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### IIFA Awards 2023 Announced: Check The Complete List Of Winners

The **23rd season** of the **International Indian Film Academy Awards**, also known as IIFA, has made its return. Produced by Wizcraft International Entertainment Pvt. Ltd., this annual award ceremony recognizes outstanding contributions in the Bollywood film industry, including films, stars, filmmakers, and technicians. Since its establishment in 2000, the IIFA awards have been held in different countries worldwide. The inaugural ceremony took place on June 24, 2000, at the Millennium Dome in London, and the 22nd edition was held in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Actor Sidharth Malhotra hosted the ceremony, and his film "Shershaah" received 21 nominations, making it the most nominated film at IIFA 2022. It emerged as the most awarded film, winning in six categories, including Best Film and Best Director.

Introduced in 2016, the south segment of the IIFA event is known as IIFA Utsavam. The current edition of the International Indian Film Academy Awards celebrates the best movies of 2022 across various categories.

[Check out the winners from IIFA 2023](#)

Category	Winner
Best Film	Drishyam 2
Best Director	R Madhavan for Rocketry: The Nambi Effect
Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female)	Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male)	Hrithik Roshan for Vikram Vedha
Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Female)	Mouni Roy for Brahmastra: Part One – Shiva
Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Male)	Anil Kapoor for Jugg Jugg Jeeyo
Outstanding Achievement for Fashion in Cinema	Manish Malhotra
Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema	Kamal Haasan
Best Adapted Story	Aamil Keeyan Khan and Abhishek Pathak for Drishyam 2

Category	Winner
Best Original Story	Perveez Sheikh and Jasmeet Reen for Darlings
Outstanding Achievement in Regional Cinema	Marathi film Ved directed by Riteish Deshmukh
Best Debut (Male)	Shantanu Maheshwari for Gangubai Kathiawadi and Babil Khan for Qala
Best Debut (Female)	Khushali Kumar for Dhoka Around the Corner
Best Playback Singer (Female)	Shreya Ghoshal for the song Rasiya from Brahmastra: Part One – Shiva
Best Playback Singer (Male)	Arijit Singh for the song Kesariya from Brahmastra: Part One – Shiva
Best Music Direction	Pritam for Brahmastra: Part One – Shiva
Best Lyricist	Amitabh Bhattacharya for the song Kesariya from Brahmastra: Part One – Shiva
Best Cinematography	Gangubai Kathiawadi
Best Screenplay	Gangubai Kathiawadi
Best Dialogue	Gangubai Kathiawadi
Best Choreography for title track	Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2
Best Sound Design	Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2
Best Editing	Drishyam 2
Best Special Effects (Visual)	Brahmastra: Part one – Shiva
Best Background Score	Vikram Vedha
Best Sound Mixing	Monica O My Darling



## Goan writer Damodar Mauzo gets 57th Jnanpith Award

### 57th Jnanpith Award

**Damodar Mauzo**, a Goan short story writer, novelist, critic, and scriptwriter in Konkani, has been awarded the **57th Jnanpith Award**, India's highest literary honor. Mauzo is the second Goan to receive the award, after Ravindra Kelekar in 2008. Mauzo's 25 books have been published in Konkani and one in English. Many of his books have also been translated in different languages. Mauzo's famous novel 'Karmelin' received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1983. Renowned poet Gulzar was present during the function held at the Raj Bhavan near Goa capital Panaji.

### About the Damodar Mauzo

- Mauzo was born in 1944 in the village of Aldona, Goa. He began writing short stories in the early 1960s, and his work has been translated into English, French, Portuguese, and other languages.
- Mauzo's work often deals with the lives of ordinary people in Goa, and he is known for his realistic portrayal of social and economic issues. His stories have been praised for their insightfulness and compassion.
- He studied at the University of Bombay, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. After graduating, he worked as a journalist for a few years before becoming a full-time writer.
- Mauzo's first short story, "The End of the Night," was published in 1965. Since then, he has published over 25 books, including novels, short story collections, and essays. His work has been translated into English, French, Portuguese, and other languages.
- Mauzo is a recipient of numerous awards, including the **Sahitya Akademi Award, the Padma Shri, and the Padma Bhushan**. He is also a member of the Sahitya Akademi and the Goa Konkani Academy.
- Mauzo's work is a valuable contribution to the world of literature. His stories are insightful, compassionate, and beautifully written. He is a true master of the short story, and he is a worthy recipient of the Jnanpith Award.

