

Weekly One Liners 30th October to 05th November 2023

“Vision India@2047: Transforming India into a Developed Nation by 2047”

The Indian government is working on a comprehensive national vision plan, known as ‘**Vision India@2047**’, aimed at transforming the country into a developed nation by **2047**. The plan is designed to prevent India from falling into the middle-income trap and focuses on various aspects of **economic and social development**.

Vision India@2047: Key Objectives and Timeline

Growth path

What does the future hold? Scenario building for macroeconomic indicators

Indicator	Units	2030	2040	2047
GDP at current prices	₹ trillion	609.04	1,759.79	3,604.94
Per capita GDP at current prices	₹	4,02,008	10,93,037	21,84,812
Exports	\$ trillion	1.58	4.56	8.67
Imports	\$ trillion	1.88	5.92	12.12
Investment	₹ trillion	195.5	591.1	1,273.40
Savings	₹ trillion	207.8	649.4	1,339.70

- **Objective:** The primary objective of the plan is to ensure India’s development into a developed nation by 2047 and avoid the middle-income trap, which has affected several countries at similar stages of development.
- **Leadership:** Niti Aayog, a government think tank, has been working on this plan for nearly two years. It was presented to Cabinet Secretary **Rajiv Gauba** in October.
- **Consultation:** In November, consultations will be held with thought leaders, including prominent corporate figures such as **Tim Cook, Sundar Pichai, Gautam Adani, Mukesh Ambani, K.M. Birla, N. Chandrasekharan, and Indra Nooyi**, to gather their insights and expertise.
- **Draft Plan:** The draft version of the plan is expected to be ready by December. Several Indian states are also in the process of preparing their own development roadmaps.

Economic Targets

- **Economic Growth:** The plan envisions making India a **\$30 trillion economy by 2047**, a significant increase from its current economic size. This ambitious goal aims to position India as one of the world’s leading economies.
- **Per Capita Income:** To ensure prosperity for its citizens, the plan targets a per-capita income ranging from **\$18,000 to \$20,000**. This represents a substantial increase from the current income levels.

Addressing Middle-Income Trap

- **Concern:** The plan acknowledges the risk of falling into the middle-income trap, where economic growth slows down significantly after reaching a certain income level. This issue is exemplified by countries like **Argentina** that have struggled to advance economically.

- **Challenges Overcome:** India has made progress in addressing longstanding challenges such as **poverty, infrastructure development** (roads, electricity, and water), and these issues are expected to be resolved in the coming years.
- **Next Level:** The plan’s focus is on propelling India to the next level of development to avoid stagnation in economic growth.

Regional Development and Disparities

- **Regional Cleavages:** The plan also aims to address regional disparities in economic development. While some parts of India are witnessing rapid growth, others, particularly in the **East and North**, are lagging behind.
- **Balanced Growth:** Achieving balanced and inclusive growth across all regions of India is considered crucial for the country’s overall development.

Global Dominance in Business

- **Global Presence:** The plan emphasizes the need for Indian firms to dominate various sectors on the **global stage**. Despite India’s economic growth, none of the world’s largest banks, contractors, legal, consultancy, or accountancy firms are from India.
- **Promoting Sectors:** The plan explores ways to promote certain sectors and companies to become global champions, thereby enhancing India’s presence in the global business landscape.

Skill Development and Global Demand

- **Skill Sets:** Developing the skill sets required by India’s young population to meet global demands is a priority. The plan recognizes the need to align educational and training programs with global market requirements.
- **Nursing Sector:** India’s potential to fulfill global demands, such as in the nursing sector, is noted. However, there is a need to ensure that educational institutions meet international standards to facilitate the export of skilled professionals.

Hinglish

Video Solutions

BANK PRIME

Test Pack

RBI, LIC, IBPS RRB, SBI, IBPS PO | Clerk & Others

3000+ Total Tests

Lionel Messi wins eighth Ballon d’Or 2023

Lionel Messi wins eighth Ballon d’Or 2023

Lionel Messi and Aitana Bonmati have been honored as the **2023 Ballon d’Or recipients**. Messi secures his eighth Ballon d’Or, setting a new record, thanks to his pivotal role in leading Argentina to their first World Cup victory since 1986. This remarkable achievement places Messi three Ballons d’Or ahead of his rival Cristiano Ronaldo, who last won the award in 2017. Messi has now been a top-three finalist for this prestigious accolade a total of 14 times, with five instances as the runner-up.

Before this, Messi’s teammate in the World Cup-winning Argentine squad, Emiliano Martinez, was recognized with the Lev Yashin Award for the world’s best goalkeeper. Aitana Bonmati, a key player in Spain’s Women’s World Cup victory and a Barcelona midfielder, claimed the women’s Ballon d’Or. Messi, who secured his inaugural Ballon d’Or in 2009 and held a four-year consecutive streak until 2012, was the runner-up to Haaland at the UEFA awards back in August.

Ballon d’Or 2023: All award winners – Complete list

Award	Winner
Ballon d’Or	Lionel Messi (Inter Miami, Argentina)
Ballon d’Or Feminin	Aitana Bonmatí (FC Barcelona Femení, Spain)
Kopa Trophy for the best male U-21 player	Jude Bellingham (Real Madrid, England)
Yachine Trophy for the best male goalkeeper	Emiliano Martínez (Aston Villa, Argentina)
Gerd Müller Trophy for the highest-scoring male striker	Erling Haaland (Manchester City, Norway)
Sócrates Award to acknowledge humanitarian work	Vinicius Junior (Real Madrid, Brazil)
Club of the Year	Manchester City and FC Barcelona Femení

7 Indian States & 2 UTs Celebrated Their Formation Day on November 1st

Introduction

1st November is recognized as the formation day of seven Indian states and 2 Union Territories. This special day marks the historical moment when **Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Punjab, Karnataka, Kerala and Madhya Pradesh, along with the Union Territories of Lakshadweep and Puducherry**, came into existence. In this article, we will delve into the significance of this day and the unique histories of these regions.

