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Who is Amit Kshatriya? Indian-born Engineer to Lead NASA's 'Moon to Mars Program'

Indian-origin Amit Kshatriya was recently appointed as the new head of NASA's 'Moon to Mars' mission. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announced Amit as Deputy Associate Administrator on March 30, 2023 (Thursday).

Amit Kshatriya, NASA's new chief of the Moon to Mars office, says if the agency and industry perform, in a decade the Moon will have 5-6 new human landings; beginnings of permanent infrastructure; and a constellation of navigation satellites. [@ascendspace](#)

— Eric Berger (@SciGuySpace) [March 30, 2023](#)

The 'Moon to Mars' Program was launched by the NASA Space Agency to establish a prolonged presence on the Moon. This will be required to assemble astronauts for the mission to Mars.

Moon to Mars Program

The NASA agency opened up an office which is for the big purpose of organising the space mission and will be led by Indian-origin Software and Robotics Engineer Amit Kshatriya. This new administrative office will be overlooking NASA's group activities regarding the illustrious mission.

This will be considered a part of the Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate which supervises the agency's Artemis programme. As per the reports, the Artemis Programme is an initiative to deliver astronauts to the lunar surface.

Amit Kshatriya's Career in Space Exploration

Amit Kshatriya has been honoured with the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal. Earlier, he was the Deputy Associate Administrator at the agency for the Common Exploration Systems Development Division.

He belongs to a family of Indian immigrants who shifted to the US. He pursued Mathematics at

the California Institute of Technology and further completed his Master of Arts in Mathematics from the University of Texas.

Talking about his career, he began in 2003 with various space programmes and then worked as a software and robotics engineer. He had also been a spacecraft operator where he built robotic features of the International Space Station.

Esteemed Leadership Roles

As a leader, Amit Kshatriya controlled and formed alliances for the Space Launch System, Orion as well as Exploration Ground Systems strategies. He has also actively participated in the Artemis Campaign Development Division initiative.

As a space station flight director from 2014 to 2017, Amit guided international-level teams. He assisted in operating and implementing the space station projects during all stages of flight.

He was designated as the assistant deputy associate administrator in 2021 at the Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate carried out at NASA Headquarters. Moreover, he bagged the leadership medal as he dedicated himself to the role of the lead flight director which was NASA's 50th expedition to the space station.

Responsibilities as Head of NASA's Moon to Mars

Amit Kshatriya will be in charge of the programme in the planning and right execution of all human missions to the Moon and Mars, as stated in the official notification. The explorations activities on the Moon and Mars will be conducted for the benefit of humanity.

Bill Nelson, NASA's administrator postulated that this new office will help in preparing humanity for the upcoming missions to the Red Planet. The main aim is to initiate a new era of scientific discovery and it will also target crucial points like focus on hardware development, mission integration along with risk management functions.

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Global Fame Elon Reeve Musk leaves behind Barack Obama and Justin Bieber as the World's most followed personalities on Twitter in March 2023. It has been reported that the Guinness World Record now has his name enlisted as his number of followers crosses the previously maintained record of 133 million.

This widely renowned king of businesses Elon Musk acquired Twitter in October last year. 51-year-old Musk also gained the second position in the list of World's Richest Men 2023. While the data highlights that there are more than 450 million monthly active users on Twitter. With its growing popularity, Elon at present has 30 per cent of the total Twitter users as followers.

He's overtook the former President, Barack Obama. <https://t.co/Hyps4OUgoc>

— Guinness World Records (@GWR) [March 30, 2023](#)

Who has the most followers on Twitter?

Elon Musk, the Chief Executive Officer of Twitter earned the maximum Twitterholics as published on March 30, 2023, by the Guinness World Records. With 13.1 million followers, he even surpasses Barack Obama, the former US president and the music sensation Justin Bieber.

Earlier, Barack Obama used to have the record of most followers since 2020. Twitter users statistics showed that it has around 450 million users per month.

Elon Musk Acquisition of Twitter

Tesla and SpaceX owner Elon Musk assumed the position of Twitter's CEO and acquired entirely for \$44 billion on October 27, 2022. At that time, his followers were nearly 110 million. However, this number has escalated to 133 million within a few months.

He topped the position as he now holds the most Twitter followers whereas previously he was almost third after Barack Obama and Justin Bieber. The analytical tool Social Blade explains that Barack Obama has lost nearly 267,585 followers while Justin Bieber witnessed a loss of over 118,950 since the last month.

Reason behind Twitter Deal

Elon Musk enjoys the benefit of 3 million followers on Twitter which is about 100,000 new followers per day on average. Once he bought Twitter, he immediately fired the former CEO Parag Agrawal and also held the layoff drive of other staff members of Twitter.

In an official statement, he mentioned the reason behind his acquisition of Twitter. He said that this event was significant for the future of civilization and that they have a common digital town square. This will prompt a healthy debate on a wide range of beliefs without indulging in violent attacks.

Changes brought by Elon Musk

The current net worth of Elon Musk is 19,360 crores USD. He seems to have laid out multiple changes to Twitter. Most recently, it has been announced that the platform will start removing the legacy verified marks from non-Twitter Blue user accounts which will be initiated from April 1, 2023.

This step comes as the company decides that only paid subscribers and members of approved organizations are authorised to have verified marks for their accounts. Twitter accounts are now verified with 3 colours which are as follows.

- Gold check for companies
- Grey check for government
- Blue check for individuals (celebrity or not)

Moreover, all verified accounts will be manually authenticated by the officials before the check mark gets activated. The blue verification mark is now been added as a basic feature of the Twitter Blue subscription. While in India, the subscription is available for a monthly payment of Rs 650 for websites and Rs 900 for mobile devices.

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On March 29 (Wednesday) the Passport Index published Passport Power Ranks for 2023. It shows the mobility scores of various countries across the world. While India witnessed a major drop in its ranking as it decreased from a past score of 71 to the current 70.

India's mobility score decline is seen as the largest economic drop at the global level. This happened due to the global coronavirus pandemic. The score stood at 73 in the year 2022 as it managed to handle the post-pandemic wave when mobility increased.

However, as of March 2023, the score comes to 70. This fall appears to be on the list as the mobility record increased. After the pandemic, the world and national economies re-opened. India's ranking significantly declined by 6 places this year and the nation is positioned at 144th in 2023 as compared to 138 in 2022.

Passport Power Rank 2023

According to the survey, the ranking allotted was analysed based on the new 'timeshift' feature of the Passport Index. This was recently added to provide an instant, expansive view of the passports of many nations over consecutive years. With this, India's decline from its pre-pandemic high is visible.

The Index displays a decline in the scores of other large Asian economies for instance Vietnam, Indonesia, China, and Thailand. This signifies the extent to which the listed countries have not capitalised on the global rise in mobility that has been highlighted in the annual report.

Additionally, this has also been linked to the European's Union's policy. This has prompted demand to initiate visa requirements for Indian nationals placed in countries such as Serbia in 2023.

Other Records

While China's performance has not been quite good in comparison with other countries like the USA and Germany. The cause of this is the inability to provide visa-free agreements with blocs

like the EU or other regional competitors like India and Japan. China is currently ranked at 118th position in the Passport Index 2023.

Apart from the declination record, there have been exceptions in mobility rankings that can be witnessed in nations like South Korea and Japan. Both of them continued to maintain their strong positions. South Korea bagged the 12th position in the individual rankings with a mobility score of 174 as which is considered the highest score across Asia. Whereas Japan got 26th place with a mobility score of 172, becoming the closest Asian competitor.

Countries with the Most Powerful Passport Scores

As per the data, there are only ten countries that have resulted in high mobility scores in the present year. Sweden beats Germany as it escalated to the 2nd number. United Arab Emirates (UAE) was on top of the passport ranking with an overall score of 181. Kenya rose to 4 places to attain the largest gain.

African continents saw greater movements towards greater mobility. Of the Top 10 countries that led to mobility growth, African nations comprise approximately 40 per cent. Hrant Boghossian, Co-founder of the Passport Index stated that despite several countries having recovered from the global pandemic that happened in the past few years and gained visa controls but still there has been a downtrend.

Both China and India seem to have collapsed in their respective passport mobility scores. It can also be said after reviewing the rise of African countries, they will be able to emerge as future superpowers.

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To extend Indian Army's capacity, the Government of India comes up with new plans and missions. It has been announced that the Army will now have its own advanced communication satellite like Indian Air Force and Navy already have their own spacecraft to carry out major operations in the interest of various global goals.

On March 29, 2023 (Wednesday) the Defence Ministry inked a Rs 3,000-crore contract with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL). NSIL is a commercial branch of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

A contract, worth Rs 3,000 crore, was also signed with NewSpace India Limited for an Advanced Communication Satellite for Indian Army. (2/2) pic.twitter.com/fkT3iLYXVt

— A. Bharat Bhushan Babu (@SpokespersonMoD) [March 29, 2023](#)

'GSAT 7B' - Advanced Communication Satellite

The massive deal signed between two of the higher-level departments aims at providing the Armed Forces with beyond-visible-horizon communication commands in their crucial missions. This will help the troops detect different ranges of spectrum over broad regions.

The Satellite that has been titled 'GSAT 7B' is for the Army of India which will provide for its continuing requirements, as stated by the senior government officials. The Army is focused on a committed satellite as the Indian Air Force and the Navy departments acquired.

Moreover, the GSAT 7B satellite will be launched by 2026 to improve the communication system of the Indian Army by assisting in laying out the weapon and airborne undertakings. The geostationary satellite is the first-ever in the five-tonne category that will be designed indigenously by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

Part of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'

Talking about the inspirational vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' Yojna or Self Reliant India Campaign, several divisions and systems will receive procurement of indigenous manufacturing services. It includes MSMEs and start-ups for the boost of the private Indian space industry.

In addition to this, the project will also generate employment of about 3 lakhs of workdays for a long time period of three and a half years. The Minister of Defence asserted that the satellite will provide mission-critical beyond line-of-sight communication to soldiers along with weapon and airborne platforms.

Indigenous Satellite Use & Purpose

The domestic satellite will be solely designed by ISRO Space Agency and is expected to be delivered to the Indian Army up to the year 2026. With strong security features, this latest built model will support the tactical communication needs of the deployed troops on the ground and remotely piloted aircraft, air defence weapons and all other mission-critical as well as fire support platforms, as claimed by the officials.

Air Marshal Anil Chopra (retd), director general, Centre for Air Power Studies stated that air-centric capabilities will be enhanced through this project of a significant Rs 3,000 crore finalised with NSIL.

Defence Missions

It came to light that during the Russia-Ukraine War, the army conducted a detailed study of cyber and electromagnetic warfare systems. Also, it effectively raised a proposal for a reliable satellite communication system which will cater for high-speed internet services in remote areas.

India's defence acquisition council (DAC), the government's highest decision-making body cleared the army proposal for a GSAT-7B satellite in March 2022. This was put forth with the objective of upgrading its operations. This will provide strong communication across oceans.

Other Contracts of the Ministry

Two other contracts were signed by the Defence Ministry of Rs 2,400 crore with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for the Army's operational capabilities. One of these worth Rs 1,982 crore is put forward to implement 'Project Akashteer' an automated air defence control and

reporting system to give access to the army's air defence units to function in an integrated manner.

Project Akshateer

The government has taken up 'Project Akashteer' which intends to record low-level airspace over the battlefields of the Indian Army. This will regulate the ground-based air defence weapon systems. The Defence Ministry highlights the second contract worth Rs 412 crore with BEL for Sarang electronic support measure systems to benefit the Indian Navy helicopters.

All 3 recently initiated projects are to accelerate the self-reliance campaign of the Modi Govt. It comes under the most important category of acquisition in the defence procurement policy or the Indian IDDM. IDDM refers to the indigenously designed, developed and manufactured.

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An 11-year-old Dubai-based girl called Leena Rafeeq has designed a modernistic application integrated with Artificial Intelligence (AI). This young girl from Kerala proclaimed that this smart app can locate common eye disorders and symptoms. Moreover, this can be determined through a unique scanning method built into the app and only the iPhone supports this advanced model so far.

iPhone users will be able to check their eye-related problems and conditions with 70 per cent accuracy. The intelligent app that has been going viral for a couple of days has been named 'Ogler EyeScan' by Ms Leena Rafeeq. She was just 10 when she built it and now after so much research at the age of 11, she exuberantly launched it.

Self-taught Techie

On a social media platform called LinkedIn, she vividly presented the model. She further expounded the workings of her self-made in an online video that she posted online after which several viewers are impressed with her knowledge and skill set.

She asserted that this AI-based application has the capability to evaluate various parameters. The specifications include light and colour intensity, distance and look-up points in order to track down the eyes.

It scans the human eyes within the available range of the frame and this is possible through the "advanced computer vision and machine learning" used in this model's design.

Features of 'Ogler EyeScan App'

Leena Rafeeq explains her exceptional achievement and said that the Ogler EyeScan App can also identify any light burst issues. Additionally, this app will first check the eye positioning inside the scanner frame and after that through advanced technological scanning procedures, it can identify some of the common eye problems.

Built with Machine Learning Algorithms and Computer Vision Systems, eye conditions like Arcus, Melanoma, Pterygium and Cataracts can be checked however 70% accurate results have been recognized till now.

How AI App is developed?

Ms Rafeeq told that this smart technology app was developed natively with high-level programming developer 'SwiftUI' without the involvement of any third-party libraries or packages. She also reveals that she dedicated herself for almost six months to conducting research and development to come up with this initiative.

Along with this, she continued her learning about different eye conditions, computer vision, algorithms, machine learning models and other advanced levels of Apple iOS development which involves sensors data, AR, CreateML, CoreML and many such tools.

It is notable that the Ogler EyeScan is supported solely in iPhone 10 or Apple phones with iOS above 16. The app is under review on the App Store and this young girl hopes that her model gets listed soon.

Appraisal of her Project

This young Kerala girl leaves many flabbergasted by the invention of such a little girl. People congratulated her as she attains this level at this age. A user commented that this is a pretty good example of how AI can be effectively used in the health sector.

Another goes on to say that this is such an amazing creation and wished her good luck with her future endeavours. They all wished her positive reviews on her app. Ms Rafeeq responded that the model accuracy is "almost 70 per cent".

However, she is handling some difficulties with the presence of glare and burst from lights caused by the distance required for capturing scans through the phone device. She has implemented metrics and detection for light-related issues so that the users will be able to re-scan. Her current focus is on training more elegant models. As soon as Ogler is accepted by the Appstore, she will be releasing an update in the software.

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Pakistan-origin Humza Yousaf wins SNP (Scottish National Party) Leadership Elections with 24,336 votes. He is the first Muslim to become the youngest chief of the country. The election results were announced on March 27, 2023 (Monday) after tough rounds that revealed party divisions among the members considering the policy and independence campaigns.

Congratulations to [@HumzaYousaf](#), elected as the new leader of the SNP and Scotland's next First Minister.

Together, let's get on with building a better Scotland. [#SNPLeadership23](#)
pic.twitter.com/6jw1zTBsGP

— The SNP (@theSNP) [March 27, 2023](#)

This 37-year-old descendant of Pakistani immigrants managed to get 52.1% of the votes in the second round. Nicola Ferguson Sturgeon was subsequently replaced by Humza Yousaf to designate as the Head of the governing Scottish National Party (SNP).

The voting sessions for a Leadership role in Scotland's largest political party took place between February and March of 2023. Yousaf wins the approval vote of the Scottish Parliament.

Who is Humza Yousaf?

Humza Yousaf who won the race is now the First Minister Delegate of Scotland and his tenure begins in March 2023. He previously carried out many community works in charity fundraising and youth organisations. He defeated Kate Forbes by a close mark in the second round of the 2023 elections.

Humza raised his righteous voice to attain consistent support for the independence movement.

He further said that with support and unity, he knows how to get things to work. In his speech, he highlighted his own cultural background.

