have been selected for Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar Awards? **12**
- A 1.4 km long cable-stayed bridge under "NeVA" project has been inaugurated by President Murmu, is built over which river? **Narmada River**
- BRO will construct world's highest fighter airfield in which region of Ladakh? **Nyoma**
- In September 2023, which railway station has been awarded by the "Green Railway Station" certification by the Indian Green Building Council? **Vijayawada Railway Station**
- Who has inaugurated the 2nd Edition of ICAR-CIBA's Shrimp Farmers Conclave at Navsari on 14th September 2023? **Parshottam Rupala**
- In September 2023, India has signed an MoU with which country in several areas including energy, digitalization, and investment? **Saudi Arabia**
- Which duo of Indian cricket team has registered highest partnership in Asia Cup history? **Virat Kohli - KL Rahul**
- Recently, NABARD has partnered with which organisation to create data-driven innovations in agriculture and food systems? **UNDP**
- Which state has won the 5th National Wheelchair Rugby Championship 2023? **Maharashtra**
- Name the UK scientist who created first mammal clone "Dolly" Sheep, passed away recently? **Ian Wilmut**
- Madan Lal Raigar has been appointed next Indian envoy to which country? **Congo**
- Who has been appointed as India's next high commissioner to Australia? **Gopal Baglay**
- What is the name of the NATO's largest military exercise since the cold war? **Steadfast Defender**

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OCTOBER



WORLD STANDARDS DAY

Importance
To pay tribute to the collaborative efforts of thousands of experts worldwide who develop the voluntary technical agreements that are published as International Standards.

Motto
To raise awareness among regulators, industry and consumers as to the importance of standardization to the global economy.

Note
This day was chosen to mark the date, in 1946, when delegates from 25 countries first gathered in London and decided to create an international organization focused on facilitating standardization.

- Which country has launched "moon sniper", a lunar exploration spacecraft? **Japan**
- G Marimuthu who has passed away was a famous actor of which film industry? **Tamil**
- Who has won Gold Medal in Left & Right Hand category at the 44th World Armwrestling Championship? **Abhas Rana**
- World Physiotherapy Day has been observed on which day of September? **08 September**
- Who has been appointed as the Director (Finance) of the state-owned Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)? **Joshit Ranjan Sikidar**

- Who has been appointed as India's next high commissioner to Australia? **Gopal Baglay**
- What is the name of the NATO's largest military exercise since the cold war? **Steadfast Defender**
- The recently launched book "The Autobiography of God" has been authored by whom? **Lena Kumar**
- Which state government has launched "Gift Deed" scheme to reduce property related issues? **Uttar Pradesh**
- India has recently signed an MoU with which country on cooperation in field of sharing successful Digital Solutions? **Armenia**
- The Fourth G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion Meeting has been held in which city? **Mumbai**
- Recently appointed chairman of Mastercard India, Rajnish Kumar, was the former chief of which company? **State Bank of India**
- Which company has signed MoU with UP Govt to set up integrated e-bus plant? **Ashok Leyland**
- Who has been appointed as the interim director of Enforcement Directorate? **Rahul Navin**
- Which country has ranked first among 154 nations in grassroots crypto adoption? **India**
- Which Indian company has secured a coveted spot on TIME magazine's "The World's Best Companies of 2023" list? **Infosys**
- Who has been elected as the chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2023-2024? **Srinivasan K Swamy**
- Recently, ___ established as a meditation center by Maharishi Debendranath Tagore, father of poet and Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore, has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. **Santiniketan**
- Recently, Neeraj Chopra finished second in the Diamond League final in Eugene with a best throw of ___. **83.80 meter**
- Who has been appointed as the chairman for the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Equestrian Federation of India? **Justice Najmi Waziri**
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of the Rs 5,400 crore India International Convention and Expo Centre, called ___. **'Yashobhoomi'**
- Sridhar Kalyanasundaram, who recently announced his resignation, is one of the independent directors of which bank? **Dhanlaxmi Bank**
- Union Minister Anurag Thakur inaugurates Synthetic Athletic Tracks in which stadium? **Shilaroo Hockey Stadium**
- The NHA has partnered with whom to strengthen design & construction of Bridges? **Delhi Metro**
- Government of India has offered how much subsidy for loans under the recently launched "Vishwakarma Yojana"? **8%**
- Which state government has recently launched "Mukhya Mantri Shramik Kalyan Yojana"? **Arunachal Pradesh**
- Recently, Santiniketan, a town located in West Bengal, has been included in the UNESCO's World Heritage List. The town Santiniketan is associated with whom? **Rabindranath Tagore**
- Who has won the Singapore Grand Prix 2023? **Carlos Sainz**
- Name the Indian-origin who has named CEO of Penguin Random House? **Nihar Malaviya**
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency has signed an MoU with which bank to promote co-lending and loan syndication for Renewable Energy projects? **Bank of Maharashtra**
- Who has been appointed as the chairman of Digital Infrastructure Providers Association? **Dhananjay Joshi**
- Who has unveiled "People's G20", an eBook on India's G20 presidency? **Apurva Chandra**
- Which day of September has been observed as International Red Panda Day 2023? **September 16**
- Skills on Wheels' initiative has been launched by which ministry? **Ministry of Skill Development**
- The RBI has approved the extension of Sashidhar Jagdishan's leadership as MD and CEO of which bank for 3 years? **HDFC Bank**
- The 35th annual Gandhi Walk has been resumed in which city? **Johannesburg**
- Jammu and Kashmir administration has renamed Udhampur railway station after whom? **Captain Tushar Mahajan**
- Which Union Minister launched the Farmer Loan Portal with Weather Information Network Data System Manual? **Nirmala Sitharaman**
- Name the former kayaking and canoeing player who has appointed as the chief judge at the Asian Games? **Bilquis Mir**
- What is the name of the new set of National Awards launched by Government in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation? **Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar**
- Which ministry has topped in Group A category in the 16th report on Central Ministries performance released by DARPG? **Ministry of Water**
- How much financial aid will be granted under "Mukhyamantrir Atmanirbharshil Asom Abhiyan" launched by Assam government? **Rs 2 lakh**

Quick Bytes

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launches Project Udbhav, during the inauguration of the Indian Military Heritage Festival.
- GOCL Corporation has bagged a ₹766-crore order from state-owned Coal India Ltd. (CIL) to supply explosives.
- Bobby Charlton, an English football icon who won the World Cup, three league titles, European Cup and an FA Cup passed away.

- Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has launched "Project Nilgiri Tahr," an initiative aimed at conserving and protecting the endangered Nilgiri Tahr species.
- Sanjay Kumar Jain Selected As CMD, IRCTC
- Joint bilateral training exercise "Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023", between Indian & Malaysian Army commenced in Umroi Cantonment, India.
- Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will attend the Future Investment Initiative, FII in Saudi Arabia's Riyadh.
- Rohit Sharma became the first Indian batter to smash 50 sixes in a calendar year in One-Day Internationals.
- Union Health Minister inaugurated Nagaland's First Medical College, Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research.
- Skill India partners with Coca-Cola India to launch Retailer Skill Development Program.
- Centre unveils tradeable Green Credit special programme.
- Armenia President signs country's ratification of ICC membership.
- Raunak Sadhwani wins FIDE World Junior Rapid Chess Championship.
- Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal conferred the National Intellectual Property Awards.
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will hand over P20 Presidency to Parliament of Brazil.
- Indian Oil Corporation's (IOC) board approved contribution of up to ₹1,660 crore, towards a 50% stake in joint venture (JV) company Indian Oil NTPC Green Energy.
- USA approves \$7 billion program for development and production of hydrogen fuel.
- CM Hemant Soren Unveils 'Juhi' Mascot For Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2023
- First Ever Mobile Tower Installed At Siachen Glacier By The Indian Army
- Proposals For Acquisition Of Aircraft Carrier, LCA Mk1A Jets Lined Up For Approval By DAC

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OCTOBER

WORLD STUDENTS DAY

Importance

To mark the birth anniversary of A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

Motto

To raise their voice with regards to education and student allied issues.

Notable works

Wings of Fire, India 2020, Ignited Minds, Indomitable Spirit, Transcendence: My Spiritual Experiences with Pramukh Swamiji.

Note

Known as the Missile Man of India for his work on the development of ballistic missile and launch vehicle technology.



Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam

(15 Oct 1931 - 27 Jul 2015)

11th President of India (2002 to 2007)

Major Awards: Padma Bhushan(1981), Padma Vibhushan(1990), Bharat Ratna(1997), Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration(1997), Veer Savarkar Award(1998), SASTRA Ramanujan Prize(2000), Von Braun Award(2013)

INCEPTION: 2010

EDITION: 14th

- India To Host World's Largest Textiles Event, Bharat Tex 2024
- ICICI Bank Introduces 'IFinance,' A One-Stop Solution For Multi-Bank Account Access



- Zomato Introduces Parcel Delivery Service, 'Xtreme' With Primary Focus On Merchants
- Microsoft Completes \$69 Billion Acquisition Of Activision Blizzard
- Mumbai Secures 19th Spot, Bengaluru 22nd And New Delhi 25th In The Knight Frank Index.
- Michael Douglas To Be Conferred Satyajit Ray Excellence In Film Lifetime Award
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a week-long programme for Aspirational Blocks in the country called 'Sankalp Saptah'.
- Param Vir Chakra Awardee Captain Bana Singh has been nominated as Ambassador for 'War Against Waste' in Jammu & Kashmir.
- Ministry of Tourism announced that India will host the 46th edition of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Travel Mart 2023.
- Front runner and Opposition candidate Mohamed Muizzu was elected President of the Maldives.
- India and Argentina signed an agreement to ensure legal rights of professionals in each other's domain.
- Karnataka government is planning to set up a 'Grama Nyayalaya' (village court) in each panchayat for resolving disputes within its jurisdiction.
- Indian Air Force (IAF) placed two contracts with Bharat Dynamics Ltd. (BDL) for the indigenous Astra Beyond Visual Range (BVR) air-to-air Missile.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the setting up of a National Turmeric Board.
- Pakistan's inflation rises to 31.4% year-on-year amid high energy prices.
- World Health Organization (WHO) approves use of R21/Matrix-M malaria vaccine developed by the University of Oxford and the Serum Institute of India, using Novavax's adjuvant technology.
- India and Bangladesh commenced the 11th edition of annual joint military exercise, SAMPRITI in Umroi, Meghalaya.
- Prime Minister dedicates First 800 MW Unit of Telangana Super Thermal Power Project of NTPC to the Nation
- Indian Railways releases its new All India Railway Time Table known as "Trains At A Glance (TAG)".
- The World Bank retained India's growth forecast at 6.3% for the year 2023-24.
- Sachin Tendulkar was announced as the Global Ambassador for the Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 by the International Cricket Council.
- Cabinet approved Amendment to Central Universities Act, 2009 for setting up of Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University in Telangana.
- World Trade Organisation (WTO) cuts global merchandise trade growth forecast to 0.8%.

- The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited hands over twin seater variant of LCA Tejas fighter aircraft to Indian Air Force.
- Arjun Munda Inaugurates 4th EMRS National Cultural & Literary Fest And Kala Utsav-2023
- RBI Appoints Muneesh Kapur As Executive Director
- Ministry of Civil Aviation has notified the new Drone (Amendment) Rules 2023 for drone pilots.
- Sri Lanka to take over as Chair of Indian Ocean Rim Association.
- The tenure of Dinesh Khara, the chairman of State Bank of India (SBI), has been extended till August 2024.
- Dilip Nongmaithem Receives Bal Sahitya Puraskar In Manipuri Language
- The Union Cabinet approved the establishment of a tribal university in Telangana, named The Sarakka Central Tribal University. This university, with a budget of Rs 889 crore, will be located in Mulugu district.
- Madhya Pradesh To Provide 35% Reservation For Women In Govt. Jobs
- SBI Introduces 'Mobile Handheld Device' To Drive Financial Inclusion

16 OCTOBER



WORLD -FOOD- DAY

Importance

FAO established this day in November 1979 which was ratified by UNGA on 5 December, 1980. Also to mark the establishment of FAO.