Punjab’s Vibrant Heritage: Formation Day, 1966

In 1966, Punjab was officially formed as a state on November 1. The division of the former East Punjab was based on linguistic identity, creating two separate states: **Punjab and Haryana**. People in Punjab celebrate this day to honor their rich agricultural heritage and vibrant culture, taking pride in the establishment of the present boundaries of the state.

Haryana: The Birth of a New State

Haryana, too observes Formation Day on **1st November 1966**. It was created by reorganizing the former state of Punjab, primarily to address the specific regional, linguistic and cultural needs of the people in the region. Since its formation, Haryana has thrived in agriculture, industry and cultural diversity.

Karnataka, Formation Day- 1st November 1956

On 1st November 1956, the state of Mysore was renamed as Karnataka. This change aimed to unite Kannada-speaking regions under one state, acknowledging the **cultural significance of the Kannada language**. Karnataka Formation Day celebrates this linguistic and cultural diversity, reflecting the state’s dynastic rule, culture and heritage.

Chhattisgarh, Formation Day- 1st November 2000

On 1st November 2000, the state of Chhattisgarh was carved out of Madhya Pradesh. It is the **10th largest state in India**. The creation of Chhattisgarh aimed to simplify administration and curb naxalism in this region, making it an important milestone for the state and the nation.

Madhya Pradesh, The Heart of India

Madhya Pradesh came into existence on **1st November 1956**, making it the second largest state in India in terms of area. It is often referred to as the **“Heart of India”** due to its central location and its cultural and historical significance.

Andhra Pradesh, A Journey to Statehood

On 1st November 1956, Andhra Pradesh was formed. Its creation was a **result of the States Reorganization Act**, which aimed to reorganize India’s states along linguistic lines. Andhra Pradesh has a rich cultural heritage and has played a vital role in the nation’s development.

Kerala, Formation Day- 1st November 1956

Kerala Formation Day, celebrated on **1st November**, marks the **establishment of the state of Kerala in India in 1956**. It commemorates the **unification of Malayalam-speaking regions** and the birth of the vibrant and culturally rich state.

Formation Day of Union Territories- Lakshadweep and Puducherry

- **Lakshadweep:** The Union Territory of Lakshadweep was formed on **1st November 1956**, marking its distinct geographical and cultural significance as an archipelago.
- **Puducherry:** Puducherry, also known as Pondicherry, was created by merging the French colonial territories with Indian regions in **1956**, highlighting its unique colonial history and culture.

Shiv Nadar Tops the Hurun India Philanthropy List 2023

HCLTech founder **Shiv Nadar** and his family have retained the top spot on the **EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2023**. For the fiscal year 2022-23, they made a substantial donation of **Rs 2,042 crore**, marking the fifth consecutive year that Nadar, aged 78, has claimed this distinguished rank.

Azim Premji’s Remarkable Leap and Young Philanthropist’s Debut

Wipro founding chairman Azim Premji and his family secured the second position with a noteworthy donation of Rs 1,774 crore. Notably, Premji’s philanthropic contribution witnessed a significant surge of 267% compared to the previous year. Furthermore, the list welcomed its youngest philanthropist, Nikhil Kamath, who made a generous donation of ₹110 crore during FY22-23.

Leading Philanthropists:

Rank	Name	Donation (in Crores)
1	Shiv Nadar and Family	Rs 2,042
2	Azim Premji and Family	Rs 1,774
3	Mukesh Ambani and Family	Rs 376
4	Nikhil Kamath	Rs 110
5	Gautam Adani and Family	Rs 285
8	Nandan Nilekani	Rs 189
9	Cyrus Poonawalla and Adar Poonawalla	Rs 179
10	Rohini Nilekani	Rs 170

Philanthropy on the Rise

According to the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2023, a remarkable 119 Indians made donations exceeding ₹5 crore during the year. This figure represents a notable 59% increase from the previous year and a remarkable 200% surge compared to the period three years ago. A total of 14 individuals from India showcased their extraordinary generosity by contributing more than ₹100 crore. Additionally, 24 individuals donated over ₹50 crore, reflecting a 100% increase, and 47 individuals gave more than ₹20 crore.

Areas of Impact: Education, Arts, Culture, and Healthcare

The philanthropic contributions in the past year were distributed across various sectors, with a staggering sum of ₹1,547 crore dedicated to the field of Education, making it the most preferred recipient of philanthropic generosity. Arts, Culture, and Heritage received donations worth ₹1,345 crore, further underlining the value placed on preserving and promoting India’s rich cultural heritage. Healthcare also remained a prominent focus, with ₹633 crore allocated to this critical sector.

Diverse Philanthropic Landscape

The list also sheds light on the diverse philanthropic landscape, revealing that the pharma industry boasts the highest number of philanthropists, accounting for 17% of the list. The Chemicals and Petrochemicals sector follows closely behind, with 11% representation among the leading philanthropists.

This year’s EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List emphasizes the growing spirit of giving in India and the significant contributions made by individuals and families across various sectors, ultimately contributing to the betterment of society.

State Food Safety Index 2022- 2023

The **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** recently released the **State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2022-2023**, which assesses the performance of Indian states and union territories in ensuring food safety. This annual evaluation employs a dynamic benchmarking model to objectively measure food safety across all regions.

The latest index introduced a new parameter, **‘Improvement in SFSI Rank,’** altering the weights of existing parameters and shedding light on states’ progress over the previous year.

General Decline in State Food Safety Scores

- **19 out of 20** large Indian states, including Maharashtra, Bihar, Gujarat, and Andhra Pradesh, experienced a decline in their 2022-2023 SFSI scores compared to 2019.

Impact of the 2023 Index Parameter Adjustment

- After adjusting for the new parameter, **15 out of 20 states** recorded lower SFSI scores in 2022-2023 compared to 2019.

Decline in ‘Food Testing Infrastructure’

- The availability of adequate testing infrastructure and trained personnel in states for testing food samples decreased significantly.
- The average score dropped from **13 out of 20** in 2019 to **7 out of 17 in 2022-2023**.
- **Gujarat and Kerala** were the top performers in this category, while **Andhra Pradesh** performed the worst.

