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### Tamil Nadu to lead in electronics exports in FY2023

- Tamil Nadu (TN) has topped India’s list of leading electronics exporters for the year, according to export data released by the Government of India for the year 2023.
- This means that almost exports are at the top with USD 5.37 billion, followed by Uttar Pradesh at the 2nd position with USD 4.90 billion exports and Karnataka at the 3rd position with USD 4.52 billion.

### Vembakkottai Excavation Unearths Various Antiquities, Including “Conical Lamp”.

- The second phase of excavation work has been going on since April 6 in an area called Uchimedu under the Vijayakaraisalkulam panchayat near Vembakottai in Virudhunagar district. It is significant that more than 2 thousand ancient objects have been found so far in this excavation.
- In this case, a round-shaped Agal lamp, a flint pot, and a cone-shaped lamp with beautiful carvings have been found. Archaeologists have said that through this discovery, our ancestors may have set up pottery and made artistic items.

### Discovery of the oldest “Arikandam Idol” near Sivaganga.



- Archaeologists have found an idol of Arikandam, which is almost a thousand years old, in an excavation near Sivaganga.
- Excavators have said that the statue was found at the border Bitari Amman temple on the way from Cholapuram to Nalukottai. And this statue dates back to AD. Excavators have said that it may belong to the 11th century and near this statue there is also a middle stone statue with three warriors standing in a row on a kolam.

### The 11th World Tamil Research Conference was held in Chennai



- The 11th World Tamil Research Conference jointly organized by the International Forum for Tamil Research (IATR) and the Chennai Institute of Asian Studies was held in Chennai. The conference was inaugurated by former minister M. P. Saminathan
- The main objective of this conference is to create awareness among the youth about Tamil language, Tamil culture, literature, Tamil culture and civilization.
- Also, Tamil scholars from 20 countries including USA, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia will participate in this conference according to the President of World Tamil Research Forum.

### Pottery shells inscribed with “Tamil characters” have been discovered during the ongoing excavations on the banks of the Tamiraparani river.



- A biological mound is found in the Nambiath basin near Tulukkarpatti in Tirunelveli district. In the excavation conducted in it, potsherds inscribed with Tamil characters have been found.
- It is noteworthy that the Tamil inscriptions ‘Theeeya’, ‘Disa’ and ‘Kuvira(n)’ are found on the potsherds found at present.

## Kalaingar Women Entitlement Scheme

- It has been announced in the state budget session that the scheme of providing 1000 rupees per month as entitlement amount to the heads of families in Tamil Nadu will be started from September.
- The Tamil Nadu Government has informed that this scheme has been named as “Kalaingar Women Entitlement Scheme”. Accordingly, the Tamil Nadu government has announced that this project will be launched from “September 15”.

## A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Government of Tamil Nadu and renowned software company Microsoft.

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been entered into between the Education Department of Tamil Nadu and renowned software company Microsoft with the aim of providing an opportunity to the Chittoor and rural students to learn the latest technologies and tools and implement the Technology Education and Learning Support (TEALS) programme.
- The agreement was signed in the presence of State School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyiamozhi and is an important part of the State Government’s efforts to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education among government school students, said the School Education Minister.

## DGCA approves setting up of first flight training center in Tamil Nadu



- The Directorate of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has approved the EKVI Flight Training Institute operating at Salem Airport to set up a specialized flight training center in Tamil Nadu.
- This approval makes the Center the 36th DGCA approved Flying Training Center in India and the first Flying Training Center (FTO) in Tamil Nadu.

## About 324 artifacts have been found in Thirukkolaar excavations.

- Adichanallur in Tuticorin district and its surrounding areas have been excavated due to the presence of ancestors or old people, and so far around 324 artifacts like medieval coins, bronze ring, bronze bangle, glass beads, flint figurines, flint beads, glass

bangle fragments, Chinese pottery have been found. .



- It is also noteworthy that Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced that a world-class museum will be set up for the objects found in Adichanallur in the last Union Budget Session of 2020.

## Tamil Nadu Day

- After independence of India ‘Madras Presidency’ became Madras Province. Then on 1st November 1956 “Madras State” came into existence. Finally, on 18 July 1967, Madras State was officially named as ‘Tamil Nadu’. To highlight this, the Tamil Nadu government observes “Tamil Nadu Day” every year.



- This day was declared on October 9, 2021 in the Legislative Assembly. It is also significant that Anna passed a resolution changing Madras Province to Tamil Nadu on 18th July 1967.

## Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin was awarded the ‘Outstanding Man Award’

- Appreciating the successful hosting of the International Chess Olympiad in Chennai, the capital of Tamil Nadu, the Asian Chess Federation, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin was awarded the “Outdated Man” award
- The International Chess Olympiad has been held every two years since 1927. The 44th International Chess Olympiad was held in India for the first time. It is significant that this tournament was hosted by Tamil Nadu.

## **Largest Kalaingar century library opened in Madurai.**

- On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, a grand ``Kalaingar Centenary Library`` has been opened for the benefit of the students with modern facilities and an area of 2,22,815 square feet on 2.61 acres of land owned by the Public Works Department on Pudunantham Road in Madurai.





### **National Plan for Eradication of Sickle Cell Anemia – Introduction.**

- Prime Minister Modi launched the National Sickle Cell Anemia Eradication Program in Madhya Pradesh
- This project aims to address the pressing health challenges posed by sickle cell disease, particularly among tribal people and hill dwellers.
- And the project is seen as part of the government's continuous efforts to eliminate the disease from the country's public health problem by 2047.

### **The MoD has signed an agreement with shipbuilder Masakan Dock for the development of the submarine.**



- The Ministry of Defense has entered into an agreement with Masakan Dock Shipbuilding Company in Mumbai for the upgrade of the Submarine Landingable (SSK) class submarine "INS Shankush" with life certificate (MRLC).
- It is Rs. 2725 crore is a joint venture. The deal is aimed at inducting the INS Shankush warship into the Indian Navy with enhanced combat capability by 2026.

### **The Philippine government has approved a renewed aviation research and services agreement with India.**

- Philippine Foreign Secretary Enrique A. Manalo and Indian Minister of External Affairs Dr. S. Jaishankar participated in the 5th India-Philippines Joint Committee on Bilateral Cooperation meeting in New Delhi.
- During the event, the two sides agreed to work together on several issues including border security, maritime security, aerial counter-terrorism and transnational crime.

- Also at the meeting, the Secretary of State announced that the Philippines has approved a renewed Air Research and Services Agreement with India.

### **The World Bank has approved a \$1.5 billion loan to boost India's low-carbon energy sector.**

- The World Bank (WB) has approved \$1.5 billion in loan financing to accelerate the development and development of India's low-carbon energy sector.
- The World Bank said in its announcement that the financing will help the country "successfully implement the National Green Hydrogen Plan," which aims to stimulate \$100 billion in private sector investment by 2030.

### **CERT has issued "Guidelines on Information Security Practices" to improve the Internet.**

- With more than 80 crore Indians actively using the Internet and cyberspace, India's Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has issued guidelines for business, education, finance and access to digital government services.
- The Union IT Ministry has said that it will further strengthen the goal of a secure cyberspace and address the issues in it. All government institutions, public sector organizations and other non-governmental organizations and their administrative boundaries are brought under this initiative.

### **Start Up 20 Shikhar Summit**

- Under the G20 leadership of India, the Startup 20 Shikhar Summit was launched in Gurugram, Haryana. It is a two-day conference.
- The summit is being held under the theme How to Address Mass Inadequacy in Start-ups and the Startup 20 Report has been released during the summit.
- It is noteworthy that the G20 urged the leaders of the countries to increase the global collective investment of one trillion US dollars in the global startup ecosystem by 2030.



## 23rd SCO Summit



- The Indian Prime Minister said that terrorism is a threat to regional and global security and peace and the member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) must fight this menace together.
- Iran, Mongolia and Belarus have been invited as special observer countries for this 23rd SCO Summit. And it is significant that as per SCO tradition, Turkmenistan has also been invited as the Chief Guest.

## The 3rd G20 Cultural Working Group meeting was held in Hampi

- The third G20 Cultural Working Group meeting was held in the World Heritage Site of Hampi, Karnataka State in the presence of Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prahalad Joshi.
- The conference aims to discuss four themes proposed under the President of India. And it is a two-day conference.

## India is planning to host the “ASEAN Conference on Traditional Medicine” in 2023.

- The Union Ministry of AYUSH, with the support of the ASEAN Secretariat, the Ministry of External Affairs and the Embassy of India in ASEAN, is planning to organize a “Conference on Traditional Medicines for ASEAN Countries”, the ASEAN organization said.
- The conference aims to strengthen the platform between India and ASEAN countries, share best practices and create a roadmap for future cooperation in the field of traditional medicine.

## Bank of Baroda has launched the “Mahila Samman Savings Certificate (MSSC) Scheme”.

- Bank of Baroda, India’s second largest public sector bank, has launched the “Mahila Samman Savings Certificate (MSSC) scheme, a micro savings scheme

for women and girls”.

- It is noteworthy that this scheme has been introduced by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the financial year 2023-24 (in the Union Budget) for the future of women and children. Significantly, this is the third financial institution after Canara Bank, Bank of India and Post Office to introduce this facility.