## Cannes Film Festival 2023 awardee's list

### Cannes Film Festival 2023

The **2023 Cannes Film Festival** has come to a close, with the **76th annual celebration of cinema** awarding the coveted Palme d'Or to **Justine Triet's** crime drama Anatomy of a Fall. French director Justine Triet became the third female director to win the Cannes Film Festival's Palme d'Or for her film Anatomy of a Fall, beating out 20 other films in competition for the top prize at Cannes Film Festival 2023.

Justine Triet, who had previously been nominated for Sibyl in 2019, won the prize over veteran directors like Hirokazu Kore-eda, Ken Loach and Wim Wenders, all of whom have at least one Palme d'Or under their belts. She joins New Zealand's Jane Campion and France's Julia Ducournau as only the third woman to have won the competition that this year included a record seven female directors.

### Full list of Cannes 2023 winners

- Palme d'Or: Anatomy Of A Fall, directed by Justine Triet
- Grand Prix: The Zone Of Interest Director: Jonathan Glazer
- Jury Prize: Fallen Leaves, directed by Aki Kaurismaki
- Best Director: Tran Anh Hung for The Pot-Au-Feu
- Best Screenplay: Monster, written by Yuji Sakamoto
- Best Actress: Merve Dizdar, About Dry Grasses
- Best Actor: Kōji Yakusho, Perfect Days
- Camera d'Or: Inside the Yellow Cocoon Shell, directed by Thien An Pham
- Short Film Palme d'Or: 27, directed by Flóra Anna Buda
- Queer Palm: Monster
- Honorary Palme d'Or: Michael Douglas

## IPL 2023 final: Chennai Super Kings Beats Gujarat Titans

### IPL 2023 final

**Chennai Super Kings (CSK)** clinched their fifth **Indian Premier League (IPL) title**, equaling a record with **Mumbai Indians**. They secured a five-wicket victory over the Gujarat Titans (GT) amidst a backdrop of fireworks and jubilant celebrations. CSK's captain, Dhoni, received the IPL trophy and subsequently handed it over to Rayudu and Jadeja. Opting to bat first, the Gujarat Titans managed to score 214 for four, with B Sai Sudharsan playing an outstanding innings of 96 runs off 47 balls. However, due to the rain interruption, CSK's target was adjusted to 171 runs to be chased in 15 overs.

### IPL 2023-Full list of Award Winners

- Eden Gardens and Wankhede Stadium share the award for the Best Venues of the Season.
- Shubman Gill wins Orange Cap (890) award.
- Mohammad Shami wins Purple Cap (28) award.
- Ajinkya Rahane wins Fairplay of the Season award.
- Rashid Khan wins Catch of the Season award.
- Faf du Plessis wins Longest Six of the Season (115m) award.
- Shubman Gill wins Most Fours (84) award.
- Shubman Gill wins Most Valuable Player of the Season award.
- Shubman Gill wins Dream11 Gamechanger of the Season award.
- Glenn Maxwell wins Super Striker of the Season award.
- Yashasvi Jaiswal wins Emerging Player of the Year award.

**IPL Final Match awardee's:**

- Devon Conway wins Player of the Match award
- MS Dhoni wins Catch of the Match award
- Sai Sudharsan wins Longest Six award
- Sai Sudharsan wins the Maximum Fours award
- Sai Sudharsan wins Most Valuable Asset of the Match award
- Sai Sudharsan wins Gamechanger of the Match award
- Ajinkya Rahane wins Electric Striker of the Match award

**National Affairs**

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off Assam's first Vande Bharat Express train.** The state-of-the-art Vande Bharat train will be flagged off by the Prime Minister through video conferencing. (Click here to read the article)
- Nepal has decided to allow India's **Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN)** Limited to develop a second hydropower project in the country. At present SJVN is developing a 900-MW Arun-III hydroelectric project, a run-of-river located on the Arun River in Eastern Nepal, scheduled to be completed in 2024. (Click here to read the article)
- The security responsibility of the prime minister, currently undertaken by the **Special Protection Group (SPG)**, will now be overseen by an officer of the **Indian Police Service** holding the rank of at least an **additional director general (ADG)**. Junior officers will be appointed on deputation for an initial period of six years. (Click here to read the article)
- India's first deluxe train, the iconic **Deccan Queen**, recently celebrated its 93rd anniversary of operations between **Pune** and **Mumbai**. Its inaugural journey on June 1, 1930 marked a significant moment in the history of the **Great Indian Peninsula (GIP) Railway**, the predecessor of **Central Railways**. Deccan Queen was introduced to serve the two important cities of Mumbai and Pune, taking its name from the latter, which was also known as the Queen of Deccan. (Click here to read the article)