Compliance Scores Decreased

- Scores for the **‘Compliance’** parameter, measuring licensing, inspections, and other compliance-related tasks, also declined.
- **Punjab and Himachal Pradesh** received the highest scores, while **Jharkhand** received the lowest.
- The 2022-2023 average compliance score for large states decreased from 16 out of 30 in 2019 to 11 out of 28.

Varied Consumer Empowerment

- **Tamil Nadu** emerged as the leading state in consumer empowering initiatives, followed by **Kerala and Madhya Pradesh**.
- The overall average score increased from 7.6 points out of 20 in 2019 to 8 points out of 19 in 2022-2023.

Decline in Human Resources and Institutional Data Scores

- The availability of human resources, including Food Safety Officers and designated officers, decreased across states.
- The average score dropped from 11 out of 20 in 2019 to 7 out of 18 in 2022-2023.

Improvement in 'Training and Capacity Building'

- The average score for training and capacity building increased from 3.5 out of 10 in 2019 to 5 out of 8 in 2022-2023.

Improvement in SFSI Rank

- In the 'Improvement in SFSI Rank' parameter, Punjab showed significant improvement, while 14 out of 20 large states received 0 points, indicating limited progress.

National Affairs

- Turkish Republic celebrated its **100th anniversary**, marking a century since its establishment as a modern, secular state following the collapse of the Ottoman Empire. The celebration was relatively subdued, featuring a firework and drone show in Istanbul and a procession of 100 naval ships. Notably, there was no grand gala reception. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate and launch various developmental projects in **Gujarat's Mehsana** district, **valued at ₹5,950 crore**. The two-day visit includes paying homage to India's first deputy prime minister, **Sardar Patel**, at the **Statue of Unity in Ektanagar**. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- President Droupadi Murmu, upon her arrival in Leh for her first two-day visit to Ladakh, participated in the **5th Union Territory Foundation Day** ceremony held at Sindu Sanskriti Kendra. During this event, she underscored the historical significance of the day, as in **2019, Ladakh was designated as a Union Territory**. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to visit Ladakh and partake in the festivities marking this momentous day. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant development, the **National Medical Commission (NMC)** has embarked on a mission to assign a unique identification number to every doctor in the country by the end of **2024**. The cornerstone of this initiative is the creation of the **National Medical Register (NMR)**, which will serve as a centralized repository for doctors practicing in India. This move is expected to streamline the healthcare sector and enhance transparency. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The participation of women in India's workforce has seen a significant increase, reaching **37 per cent during the 2022-23 fiscal year**, according to Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. This remarkable upsurge, compared to the **23 per cent recorded in 2017-18**, reflects the impact of the government's focused efforts to empower women in the workplace. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant development, the **Supreme Court of India** has issued a comprehensive set of directives aimed at reforming the police force across the country. These directives, passed by a bench headed by **Chief Justice Dipak Misra**, come in response to a plea by the Centre to modify the court's **2006** judgment on police reforms. The court's recent ruling includes several crucial provisions to ensure **transparency, merit-based appointments, and fixed tenures for top police officials**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- During the 21st edition of the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit, **Ashwini Vaishnaw**, the Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, **outlined India's core strengths**, growth potential, and key initiatives in the semiconductor and technology sectors. He also expressed his expectation that the **global semiconductor market will double** in the next 6-7 years, surpassing a trillion dollars in value. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate **World Food India 2023**, a celebration of India's culinary heritage and its global food potential. This **second edition** unites culture, cuisine, and commerce, providing a platform for discussions, partnerships, and agri-food sector investments. The event will commence in **Bharat Mandapam** at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will do the honors. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **The Election Commission of India (ECI)** has developed an in-house software named **'ENCORE,'** which stands for **Enabling Communications on Real-time Environment.** ENCORE is a comprehensive software suite designed for efficient candidate and election management, offering a range of features for smooth operations during the electoral process. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL),** a joint venture of Public Sector Undertakings under the **Ministry of Power,** unveiled two groundbreaking initiatives, the **National Efficient Cooking Programme (NECP)** and the **Energy Efficient Fans Programme (EEFP)** on November 2, 2023, in New Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Shri Rajnath Singh,** inaugurated the three-day **'India Manufacturing Show'** in **Bengaluru, Karnataka.** This is the **sixth** edition of the show. Organized jointly by **Laghu Udhog Bharti & IMS Foundation** and supported by the **Department of Defence Production,** Ministry of Defence, this event carries the central theme of **'Make in India, Make for the World.'** The event not only serves as a platform for showcasing cutting-edge technologies and innovations but also emphasizes the significance of small-scale industries in India's economic landscape. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India is set to host the prestigious **World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly (WTSA)** in **2024,** marking a significant step towards the **advancements of 5G and 6G networks.** **Union Communication & IT Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw,** made this announcement at the **India Mobile Congress 2023,** emphasizing the country's growing importance in the global technology landscape. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a historic moment, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and AYUSH, **Shri Sarbananda Sonowal,** flagged off the maiden voyage of **Costa Serena,** India's first **International Cruise Liner from Mumbai.** This monumental event marks the initiation of a transformative phase in India's cruising and tourism industry, driven by the visionary **"Dekho Apna Desh"** initiative of Hon'ble Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has been elected as the chairman of the **Shree Somnath Trust (SST)** for a five-year term, marking a significant departure from the traditional one-year tenure for the trust's chairman. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh** sent a powerful message of unity and harmony as he participated in this year's **Mera Houchongba celebrations in Imphal on 28th October 2023.** The event, which brought together the diverse communities of the state, emphasized the strong bond between the people of the hills and the valley. In this article, we will have the closer look at the significance and celebrations of Mera Houchongba 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **November 1, 2023,** marks the **50th anniversary of Karnataka's formation,** a significant day in the state's history. Originally founded on **November 1, 1956,** as a result of the **State Reorganisation Act,** Karnataka was initially known as **Mysore State.** It was later renamed Karnataka on **November 1, 1973.** This day, known as **Karnataka Rajyotsava,** celebrates the merger of Kannada-speaking regions into a single state. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant legal move, the Kerala Government has approached the Supreme Court of India, seeking a declaration that **Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan** has failed to fulfill his Constitutional powers and duties in dealing with Bills passed by the State Legislature. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In an attempt to promote pilgrimage tourism, **Kerala tourism** is taking some major steps with the launch of a series of microsites. These **microsites** are crafted to not just illuminate the state's abundant heritage but also to emphasize the profound importance of its primary religious destinations. ([Click here to read the article](#))

