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76th BAFTA Awards 2023: Check the complete list of winners

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At the Royal Festival Hall in London, England, the **76th British Academy Film Awards**, also referred to as the BAFTAs, were presented. The award was hosted by actor **Richard E Grant**, the star-studded ceremony saw the German anti-war film *All Quiet on the Western Front* winning seven awards, including the two big wins awards, Best Film and Best Director. Shaunak Sen's documentary *All That Breathes from India* was a nominee for the Best Documentary award, which went to Daniel Roher's *Navalny*.

Here are the complete list of winners:

Category	Winner
Best Film	All Quiet on the Western Front
Leading Actress	Cate Blanchett, <i>Tar</i>
Leading Actor	Austin Butler, <i>Elvis</i>
Best Director	Edward Berger, <i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i>
Best Casting	Elvis
Best Cinematography	All Quiet on the Western Front
Adapted Screenplay	All Quiet On The Western Front, Edward Berger, Lesley Paterson, Ian Stokell
Editing	Everything Everywhere All At Once, Paul Rogers
Cinematography	All Quiet On The Western Front, James Friend
Best Documentary	Navalny (Daniel Roher)
EE Bafta Rising Star Award	Emma Mackey
Film Not In The English Language	All Quiet On The Western Front
Best Costume Design	Catherine Martin, <i>Elvis</i>
British Short Film	An Irish Goodbye
Make up & Hair	Elvis; Jason Baird, Mark Coulier, Louise Coulston, Shane Thomas
Production design	Babylon; Florencia Martin, Anthony Carlino
Sound	All Quiet On The Western Front; Lars Ginzsel, Frank Kruse, Viktor Prášil, Markus Stemler
Original Score	All Quiet On The Western Front; Volker Bertelmann
Supporting Actress	Kerry Condon, <i>The Banshees of Inisherin</i>
Supporting Actor	Barry Keoghan, <i>The Banshees of Inisherin</i>

About BAFTA

BAFTA – the British Academy of Film and Television Arts – is a world-leading independent arts charity that brings the very best work in film, games and television to public attention and supports the growth of creative talent in the UK and internationally. Through its Awards ceremonies and year-round programme of learning events and initiatives – which includes workshops, masterclasses, scholarships, lectures and mentoring schemes in the UK, USA and Asia – BAFTA identifies and celebrates excellence, discovers, inspires and nurtures new talent, and enables learning and creative collaboration.

Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2023: Check the winners list

Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023

The **Dadasaheb Phalke Award** is the country's highest award in the field of cinema. The 2023 winners were revealed by the Directorate of Film Festivals. Mumbai will host the **2023 Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival ceremony**. Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor won the Best Actor and Best Actress awards at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards.

Here is the complete list of winners

Category	Winner
Best Film	The Kashmir Files
Film Of The Year	RRR
Best Actor	Ranbir Kapoor (<i>Brahmastra Part One: Shiva</i>)
Best Actress	Alia Bhatt (<i>Gangubai Khatriawadi</i>)
Critics Best Actor	Varun Dhawan (<i>Bhediyaa</i>)
Critics Best Actress	Vidya Balan (<i>Jalsa</i>)
Best Director	R Balki (<i>Chup</i>)
Best Cinematographer	PS Vinod (<i>Vikram Vedha</i>)
Most Promising Actor	Rishab Shetty (<i>Kantara</i>)
Best Actor In A Supporting Role	Manish Paul (<i>Jugg Jugg Jeeyo</i>)
Best Playback Singer (Male)	Sachet Tandon (<i>Maiyya Mainu – Jersey</i>)
Best Playback Singer (Female)	Neeti Mohan (<i>Meri Jaan – Gangubai Khatriawadi</i>)
Best Web Series	Rudra: The Edge Of Darkness (Hindi)
Most Versatile Actor	Anupam Kher (<i>The Kashmir Files</i>)

Category	Winner
Television Series Of The Year	Anupamaa
Best Actor In A Television Series	Zain Imam for Fanaa (Ishq Mein Marjawaan)
Best Actress In A Television Series	Tejasswi Prakash (Naagin)
Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2023 for Outstanding Contribution In The Film Industry	Rekha
Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2023 for Outstanding Contribution In The Music Industry	Hariharan

About the Dadasaheb Phalke Award

The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is India's highest award in the field of cinema. It is presented annually at the National Film Awards ceremony by the Directorate of Film Festivals, an organisation set up by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The recipient is honoured for their "outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema" and is selected by a committee consisting of eminent personalities from the Indian film industry. The award comprises a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) medallion, a shawl, and a cash prize of ₹1,000,000 (US\$13,000).

Sansad Ratna award 2023: Check the list of nominated MP's

Sansad Ratna award 2023

13 members of Parliament (MP) have been nominated for the **Sansad Ratna Awards 2023**. The Jury Committee of eminent Parliamentarians and civil society, chaired by **Arjun Ram Meghwal** (State Minister of Parliamentary Affairs) and Co-Chaired by **T S Krishnamurthy** (Former Chief Election Commissioner of India) has nominated eight MPs from Lok Sabha and five from Rajya Sabha for the Sansad Ratna Awards 2023. These nominations are based on cumulative performance in questions, private members' bills and members' debates from the beginning of the 17th Lok Sabha till the end of the Winter Session 2022.



Notably: The 13th Sansad Ratna Awards 2023 will be presented on March 25 in the national Capital.