## “Bhoomi Samman 2023”

- The “Bhoomi Samman 2023” with nine state secretaries and 68 district collectors, who excelled in completing key components of the digital Indian land records modernization project, will be launched by the President of India Draupadi Murmu in New Delhi.
- The President said that this “Bhumi Samman” project is a good example of central-state cooperative federalism based on trust and partnership and this project has been undertaken with the aim of improving the quality of life of the people through this project.

## The US-India Strategic Clean Energy Partnership Ministerial Conference was held in New Delhi



- A Ministerial Conference on the US-India Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP) between Natural Gas and Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and US Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm was held in New Delhi.
- The summit was held with the objective of representing a comprehensive vision for zero carbon in the strategic clean energy partnership while ensuring healthy growth rates between the two countries.

## Tongai method

- The Union Ministry of Culture has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Navy to revive and preserve the 2000-year-old ancient technology of shipbuilding tailoring (Tongai method).
- It has also been stated that India has a strong maritime heritage and its strong

use has played an important role in trade, exploration and cultural exchange and by restoring it, the country's heritage and economy will progress.

- Memorandum of Understanding between India and Japan to develop a semiconductor distribution system
- The Government of India has signed an MoU with the Government of Japan to develop a semiconductor supply chain.
- Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said at the signing ceremony in New Delhi that the agreement aims to enhance cooperation between the two countries in equipment research, manufacturing, semiconductor design, capacity building and their delivery services.

### **The Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022 has been passed in the Lok Sabha.**



- The Multi-State Co-operative Societies Amendment Bill, 2022 has been passed in the Lok Sabha (House of Commons).
- It is reported that the bill has been introduced with an aim to strengthen governance, increase accountability, improve transparency and streamline election processes in several state cooperative societies.
- Salient Features of the Bill
- The Bill amends the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002. It establishes the Cooperative Election Commission to conduct and supervise elections to the Boards of several State Cooperative Societies.
- A multi-state cooperative requires prior approval of government authorities before redeeming their shares.
- A Co-operative Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Development Fund will be established for the revival of sick multi-state Co-operative Societies. The fund will be funded by contributions from several profit-making state co-operative societies.
- Subject to the respective state laws, the Bill is directed to allow the co-operative

societies to join existing multi-state co-operative societies.

- Key Issues and Analysis
- Ailing multi-state cooperatives will be revived with funds funded by contributions from profit-making multi-state cooperatives. This effectively puts the cost on better performing associations.
- Giving the government the power to restrict the redemption of its shares by many state co-operative societies may be against the co-operative principles of autonomy and independence.

### **No Confidence Motion**

- The Congress party has moved a no-confidence motion in the Lok Sabha against the NDA coalition government in Parliament over the violence issue in Manipur state.
- Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi has moved this no-confidence motion in the House. It is significant that “27 No-Confidence Resolutions” have been tabled in Parliament since independence. Indira Gandhi faced the highest number of no-confidence motions – 15 times.

### **Development and Regulation of Mines and Minerals Amendment Act**

- The Mines and Minerals Development and Regulatory Amendment Bill, 2023 has been passed in the Lok Sabha amid much fanfare. The bill amends the problems and irregularities in the mining sector to regulate them.
- The Bill has been introduced in the Lok Sabha by Union Minister Prakash Joshi (Department of Coal and Mines). It amends the Mines and Minerals Act, 1957.

### **The 20th Civil Summit was held in Jaipur under India's leadership**

- The “Civil 20” summit, the official body of the G20, was held in Jaipur, the capital of the state of Rajasthan.
- The report stated that the three-day conference will hold comprehensive and future welfare discussions on various topics under 5 sessions and model-policy recommendations developed by its 16 working groups will be presented at the conference.

## India and UAE have entered into two MoUs to promote trade.



- India and the UAE have signed two MoUs for trade cooperation to use their local currencies for cross-border transactions and further develop their payment and messaging systems.
- The agreement envisages the use of local currencies for cross-border transactions covering all current account transactions and permitted capital account transactions between the two countries.



### The British Prime Minister has honoured a 101-year-old Sikh with “Points of Light Award”.



- British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has honoured Rajinder Singh Dutt, one of the last surviving Sikh soldiers who fought at critical moments in World War II, with the “Points of Light Award” at the UK-India Week reception at 10-Downing Street.
- He joined the British Indian Army during World War II and was promoted to the rank of Havildar Major (Sergeant Major) in 1943, through various efforts. He was also recognized with this prestigious award for his tireless efforts during his tenure and for his work in running the association “Undivided Indian Veterans” to unite the veterans of the British Indian War.

### New Zealand has announced the first ban on plastic bags used in supermarkets.

- New Zealand has become the first country to ban the thin plastic bags used by customers in supermarkets to collect their fruit and vegetables and other items.
- The government has announced that the new ban will be extended to plastic straws and phase 2 plastic products. And it is significant that the government has already banned thick elastics in 2019.

### DGCA has entered into an MoU with the EU Aviation Safety Agency to enhance aviation cooperation.

- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) to promote unmanned aircraft systems and aircraft operational cooperation.
- The MoU is aimed at accelerating the growth of the Indian unmanned aviation industry and enhancing cooperation between the two authorities on technological developments & research.

### India joins Champions of Global Crisis Response Group

- India has joined the Champions Group of the Global Crisis Response Group (GCRG) at the invitation of the UN Secretary General. The GCRG was established in March 2022 to coordinate the global response and address urgent global issues in food security, energy and finance.
- Composition of the group of champions
- The Group of Champions currently includes the Heads of Government/State of Bangladesh, Barbados, Denmark, Germany, Indonesia and Senegal.
- India’s inclusion in this group will strengthen the United Nations’ joint efforts to find result-oriented solutions, especially for developing countries.
- Goals and Focus of GCRG:
- The GCRG was established to address the interconnected crises of food security, energy and finance.
- Its primary objective is to coordinate the global response and develop strategies to help countries effectively deal with these crises.
- GCRG aims to help decision makers mobilise solutions to address the interconnected challenges facing the world.

### Turkey accepts Sweden’s concession agreement to join NATO.

- Sweden is set to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization without opposition after Turkey ended months of opposition to Sweden’s membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
- Finland became the latest country to join the alliance on 4 April 2023, after 30 countries were already members of the organisation. And if Sweden joins with this

approval, the number of NATO member states will increase to 32 and this will be a huge setback for Russia, according to world security experts.

### **China has achieved the status of being the country that successfully launched the world's first liquid methane rocket.**

- China's private space agency Landspace successfully launched the world's first methane-liquid oxygen rocket, the Zhuque-2 carrier, on July 12.
- With this, China has achieved the status of being the country that has successfully launched the world's first liquid methane rocket. And it is noteworthy that this is Landspace's second attempt after a failed launch in December

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### **A 125-million-year-old dinosaur fossil has been discovered in China.**

- Fossilised remains of a large mammal and dinosaur have been found fossilised in a tussle in Liaoning Province, China.
- Researchers say the fossil is 125 million years old and a "once-in-a-lifetime" find. The fossil contains the remains of a mammal called Repenomamus robustus and a rare plant-eating dinosaur called Psittacosaurus.

### **India and Bangladesh Memorandum of Understanding**



- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between India and Bangladesh for installing a computer-based interlocking signalling system and upgrading the existing system for the Dhaka-Dongi-Joidepur rail service line of Rail Baban Nagar in Dhaka.
- Bangladesh Railway Minister MD The agreement was signed in the presence of Nurul Islam. The deal is aimed at decongesting the country's rail service and further improving the efficiency of the Dhaka-Donghi-Jaidpur section, one of Bangladesh's busiest railway lines.

### **Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy Industry Consortium (RECEIC)**



- The Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy Industry Consortium (RECEIC) was launched during the 4th Environment and Climate Ministers and Sustainability Working Group Conference.
- The RECEIC consortium is an industry-led initiative aimed at strengthening and promoting the resource efficiency and circular economy practices of member countries worldwide.

### **US and Australia plan to jointly develop surface-to-air guided missiles.**

- US Defense Secretary Austin has said that by 2025, Australia will produce air-to-air guided missile systems with US guidance.
- The decision was made by Austin and US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken during the annual Australia-US Diplomatic Dialogue meeting with their Australian counterparts in Queensland, Australia.

### **India and France have entered into an MoU to manufacture warships in India.**

- Defense Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) of India and France have signed MoUs for the joint production of submarines and warships and their components in Kolkata and Mumbai respectively for export to the rest of the world.
- These MoUs are said to further strengthen Prime Minister Modi's "Make in India" initiative. It has also been announced that

Mumbai-based Mossack And Shipyard will work with the French Naval Group to manufacture “Scorpene-class submarines”.

### **India plans to set up an office in Paris for DRDO to develop light fighter jet engine**

- After the meeting between Indian Prime Minister Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron, the Indian DRDO is planning to set up a regional office in Paris, the capital of France, to jointly develop a light combat aircraft between India and France.
- The Prime Minister of India said that a blueprint for this initiative will be prepared between Safran, a French defence company, and India’s DRDO.