International Affairs

- **Kerala,** the southern state of India, has achieved a remarkable milestone by inaugurating a hallmarking centre in **Idukki.** This achievement has solidified Kerala's position as the **first state** in India to establish **hallmarking centres** in all of its **14 districts.** The inauguration of these hallmarking centres is a significant step in ensuring the quality and reliability of gold ornaments for consumers. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **FATF** announced the removal of several countries from its 'grey list.' These countries include the **Cayman Islands, Panama, Jordan, and Albania.** This development is a testament to the significant progress these nations have made in enhancing their AML/CFT systems, ultimately addressing the strategic deficiencies identified by FATF. While several countries celebrated their removal from the 'grey list,' FATF added **Bulgaria** to the list. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Norway** has embarked on a significant initiative to support India's **'Hunger Project'** in **Uttarakhand.** This project aims to empower women leaders, enhance food security, and protect the environment, particularly in the ecologically sensitive region of Uttarakhand. With a budget of **₹44.7 million** and a **three-year duration until September 2026,** this endeavor holds great promise for the marginalized households in the state. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant event of remembrance and gratitude, a memorial dedicated to the Indian soldiers who sacrificed their lives during the **Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971** is nearly completion in **Ashunganj, Bangladesh.** This monument serves as a symbol of solidarity and shared history between the two nations. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- A recent visit by a **Chinese communist party** delegation to the **Solomon Islands** has highlighted the growing cooperation between the two nations and its significance for their people. The delegation, led by **Guo Yezhou**, the deputy head of the international department under China's Communist Party central committee, engaged in high-level meetings with Solomon Islands' leadership during their visit. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In recent developments in the **Middle East**, the armed wing of Hamas, known as the **Al-Qassam Brigades**, claimed responsibility for a rocket attack on the northern **Israeli town of Kiryat Shmona**. This attack resulted in injuries and damage to buildings. Simultaneously, Hezbollah, the **Lebanese Shia militant group**, launched an attack on **19 positions in Israel**, marking an escalation on Israel's northern border. Both Hamas and Hezbollah are considered proxies of Iran. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Thailand** is taking steps to revitalize its tourism industry by allowing visa free entries for the citizens of **India and Taiwan**. This move comes as the high season approaches and is part of a broader strategy to attract more visitors to the country. Thailand had previously visa requirements for Chinese tourists, a significant source of visitors before the pandemic. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The energy and climate change** landscape has recently been electrified by the discovery of vast reserves of natural or **"white" hydrogen**. This development has sparked enthusiasm, with many seeing it as a potential game-changer in the fight against climate change. Amidst the excitement, it is crucial to dissect the reality behind this newfound energy source. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Nokia**, a global technology leader, has made a significant stride in the Indian broadband market by joining forces with **TATA Play Fiber** to introduce the country's first **WiFi6-ready broadband network**. The move comes in response to the escalating demand for high-capacity broadband connections, both in residential and enterprise sectors, as digital connectivity becomes an integral part of daily life. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant milestone for educational cooperation between **India** and the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**, Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the UAE Minister of Education, **Dr. Ahmad Al Falasi**. The MoU, recognized as **the first of its kind in the Gulf Cooperation**, opens up new avenues for collaboration and academic exchange between the two nations. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)** have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** aimed at bolstering their **educational cooperation**. The agreement covers various aspects, including student and faculty mobility, exchange of information, capacity development, and academic collaboration between educational institutions in both countries. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Books and Authors

- Prime Minister Modi released three books during this visit, each offering unique insights into Hinduism and its rich traditions. The books unveiled were **'Ashtadhyayi Bhashya,' 'Ramanandacharya Charitam,'** and **'Bhagwan Shri Krishna ki Rashtraleela.'** ([Click here to read the article](#))