Sansad Ratna Awards 2023 nominated from Lok Sabha

1. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury (INC, West Bengal),
2. Gopal Chinayya Shetty (BJP, Maharashtra),
3. Sudhir Gupta (BJP, Madhya Pradesh) and
4. Dr. Amol Ramsing Kolhe (NCP, Maharashtra)
5. Bidyut Baran Mahato (BJP, Jharkhand),
6. Dr. Sukanta Majumdar (BJP, West Bengal),
7. Kuldeep Rai Sharma (INC, Andaman Nicobar Islands),
8. Dr Heena Vijayakumar Gavit (BJP, Maharashtra),

Sansad Ratna Awards 2023 from Rajya Sabha

1. Smt Fauzia Tahseen Ahmed Khan (NCP, Maharashtra)
2. Dr. John Brittas (CPI-M, Kerala),
3. Dr. Manoj Kumar Jha (RJD, Bihar),
4. Vishambhar Prasad Nishad (Samajwadi Party, UP) and
5. Smt Chhaya Verma (INC, Chhattisgarh)

Two Parliamentary Committees of Lok Sabha nominated for Sansad Ratna Award 2023

1. Rajya Sabha's Standing Committee on Tourism, Transport, and Culture, chaired by **Vijay Sai Reddy**
2. Lok Sabha's Parliamentary Committee on Finance, chaired by **Jayant Sinha**

Lifetime Achievement Award

- Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Lifetime Achievement Award: **T K Rangarajan**, (Former Rajya Sabha MP for two terms and a Senior CPIM Leader).

Some facts about Sansad Ratna Awards:

Sansad Ratna Awards were instituted on the suggestion of **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam** to honour top performing Parliamentarians. He himself inaugurated the first edition of the award ceremony in **2010 in Chennai**. So far, 90 top performing parliamentarians have been honoured and all of them have received the award individually. **K. Srinivasan** is the Founder Chairman of the Sansad Ratna Award Committee and **Ms. Priyadarshini Rahul** is the Chairman.

National Affairs

- A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed by **Rolls-Royce Marine North America** and **Kalyani Strategic Service Limited (KSSL)**, a 100% subsidiary of Bharat Forge, to investigate the possibility of KSSL serving as an in-country provider for propeller sales in the Indian market. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Centre banned two groups and declared an individual a terrorist for their subversive and anti-India activities. The two groups are the **Jammu and Kashmir Ghaznavi Force (JKGF)**, which has been formed with cadres from terrorist organisations such as the Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed; and the **Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF)**, which aims to revive terrorism in Punjab. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The first nuclear power plant in **North India would be built in Gorakhpur, Haryana**, according to Union Minister Jitendra Singh. According to Singh, the Center has unanimously approved the installation of 10 nuclear reactors in an effort to boost India's nuclear capability. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Agricultural and Process Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) is participating in the **28th edition of Gulfood 2023** which will be held in UAE. India has been participating in GULFOOD which is a platform that connects food and beverage sectors around the globe, providing ample opportunities to Indian exporters. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Union cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on February 22 extended the term of the 22nd Law Commission till August 31, 2024. The move came as the tenure of the 22nd Law Commission of India ended on February 20, 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Biodiversity**, the totality and variety of our biological resources, is crucial to the survival of the world. The **United Nations Biodiversity Conference in Montreal, Canada**, made a strong case for the value of our planet's biodiversity. The 2030 commitment, which aims to "stop and reverse" biodiversity loss by protecting 30% of the world's land and 30% of its oceans by 2030, was ratified on December 19, 2022, by delegates from 188 nations. India is in a prime position to lead the world in becoming **biodiversity champions** because it currently has 17% of the world's population and 17% of the **world's biodiversity hotspots**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to the **Election Commission of India (ECI)**, more than 60% of India's 94.5 crore voters have connected their **Aadhaar** numbers to their **voter IDs**. There are 56,90,83,090 voters who are linked to their **Aadhaar** overall. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated the '**Barisu Kannada Dim Dimava** cultural festival at Talkatora Stadium in **Delhi** on 25th February 2023. Prime Minister Modi addressed the gathering on the occasion. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** laid the Foundation Stone of the world's largest and unique **Divyang Park - Anubhuti Inclusive Park** in Nagpur, Maharashtra. On the occasion, he informed that the park is being developed keeping in mind the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to build an inclusive society. Instead of sympathy, this park will show empathy, hence this park has been named Anubhuti Divyang Park. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The seven-day **49th Khajuraho Dance Festival** will begin with Bharatnatyam and kathak at the temple declared as UNESCO heritage. The annual event of the Khajuraho Dance Festival is being organized by **Ustad Allauddin Khan Sangeet Evam Kala Akademi** and the directorate of culture in association with the tourism department and the Archaeological Survey of India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Statehood Day** in Arunachal Pradesh is a state holiday observed on 20th February in the Northeastern Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh. Statehood Day in **Arunachal Pradesh** is celebrated to commemorate the granting of statehood to the state which occurred in the year 1987. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Taj Mahotsav** was officially launched on February 20 (Monday) in **Agra by Yogendra Upadhyay**, minister of higher education for the state of Uttar Pradesh. He claimed that the 10-day festival had drawn tourists from other countries in addition to locals. A total of 300 artisans from a number of states and UTs, including Jammu & Kashmir, West Bengal, Bihar, and Himachal Pradesh, are taking part in the event this year, which has as its subject "Vishwa Bandhutva." ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Governor of Odisha Prof. **Ganeshi Lal** launched India's first AI Chatbot for the Agricultural sector '**Ama KrushAI**' at the valedictory session of '**Krushu Odisha 2023**'. Ama KrushAI chatbot will help the farmers with the best agronomic practices, inform them about government schemes, and loan products from more than 40 commercial and cooperative banks. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The first **Prime Minister GatiShakti** regional workshop for the Western and Central Zone was held in Goa. The workshop featured discussions on use cases of **National Master Plan (NMP)** adoption by Central Ministries & State Departments for planning and acted as a platform for mutual learning among the States and Central Ministries/Departments. ([Click here to read the article](#))