This youngest Muslim man was born in Glasgow to a couple who belong to different ethnicities and nationalities. His father was from Pakistan while his mother hails from Kenya. He sets these examples and stressed inclusive, socially liberal and multi-ethnic Scotland.

He first united with the Scottish National Party in the year 2005 and he got influenced by anti-war activists. In the 2021 parliamentary elections, he was selected as the MSP in the Glasgow Pollok Constituency. Now in March 2023, he is the first person of colour to assume the leadership post at the Murrayfield Stadium event where he assured to administer as per everyone's interests.

Humza Yousaf's Leadership Goals

Belonging to a cultural minority group, Humza Yousaf who is about to lead the government of Western Europe vowed to rebuild independence in Scotland. Nicola Sturgeon declared her resignation from the head role at SNP on February 15.

Elected as leader of [@theSNP](#) is the biggest honour of my life. If Parliament votes for me as FM tomorrow, it is my solemn commitment to serve all the people of Scotland.

For now, after a long day I have promised a very sleepy 3yr old I will be telling her tonight's bed time story.

— Humza Yousaf (@HumzaYousaf) [March 27, 2023](#)

Talking about his futuristic goal, Humza tells that he would now be completely focused on halting the cost of everyday essential items. Moreover, the aim is to finish the political divisions among party members and lastly, he promised to reestablish independence across the nation.

Once the results were declared, he spoke in Edinburgh about the current crisis in Scotland. He proclaimed that the country's populace people of Scotland are in urgent need of independence and this will be granted to them in the coming times.

The SNP leadership election result is in - [@HumzaYousaf](#) is elected the new leader in the second round, with 48.2% on first preferences.

The total number of valid votes received was 50,494 - a turnout of 70%. [#SNPLeadership23](#)
pic.twitter.com/PuVkiYXFR8

— The SNP (@theSNP) [March 27, 2023](#)

Briefing on 2023 SNP Leadership Elections

According to the voting results, 48,645 votes were recorded in computerized format, whereas 1,849 were received through post. Also, there were reportedly 3 ballot paper rejections.

The final vote came out to be 52.1 % of votes and Humza was rightly chosen for the Scottish Next National Party Leadership. The total members' attendance turned out to be 70 %.

[@HumzaYousaf](#) won the leadership election with 52.1% of the votes in the second round, with [@KateForbes](#) on 47.9%.

See the full breakdown of the election result here: <https://t.co/A3XxGbLrH7#SNPLeadership23>
pic.twitter.com/rneY7jZ3rE

— The SNP (@theSNP) [March 27, 2023](#)

Societal Quandaries

The harmony between members of the Scotland National Party (SNP) seems to have collapsed after certain conflicts arise regarding independence. This was one of the major string points of SNP which also talks about social reforms for instance transgender rights.

While Humza Yousaf joined the party with his paramount political goals involving the end of Scotland's lengthy association of 3 years with the UK's other constituent country England. In addition to this, his forerunner abdicated herself from the lead role. This happened after UK's apex body occluded Scotland's independence vote.

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Ashwini Vaishnaw introduced India's first-ever Quantum Tele Communication Network Link

The Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics and IT, Ashwini Vaishnaw announced India's first quantum-secured telecom network. This communication link is now functional in the national capital of India i.e. Delhi.

"Today Quantum is the new frontier of telecom technology for security purposes."

- At the First International Quantum Communication Conclave. pic.twitter.com/rDRK7yIQgW

— Ashwini Vaishnaw (@AshwiniVaishnaw) [March 27, 2023](#)

On March 27, 2023, the Minister held the inauguration of an expo of quantum computing firms. They were invited in order to display pilot projects for the areas of Communications Networks and Indian Railways.

Mr Vaishnaw addressed the International Conclave and stated that the quantum communication link is now workable between Sanchar Bhawan and the National Informatics Centre office situated in CGO Complex, Delhi.

Reward for Technophiles

At the global conference, the Telecom Ministry invited legal hackers to break this highly secured system of quantum communications. Also, upon doing so the government will grant a cash prize worth Rs 10 lakhs.

It was further added that a hackathon will be initiated which is a challenging round for any tech geek who cracks this strongly built link. The structure has been developed by the C-DoT technology centre. As per the reports, Rs 10 lakhs per break is the amount decided to award the ethical hacker.

New AI Chatbot Tool

IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw made a big announcement recently as ChatGPT is popularizing around the world. He indicated that soon India will be having its latest developed conversational Artificial Technology (AI) tools.

At the Indian Global Forum Event, he said that the government will be coming with a big surprise in the next coming weeks. This new tool will be designed by San Francisco AI Company.

Some of its disclosed features include accurate answers to asked questions, creating speeches, scripts, song lyrics, marketing materials and also research paper abstracts.

Global Chatbot Market Predictions

After this Indian version of ChatGPT was declared by the Ministry of Information & Technology, the startup community discussions were also rolled out. By 2030, the world chatbot market size is expected to raise up to \$3.99 billion.

Moreover, the fast-growing tech giants such as Google, OpenAI and even Snapchat have already started AI-powered entities and more such leading technology development platforms are planning to build and present their self-made versions of the ever-advancing communicational robots.

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The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) released the Annual Player Contracts list on March 26, 2023 (Sunday). The payment contracts are selected for Senior Men in Team India for the season 2022-23.

The contract structure has been revised and this was proposed by BCCI during the Apex Council meeting held in December 2022. However, the meeting got delayed at that time as the new selection committee had to take charge. The contracts evaluate the retainer fee set up for the players.

NEWS - BCCI announces annual player retainership 2022-23 - Team India (Senior Men).

More details here - [#TeamIndia](https://t.co/kjK4KxoDdK)

— BCCI (@BCCI) [March 26, 2023](#)

Contracts List Grouping

According to the official information, there are 4 groups in the contracts list of BCCI for a period starting from October 2022 up to September 2023. These payment structures are as follows.

- Grade A+ Players - INR 7 crore
- Grade A Players - INR 5 crore
- Grade B Players - INR 3 crore
- Grade C Players - INR 1 crore

Contract List Updates

The most evident change in the BCCI's Contract List of 2022-23 was the promotion of Ravindra Jadeja to the A+ Grade. He has now been given the position next to the Indian Team's Captain

Rohit Sharma. Also, Ravindra comes besides Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah as stated in the list.

Jadeja has consistently shown stellar performance for the Indian Cricket Team. He is considered a worthy and laudable candidate and hence chosen for promotion. The A+ Category is the topmost retainer fee category in the entire contract list of BCCI.

Hardik Pandya who got Grade A was recently appointed as the new Vice Captain of ODI (One Day International). He was also promoted from the previous allotment of Grade B to Grade A as in the contract list. He is now entitled to receive INR 5 crores as a retainer fee. While Shubman Gill and Suryakumar Yadav have also escalated to the above grades moving from reportedly Grade C to Grade B.

Along with this, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Ishant Sharma, Hanuma Vihari, as well as Ajinkya Rahane, have lost their players' central contracts in the due course of time. The decision was made keeping in view of their recent performances, which have been disappointing.

Players such as Arshdeep Singh, Ishan Kishan KS Bharat, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Shardul Thakur and Deepak Hooda were present in Grade C and will receive the lowest INR 1 crore.

Annual Player Contracts Team India Distribution

In this 2022-23 season list, some players lost their central contracts and others were still there somehow but with lower grades. Given below is the entire distribution format that has been adopted in the allocation for India Men's Cricketers.

GRADES	PAYMENT STRUCTURES	NAME OF THE PLAYER
Grade A+	INR 7 crore	1. Rohit Sharma 2. Virat Kohli 3. Jasprit Bumrah 4. Ravindra Jadeja
Grade A	INR 5 crore	1. Hardik Pandya 2. Akshar Patel 3. Ravichandran Ashwin 4. Mohammad Shami 5. Rishabh Pant
Grade B	INR 3 crore	1. Cheteshwar Pujara 2. KL Rahul

Grade C INR 1 crore

3. Shreyas Iyer
4. Suryakumar Yadav
5. Shubman Gill
6. Mohammed Siraj
1. Umesh Yadav
2. Shikhar Dhawan
3. Shardul Thakur
4. Ishan Kishan
5. Deepak Hooda
6. Yuzvendra Chahal
7. Kuldeep Yadav
8. Washington Sundar
9. Sanju Samson
10. Arshdeep Singh
11. KS Bharat.

These new contracts for the Indian cricket team highlight the recent performances of the players. BCCI makes this positive move to promote deserving players. Also, it is intended to motivate them so that they continue to perform well. It is an opportunity for the players to earn a considerable amount of income and improve their financial stability.

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On March 27, 2023, First Citizens Bank made a declaration that this US giant has obtained all the deposits and loans of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB). First Citizens Bank, a subordinate of First Citizen BancShares, Inc. collaborated with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in order to buy all loans, assets, customer deposits and various liabilities of Silicon Valley Bridge Bank, National Association.

First Citizens Bank acquires Silicon Valley Bridge Bank, N.A. This transaction supports Silicon Valley Bank depositors and borrowers, and it helps strengthen the U.S. banking system and economy. <https://t.co/aguYXmnNxB> pic.twitter.com/nYIN0T6f8b

— First Citizens Bank (@firstcitizens) [March 27, 2023](#)

This deal has been made to support depositors and borrowers of Silicon Valley Bank. The transaction is about acquiring most of the businesses including loss share coverage. First Citizens was asked to finalize the transaction through a challenging bidding process.

Frank B. Holding, the Jr Chairman and CEO of First Citizens stated that First Citizens is widely renowned for its financial strength, exceptional customer service and wise lending for over 125 years.

Transaction Details

The purchasing deal is of \$119 billion of deposits while \$72 billion are loans which have been done at a discount of \$16.5 billion. The offer was put forward immediately after SVB collapsed significantly. Silicon Valley Bridge Bank, National Association carries a total of \$167 billion of assets and deposits are worth \$119 billion according to March 10, 2023.

The Federal Reserve data reveals that First Citizens was regarded as the 30th largest

commercial bank in the United States in terms of its assets at the end of 2022. Moreover, First Citizens Bancshares, Inc. is titled one of the giants across the country. This financial institution is headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina, US.

About First Citizens Bank

The bank has over 500 branches that are placed across 22 US states. The company becomes one of the biggest investors that have bought failed US lenders. It has acquired more than 35 banks in the US since 1971.

Talking about the accumulation of assets, First Citizens holds \$109 billion in assets whereas \$89.4 billion are the total amount of deposits. Last year, First Citizens was the 30th largest commercial bank in the US as per assets. In 2022, it superseded CIT Group Inc. in a deal which was made at a value of about \$2 billion.

Banking Operations

It was announced that there will be no change to customers' current bank accounts and they can continue to retrieve their accounts as they used to do earlier. This will be done through customers' current websites, mobile apps and branch locations.

Align with this, access will be similar to what was provided earlier like they can check and use cards and will still have ATMs and other online facilities to reach their accounts. Loan customers are also advised to continue making loan payments as usual. Customers will receive notifications of all future account changes in advance.

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India shines at the 13th edition of the IBA Women's World Boxing Championship 2023 held in New Delhi. The competition concluded with 4 female winners who nailed to grab the gold medals in different categories.

India's leading pugilists include Saweety Boora, Nitu Ghanghas, Nikhat Zareen and Lovlina Borgohain respectively. They topped the show in their sessions and with this, India made the greatest victory in the history of boxing competitions. For the second time, this ground-breaking record has been achieved as the 2006 event was also a powerful performance.

Now, this time it was a roaring success for the nation in the 13th edition of the Women's World Boxing Championship 2023 organised by the International Boxing Association (IBA). The tournament was scheduled between March 15 to March 26, 2023.

Another Gold for India as [@saweetyboora](#) becomes the 7th Indian boxer to win a world championship title in the 81kg category at the IBA Women's Boxing Championships 2023!

Their success with Gold will inspire generations. India is proud of them.

pic.twitter.com/qFONUsrnnK

— Dr. Bharati Lavekar (@LavekarBharati) [March 26, 2023](#)

Winning Streaks for India

Ace India Boxer Nitu Ghanghas becomes the first one to have been honoured with the gold medal on March 25, 2023 (Saturday). It was further followed by the rest of the three who established their names in history. Nitu is also a gold medal winner of the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Almost an hour after Nitu's achievements, Saweety Boora conquered another gold to India's list.

India's win was extended by Nikhat Zareen along with Tokyo Olympic bronze medallist Lovlina who also fetched gold medals in their respective rounds. Additionally, all these professionals have been bestowed with cash prizes worth Rs 82.7 lakhs (\$100,000) each for becoming World Champions.

India's 'Fab Four' at World Boxing Competition 2023

Our World Champion! pic.twitter.com/7N7VFO3l80

— IBA (@IBA_Boxing) [March 25, 2023](#)

Nitu Ghanghas - 48 kg Category

Commonwealth Games Winner Nitu Ghanghas got the first gold medal for India at the World Boxing Tournament. She secured the top position after striking Mongolia's Lutsaikhan Altantsetseg in the 45-48 kg category finals. Nitu began the opening round and kept her upper-hand attack throughout the initial 3 minutes.

Knockout performance

Kudos to Nitu Ghanghas for bagging in the Women's Boxing World Championship. Truly inspirational! pic.twitter.com/RNUkWsdRCn

— Piyush Goyal (@PiyushGoyal) [March 25, 2023](#)

Altantsetseg is a two-time Asian Championships bronze medalist who takes back control as the action further progressed. However, Nitu maintained her posture to seal a dominating win over the Mongolian boxer.

Saweety Boora - 81 kg Category

Saweety won the gold medal in the 75-81 kg category in the final match performed against China's Wang Lina. Saweety wins gold by a split decision of 4-3. She made it to the silver medal 9

years ago and this time this 30-year-old hailing from Haryana made complete efforts to win the gold.

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Saweety Boora pic.twitter.com/ot8HGW4zzf

— IBA (@IBA_Boxing) [March 25, 2023](#)

While competing, Saweety faced an impressive and difficult beat against Wang but she showed her talent of high technical ability and strength in order to surpass her opponent in the closely contested bout.

Nikhat Zareen - 50 kg Category

Nikhat Zareen marked a stellar show in competence with Vietnam's Nguyen Thi Tam to win her second World Championship gold. Nikhat is a previous gold winner in the 52 kg category. This time, she got highlighted in the 48-50 kg weight category in the 2023 13th edition. Thi Tam is the first Vietnamese boxer to have attained the final level in the World Championship 2023.

Our first

Congratulations, Nikhat Zareen pic.twitter.com/4asS7Mu3Ye

— IBA (@IBA_Boxing) [March 26, 2023](#)

Nikhat set forth the bout against the two-time Asian champion and at last finalised her place in the top category through her accurate punching techniques and also deploying her quick feet to counterattack. Nikhat has been a 2022 Commonwealth Games gold medallist and she once again carried on her rein throughout the finals.

Lovlina Borgohain - 75 kg Category

Newly crowned world champion Lovlina after scripting history @AjaySingh_SG I
@debojo_m#itshertime #WorldChampionships #WWCHDelhi @Media_SAI @anandmahindra
@IBA_Boxing @Mahindra_Auto @MahindraRise @NehaAnandBrahma @LovlinaBorgohai
pic.twitter.com/iggUkRbEpz

— Boxing Federation (@BFI_official) [March 26, 2023](#)

Tokyo Olympic bronze medalist Lovlina Borgohain marked her win over Australia's Caitlin Anne Parker by a 5-2 split. This is India's fourth and final gold at the competition. She exhibited a gallant show in the 70-75kg category. This is her first gold medal at the competition after she made a glorious show by acquiring bronze in the 2018 and 2019 editions.

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Congratulations, Lovlina Borgohain pic.twitter.com/w4e5pqqVAo

— IBA (@IBA_Boxing) [March 26, 2023](#)

Extremely happy to win my third medal at the World Boxing Championship. After winning two Bronze medals in a row, I am happy to convert the colour of my medal to Gold this year.