Motto

To spread awareness globally for those who suffer from hunger and to ensure the need for food security and nutritious diets for all.

Note

This year marks the 75th anniversary of FAO in an exceptional moment.

2023 Theme
Water is life,
Water is food.
Leave no one behind.

1ST OBSERVED: 1981



- Ramaswamy N Appointed As Chairman And Managing Director Of GIC Re
- 49th All India Police Science Congress is being held in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- Union Tribal Affairs Minister Shri Arjun Munda inaugurates National Tribal Festival – ‘Aadi Mahotsav’ – in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand.
- Saint-Gobain plans to invest ₹3,400 crores more in Tamil Nadu.

- Bihar Govt Announces 10% Reservation For EWS In Judicial Services
- NLC India Ltd Secures 810 MW Solar PV Project In Rajasthan
- The United Service Institution of India (USI), the nation’s oldest think tank, is set to host the first-ever Indian Military Heritage Festival (IMHF)
- India’s Fiscal Deficit Rose To Rs 6.42 Trillion, Which Is 36% Of The FY24 Target
- Piyush Goyal Unveils ‘Status Holder’ Certificates Under Foreign Trade Policy 2023
- IDFC FIRST Bank Tie Up With Outlook Group To Present “Outlook Money 40After40”
- Irdai To Deploy Bima Vahak In Every Gram Panchayat Before End Of 2024
- World Mental Health Day on October 10th. Theme: “Mental health is a universal human right.”
- Celebrity Chef And Former Food Network Star, Michael Chiarello Passed Away
- The second spaceport of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is to be set up in Tamil Nadu.
- 8th BRICS International Competition Conference to begin in New Delhi.
- Union Minister Parshotham Rupala inaugurates 16th Agricultural Science Congress in Kochi.
- Govt to organise World Food India 2023 from November 3 in Delhi.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed Bank of Baroda (BoB) to suspend onboarding of customers on ‘bob World’ mobile application.
- Eight-foot statue of Mahatma Gandhi was unveiled in South Africa.
- Petroleum Minister Inaugurates 26th Energy Technology Meet At Bharat Mandapam
- Dept Of Animal Husbandry And Dairying Launched ‘A-HELP’ Programme In Jharkhand
- The International Day of the Girl, observed every year on October 11. The theme for the International Day of the Girl in 2023 is “Invest in Girls’ Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being.”
- Cabinet approves MoU between India and France on cooperation in the field of Digital Technologies.
- Cabinet approves MoU between India and two countries – Papua New Guinea and Trinidad & Tobago- on cooperation in sharing successful Digital Solutions.

17 OCTOBER

INTERNATIONAL POVERTY ERADICATION DAY

Importance

To acknowledge the effort and struggle of people living in poverty, a chance for them to make their concerns heard, and a moment to recognize that poor people are the first ones to fight against poverty.

Motto

It promotes people's awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution worldwide, particularly in developing countries.

Hence in December, 1992, the UNGA officially declared October 17 as the date for the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.



History

On 17 October 1987, more than 100,000 people gathered in Paris, France, to honor the victims of extreme poverty, violence and hunger. After which individuals and organizations worldwide observed October 17 as this day.

INCEPTION: 1993

EDITION: 31st

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) proposed to allow banks to tokenise debit or credit cards.
- International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Reliance Foundation announced an agreement to promote Olympic values through sport.
- ‘India, Tanzania To Sign 15 Agreements With Eye On USD 10 Billion Trade’



- India and China held their 20th corps commander-level meeting at the Chushul-Moldo border in Ladakh.
- Union Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, announced a month-long celebration drive regarding the 8th National Ayurveda Day.
- Anurag Thakur Unveils Trailer For Animated Series “Krish, Trish, And Baltiboy – Bharat Hain Hum”
- Union Cabinet Approves Setting Up Of ‘Mera Yuva Bharat’ Autonomous Body For Youth Development
- Dr. Jitendra Singh Launches The Intelligent Grievance Monitoring System (IGMS) 2.0 Public Grievance Portal And Automated Analysis In Tree Dashboard
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has made a significant announcement regarding the Gangetic Dolphin, designating it as the state’s aquatic animal.
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has decided to keep Pakistan’s economic growth forecast at 2.5%.
- Bharti Group To Acquire French Insurer AXA’s 49% Stake In Bharti AXA Life Insurance Co.
- India ranks 111 out of 125 countries in Global Hunger Index 2023.
- Tamil writer Sivasankari was presented with the ‘Saraswati Samman’ 2022 for her book of memoirs Surya Vamsam.
- South Indian Bank Appoints VJ Kurian As Its New Chairman
- Tamil Writer Sivasankari Presented With Saraswati Samman 2022
- Gold Medalist Neeraj Chopra Appointed Laureus Ambassador
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his French counterpart held the fifth annual defence dialogue between the two countries in Paris.
- The 8th BRICS International Competition Conference began in New Delhi.
- India’s retail inflation eased from 6.83% in August to 5.02% in September.
- RBI slaps Rs 5.39 crore penalty on Paytm Payments Bank for violating series of norms
- Nitin Gadkari Approves 7 Bridge Projects Worth Rs 118.50 Crore In Arunachal Pradesh

- UP Wins Award For Using Telecommunication Technology In Mental Health And Counselling
- 54th International Film Festival Of India To Take Place From November 20 To 28
- U.K. and Tamil Nadu collaborate on a smart technology project for sustainable water, waste, and resource management.
- Share of women in wage work declined to 15.9% in 2022-23, Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS).