- During the inauguration of the National Training Centre for **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, **Dr Mansukh Mandaviya** stated the importance of citizens' health in the country's development. He emphasized the need for Swasth Nagrik to create a **Swastha Rashtra**, leading to a Samruddha Rashtra, and urged citizens to adopt India's traditional food habits and way of life for wellness and preventive healthcare. (Click here to read the article)

**States in the News**

- The smallest state by area, **Goa** is famous for its beaches and the relics of its colonial past. It got its statehood on **May 30, 1987**. It was a Portuguese territory since Alfonso de Albuquerque conquered it in 1510 by defeating Adil Shah of Bijapur who was ruling the region. 400 years later, India took back Goa from the Portuguese. This year Goa celebrates its **36th anniversary of statehood**. (Click here to read the article)
- The Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena-Bharatiya Janata Party government named cricket great **Sachin Tendulkar** as Maharashtra's **'Smile Ambassador'** under the state's **'Swachh Mukh Abhiyan'** to spread awareness about oral health and hygiene across the state. (Click here to read the article)
- Justice **Mamidanna Satya Ratna Sri Ramachandra Rao** has officially become the 28th Chief Justice of the **Himachal Pradesh** High Court. In a ceremony held at the Raj Bhawan, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla administered the oath of office to Justice Rao. (Click here to read the article)
- **The Maharashtra government** has recently launched a new financial scheme aimed at providing support to farmers in the state. The scheme, known as **Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana**, was approved at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. (Click here to read the article)
- **Telangana Formation Day**, observed annually on **June 2nd since 2014**, is a state public holiday in Telangana, India. It marks the commemoration of the formation of the state of Telangana. (Click here to read the article)
- The **Meghalaya government** has responded to the demands of the Voice of the People's Party (VPP) and announced the formation of an expert committee to review the **state's reservation policy**. (Click here to read the article)
- The **Maharashtra state cabinet** approved the implementation of the gender-inclusive tourism policy called **"Aai"** in an effort to empower women in the tourism industry. The policy will be implemented through the **Directorate of Tourism (DoT)** and **Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC)**. (Click here to read the article)

**International Affairs**

- **Bola Tinubu** was sworn in as the **President of Nigeria** on May 29, amidst mounting pressure to address the country's persistent economic and security issues. (Click here to read the article)
- The Turkish President, **Recep Tayyip Erdogan**, has emerged victorious in the recent election following a tense run-off, according to unofficial data from the state-run **Anadolu Agency** and the country's **Supreme Election Council**. (Click here to read the article)
- **India** announced an extension to its \$1 billion credit line to **Sri Lanka** for another year. The credit line was introduced in March 2020 to aid **Sri Lanka** in the face of an economic crisis, and has been used to provide urgent support for the procurement of essential items including food, medicine, and fuel. (Click here to read the article)
- Latvian lawmakers picked the country's long-serving and popular foreign minister, a strong backer of Ukraine, as its new head of state in a tight vote. The 100-seat Saeima legislature elected **Edgars Rinkevics**, the country's top diplomat since 2011, as president to serve for a four-year term. (Click here to read the article)
- In a setback for **North Korea's** space ambitions, the country's first attempt at launching a military spy satellite ended in failure. South Korea's military confirmed that wreckage from the carrier rocket was found in its western waters, indicating a failed launch. The English version of their website stated that the carrier rocket, named "**Chollima-1**,". (Click here to read the article)
- **Celeste Saulo** of **Argentina** has been appointed as the **first female Secretary-General** of the **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)**. Saulo won a landslide vote at the UN Climate and weather agency's Congress in Geneva. Saulo has served as the director of Argentina's National Meteorological Service since 2014. (Click here to read the article)