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has conducted a review of bulk deposit limits for financial institutions, specifically focusing on **Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)**. As a result, the bulk deposit limit for RRBs has been significantly increased from **Rs 15 lakh to Rs 1 crore**. This adjustment carries significant implications for the operational framework of RRBs and aims to create a more equitable banking landscape. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Fincare Small Finance Bank (Fincare SFB)** is set to merge with **AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB)** starting from **February 1, 2024**, pending necessary approvals and regulatory endorsements. This significant merger aims to create a robust financial institution with enhanced capabilities and a broader reach. Under the merger agreement, shareholders of Fincare SFB will receive 579 shares in AU SFB for every 2,000 shares they hold in Fincare SFB. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Swan Energy**, a Mumbai-based conglomerate, recently acquired **Reliance Naval and Engineering** through its special purpose vehicle, **Hazel Infra**, solidifying its position in the commercial and naval defence vessel manufacturing and ship repairing segments. The move aligns with the government's **Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative**, emphasizing self-reliance in shipbuilding. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** has recently unveiled its latest economic projections, revealing that global growth is expected to remain at **3 percent in 2023** and further decline to **2.9 percent in 2024**, marking one of the lowest growth rates in decades. In its **"Navigating Global Divergences"** report for October 2023, the IMF outlines the key factors contributing to this subdued outlook and highlights the significant challenges the global economy faces. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Tata Motors** has secured a significant **₹766 crore** arbitration award from the **West Bengal Industrial Development Corp. Ltd (WBIDC)**, concluding a prolonged dispute stemming from the closure of its Singur plant in 2008. This plant was intended for manufacturing the Nano, the world's most affordable car. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In September 2023, the growth rate of eight key infrastructure sectors in India witnessed a slowdown, reaching a **four-month low of 8.1%**. This decline is notable compared to the 8.3% growth recorded in the same month the previous year. Several of these sectors experienced deceleration, with crude oil output registering negative growth. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In the first half of the 2023-24 financial year, India's central government faced a fiscal challenge, with the fiscal deficit rising to **39.3% of the annual target**, a slight increase from the previous year's 37.3%. This widening gap between expenditure and revenue amounted to Rs 7.02 lakh crore by the end of September 2023, as reported by the **Controller General of Accounts (CGA)**. Despite efforts to contain the deficit, the figures reflected the financial landscape. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **SBI Card**, one of India's leading credit card issuers, has joined hands with **Reliance Retail** to introduce the **co-branded Reliance SBI Card**, a lifestyle-focused credit card aimed at revolutionizing the shopping experience for customers. This partnership allows cardholders to **access a world of rewards and benefits** while engaging within Reliance Retail's extensive and diverse ecosystem. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** has introduced new **National Pension System (NPS)** withdrawal rule changes, providing subscribers with greater flexibility in managing their retirement funds. In addition, the PFRDA has made **'penny drop'** verification mandatory for NPS fund withdrawals. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has recently made an important announcement regarding **District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCBs)**. These banks are now permitted to close their un-remunerative branches without seeking prior permission from the central bank, although they will require approval from the **Registrar of Cooperative Societies of the respective state**. This decision aims to streamline the functioning of DCCBs and ensure that the process of branch closure is carried out responsibly and transparently. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a recent circular, **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced its decision to **directly regulate** all entities that facilitate **cross-border payment transactions** related to the import and export of goods and services. This directive is aimed at ensuring transparency, security, and adherence to financial regulations in these cross-border transactions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In October, India witnessed a significant rebound in its Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections, reaching a **10-month high of ₹1.72 lakh crore**. This growth of 13.4% year-on-year is the sharpest uptick since December 2022, reversing a three-month trend of deceleration. Several factors contributed to this impressive recovery, including increased domestic transactions, higher services imports, and robust GST levies on goods imports. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has provided an update on the withdrawal of **₹2,000** denomination banknotes as of **October 31, 2023**. The central bank's initial goal for introducing these banknotes was to meet the currency needs of the economy after the withdrawal of **₹500 and ₹1,000** banknotes in **November-December 2016**. The update highlights the status of these ₹2,000 banknotes and the ongoing procedures for their exchange or deposit. More than 97% of the ₹2,000 banknotes in circulation as of May 19, 2023, have been returned by October 31, 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In **October**, UPI achieved a remarkable milestone, crossing an astonishing **11.4 billion transactions** with a total transaction value surpassing **Rs 17.6 lakh crore**. This extraordinary feat is indicative of the growing popularity and trust in UPI as a secure and efficient payment platform. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Bank of Baroda (BOB)** is facing a significant change in its digital leadership as **Akhil Handa**, the head of digital lending, has decided to leave the organization. Handa was a key figure in the development of BOB's mobile banking application **'bob World'**, but his departure comes in the wake of regulatory restrictions imposed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **India's manufacturing sector** experienced a significant slowdown in **October**, with the **Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) falling to 55.5**, marking an eight-month low compared to the previous month's **57.5**. The data, released on November 1, highlighted the impact of cost pressures and subdued demand for specific products. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Zurich Insurance Company** is set to make a substantial investment in **Kotak General Insurance**, marking a significant move in the insurance industry. The **Swiss-based Zurich Insurance** will acquire a **51% stake in Kotak General Insurance**, with plans to increase its ownership over-time. This development is poised to bring innovation and growth to the Indian insurance market. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The European Union's proposed Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)** has stirred controversy, with India's Commerce and Industry Minister strongly criticizing it as "ill-conceived." ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** took action on **November 3** by announcing monetary penalties against several financial institutions for violating regulations. The penalties were imposed on **Punjab National Bank**, Federal Bank, Kosamattam Finance, and Mercedes-Benz Financial Services India. The central bank issued these penalties to ensure that financial institutions comply with regulatory requirements. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The National Basketball Association (NBA)** and **Bhaane**, a leading contemporary clothing brand, have joined forces in a groundbreaking multi-year partnership to introduce **NBAStore.in**. This online store caters to the burgeoning demand for official NBA merchandise in India, featuring an extensive array of items including jerseys, apparel, headwear, footwear, basketballs, and accessories from renowned brands like Nike, New Era, Mitchell & Ness, Wilson, and NBA Fanwear by Suditi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- During her three-day visit to **Sri Lanka**, Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** inaugurated a new branch of the **State Bank of India (SBI)** in Trincomalee and engaged in crucial discussions with her Sri Lankan counterparts as part of the 12th round of the **Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement (ETCA)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Appointments/Resignations

- **The State Bank of India (SBI)**, the nation's largest lender, has appointed the legendary cricketer **Mahendra Singh Dhoni** as its official **Brand Ambassador**. Dhoni, who is widely regarded as one of India's greatest cricket captains, will assume a crucial role in various marketing and promotional campaigns for SBI. This development reflects SBI's commitment to engaging with a younger, more diverse customer base. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- In a recent development, **Bangladesh's Saima Wazed**, daughter of Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina**, emerged victorious in the election for the next **World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Director for South-East Asia**. She secured a significant majority of votes, surpassing her opponent, **Nepal's Shambhu Prasad Acharya**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Tata Power**, one of India's leading integrated power companies, announced a significant leadership change as it appointed **Deepesh Nanda** as the **President-Renewables** and the **CEO & MD** of its subsidiary, **Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL)**. This move, effective from **November 1, 2023**, marks a strategic step in Tata Power's journey towards becoming a dominant force in the renewable energy sector. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former Chief Justice **Rajendra Menon** of the Delhi High Court has been re-elected as the Chairman of the **Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT)** for a four-year term, ensuring his leadership until June 6, 2027. This marks his second consecutive term as Chairman, having initially been nominated for the position in 2019. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Senior Indian diplomat, **Surendra Adhana**, has been re-elected to serve on the **Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)** at the United Nations for the term 2024-26. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Defence News