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WORLD STATISTICS DAY

Importance

To acknowledge the fundamental importance of sustainable national statistical capacity.

Initiated by
United Nations
Statistical Commission.

Note

This day is observed in every 5 years. India celebrates its statistics day on 29 June, the birthday of the statistician Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis.

2023 Theme
Connecting the world
with data we can trust.

INCEPTION: 2010

EDITION: 6th

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das received the Award for being ranked ‘A+’ in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023.
- Qatar Airways has signed an agreement with SpaceX to make Starlink WiFi available to every passenger.
- International Olympic Committee (IOC) amended the Olympic Charter to strengthen its human rights commitments.



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a series of significant maritime projects, including the unveiling of a long-term vision document for the blue economy.
- Government Launches Tradable Green Credit Program To Promote Eco-Friendly Actions
- Kerala has marked a significant milestone in the world of construction with the inauguration of Amaze-28, the state's first building constructed using 3D printing technology.
- World Food Day is an annual observance that takes place on October 16. The theme for World Food Day 2023 is "Water is life, water is food. Leave no one behind."

- Defence Ministry signs contract with Cochin Shipyard Limited for Mid Life Upgrade and Re-Powering of INS Beas.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates the third edition of the Global Maritime India Summit 2023. Guidance, the nodal agency for investment promotion of Tamil Nadu, has received the United Nations Promotion Award 2023.
- Daniel Noboa, 35, became Ecuador's youngest-ever President-elect.
- PM Inaugurates Rs 4200 Crore Worth Of Development Projects In Uttarakhand
- Uttar Pradesh Government's 'Swachh Tyohar, Swasth Tyohar' Campaign
- Asian Development Bank Invests \$181 Million To Improve Ahmedabad's Peri-Urban Areas
- NSDC And Coca-Cola India Launch 'Super Power Retailer Program' To Empower Retailers
- Justice Siddharth Mridul Appointed As The Chief Justice Of Manipur High Court
- Noted Malayalam Film Producer PV Gangadharan Passes Away At 80
- President of India Droupadi Murmu launched the fourth Krishi Road Map (2023-2028) of Bihar.
- Cabinet approves Green Energy Corridor (GEC) Phase-II of Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) for 13 GW Renewable Energy Project in Ladakh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the 'Amrit Kaal Vision 2047', a long-term blueprint for the Indian maritime blue economy.
- Ashutosh Sharma scored a record-breaking half-century for Railways in 11 balls in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy; breaks Yuvraj Singh's record.
- India To Invest ₹143 Lakh Crore In Infrastructure By 2030
- Israel recently tested its new laser-based 'Iron Beam' missile defence system.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has given its approval for the merger of the Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC) and IDFC First Bank.
- World Trauma Day, observed every year on 17 October.
- Bhopal Mahila Thana Achieves ISO Certification
- Prime Minister launches 511 Pramod Mahajan Grameen Kaushalya Vikas Kendras in Maharashtra.
- Ayodhya Ram temple trust receives FCRA licence to accept foreign donations.
- Former Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das and BJP leader Indra Sena Reddy Nallu have been appointed as the Governors of Odisha and Tripura.
- IBM signed three MoUs with three entities engaged with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) on Quantum, AI & Semiconductor.

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OCTOBER



Importance

To mark the establishment of United Nations which officially came into existence on 24 October 1945.

Note

The first event called "United Nations Day" was a World War II Allies' day of solidarity that was launched on June 14, 1942. It was observed throughout World War II, during 1942-1944.

Important UN Bodies
WHO, FAO, UNESCO,
UNICEF, ILO,
UNHCR, UNHRC.

INCEPTION: 1945 | 1ST OBSERVED: 1948 | EDITION: 76th

- B K Mohanty Assumes Charge As Director Of Finance At IREDA
- The 5th edition of India STEM Summit 2023 is being organised in New Delhi.



- REC Limited, a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Power, has been honoured with Golden Peacock Award in Risk Management.
- Karthikeyan Murali wins against World No. 1, Magnus Carlsen at the Qatar Masters 2023.
- Volleyball has been removed from National Games in India.
- England booked its place at Euro 2024 as Harry Kane's double inspired a fightback to beat holders Italy 3-1.
- S Jaishankar Unveils Mahatma Gandhi's Bust In Vietnam
- Arunachal Cabinet Approves Formation Of Special Tiger Protection Force For 3 Tiger Reserves
- Krishna Srinivasan, Director of IMF Asia & Pacific Department, has stated that India's contribution to global economic growth will increase from its current 16% to 18% within the next five years.
- Tata Motors To Invest ₹150 Crore To Acquire 27% Stake In 'Freight Tiger'
- World Statistics Day 2023 Celebrates On 20 October
- World Osteoporosis Day 2023 Observed On 20th October. "Step Up for Bone Health – Build Better Bones" serves as the central theme for World Osteoporosis Day in 2023.
- International Chef's Day 2023 Celebrates On 20th October. Theme: 'Growing A Healthy Future.'
- Puma, the renowned sports brand, has announced the inclusion of Mohammed Shami, a prominent Indian fast bowler, as its brand ambassador.
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) received a prestigious UN award for its top-ranked sustainability initiatives, including the Sustainability Reporting Standards Board.
- Ina Mahsa Amini Wins EU's Sakharov Prize 2023
- India Is Set To Become 4th largest Spender In Global Travel By 2030.
- Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), a subsidiary of the Ministry of Power, which manages the 'star rating' scheme, has expanded its scheme to solar panels.
- 'IMPHAL' – Third Stealth Destroyer of Project 15B delivered to the Indian Navy.
- MeitY Secretary S Krishnan launches "Made-In-India" 2KW DC Portable Charger to help Boost Electric Vehicle Adoption
- Pakistan and China signed 20 MoUs during the maiden visit of Pakistan's interim Prime Minister Anwaar ul Haq Kakar to China.
- India's First Semi-High-Speed Regional Rail Service 'Namo Bharat'
- Japan Becomes First Nation To Launch An Electromagnetic Railgun From An Offshore Vessel

