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On January 7, 2023 Gujarat Chief Minister inaugurated the first International Kite Festival 2023 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, with a theme centered around the G20 countries. The event ran from January 8th to 14th.

On February 13, 2023 Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Asia's largest aero show 'Aero India 2023' in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The theme of Aero India 2023 was "The Runway to a Billion Opportunities".



On March 16, 2023 the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) in Karnal, Haryana, produced the country's first cloned female calf of the Desi breed Gir, named 'Ganga', weighing 32 kg.

On April 10, 2023 India released the first edition of the Dogri version of the Indian Constitution. It was released by the Union Minister of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs Shri Kiren Rijiju.



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On May 28, 2023 Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially opened the new Parliament building. He arrived at Gate No. 1, wearing traditional attire, and was greeted by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

On May 29, 2023 Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off Assam's first Vande Bharata Express train. The new service covered the distance of 411 km between Guwahati and New Jalpaiguri in 5 hours 30 minutes.



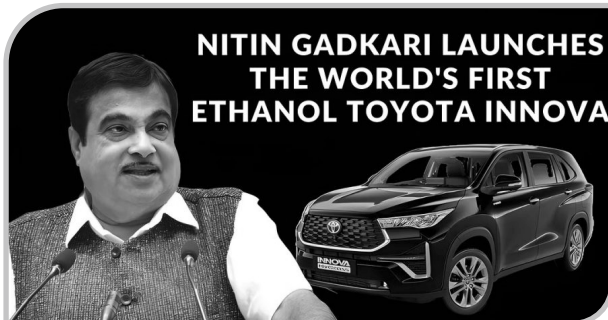
On June 1, 2023 India's first deluxe train, the iconic Deccan Queen, completed 93 years of operations between Pune and Mumbai. Deccan Queen started its inaugural journey on June 1, 1930.

On July 26, 2023 Phangnon Konyak, a distinguished BJP leader became the first woman from Nagaland to preside over the Rajya Sabha as a Member of Parliament.



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On August 29, 2023 Nitin Gadkari introduced the first Ethanol-Powered Toyota Innova Car which represents the forefront of global innovation as the first-ever BS-VI (Stage-II) electrified flex-fuel vehicle.

On September 8, 2023 At the G20 Summit venue, World's tallest Nataraja statue was installed. It is a stunning 27-foot-tall statue of Nataraja, portraying Lord Shiva in his cosmic dance.



On September 25, 2023, the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) achieved a significant milestone in India's transition to clean energy by unveiling the nation's first green hydrogen-powered bus.

On October 24, 2023 National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) gave its approval to replace the term "India" with "Bharat" in all textbooks across the country.



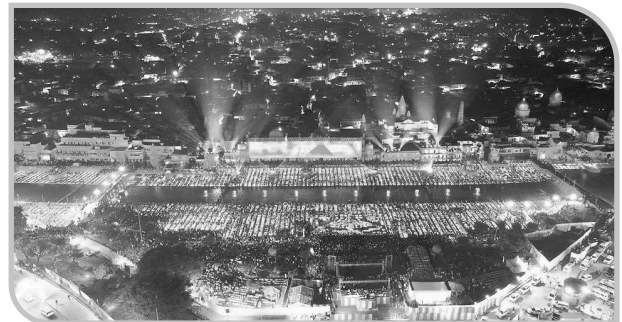
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On October 31, 2023 Kozhikode, a city located in Kerala, was titled as the 'City of Literature', the first city in India to hold this distinction on the World Cities Day.

On November 14, 2023 More than 22 lakh 'Diyas' illuminated the banks of the Saryu river in Ayodhya during the seventh edition of the Deepotsav, setting a new world record for lighting a large number of lamps simultaneously at one place.



On December 20, 2023 IndiGo, India's leading carrier, achieved a historic milestone by becoming the first Indian airline to transport 100 million passengers in a single calendar year.



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In January 2023, Indian-origin Sikh woman, Manpreet Monica Singh became the first ever female Sikh judge in the US after she was sworn in as a Harris county judge.

In February 2023, Indian music composer Ricky Kej won his third Grammy Award in the 65th Annual Grammy Awards 2023 in Los Angeles for the album 'Divine Tides'.



On March 13, 2023 at the 95th Oscar awards, India won the Best Documentary Short Film for 'The Elephant Whisperers' and the team of the hit Telugu movie 'RRR' made the country proud by taking home the Best Music (Original Song) for 'Naatu Naatu'.

In April 2023, New Zealand's Kim Cotton became the first female umpire to officiate a men's T20I match.