I am grateful to everyone who has been a part of this beautiful journey.

Continued.... pic.twitter.com/VTX3Efa211

— Lovlina Borgohain (@LovlinaBorgohai) [March 27, 2023](#)

In the first round, she beat her opponent by a 3-2 margin. Ultimately, using her experience and supreme technical ability, she outpunched her opponent and add another feather to her cap with her 3rd time Worlds medal.

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ISRO's big rocket LVM3 took off early morning today i.e. March 26, 2023 (Sunday). The launch was initiated at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The Launch Vehicle Mark-III (LVM3) placed a total of 36 satellites.

Press release pic.twitter.com/fkeAfzZpB9

— ISRO (@isro) [March 26, 2023](#)

Moreover, these spacecraft align with India-2 Mission owned by UK-based OneWeb Group. The production has integrated 36 satellites that were successfully executed by the space station into orbit. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is the fast-growing and India's leading space technology centre that carries out multiple missions.

ISRO's Mission

The vehicle is meant to cover a 450 km circular orbit with a propensity of 87.4 degrees. As its 6th victorious flight in a row, this second commercial launch of the LVM3 rocket was instigated on Saturday. This 43.5 metre-tall rocket giant left the ground at 9 am sharp.

The 36 first-generation satellites measures around 5,805 kg. This will be allocated in a 450 km circular orbit, announced by ISRO. The LVM-III will be installing 36 satellites of the UK-based OneWeb Network Access Associated Ltd that are sent to the Low Earth Orbit (LEO) today morning. The purpose includes Commercial Use as Low Earth Orbit is placed nearer to Earth which is for further communication, observation and appropriate transportation.

OneWeb Company's Deal with ISRO

The OneWeb Group Company collaborated with ISRO's commercial agency NewSpace India Ltd.

This signed agreement took place with the aim of launching 72 satellites into Low Earth Orbit (LEO).

The first-ever collaboration between the two organisations took place in October 2022 for vehicle disposal in the space trajectory. Now this year it created history as ISRO sets off 36 satellites of OneWeb.

[#OneWebLaunch18](#) is a success!

Our team has contacted all 36 satellites launched this morning, meaning we have now launched all the satellites required for global coverage

Find out more about the mission - and what it means for global connectivity - on our website:

— OneWeb (@OneWeb) [March 26, 2023](#)

About OneWeb

OneWeb which provides satellite internet services is headquartered in London, UK. It is an international communication network founded by Greg Wyler. Its very first satellites were launched back in the year 2019.

The objective of this institution is to build connectivity for various governments and businesses around the globe.

Gen1 Satellites

As per the official information, Bharti Enterprises is a major investor of the OneWeb Company. It has concluded the first generation of the LEO constellation with its remarkably 18th launch and third to be reported this year in 2023. After SSLV-D2/EOS07 mission that took place in February, the OneWeb India-2 Mission is ISRO's 2nd successful operation that was undertaken recently.

On March 26 (Sunday) the Rocket LVM3 quest is considered the 6th flight so far. Earlier, it was known as Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle MkIII (GSLVMkIII). There were five consecutive missions that involves the Chandrayaan-2 Lunar Exploration that happened a few

years ago.

OneWeb Launch 18

OneWeb stated that designating the addition of 36 satellites to OneWeb's plan and the accomplishment of the global LEO marks a significant milestone. Also, the company highlighted that the 'pivotal' mission of OneWeb Launch 18 is to be continued further.

World's second-biggest satellite operator OneWeb proposed that through this mission, global services will be activated in 2023. 17 launches have already been completed and with this 36 satellites launch, the overall goal will reach to 616 satellites in orbit.

This was done with staff workers at ISRO and NewSpace India Ltd who managed to function the rocket on March 26, 2023.

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On March 23, 2023 (Thursday) Hockey India, the main executing body of the Hockey game has been honoured with the 'Best Organizer Award' by the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF). This regulating body is greeted for their successful implementation of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023.

The Hockey Men's World Cup was held in January 2023. The hosting country was Bhubaneswar-Rourkela. This Best Organizer Award has been received by Hockey India Secretary General Bhola Nath Singh during the AHF Congress which was reportedly held in Mungyeong, Korea.

The Asian Hockey Federation awarded Hockey India with the Best Organising Nation Award for conducting the memorable FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar Rourkela where teams performed in world class stadiums across 2 venues in front of packed capacity crowds. pic.twitter.com/50nQAC8eMm

— Hockey India (@TheHockeyIndia) [March 23, 2023](#)

Hockey Men's World Cup 2023

The famous event of FIH Hockey World Cup event which has a total of 16 teams from across the world was held in top-notch venues. While the locations were Bhubaneswar and Rourkela, the Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar has an earlier history of hosting the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2018.

Moreover, the newly-constructed Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela enchanted the hockey club as it was the only spacious hockey stadium in the world. The Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium features an Olympic-style Hockey Village which has the capacity to hold the participating teams. This gave the spectators an experience quite similar to that of the Games Village at multi-discipline sporting events including the Olympic Games or the Commonwealth Games and Asian

Games.

Hockey Tournament Highlights

Besides the exemplary planning and execution of the field action providing universal standards that were carefully taken up by the committee. Hockey India offered the best facilities for athletes. The tournament was successfully hosted by the conducting teams and with the unparalleled support of the Odisha State Government.

A number of fan-related activities as well as events were organized including a star-studded opening or inaugural ceremony with performances by Bollywood hit personalities Ranveer Singh, Disha Patani and worldwide known K-Pop band Blackswan. They all created the hockey carnivals even more appealing and worth memorizing for international hockey fans who came all the way from different parts of the world to Odisha.

The tournament charm Olly was spotted with Olly's Land, a fan zone created within the two-stadium combined premises. All this became a centre of attraction for thousands of viewers who flooded the stadium to capture and enjoy the magnificent hockey tournament. This further promoted awareness about the Olive Ridley Turtles.

Hockey India's Laborious Pursuits

Padma Shri Dr Dilip Tirkey, President of Hockey India expressed on the occasion by saying that they are immensely grateful for this incredible recognition granted by the Asian Hockey Federation. Also, a World Cup is always considered a very special moment. He further announced that their top priority was to make sure that the event results out to be an unforgettable and significant experience for the public and everyone else who attended it including the participating hockey teams.

He also extended his thankful comments to all the stakeholders and multiple people who worked together to make this event an extravaganza, conveyed the jubilant Dr Tirkey. Bhola Nath Singh, Secretary General of Hockey India after receiving the award said that this is a proud day in the history of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023. The award is a reminder of the dedication that the whole team put together comprising the staff of Hockey India who gave their 24-hour service for the smooth functioning of the event.

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Director-Writer Pradeep Sarkar Departs from Life at 68, 'Parineeta' & 'Mardaani' in the list of his Best Works

Bollywood Director and Film Writer Pradeep Sarkar left for his heavenly abode at the age of 68 today i.e. March 23, 2023. His demise news came in the morning when at 3:30 am he was rushed to the Lilavati Hospital located at Bandra, Mumbai.

The reports have come that his funeral ceremony will be held at a crematory ground in Santacruz at 4 pm today. The 2005 movie 'Parineeta' and 'Mardaani' (2014) are among the top famous films that he created during his career.

Late Director Pradeep was admired by all and was regarded as 'Dada' by many among his friend circle as well as co-workers in the Film Industry. In his fellowship, he was praised for his extravagant works.

Multiple Career Roles

Pradeep Sarkar started his career with Vinod Chopra Productions, a firm owned and run by Vidhu Vinod Chopra. This production house marks the first step of his budding career. To highlight his roles, he fulfilled his duties and pursued his dreams as a writer, producer, and director in the area of films, music videos, web series and advertisements.

In the Film Fraternity, he stood for several decades. Mr Pradeep completed his graduation with flying colours as he bagged a gold medal from Delhi College of Art in 1979. Moreover, he made his fame titled as the country's most prolific ad-film maker. Parineeta which was released in 2005 was his debut film.

This classical movie Praineeta received critical acclamation along with wide acceptance and love from the audience. He carried out several other projects that added another feather to his hat.

Some of His Best Known Works

- Munna Bhai M.B.B.S. (2003)
- Parineeta (2005)

- Laaga Chunari Mein Daag (2007)
- Eklavya: The Royal Guard (2007)
- Lafangey Parindey (2010)
- Mardaani (2014)
- Helicopter Eela (2018)

The award-winning film Parineeta starring Vidya Balan, Saif Ali Khan and Sanjay Dutt is a romantic adaptation directed by Pradeep Sarkar. The revolves around a complex dramatical setting and was adapted from Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay's 1914 Bengali novella with the same title.

Director Pradeep Sarkar won the 'Best Debut Film' award as the movie showcases a unique melody and story. Then after this, the Mardaani film features Rani Mukerji in the lead role proving to be a super hit. It rocked the cinemas as it structured societal norms and women's status. It was praised for its natural setting and portrayals of the characters. In Munna Bhai M.B.B.S. Pradeep Sarkar acted as an editor. Lafangey Parindey is another movie in the list of his achievements that had Deepika Padukone and Neil Nitin Mukesh as actors.

Pradeep Sarkar's as Music Video Director

Pradeep Sarkar reinvented the history of music videos shot across India. Through his work for the band Euphoria, he showed his abundant talent. From top sellers such as Dhoom Pichak Dhoom to the soulful Maeri, Pradeep Sarkar's unison with the band resulted in elevating music and the age of the visual revived by him.

His Last Work

Talking about his last contributions, a web series named 'Duranga' available on the ZEE5 OTT Platform is a 2022 thriller. This is a murder mystery and with its release, it showed the director's move towards a new era.

The series has Gulshan Devaiah and Drashti Dhami among the star cast and is a gripping tale directed by Pradeep Sarkar.

Director Hansal Mehta extended his heartfelt condolences to Pradeep Sarkar in a tweet posted by him.

Pradeep Sarkar. Dada. RIP. pic.twitter.com/htxK4PiTLN

— Hansal Mehta (@mehtahansal) [March 24, 2023](#)

While Kajol's husband Ajay Devgan takes it to the Twitter handle to share his emotions. Drishyam-2 famed Ajay Devgan wrote that his prayers are always with him and his family. He calls him Dada and further says that his demise news is hard to hear.

The news of Pradeep Sarkar's demise, 'Dada' to some of us is still hard to digest. My deepest condolences . My prayers are with the departed and his family. RIP Dada

— Ajay Devgn (@ajaydevgn) [March 24, 2023](#)

Lyricist, Singer and multitalented Swanand Kirkire also wrote that Dada's passion for cinema will continue to reflect in his works. He informs the public that Pradeep was his closest friend and wished peace and heaven to his soul.

Film maker and dearest friend Pradeep Sarkar the mad man left us this morning . Rest in peace Dada your passion for the art of cinema will stay in your works ! Duniya bhar ki mitti ikatthi karte the ab jannat ki mitti dibiya mein bharna .Thank you for loving me and my words

— Swanand Kirkire (@swanandkirkire) [March 24, 2023](#)

Many others wrote in his remembrance and acknowledged his extraordinary works which will stay in everyone's hearts.

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Google Doodle globally celebrates today i.e. March 23, 2023, as the Birth Anniversary of the daring Female Stuntwoman Kitty O'Neil. This woman has once been rewarded the title of the "Fastest Woman in the World". She is an exemplary example of valour and diligence.

Today (Friday) marks the ceremony in order to commemorate her as one of the great women achievers on Earth. Her life has not been easy however she successfully faced the hardships with her courageous attitude and gained name and fame through her incessant efforts.

How Google Doodle shows Reverence to Superwoman?

Remembering the 77th Birthday of Kitty O'Neil, Google saluted her by presenting a pictorial representation of this dauntless vehicle driver in uniform. She was deaf since her early childhood days due to some illness. But that did not come in her way of achieving success.

Google pays tribute to various victorious identities of the world. And today the day is contributed to Kitty O'Neil who has made record-breaking stunts throughout her life.

#DYK the fastest woman in the world was also deaf since birth? She jumped at every chance to perform stunts...literally!

Learn more about legendary American daredevil Kitty O'Neil in today's [#GoogleDoodle](#), illustrated by guest artist Meeya Tjiang <https://t.co/UngnBggFec> pic.twitter.com/4WS3W3eXsm

— Google Doodles (@GoogleDoodles) [March 24, 2023](#)

Who designed Kitty O'Neil's Doodle?

US-based deaf guest artist Meeya Tjiang wonderfully depicted the illustrious life of Kitty O'Neil by

setting her as bold and optimistic giving a background of a rocket-powered car in the picture.

This Doodle is engrossing and inspiring for the whole women's community and serves as an inspirational model for the world.

Life Full of Visions & Missions

Born as the daughter of a US Army Officer, Kitty O'Neil was impaired since she was a few months old. Her birth in 1946 in Texas now completes 77 years in 2023. She lost her hearing abilities in her infancy and suffered from several childhood diseases.

Later on, even as an adult, she caught more illnesses. She has her name embarked in the Guinness World Book of Records as the "Fastest Land Speed Record (Female)". Her physical disabilities were never a barricade in her journey towards realizing her dream goals.

She learned and acquired different communication skill sets. She has lived a positive life inside her mind and always saw her deafness as an asset, as told by Google. She did not for a second thought of it as a weakness and this mindset opened the doors of success for her.

Kitty O'Neil's Passions

Kitty O'Neil has an ardent desire to dive and she faced a wrist injury and illness in her endeavour of diving. That affected her career but she remained determined as she wanted to become a professional athlete.

She practised some adventurous high-speed sports for instance water skiing and motorcycle racing. In addition to this, she performed the acts of valour such as falling from frightening heights while being set on fire.

She is known for her remarkable stunts and this made her career as a stunt double in Hollywood. Having performed various feats on big screens in the 1970s while also racing motorbikes, she was featured in The Bionic Woman (1976), and Wonder Woman (1977-1979).

Widely acclaimed as the first woman to join Stunts Unlimited, an organisation having Hollywood's top stunt performers, Google shares her journey today in the Doodle art. This great soul departed in 2018.

Guinness World Records

Talking about her records, she made a record by almost 200 mph at 512.76 miles an hour. Though she was unable to beat the Men's record, in her attempts and performances, she surpassed all. A 1979 film was also made on her life which is called "Silent Victory: The Kitty O'Neil Story".

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The schedule for the Indian Premier League (IPL) tournament reveals that the cricket matches are about to begin next week i.e. March 31, 2023. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced a new set of rules for the players.

As per the revised rulebook for this season, the captains of both teams will be able to select teams of 11 players after the toss. This option was also brought up in the recently concluded SAT20 series of 2023.

A report was published by ESPNCricinfo which stated that the captain of the team will walk with two different team sheets. Moreover, the captain will have the responsibility to hand over their final XI after the tossing results regarding their first batting or bowling which is different from exchanging team sheets before the toss.

BCCI Updates

The cricket's regulating body BCCI proposed that this new rule adjustment would give allowance to teams so that they can select their best XIs. This will only be done after they get to know whether they have to do batting or bowling initially with the appropriate impact player included, as declared by IPL.

The sign from the umpire for Impact player rule in IPL. (: The Indian Express)

pic.twitter.com/mshQIsdspi

— Johns. (@CricCrazyJohns) [March 22, 2023](#)

IPL released an official statement in which it gave entire details about the countless modifications to playing conditions. Till now, the rule was that the captains had to exchange the team lists before the toss. The Cricket Board has now updated this rule and this will be in action from 2023

matches.

The exchange of teams will happen immediately after the toss in order to empower teams to let them choose the best 11 players depending on the toss that will be made. Moreover, ESPNcricinfo noted that it will help the teams to plan for the doer or influential player.

Impact Player Rule

The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2023 season will begin next week and there are extremely positive hopes prior to the tournament. The public is excitedly sharing various perspectives and predictions from several parts of the country. Additionally, new and innovative rules are all set to be implemented in this year's edition.

