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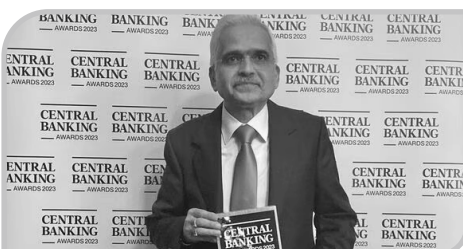
On January 7, 2023 Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan declared Kerala the first state of India to enable digital banking in all eligible accounts.

On January 5, 2023 Chief Minister of Orissa, Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the world's largest dedicated Hockey stadium "Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium", in Rourkela, Odisha. It hosted India's first match of the World Cup 2023 against Spain on January 13.



On February 13, 2023 India's first air-conditioned double-decker electric bus 'Switch EiV 22' was inducted into the fleet of BEST- the civic transport public body in Mumbai.

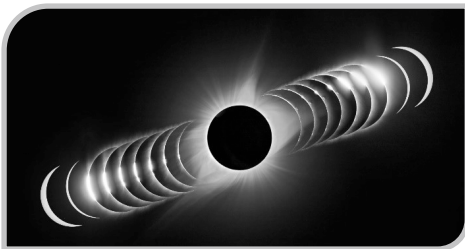
On March 16, 2023 the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) in Karnal, Haryana, produced the country's first cloned female calf of the Desi breed Gir, named 'Ganga', weighing 32 kg.



On March 18, 2023 the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Shaktikanta Das was honoured with the title of 'Governor of the Year' for 2023 by the Central Banking in London'.

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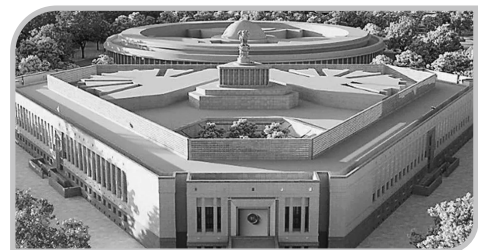
On April 20, 2023 the Ningaloo Eclipse was witnessed around the world. It is a rare 'Hybrid Solar Eclipse', caused by the curvature of the earth's surface and a shift from annular to total eclipse. The last one was seen in 2013 and the next one will appear in 2031.

On April 25, 2023 Kochi in Kerala got its first phase of Kochi Water Metro Project inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Kerala became the first city to have a Water Metro Project. It is expected to become fully operational by 2035 with a daily commuter-count of 1.5 lakh passengers.



On May 1, 2023 the Indian Army inducted the first five women officers into its Regiment of Artillery. Lt Mehak Saini, Lt Sakshi Dubey, Lt Aditi Yadav, Lt Pious Mudgil, and Lt Akanksha joined the Army's premier artillery units after successfully completing their training at the Officers Training Academy (OTA) in Chennai.

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 June 24, 2023 Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the construction of the 'Balidan Stambh' in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, at the park near Lal Chowk, the commercial center of Srinagar.

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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.

On August 18, 2023 Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the first 3D-printed post office of India in Bengaluru's Cambridge Layout near Ulsoor.



On August 28, 2023 the NCERT curriculum for Class VII English textbook incorporated a section dedicated to the National War Memorial, titled 'A Homage to our Brave Soldiers.'

On September 8, 2023 the 18th G20 Summit took place in Delhi that carries a profound theme, "VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM", derived from ancient Sanskrit literature which means "The World is one Family". The concept, translated as "One Earth, One Family, One Future".



On September 9, 2023 The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) inaugurated the first G20 park in Delhi. The park is located at Kautilya Marg in Chanakyaपुरी, based on the theme of "One Earth, One Family, One Future"(Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam), created using the "waste-to-art".

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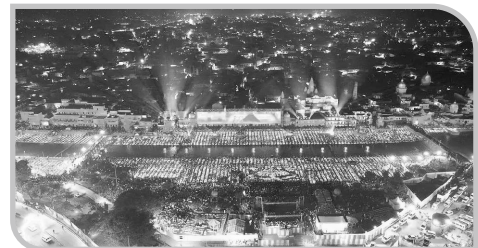
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NCERT to Replace 'India' with 'Bharat' in Upcoming Books

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.

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 4, 2023 The Indian Railways initiated a pioneering step towards wildlife conservation by deploying the "Gajraj system," an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based solution designed to prevent elephant fatalities on railway tracks.

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.



IndiGo Becomes First Indian Airline to Carry 100 Million Passengers a Year



On December 30, 2023 Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new Ayodhya Dham railway station. The transport hub sets a new benchmark for convenience with airport-style amenities across its cutting-edge three-story complex.

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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 January 2023, Tesla and Twitter CEO Elon Musk became the first person ever to lose \$200 billion from his net worth. Elon Musk has seen a drop of up to \$137 billion in his wealth after a recent drop in Tesla Shares.



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 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 June 2023, Nusrat Chowdhury, a civil rights lawyer, was confirmed by the Senate as the first Muslim female federal judge in US history.

In July 2023, China launched the World's first methane-fuelled space rocket into orbit named "Zhuque-2".



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 August 2023, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi became the first Indian Prime Minister in 40 years to visit Greece. This visit aimed at fortifying the bilateral relationship between India and Greece.



In September 2023, India welcomed its First Airbus C295 Aircraft through a Partnership Between European Aviation Leader Airbus and India's distinguished Tata Group.

On November 21, 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.



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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 13 January, 2023 the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi along with Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath and the Chief Minister of Assam, Shri Himanta Biswa Sharma and the Union Minister of Port Shipping and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off the World's longest river cruise "MV Ganga Vilas" from Varanasi. The cruise covered 3200 km in over 50 days before reaching Dibrugarh on 28th February via Patna Sahib, Bodh Gaya, Vikramshila, Dhaka, the Sunderbans and the Kaziranga National Park.

CHANDRAYAAN-3

- ❖ 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).
- ❖ The spacecraft consists of a Lander, named Vikram, a Rover, named Pragyaan and a propulsion module, collectively weighing 3,900 kg. The mission's budget was Rs. 615 crore.
- ❖ The GSLV Mark 3 heavy-lift launch vehicle, also known as the Bahubali rocket, supports the moon lander Vikram. The craft touched down on the Moon's South Pole on August 23, following a journey lasting over 40 days.
- ❖ Chandrayaan-3 aims to showcase India's capabilities in landing and exploring the Moon's South Pole, a region known for the presence of water molecules.



On September 2, 2023 ISRO launched the Aditya-L1 solar mission . It was the first Indian 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.





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LIST OF NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS 2023



Narges Mohammadi Peace Prize	Jon Fosse Literature	Pierre Agostini Physics	Ferenc Krausz Physics
Anne L'Huillier Physics	Drew Weissman Physiology or Medicine	Katalin Kariko Physiology or Medicine	Claudia Goldin Economic Sciences
Alexey Ekimov Chemistry	Louis E. Brus Chemistry	Moungi Bawendi Chemistry	

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'.