**Agreements/MoUs Signed**

- An agreement has been made with the **Universal Postal Union (UPU)** to establish a regional office in **New Delhi**, which will provide development cooperation and technical assistance to the region. This decision was approved by the **Union Cabinet**, led by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**, and will allow India to play a more active role in the postal sector, with a focus on South-South and Triangular cooperation. (Click here to read the article)
- The Second **G20 Anti-corruption Working Group Meeting**, held from May 25 to May 27 in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand, concluded with productive discussions and key agreements. The meeting witnessed the participation of delegates from 20 member countries, 10 invitee countries, and 9 international organizations. (Click here to read the article)

- **Equitas Small Finance Bank** has entered into a partnership with IBM Consulting to develop and construct a digital banking platform. This collaboration aims to enhance Equitas' digital product offerings and service capabilities, as the bank adapts its business for the digital-first generation. (Click here to read the article)

**Books and Authors**

- Journalist, editor and writer, **Ramachandra Murthy Kondubhatla**, has authored a new book titled "**NTR-A Political Biography**" which presents a realistic picture of Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR), the star figure in the discourse on cinema and politics in the two Telugu States (Andhra Pradesh and Telangana). (Click here to read the article)
- Renowned author and Congress MP **Dr. Shashi Tharoor** released the book "**Ringside**" written by Lokmat Media Group Editorial Board Chairman and former MP **Dr. Vijay Darda**. (Click here to read the article)

**Banking/Economy/Business News**

- **Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)**, a Pune-based state-owned lender, has been recognized as the best bank in managing bad loans, achieving a remarkably low net **non-performing assets (NPAs)** ratio of 0.25% during the financial year that ended in March 2023. (Click here to read the article)
- India's GDP is expected to grow in the 6-6.5 per cent range in FY24, with agriculture growth continuing at a healthy pace, a recovery in industrial growth and the services sector remaining resilient, according to Bank of Baroda's economic research department (ERD). (Click here to read the article)
- **Indian Bank** announced that it has been selected as a Clearing and Settlement Bank by the **Indian Clearing Corporation Ltd (ICCL)**. As a result, this public sector bank is now authorized to provide banking services to members of the **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)** for clearing and settlement operations. (Click here to read the article)
- The latest report by SBI Ecowrap indicates that **India's GDP** (gross domestic product) is expected to grow at a rate of 7.1% in FY23, aligning with the second advance estimates released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) in February. (Click here to read the article)
- The **government** has approved a new **digital reporting and communication system** to address loan defaults exceeding Rs 50 crore. Instead of relying on paper-based communication, the Union government has introduced a digital mechanism. Under this system, the **Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (CEIB)** will send digital reports to public sector banks within 15 days of a loan request at the pre-approval stage. (Click here to read the article)