States in the News

- **Punjab Government** has organized its first state-level '**Prawn Fair**' (**Shrimp mela**). This "Prawn Fair" or Shrimp mela is an effort of the state government to create awareness about shrimp farming. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **Election Commission** recognized the faction led by **Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde** as the real Shiv Sena and allocated it the bow and arrow symbol. In the order, the Election Commission informed that 40 MLAs backing Shinde got nearly 76% of the votes polled in favor of the 55 Shiv Sena candidates who had won their seats in the 2019 Maharashtra Assembly polls. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Eknath Shinde**, the chief minister of Maharashtra, was elected as the **Shiv Sena's supreme leader** during the party's national executive meeting. The **Election Commission of India (ECI)** recognised his faction as the true Shiv Sena and gave him the "bow and arrow" insignia during the first national executive meeting following that recognition. The MLAs, MPs, and other Sena leaders who had joined Shinde after he split from the group headed by former chief minister Uddhav Thackeray were present at the meeting. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On February 21, also known as International Mother Language Day, the **Kerala High Court** published two of its most recent decisions in Malayalam, making it the first high court in the nation to do so. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Churchgate railway station** in Mumbai will soon be called as '**Chintamanrao Deshmukh station**', named after the first governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) CD Deshmukh. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Gujarat Legislative Assembly** has unanimously passed a Bill that provides for up to **10 years in prison** to curb paper leaks in government recruitment exams. According to the provisions of the bill, the accused shall also be liable for a fine which shall not be less than Rs 10 lakh, which may extend to Rs 1 crore. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Uttarakhand government** has signed a contract to construct a 3.38 km ropeway from **Janki Chatti in Kharsali to Yamunotri Dham**. To be built at a cost of Rs 166.82 crore, the ropeway will cut down the travel time from the current 2-3 hours to just 20 minutes. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Kerala government** has launched robotic scavenger, "**Bandicoot**", to clean sewages in the temple town of Guruvayur, becoming the first state in the country to use robotic technology to clean all its commissioned manholes. Water Resources Minister, Roshi Augustine, launched Bandicoot under the Guruvayur Sewerage Project in Thrissur district by the Kerala Water Authority (KWA), as part of the 100-day action plan of the state government. ([Click here to read the article](#))