There are many other innovations including the allowance for teams to go for the Decision Review System (DRS) even for Wides and No Balls. This might help eliminate blunders. The Impact Player Rule has captivated fans.

As per the rule, it will have a captain listing four substitute players along with the playing 11 at the toss. The opening ceremony will be on March 31, 2023, starting at 7:30 pm. Match tickets are already sold out. Over one lakh people are expected to mark their presence at the thrilling session.

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Mukesh Ambani, India's leading business leader who chairs Reliance Industries, is the only Indian to emerge as the richest man among the M3M Hurun Global Rich List 2023. India has a total of 187 billionaires and 16 new additions are there to the list.

India remains the third largest nation in the world to be the abode of billionaires as the total world index can rise up to 217 when adding the Indian-born billionaires. The Hurun Global Rich List 2023 was published on March 21, 2023 (Tuesday).

Chairman and Managing Director of Reliance Mukesh Ambani is the only one from India makes it in the global richest list in 2023. He comes at the 9th position with a net worth of US\$82 billion as per the survey.

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Asia's Richest Man

The 65-year-old Indian Industrialist was once honoured with being the richest man in Asia and he has kept this title for the 3rd consecutive year. Mukesh Ambani is also widely regarded as the richest telecom entrepreneur in the 2023 M3M Hurun Global Rich List which flourished on the internet a couple of days ago.

In the meanwhile, the founder of Adani Group, Gautam Adani has been on the decline. He recently fell out of the list of the world's top 20 richest people. He is at a deficit of \$12 billion and is no longer the recipient of the title of Asia's richest man. He used to be one of the oldest

billionaires however surpassed by Ambani, he loses this rank.

US-based Hindenburg Research

It has been witnessed lately that Gautam Adani's net worth has dropped after a scornful report was released. This report was prepared by the Hindenburg Research firm located in the New York City of US.

In January, it came to light that Adani's assets are down by 60% from his peak. However, Adani was the world's second richest person prior to the report. Gautam Adani is reported to have lost Rs 3,000 crore every week in the last year. Additionally, he missed his spot among 11 places in this year's ranking but still remains the third-richest energy entrepreneur in the rich list of 2023.

Get ready to discover who reigns supreme on the 2023 M3M Hurun Global Rich List - the ultimate ranking of the wealthiest individuals in the world - 12th edition is now live! Check out the full report now, exclusively available on <https://t.co/vrDXJx019Y>. pic.twitter.com/ZcbX2PrnIG

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India at 3rd in Global Billionaire Population

In the total billionaire index, India comes on the third level in the 2023 M3M Hurun Global Rich List just below the US and China. Billionaires in India have suffered failures and this year came at 187 from last year's 215.

Also, it has been revealed that the crowded city of Mumbai comprises 66 Indian billionaires which are further followed by New Delhi with 39 and Bengaluru with 21. The report highlighted that the wealthiest personalities of India are on the 2023 global rich list in the past few years. These people were able to accumulate approximately \$361 billion in total opulence which is almost equivalent to Hong Kong's GDP. Among the billionaires who have added \$1 billion over last year, India acquired 6th rank in the 2023 M3M Hurun Global Rich List.

In addition to this, the rich cultural country India topped the competitor's list of wealth drainage. The report also claims that powerful and economically stable countries such as China and USA had 178 and 123 billionaires respectively as they lost over \$1 billion. Then India was left with 41

billionaires after losing multi-billion dollars in the M3M Hurun Global Rich List 2023.

Billionaire Ranking Trends

The Hurun Global Report unveils that there has been a loss of about 5 billionaires on Earth almost every week in 2022 due to the economic fallout. Pankaj Bansal, Director of M3M India commented that it is expected that by the end of the decade, India's GDP will reach a point of stability and this marks a crucial point in the history of mankind.

Anas Rahman Junaid, MD and Chief Researcher at Hurun India stated that M3M Hurun Global Rich List 2023 analyses the current scenario of the world's economy from the contributions of the wealthiest on the planet.

Who won in the Billionaires Index of 2023?

The French Aristocrat Bernard Arnault is titled the world's richest man in 2023. According to the Hurun Global Rich List 2023, this multi-billionaire founder of the leading conglomerate LVMH (Hennessey Louis Vuitton) holds a net worth of US\$202 billion.

He is in charge of the LVMH empire which includes 70 fashion and cosmetic brands. Some of these brands are the world-renowned Louis Vuitton and Sephora.

Hurun Global Rich List 2023

Rank	Contemporary Billionaires	Net Worth	Owned Businesses
1.	Bernard Arnault	US\$ 202 Billion	LVMH
2.	Elon Musk	US\$ 157 Billion	Tesla
3.	Bertrand Puech	US\$ 134 Billion	Hermes
4.	Jeff Bezos	US\$ 118 Billion	Amazon
5.	Warren Buffett	US\$ 116 Billion	Berkshire Hathaway
6.	Bill Gates	US\$ 110 Billion	Microsoft
7.	Steve Ballmer	US\$ 101 Billion	Microsoft
8.	Larry Ellison	US\$ 100 Billion	Oracle
9.	Mukesh Ambani	US\$ 82 Billion	Reliance

10. Francoise Bettencourt Meyers US\$ 80 Billion L'Oreal

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Rajasthan is the first Indian State to pass RTH Bill, Intends to Provide Free Emergency Treatment

On March 21, 2023 (Tuesday), Prasadi Lal Meena (Minister of Medical & Health, Rajasthan) announced that the earlier postulated RTH Bill has been accepted and released at the Assembly. The Right to Health Bill was first presented in September 2022.

Rajasthan becomes the first state in India to pass a manifesto in the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly. Regardless of the fuss created among doctors, the state enacted the law which stated that every resident out there will be able to avail of accessible Out Patient Department (OPD) and In-Patient Department (IPD) services at all hospitals or public healthcare facilities.

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[#RightToHealthBill](#)

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— Parsadi Lal Meena (@plmeenalNC) [March 21, 2023](#)

Similarly, all healthcare services like medicine, therapy, nursing, pharmacy, etc will be provided free at selected private facilities. Aversion was caused among public and political parties due to this gratis bill. A group of doctors protested and insisted upon bringing certain changes to the provisions, Moreover, complete withdrawal of the litigation was also demanded.

An Outline of RTH Bill-2022

According to the release of the RTH Bill (Right to Health), costless medical services are to be given to city dwellers. These healthcare facilities include free drugs or medicines, doctor consultation, medical diagnosis, emergency transport, procedure or operations and emergency care.

These required resources will be available at all public health institutions and particular private facilities considering the patient's conditions, as mentioned in the rule book. The rules stated in the bill will now be executed by the government.

All residents will be permitted emergency treatment and care for accidental emergencies without the imposition of prepayment of any fee or charges. Most importantly, in a case of medico-legal nature, no public or private hospital can delay treatment simply on the grounds of receiving police clearance.

Extended Health Benefits

The bill is also determined to provide after-emergency care, stabilisation and transfer of a patient in case any patient does not pay requisite charges, the healthcare provider shall be entitled to receive requisite fees and charges or proper reimbursement from the state government.

Rajasthan Right to Health Bill-2022 was passed with voice vote, All suggestions of MLAs and doctors included, State government will reimburse the treatment in the emergency – Health Minister <https://t.co/pZE5RD1oAn>

— , (@DIPRRajasthan) [March 21, 2023](#)

Rights for Inhabitants

A total number of 20 rights will be given to the residents of the Rajasthan state. According to the government, the Bill aims at granting protection and fulfilment of rights and equity in health and well-being. This provision is in line with Article 47 (Duty of the state to raise the level of nutrition and the standard of living and to improve public health) of the Constitution of India.

It further secures the Right to Health as per the expanded definition of Article 21 which talks about the Protection of Life and Personal Liberty.

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The Rajasthan Health Minister Parsadi Lal responded to the complainers by stating that the government has only tried to solve the issues and this new proposed bill is quite different from the past version.

He said that a provision of 50 beds will be included in the rules formulated as part of the regulating Act. On the doctors' demand regarding the Bill withdrawal, he says that it would not be righteous to do so and stands disrespectful towards the legitimate process of Assembly. He concluded that it is not possible in a democracy.

Chhaya Pachauli and Dr Narendra Gupta of Jan Swasthya Abhiyan who brought the bill extended their wishes to Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and positively welcomed the law.

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Delhi Budget Session 2023-24: CM Arvind Kejriwal Proposal of Rs 78800 crores, Know Key Highlights here

Delhi Budget for the present financial year 2023-24 was presented by the Delhi Finance Minister Shri Kailash Gahlot. This budget session was held in the Delhi Assembly on March 22, 2023 (Wednesday). A total of Rs 78,800 crores have been earmarked by the government to carry out the overall budget project.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) order the Delhi Government to resubmit the budget report and then it gave the approval to announce the budget. The Minister actually needed explanations considering the decided allocation of funds for areas like infrastructure and advertisements.

Cabinet Minister Shri [@kgahlot](#) Presenting Delhi's Budget | LIVE [#DelhiBudget2023](#)
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— AAP (@AamAadmiParty) [March 22, 2023](#)

After the critical moment between the Centre and the Delhi government, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal sent an official letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 21, 2023 (Tuesday). In the letter, he requested PM Modi not to hold the city government's budget for the session 2023. As per the rule, approval from the President through the Union Home Ministry is mandatory for the budget.

Delhi Budget 2023: Key Points

- Out of the total budget of Rs 78,800 crores, 22,000 crores has been selected for expenditure on infrastructure while Rs 550 crores are kept for advertisements. The allocation for advertisements remains the same.
- Focus on Clean & Modern Delhi - The government has proposed to instigate infrastructure facilities across the busiest city of Delhi. The aim is to enhance the city which will start by cleaning Yamuna and other waste materials will be removed, as per the budgetary allocation.

- AAP Government talks about Education, Health, Greener city, Deshbhakti, Zero Tax, and Rozgar Budgets in the session that was held today. A senior official claimed that the theme of the 2023-24 budget is "Saaf, Sundar aur Adhunik Dilli" (clean, neat and modern India).
- About 84 per cent of Delhi's population benefitted from power subsidies.
- By 2025, a 6,000-megawatt solar infrastructure is intended to be established.
- Zero Tolerance towards Corruption or any illegal practices - The Delhi Government shows full dedication towards a legitimate order. Along with this, services will be available at the doorstep and in a feasible manner.
- Various Infrastructure Projects - In the previous years, Delhi has been significantly changed with the set up of Signature Bridge, Barapullah, Ashram Underpass, etc. 28 new Flyovers, and the Construction of Roads is decided to improve and ease traffic movement. This time also it puts forward an infrastructure-friendly budget for the Delhi people.
- Delhi government provides EV charging at the lowest rates for electric vehicle charging. About 900 EV charging points at 100 stations were created.
- 1600 modern greenhouse-emission electric buses will be built the following year.
- 1400 bus queue shelters will be built for passengers.
- The Delhi state government will work with MCDs to clear about 3 landfill sites.
- Capital expenditure - Rs 21817 crores allotted
- Education - Rs 16,575 crores
- Health - Rs 9,742 crores
- Transport, Bridges and Roads - Rs 9,031 crores
- Water Supply & Sanitation - Rs 6,343 crores
- Power - Rs 3,348 crores
- MCD - Rs 850 crores
- Women Mohalla Clinics will be opened which are decided as 100 in number. Half of the women do not seek doctors' help despite suffering from symptoms of diseases. So 100 more such facilities are to be initiated, according to the budget allocation.

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On March 21, 2023 (Tuesday) Google provides access to its new AI chatbot called 'Bard'. Bard has been designed as a rival of ChatGPT. It was the first time announced by the multinational company Google in February last month.

ChatGPT recently gained worldwide popularity after GPT-4, its latest model was launched. Now, this advanced Artificial Technology model Bard is all set to be available for testing for some users. The tests have already started in U.S. and U.K.

Today we're starting to open up access to Bard, our early experiment that lets you collaborate with generative AI. You can use Bard to boost your productivity, accelerate your ideas and fuel your curiosity. Learn more, including how to sign up <https://t.co/4zDI5RD1fr>

— Google (@Google) [March 21, 2023](#)

Google Introduces AI Product 'Bard'

Global Tech Company Google unveils a classy futuristic model that is made using Artificial Technology. The firm welcomes 'Bard' and calls it an experiment and only some specifically selected users will be able to access ChatGPT's rival in the market.

It was informed that today March 22, early access has been initiated which will let the users collaborate with a generative AI system. During the announcement of the developed product, it said that it will continue to bring helpful and modern experiences for people, businesses and several communities around the world.

Advantages & Features of Google AI

Google featured Bard can be used to increase productivity, come up with new and creative ideas

and spark curiosity. This interactive agent has the capability to provide users with useful and informative tips and techniques.

Users can even rely on this AI-powered virtual assistant in areas like setting up a goal of reading more books this year, explaining quantum physics in simple and basic language or instigating creativity in a blog post.

Now Google hopes and is looking forward to feedback from people which is a crucial step. It will help the company to improve its product.

Who can Sign Up & Use Google Bard?

Currently, Google has only given access to Bard Users in the US and UK as they are conducting tests to check its productivity. Similar to Microsoft's launch of new Bing, Google's Bard will also be made accessible to premium users who wish to sign up for a waitlist. After some time, this will appear in other countries also.

The American-based company Google has promised to improve Bard and it is planning the addition of further capabilities or updates such as coding, more languages and multimodal experiences. With effective feedback from users, the company will exceed its efforts.

Particular users can sign up at the official website - bard.google.com. Google mentioned that it will expand the platform in other countries and languages as well.

Bard Reviews

A few days after its launch, Bard was lambasted for its inappropriate responses, factual errors, and many more. The controversy blew up when Reuters pointed out that Bard had given factually incorrect responses in its advertisement.

In order to improve the quality of the chatbot's answers, Google asked its employees to fix the errors and mistakes. Prabhakar Raghavan, Google's Vice President of search emailed the employees so that they work on Bard and rewrite all responses. A link was attached to the email wherein the Do's and Don'ts page had instructions for employees.

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World Water Day is celebrated every year on March 22 to propagate water management systems among the populace across the globe. It is imperative that healthy freshwater environments need to be created in various nations around the world.

Today on this day i.e. March 22, 2023 (Wednesday) World Water Day is acknowledged. This annual practised was for the first time proposed by the universal organisation United Nations in 1993.

Happy [#WorldWaterDay](#)!

The UN 2023 Water Conference starts today - uniting the world to solve the water crisis.

You can play your part.

Your simple [#WaterActions](#) will make a big impact.

Be like the hummingbird and do what you can!

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— UN-Water (@UN_Water) [March 21, 2023](#)

The day is significant as it helps in inspiring and stimulating action campaigns to deal with the ongoing water and sanitation crisis. Freshwater plays a pivotal role in life existing on Earth. It is undeniable that it keeps the ecosystem and human civilizations balanced. All human activities are supported and sustained by water.

Reasons for Celebrating World Water Day 2023

People may wonder why there is a need to worship water as a part of World Water Day in 2023. Every year the mission is to make human beings cognizant of the righteous use of water. Not only on this single day but fresh water must also be consciously used and preserved for the rest of the year in order to make it effectively available for posterity.

Water is our world's lifeblood, but it's being poisoned by pollution & drained by overuse.

This [#WorldWaterDay](#) let's reflect on our individual & collective roles to sustainably use and manage humanity's lifeblood.

Let's take action to ensure equitable access to water for all. pic.twitter.com/UmZJg2WfQs

— António Guterres (@antonioguterres) [March 22, 2023](#)

According to the data shown by World Wildlife Fund, Water covers almost 70% of the Earth's surface. However, considering the current scenario, only 3% of the world's water has been reported as freshwater while two-thirds of the water is enshrouded with frozen glaciers.