### **A state of emergency has been declared to curb food inflation in Nigeria.**

- President Bola Tinubu has declared a state of emergency to curb inflation in Nigeria.
- President Tinubu has passed a resolution in the country’s parliament with the main objectives of improving agriculture, reducing the cost of food and creating jobs. Nearly 25 million Nigerians are at high risk of food insecurity this year (by 2023), according to a January report by the United Nations.

### **IIT-Delhi plans to set up its new campus in UAE.**

- The two countries have signed an MoU in the presence of Prime Minister Modi for the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi branch to set up its “first global regional campus” in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- The Prime Minister of India has mentioned that through this agreement, India’s technological capabilities will be taken to a global perspective. It also said that Post Graduate (PG) courses will start from January next year and Undergraduate (UG) courses from September 2024.



### **A deal has been struck between Brazil's largest startup Pismo and Visa.**

- American credit card major Visa has signed a deal to acquire Brazil's renowned fintech startup Pismo for a valuation of \$1 billion (over ₹8,204 crore).
- This deal is intended to enhance the value of Visa and resolve various issues.
- And it's Visa's first major acquisition since 2021, when it bought European open banking platform Tink and UK business lender CurrencyCloud, according to economists.

### **India to become world's second largest economy - Goldman Sachs Report**

- Goldman Sachs, an American multinational investment bank and financial services company, has stated in its report that by 2075, India's economy will overtake not only Japan and Germany but also the US to become the world's second largest economy.
- At present, India is the fifth largest economy in the world after Germany, Japan, China and USA in economic terms. And the report is based on factors such as India's continuous progress in innovation and technology, high capital investment and increasing labour & productivity, the agency said.

### **Bilateral trade between India and Bangladesh**

- It has been announced that bilateral trade between India and Bangladesh will be denominated in rupees at an international business event jointly organised by the Bangladesh Bank and the High Commission of India in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh.
- Bangladesh Central Bank Governor General Abdur Ruf Talukdar said that Bangladesh is India's biggest trading partner in South Asia and with this decision, the bilateral relationship is expected to reach new heights.

### **India's growth to rise to 6.1% for this fiscal - IMF latest report**

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said in its latest report that India's GDP growth in the current financial year will rise from the forecast of 6.1%.

- It is seen as significant that the IMF in its report released in April has mentioned that India's GDP growth in the current fiscal year will be 5.9 percent. The announcement stated that India continues to retain its position in the category of "fastest growing economy".



## PROGRAMS AND YOJANAS

### eSARAS

- News- Launched a mobile app to market products made by women.
- Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihoods Movement (DAY-NRLM) has launched a mobile app called “eSARAS” to strengthen marketing support for women-made products of Self Help Groups (SHGs).
- The app has been launched with the aim of creating and managing logistics to bring the online order to the customer’s doorstep through the eSARAS website and eSARAS mobile app.

### Global Navigation Satellite System ‘SAGAR SAMPARK’ inaugurated to strengthen maritime sector.

- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping has launched the Indigenous – Differential Global Navigation Satellite System (DGNSS) ‘SAGAR SAMPARK’ to innovate, build better infrastructure and strengthen the Indian Maritime Sector (Navy).
- This organization was inaugurated by Sri Sarbananda Sonu. It was developed with the aim of providing accurate positioning information and correcting errors and faults in the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS).

### BHARAT

- Shri Manoj Ahuja, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, has launched a new campaign for banks under the Agriculture Finance Infrastructure BHARAT (Accelerated Rural & Agricultural Transformation of Banks).
- This is a month-long country promotion campaign (July 15, 2023 to August 15, 2023). Mr. Manoj Ahuja said that this initiative has been taken with the aim of expeditious implementation of banking, agriculture and agriculture related activities in rural areas.

### Pradhan Mantri Fazal Bhima Yojana Scheme (PMFBY)

- The Ministry of Agriculture Welfare has launched several new technology initiatives under the Pradhan Mantri Fazal Bhima Yojana (PMFBY) to empower farmers and ensure further strengthening of operations.
- Central Minister Tomar said that these projects have been developed with the aim of reaching full benefit to the small farmer in every village by using advanced technology through these initiatives.

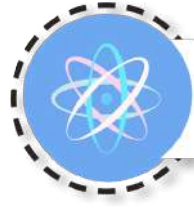
### For information on anti-doping helpline no has been launched

- The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) has launched the “Anti-Doping Helpline” (1800-119-919) to provide easy access to athletes and athletic support personnel with information on anti-doping rules and its guidelines.
- With this, it is said that if there are any confusions and problems in it, the athletes can get rid of them easily.

### Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)

- The National Health Authority (NHA) has launched nearly 100 microsites projects under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) aimed at promoting digital development of the country and providing quality healthcare to all.
- This microsite is a small website covering a collection of all small and medium scale dispensaries, hospitals (preferably <10 beds), medical homes, dispensaries, laboratories and other healthcare facilities operating under ABDM in the context of ABDM.
- It has also been announced that it will be implemented by the State Program Directors under ABDM and its financial resources and guidance will be provided by the National Health Authority (NHA).





### ISRO plans to fully privatize SSLV



- The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) plans to soon transfer its Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) to private or private space-acquired installations, after conducting two development flight tests of the rocket, which aims to deliver on-demand services to 500 kg satellites, the agency said.
- A senior official said that the Indian Space Agency has decided to take the route of converting this small rocket to commercial use and will not only manufacture the SSLV, but completely privatize it.

### Medical scientists from Tamil Nadu and Japan have discovered a treatment method to control muscular dystrophy.

- Muscular dystrophy is a very rare genetic disorder that can affect children. As a result, the movement of the muscles becomes paralyzed and it becomes completely immobilised.
- In order to prevent this condition in which the protein 'dystrophin' of children suffering from this disease is reduced, it has been revealed in a medical study that the food product 'beta glucagon' increases the level of dystrophin protein in the blood by 32 percent through some medicinal food products. Accordingly, studies have shown that taking this beta-glucose can produce some changes in immunity and increase muscle strength within 45-50 days.

### Chandrayaan 3 successfully launched.

- Chandrayaan 3, the country's third lunar mission, has been successfully launched from the second launch pad at Satish

Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.

- LVM-3 rocket is used for this launch. The Chandrayaan 3 spacecraft is intended to achieve lunar orbit, perform a soft landing on the lunar surface using a lander, and thoroughly explore the lunar surface.

### ISRO wins the test of Gaganyaan Spacecraft's "Service Module Propulsion System".



- Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has successfully tested the 'Service Module Propulsion System' at ISRO Complex (IPRC) in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.
- The test used 16 Reactive Control System (RCS) thrusters with a thrust of 100 N and five Liquid Apogee Motor (LAM) engines with a thrust of 440 N, ISRO said in its notification.
- (Project Kaganyaan – India's star project to send humans into space).



### **International Conference on Green Hydrogen was held in New Delhi**

- The International Conference on Green Hydrogen 2023 (ICGH 2023) was inaugurated by Power Minister RK Singh in New Delhi.
- The conference is a three-day conference. Also, the conference aims to establish a green hydrogen ecosystem and drive decarbonisation through green hydrogen across the globe.





### **India doubles its share in global trade services exports – World Bank and WTO report**

- India has doubled its share in global trade services exports from 2 percent in 2005 to 4.4 percent in the last financial year (2022), according to the World Bank and World Trade Organization (WTO) in its latest report.
- A recent report by the World Bank and the World Trade Organization (WTO) titled 'Trade in Services for Development' has mentioned this. Also, from 2009 to 2019, it has provided medical assistance to about 3.5 million foreign patients, the study said.

### **Tamil Nadu tops Export Readiness Rankings – NITI Aayog Latest Report**

- According to Niti Aayog's Export Readiness Index 2022 published in July 2023, Tamil Nadu has topped the coastal states category, overtaking Maharashtra and Gujarat.
- The index is developed based on operational efficiency and export capacity of states to assess their preparedness. It is noteworthy that the report of the Niti Aayog was released by its Chief Executive Officer PVR Subramaniam. Tamil Nadu (80.89) is followed by Maharashtra (78.20), Karnataka (76.36), Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.

### **The IEA has released its medium-term market supply report "Oil 2023".**

- The International Energy Agency (IEA) in collaboration with the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Organization (PPAC) has released a medium-term market sales report titled Oil 2023 under the MoP and NG.
- "India's energy demand is growing faster than other major economies" and the same trend is expected to continue. IEA Institute Secretary Shri Pankaj Jain said that growth in all sectors will be driven by favourable demographics supported by industrialization and urbanisation.

### **Singapore's passport has emerged as the world's most powerful passport.**

- Singapore's passport has emerged as the most powerful passport after Japan, which has held this position for many years, has

dropped to third place this year.

- This means that all citizens of Singapore can travel visa-free to 193 out of 227 destinations around the world. It is noteworthy that Henley & Partners, a global citizenship and residential consultancy based in London, produces this index annually.

### **India to become world's 3rd largest economy by 2027 – SBI latest report**

- Taking into account the current growth rate, India will become the 3rd largest economy in the world by FY 2027 (2027-28) and in these activities, the Indian economy will surpass both the economies of Japan and Germany, according to SBI's latest report 'Ecowrap'.
- It is significant that before this SBI has mentioned in its studies that the Indian economy will become the third largest economy in the world by 2029. And while the Indian economy will reach the 3rd place, the states of Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh will cross the value of 500 billion dollars in terms of economy, it is mentioned in the report.