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced a penalty of Rs 84.50 lakh on **Central Bank of India** for its failure to comply with certain provisions related to fraud classification and reporting. (Click here to read the article)
- The **urban unemployment rate in India** has continued its downward trajectory, reaching 6.8% in the January to March 2023 quarter. This marks the seventh consecutive quarter of decline and indicates a positive trend in the urban labor market's recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. (Click here to read the article)
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** annual report for the fiscal year 2022-23 has shed light on the increasing number of counterfeit banknotes in circulation in India. According to the **RBI annual report**, the number of counterfeit Rs 500 notes detected in FY23 saw a 14 percent increase compared to the previous fiscal year. In FY23, a total of 91,110 pieces of fake Rs 500 notes were identified, while 79,669 counterfeit notes were detected in FY22. This surge in fake Rs 500 notes raises concerns regarding the security and integrity of India's currency system. (Click here to read the article)
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has released its annual report for the fiscal year 2022-23, highlighting significant improvements in the general government deficit and debt. The report notes that the general government deficit moderated to 9.4% of GDP, while the government debt stood at 86.5% of GDP. These figures represent a decline from the peak levels of 13.1% and 89.4% recorded in 2020-21, respectively. (Click here to read the article)
- **YES Bank** announced the unveiling of its new logo, which forms part of its "refreshed brand identity." According to MD and CEO **Prashant Kumar**, the bank aims to roll it out across its branch network in the next three months. During an event to launch the new campaign, "**Life Ko Banao Rich**,". (Click here to read the article)
- The Union government has successfully achieved its fiscal deficit target of 6.4% of the **gross domestic product (GDP)** for the financial year 2022-23. (Click here to read the article)
- **India's economy** showcased significant growth in the January-March quarter of 2022-23, with a GDP growth rate of 6.1%. The **National Statistical Office (NSO)** released official data confirming the noteworthy growth achieved by the Indian economy in the first quarter of 2022-23. (Click here to read the article)
- The Indian government has announced its intention to sell up to a 3% stake in **Coal India** Ltd through the offer for sale (OFS) route, according to a recent regulatory filing. (Click here to read the article)
- **Razorpay**, a leading fintech unicorn, has introduced '**Turbo UPI**,' a revolutionary one-step payment solution for the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) network. (Click here to read the article)
- **India's economy** showcased remarkable resilience as it recorded a higher-than-expected growth rate of 6.1 percent in the fourth quarter (Q4) of FY23, surpassing analysts' predictions. The encouraging Q4 performance led to an upward revision of the overall economic growth forecast for FY23, now pegged at 7.2 percent, compared to the previously estimated 7 percent. (Click here to read the article)
- **J.P. Morgan**, a leading global financial institution, has revised its projection for India's annual growth rate, raising it to 5.5% for fiscal year 2024. (Click here to read the article)
- The **Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue** collection for May has witnessed a significant increase, marking the 15th consecutive month that the monthly collection has exceeded the Rs 1.4-lakh-crore milestone. Despite a slight dip from April's record-breaking collection of Rs 1.87 lakh crore, the Ministry of Finance announced that the **GST revenue** for May stood at Rs 1.57 lakh crore. (Click here to read the article)
- **Unified Payment Interface (UPI) transactions** in India soared to unprecedented levels in May 2023, with a total transaction value of Rs 14.3 trillion and a volume of 9.41 billion. (Click here to read the article)
- According to the latest **fDi Markets Report** and the Dubai FDI Monitor, **Dubai** has secured its position as the leading destination for foreign direct investment (FDI) from India in the calendar year 2022. (Click here to read the article)
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has recently initiated the '100 Days 100 Pays' campaign, aimed at tracing and settling the top 100 unclaimed deposits of every bank in every district within a span of 100 days. This campaign is part of the RBI's ongoing efforts to reduce the quantum of unclaimed deposits in the banking system and ensure their rightful return to owners or claimants. (Click here to read the article)



**Appointments/Resignations**

- **Karnataka Bank**, a prominent Indian banking institution, has announced the appointment of Srikrishnan Harihara Sarma as its new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). (Click here to read the article)
- The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, **Girish Chandra Murmu** has been re-elected as the **External Auditor of the World Health Organisation (WHO)** for a four-year term from 2024 to 2027. The CAG is already holding this position in the WHO since 2019 for a four-year term from 2019 to 2023. (Click here to read the article)
- Senior bureaucrat **Angshumali Rastogi** was appointed India's representative to the council of the **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)** in Montreal, Canada, according to a Personnel Ministry order. (Click here to read the article)
- Praveen Kumar Srivastava, a retired 1988-batch Indian Administrative Service officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, has been officially sworn in as the **Central Vigilance Commissioner**. (Click here to read the article)
- **Ajay Yadav** has assumed charge of Managing Director of **Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI)**. SECI is a nodal agency of the central government for auctioning renewable energy projects. (Click here to read the article)
- The government has appointed **Ashwani Kumar** as managing director of **UCO Bank** in place of **Soma Sankara Prasad** whose terms comes to an end. (Click here to read the article)
- **Amarendu Prakash** has taken charge as the new **Chairman and Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL)** from May 31. (Click here to read the article)
- **Sanjay Varma** took over as the Managing Director (additional charge) of **Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL)**. (Click here to read the article)

**Defence News**

- The Sapta Shakti Command of the Indian Army recently conducted the highly anticipated exercise '**Sudarshan Shakti 2023**' along the western borders in Rajasthan and Punjab. The exercise aimed to transform the forces into a modern, lean, and agile fighting combination capable of leveraging new-age technologies. (Click here to read the article)
- **India's defense exports** have achieved a record-breaking milestone, skyrocketing from 686 crore rupees in 2013-14 to nearly 16 thousand crore rupees in 2022-23. This impressive growth of 23 times demonstrates India's advancement in the **global defense manufacturing industry**. (Click here to read the article)