Only a minimum amount of water is safe and drinkable for the world population. The natural water recycling process verifies that fresh water on Earth should be successfully maintained and secured. Besides this, the upsurging demand for clean water along with the continuously rising global population is a serious threat to the world and also to water conservation.

Saving Water Resources for Future Generations

United Nations (UN) and UN-Water jointly celebrate global water day. Each year, the United Nations publishes a World Water Development Report. This annual report presents the problems as well as solutions related to water development and management.

It also analyses the world's freshwater resources and provides data so that sustainable water policies are effectively implemented. Since water is not unlimited or infinite on Earth hence it must be managed properly. Failing which, a heavy dearth of water will be faced in near future.

The current situation is already alarming and there are countless reasons to be considered for saving water.

Water is the source of all life, on this [#WorldWaterDay](#), let's take a pledge to conserve, preserve & save water. MoPSW is celebrating this day by creating awareness about making rivers and waterways free from pollution & urge everyone to their part in preventing water pollution.

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— Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (@shipmin_india) [March 22, 2023](#)

UN-Water Conference 2023

World Water Day is observed in accordance with the UN-Water Conference that begins today March 22, 2023, and will be concluding on March 24, 2023. This 3-day campaign is about accelerating results and actions regarding the water and sanitation challenges.

The conference taking place at UN headquarters in New York will see the whole world united together at a common platform to come up with solutions that can be initiated in the coming times.

For the rest two days, March 22-24, Tajikistan and Netherlands will co-host the event. Stakeholders and governments from different societies will join to make progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 6) and to achieve other global targets.

Historical Facts

In Agenda 21 of the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil the idea of World Water was formally put forward. The UN General Assembly adopted this decision in December 1992 that stated 22 March to be observed as "World Water Day".

During the COVID-19 period, the celebrations were held online mode due to restrictions everywhere in the world.

Theme for 2023

The current year's theme for World Water Day is "accelerating the change to solve the water and sanitation crisis". It encourages the public to alter their ways of water usage, consumption and

management in their everyday lives. This is done to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6 which aims at “Water and Sanitation for all by 2030”.

It is an important day in the global calendar because water conservation is much needed to maintain the social, environmental and economic well-being of all communities. Fresh water is used since immemorial times in all walks of life including culture, health, nutrition and integrity of nature. One cannot overlook these aspects as this can place the health of ecosystems in peril.

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The famous Indian Steel Company, Jindal Steel and Power (JSP) recently announced that it has now received the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) certification. This is on account of the various manufacturing plans that the company will pursue in the coming times.

According to the official statement, the company will be producing fire-resistant steel structures. For the first time, such non-flammable steel buildings will be built in India. Moreover, it has been decided that these will be specially designed at its rail mill as well as a special profile mill located in Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

Steel Structure

The leading Jindal firm in India has proposed an idea of making fire-resistance steel buildings which will be first-of-its-kind across the country. These hot-rolled structural steel will be manufactured as per IS 15103.

Its applications involve effective use in high-temperature or fire-prone areas. These are widely used in agricultural equipment. However, these will be created to support and endure temperatures up to 600 degrees Celsius and the maximum duration will be of three hours.

Fire protection has been a tough challenge faced by manufacturers in the design of steel structures. The availability of fire-resistant steel will as a result lead to more efficient designs of structures, as stated in a statement shared with stock exchanges on March 19, 2023 (Sunday).

BIS License

As per the latest information released by the company, the new BIS 15103 grade will be used to produce steel structures to carry out several infrastructure projects such as industrial structures, metro projects, refineries, bridges and steel and power plants.

In addition to this, this material can also be used in hospitals along with commercial and

residential buildings. BIS is a standard mark approved by the government which is required for electronic products. It carries a unique R-number.

Through successful registration under the CRS, the certification is granted. Steel has the capacity to hold temperatures up to 370 degree Celsius. Hence, it is considered a fire-resistant metal.

Transformation for Steel Industry

The Managing Director of Jindal Steel & Power (JSP), Bimlendra Jha proclaimed that the BIS Licence that has been provided to the powerful Indian firm will lead to big changes. This is for the efficient production of fire-resistant steel which will in turn strengthen India's infrastructure along with its safety standards.

Fire-resistant steel will give much-needed assurance to the end users in terms of fire safety by building a safer Atmanirbhar Bharat also known as India's Self-Reliant Mission.

A felicitation ceremony was arranged for the BIS certifications on the day of the World Consumer Rights Day celebration. This event was hosted at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi. Furthermore, the ceremony was chaired by Piyush Goyal, the Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Textiles. He formally granted the BIS Licence to Jindal Steel and Power Company.

About Jindal Group

The third largest private steel producer in India, Jindal Steel and Power (JSP) is a part of the Jindal Group whose owner is Naveen Jindal. This is an industrial powerhouse which dominantly holds the manufacturing of steel, mining and infrastructure sectors.

The company asserted that with an investment of USD 12 billion across the globe, it was continuously escalating its capacity utilisation as well as efficiencies in order to grab opportunities for creating a Self Reliant India.

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Finest Musician of South India

The Music Academy is happy to announce the deserving awardee for the 2023 Sangit Kalanidhi event. Well-known “Bombay” Jayashri Ramnath will be honoured with the Nritya Kalanidhi title. Names in other categories have also been declared by the Madras Music Academy including Sangita Kala Acharya, TTK, as well as Musicologist Awards for the year 2023.

Jayashri is a multitalented personality in the field of Carnatic Music. She is a vocalist, singer and musician who has sung in a variety of languages such as Hindi, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada and Tamil films.

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— Bombay Jayashri (@Bombay_Jayashri) [March 21, 2023](#)

The Epitome of Music

Bombay Jayashri comes from a family of musicians of rich heritage and she represents the 4th generation among them. She has added several music albums to her list of achievements in the form of cassettes and CDs. India's fourth highest civilian award, Padma Shri has also been obtained by her for her excellent contributions as a musician.

She has initiated collaborations with multiple notable personalities and artists from across the globe. She has always been open to experimenting with new and different forms of music. Her multiple collaborations include a multi-genre fusion of the Yaadhum Ure song in which Bombay Jayashri sang Carnatic melodies with various other international singers.

It was also declared the theme song of the 10th World Tamil Conference. The album was

featured in Amazon's Top 10 list of International Albums category in July 2020.

Other Awardees

The Nritya Kalanidhi Award is decided to be presented to Vasanthalakshmi Narasimhachari, a dancer and acharya par excellence of both Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi. According to the official release, two artists are designated for Sangita Kala Acharya.

They are Palkulangara Ambika Devi, a Carnatic musician along with KS Kalidas, a senior mridangam vidwan. Moreover, the TTK awards will be honoured to Thirunageswaram T R Subramaniam, the grandmaster of Thavil vidwan from Thanjavur and Sargurunatha Odhuvar.

Arimalam S Padmanabhan, a researcher in the field of classical music, dance and theatre is picked up for the Musicologist Award. All the artists who have been selected by the executing committee of Music Academy for the Sangita Kala Acharya category and the Musicologist awards are scheduled to receive the honours next year i.e. January 1, 2024.

The President of the Madras Music Academy, N Murali said the 97th annual conference and concerts of The Music Academy will be organised after several months. As per the finalised schedule, the event will be between December 15, 2023, and January 1, 2024. Whereas the Nritya Kalanidhi recipient will be honoured at the inaugural ceremony of the 17th annual dance festival on January 3.

About Sangita Kalanidhi Award

This annual title called Sangita Kalanidhi Award is regarded as the most prestigious and highest degree award in the field of Carnatic Music given in India. The concept of this award first came in 1942.

While the award includes a gold medal and a biruda patra (citation), in 1929 Shri T.V. Subba Rao and Vidvan T.S. Sabhesa Iyer received the big honour. Earlier, the award did not exist and it only came later after the President of the Music Academy, KV Kirshnaswami Iyer put forth the idea and decided some decades ago.

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Kerala's Padma Lakshmi was recently regarded as the first Transgender to be enrolled as a lawyer in the Bar Council. She is the first of its kind in the Kerala state and sets an example for the whole Transgender Community.

Minister for Law, Industries and Coir in Kerala Government, P Rajeev published an online post on his social media handles wherein he shared a picture of the trans lawyer. He extended his congratulations to her for having been licensed as an advocate.

In addition to this, the first trans solicitor in India was Satyashri Sarmila while Padma becomes the first one in Kerala. It is a great achievement for the LGBT Community.

Padma's Academic Career

In the official post shared by the Minister, it stated that Padma Lakshmi was among the 1500 graduates batch in the Law Department. Almost a couple of days ago, she was handed over the Bar Council Enrollment Certificate.

The Bar Council of India conducted an event on March 19, 2023 (Sunday) by the Bar Council of India where Lakshmi was awarded the prestigious Bar Certificate. She is a graduate of Law completed from Ernakulam Government Law College, Kerala.

Padma Lakshmi did Law after finishing her Physics Degree. Over 1,500 law graduates were present at the event where they all received their Bar enrolment certificates including Lakshmi who creates history by becoming the first transgender lawyer in Kerala state.

Inspiring Life Journey of Padma Lakshmi

P. Rajeev who is Kerala's Law Minister congratulated the first trans lawyer of the state and further praised this honourable lawyer for the valour that let her help obtain a career in the rigorous field of Law which is quite challenging in today's society.

Lakshmi has conquered all obstacles that life offered her and finally, this led her to be the number one Trans woman lawyer in Kerala. Moreover, she deserves commendations. The Minister added that becoming the first is always the toughest task in history.

On the path of being number one, no forebearers exist. Although barriers and difficulties in life are inevitable, however, these can be overcome with righteousness and braveness in hearts and minds. There will be several individuals to push you down and discourage you, encourages the Minister.

Padma Lakshmi has carved her name in the legal chronicles as she combats the battles of her life and emerged as glorious. This will also enhance the level of transgender sections and will bring justice and confidence to them in their sexuality.

The Minister concluded that Padmalakshmi's comments are particularly sharp and bold as she now is on the path to becoming the strong genuine voice of those denied justice and deprived of any opportunity. He hopes well for the whole community and wished that Padmalakshmi's life should encourage and reach out to more transgender individuals to enter the rewarding profession of advocacy.

First State to bring LGBT Rights & Policies

For the first time, Kerala implemented the rights and regulations for Transgender individuals. The LGBT policy was unveiled by Chief Secretary Jiji Thomson on November 12, 2015, at the "International Conference on Gender Equality" held in Kovalam where Trans rights were talked about and brought up in India.

The '2015 State Policy for Transgenders in Kerala' is regarded as the first-ever positive approach taken in India. The state government introduced this solely for the welfare and justice of the transgender section.

This policy was made in order to ensure that the transgender population enjoys equality and freedom in all aspects like any other individual across the world. Such people have access to services and resources that can protect them from harassment under this policy. Sathyasri Sharmila became India's first transgender solicitor in the year 2018. West Bengal's Joyita Mondal was India's first transgender to be honoured with the position of judge in 2017.

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On March 20, the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network released the World Happiness Report which examines the happiness level among human beings. Today (Monday), this year also World Happiness Day is celebrated globally.

The annual report has been launched by the SDSN non-profit organization. Several parameters are determined which indicate happiness factors. These elements include national as well as international aspects based on which the happiness report is prepared.

India seems to be at a much lower level in the index however the country has shown little improvement in the report as it jumped from 136 to 125. Many of its neighbouring countries stood above India in happiness levels.

It's [#HappinessDay](#) today

According to the 2023 World Happiness Report, the top 5 happiest countries are...

- 1 Finland
- 2 Denmark
- 3 Iceland
- 4 Israel
- 5 Netherlands

Join us TODAY at 12pm (ET) for the launch of [#WHR2023](#) <https://t.co/DCYCNENxDEpic.twitter.com/fHe693VUyo>

— SDSN Youth (@SDSNYouth) [March 20, 2023](#)

Evaluation of Pre & Post-Pandemic Era

After the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's report reveals that benevolence is about 25% higher than it was before the global outbreak. One of the writers of the World Happiness Report, John Helliwell informed that Benevolence or a kind attitude towards others especially helping strangers increased during the pandemic years in 2021 and stayed high in 2022.

Moreover, global happiness has not taken a hit in the past 3 years during the virus outburst. Life evaluations between 2020-2022 have been "remarkably resilient," as stated in the report. The author Helliwell is of the view that positive emotions have remained stronger as compared to negative behaviour and feelings of social support were seen in double the loneliness levels during these difficult times.

Explore the [#WHR2023](#) data! Check out the new World Happiness Report dashboard by [@sdgstoday](#) to compare countries, regions and life satisfaction over time.

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— World Happiness Report (@HappinessRpt) [March 20, 2023](#)

Measuring Happiness Scale in 2023

The SDSN report surveyed people in over 150 nations around the world and highlights how much the populace is happy with themselves, their life and all other areas of happiness. From 2020 to 2022, the average life evaluations have been profoundly drawn.

The global happiness rate is calculated through various life factors as the people are asked to rate their current lives on a scale of 0 to 10. The officials who develop the index consider important variables such as healthy life expectancy, generosity, income, trust, freedom, etc. Using the World Poll, the original answers are detected. This method was first time used in the 2012 World Happiness Report.

The report that came out on March 20, 2023 (Monday) recognizes the happiest nations, and least happy nations along with those who come in between on the happiness scale. It also underlines the factors that lead to greater happiness and satisfaction in a person's life. March 20 is observed every year as the International Day of Happiness and this was decided by the United Nations

which marks its 10th Anniversary in 2023.

Finland ranks as the world's happiest country for the sixth consecutive year

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— World Happiness Report (@HappinessRpt) [March 20, 2023](#)

Six-year Continuous Win for Finland

Finland has managed to be in the topmost position in the World Happiness Index 2023 once again. This beautiful Northern European country has been titled the world's happiest country for the sixth year in a row, as recorded by the data that involves rankings based largely on life evaluations from the Gallup World Poll.

The Nordic country and its neighbours Denmark, Iceland, Sweden and Norway also scored quite well very in terms of the measures. The account explains its findings that the assessment has been greatly done keeping in view the following details.

- Healthy Life Expectancy
- GDP per capita
- Social Support
- Low Corruption
- Generosity in a community like people looks after each other
- Freedom to make one's own life major decisions

Top 20 Happiest Countries in the World 2023

View the list given below in which the happiest and most satisfied nations of the world are mentioned.

1. Finland
2. Denmark
3. Iceland
4. Israel

5. Netherlands
6. Sweden
7. Norway
8. Switzerland
9. Luxembourg
10. New Zealand
11. Austria
12. Australia
13. Canada
14. Ireland
15. United States
16. Germany
17. Belgium
18. Czech Republic
19. United Kingdom
20. Lithuania

What makes the happiest countries different?

Other societies can learn from these global rankings as the author Helliwell tells that the climate and historical factors are not the ones that contribute to a happy well-being of a person. Instead from his perspective, there are some things that can be done by individuals, certain lifestyles and gratitude that one needs to practise.

Helliwell is a Professor Emeritus in the department of Vancouver School of Economics at the University of British Columbia. Looking at things in a holistic manner, the well-being of all the components of a society and its members determines better life evaluations and happier countries.

The key idea of releasing the report is that every institution should be able to contribute what it can to the overall well-being of humans. It also includes future generations and preserving basic human rights across the globe.

Furthermore, it is not about the university grades or the salary or a person rather happiness is really about cooperating with other people in a productive way that leads to a positive environment for all. Additionally, the whole point of this happiness research is that it is good for the people doing it.

Basically, it is a useful instrument to understand and improve an individual's happiness. Not only that, but this report promotes and persuades governments to enhance community welfare, social justice, environmental sustainability and economic equality. There are innumerable benefits of being happy already proven through a number of researches carried out around the world. In other words, a person ends up feeling and doing better about themselves.