- Commodore **Sunil Kaushik**, launched the remarkable vessel, the 25T Bollard Pull Tug named '**Mahabali**,' on the 28th of October 2023 at M/s Shoft Shipyard Pvt Ltd in Bharuch, **Gujarat**. This launch not only represented a new addition to India's naval fleet but also a significant milestone in the 'Make in India' initiative of the Ministry of Defence. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant development, a contingent from the Indian Army and Indian Air Force, comprising 120 personnel, embarked on a mission to Kazakhstan today. Their objective is to participate in the **7th edition** of the Joint Military '**Exercise KAZIND-2023**.' This collaborative endeavor will take place in Otar, Kazakhstan, spanning from **30th October to 11th November 2023**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** has taken a decisive step in enhancing its naval capabilities by submitting a **Letter of Request (LoR)** to the **French government**. This formal communication signifies India's intent to **acquire 26 Rafale Marine fighter aircraft** for the Indian Navy. The procurement will be carried out through a government-to-government deal, reinforcing the strategic cooperation between India and France. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** has taken significant steps to bolster its air defense capabilities along the borders with China and Pakistan by deploying **three** out of the five agreed-upon **S-400 air defense missile squadrons**. However, the remaining two squadrons' delivery schedule has been affected by the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and officials from both countries are set to meet soon to finalize the timeline. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant milestone, the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** conducted a ceremony at the **Uttarlai Air Force Station in Rajasthan's Barmer**, marking the phase-out of another squadron of the iconic **Mig-21 Bison fighter aircraft**. This action has reduced the active number of Mig-21 Bison squadrons to just two. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **United States military** recently conducted a **Minuteman III missile launch**, showcasing its **nuclear capability**. The Minuteman III is a vital component of the nation's strategic deterrent forces, managed by the **Air Force Global Strike Command**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- **Nita Ambani**, Founder and Chair of Reliance Foundation, was honored with the **2023 USISPF Global Leadership Award for Philanthropy and Corporate Social Responsibility**. The award was presented by **John Chambers, Chairman of USISPF**, at a reception in **New Delhi** attended by prominent figures from the USISPF, Indian business leaders, and Government of India officials. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Deenanath Rajput**, an engineer-turned-social worker, was awarded the **Second Rohini Nayyar Prize** for his outstanding contribution to rural development. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Vihaan Talya Vikas**, a 10-year-old prodigy from **Bengaluru**, has captured the hearts of photography enthusiasts and conservationists alike by winning the top prize in the **'10 years and under'** category renowned **Wildlife Photographer of the Year (WPY) competition**. This prestigious competition, often hailed as the **'Oscars of Photography'**, is organized by the Natural History Museum and serves as a global platform for showcasing the world's most exceptional wildlife photography. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding**, a prestigious international non-fiction award has been claimed by India-born author **Nandini Das** for her debut book, **'Courting India: England, Mughal India, and the Origins of Empire.'** This remarkable work, hailed as the **"true origin story of Britain and India told through England's first diplomatic mission to the Mughal courts,"** secured the **top spot** this year at a ceremony held at the British Academy in London. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Kerala government has selected renowned writer **T. Padmanabhan** as the recipient of the prestigious **Kerala Jyothi award**. This highest civilian honor in the state was awarded to Padmanabhan in recognition of his exceptional contributions to Malayalam literature. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Summits and Conferences News

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and Bangladesh counterpart **Sheikh Hasina** inaugurated the **Agartala-Akhaura rail link project** virtually. This cross-border initiative aims to strengthen business ties and provide direct access between India's landlocked northeastern region and the **Chittagong port in Bangladesh**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **United Kingdom's Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak**, is set to host the **AI Safety Summit 2023 on 1st and 2nd November at Bletchley Park, Buckinghamshire**. This summit brings together global leaders, AI experts and industry representatives to discuss the growing concerns surrounding the safety of advanced AI technologies and the need for international cooperation to address these concerns. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- US Secretary of State **Antony J Blinken** and Defence Secretary **Lloyd J Austin** are scheduled to visit India for the **India-US 2+2 ministerial dialogue**, amidst ongoing international crises and challenges. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)**, under the aegis of **India's G20 presidency**, is hosting the **G20 Standards Dialogue 2023**. The 2-day event commenced at the iconic **Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi**. **Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey**, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, inaugurated the event. The theme of this G20 Standards Dialogue is **'Zero Defect Zero Effect'**, which reflects the critical role that standards play in our global community. ([Click here to read the article](#))

TEST SERIES

BILINGUAL



IBPS SO
Agricultural Field Officer
(SCALE-I)
PRELIMS+MAINS

130+ TOTAL TESTS

- **NITI Aayog**, in partnership with the **Observer Research Foundation (ORF)**, organized a workshop in **New Delhi** focused on implementing the commitments from the **New Delhi Leaders' Declaration (NDLD)** signed at a recent **G20 Conference**. The workshop aimed to strengthen cooperation between **India and the African Union (AU)** in three key areas: inclusive growth, sustainable infrastructure, and migration management. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- **The Fairwork India Team**, led by the **Centre for IT and Public Policy (CITAPP)** at the **International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIIT-B)**, assessed 12 digital platforms in India to gauge their adherence to fair work principles for **gig workers**. The report revealed significant disparities in fair pay, conditions, contracts, management, and representation among these platforms. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Knight Frank's Prime Global Cities Index**, in its latest report, reveals that for the quarter ending in September 2023, **Mumbai** has achieved the **fourth-highest** year-on-year growth in prime residential prices among global cities. This significant surge has reshaped the city's real estate dynamics, catapulting it 18 places above its September 2022 ranking. **New Delhi's** National Capital Region (NCR) has made a significant leap, climbing from the 36th rank a year ago to secure the **10th spot** in the September 2023 rankings. This growth is underpinned by a substantial 4.1% year-on-year increase in prime residential prices. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Sports News