- RBI Initiates Pilot Run To Test E-Rupee For Inter-Bank Borrowing
- IRCTC Partners With Zomato For Delivery Of Pre-Booked Meals
- Hindustani classical vocalist and composer Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty has been conferred with the prestigious 'Durga Bharat Samman' by the Governor of West Bengal, C V Ananda Bose.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launches Project Udbhav, during the inauguration of the Indian Military Heritage Festival.
- US emerges as India's biggest trading partner during April-September this fiscal.
- Bhutan and China held their 25th round of boundary talks recently.
- Bobby Charlton, an English football icon who won the World Cup, three league titles, European Cup and an FA Cup passed away.

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WORLD DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION DAY



Importance

To draw attention of world's public opinion to development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them.

After which UNGA passed resolution to observe this day which aims to help draw the attention of people worldwide to development problems.

History

On May 17, 1972, the UNCTAD proposed measures for information dissemination and for the mobilization of public opinion relative to trade and development problems.

INCEPTION: 1972 | 1ST OBSERVED: 1973 | EDITION: 51st

Asian Games Hangzhou 2022



The 2022 Asian Games, officially the 19th Asian Games, is a continental multi-sport event which was held from 23 September to 8 October 2023 in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China. The games marked the 110th anniversary since the creation of the first continental event, starting with the 1913 Far Eastern Championship Games. Originally scheduled to take place from 10 to 25 September 2022, on 6 May 2022 the Games were postponed to 2023 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The new dates were announced on 19 July 2022. Hangzhou is the third Chinese city to host the Asian Games, after Beijing in 1990 and Guangzhou in 2010.

Note: Hangzhou was officially awarded as the host city on 16 September 2015 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, during the 34th OCA General Assembly.

Emblem

The emblem of the Games, "Surging Tides", was unveiled on 6 August 2018; it is designed to resemble a traditional hand fan from Zhejiang, a running track, the Qiantang River tidal bore, and radio waves (symbolising wireless connectivity).

Mascot

The three mascots of the Games, Congcong, Lianlian and Chenchen, known collectively as the "Memories of Jiangnan" whose name derives from the Tang Dynasty poet Bai Juyi's famous sentence "When I recall Jiangnan, Hangzhou brings back most of my memories," were unveiled on 3 April 2020. They are depicted as robotic superheroes originating from the Archaeological Ruins of Liangzhu City, the West Lake and the Grand Canal respectively. Congcong derives its name from the Cong jade pendant unearthed from the Archeological Ruins.

Lianlian derives its name from the lotus leaves in the West Lake. Chenchen derives its name from the Gongchen Bridge, a landmark structure in the Hangzhou section of the Grand Canal.



Motto

The official motto of the 2022 Asian Games, "Heart to Heart, @Future" was announced on 15 December 2019 to mark 1,000 days before the opening ceremonies. The motto is intended to symbolise the connectivity that the Asian Games create between the countries of Asia.

Medals

On 15 June 2023, the medal design named "Shan Shui" was released. Its design was inspired by Jade Cong in the Liangzhu Culture. The obverse featured the Games edition logo, misty hills, the city, a rippling lake and undulating mountains, while the reverse featured the Asian Games Sun Emblem and the name of the event in Chinese and English.



Music

The official theme song of the Games, "With You and Me", was released along with its music video on April 27, 2023. It is performed by Angela Zhang, Jackson Wang, Sunnee and JC-T. The song was selected through a global song contest and was originally created by a production team from Thailand, Nadao Music. The original title of the song is "Let's Celebrate" and was sung by Ice Paris, Billkin, PP Krit and Nana Sawanya

Torch relay

On 10 September 2021, the final torch design of the 2022 Asian Games called "Eternal Flame" was unveiled. It has an overall height of 730 millimetres and a net weight of 1.2 kilograms



2022 Asian Games medal table: Country Wise

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	201	111	71	383
2	Japan	52	67	69	188
3	South Korea	42	59	89	190
4	India	28	38	41	107
5	Uzbekistan	22	18	31	71
6	Chinese Taipei	19	20	28	67
7	Iran	13	21	20	54
8	Thailand	12	14	32	58
9	Bahrain	12	3	5	20
10	North Korea	11	18	10	39
Totals		482	480	631	1593

India in Asian Games 2022

Medals by sport				
Sport	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Shooting	7	9	6	22
Athletics	6	14	9	29
Archery	5	2	2	9
Squash	2	1	2	5
Cricket	2	0	0	2
Kabaddi	2	0	0	2
Badminton	1	1	1	3
Tennis	1	1	0	2
Equestrian	1	0	1	2
Field Hockey	1	0	1	2
Rowing	0	2	3	5
Chess	0	2	0	2
Wrestling	0	1	5	6
Boxing	0	1	4	5
Sailing	0	1	2	3
Bridge	0	1	0	1
Golf	0	1	0	1
Wushu	0	1	0	1
Roller sports	0	0	2	2
Canoeing	0	0	1	1
Sepak takraw	0	0	1	1
Table tennis	0	0	1	1
Total	28	38	41	107

Important Points to Consider:

- India's medal haul comprised 28 gold, 38 silver and 41 bronze with the country achieving its best performance in terms of specific colours as well.
- Shooting fetched India the most number of gold medals (7) followed by athletics (6) and archery (5).
- Compound archers Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Ojas Deotale won the most gold medals (3) for the country.