International Affairs

- In a move to boost the transition to **electric vehicles (EVs)**, the European Parliament has approved the law to ban the sale of new gas and diesel cars in the EU, starting in 2035. The new legislation sets the path towards zero CO2 emissions for new passenger cars and light commercial vehicles in 2035. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Qatar has lifted its temporary ban on the import of frozen seafood from India, paving the way for enhanced export and improved bilateral relations with the West Asian country, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said in a statement. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** has been collaborating with numerous countries and organizations to counter global terrorism at various levels. Egypt is one such country with whom India has constantly worked to combat terrorism. The third meeting of the **India-Egypt Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism** was conducted on February 16, 2023, in New Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Saudi Arabia's** Crown Prince unveiled The **Mukaab**, which is a 400-meter-high, wide, and long long indoor supercity in the center of Riyadh. The Mukaab, the super city, will be large enough to hold 20 empire state buildings and it is aimed that the PIF-backed giga-project will become a new global icon of technology, sustainability, mobility, and Saudi Innovation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Afshan Khan**, an Indo-Canadian, has been named the coordinator of the "**Scaling Up Nutrition Movement**," according to UN Secretary-General António Guterres. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India and the UAE** are celebrating the first anniversary of their Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, signed on February 18, 2022. As part of continued efforts to boost bilateral trade, the **UAE India Business Council - UAE Chapter (UIBC-UC)** was launched on February 18, 2023 by the UAE's minister of state for foreign trade Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- The **Seattle City Council** passed an ordinance adding caste to the list of protected classes in the city's municipal code, along with groups like race, religion, and gender identity. **Seattle** created history by becoming the **first US city** to pass an explicit ban on caste-based discrimination. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- From Washington, US President **Joe Biden** is nominating former Mastercard Chief Executive **Ajay Banga** to lead the World Bank, after its current chief **David Malpass** announced plans to step down early. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **UN General Assembly** approved a nonbinding resolution that calls for Russia to end hostilities in **Ukraine** and demands the withdrawal of its forces, sending a strong message on the eve of the first anniversary of the invasion that Moscow's aggression must end. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Bhutan** has taken a step towards modernising its digital infrastructure. The Himalayan kingdom has just found its first-ever digital citizen. The **Bhutan National Digital Identity (NDI) mobile** wallet, Royal Highness The Gyalsey (Prince) **Jigme Namgyel Wangchuck** has become the first digital citizen of Bhutan. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Pakistan's** Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said his country has received **\$700 million funds** from the **China Development Bank**. The deposit comes as Pakistan has been struggling with its external debt and has barely enough dollars to cover less than three weeks' worth of imports. Finance Minister Ishaq Dar referred to the deposit as a "lifeline" for Pakistan. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **World Bank** announced \$2.5 billion in additional grant financing from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to support **Ukraine's** budget and maintain essential services. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Bill Gates** has acquired a minority stake in **Heineken Holding NV**, the controlling shareholder of the world's second-largest brewer, for about \$902 million. The Microsoft founder and philanthropist picked up 3.8% of Heineken Holding, according to a filing by the Dutch regulator AFM. He bought 6.65 million shares in Heineken Holding, in his individual capacity, and another 4.18 million shares through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India and Guyana** have agreed to cooperate in the oil and gas sector, including long-term crude purchase from the South American country and investment in its upstream sector. Oil minister Hardeep Singh Puri met Guyana president **Mohamed Irfaan Ali**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**, a global organization that monitors financial crime, suspended Russia's membership after finding that **Moscow (Russia)'s** conflict in **Ukraine** breached the **FATF's** principles. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Chief Justice of India **DY Chandrachud** announced that the Supreme Court has launched "**neutral citations**" of judgments to ensure a uniform pattern of citing its decisions. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri **Narendra Modi**, has approved the signing of Memorandum of Understanding between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW). The MoU is to provide recognition of the qualification, training of **each other's members** and admit the members in good standing by prescribing a bridging mechanism on the prevailing terms and conditions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Ministry of Rural Development** signed an MoU between the ministry and **Meesho** an e-commerce platform owned by Bengaluru-based Fashnear Technologies Private Limited. As per the agreement, the e-commerce platform will help in the marketing of products made by the **Self-Help Groups** under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's lunar mission, **Chandrayaan-3** has successfully underwent **EMI-EMC (Electro-Magnetic Interference/ Electro-Magnetic Compatibility)**. The EMI-EMC test is conducted for satellite missions to ensure functionality of the satellite subsystems in the space environment and their compatibility with the expected electromagnetic levels. The test was conducted between January 31 and February 2 at U R Rao Satellite Centre, Bengaluru. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Navratna Defence PSU **Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL)** said, it signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), DRDO, for the **Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA)** programme. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland, New Zealand, and Tata Memorial Hospital (TMH), Mumbai, the largest and the most renowned **cancer care hospital** and research centre in India, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) to engage in long-term cooperation in cancer care. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL)**, an aerospace company in India, and **EDGE**, the top defence company in the UAE, inked a Memorandum of Understanding at the International Defense Exhibition and Conference (IDEX). The Memorandum of Understanding is signed to examine potential areas of collaboration, such as collaborative development of missile systems and unmanned aerial vehicles (drones). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Infosys**, a next generation digital services and consulting, announced that it will expand its collaboration with **Microsoft**, to help accelerate enterprise cloud transformation journeys worldwide, via an exchange filing. According to the **Infosys cloud radar**, enterprises can add up to **\$414 billion** in net new profits, annually, through effective cloud adoption. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **CSC Academy**, a subsidiary of Common Service Centre e-Governance Services India Limited, and **NIELIT** (National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology) have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to enhance **digital literacy** and **skill development** in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- German Chancellor **Olaf Scholz's** visit to India on February 25-26 will focus on advancing a **\$5.2 billion agreement** between **Germany** and **India** to jointly construct six conventional submarines in India. The naval project is a Western military manufacturing power's most recent effort to wean **New Delhi** off of its reliance on Russian military hardware. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Philips Domestic Appliances** has announced the change of its company name to **Versuni**. The new name 'Versuni' is the next step after the **Domestic Appliances** business became independent in September 2021. Although the visual identity of the company is changing, its mission to turn houses into homes remains constant. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)** has emerged as the top performer among state-owned lenders in terms of loan growth percentage during the third quarter of 2022-23, an analysis of the latest financial results of **public sector banks** showed. The Pune-based lender recorded a 21.67 per cent increase in gross advances on a year-on-year basis, according to the latest quarterly numbers of the public sector bank (PSB). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former IAS officer **BVR Subrahmanyam** was appointed as the new **Chief Executive Officer of Niti Aayog**. The former Commerce Secretary takes over from Parameswaran Iyer, who has been named as the Executive Director of World Bank. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **190th Meeting of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)** was held in Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Shri Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Labor & Employment and Environment, Forest, and Climate Change. Shri Rameswar Teli, Minister of State for Labor & Employment, Petroleum & Natural Gas, was present at the meeting as well. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Books and Authors

- BJP national president **J.P. Nadda** has launched a book "**Modi: Shaping a Global Order in Flux**" in Chanakyapuri. Book is forewarded by Union External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar. Editors are Sujan Chinoy, Vijay Chauthaiwala, and Uttam Kumar Sinha. This book is going to open a debate on how PM Modi has taken a decision which has changed India's image worldwide. It's necessary to understand what was the image of India before Modi ji came to power. The publisher of the book is Wisdom Tree. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Banking/Economy/Business News