### **India's GDP to grow 6 – 6.3% in FY 2024 – Deloitte India Report**

- India's GDP is expected to grow by 6 to 6.3 per cent by the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, Deloitte India said in its July report.
- The announcement also stated that if the same current factor situation occurs in the next two years, its economic growth will exceed 7 percent.



### **India has won the Asian Kabaddi Champions title for the eighth time.**



- Team India won the much awaited Asian Kabaddi Championship final at the Cheokdong Cultural Center of Dong-Eui Technology Complex in Busan, South Korea and won the title against Iran.
- India won the final match against Iran by 42-32 points. And it is noteworthy that India has won the title for the eighth time in nine editions.

### **Lausanne Diamond League title**



- Star Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra won the prestigious title with a throw of 87.66 meters in the final round of the 2023 Lausanne Diamond League.
- It is noteworthy that in this final, Neeraj won the first place with a throw of 87.66 meters, Julian Weber of Germany took the second place with a throw of 87.03 meters and Jakub Wadlech of the Czech Republic took the third place with a throw of 86.13 meters.

### **Indian pair win Asian Mixed Doubles Squash Championship title.**



- India's Deepika Pallikal Karthik and Harinderpal Singh Sandhu beat Malaysia's Ivan Yuen and Rachel Arnold 11-10, 11-8 at the Asian Mixed Doubles Squash Championship in Huangzhou, China.
- It is noteworthy that in this final match, the Indian pair defeated the Malaysian pair of Ivan Yuen and Rachel Arnold with the score of 11-10, 11-8 and won the title of champion.

### **“Aryan Nehra” has won gold in the Senior National Aquatics Championship.**

- Gujarat's Aryan Nehra clocked 3:52.55 to win gold in the men's 400m freestyle event at the Senior National Aquatics Championships at the Aquatics Complex, Gachibowli Grounds.
- Delhi's Kushagra Rawat (3:55.45) and Karnataka's Anish S. Gowda (3:57.86) won successive silver and bronze medals respectively. And in the women's 200m category, Karnataka's A.K. Linesha clocked 2:37.35 minutes to win gold.

### **Yugi Bambri won the ATP Doubles title in Spain**

- Yugi Bambri has won his first title on the 2023 ATP World Tour in Spain.
- He and South African Lloyd Harris won the doubles trophy at the Mallorca Championships by defeating the Dutch and Austrian pair of Robin Haas and Philipp Oswald 6-3 6-4 on grass.

## Armand Duplantis wins the Diamond League tournament.

- Pole vault star Armand Duplantis won the event to claim the title at a rain-affected Diamond League event in Stockholm.
- He cleared the target of 6.05m which was good enough to comfortably beat Ernest Obiana by 23cm. It is also noteworthy that he has won the “Mondo” 6m category for the fourth time in five summer competitions.

## World Archery Youth Championship



- Indian archers Avneet Kaur and Bryansh won gold in the junior mixed team compound event after defeating Israel in the final of the World Archery Youth Championship in Limerick, Ireland.
- It is noteworthy that the Indian players defeated Israel by the score of 146-144 in this thrilling final game. It is also noteworthy that India’s Aishwarya Sharma and Manav Jadhav won the bronze medal by defeating Mexico in the cadet mixed event.

## An Indian player has won the Canada Open Badminton Championship.

- Lakshya Sen of India has won the men’s singles title of the Canada Open Badminton 2023 in Calgary, Canada on July 09 night.
- It is significant that he defeated China’s Li Shi Feng by 21-18, 22-20 to win the title. And this is Commonwealth champion Lakshya Sen’s first BWF World Tour title after nearly a year.

## World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS) World Cup



- India’s Rudransh Khandelwal and Nihal Singh won gold and silver medals respectively

in the P4 mixed 50m event at the World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS) World Cup.

- 16-year-old Rudransh scored 231.1 points in the final to break the world record of 2020 Tokyo Paralympics gold winner and Khel Ratna awardee Manish Narwal. At the same time, Nihal Singh has secured the second position by scoring 222.2 points.

## India bagged three gold medals at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships that began in Noida.



- India won 3 gold medals on the opening day (July 12) of the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships held at Gautam Budh University, Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- It is noteworthy that athlete Jyothsna Sabar won the gold medal in the 40 kg youth category, Asmita in the 45 kg youth & junior category and Komal Gohar in the 45 kg senior category respectively.

## A silver medal for India at the 2023 World Para Athletics Championships.



- India’s Nishad Kumar has won a silver medal in the high jump T47 category at the ongoing 2023 World Para Athletics Championships.
- With this extraordinary effort, Nishad became the second athlete to win a medal in this event.

## Gold for India at 2023 Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships



- India's Gyaneshwari Yadav won gold in the women's 49 kg category at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- Gyaneshwari from Chattishkar lifted a weight of 176 kg (78 kg+98 kg) and stood on the platform. It is noteworthy that in this competition, Jilly won the silver medal by lifting 169 kg (75 kg + 94 kg) by finishing second consecutively.

## Bronze medal for India in the 10000 m race at the 2023 Asian Athletics Championships.

- India's Abhishek Pal has won a bronze medal in the 10000 m race at the 2023 Asian Athletics Championships held in Bangkok, Thailand.
- He won the bronze medal in this event with a time of 29:33.26. And it is noteworthy that his personal best was set by Abhishek Paul in Gujarat last year in 28:54.98 seconds.

## "Jyoti Yarraji" has won India's first gold medal in the 25th Asian Athletics Championships.



- Indian athlete "Jyoti Yarraji" has won the gold medal in the women's 100m hurdles final at the 25th Asian Athletics Championships held in Bangkok, Thailand.
- The 23-year-old finished the race in just 13.09 seconds, securing India's first gold medal at this year's Asian Athletics Championships.

## Indian hurdler wins gold medal in Asian Athletics Championship

- India's 28-year-old hurdler Tajinderpal Singh Door won his second gold medal in men's hurdles at the Asian Athletics Championships.
- He won first place by throwing a distance of 20.23 metres in this competition. It is also noteworthy that he has won the gold medal in the 2019 Asian Athletics Championship and the silver medal in the 2017 event.

## Lyudmila of Ukraine has won the mixed doubles title at Wimbledon.



- Ukraine's Lyudmila Kichenok and Croatia's Mat Pavic have won the mixed doubles title at Wimbledon.
- Notably, the seventh-seeded and 30-year-old pair of Kichenok and Pavic clinched the win with a 6-4 6-7(9) 6-3 win over China's Xu Yifan Joren and Belgium's Willijen.

## Algarroz defeated Djokovic to win his first Wimbledon title.

- Spain's Carlos Alcaraz won his first Wimbledon title by defeating seven-time champion Novak Djokovic of Serbia and won a record 24th Grand Slam title.
- World No. 1 Alcaraz won 1-6, 7-6 (8/6), 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 after four hours and 42 minutes. The win was the 20-year-old Spaniard's second major, following his US Open title last year.

## Silver medal for India in mixed team skeet at ISSF World Junior Championships.



- Team India finished second in the medal

table after winning the silver medal in the shooting event on Day 4 of the ISSF Youth World Championships in Changwon, Korea.

- The Indian pair of Sanjana Chute and Harmehar Singh Lalli won the silver medal in the mixed team skeet category with a score of 26-24 for India.

### Taekwondo Championship Tournament



- Paralympian and student of Chandigarh University, Aruna Tanwar has won three gold medals for India at the three-day Taekwondo Championship in Australia.
- It is noteworthy that he is currently ranked 4th in the world and has won three gold medals in the President's Cup Para Taekwondo Championship and Australia Open Para Taekwondo Championship and Oceania Para Taekwondo Championship held in Australia in July 2023.

### ISSF Youth Shooting World Championship



- India's Kamaljeet won the gold medal in the men's individual 50m pistol event at the 2023 ISSF World Youth Shooting Championships in Changwon, South Korea.
- It is noteworthy that India has won 17 medals including 5 bronze, 6 silver and 6 gold in this ISSF series with 90 shooters.

### Elavenil Valarivan has won gold in the World Inter-University Games.

- 10m in the World Inter-University Multisport Series for 2023 Valarivan has won gold in the air rifle category in Ilaven.
- In this final, she won gold in the women's 10m air rifle category by scoring 252.5 points. It is also significant that she had won the silver medal in the same series last year in 2019.



## AWARDS

### The renowned businessman has been awarded the 'Big Impact Award 2023'.

- “Big Impact Award 2023” has been honored to Dr. Sanjeev Juneja, a renowned businessman at the Big FM Awards in Shimla.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sugu presented the award for outstanding and unique contribution to the field.

### Mary Kom has been awarded the UK's Global Indian Icon Award.



- Mary Kom, Indian sports legend and India's first Olympic medalist in women's boxing, has been honored with the Global Indian Icon award at this year's U.K.-India Awards in Windsor, England.
- The prestigious Mark Shunt Award has been presented to an Indian filmmaker.
- At the 2023 awards ceremony held in London, England, King Charles III and Queen Camilla presented the prestigious Mark Shunt Award and Tara Award to Oscar-winning Indian filmmaker Karthik Gonsalves and a wildlife conservation group from India.