2023 Nobel Prize Winners

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2023



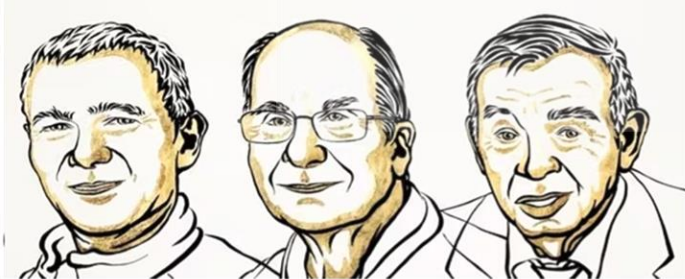
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1. Pierre Agostini
The Ohio State University, Columbus, USA
2. Ferenc Krausz
Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics, Garching and Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany
3. Anne L'Huillier
Lund University, Sweden

For: "for experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electron dynamics in matter"

By: The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2023



The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2023 was awarded to Mounqi G. Bawendi, Louis E. Brus and Alexei I. Ekimov "for the discovery and synthesis of quantum dots"

1. Mounqi G. Bawendi
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA, USA
2. Louis E. Brus
Columbia University, New York, NY, USA

3. Alexei I. Ekimov
Nanocrystals Technology Inc., New York, NY, USA

For: "for the discovery and synthesis of quantum dots"
By: The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2023



The 2023 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded jointly to Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman "for their discoveries concerning base modifications that enabled the development of effective mRNA vaccines against COVID-19"

By: The Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet

The Nobel Prize in Literature 2023



The Nobel Prize in Literature for 2023 is awarded to the Norwegian author Jon Fosse "for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable".

By: Mats Malm, Permanent Secretary of the Swedish Academy

The Nobel Peace Prize 2023



The Nobel Peace Prize 2023 was awarded to Narges Mohammadi "for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all"

By: The Norwegian Nobel Committee

The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2023



The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2023 was awarded to Claudia Goldin "for having advanced our understanding of women's labour market outcomes"

By: The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

Nobel Prize

The Nobel Prize is a set of annual international awards bestowed in several categories by Swedish and Norwegian institutions in recognition of academic, cultural, or scientific advances. The will of the Swedish chemist, engineer and industrialist Alfred Nobel established the five Nobel prizes in 1895. The prizes in Chemistry, Literature, Peace, Physics, and Physiology or Medicine were first awarded in 1901. In 1968, Sweden's central bank Sveriges Riksbank established the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.

Note 1: The prize is not awarded posthumously; however, if a person is awarded a prize and dies before receiving it, the prize may still be presented.

Note 2: Prize may not be shared among more than three individuals, although the Nobel Peace Prize can be awarded to organizations of more than three people.

Awarded for: Outstanding contributions for humanity in chemistry, literature, peace, physics, physiology or medicine, and economic sciences

Country: Sweden (all prizes except the Peace Prize), Norway (Peace Prize only)

Presented by: Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institute (Physiology or Medicine), Norwegian Nobel Committee (Peace), Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (Chemistry, Economic Sciences, Physics), Swedish

Academy (Literature)

Reward(s) : The Nobel Prize amount for 2023 is set at Swedish kronor (SEK) 11.0 million per full Nobel Prize.

Q. Why are the individuals and organisations awarded a Nobel Prize called Nobel Prize laureates?

A: The word "laureate" refers to being signified by the laurel wreath. In Greek mythology, the god Apollo is represented wearing a laurel wreath on his head. A laurel wreath is a circular crown made of branches and leaves of the bay laurel (in Latin: *Laurus nobilis*). In Ancient Greece, laurel wreaths were awarded to victors as a sign of honour – both in athletic competitions and in poetic meets.

The Nobel Prize insignias

At the Nobel Prize award ceremonies on 10 December the Nobel Prize laureates receive three things: a Nobel Prize diploma, a Nobel Prize medal and a document confirming the Nobel Prize amount. Each Nobel Prize diploma is a unique work of art, created by foremost Swedish and Norwegian artists and calligraphers. The Nobel Prize medals are handmade with careful precision and in 18 carat recycled gold.

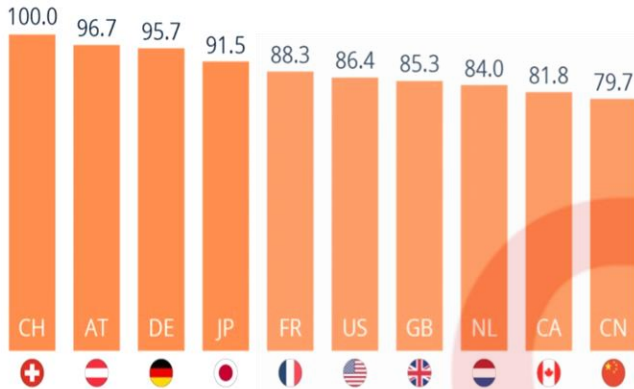
The Nobel Prize medals in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine and literature are identical on the face: it shows the image of Alfred Nobel and the years of his birth and death (1833-1896). Nobel's portrait also appears on the Nobel Peace Prize medal and the medal for the prize in economic sciences, but with a slightly different design. The image on the reverse varies according to the institution awarding the prize.



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The World's Best Postal Services

Index score of the top performing national postal services in 2022*

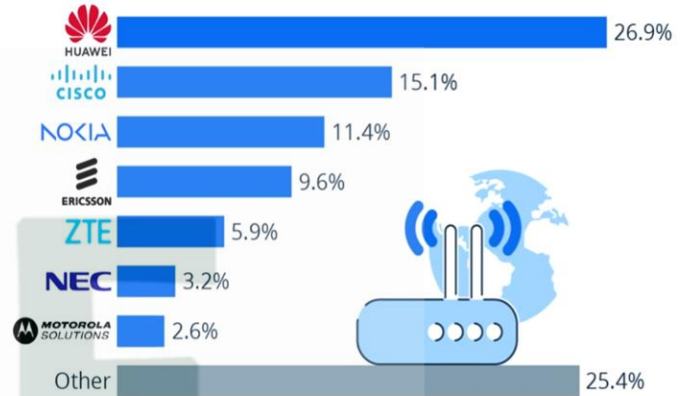


* The 'Postal Development score' is based on four main components: reliability, reach, relevance and resilience.