- **The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) countries** have kicked off military exercises with a pledge to defend their newest member, Finland, which is hosting its first joint training in the Arctic region since becoming part of the Western alliance in April. (Click here to read the article)
- **Shalini Singh** made history as she completed the mountaineering course in the Himalayan area of Uttarakhand as the country's first female **NCC cadet**. (Click here to read the article)

**Awards and Recognitions**

- **The Department of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, Chandigarh** got **Skoch SILVER Award 2023** for e-Governance for computerisation of medical records of livestock being treated by the department. (Click here to read the article)

**Summits and Conferences News**

- The foreign ministers of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (**BRICS**) have gathered in Cape Town for a two-day meeting to discuss various issues, including local currency trading and a peace plan for the ongoing conflict between **Russia and Ukraine**. (Click here to read the article)
- The **India-EU Connectivity Conference**, organized jointly by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), EU Delegation to India, and the Asian Confluence, is set to take place in **Meghalaya** from June 1 to June 2. (Click here to read the article)
- The Indian government has recently approved a groundbreaking scheme worth Rs 1 lakh crore aimed at significantly expanding the **foodgrain storage capacity** in the cooperative sector. With the current grain storage capacity at approximately 1,450 lakh tonnes, this initiative seeks to add 700 lakh tonnes of storage over the next five years, eventually reaching a total capacity of 2,150 lakh tonnes. (Click here to read the article)
- **India and Vietnam** recently held the 3rd Maritime Security Dialogue in New Delhi, underscoring their commitment to sustaining a secure maritime environment amidst growing Chinese aggression in the region. (Click here to read the article)

**Ranks and Reports**

- The southern states of **Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana** emerged as the top performers among the larger states in the **NITI Aayog's** annual health index for the Covid year of 2020-21. Among the smaller states, Tripura ranked the highest, while **Delhi** ranked at the bottom among the Union territories. (Click here to read the article)

- **Interbrand**, a renowned global brand consultancy, has declared that headquartered technology giant **TCS** and India's most valuable company **Reliance Industries** have topped its list of the most valuable brands in India. (Click here to read the article)

### Sports News

- **Ambati Rayudu**, the Chennai Super Kings' star batter, announced his retirement from the Indian Premier League, confirming that the final of the 2023 edition against Gujarat Titans will be his last match in the tournament. (Click here to read the article)
- **Red Bull's Max Verstappen** won the **2023 Monaco Grand Prix**, leading all 78 laps from pole position. The victory was Verstappen's fourth of the season and extended his lead in the Drivers' Championship to 39 points. (Click here to read the article)
- India has won the title of **NSC-CAVA Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup** held in Kathmandu. **India** won the title by defeating **Kazakhstan** in the final at the National Sports Council's Covered Hall in Tripureshwor, Kathmandu. India defeated Kazakhstan in a shared set of 3-0. (Click here to read the article)

### Schemes and Committees News

- The **IMPRINT India scheme**, an acronym for "Impacting Research Innovation and Technology," is a collaborative initiative between the Department of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Human Resource Development in India. The program aims to strengthen research and innovation in the country by addressing major engineering and technology challenges across ten crucial domains. (Click here to read the article)
- The fourth meeting of the National Level Steering Committee (NLSC) of the **Atal Bhujal Yojana** was held in New Delhi under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, **Department of Water Resources**, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti. Atal Bhujal Yojana (ATAL JAL) is being implemented as a Central Sector Scheme since April 2020 in 8220 water-stressed Gram Panchayats of 229 administrative blocks/Talukas in 80 districts of seven States, viz. Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh for a five-year period (2020-25). (Click here to read the article)
- **Telangana** State has achieved a significant milestone in financial inclusion by attaining 100% coverage of the **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)**. Since the launch of this national mission, the state has made remarkable progress in extending banking services to all sections of the population. (Click here to read the article)