### Shekhar Kapoor won the British National Award for Best Director.

- “What's Love Got To Do With It?” at the British National Awards in England. Shekhar Kapoor has been awarded the best director award for the film.
- It is noteworthy that the film has won four awards including Best Screenplay and Best Supporting Actor, Best Director and Best British Film while being nominated in a total of nine categories at the festival. And recently, Shekhar Kapur was awarded

the “Lifetime Contribution to UK-India Relations” award at the IGF's UK-India Awards.

### Awarded the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become the first Indian Prime Minister to be awarded France's highest civilian and military honour, the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour, by French President Emmanuel Macron.
- Also former President of South Africa Nelson Mandela, King Charles - then Prince of Wales, former President joined the ranks of prominent world leaders. Among others are Angela Merkel of Germany, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, former Secretary-General of the United Nations.



- **Note**
- Founded by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, The Legion of Honor is divided into five classes (lower and higher). The colour of the ribbon is red and the badge is a five-pointed Maltese star suspended from an oak and laurel wreath. Although membership of the award is limited to French nationals, the distinction of Legion may also be awarded to foreign nationals who serve France or uphold its ideals.
- The Legion of Honor is the highest French decoration awarded to the most deserving citizens in all fields of activity. It has been awarded to dignitaries for two centuries.



- The colour of the ribbon is red and the badge is a five-pointed Maltese star suspended from an oak and laurel wreath. On the obverse is the effigy of the Republic and on the reverse two tricolour flags flanked by the motto 'Honour and Fatherland' written in French.
- Although membership of the Legion of Honor is limited to French citizens, the distinction of Legion may also be granted to foreign nationals who serve France or uphold its ideals. So far there are more than 79,000 members and France decorates around 300 foreign nationals with this honour every year.

### Champion of Healthcare Innovation Award



- Ami Pera, a physician in the US, recently received the "Champion of Healthcare Innovation Award" from the Healthcare Leadership Council, becoming the first Indian-American Congressman to receive the award.
- The Health Leadership Council said the award was given to him for supporting high-quality, affordable health care in the country.

### Primero Skills has been awarded India's Best Social Impact Company for 2023.

- Primero Skills has been awarded THSC's Best Social Impact Company for the third time in a row in the last 4 years in July 2023.
- The Tourism and Hospitality Skills Council (THSC) has received the award for its pioneering initiative to train 14,000 youth with 60% women for 282,000 hours.

### Union Ministry of Coal has won the National Award for "Best Engagement".

- The Union Ministry of Coal has recently been awarded by the Ministry of Commerce in the "Best Engagement" category for its achievements in e-procurement through GeM.
- In the financial year 2023-24, Coal Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) will spend

nearly Rs. The reason for receiving these awards is said to be that GeM has shown unwavering confidence in issuing various tenders worth Rs 21,500 crore.

- It is noteworthy that the Coal India Company (CIL) operating under it has been awarded the "Rising Star" and NLC India in the "Timely Payments" categories.

### Punyabhushan Award

- Legendary actor and psychiatrist Dr. Mohan Akashe has been conferred with the prestigious 35th Punyabhushan Award by the Punyabhushan (Tridal Pune) Foundation at Balgandharva Rang Mandir.
- It is noteworthy that the Central Government honoured him with the prestigious "Sangeetha Nataka Akademi Award" in 1996. Established in 1989, Punyabhushan Foundation is an organisation that has been consistently presenting the award every year to recognize the talents of the citizens of Pune.

### Udyog Ratna Award

- Industry Minister Uday Samant has announced that the Maharashtra State Government has decided to confer the 'Udyog Ratna' award on Ratan Tata, the country's senior businessman and chairman of the largest Tata Sons company.
- It is the highest award given by the state of Maharashtra to businessmen and entrepreneurs for their efforts and contribution to outstanding individuals.



### Joint maritime exercise between India and France begins.



- The Indian Navy and the French Navy conducted a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) in Visakhapatnam to promote stronger cooperation and ensure security in the Indian Ocean region.
- In this security exercise, INS Rana with French Navy ship FS Surcouf and the enemy's missile destroyer INS Sumeda and indigenously built maritime patrol vessels have conducted a joint exercise in the Bay of Bengal.

### Japan-India joint maritime exercise "JIMEX 23" begins.

- The seventh edition of maritime exercise between Japan and India "JIMEX 23" begins in Visakhapatnam under the leadership of the Indian Navy.
- The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force units and major naval vessels of the Indian Navy are participating in the exercise. The Navy has informed that the exercise will be conducted in two phases for six days.

### 'Nomadic Elephant 2023'

- The 15th edition of India-Mongolia joint military exercise 'Nomadic Elephant 2023' has begun in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The joint military exercise is scheduled to take place from July 17 to 31.
- Joint military exercise "Nomadic Elephant" is an annual joint exercise between India and Mongolia. It is noteworthy that the last edition was held in October 2019 at the Special Forces Training School, Baglo.



### **Former Bharti Airtel MD and CEO Manoj Kohli appointed as Senior Advisor.**

- Deloitte has announced the appointment of industry veteran and former CEO Manoj Kohli as a Senior Advisor to the firm.
- With this appointment as a senior consultant at Deloitte, Kohli will leverage his extensive business and industry knowledge in his new role to help strengthen the firm's presence globally and in South Asia, a Deloitte statement said.

### **Justice Musharat Hilali has become the second female judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan.**

- Justice Musarat Hilali took the oath of office and became the second female judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan.
- It is noteworthy that this is the first time in history that the Supreme Court of Pakistan has two female judges and she previously served as the Chief Justice of the Peshawar High Court (PHC).

### **Preethi Aghalyam has been appointed as the first woman director of IIT.**



- She will be in charge of the expansion chapter of IIT Madras in Zanzibar, Tanzania, the central government announced.
- With this appointment, Dr. Preethi Agalayam becomes the first woman director to head an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT's) campus. With this appointment, it is said that she will lead better through his handling.

### **Justice Alexander Thomas assumed charge as Acting Chief Justice of Kerala High Court.**



- Justice Alexander has taken charge as Acting Chief Justice of Kerala High Court.
- He has been appointed to the post following the elevation of former Kerala High Court Chief Justice SV Patti as Supreme Court judge.

### **Dr. Thani Al Seyoti has been selected as the President of the 13th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization.**



- U A E Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Dr. Thani Al Jayodi has been elected as the President of the 13th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization in July 2023.
- The 13th Ministerial Conference will be held in Abu Dhabi, UAE in February 2024. It is intended to review the performance of the trading system and take some key steps for the future.