- The 49th GST Council Meeting was held on 18th February 2023 in New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**. This meeting is being conducted within a span of three weeks from the **Union Budget 2023**. The Union Finance Minister, Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, besides the finance ministers of states and Union Territories (with legislature) and senior officers from the Union government and states, attended the meeting, according to the finance ministry's official handle. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** due to insufficient capital and earning potential revoked the licence of Madhya Pradesh's Garha Co-operative Bank, Guna. According to a statement from the RBI, approximately 98.4% of the depositors of the cooperative bank are eligible to receive the full value of their savings from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) of India and PayNow of Singapore** will be integrated, to facilitate quicker and more affordable cross-border remittance transfers. On February 21, cross-border connectivity would essentially be launched in front of Prime Ministers Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore and Narendra Modi of India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) appointed Vikramaditya Singh Khichi to a panel to advise the administrator of debt-ridden **Reliance Capital (RCap)**, the apex bank said in a release. Khichi, former executive director of Bank of Baroda, has been appointed to Reliance Capital's advisory committee following the resignation of Srinivasan Varadarajan from the panel. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Reserve Bank of India vide its Circular dated 16th February, 2023 regarding the introduction of **Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA)** related transaction code in NEFT and RTGS Systems. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to the Board of Control for Cricket in India, the **Tata Group** has secured the title sponsorship rights for the **Women's Premier League (WPL) for five seasons (BCCI)**. From February 15, 2023, to July 31, 2027, or up until 30 days after the conclusion of the WPL Season 2027, the salt to software conglomerate will hold the title sponsorship rights. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **IndiaRatings (Ind-Ra)** revised its FY24 growth forecast downward to 5.9% from the **Reserve Bank of India's** 6.4%. The agency predicts that growth would not surpass 6% in 2023–2024 despite factors such as continuing government capital spending, deleverage corporations, reduced NPAs, the Production-Linked Incentive Scheme, and the expectation that global commodity prices will remain stable. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Brett Schickler** had never before considered the possibility of becoming a published novelist. But, after finding out about the **ChatGPT** artificial intelligence initiative, Schickler believed he had been given a chance. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** in order to help India fulfil its most pressing development requirements, pledged up to **\$25 billion** over the course of the next five years to support social development, climate change, and infrastructure development in India under the **PM Gati Shakti project**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Private sector lender **Kotak Mahindra Bank** went live with '**Kotak fyn**', an integrated portal developed to offer comprehensive digital banking and value-added services to its business banking and corporate clients. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **UK** has surpassed **India** as the **sixth-largest equity market** in the world for the first time since May 2022 as a weaker pound increases the attraction of exporters and concerns over the **Adani-Hindenburg** controversy are being felt throughout Indian markets. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **State Bank of India (SBI)** announced a cooperation with **PayNow**, the city state's online payment system, for cross-border payments, one day after a real-time payments system linkage was formed between **India** and **Singapore** utilising the **UPI platform**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **NSE** has got the greenlight from the capital markets regulator to launch its **Social Stock Exchange**, the board said. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) had given an in-principle approval to National Stock Exchange (NSE) for setting up the exchange last December. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **HDFC Bank** and UAE-based financial services company **Lulu Exchange**, have partnered to strengthen cross-border payments between India and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region. Both sides have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to enable **remittances to India** through HDFC's online and mobile banking powered by LuLu Exchange. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Saraswat Bank has **partnered with Singapore** based digital banking solutions provider Tagit to implement omnichannel digital banking solutions for its retail and corporate customers. Under the association, the bank will use Tagit's Mobeix Digital Banking platform to enhance customer experience. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- E-commerce giant **Amazon** announced that it will join the **Indian government's ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce) platform**, and as part of its initial collaboration will integrate its Smart Commerce and logistics services with the ONDC network. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Karnataka Bank** and **Paisalo Digital Ltd**, a non-deposit-taking NBFC registered with the Reserve Bank of India, have entered into a co-lending arrangement to provide financial support to the small income segment and to give impetus to the micro and small enterprise segment of the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The government has generated assets worth **26,000 crore** during **FY23**, and a pipeline of proposals totaling **1.23 lakh crore** is now being processed at various levels. This is in contrast to the aim of **1.6 lakh crore** for the current fiscal year. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **Federal Bank** has constructed a 100-KWp on-grid solar power plant, at its corporate headquarters in **Aluva**. **Shyam Srinivasan**, MD and CEO of the **Federal bank**, inaugurated the solar facility and called it an important turning point in the organization's sustainable path. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **National Pension System (NPS)**, a market-linked, defined contribution plan run by the **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)**, provides residents with affordable social security. Both companies and employees make contributions to this low-cost, tax-efficient plan. The **PFRDA** has mandated that users upload certain papers starting on April 1, 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The second-highest mop-up since the indirect tax levy (**GST**) was instituted in July 2017 for goods and services tax collection was Rs 1.56 trillion in **January 2023**. In April 2022, **GST** receipts reached a record high of Rs 1.68 trillion. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Appointments/Resignations

- In India, **Ayushmann Khurrana** will represent **UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund)**. The actor's designation as the National Ambassador was announced by UNICEF. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Ruchira Kamboj**, India's permanent representative to the UN, has been chosen to serve as the commission's chair during the **62nd session**. At the opening session of the 62nd session of the UN Commission for Social Development this week in New York, Kamboj was chosen as chair by acclamation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- One of the major teaching hospitals in the **UK**, **Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**, has named **Professor Meghana Pandit**, a renowned physician of Indian descent, as its CEO. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi** has been appointed as the new **Drug Controller General of India (DCGI)**, Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO). **Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi** is a former Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission secretary-cum-scientific director. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva has chosen the **Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG)** to serve as its external auditor for a four-year term from 2024 to 2027, the apex auditor announced. The CAG is **Girish Chandra Murmu**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Defence News