- The **37th edition** of the **National Games** kicked off in style as **Paytm**, India's renowned fintech giant, emerged as the **official sponsor**. The tournament was inaugurated with great fervor by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Fatorda, South Goa. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Max Verstappen**, the Red Bull racing sensation, showcased his exceptional skills at the **Formula One Mexico City Grand Prix**. He snatched the lead by the first corner after splitting the Ferrari front row occupied by Charles Leclerc and Carlos Sainz. Verstappen's incredible start marked his record-breaking 16th victory of the season, surpassing his own previous season's record. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- At the **37th National Games**, Hangzhou Asian Games silver medallist **Jyothi Yarraji**, and **Tejas Shirse** displayed their athletic prowess, smashing National Games records in the 100m and 110m hurdles events. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Hailing from the beautiful town of Anantnag, Kashmir, **Zahid Hussain** achieved a remarkable feat by securing the **silver medal** at the prestigious **Asian Shooting Championship** held in **South Korea**. His remarkable performance not only brought joy to his hometown but also marked a significant step towards representing his nation at the Paris 2024 Olympics. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Saudi Arabia** is ready to host the **2034 Men's FIFA World Cup**. This development right after Australia unexpectedly pulled out from the bid race just hours before the deadline. This move positions Saudi Arabia to make a substantial mark on the global sports stage. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar** clinched the **gold medal** in the **men's 50m rifle 3 positions event 2023** at the Asian Shooting Championship 2023. Tomar's impressive score of 463.5 in the final secured the top spot, making him the most successful Indian shooter at the event. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The iconic **Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai** is set to witness a momentous occasion as a statue of cricket legend **Sachin Tendulkar** will be unveiled, coinciding with the World Cup match between India and Sri Lanka. The statue, capturing the legendary batsman in the midst of a cricket stroke, finds its place adjacent to the Sachin Tendulkar stand, paying tribute to the 'Little Master.' ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **David Willey**, the renowned all-rounder of the England cricket team, has declared his retirement from international cricket at the age of 33. This decision comes in the wake of the **England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB)** choosing not to offer him a central contract for the 2023-24 cycle. Willey, who has made significant contributions during England's recent World Cup campaign in India, will play his final international match for England at the World Cup. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India and Sri Lanka during the 2023 ODI World Cup match** at Mumbai's iconic Wankhede Stadium, Mohammed Shami etched his name in the annals of cricket history. Shami's exceptional performance in the match made him India's highest wicket-taker in ODI World Cups, surpassing the legendary **Zaheer Khan and Javagal Srinath**. With his remarkable five-wicket haul against the Sri Lankans, Shami's tally of ODI World Cup wickets now stands at an impressive 45. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Schemes and Committees News

- A recent data analysis by **LibTech India**, a consortium of academics and activists, has revealed significant changes in the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)** for the period from April to September 2023. The data, sourced from the **Union Rural Development Ministry**, shows a **7.5%** reduction in the number of active **MGNREGS** workers compared to the previous fiscal year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On **October 31st**, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the '**Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)**' platform, a groundbreaking initiative designed to empower the youth of India. This autonomous body, established by the **Union Cabinet on October 11, 2023**, aims to serve as a technology-driven facilitator for youth development and youth-led progress, fostering equitable opportunities and fostering a sense of social responsibility among young individuals. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Science and Technology News

- Researchers at the **Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI)** in Kerala, India, have identified a new species of mushroom, named **Candolleomyces albosquamosus**, found on the **JNTBGRI campus** in the **Western Ghats**. This discovery sheds light on the region's remarkable biodiversity and encourages further exploration of fungal diversity in the area. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Aligarh Muslim University (AMU)** has embarked on a groundbreaking space initiative, the '**SS AMU SAT**' project, approved by the **Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe)**. Led by AMU's **Robo Club**, this initiative aims to develop a **3U CubeSat**, marking the first satellite named after AMU's founder, **Sir Syed Ahmad Khan**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India's Deep Ocean Mission (DOM)** marks a significant stride in underwater exploration, aiming to delve **6,000 meters** into the ocean depths. Spearheaded by the **Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)**, **DOM** encompasses diverse pillars, each contributing uniquely to India's ambitious foray into the oceans. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Ken Mattingly**, the renowned astronaut best known for his vital role in the safe return of the damaged Apollo 13 spacecraft to Earth, has passed away at the age of 87. His contributions to space exploration, both on the ground and in orbit, have left an indelible mark on NASA's history. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Important Days News

- **Dr. Homi Jehangir Bhabha**, born on **October 30, 1909**, was a renowned nuclear physicist and a key figure in shaping India's scientific future. Here, we delve into his significant contributions, major achievements, and some lesser-known facts about this extraordinary scientist. Today, on his **114th birth anniversary**, here's a look at his major contributions, achievements and lesser-known facts about the renowned nuclear physicist. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On October 29th, **World Stroke Day** was celebrated globally. The theme for World Stroke Day 2023 was officially chosen by the **World Stroke Organization (WSO)** as '**Together we are #Greater Than Stroke.**' This event holds significant importance within the realms of healthcare and public awareness. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Cities Day**, designated by the United Nations General Assembly, is an annual celebration observed on the **31st of October**. This day provides a unique opportunity to spotlight the international community's interest in global urbanization, stimulate cooperation among nations to address urbanization challenges, and contribute to the pursuit of sustainable urban development worldwide. The theme of World Cities Day for 2023 is "**Financing sustainable urban future for all.**" ([Click here to read the article](#))
- One of his most remarkable achievements was the integration of the princely states into the newly independent India, a feat that earned him the title "**Iron Man of India.**" To commemorate his legacy and contributions, the Government of India declared his birth anniversary on **October 31** as **National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)** in India has initiated the **Vigilance Awareness Week 2023**, which will run from **October 30 to November 5, 2023**. The theme for this year's awareness week is "**Say no to corruption; commit to the Nation,**" or "**भ्रष्टाचार का विरोध करें; राष्ट्र के प्रति समर्पित रहें**" emphasizing the significance of opposing corruption and dedicating oneself to the welfare of the nation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Vegan Day** has been celebrated annually on **November 1** since its inception in 1994 when '**The Vegan Society**' was established in England. The 2023 theme, "**Celebrating for a Good Cause,**" underscores the positive impact that veganism has on individuals, animals, and the environment. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists** is a globally recognized occasion that shines a spotlight on the dangers and violence journalists and media workers face in their line of duty. Every year, on **November 2nd**, this day serves as a poignant reminder of the vital role that a free press plays in upholding democracy and the imperative to safeguard those who uncover the truth. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Every **November 5th**, a global community assembles to mark **World Tsunami Awareness Day**, emphasising the importance of Tsunami knowledge and awareness. **Tsunamis** are natural disasters of immense destructive power, often caused by underwater disturbances like earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, landslides, and even extraterrestrial collisions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On **November 3**, the world celebrates the **International Day for Biosphere Reserves**, a day established by **UNESCO** during its 41st General Conference in **2022**. This occasion provides an opportunity to understand and appreciate Biosphere Reserves (BR) and their significance in preserving the delicate balance between nature and culture. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Obituaries News