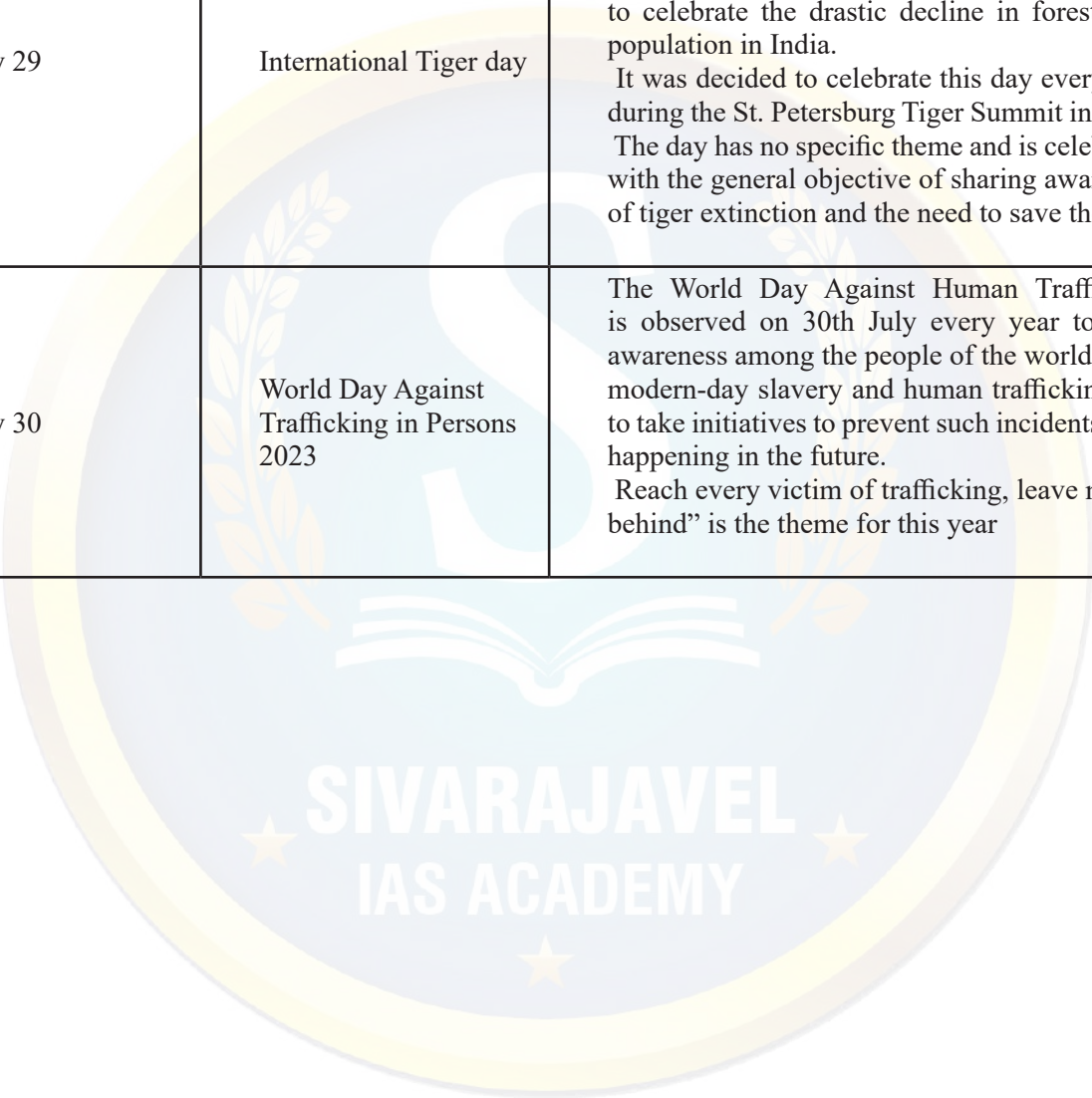


Date	Day	Note and themes
July 01	National Doctors day	The day is observed to commemorate the birth and death anniversary of Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy. Celebrating Resilience and Healing Hands is the theme for this year.
July 01	National Chartered Accountants Day 2023	National Chartered Accountants Day is celebrated on 1 July every year to commemorate the establishment of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) by the Parliament of India in 1949. The theme for this year is 'Empowering Financial Excellence'.
July 03	International No Plastic Bag Day 2023	International No Plastic Bag Day is celebrated every year to raise awareness about the environmental damage caused by single-use plastic bags. There is no specific theme for this day.
July 06	World Zoonoses Day 2023	World Zoonoses Day is observed every year on July 6 to commemorate and honor the success of French scientist Louis Pasteur, who first vaccinated a boy named Joseph Meister against a zoonotic disease (rabies) caused by the bite of a rabid dog. Zoonotic diseases are diseases that can be transmitted to humans by insects or especially by animals. The theme for this year is "One World, One Health: Prevent Zoonoses, Stop the Spread".
July 11	World Population Day 2023	World Population Day is observed every year to raise awareness among the people of the world about the problems caused by the increase in population on earth and to give ideas on how to deal with it. This year's theme is Unleashing the power of gender equality: Uplifting the voices of women and girls to unlock our world's infinite possibilities.
July 12	World Paper Bag Day 2023	World Paper Bag Day is observed every year to raise awareness about the pollution and impact of plastic and encourage the use of environmentally friendly alternatives.

July 14	National France Day	<p>National France Day is celebrated every year to commemorate the fall of the Bastille on 14 July 1789 and the recognition of France's independence.</p> <p>It is also known as Bastille Day. And the central government has announced that Indian Prime Minister Modi will be the guest of honor at Bastille Day, which will be held in Paris, the capital of France, on July 13-14.</p>
July 15	World Youth Skills Day 2023	<p>The United Nations General Assembly has declared July 15 as “World Youth Skills Day” (WYSD) with the aim of conveying the strategic importance of having skills for decent and relevant work and entrepreneurship to the youth of the world.</p> <p>The United Nations General Assembly made this declaration in 2014. The theme for this year is “Talented Teachers, Coaches and Youth for a Transforming Future”.</p>
July 15	Educational Development Day	<p>The 121st birth anniversary of Tamil Nadu's legendary former Chief Minister K. Kamaraj is being celebrated on 15th July 2023.</p> <p>The Tamil Nadu government celebrates the birth anniversary of black hero Kamaraj on July 15 as 'Kalvi Nana' or 'Education Development Day'. It is also significant that this day has been observed as Education Development Day since 2006.</p>
July 17	World International Justice Day 2023	<p>World International Day of Justice is observed every year on 17 July to recognize and honor the significant role played by the International Criminal Court and other organizations in providing justice to victims of multiple crimes.</p> <p>“Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice” is the theme for this year.</p>
July 18	International Nelson Mandela Day	<p>International Nelson Mandela Day is observed on 18 July every year to honor the life of Nelson Mandela and his public welfare involvement.</p> <p>The UN said that this day is an opportunity for people to reflect on Mandela's values and principles, to bring his social ideas to the general public, and to make a positive impact on their own communities. “The Legacy Lives on Through You: Climate, Food, and Solidarity” is the theme for this year.</p>

July 20	International Chess Day 2023	<p>International Chess Day is observed every year on July 20 to mark the founding of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in Paris in 1924.</p> <p>There is no theme for this day. And its goal is to make every person understand the comprehensive benefits of chess, according to the International Chess Federation.</p>
July 20	International Moon Day	<p>International Moon Day (IMD) is celebrated every year on July 20 to commemorate the first human landing on the moon.</p> <p>The manned landing on the moon is still proud to be one of the greatest achievements in human history. Notably, American astronauts Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin and Neil Armstrong were the first humans to set foot on the moon during the Apollo 11 mission in July 1969.</p>
July 22	National Mango Day 2023	<p>National Mango Day is celebrated on 22nd July every year to celebrate not only the taste of mangoes, but also a deep cultural significance and their nobility, especially in Indian history and traditions.</p> <p>It is noteworthy that this festival has been celebrated by mango enthusiasts across India since the announcement of the “National Horticultural Board” of India in 1987. There is no theme for this day. It is noteworthy that the national fruit of India is mango.</p>
July 22	Pi day	<p>The <math>\pi</math> symbol was devised by the British mathematician William Jones in 1706. Pi Approximation Day is observed on July 22 (22/7 in fraction) to honor this scientific discovery.</p> <p>It is also noteworthy that March 14 (the decimal value of pi (<math>\pi</math>) is 3.14) is observed as Pi Day all over the world.</p>
July 26	Kargil Vijay Diwas 2023	<p>“Kargil Vijay Diwas” is celebrated across the country on 26th July every year to honor the bravery and courage of the Indian soldiers who fought and sacrificed their lives for our country in the 1999 Kargil war. It means Kargil Victory Day in Tamil.</p> <p>The Indian Army launched the "Operation Vijay" plan to counter the encroachment of the Pakistan Army into the Kargil region of Kashmir. The Indian success of this project is seen as the most important success globally.</p>

July 28	World Conservation Day 2023	<p>World Conservation Day is observed on 28th July every year with the aim of creating awareness among the general public of the world about the richness of the natural environment, their importance and their conservation.</p> <p>The theme for this year is “Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet”.</p>
July 29	International Tiger day	<p>International Tiger Day is observed on 29th July every year with the aim of bringing awareness to all the general public about the important efforts and conservation measures of forest tigers and to celebrate the drastic decline in forest tiger population in India.</p> <p>It was decided to celebrate this day every year during the St. Petersburg Tiger Summit in 2010. The day has no specific theme and is celebrated with the general objective of sharing awareness of tiger extinction and the need to save them.</p>
July 30	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2023	<p>The World Day Against Human Trafficking is observed on 30th July every year to raise awareness among the people of the world about modern-day slavery and human trafficking and to take initiatives to prevent such incidents from happening in the future.</p> <p>Reach every victim of trafficking, leave no one behind” is the theme for this year</p>





## Birthday of Diwan Bahadur Rettamalai Srinivasan



- Srinivasan was born on July 7, 1859 in Kozhiyalam, a small town near Madurandakam in Chengalpattu district, to Dummanmalai.
- It is notable that he was a voice for the mainly Adhidravidya Tamil people and founded the Panchamar Mahasana Sabha and strove to improve their lives. During 1930–32, he participated in all the Round Table Conferences held in London with Ambedkar as a representative of the Adi Dravida people.





### 50 lower courts in Odisha have 'paperless' status.

- At least nearly 50 courts in Odisha have become 'paperless' or digital on July 3, 2023.
- This has taken the total number of paperless courts in the state to 84 so far. It is also significant that the concept of 'Paperless Courts in the State' has been introduced from September 2022.

### Prime Minister Modi laid the foundation stone for a new railway manufacturing unit at Kasipet

- Prime Minister Modi lays the foundation stone for a new manufacturing unit for the railway sector at a cost of around Rs 501 crore at Kasipet in Telangana. It is also noteworthy that the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for "several infrastructure projects" worth several crores in Warangal as part of his four-state tour.
- Prime Minister Modi said the new centre was opened with the aim of creating local industry and employment and increasing the potential for socio-economic development in the region and creating around 1200 direct employment opportunities.

### The Urban 20 (U20) Mayoral Summit has been launched in Gandhinagar.

- The Urban 20 Mayor's Summit was inaugurated by Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Bhupendrabai Patel and Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Shri Kausal Kishore in the state capital Gandhinagar.
- The conference was held to address the growing challenges of urbanisation and climate resilience and to build climate-resilient cities.

### The only Spanish player to win the Ballon d'Or has passed away.



- Luis Suarez Miramontes, known as the "Golden Galician" and the only Spaniard to win football's most

prestigious individual award, the Ballon d'Or, has died aged 88.

- He also won the Ballon d'Or, world football's most prestigious individual award, in 1960 and the European Cup in 1964, 1965 and three Italian league titles thanks to his dedication.