- The fourth iteration of the biennial training exercise **DUSTLIK (2023)** will be held in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, from February 20, 2023 through March 5, 2023, as part of a military-to-military exchange programme between **the Indian Army and the Uzbekistan Army**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In commemoration of India's late Chief of Defence Staff **General Bipin Rawat**, a bell has been placed at **Nepal's revered Shree Muktinath Temple**. The bell named "**Bipin Bell**," has been installed at the revered Hindu temple in Mustang district during the visit of four former Indian army chiefs namely **Gen VN Sharma, Gen JJ Singh, Gen Deepak Kapoor and Gen Dalbir Suhag**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Malabar multilateral naval exercise** will be hosted by Australia for the first time this year, which includes participation from **India, Australia, Japan, and the United States**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India and Seychelles** signed six agreements in key areas, including **maritime security**, and on sharing of white shipping information that would enable the two countries to exchange data regarding identity and movement of non-military commercial vessels. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Chief of the Naval Staff Adm **R Harikumar** visited INS Nireekshak at Kochi where he interacted with the diving team of the ship involved in the **salvage operations** at a depth of 219 meters in the Arabian Sea. He commended the ship on the safe and successful conduct of the operations under the most challenging circumstances. This is the **deepest salvage** carried out in the country's waters. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)** will hold its Raising Day function in the Bastar district of **Chhattisgarh** for the first time, a place that has been a hotbed of left-wing extremism. The preparation for the celebration on March 19 will start in a few days. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In line with the expanding military cooperation with South East Asian nations, an Indian Navy Kilo class conventional submarine, **INS Sindhukesari**, docked in **Jakarta, Indonesia**, for the first time. The submarine, which was on operational deployment, travelled through the Sunda Strait and undertook the maiden docking in Indonesia for Operational Turnaround (OTR). Naval ships regularly make port calls to countries in the region. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **Tawazun Council** signed 11 deals, worth Dhs5.8bn (\$1.579bn), on the third day of the **International Defence Exhibition (IDEX)** and the Naval Defence Exhibition (NAVDEX) 2023. A total of nine deals were inked with local and international companies on behalf of the **Ministry of Defence**, and two contracts worth Dhs134m were sealed on behalf of Abu Dhabi Police. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- A software engineer of Indian descent who later became a hobbyist photographer has been named the grand prize winner of **National Geographic's "Pictures of the Year" competition**. In the year 2020, **Karthik Subramaniam** began experimenting with his camera after being quarantined at his San Francisco, California, house as a result of the epidemic. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Poet V. Madhusoodanan Nair** has been selected for the **Jnanappana Award - 2023** instituted by the Guruvayur Devaswom. The award carries ₹50,001, a gold locket of Guruvayurappan and a citation. It will be presented to the poet by Minister for Higher Education R. Bindu at a cultural meet to be held at Melpathur Auditorium, Guruvayur. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Dr. Mahendra Kumar Mishra**, an Indian educator and social worker for the advancement of indigenous languages in Odisha, received the World Mother Language Award from Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka, Bangladesh**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Sajjan Jindal**, the chairman and managing director of **JSW Group**, was awarded as the **EY Entrepreneur of the Year (EOY) 2022**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- SS Rajamouli's directorial, **'RRR'** has bagged the **'Best International Film'** award at the **Hollywood Critics Association Film Awards**. The film director Rajamouli and actor Ram Charan accepted the award with joy and pride. It has also won three more awards at the HCA film awards. Before bagging the 'Best International Film' award, 'RRR' won three awards at HCA - **'Best Action Film'**, **'Best Stunts'**, and **'Best Original Song'**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Summit and Conference

- The Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology and Railways, Ashwini Vaishnav inaugurated the **'SemiconIndia Conference of Electronics Manufacturing Supply Chain Ecosystem'**. The government is **'willing to walk the talk'** and Its **"Say-do"** ratio is very high with readiness to receive feedback and sustain industry efforts for a lperiodtime. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- A 3-day long 18th UIC World Security Congress jointly organised by the International Union of Railways (UIC), Paris and the Railway Protection Force (RPF) began on 21 February. Theme of this year's Congress is **"Railway Security Strategy: Responses and Vision for Future"**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A vice-ministerial level meeting of **I2U2 countries** including Israel, India, the United States, and the United Arab Emirates discussed with private sector stakeholders investment opportunities to address issues related to the management of the energy crisis and food insecurity. The **UAE** hosted the first vice-ministerial meeting of the I2U2 in Abu Dhabi which was attended by senior officials from the four countries, along with representations from the private sector. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- According to HedgewithCrypto research, **India** emerged as **7th biggest nation** ready to adopt crypto in 2023. **Australia** is the biggest country when it comes to the adoption of cryptocurrency in 2023 with a score of 7.37 out of 10. The sale of cryptocurrency and other digital assets is legal and regulated in Australia. Following this, **USA** ranks as the second biggest country in crypto adoption with a score of 7.07 out of 10. Currently, there 33,630 crypto ATMs throughout the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Sports News