- **Bajnath Agarwal**, the dedicated trustee of Gita Press Gorakhpur, passed away at the age of 90, leaving behind a legacy of unwavering commitment to social welfare. As a trustee for 40 years, Agarwal's life was marked by his relentless efforts to create positive social change. He had been associated with Gita Press for an astounding 73 years, having joined in 1950. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- "Friends" star **Matthew Perry** was found dead in a hot tub at his Los Angeles home. He was 54. Matthew Perry's unexpected passing has left the world in shock and mourning. The iconic actor, known for his portrayal of Chandler Bing in the legendary TV series "Friends," was not just a beloved entertainer but a true comedy genius. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Saleemul Huq**, a **Bangladeshi-British scientist** who gained renown as a "climate revolutionary" for his efforts to make high-polluting countries help the world's poorest and most vulnerable states deal with the devastating impacts of climate change has passed away in the Bangladeshi capital, Dhaka. He was 71. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **state of Assam** is in mourning as it bids farewell to a prominent political figure, **Sarat Barkotoky**, a former MLA, and minister who passed away in the early hours of October 30. ([Click here to read the article](#))

TEST SERIES
BILINGUAL



ESIC UDC
Prelims + Mains

50+ TOTAL TESTS

Miscellaneous News

- In a recent announcement, IFFI unveiled the distinguished members of its international jury panel, with acclaimed filmmaker **Shekhar Kapur** leading the team. **Shekhar Kapur** is widely recognized for his cinematic masterpieces, including 'Bandit Queen,' 'Mr. India,' and 'Masoom.' He has earned multiple awards, including two National Film Awards, four Filmfare Awards, and a BAFTA Award. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In 2022, India faced a severe road safety crisis, witnessing a shocking increase in road accidents and fatalities. According to data released by the **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways**, the country experienced 53 accidents and 19 deaths every hour, amounting to a staggering 1,264 accidents and 42 deaths daily. This alarming situation demands urgent attention and effective measures to ensure road safety for all citizens. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Zojila Day**, celebrated on **November 1st** at the **Zojila War Memorial near Drass**, is a tribute to the valorous actions of Indian troops during 'Operation Bison' in 1948. This operation was a significant milestone in Indian military history, as it unfolded in the challenging terrain of the Zojila pass, the gateway to Ladakh. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant move, the iconic 'Throne Room' at the **Raj Bhavan in Kolkata**, which stands as a testament to the British era's grandeur, has been renamed to commemorate the legacy of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**, the first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of Independent India. This decision, a tribute to the stalwart freedom fighter, was made by Governor C.V. Ananda Bose on the occasion of Patel's birth anniversary. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Minister for Labour & Employment, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, **Shri Bhupender Yadav**, inaugurated the **71st Foundation Day of the Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO)** on **1st November** at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The event featured a documentary film titled "Achievements of EPFO," showcasing the organization's remarkable journey over seven decades. Additionally, the occasion witnessed the presentation of awards to various offices and establishments for their outstanding contributions and performance. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a bid to address voter apathy among young Indians, the **National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)** is set to introduce **electoral literacy content** in textbooks and advising State Education Boards to follow suit. The focus is on **engaging young urban voters**, as a significant portion of the electorate abstained from voting in the 2019 General Election. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Static Takeaways

- Nokia Headquarters: Espoo, Finland;
- Nokia CEO: Pekka Lundmark (1 Aug 2020–);
- Nokia Founders: Fredrik Idestam, Leo Mechelin, Eduard Polón;
- Nokia Founded: 12 May 1865, Tampere, Finland;
- Nokia President: Pekka Lundmark
- State Bank of India Chairperson: Dinesh Kumar Khara;
- State Bank of India Founded: 1 July 1955;
- State Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai.
- IRCTC Founded: 27 September 1999;
- IRCTC Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Tamil Nadu Capital: Chennai;
- Tamil Nadu Chief minister: M. K. Stalin;
- Tamil Nadu Governor: R. N. Ravi.
- United Nations Founded: 24 October 1945, San Francisco, California, United States;
- United Nations Headquarters: New York, New York, United States;
- United Nations Founders: United States, Brazil, United Kingdom, India, France, Iran;
- United Nations Secretary general: António Guterres.
- UNESCO Headquarters: Paris, France
- UNESCO Founders: India, United States, France, Mexico, China, Brazil, MORE
- UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945, London, United Kingdom
- UNESCO Head: Audrey Azoulay; (Director-General)
- UNESCO Parent organization: United Nations Economic and Social Council
- WHO Head: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus;

- WHO Founded: 7 April 1948;
- WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.
- Indian School of Business Founded: 2001
- Indian School of Business Chairperson: Harish Manwani
- Indian School of Business Dean: Madan Pillutla
- Indian School of Business Campus: Urban, 260 acres (105.2 ha)
- Indian School of Business Founders: Rajat Gupta, anil kumar
- European Union Founded: 1 November 1993, Maastricht, Netherlands;
- European Union Founders: Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg.
- Rajasthan Capital: Jaipur;
- Rajasthan Chief minister: Ashok Gehlot;
- Rajasthan Governor: Kalraj Mishra.
- Chairperson, Co-founder & COO of MobiKwik: Upasana Taku