### The Union Minister inaugurated the 'Global Maritime India Summit 2023' in Mumbai

- Ports and Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the third edition of the prestigious "Global Indian Maritime Summit" in 2023.
- The conference is scheduled to be held from October 17 to 19. The conference is aimed at creating new investment opportunities, promoting ease-of-doing business and enhancing trade between countries through cooperation in knowledge and technology.

### JJM Digital

- During the National Conference held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Echo India for setting up the "JJM Digital" system. Accordingly this system is currently set up.
- The website of JJM Digital was launched in the presence of Union Jal Shakti Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. The organisation is designed with the aim of imparting to the needy the knowledge and skills required to contribute effectively to the achievement of the objectives of the Central Government.

## **New Center for AYUSH Health Services and Research opened in Goa.**

- The Union Ministry of AYUSH has launched a new centre for health and AYUSH research services in July 2023 at Ribandar in Goa.
- The Ayush Ministry said the centre was launched with the aim of providing high-quality healthcare services at affordable cost to the public in the state and promoting research in traditional medicine. A library, a museum and a laboratory to study marine medicines have also been started.



## 2023 JULY MONTH QUESTIONS

1) Prime Minister Modi was awarded the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor in which country?

- A. France
- B. Germany
- C. Italy
- D. America

2) Consider the following statements about the Mahila Samman Savings Certificate (MSSC) scheme, a micro savings scheme for women and girls.

- 1) This scheme has been introduced by the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the financial year 2023-24 (in the Union Budget) for the future of women and children.
- 2) This scheme is implemented by all the banks in the country

Which of the above statement(s) is/are correct?

- A) Only statement 1 is correct
- B) Only statement 2 is correct
- C) Both statements are correct
- D) Both statements are wrong

3) Where was the new Center for Ayush Health Services and Research launched?

- A) Goa
- B) Kerala
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Madhya Pradesh

4) Which country has recently implemented a crisis-era emergency standard to control inflation?

- A) Pakistan
- B) Nigeria
- C) Somalia
- D) South Africa

5) India has an agreement with which country to manufacture warships?

- A) Canada
- B) France
- C) Germany
- D) America

6) Kalaingar Centenary Library is located in which district?

- A) Chennai
- B) Tiruvarur
- C) Tirunelveli
- D) Madurai

7) Which state is leading in electronics exports in FY 2023?

- A) Kerala
- B) Karnataka
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Tamil Nadu

8) Consider the following pairs

- 1) Keezadi- Sivaganga
- 2) Arikamedu - Thiruvannamalai
- 3) Vembakkottai- Virudhunagar

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?

- A) 1&3 only
- B) 1&2 only
- C) 2&3 only
- D) 1,2&3

9) Where was the 11th World Tamil Research Conference held?

- A) Malaysia
- B) Chennai
- C) London
- D) Thiruvannamalai

10) How much is the incentive given to heads of households under the Kalaingar Women's Entitlement Scheme?

- A) Rs. 1000
- B) Rs. 1500
- C) Rs. 2000
- D) Rs. 5000

11) Madras State was officially renamed as 'Tamil Nadu'?

- A) July 17
- B) July 18
- C) July 19
- D) July 20

12) Tamil Nadu Day is observed on?

- A) July 17
- B) July 18
- C) July 19
- D) July 20

13) Consider the following statements

- 1) National Sickle Cell Anemia Eradication Program aims to address the pressing health challenges of sickle cell disease, particularly among tribal people and hill dwellers.
- 2) This project is seen as part of the government's continuous efforts to eliminate the disease from the country's public health problem by 2047.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- A) Only statement 1 is correct
- B) Only statement 2 is correct
- C) Both statements are correct
- D) Both statements are wrong

14) Where was Start Up 20 Shikar Summit held?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Mumbai
- C) Kolkata
- D) Haryana

15) Which of the following countries are members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization?

- 1. India
- 2. Pakistan
- 3. China
- 4. England
- 5. America

Choose the correct answer

- A) 1,2&3 only
- B) 2,3&5 only
- C) 1,4&5 only
- D) 1,2,3,4&5

16) Which country is going to host the Convention on Traditional Medicines in 2023?

- A) India
- B) Philippines
- C) Vietnam
- D) Cambodia

17) Tangai method is related to what?

- A) Traditional medicine
- B) Shipbuilding
- C) River connection
- D) Rain water harvesting

18) Loktak Lake is located in which state?

- A) Mizoram
- B) Meghalaya
- C) Assam
- D) Manipur

19) Where was the "Civil 20" Summit held, the official group of G20?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Chennai
- C) Pune
- D) Jaipur

20) Which country was the first to ban plastic bags used in supermarkets?

- A) Australia
- B) India
- C) America
- D) New Zealand

21) Which of the following countries is part of the Champions Group of Global Crisis Response Group (GCRG)?

- 1) Bangladesh
- 2) India
- 3) Germany

Choose the correct answer

- A) Only 1&2 are correct
- B) Only 2&3 are correct
- C) Only 1&3 are correct
- D) 1,2 &3

22) Which country successfully launched the world's first liquid methane rocket?

- A) England
- B) India
- C) China
- D) Russia

23) Where is the International Conference on Green Hydrogen 2023 (ICGH 2023) held?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Chennai
- C) New Delhi
- D) Lucknow

24) Application of e SARAS aim is to

- A) Keep track of news related to Fair Price Stores
- B) A mobile app to market products made by women
- C) Encouraging development of e-governance
- D) An app developed to help women in times of danger

25) Which state tops the Export Readiness Ranking List of 2022?

- A) Kerala
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Tamil Nadu

26) Which organization issues export readiness report?

- A) Ministry of finance
- B) NITI Aayog
- C) Union Ministry of Home Affairs
- D) Central Export Import Office

27) Which organization publishes medium term market sales report "Oil 2023"?

- A) World Bank
- B) International Monetary Fund
- C) World Economic Forum
- D) International Energy Agency

28) Which is considered to be the most powerful passport in the world?

- A) America
- B) England
- C) Mauritius
- D) Singapore

29) Who was given the Global Indian Icon Award?

- A) P. V. Sindhu
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Rahul Gandhi
- D) Mary Kom

30) Who was the first Indian Prime Minister to be awarded the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour?

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru
- B) Indira Gandhi
- C) Manmohan Singh
- D) Narendra Modi

31) In which year was the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor instituted?

- A) 1801
- B) 1802
- C) 1803
- D) 1804

32) Punjabhushan awardee Dr. Mohan Akashev was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in which year?

- A) 1995
- B) 1996
- C) 1997
- D) 1998

33) Who was awarded 'Udyog Ratna'?

- A) Ratan Tata
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Anand Mahendra
- D) Manmohan Singh

34) 'Udyog Ratna' award is given in which state?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Kerala

35) Who is Memories Never Die about?

- A) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- B) Abdul Kalam
- C) Narendra Modi
- D) Jawaharlal Nehru

36) Varuna Joint Maritime Exercise is a joint exercise between India and \_\_\_\_.

- A) America
- B) France
- C) England
- D) Japan

37) JIMEX 23 is a joint exercise between India and \_\_\_\_.

- A) America
- B) France
- C) England
- D) Japan

38) 'Nomadic Elephant 2023' is a joint military exercise between India and \_\_\_\_\_

- A) Philippines
- B) France
- C) England
- D) Mongolia

39) Which country won the Asian Kabaddi Champion title?

- A) Japan
- B) South Korea
- C) India
- D) Pakistan

**40) The Asian Kabaddi Championship was held in which country?**

- A) Japan
- B) South Korea
- C) India
- D) Pakistan

**41) Which country won the Lausanne Diamond League title?**

- A) America
- B) India
- C) France
- D) England

**42) Lausanne Diamond League is associated with which sport?**

- A) Long jump
- B) Javelin throw
- C) Badminton
- D) Basketball

**43) Which country won the Asian Mixed Doubles Squash Championship?**

- A) India
- B) Japan
- C) South Korea
- D) China

**44) The Asian Mixed Doubles Squash Championship was held in which country?**

- A) India
- B) Japan
- C) South Korea
- D) China

**45) Aryan Nehra is associated with which sport?**

- A) swimming
- B) Weight lifting
- C) Athletics
- D) Long jump

**46) Avneet Kaur and Priyansh are related to which sport?**

- A) Weight lifting
- B) Athletics
- C) Long jump
- D) Archery

**47) Limerick is located in which country?**

- A) New Zealand
- B) Ireland
- C) America
- D) Australia

**48) Lakshya Sen is associated with which sport?**

- A) Badminton
- B) Basketball
- C) Football
- D) Javelin throw

**49) Rudransh Khandelwal is associated with which sport?**

- A) Shooting
- B) Basketball
- C) Football
- D) Javelin throw

**50) Where was the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship held?**

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Maharashtra

**51) Nishad Kumar is associated with which sport?**

- A) Athletics
- B) Cricket
- C) Badminton
- D) Basketball

**52) Gnaneshwari Yadav is associated with which sport?**

- A) Weight lifting
- B) Athletics
- C) swimming
- D) Basketball

**53) Where was the Asian Athletics Championship held?**

- A) Cambodia
- B) Vietnam
- C) China
- D) Thailand

**54) Abhishek Paul won a medal in which category?**

- A) swimming
- B) Weight lifting
- C) Cricket
- D) Running

**55) Jyoti Yarraji is associated with which sport?**

- A) Hurdles
- B) swimming
- C) Weight lifting
- D) Cricket

56) **Tajinderpal Singh Door is associated with which sport?**

- A) Weight lifting
- B) Shotput
- C) Cricket
- D) Hurdles

57) **Matt Pavic is associated with which sport?**

- A) Tennis
- B) Badminton
- C) Hockey
- D) Football

58) **Who won the Wimbledon title?**

- A) Lyudmila Kichenok
- B) Matt Pavic
- C) Novak Djokovic
- D) Algaras

59) **Where is Changwan city located?**

- A) Japan
- B) South Korea
- C) North Korea
- D) Sri Lanka

60) **Kamaljeet is associated with which sport?**

- A) Shooting
- B) Weight lifting
- C) Cricket
- D) Football

61) **Justice Alexander Thomas took charge as Acting Chief Justice of which High Court?**