- **Virat Kohli** became the sixth and the fastest batter in the world to score **25,000 runs** across formats during the second Test against Australia, which India won by six wickets. He had come into his 492nd match overall with 52 runs needed to reach the milestone. He scored 44 runs in India's first innings before being dismissed for 20 runs to finish with 25012 runs. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- England Test captain **Ben Stokes** became the player to hit the most number of sixes in the history of Test cricket, surpassing England coach and former New Zealand cricketer **Brendon McCullum** in the match against New Zealand. In 90 Test matches, Stokes scored a total of 5,652 runs at an average of 36.00 with 109 sixes and 12 centuries and 28 fifties. His individual best score in Tests is 258. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Saurashtra** defeated **Bengal** by nine wickets to clinch its second **Ranji Trophy 2022-23 title** at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata. Saurashtra won their second Ranji Trophy title at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata. Saurashtra won the Ranji Trophy title for the first time in 2019-20. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** is close to agreeing to a deal with German sporting goods giant **Adidas** to pay **Rs 350 crore** as the team's uniform sponsor. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- After winning the 24th NordWest Cup 2023 at Bad Zwischenahn in Germany and defeating German IM Ilja Schneider, Indian chess player **Vignesh NR** became the **80th Grandmaster of India**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian teen **Tilottama Sen** won the bronze medal in the women's 10m Air Rifle at **ISSF World Cup 2023** in Cairo in Egypt. The 14-year-old Tilottama Sen won the second bronze for **India**, fifth overall after ending the top eight ranking round with a score of 262. She missed out on the gold medal match by a narrow possible margin of 0.1. Great Britain's **Seonaid McIntosh** won gold and Switzerland's Olympic Champion Nina Christen came second to win silver. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Top-seeded Spanish player, **Carlos Alcaraz** won his first title since his milestone **U.S. Open triumph** by beating **Cameron Norrie** in straight sets at the Argentina Open tennis Tournament. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Paris Saint-Germain's and former Real Madrid defender **Sergio Ramos** has announced that he is retiring from international football. After a record 180 appearances for Spain. Ramos, who was part of Spain's World Cup and Euro winning teams had represented Real Madrid in La Liga and now plays for PSG in Ligue 1. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's **Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil** won the men's 10m air rifle event at the ISSF World Cup 2023 in Cairo. He defeated Germany's Maximilian Ullbrich by 16-8 in the gold medal match to clinch the top prize. Rudranksh Patil finished seventh in the qualification round with **629.3 points** to make the ranking round, which he topped with 262.0 points to set up a final clash against Ulbrich. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Cabinet Secretary **Rajiv Gauba** will head a top panel comprising a senior official from the Prime Minister's Office, seven secretaries, among others, to monitor the implementation of the government's ambitious **Mission Karmayogi** programme for training of government employees. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Power Minister RK Singh launched South Asia Distribution Utility Network (**SADUN**) which aims to modernise distribution of utilities in **South Asia** via knowledge sharing among discoms. SADUN is a joint initiative of the **Ministry of Power, USAID and PFC**. Singh said that all the member nations would benefit from the synergy, exchange of experiences and the sharing of vision-enabled by the network. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Minister of State for Statistics and Programme Implementation, Rao Inderjit Singh, launched the revised norms for **MPLADS** (Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme). He also launched a new Web Portal for the Revised Fund Flow Procedure under MPLADS. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana** (PM-KISAN) completed 4 years on 24 February 2023. It Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana or PM-KISAN Yojana was launched by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on 24 February 2019 to meet the financial needs of land-holding farmers. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Science and Technology News

- Anil Agarwal-led **Vedanta** and manufacturing behemoth **Foxconn** announced their joint venture's plans to build a semiconductor and display manufacturing facility in **Gujarat's Dholera Special Investment Zone**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Schemes and Committess News

- The government said it has set up a committee to monitor the impact of rise in temperature on the **wheat crop**. The move comes amid a forecast by the National Crop Forecast Centre (NCFC) that maximum temperature in major wheat producing areas barring Madhya Pradesh was higher-than-average of the last seven years during the first week of February. Even the Met Department has projected above-normal temperature in Gujarat, Jammu, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, in next two days. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- Serum Institute of India will be setting up **Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla** Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Infectious Diseases and Pandemic Preparedness in the Indian Institute of Public Health, Hyderabad. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Martin Foundation in association with Dr APJ Abdul Kalam International Foundation and Space Zone India launched the **APJ Abdul Kalam Satellite** Launch Vehicle Mission-2023 from the Pattipolam village of Chengalpattu district in Tamil Nadu. Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan was also present at the event. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- At **ELECRAMA 2023**, the largest solo electrical exhibition in the world held at the **India Expo Mart** in Greater Noida, the Ministry of Power, Government of India displayed a number of advances in the energy sector. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Minister for IT and Industries **KT Rama Rao** informed that the **World Health Organisation** will set up an mRNA (messenger ribonucleic acid) vaccine hub in **Telangana**. mRNA is becoming a promising technology to address a growing number of infectious diseases. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's **first hybrid sounding rocket** by private players was successfully launched from Pattipulam village in the Chengalpattu district of Tamil Nadu. Martin Foundation, in association with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam International Foundation and Space Zone India, launched the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Satellite Launch Vehicle Mission- 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's largest IT services company **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** announced that it has won a deal to digitally transform **Telefonica Germany's** specific operations. The latter is a leading German telecom company. The Indian IT services exporter announced that the partnership would entail building service assurance applications and processes within the Operations Support Systems (OSS) landscape of the German telecom company. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Artifact**, a new **artificial intelligence (AI)**-powered personalized news feed application by **Instagram** co-founders Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger, is available to everyone, along with new features. Now, anyone can download and use the new application and no waitlist or phone number is required. The application is available for both **iOS and Android** users. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Day of Social Justice** is observed annually on **February 20**. The main goal of this day is to raise a voice against social injustice and to bring together diverse communities around the world in an effort to eradicate poverty, physical discrimination, gender inequalities, religious discrimination and illiteracy, and create a society that is socially integrated. This year's theme focuses on the recommendations of Our Common Agenda to strengthen global solidarity and to re-build trust in government by "**Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice**". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Every year on **February 21**, the world celebrates **International Mother Language Day** to encourage linguistic, cultural, and multilingualism variety. The theme of the 2023 International Mother Language Day, "**Multilingual education - a necessity to transform education**". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Every year on **February 22**, the World Organization of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) observes **World Thinking Day**. 'Our World, Our Peaceful Future', the theme for World Thinking Day 2023, explores what one can understand from the ecosystem and how we can cooperate with nature to build a more secure and tranquil future for girls worldwide. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Scout Day** is observed annually on **February 22** by millions of **Boy Scouts** worldwide. It honours **Lord Robert Baden-Powell**, who founded the Boy Scout Movement, on the day of his birthday. The day is observed by National Scout Organizations all over the world through events including fundraising campaigns, food drives, and other types of volunteer work. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Every year on February 24, **Central Excise Day** is observed to recognise and honour the contributions made by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). ([Click here to read the article](#))