Source: Universal Postal Union

Who Connects the World's Networks?

Global market share of network infrastructure providers in 2020*



* enterprise & service provider network infrastructure

Source: Statista Market Insights

The Top 10 Countries for Remote Working

Country rankings according to the Global Remote Work Index

- Denmark
- Netherlands
- Germany
- Spain
- Sweden
- Portugal
- Estonia
- Lithuania
- Ireland
- Slovakia



108 countries analyzed based on: level of cyber safety, economic safety, digital & physical infrastructure and social safety. Data for the first half of 2023.

Source: NordLayer

The Countries With the Most Islands

Countries with the biggest estimated number of islands*

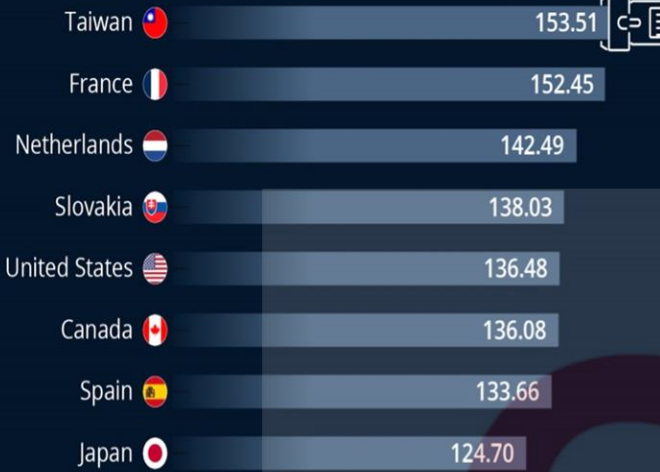


* Landmasses permanently above water but not identified as a continent

Sources: World Atlas, Geospatial Information Authority of Japan

Who Has the Fastest Internet?

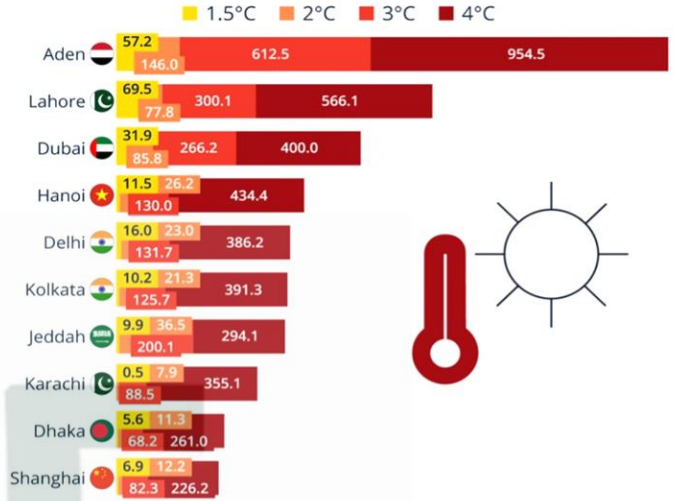
Places with the fastest mean download speeds in 2022/23*
(in Mbps)



* Excluding places with a population under one million
Speed test data collected Jul. 1, 2022 to Jun. 30, 2023
Source: Cable.co.uk

Where Will Wet-Bulb Temperatures Turn Unbearable?

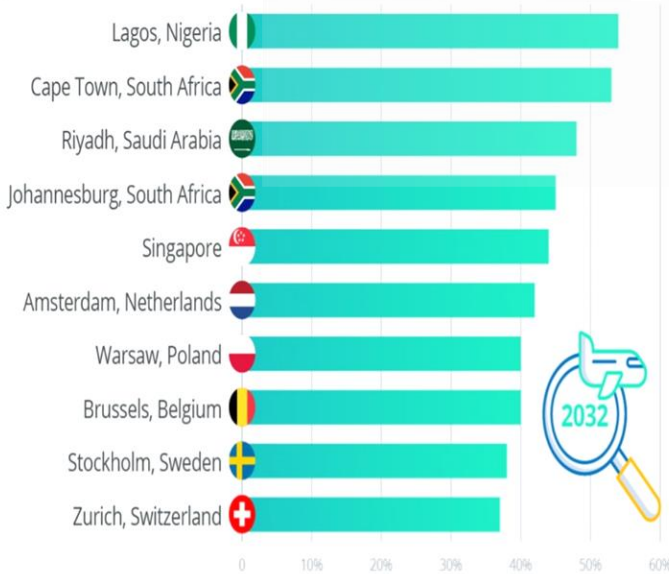
Annual hot-hours* in selected cities at a global warming of 1.5°C and additional hot-hours for further warming



* Heat beyond the human adaptability threshold of a wet-bulb temperature of 30.55°C (inability of healthy young humans to carry out basic activities)
Source: Vecellio et al. Greatly enhanced risk to humans as a consequence of empirically determined lower moist heat stress tolerance. PNAS (2023)

THE TOP 10 MAGNET CITIES FOR BUSINESS TRAVEL

Cities with the highest business travel prevalence
(spend share forecast for 2032)

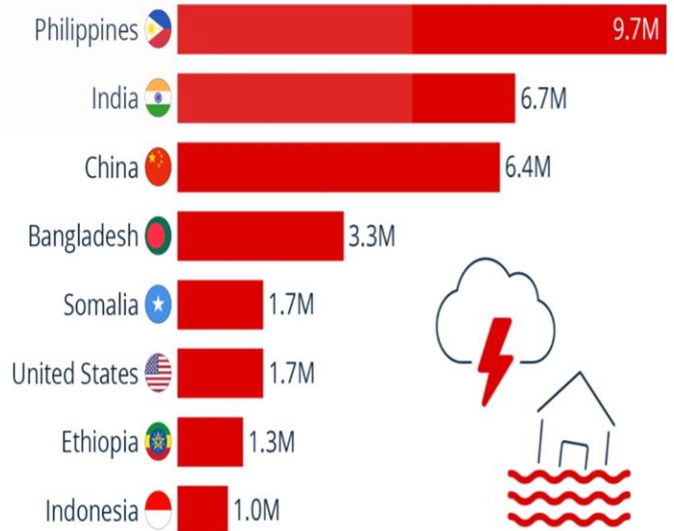


Calculations are based on 82 major tourism city destinations and estimates of GDP and employment directly generated by the travel and tourism sector in these cities.