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An expert in Tennis hailing from India, Rohan Bopanna becomes the oldest player to have won the Men's Doubles title at the ATP 2023 Series. While another Tennis player Carlos Alcaraz was honoured with the World's No. 1 Rank in the Men's Singles category. Both these great players have been awarded in the ATP Tournament 2023 series by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP).

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Talking about 43-year-old Rohan Bopanna, he gave credit to the special Indian coffee blends that he consumes on Tour for his accomplishments. Being the oldest ATP Masters 1000 champion, he gave an outstanding performance by winning the men's doubles title on March 18, 2023 (Saturday).

That WINNING FEELING

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— ATP Tour (@atptour) [March 19, 2023](#)

He collectively won the trophy with his tennis ally Matthew Ebden of Australia. With their mutual efforts, they defeated the leading pair of Dutchman Wesley Koolhof and Briton Neal Skupski by 6-3, 2-6, 10-8 results in order to claim their Men's Doubles title together and this was the first of its

kind in the current season.

Rohan Bopanna's Victorious Moment

On the big event, the Oldest Winner Rohan Bopanna expressed himself by saying that it is a special moment and calls the match a Tennis Paradise. He is an experienced player and has been playing for years.

He feels elated over the results that he wins the Men's Double trophy along with his co-player Mathew Ebden. Rohan says that there have been many tough matches and close matches and they have played this recent match together against one of the best teams on the field.

Coffee - 'The Secret to Success'

Tennis pro Bopanna belongs to a Karnataka family who owns a coffee plantation in the Coorg district in the state, as told the player when he said that his special drink was the secret of his success.

He creates history by knocking the record made by the former partner Daniel Nestor. Indian doubles Mahesh Bhupathi beat the former playing partner Bopanna's old age and ability to peak late in his sports career.

Carlos Alcaraz

Spanish Tennis Player Carlos Alcaraz surpasses Russian competent Daniil Medvedev and the results came out to be 6-3, 6-2 in the match that was held on March 19, 2023 (Sunday). He bagged the Indian Wells title of the ATP Masters 1000.

He finally regains his Numebr one rank in the Men's Singles. The US Open champion Alcaraz was seen striking Medvedev's 19-match winning band by denying him a 4th title in as many tournaments to replace the Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic in the ATP World Rankings list.

THE KING IN CALI

[@carlosalcaraz](#) defeats Medvedev 6-3, 6-2 to capture his first Indian Wells title and reclaim the

World No. 1 ranking! [@BNPPARIBASOPEN](#) | [#TennisParadise](#) [pic.twitter.com/H2mhr9JhB0](#)

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Alcaraz's Exemplary Final Performance

Young 19 years old Carlos Alcaraz became the first-ever youngest tennis player to have obtained the World's Number One title. He marked his triumph even at Flushing Meadows last year in 2022. There he was named the third Masters 1000 and joined his fellow countryman Rafael Nadal as the only player to win at least three titles as a teenager. While Nadal won six before turning 20.

He was unbeatable on Stadium Court as he dominated the "wall" of Medvedev's terrifying defences. However, Medvedev came across titles in Rotterdam, Doha and Dubai, but as Alcaraz made himself a winner from all over the court, hence gave him no chance. Alcaraz expressed his joy to win this tournament in the toughest of conditions in the match.

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On March 19, 2023 (Sunday) Switzerland's multinational investment bank UBS announced the acquisition of adversary Credit Suisse. The deal was finalised for an amount of \$3.25 billion (CHF 3 billion). This was arranged by regulators to curb further economic disturbance prevailing in the global banking system.

This happened when Swiss authorities demanded UBS supersede its rival. Before this, one of the leading financial services providers, Credit Suisse recently decided to borrow up to 50 billion Swiss Francs (\$54 billion) from the Swiss National Bank. However, the company heavily failed to assist investors as well as the bank's customers.

Credit Suisse Bank is afflicted with multiple blunders and scandals in the past few years that resulted in multi-billion dollar losses and top management changes. After the consecutive failures of two notable banks, shares of Credit Suisse along with other banks almost sank this week. As far as the Global Financial System is concerned, financially unstable institutions are a matter of worry.

UBS buying rival Swiss bank Credit Suisse was the best possible solution to a difficult situation, said Marlene Amstad, chair of Switzerland's Financial Market Supervisory Authority

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— Reuters (@Reuters) [March 20, 2023](#)

Financial Reports

According to several analysts, it is probable that after the takeover of Credit Suisse Group AG, its persistently faced problems will end. The financial reports reveal that the Credit banking firm has been low on material weakness and its investors were put under surveillance.

In an official press conference, UBS Chairman, Colm Kelleher told that it intends to tail off Credit Suisse's investment bank and this bank has a thousand employees from across the globe. Moreover, by 2027 it is expected that annual cost savings of about 7 billion dollars will be possible.

Risk of Deflation

Headquartered in Zurich, Credit Suisse stands among the 30 financial institutions which are widely acclaimed as global significant banks. Many authorities agonise over the repercussions of declining financial systems if it was the case.

Switzerland's second-biggest bank, UBS Bank guards the wealth and assets of the world's affluent people. To halt the banking plight, it planned to buy Credit Suisse. It can be considered an emergency resume deal in the midst of global economical upheaval. The deal was in benefit for the stability of international finance, Swiss President Alain Berset asserted on March 19, 2023 (Sunday).

He further says that this alarming situation of Credit Suisse's bankruptcy would lead to immeasurable consequences for the whole nation and would have adversely affected the international financial system. The executive branch of Switzerland which consists of a seven-member governing body including Alain Berset recently issued an emergency ordinance. It stated that the collaboration can be carried out without shareholder approval.

Deal - 'A Clear Turning Point'

The Chairman of Credit Suisse, Axel Lehmann called this recent bargain "a clear turning point." He stated that it was a very challenging and sad day for Credit Suisse, the country of Switzerland and global financial markets yet a big sale was made in history. The focus is now on the banking future and specifically on the 50,000 Credit Suisse employees out of which 17,000 are in Switzerland.

After the news of the Swiss deal came out, the central banks all over the world also declared coordinated financial moves to secure banks in the upcoming week. It will involve daily access to a lending provision for banks who need to borrow US dollars. It is a widely practised strategy that was earlier used during the 2008 financial crisis.

An analyst, Max Georgiou proclaimed at the deal event that "Today is one of the most significant

days in European banking since 2008, with far-reaching repercussions for the industry,". He even said that such significant events have the capacity to amend not only the European banking systems but also the wealth management industries in general.

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On March 19, 2023 (Sunday) Google observes the 80th Birthday of Dr Mario Molina, a pioneer in Environmental Sciences. He won the 1995 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry as he emerged as the first Mexican-born scientist who found out that the major cause of ozone layer depletion is Gaseous CFCs (Chlorofluorocarbons).

His never-ending love for Chemistry can be seen in the meritorious works of his life. As he propounded the CFCs depletion theory along with Rowland, Mario persuaded the government to work together to save the Earth's ozone hole.

Good news: the ozone layer is on track to fully recover

Mario Molina was one of the 1st scientists to discover synthetic chemicals were destroying the ozone. Learn about this Mexican researcher who helped literally save the world

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— Google Doodles (@GoogleDoodles) [March 19, 2023](#)

He has been one of the key researchers who laid bare how these detrimental chemicals are posing a threat to Earth's ozone shield. Without the ozone, life on earth would be very difficult as it helps in protecting humans, plants, and wildlife from harmful ultraviolet rays produced by Sun. Human activities lead to the emission of pernicious substances contributing to the ozone's dwindling.

About Mario Molina

Born on March 19, 1943, in Mexico City, Dr Molina passionately worked towards making one of the biggest discoveries in Environmental Science. It is heard that he even turned his bathroom into a makeshift laboratory as he was a science fanatic since childhood. Today, Google

celebrates this noble inventor's Birth Anniversary and writes "Nothing could compare to the joy of watching tiny organisms glide across his toy microscope."

Along with the destruction of ozone by CFCs, he also discovered the existence of the Antarctic Ozone Hole. Talking about his various educational pursuits, Dr Molina obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering from the National Autonomous University of Mexico and then an Advanced Degree from the University of Freiburg in Germany.

His Theories & Research

In the United States, scientist Mario went on to conduct Postdoctoral Research at the University of California, Berkeley and later at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology also. He did an in-depth study through observations and experiments where he came across the harmful impacts of synthetic chemicals on the planet's atmosphere.

Being the first one to detect Chlorofluorocarbons, a chemical found in air conditioners, aerosol sprays, etc was slowly eroding the ozone and as a result, causing ultraviolet radiation to reach Earth's surface, the public was highly influenced by his findings and further carried out ways to reduce their usage of CFCs.

Career as a Famous Chemist

Molina in his career has acquired many research and teaching posts from 1974 to 2004 at the University of California, Irvine, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), among others. He also worked jointly at the Department of Earth Atmospheric & Planetary Sciences as well as the Chemistry Department.

Between 2000-2005, he served on the administration front for Society for Science & the Public. Besides this, he chaired the Board of Directors for a scientific research company, Xyleco. The discoveries made by Mario and his research team were published in the Nature Journal and this opened the gates of great success as he earned the Nobel Prize title in Chemistry.

Earth's ozone layer is on a recovery mission now and this has been made possible through his revolutionary research in the field of Environmental Science. The world has a popular research institute named after him called the Mario Molina Centre located in his native place, Mexico. The research is a bedrock of the Montreal Protocol, an international treaty that successfully forbade the production of more than 100 ozone-draining chemicals. This global-level alliance is regarded

as one of the most substantial environmental treaties ever formulated. It is an exemplary model to tackle climate crisis effectively.

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In the Central Banking Awards that were held recently, Shaktikanta Das has been honoured with the "Governor of the Year" 2023 Award. He is currently serving in the Reserve Bank of India as the 25th-term governor at present.

Previously, he was a member of the 15th Finance Commission and also India's Sherpa at the G20 Summit. The Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is delighted over his victorious event and further tweeted that it is a massive pride for the whole country. He applauded the governor on this occasion. The former governor Raghuram Rajan was the first Indian to hold the prestigious title in the year 2015.

Warm congratulations to Reserve Bank of India (@RBI) governor @DasShaktikanta on being named the 'Governor of the Year' at Central Banking Awards 2023. I wish him many more successes in the future. pic.twitter.com/XyYOSbJVuR

— N Chandrababu Naidu (@ncbn) [March 17, 2023](#)

His Leadership Roles

Shaktikanta Das is widely acclaimed for his leadership skills in operating the Indian financial markets during the distress that was caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. He has also helped extensively in recovering from the economical effects of the Russia-Ukraine war.

This 66-year-old man is currently administering his second term as the Governor at Mint Street (RBI). While the Central Banking Publications praised him in its citations for his significant reforms, world-leading payments innovation and guiding the country through the pervasive virus years.

The publication holds specialization in public policy and financial markets and is highly focused on

central banks as well as various financial institutions around the globe. Das provided the nation with balanced, demanding and fastidious methods that helped RBI to get over the crisis.

Central Banking Awards Ceremony 2023

Throughout his life, Saktikanta Das has mostly received positive appreciation. As soon as he was appointed as the governor in 2018, the reactions and results came out to be supportive as BSE SENSEX saw a profit of 629 points and NIFTY 50 rising by 188 points.

In his speech at the recently held award ceremony, Shaktikanta Das identified the difficulties of the global pandemic and stated that massive efforts are to be accelerated in view of the virus situation which includes both conventional and unconventional measures in constantly ongoing combat-ready mode.

He has earlier served as the Ex-Officio Chairperson of the Central Bank's Monetary Policy Committee. Additionally, Mr Das encourages all by saying that difficult times do not last in spite of the loss and depression experienced during the global pandemic. He says that tough people and tough organisations make it to the last of it and can overcome it.

His Contributions to the Indian Economy

The Central Banking Publications confirmed that the Indian economy managed everything throughout the pandemic with comparatively the least damage. The credit goes to the illustrious leadership of Das.

However, in the years to come, Das faced further challenges involving interference and backsliding. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the RBI has been actively participating in coping with the benchmark lending rate along with other financial levers at its disposal.

The Monetary Policy Committee headed by Das has raised main policy rates by 250 basis points to 6.50% since May 2022 due to the panel missing the inflation prints in 10 out of 12 months.

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The Luxurious Treat for All

One of the busiest passenger hubs for South East Asia, Singapore Changi Airport has topped the list of the World's Best Airports for 2023. This beauty has maintained its rank for eight consecutive years.

On March 16, 2023, the UK consultancy firm Skytrax adjudged Changi Airport as the Best in Annual Ranking. The Airport Awards were held at the Passenger Terminal EXPO in Amsterdam where Singapore's airport won the accolade of being the top choice for excursionists. Skytrax is a leading UK-based airline and airport site that releases reviews and rankings every year.

The Changi Airport is well known for its exceptional passenger experiences. Earlier also the airport was applauded for its top position among all others. Despite the fact that this airport persistently kept its iconic image, there was a gap in its ranking of about two years from 2021 to 2022.

Skytrax World Airport Awards 2023

Changi Airport of Singapore has not only won the Best Airport Award 2023 but is also titled number one in the dining and leisure amenities categories. The airport astonishes and charms its visitors with its avant-garde facilities including a waterfall terminal.

For the 12th time, Changi Airport has been honoured for its unique scenic sights that fill the hearts of travellers with delight. In an official notification, Lee Seow Hiang, Chief Executive Officer of Changi Airport Group asserted that this recognition is a great achievement for the airport community that stood together against all the challenges of COVID-19 over the past two years.

We are honoured to receive our 12th World's Best Airport Award by Skytrax!

We couldn't have done it without your support and the dedication of our airport community. Thank you and we look forward to welcoming you to Changi Airport!

Find out more: <https://t.co/rptQFYMPfC> pic.twitter.com/6YbL4nqXNi

— Changi Airport (@ChangiAirport) [March 15, 2023](#)

The CEO presented his gratitude to the dedication of the airport staff for serving Changi's passengers and for their perseverance to keep Singapore connected to all parts of the world. He extended his thanksgiving to the passengers who voted for the jewel. Furthermore, he concluded by saying that he welcomes the public from across the world to experience the magic of travel.

While Doha Hamad International Airport missed the spot this year which was the 2021 and 2022 Airport of the Year. It acquired second position and also won recognition for being the best airport in Shopping, in the Middle East along with the Cleanest one in the Middle East categories.

It was followed by Tokyo Haneda Airport which occupied the third spot. Apart from this, it also won awards at the World's Cleanest Airport, the World's Best Domestic Airport and the Best Airport PRM and Accessible Facilities.

World's Top 10 Airports of 2023:

As per the World Airport Survey, customers around the globe rated, ranked and voted for the various top-notch airports. Here is the complete list of Top 10 Airports of the World released by the UK-based global guide Skytrax.

- Singapore Changi Airport
- Doha Hamad International Airport
- Tokyo Haneda International Airport
- Seoul Incheon International Airport
- Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport
- Istanbul Airport
- Munich Airport
- Zurich Airport
- Tokyo Narita Airport
- Madrid Barajas Airport

Top 5 Things to Experience at Changi Airport

Singapore Changi Airport is considered a destination for globetrotters as it is the centre of attraction and a dotting love for many across the world who have visited the place. Let's know why its beauty transcends all airports of the world and what it has to offer.