Obituaries

- Telugu actor and politician **Nandamuri Taraka Ratna** has passed away at the age of 39 due to cardiac arrest. Taraka Ratna was the grandson of legendary film actor and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister late NT Rama Rao and son of Nandamuri Mohan Krishna. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former Gujarat governor and veteran Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader **Om Prakash Kohli** has passed away at the age of 87. He was the 19th governor of Gujarat from 2014 to 2019. While presiding as Gujarat governor, he also served as the governor of Madhya Pradesh and Goa. A former Rajya Sabha member and ex-president of BJP in Delhi, he was also a leading academician. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Important Days News

- India celebrates **Soil Health Card Day** on **February 19** every year to remember the beginning of the **Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme** and to raise awareness of its advantages. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Subi Suresh**, a 41-year-old actor and television host from Malayalam, passed dead. The actor's first theatre roles were as a comic and dancer. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **TCA Ramanujam**, a retired **chief commissioner of income taxes**, lawyer, expert in Sanskrit, and BusinessLine columnist, passed away. He was 88. As Chief Commissioner of Income Tax until his retirement in 1992, Mr. Ramanujam also spent a year as a member of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal. In 2002, he began his advocacy career again and served as a senior standing counsel for the Income Tax division. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Classical dance legend **Kanak Rele** passed away at the age of 85. The Mohiniyattam exponent, who was awarded the first **Guru Gopinath National Puraskaram** of the Government of Kerala. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- Worldwide, populations of domestic poultry and wild birds are being decimated by The Largest Reported outbreak of **avian influenza**. There are growing concerns that it could be harmful to people as well. The World Health Organization's Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus issued a warning on February 8 urging everyone to get ready for a potential bird flu pandemic. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Divya Kala Mela 2023** is a unique event showcasing the products and craftsmanship of Divyang entrepreneurs/artisans from across the country and has been started in Mumbai. The Divya Kala Mela 2023 is a 10-day fair being organized at MMRDA Ground-1, Bandra Kurla Complex from February 16-25, 2023 by the **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities** (Divyangjan). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's first indigenously developed **Train Control and Supervision System**, the i-ATS (Indigenous-Automatic Train Supervision) deployed on the Delhi Metro. The i-ATS was installed on the **Red Line** that runs between Rithala and Shaheed Sthal. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The world's highest altitude weather station was destroyed due to hurricane-force winds on **Mount Everest** and a team of scientists and **Sherpa** have again placed its new version atop Mount Everest. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Delhi has outlawed the use of bike taxi services, including those offered by well-known applications like Ola, Uber, and Rapido. The Delhi Transport Department issued the order banning the use of bike taxis on the grounds that doing so is against the law. The department ordered the bike taxi business owners to immediately cease operations. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Jammu and Kashmir, **Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha** inaugurated the **33rd Police-Public Mela** at Gulshan Ground, Jammu. LG Manoj Sinha informed that the Police-Public Mela has emerged as a powerful platform for police officers and the public to interact and celebrate the shared heritage. He commended the **Jammu and Kashmir Police Wives Welfare Association** (JKPWWA) for carrying out numerous initiatives around the year to address the concerns of the families of martyrs and serving personnel. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Delhi Metro Rail Corporation** will soon launch India's first virtual shopping app called **Momentum 2.0** for metro commuters to purchase products, book services and collect orders at the destination stations. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has revealed that the app will also provide features such as instant recharge of metro **smart cards** and smart payment options for other utility services. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A new type of wheat has been developed by the **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** to address issues brought on by changing weather patterns and rising temperatures. This brand-new **HD-3385** wheat variety may be sown early, evades the effects of heat waves, and is ready for harvest by the end of March. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Static Takeaways

- Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO): Gilbert Hougbo;
- International Labour Organisation Founded: 1919;
- International Labour Organisation Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.
- UNICEF Executive Director: Catherine Russell;
- UNICEF Headquarters: New York, United States;
- UNICEF Founded: 11 December 1946.
- NITI Aayog Vice Chairman: Suman Bery;
- NITI Aayog Formed: 1 January 2015;
- NITI Aayog Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Tata Group Founded: 1868, Mumbai;
- Tata Group Founder: Jamsetji Tata;
- Tata Group Headquarters: Mumbai.
- Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs Chairman: Vivek Johri;
- Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs Founded: 1 January 1964.
- World Bank Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States;

- World Bank Founded: July 1944, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, United States;
- World Bank Founders: John Maynard Keynes, Harry Dexter White.
- Amazon CEO: Andy Jassy (5 Jul 2021-);
- Amazon Founder: Jeff Bezos;
- Amazon Founded: 5 July 1994, Bellevue, Washington, United States.
- Federal Bank CEO: Shyam Srinivasan
- Federal Bank Head Office: Aluva, Kochi, Kerala.
- Bhutan Capital: Thimphu;
- Bhutan King: Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck;
- Bhutan Currencies: Bhutanese Ngultrum, Indian Rupee;
- Bhutan Official language: Dzongkha.
- Uttarakhand Governor: Gurmit Singh;
- Uttarakhand Chief minister: Pushkar Singh Dhami;
- Uttarakhand Capitals: Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer).