In May 2023, India launched Operation Karuna, a vital mission aimed at providing much-needed assistance to Myanmar following the devastation caused by Cyclone 'Mocha'.

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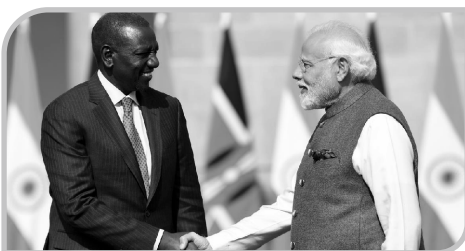
In July 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended France's Bastille Day Parade, as Guest of Honour at the invitation of H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of France.

In September 2023, India hosted the G20 Summit in Delhi. Top leaders from all over the world attended the summit. Some of the leaders were Narendra Modi (host), Joe Biden, Rishi Sunak, Justin Trudeau, Giorgia Meloni, Mohammad Bin Salman and many more.



In October 2023, The tallest statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, standing at 19 feet tall, also known as the 'Statue of Equality,' was unveiled in North America.

In November 2023 India won two Emmy Awards. Vir Das won for his Netflix comedy special 'Vir das: Landing', Ektaa Kapoor was honoured with the International Emmy Directorate Award.



In December 2023, Kenyan President William Samoei Ruto had a three-day state visit to India. The visit aims to consolidate diplomatic ties and explore opportunities for collaboration in various sectors.

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SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS OF INDIA 2023



In August 2023, 18 year old Praggnanandhaa became the world's youngest player to reach the FIDE Chess World Cup 2023 Final in Baku, Azerbaijan.

In October, India for the first time set a new benchmark at the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou, China. With a record haul of 107 medals that included 28 gold, 38 silvers and 41 bronze.



On October 13, 2023 World Athletics officially nominated Neeraj Chopra for the prestigious Men's Athlete of the Year award for 2023.

In October 2023, 16 years old armless archer Sheetal Devi from Jammu and Kashmir became the first Indian woman to win 'two gold medals' in a single edition of the Asian Para Games 2023 in Hangzhou, China.. She also secured a spot at the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games.



In November 2023, Virat Kohli was awarded with the "Player of the Tournament" title in the ICC World Cup 2023 for his outstanding performance. He scored a total of 765 runs in 11 innings. Australia won the Tournament.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS OF INDIA



On May 15, 2023 the Young Scientists Programme YUVIKA-2023 was inaugurated by Chairman ISRO / Secretary DoS Shri S. Somanath, to encourage students to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and develop a passion for space science.

On May 28, 2023 the Ministry of Finance launched a special Rs. 75 coin to commemorate the inauguration of India's new parliament building.



On July 14, 2023 Chandrayaan-3 was successfully launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, using the Launch Vehicle Mark-III (LVM3).

On September 2, 2023 ISRO launched the Aditya-L1 solar mission, India's first mission dedicated to observing the Sun. Aditya-L1 reached its dedicated orbit at the L1 point on 6th January 2024. It was launched just after ten days of ISRO's successful Moon mission, Chandrayaan-3.



On December 30, 2023 Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Maharishi Valmiki International Airport and the new Ayodhya Dham Railway Station in Ayodhya.

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LIST OF 69TH NATIONAL AWARDS WINNER 2023

On October 17, 2023 President Droupadi Murmu awarded the 69th National Awards to the winners at the Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.



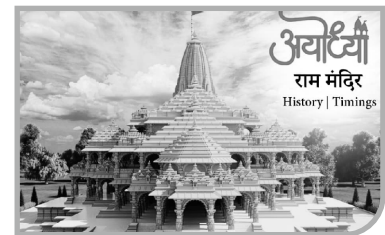
Best Actor	Allu Arjun, Pushpa
Best Actress	Kriti Sanon, Mimi; Alia Bhatt, Gangubai Kathiawadi
Best Supporting Actor	Pankaj Tripathi, Mimi
Best Supporting Actress	Pallavi Joshi, The Kashmir Files
Best Feature Film	Rocketry
Best Director	Nikhil Mahajan, Godavari
Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment	RRR

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On January 1, 2024 ISRO launched XPoSat (X-ray Polarimeter Satellite). It is India's first XPoSat which aims to investigate the polarization of intense X-Ray sources and study the enigmatic world of 'Black Holes'.

On January 22, 2024 India celebrated Diwali and lit Ram Jyoti on the occasion of "Pran Pratishtha of Ramlala", in Ayodhya. This day was also declared 'Dry Day'.



On January 26, 2024 President of France, H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron was the Chief Guest at the 75th Republic Day celebrations held at Kartavya Path, Delhi.



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