- **An Abode for Nature Seekers** - The Shiseido Forest Valley in Jewel has been designed within a dome-shaped architectural marvel. Most people must have seen or heard about its rich greenery and myriad gardens. Over 900 trees and 60,000 shrubs in the indoor forest valley are appealing to one's senses with peaceful music making it number one.
- **World Cuisine in Singapore** - This airport has a prodigious variety of food and dining. The ones who are bon vivant can surely give it a try as there are many food courts at Terminals 2, 3 and 4 which have scrumptious food items like Bak Kut Teh (peppery pork ribs soup), Hainanese Chicken Rice, Satay (meat skewers), Roti Prata (flat bread, usually served with curry on the side) and much more to feel the ecstasy. There are bars which have AI-powered drinks.
- **Bewitching Art Pieces** - Kinetic Rain has 1216 bronze droplets that reflect patterns of flight objects. These sculptures are true examples of engineering and artistry which can only be enjoyed at this airport. There are bright bird carvings made from stainless steel wire.
- **Jurassic Mile** - There are more than 20 dinosaur displays which are differently built in a 1 km long path. This is Singapore's largest permanent outdoor display. With a number of plants and trees, it recreates the historical era. Both children and adults can visit the exciting jogging mile.
- **Snooze Lounges** - Bone-tired travellers can have a calming experience at various lounges that have been designed to provide comfort along with a flavour of luxury. These resting areas are made across terminals, slightly away from the dining and shopping complexes. People can revive their journey where they can set an alarm before they catch some sleep.

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The Indian Multinational IT Company, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) announced the shift in CEO position as the longest-serving head Rajesh Gopinathan decided to resign. Moreover, K. Krithivasan has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TCS.

Rajesh was a notable Managing Director (MD) and CEO in the last six years. Along with him, Ratan Tata's right hand Natarajan Chandrasekaran was promoted to Chairman of Tata Sons.

TCS Announces Leadership Change. Rajesh Gopinathan to Step Down as CEO & MD; K Krithivasan appointed as CEO Designate. <https://t.co/jgPlgdFj83>

— Tata Consultancy Services (@TCS) [March 16, 2023](#)

The successful honcho Rajesh Gopinathan took the exit as he now desires to pursue his other passions or interests, as mentioned by the TCS website. Also, he has been associated with the prestigious TCS company for more than 22 years. Earlier he was the Chief Financial Officer here and afterwards took over the leading role.

TCS Board

The Board of Directors approved his resignation request. However, he will continue to provide his assistance and support to the next-in-line CEO till September 15, 2023. Industry experts are of the view that his resignation is quite surprising as he was favoured by the elite businessman Chandrasekaran for the premier role of the Tata group's crown jewel.

The TCS Board has recently elected K. Krithivasan to carry out the post of the company's CEO. He will be assuming his position on March 16, 2023. Krithivasan is all set to evolve with the senior lead Gopinathan. Krithivasan's appointment as the Managing Director & CEO is decided to be executed from the next financial year 2024.

About Global Head K. Krithivasan

Krithivasan has already been serving as the President and Global Head of India's largest IT services firm TCS. He is currently heading the BFSI (Banking, Financial Services and Insurance) Business Unit at Tata Consultancy Services.

His responsibility lies in devising and implementing various growth strategies. Precisely, his role is to make advancements in the company's financial performance. It further involves market positioning and customer mindshare. It is evident that he has assisted main clients to achieve value beyond cost optimization, digital transformation and set up IT program governance.

Krithivasan's Global IT Career

During his 30-year-old globally renowned IT career, K. Krithivasan held multiple positions in relationship management, sales, delivery and large program management. Talking about his educational qualifications, he obtained his Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Madras.

He also completed his Master's degree in Industrial and Management Engineering from IIT Kanpur. Krithivasan has actively been a part of the global technology sector for nearly 34 years. He is reported to have joined Tata Consultancy Services in the year 1989.

Being a member of the Board of Directors of TCS Iberoamerica, TCS Ireland and the supervisory board of TCS Technology Solutions AG, he has extensively been in the lead role throughout his career.

Natarajan Chandrasekaran Shares his Work Experience with Rajesh

N Chandrasekaran who is presently the Chairman of TCS expressed his experience of having worked with Rajesh for the last 25 years. He recollects on Rajesh's current exit that during the period of his service, Rajesh has shown exemplary performance administering various roles.

Rajesh Gopinathan has previously served as the Chief Financial Officer. Over the last 6 years, he provided strong leadership as the MD & CEO and has laid out certain foundational initiatives for the next phase of TCS.

He helped the company in growth with significant investments in cloud, agile as well as automation to aid clients in accelerating their transformation. Natarajan recalls and admires Rajesh's massive contributions to TCS. He further wished him a bright future as both were on

good terms with each other.

Rajesh Gopinathan lastly expressed that he has thoroughly enjoyed his thrilling 22-year-long tenure at TCS. He has worked closely with Chandrasekaran and gained mentorship from him throughout this entire period. The past few years have been incredible for him as he led this esteemed organisation wherein he added over \$10 billion of profits or incremental revenues and more than \$70Bn elevation in market capitalization.

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New Zealand Was Struck By a 7.1 Magnitude Earthquake. Check Details Here

New Zealand was struck by a 7.1 magnitude earthquake in its uninhabited Kermadec Islands region on Thursday, 16 March.

Though the event prompted tsunami warnings according to reports from the US Geological Survey (USGS), the New Zealand National Emergency Management Agency clarified hours after, "there is no tsunami threat to New Zealand following the earthquake in the Southern Kermadec Islands."

Reports suggested that there was the issuance of relevant rescue measures in the region. However, there is no tsunami threat to Australia. The country's Bureau of Meteorology tweeted and confirmed.

6.5 Earthquake near Australia. pic.twitter.com/HMENzV92uw

— Steph (@slafrenaye) [March 16, 2023](#)

Has this happened before?

- Yes, Reports portray that on March 4, an earthquake of magnitude 6.9 struck the same Kermadec Islands region.
- In addition to that, the quake depth was reported at a depth of 152 km (94 miles) according to the USGS.
- At the time the records show that there were conflicting reports as to the magnitude of the earthquake.
- The European Mediterranean Seismological Centre estimated the magnitude at 6.6 at a depth of 183 km.
- There were no tsunami warnings issued on March 4 after the quake.

More About The Earthquake

- According to the reports The earthquake was estimated at a depth of 10 km (6.21 miles).
- The US Tsunami Warning System issued a tsunami warning following this earthquake but later the New Zealand National Emergency Management Agency clarified hours after that there is no tsunami threat to New Zealand.
- Reports say that there is a suggestion for the issuance of relevant rescue measures to

prevent further mishappenings.

- Apart from all this the National Emergency Management Agency (Nema) and the Bureau of Meteorology confirmed there was no tsunami threat to mainland New Zealand and Australia. No [#tsunami](#) threat to Australia from magnitude 6.8 [#earthquake](#) near Kermadec Islands Region, north of New Zealand. Latest advice at <https://t.co/Tynv3ZQpEq>. pic.twitter.com/kZMIUpdrNb
— Bureau of Meteorology, Australia (@BOM_au) [March 16, 2023](#)

More on the Kermadec Islands

- Lying northeast of Wellington, the Kermadec Islands are New Zealand's capital.
- New Zealand is prone to earthquakes as it is located on the boundary of two of the world's major tectonic plates that are the Pacific Plate and the Australian Plate.

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Indian-born Ravi Chaudhary wins Mandate as Assistant Secretary of US Air Force, US Senators voted 65-29

The United Nations Senators voted for the Indian-American Ravi Chaudhary for the post of Assistant Secretary of the US Air Force. On March 15, 2023 (Wednesday) he won the bid by 65-29 votes. His position has thus been confirmed in the Defence sector of the US Air Force.

Ravi Chaudhary has previously been a flight test engineer and now he will be administering one of the top-notch civilian positions as a leader in the Pentagon.

US Senate has confirmed Indian-American Ravi Chaudhary as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Air Force. [#JoeBiden](#) [#RaviChaudhary](#) [#USNews](#) [#America](#) b [@DcWalaDesi](#) [@JeniferRajkumar](#) [@CongressmanRaja](#) [@CongressJackson](#) [@BobLancia](#) [@_nirajshah](#) [@AskAnshul](#) pic.twitter.com/gUjDQ0CGPF

— Ravi Karkara (@ravikarkara) [March 16, 2023](#)

Even the opposition Republican Party cast multiple votes in his favour. Ravi Chaudhary has also served as a Senior Executive at the US Department of Transportation where he was the Director of Advanced Programs and Innovation, Office of Commercial Space at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Ravi's Various Contributions

Earlier, in his job posts, he was responsible for implementing advanced development as well as research programmes in support of the FAA's commercial space transportation mission. At the transportation department, he was the Executive Director of the regions and centre operations. During this service, he carefully inspected the integration and support of aviation operations and this was assigned in 9 regions.

65-29, Senate confirmed the nomination of Ravi Chaudhary, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. Rollcall Vote #58 <https://t.co/SOmYJ3Dv4t>

— U.S. Senate Updates (@SenateFloor) [March 15, 2023](#)

Senior Positions held by Ravi

In the US Air Force between 1993 to 2015, Ravi Chaudhary accomplished multiple senior staff assignments including operational, engineering, and other designations. When he was a C-17 pilot, he extensively handled global flight operations for instance numerous combat missions in Afghanistan as well as Iraq.

He also managed ground deployment as the Director of the Personnel Recovery Centre at multinational corporations in Iraq. While he served as a flight test engineer and there he was widely responsible for flight certification of military avionics and hardware. It was for the force's modernisation programmes and at the same time ensuring flight safety.

He began his career advocating space launch operations for the Global Positioning System (GPS). Moreover, he conducted third-stage and flight safety activities in order to guarantee the full operational capability of the first GPS constellation.

As a systems engineer, Chaudhary provided his abiding assistance to NASA's International Space Station where he led various protection activities for the safety of NASA astronauts. Then, he worked as a member of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders during Barack Obama's rule. During this role, he counselled the President on Executive branch efforts to improve veterans' support for the AAPI Community.

Educational Backgrounds

Talking about Ravi's education, he earned his Doctorate with a Specialisation in Executive Leadership and Innovation from the Georgetown University D.L.S. Program. Also, he has an M.S. in Industrial Engineering from St. Mary's University as a NASA graduate fellow and an M.A. in Operational Arts and Military Science from Air University.

He has a B.S. degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the US Air Force Academy. Ravi is a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute and further holds certifications in programme management, test and evaluation, and systems engineering in the Department of Defence.

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India's First Railway Tea Stall operated by Transgender Community, Business Tycoon Anand Mahindra lauds initiative

The Indian Railways Ministry recently took the initiative of opening an astounding Tea Stall at the Guwahati Train Station which is managed by the Transgender Community. This revolutionary step marks one more contribution made to the upliftment of the third gender.

For the very first time in Indian Railways, a Tea Stall has been opened at Guwahati Rly Stn Platform 1 which will be managed only by transgenders. A testament to the clarion call of 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas', this stall will be a pillar for empowerment of the transgender community pic.twitter.com/GmtAYBz5ZO

— Northeast Frontier Railway (@RailNf) [March 10, 2023](#)

It is in full support and acceptance of the Transgender Community. This first-ever tea shop will be completely operated by people belonging to the trans section of society.

According to the official information, the North East Frontier Railway (NEFR) and the All Assam Transgender Association have jointly launched a tea shop in the month of March 2023.

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— Ministry of Railways (@RailMinIndia) [March 13, 2023](#)

Trans Tea Stall Inauguration

The collaboration between NEFR and the All Assam Transgender Association is for the

empowerment of trans and queer sections of society. The NEFR aims at creating other such visionary ventures in order to promote the equality of the sexes.

Moreover, the focus is on inclusion and reshaping the lives of the diverse communities of Trans or LGBTQ communities.

India's first "Trans Tea Stall" at a railway platform.

Guwahati Railway Station pic.twitter.com/JSi8OS9VKM

— Ashwini Vaishnaw (@AshwiniVaishnaw) [March 13, 2023](#)

Social Media Responses

Recently it was seen that as soon as the Northeast Frontier Railways posted a tweet describing the inauguration ceremony of Trans Tea Shop, people have been crowding the comment section. Not only masses around the world, but Ashwine Vaishnaw also tweeted about the project.

Next was the famous businessman and the chairperson of the Mahindra Group, Mr Anand Mahindra further commended the initiative as he was glad and captivated by the government-powered efforts.

Anand Mahindra posted several pictures of the inaugural event of the newly established tea shop. He also tagged the Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw. Mr Anand expressed his views by saying that this one small initiative is a big significant & transformational step among many other innovative projects taken up by the government. The Indian Railways holds more than 8 billion people. He further praised the Railway Ministry in his statement.

This one small, initiative is, in my view, as significant & transformational as your many other progressive projects. Indian railways carries over 8 billion people. And most important, excludes no one. Bravo [@AshwiniVaishnaw](#) <https://t.co/jraMFkwurA>

— anand mahindra (@anandmahindra) [March 14, 2023](#)

While Anand Mahindra mentions his joy by posting on the online Twitter handle, various other tweets came in the form of people's opinions. Someone asserted that it is one of the evolutionary steps of inclusiveness as part of the "Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas" scheme. Whereas another one said that a majority of such initiatives and achievements can be seen in North East India.

Some people disagreed with the name of the stall and said that it is not right to put the third gender or Trans name as it stands against the mission of inclusivity. "Sirji, in case you get the opportunity to interact and influence all those related to this venture - why not REMOVE the word TRANS from the name and therefore the hoarding? That would be the true test of social acceptance and progress! Regards", argued a Twitter user.

Trans Tea Stall Concept

This idea of installing a trans-operated tea shop was put forward by the Railways in partnership with the Trans Association of North East India. March marks the new beginning of this shop that has been set up at Guwahati. The inauguration was done by Anshul Gupta, General Manager of NEFR.

The shop is beautifully decorated in bright pink colour and two trans people are in charge of the tea shop. They have kept items like tea, cold drinks, biscuits, fruit juice, etc. The Associate VC of the Assam Transgender Welfare Board, Swati Bidhan Baruah is hopeful for trans and queer communities and encourages the employment of such people under several schemes laid out by the government.

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On March 15, 2023 (Wednesday) the US Senate Committee announced the awaited appointment of Eric Garcetti. US President Joe Biden elected him almost two years back and he has finally been made the new US Ambassador to India.

He has served 4 consecutive terms as the President of the City Council of Los Angeles. A close acquaintance of Biden, Eric Garcetti has emerged as the leader of the Democratic Party. However, his tenure as a mayor was of nine long years and there was a controversial incident that happened in 2020.

Invoked, 52-42: Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #65 Eric M. Garcetti to be Ambassador to the Republic of India.

D's voting Nay: Brown, Hirono, Kelly

R's voting Yea: Cassidy, Collins, Daines, Graham, Hagerty, Marshall, Young

— Senate Periodicals (@SenatePPG) [March 15, 2023](#)

The scandal made him lose his job in the Biden Cabinet and he was then dismissed from his ambassador proposal. A cloture motion was put forth by the United States Senate and the decision was made on his position. This parliamentary procedure is usually adopted when there is support provided by a supermajority and the matter is further debated by the minority members.

All About Eric Garcetti

52-year-old Eric Garcetti was brought up in San Fernando Valley and he was born to the former LA County District Attorney. Talking about his educational pursuits, he obtained BA and MA degrees from Columbia University.

Eric is a Democrat who was first elected to the Los Angeles City Council in the year 2001. Later being a representative of cities including Hollywood, Echo Park and Silver Lake areas, he extensively worked to develop these sections and ameliorate the city business tax.

[#WATCH](#) | US Senate voted 52-42 advancing former Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's nomination to be US Ambassador to India. pic.twitter.com/YJfdMNfRzY

— ANI (@ANI) [March 15, 2023](#)

American Politician Eric's Career

Garcetti had been a guest lecturer of International Affairs at the University of Southern California. He taught diplomacy, public policy and world affairs before joining Politics. He also started to serve as an officer in the US Navy Reserve in 2005 for nearly 12 years. He is known as a passionate jazz pianist and photographer.

Eric held the post of city's Mayor beginning from 2013 up to 2022 and he is regarded as the youngest mayor in the city in 100 years and additionally the first Jewish person to take that chair. His other positions include being the President of the Los Angeles City Council between 2006-2012 and as a Councilmember of the 13th District prior to that.