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) West Bengal
- D) Meghalaya

62) **Who has been appointed as the first woman director of IIT?**

- A) Geetanjali Gopinath
- B) Preethi Akaliam
- C) Smriti Irani
- D) Nirmala Sitharaman

63) **The statue of Swami Vivekananda was installed in which country?**

- A) South Africa
- B) England
- C) France
- D) Tanzania

64) **Justice Musarat Hilali has become the second woman judge of the Supreme Court of which country?**

- A) Afghanistan
- B) Iran
- C) Syria
- D) Pakistan

65) **Thani Al Siodi was appointed as the President of which?**

- A) World Trade organization Council of Ministers
- B) World Bank
- C) International Monetary Fund
- D) World Economic Forum

66) **World Development Report is published by which organization?**

- A) World Bank
- B) International Monetary Fund
- C) World Economic Forum
- D) World Trade organization

67) **which institution Published a report on 'Trade in Services for Development'?**

- A) World Bank
- B) International Monetary Fund
- C) World Economic Forum
- D) World Trade Organization

68) **Consider the following statements**

- 1) **Muscular dystrophy is a very rare genetic disorder that can affect children.**
- 2) **As a result, the movement of the muscles becomes paralyzed and it becomes completely immobilized.**

**Which of the above statements is/are correct?**

- A) Only statement 1 is correct
- B) Only statement 2 is correct
- C) Both statements are correct
- D) Both statements are wrong

69) **'Dysropin' is a**

- A) protein
- B) Fat
- C) fibre
- D) vitamin

**70) Scope of Gaganyaan project**

- A) Sending men to the moon
- B) Sending humans into space
- C) Exploring the elements on Mars
- D) Landing on the other side of the moon

**71) In which archeological site was conical lamp discovered?**

- A) Vembakota
- B) Keezhadi
- C) Arikamedu
- D) Adhichanallur

**72) Which state will rank second in electronics exports in FY 2023?**

- A) Karnataka
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Telangana

**73) Where is Tamil Nadu's first flight training to be held?**

- A) Coimbatore
- B) Salem
- C) Erode
- D) Thanjavur

**74) Tamil Nadu Day is observed from which year?**

- A) 2020
- B) 2021
- C) 2022
- D) 2023

**75) Which country has entered into a renewed Aeronautical Research and Services Agreement with India?**

- A) Philippines
- B) Bangladesh
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Thailand

**76) \_\_\_\_\_ has approved a \$1.5 billion loan to develop India's low carbon energy sector.**

- A) International Monetary Fund
- B) World Trade organization
- C) World Bank
- D) World Economic Forum

**77) Where was the 3rd G20 Cultural Working Group meeting held?**

- A) Gurugram
- B) Katak
- C) Dispur
- D) Hampi

**78) Bhoomi Samman 2023 was issued to whom?**

- A) For the best athletes
- B) For great singers
- C) For the best collectors
- D) For environmentalists

**79) Strategic Clean Energy Partnership was formed between India and \_\_\_\_\_**

- A) America
- B) England
- C) France
- D) New Zealand

**80) In \_\_\_\_\_, 50 lower courts have achieved 'paperless' status.**

- A) Odisha
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) West Bengal
- D) Tamil Nadu

**81) Kasipet is located in which state?**

- A) Karnataka
- B) Telangana
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Maharashtra

**82) Where was the Urban 20 (U20) Mayoral Summit held?**

- A) Ahmedabad
- B) Gandhinagar
- C) Chennai
- D) Allahabad

**83) Where was the 'Global Maritime India Summit 2023' held?**

- A) Mumbai
- B) Chennai
- C) Kolkata
- D) Pune



**84) Where has the new Center for Ayush Health Services and Research been established?**

- A) Kerala
- B) Karnataka
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Goa

**85) Who founded Panchamar Mahasana Sabha?**

- A) Ayodhya Dasar
- B) Rettamalai Srinivasan
- C) Ambedkar
- D) Jagjivan Ram

**86) Which Tamil participated in all the Round Table Conferences held in London in 1930–32?**

- A) Rettamalai Srinivasan
- B) Ambedkar
- C) Jawaharlal Nehru
- D) Gandhiji

**87) National Doctors Day 2023 is observed on?**

- A) July 1
- B) July 2
- C) July 3
- D) July 4

**88) National Chartered Accountants Day 2023 is observed on?**

- A) July 1
- B) July 2
- C) July 3
- D) July 4

**89) What causes rabies?**

- A) Virus
- B) Bacteria
- C) Fungus
- D) Amoeba

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**90) World Population Day 2023 is observed on?**

- A) July 10
- B) July 11
- C) July 12
- D) July 13

**91) World Paper Bag Day 2023 is observed on?**

- A) July 10
- B) July 11
- C) July 12
- D) July 13

**92) Fall of Bastille took place in which year?**

- A) 1788
- B) 1789
- C) 1790
- D) 1791

**93) World Youth Skills Day 2023 is observed as?**

- A) July 11
- B) July 13
- C) July 14
- D) July 15

**94) Educational Development Day is observed in memory of whom?**

- A) Kamaraj
- B) Sarvapali Radhakrishnan
- C) Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad
- D) Jawaharlal Nehru

**95) Education Development Day is observed in which among the following state?**

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Kerala
- C) Karnataka
- D) Telangana

**96) Education Development Day is observed on?**

- A) July 13
- B) July 14
- C) July 15
- D) July 17

**97) Educational Development Day is celebrated since which year?**

- A) 2004
- B) 2005
- C) 2006
- D) 2007

**98) World International Justice Day 2023 is observed on?**

- A) July 14
- B) July 15
- C) July 16
- D) July 17

**99) Kargil Vijay Diwas 2023 is observed as?**

- A) July 24
- B) July 25
- C) July 26
- D) July 27

100) International Tiger Day 2023 is observed on?

- A) July 26
- B) July 27
- C) July 28
- D) July 29



### Answers:

1	<b>A</b>	21	<b>D</b>	41	<b>B</b>	61	<b>A</b>	81	<b>B</b>
2	<b>A</b>	22	<b>C</b>	42	<b>B</b>	62	<b>B</b>	82	<b>B</b>
3	<b>A</b>	23	<b>C</b>	43	<b>A</b>	63	<b>D</b>	83	<b>A</b>
4	<b>B</b>	24	<b>B</b>	44	<b>D</b>	64	<b>D</b>	84	<b>D</b>
5	<b>B</b>	25	<b>D</b>	45	<b>A</b>	65	<b>A</b>	85	<b>B</b>
6	<b>D</b>	26	<b>B</b>	46	<b>D</b>	66	<b>A</b>	86	<b>A</b>
7	<b>D</b>	27	<b>D</b>	47	<b>B</b>	67	<b>D</b>	87	<b>A</b>
8	<b>B</b>	28	<b>D</b>	48	<b>A</b>	68	<b>C</b>	88	<b>A</b>
9	<b>B</b>	29	<b>D</b>	49	<b>A</b>	69	<b>A</b>	89	<b>A</b>
10	<b>A</b>	30	<b>D</b>	50	<b>A</b>	70	<b>B</b>	90	<b>B</b>
11	<b>B</b>	31	<b>B</b>	51	<b>A</b>	71	<b>A</b>	91	<b>C</b>
12	<b>B</b>	32	<b>B</b>	52	<b>A</b>	72	<b>B</b>	92	<b>B</b>
13	<b>C</b>	33	<b>A</b>	53	<b>D</b>	73	<b>B</b>	93	<b>D</b>
14	<b>D</b>	34	<b>A</b>	54	<b>D</b>	74	<b>B</b>	94	<b>A</b>
15	<b>A</b>	35	<b>B</b>	55	<b>A</b>	75	<b>A</b>	95	<b>A</b>
16	<b>A</b>	36	<b>B</b>	56	<b>B</b>	76	<b>C</b>	96	<b>C</b>
17	<b>B</b>	37	<b>D</b>	57	<b>A</b>	77	<b>D</b>	97	<b>C</b>
18	<b>D</b>	38	<b>D</b>	58	<b>D</b>	78	<b>C</b>	98	<b>D</b>
19	<b>D</b>	39	<b>C</b>	59	<b>B</b>	79	<b>A</b>	99	<b>C</b>
20	<b>D</b>	40	<b>B</b>	60	<b>A</b>	80	<b>A</b>	100	<b>D</b>