Source: World Travel and Tourism Council

Where Extreme Weather Has Displaced the Most Children

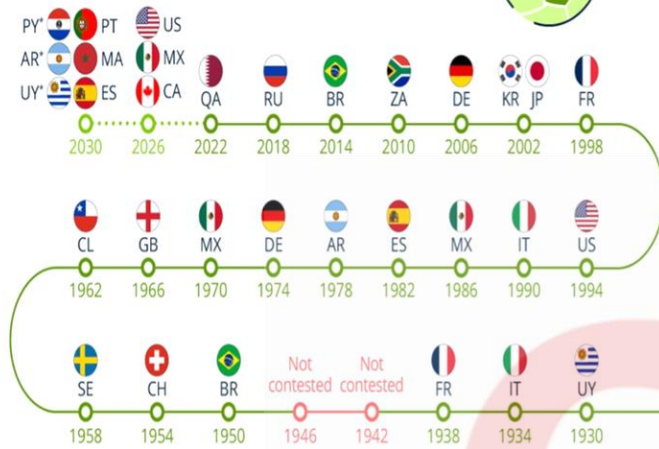
Estimated number of children displaced due to weather-related disasters 2016-2021, by country



Source: UNICEF

100 Years of World Cup Hosts

Countries that have hosted/will host the FIFA Men's World Cup

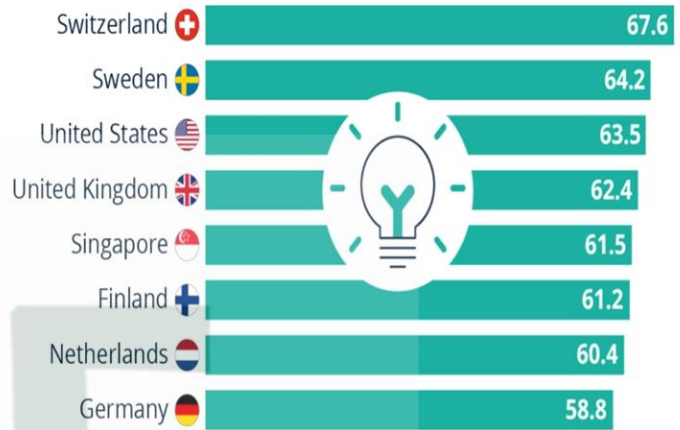


* Hosts of the first three matches

Source: FIFA

The World's Most Innovative Countries

2023 ranking of the Global Innovation Index (100=most innovative)

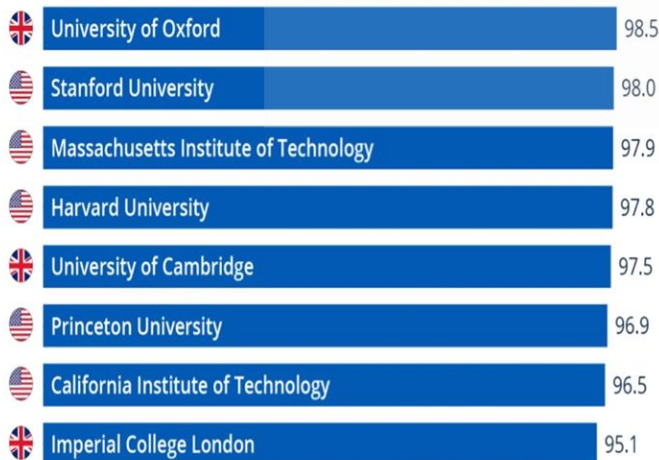


Takes into account human capital, institutions, technology and creative output, market and business sophistication, among others

Source: World Intellectual Property Organization

The Best Universities in the World

Universities with the highest scores in the 'World University Rankings 2024' (100=best)

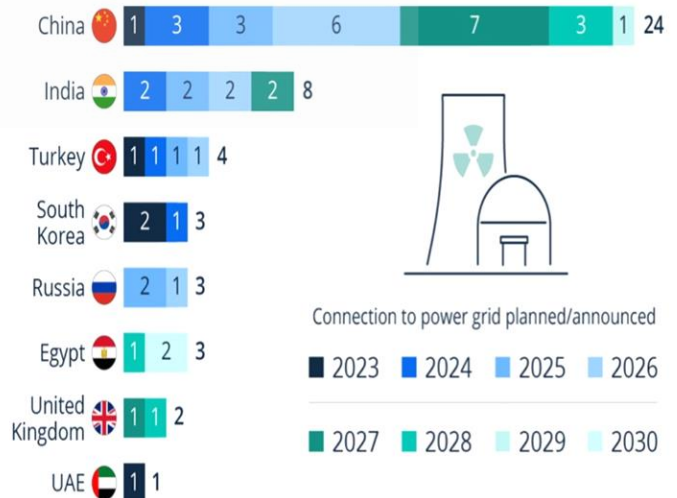


Scores based on five indicators: teaching, research environment, research quality, international outlook and industry.

Source: Times Higher Education

The Countries Committing to Nuclear Power

Countries with the most nuclear power plants currently under construction*



Connection to power grid planned/announced

Legend: 2023 (dark blue), 2024 (medium blue), 2025 (light blue), 2026 (very light blue), 2027 (teal), 2028 (green), 2029 (light green), 2030 (pale green)

* Excluding plants whose construction is currently paused

Source: World Nuclear Association



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