- Relatively high interest rates and minimal credit risk have made **small savings schemes** increasingly appealing to investors. However, in an effort to prevent money laundering and terrorist financing activities, the Indian government has implemented new regulations requiring individuals investing Rs 10 lakh or more in these schemes to provide income proof. (Click here to read the article)
- Renowned Indian business tycoon **Mukesh Ambani**, Chairman and CEO of Reliance Industries, has been appointed to the Advisory Committee to the President of the **Conference of the Parties (COP28)** of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). (Click here to read the article)
- India is set to host the 14th Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM-14) and 8th Mission Innovation (MI-8) meeting in Goa from July 19th to 22nd, 2023. The event will take place on the sidelines of the G20 Energy Transitions Ministerial Meeting. With the theme "Advancing Clean Energy Together,". (Click here to read the article)
- In order to achieve Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision for scientific and technological progress in India by 2047, the **National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG)** and the **Indian National Science Academy (INSA)** have collaborated to introduce the 'NCGG – INSA Leadership Programme in Science & Technology (LEADS)'. (Click here to read the article)
- The **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)** has achieved a significant milestone with 5 crore hospital admissions, totaling 61,501 crore rupees. The **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** stated that so far, more than 23 crore beneficiaries have been verified and issued **Ayushman Cards**, which enable them to receive free treatment at the network of **PM-JAY** empaneled hospitals. This network comprises 28,351 hospitals, including 12,824 private hospitals, across the country. (Click here to read the article)



- The **City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0)** program has been approved by the Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. This program, developed by the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)**, in collaboration with the French Development Agency (AFD), Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW), the European Union (EU), and the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), will be implemented from 2023 to 2027. (Click here to read the article)
- The Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri, recently praised the **Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme** on its momentous completion of three years. (Click here to read the article)
- The **"GOBARDhan" scheme** launched by the Government of India is in the news for its unified registration portal, which acts as a one-stop repository for assessing investment and participation in the biogas/CBG (Compressed Biogas) sector. The scheme aims to convert organic waste, such as cattle dung and agricultural residue, into biogas, CBG, and bio-fertilizers, thus promoting a circular economy and waste-to-wealth generation. (Click here to read the article)

### Science and Technology News

- The **Indian Space Research Organisation** is collaborating with the **Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru**, an autonomous research institute, to build the **X-Ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSSat)** that is scheduled to be launched later this year. (Click here to read the article)
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** achieved yet another milestone as its geosynchronous satellite launch vehicle (GSLV) rocket, **GSLV-F12**, successfully placed the navigation satellite **NVS-01** into orbit. (Click here to read the article)
- **Microsoft** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **Directorate General of Training (DGT)** under the Ministry of Skills Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) to train 6,000 students and 200 educators in digital and cyber-security skills in the country. (Click here to read the article)

### Important Days News

- The **International Day of UN Peacekeepers** is observed annually on **May 29th**. The theme of the 75th anniversary **"Peace begins with me"**. (Click here to read the article)
- This year marks the 59th death anniversary of the former Prime Minister of India, **Jawaharlal Nehru**. Jawaharlal Nehru was the first Prime Minister of India after Independence and played a significant role in the freedom struggle of India. On May 27, 1964, the first Prime Minister of India took his last breath. He was the PM from 1947 to 1964 till he died at the age of 74. (Click here to read the article)

- **World Vape Day** is an annual event that is celebrated on **May 30th**. The day is dedicated to raising awareness about the potential benefits of vaping as a harm reduction tool for smokers. (Click here to read the article)
- **World No Tobacco Day** is an annual event held on **May 31**, organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) to promote awareness about the detrimental consequences of tobacco usage and advocate for policies aimed at reducing tobacco consumption. This year the theme for World No Tobacco Day is **"We need food, not tobacco"**. (Click here to read the article)
- **The Global Day of Parents** is a special observance that recognizes the critical role parents play in the lives of their children and the well-being of society as a whole. Celebrated on **June 1st** each year, this day serves as an opportunity to honour and appreciate the dedication, love, and sacrifices of parents worldwide. (Click here to read the article)
- **World Milk Day**, observed every year on **1st June**, was created in the year 2001 by **Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations (UN)** to promote the consumption and benefits of milk around the world. According to [worldmilkday.org](http://worldmilkday.org), the theme of World Milk Day 2023 is **"Showcasing how dairy is reducing its environmental footprint, while also providing nutritious foods and livelihoods."** (Click here to read the article)
- **World Bicycle Day** is an annual event celebrated on **June 3rd**. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2018 to recognize the bicycle as a simple, affordable, reliable, clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transport. The theme for this year's World Bicycle Day is **"Riding Together for a Sustainable Future."** (Click here to read the article)

### Obituaries News

- Sanskrit scholar **Ved Kumari Ghai** passed away at the age of 91. She was born in Jammu City, Jammu and Kashmir, in 1931. She did her MA and PhD in Sanskrit from the University of Jammu. She also studied at the Banaras Hindu University and the University of Oxford. (Click here to read the article)
- **Ama Ata Aidoo**, the iconic Ghanaian writer whose classics *The Dilemma of a Ghost* and *Changes* were taught to children in West African schools for decades, has died aged 81. The death of the playwright and poet who was famous for her feminist ideals was announced on Wednesday in a short statement by her family. (Click here to read the article)



**Miscellaneous News**

- **Veer Savarkar Jayanti** is celebrated all over India to commemorate Vinayak Damodar “Veer” Savarkar on 28th May. He is known as one of the Indian freedom fighters, Savarkar is known for performing multiple activities for the development of the **Hindu community** across the country. (Click here to read the article)
- The **University of Edinburgh** and the Indian consulate in the **UK** have collaborated to create the first open access course in **Hindi language**. This program named Climate Solutions was created with the help of translators and developed in conjunction with the **Edinburgh Climate Change Institute** and the government of **India**. (Click here to read the article)
- The **National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)** caused controversy when reports surfaced claiming that it would remove chapters on democracy, political parties, Darwin’s theory, and the periodic table from their Class 10 **CBSE** science textbooks. (Click here to read the article)
- The 1971 Liberation War Gallery was inaugurated at the Indian Cultural Centre of the High Commission of India in Dhaka, with the Home Minister of Bangladesh **Asaduzzaman Khan** serving as the Chief Guest. (Click here to read the article)
- **Chhatrapati Shivaji**, according to Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**, exemplified bravery, courage, and self-governance, serving as an inspiration to many. In his recent video message commemorating the 350th year of **Shivaji Maharaj’s coronation ceremony**, Modi lauded Shivaji’s coronation, which espoused the principles of Swaraj, and emphasized his role in ending a centuries-long mindset of subservience among India’s people. (Click here to read the article)

**Static Takeaways**

- United Nations Truce Supervision Organization Headquarters: Jerusalem;
- United Nations Truce Supervision Organization Head: Major General Patrick Gauchat;
- United Nations Truce Supervision Organization Founded: 29 May 1948.
- Director of World Vapers’ Alliance: Michael Landl;
- World Vapers’ Alliance, based in Tbilisi, Georgia;
- WVA launched in May 2020.
- ISRO Founder: Vikram Sarabhai;
- ISRO Headquarters: Bengaluru;
- ISRO Founded: 15 August 1969;
- ISRO Chairman: S. Somanath.
- MD and CEO of Indian Bank: Shri Shanti Lal Jain
- Executive Director of Indian Bank: Mahesh Kumar Bajaj
- Headquarter of Indian Bank: Chennai, Tamil Nadu

- Goa Capital: Panaji;
- Goa Chief minister: Pramod Sawant;
- Goa Official sport: Football;
- Goa Official animal: Gaur;
- Goa Governor: P.S. Sreedharan Pillai.
- World Health Organization Director-General: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus;
- World Health Organization Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- World Health Organization Founded: 7 April 1948.
- Maharashtra Governor: Ramesh Bais;
- Maharashtra Chief minister: Eknath Shinde;
- Maharashtra Capital: Mumbai.
- International Civil Aviation Organization Headquarters: Montreal, Canada;
- International Civil Aviation Organization Founded: 7 December 1944;
- International Civil Aviation Organization Council President: Salvatore Sciacchitano.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister: Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu;
- Himachal Pradesh Governor: Shiv Pratap Shukla;
- Himachal Pradesh Official tree: Deodar cedar;
- Himachal Pradesh Capitals: Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter).
- SAIL Founded: 24 January 1973;
- SAIL Headquarters: New Delhi;
- SAIL CEO: Soma Mondal (1 Jan 2021–).
- Telangana Capital: Hyderabad;
- Telangana Chief minister: K. Chandrashekar Rao;
- Telangana Governor: Tamilsai Soundararajan.
- Latvian Capital: Riga;
- Latvian Currency: Euro;
- Latvian Prime minister: Krisjanis Kariņš.
- Microsoft Founders: Bill Gates, Paul Allen;
- Microsoft Headquarters: Redmond, Washington, United States;
- Microsoft Chairperson: Satya Nadella (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer).