Acclaimed for adopting an initiative of 15 dollars as minimum wage, he improved the transit system of LA. While he made significant changes like making the city more earthquake-resilient and gave regular briefings during the Covid pandemic which encouraged and supported many residents.

Former Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's nomination to be Ambassador to India confirmed by US Senate

The Senate voted 52-42 advancing Garcetti's nomination to be US Ambassador to India.

(file pic) pic.twitter.com/QyzC22I7Fw

— ANI (@ANI) [March 15, 2023](#)

Bogged Down by Criticism

Eric Garcetti left his office in December 2022 as he was criticised for the homelessness crisis across the city. Besides this, an atrocious incident came out in 2020 of the killing of Black American George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer. In the wake of the protests, Eric's inefficiency in the funding of policing was highlighted by the critics. Corruption allegations were allegedly made at the City Council which further crumbled his reputation and record.

Lastly, the biggest setback for him has been reported in the form of sexual misconduct allegations against an advisor and Eric was questioned for not taking action against it.

Rick Jacobs Scandal

This was in the year 2020 when Garcetti's bodyguard Matthew Garza filed litigation against Rick Jacobs who was a top political advisor to the former mayor Garcetti. Garza charged Jacobs with touching him in a wrongful manner. Jacobs resigned from his role after the allegations flared up. He insisted that these allegations were false.

A report issued later by Republican politician and US Senator Chuck Grassley stated that "it is more likely than not that Mayor Garcetti either had personal knowledge of the sexual harassment or should have been aware of it."

This matter brought various obstacles in the career of Eric Garcetti. At that time he was the co-chair of Biden's election campaign and was expected to be a part of his cabinet. But due to the implications, he was not included by Biden.

In January 2022, Eric's nomination as US Ambassador to India was approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. His final appointment was pending ever since and now recently he has been assigned the position after a long fight.

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The Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) recently announced its approval of the international match calendars. The 2026 World Cup format has been accepted by the council and the number of matches has greatly increased from the conventional 64 to 104.

Moreover, the 2026 World Cup matches are scheduled to be jointly hosted by US, Canada and Mexico. The match formats are being extended including the previous participation from 32 to 48 teams. The global soccer regulating body FIFA propounded on March 14, 2023 (Tuesday) that the 2026 calendar has been issued as the 73rd FIFA Congress was held in advance in Kigali, Rwanda.

FIFA Council approves international match calendars

<https://t.co/KyrTVnrNxx> [pic.twitter.com/FIL05feiZT](https://twitter.com/FIL05feiZT)

— FIFA Media (@fifamedia) [March 14, 2023](#)

During the meeting, several important decisions were made considering the future of men's and women's competitions. The international match calendar discussion was further followed by a detail-oriented consultation procedure.

2026 FIFA World Cup Format

After reviewing various factors such as players' well-being, sporting integrity, team and fan experience, team travel, sporting and commercial activities, etc, the council approved the entire proposed amendments. As per the 2026 edition, the tournament's final match will be held on July 19, 2026 (Sunday).

Also, the 16 groups of three have been changed to 12 groups of four having the top 2 and 8 best

teams which will proceed to a round of 32. The original plan for the 2026 tournament had a total of 80 matches however the decision came out to elevate the number of games to 104 and this proposal was approved by FIFA in a recent conference.

An important date for the diary

The FIFA Council has confirmed when the [@FIFAWorldCup](#) 2026 final will take place – as well as the format for the first-ever 48-team edition. pic.twitter.com/fdXZkLfTvh

— FIFA (@FIFAcorn) [March 14, 2023](#)

Men's International Matches 2025-2030

According to the new calendar, the full structure of matches is given on the official website. The Final is to be played on February 19. It will begin on May 25, 2026, while the last official club match will be organised on May 24, 2026.

The combined number of rest, release and tournament days will remain the same as mentioned in 2010, 2014 and 2018 FIFA World Cup formats. The detailed calendar will be published in a few days.

Women's International Matches 2024-2025

It will be having six international windows a year and a dedicated task force has also been assigned to carry out player welfare principles including compulsory test periods.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

FIFA stated that a 32-team Club World Cup will be played every four years commencing from June 2025, as confirmed by President Gianni Infantino in Qatar in an official announcement made last year.

Champions Eligibility

Confederation champions will be eligible to play from 2021-2024 in the new Club World Cup which implies that Chelsea and Real Madrid are already qualified for it. The club ranking

calculation will be based on sporting criteria and this ought to be used to evaluate which other team will be applicable.

As per the current version of the FIFA Club World Cup, an annual competition with seven teams will be discontinued after 2023 due to the new release of the club competition to be adopted from the year 2024.

FIFA Federation asserted that this competition will involve featuring the champions of the premier club competitions from all confederations. It will further conclude with a final round which will be played at a neutral venue between the winner of the UEFA Champions League & the winner of intercontinental play-offs between the other confederations.

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OpenAI, an American research laboratory of Artificial Intelligence recently announced an advanced model of ChatGPT technology. This newly built chatbot is in a succession of the previous language software. Also, it is based on GPT-3.5 which gained worldwide popularity due to its striking capabilities.

ChatGPT with its human-like conversations has proved to be quite effective in delivering answers to real-life questions. Its activities range from writing poetry and coding to accomplishing Wharton's MBA exam. The ChatGPT technique proves its significance as it has the capability to perform a broad spectrum of tasks.

Announcing GPT-4, a large multimodal model, with our best-ever results on capabilities and alignment: <https://t.co/TwLFssyALF> [pic.twitter.com/YWwPjZbSg](https://t.co/YWwPjZbSg)

— OpenAI (@OpenAI) [March 14, 2023](#)

Developers put forth a highly improved version of ChatGPT that recently came into the market by creating the chatbot device integrated with Application Programming Interfaces (API). The chatbot has shown a progressive rate since its creation and multiple companies have interwoven ChatGPT in their various marketing and advertising tools.

Good news, we've increased our turn limits to 15/150. Also confirming that the next-gen model Bing uses in Prometheus is indeed OpenAI's GPT-4 which they just announced today. Congrats to the @OpenAI team. <https://t.co/WTVIVCVOyw> [pic.twitter.com/VA4Z1SDiEG](https://t.co/VA4Z1SDiEG)

— Jordi Ribas (@JordiRib1) [March 14, 2023](#)

GPT-4 'Cutting-Edge Technology'

OpenAI marks a milestone by introducing the breakthrough technology of AI-powered ChatGPT namely GPT-4. This new language model is not just about doing basic human-like functions rather it involves advanced levels of features embedded in the system as it engages with humans performing multiple activities.

It is more creative than before as the company OpenAI itself states. Countless people have already used and extensively experienced ChatGPT since its inception in November 2022. OpenAI asserted in a statement that GPT-4 has a much better amount of reasoning skills as it is more intelligent and smarter than its previous models.

Multimodal Capabilities

From GPT, GPT-2 and GPT-3, OpenAI has brought capable language models. After introducing GPT-4, it was announced that this is another milestone added to the list. The company has put perpetual efforts into strengthening deep learning.

GPT-4 is a multimodal model that can solve severe and demanding problems with precise and detailed results. Till now it has been ranked as the top-notch model built as it passes all the tests. It will create, edit and recapitulate with users who seek help in creative and technical writing including screenplay writing, and music composition and it can also grasp a user's natural writing style.

What is all to expect from GPT-4?

The GPT-4 model trounces ChatGPT through higher percentiles among test takers. Talking about its computational thinking, it is completely human-like as compared to other chatbots so far. It could have more than one trillion parameters. GPT-4 acquired its training on Microsoft Azure AI Supercomputers.

OpenAI released a list of examinations that the new GPT-4 has gone through and successfully cleared out. Scores are also available by the company. Examples include the LSAT test passed with 88 percentile and SAT Math with the 89 percentile. Moreover, it passed the GRE Quantitative exam at the 80th percentile and GRE verbal along with writing exams resulting in the 99th and 54th percentile.

GPT-4 has the capability to accept and understand images as text inputs and further generate

captions and analysis. It can provide dense insights into real-world scenarios and showcase human-level performance in various professional and academic criteria.

Additionally, Yascha Mollick potted that this piece of art is quite unique as it is helpful for species in ways that nobody would have thought of such as composing adorable music or writing a moving story. It can be considered a major invention in history.

How do Businesses benefit from ChatGPT?

Several major companies have been using the services of ChatGPT since the AI-friendly creator OpenAI launched its avant-garde models that have been useful for the driven netizens. Businesses have used innovative systems in their customer relationship management tools.

The software has widely made its presence as industries found it interesting and effective in ventures like customer service inquiries, coding, personal assistance, etc. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has streamlined industrial operations and this automation software has helped in processing data and providing accurate responses.

How much does GPT-4 cost?

This trendsetter model GPT-4 is available at a cost of 20 dollars per month. This technology cannot be accessed freely. Apart from its merits, GPT-4 also has certain limitations like social biases, hallucinations, etc.

The company is working on the weaker parts as it promotes transparency and is determined to spread AI Literacy. Developers can join the GPT-4 API waiting list to get access to the language model's API.

Microsoft Bing is currently running on GPT-4, as the company confirmed in an online blog. OpenAI hopes to offer free GPT-4 queries so that the ones without subscriptions would also try it out.

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IQAir, a Switzerland-based air quality technology company has recently published the World Air Quality Report for the year 2022. The index that came out on March 15, 2023 (Tuesday) hints that India is at the eighth rank in terms of the world's most polluted country in the world.

For 2022, the country has witnessed a little drop in the ranking as it was placed at the 5th spot in the previous year. However, 2022 data goes down to 8th with the PM2.5 level. As compared to cleaner countries, the denizens of India are susceptible to 83.2 g/cubic metre of PM2.5 pollutants which is significantly much higher than the WHO recommended unit. Also, the information highlights that the most polluted Indian cities are positioned at 53.3.

2022 World Air Quality Report is finally here! Find out how your country ranks.

<https://t.co/hz0IAz5qq9> #IQAir #2022WAQR #airquality #airqualityawareness #cleanair
pic.twitter.com/AnAN7UyyhT

— IQAir (@IQAir) [March 14, 2023](#)

In the list of 50 most polluted cities in the world, 39 are already in India which indicates growing concerns as the air is becoming unbreathable day by day. A number of factors contribute to air pollution and the health of all.

Life-Threatening Aerial Substances

Two of the Indian cities ranked in the world's most polluted cities namely Bhiwadi city located on the Rajasthan-Haryana border and another one is the metropolitan capital, Delhi. While Bhiwadi has 92.7 degrees of pollutants, Delhi on the other hand is close to 92.6.

As per the analysis drawn by IQAir, air quality levels have been calculated on the basis of the concentration of lung-damaging airborne particulates also called PM2.5. PM2.5 are those tiny

particles that have diameters including dust, dirt, smoke, etc.

The Swiss organisation IQAir releases its annual report every year and the record is widely included in the various citations by researchers as well as government organizations.

Annual Global Survey 2022

Lahore in Pakistan leapt on to over 10 places to be titled the worst city in terms of air quality in the world in 2022. Talking about the air quality in Lahore, it has now aggravated to 97.4 micrograms of PM2.5 particles per cubic meter from 86.5 in the last year 2021. This further makes it the most polluted city at a global level.

Pakistan has two of the five cities with the most terrible air. According to the latest report, Pakistan is ranked third in the country-wide ranking at 70.9 which is further followed by Bahrain at 66.6.

Moreover, Chad, a country in north-central Africa topped the world air quality index as it is the number one polluted country in the world, as per the annual global survey. In 2022, Chad replaced Bangladesh which was reported as the most air-polluted country in the 2021 report. Although Chad had an average pollutant level of 89.7, the second most polluted country Iraq currently averaged 80.1.

Air Pollution Analysis

Hotan becomes the only Chinese city in the top 20 of the index levels, followed by Lahore with PM2.5 levels of 94.3, which results in an improvement from 101.5 in 2021. Bangladesh's air quality has slightly improved from 2021 when it was tagged as the country with the worst air.

In the latest 2022 report, it is ranked 5th with PM2.5 levels coming down to 65.8 from 76.9, as informed by Reuters. If the overall average would be evaluated, one in 10 people globally is living in an area where air pollution poses a threat to their health.

The US Pacific territory Guam is reported to have cleaner air than any other country around the world, with a PM2.5 concentration of 1.3 whereas Canberra had the cleanest air for a capital city with 2.8. The index was put together using data from more than 30,000 air quality monitors in as many as 7,300 locations in 131 countries, territories and regions.

WHO Guidelines

The World Health Organization (WHO) proposes a maximum PM_{2.5} concentration of about 5 micrograms per cubic meter as prepared by Reuters reports. Various factors are well known to the world that cause hazardous air pollution such as the burning of fossil fuels, vehicle emissions, and microbial decaying processes, among many others.

The final report concluded that India and Pakistan experienced the worst air quality in the Central and South Asian region. More than 60% of the population breathes in regions where the concentration of PM_{2.5} particles is at least seven times higher than what WHO strictly recommends.

What is Air Quality Index (AQI)?

The World Air Quality Report shows the current status of air quality across the globe every year. There are multiple monitoring stations and sensors located which are handled by several research institutions, governmental bodies, non-profit organisations, educational institutes and scientists all over the world.

The 2022 report is sourced from IQAir's real-time air quality online observation platform. It aims to instruct governments, citizens and various companies around the globe. So that it inspires them to take effective measures for the levels and health of all global communities.

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Surekha Yadav is the first woman from India to become a loco pilot i.e. train driver of the indigenously designed train "Vande Bharata Express". This newly-launched train has high-tech features along with semi-high speed, as stated by the Central Railways.

On March 13, 2023 (Monday), 57-year-old Surekha Yadav successfully achieved the mission as she piloted the avant-garde train between Solapur station and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) in Mumbai.

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[#NariShaktiForNewIndia](#) [@RailMinIndia](#) pic.twitter.com/SPvrHtlzOa

— Raosaheb Patil Danve (@raosahebdanve) [March 14, 2023](#)

Five Things to know about Surekha Yadav

- Surekha Yadav is a female train driver of Indian railways. She acquired the position as the country's first female train driver in 1988. She handled the first "Ladies Special" in April 2000. Coming from Satara in the western Maharashtra region, she has been honoured with several awards at the state and national levels so far.
- Expressing thanksgiving for the opportunity to operate the Vande Bharat Train, she asserted that this is a wonderful experience to explore the new age, state-of-the-art technology of Vande Bharat Train. The train departed Solapur at the stipulated time and reached CSMT 5 minutes prior to the completion time, told by Central Railways.
- The railways also added that on completing over 450 km long journey, Surekha Yadav rejoiced at platform number 8 at CSMT.
- The Central Railways executed the prestigious Mumbai-Pune Deccan Queen Express and

CSMT-Kalyan ladies' special local train on International Women's Day on March 08, 2023. It accompanied all-women crews. On the occasion, Yadav drove the Deccan Queen along with Sayali Sawardekar as an assistant loco pilot.

- The Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav applauded Surekha Yadav on her big achievement and publicly wrote on March 13 that Vande Bharat is powered by Nari Shakti. Smt. Surekha Yadav makes India proud by becoming the first woman loco pilot of Vande Bharat Express.

Railway Minister promotes 'Nari Shakti'

Minister of Railways, Communications and Electronics and IT, Ashwini Vaishanw extended his best wishes and commended Surekha Yadav further encouraging 'Women's Empowerment'. In a recent tweet, the Minister stated that Vande Bharat Train Mission is a part of the Nari Shakti initiative.

Smt. Surekha Yadav has created history by being the first Indian woman as a loco pilot of Vande Bharat Express. Not only in India, but she is Asia's first woman to be on board as a train driver. She has been operating the train since the year 1988.

Surekha's Career & Awards

In 1987, the Railway Recruitment Board interviewed Surekha Yadav and this was her first initial step towards the Railway Sector. It was her dream to drive one of the trains of the Central Railway and she accomplished it ultimately.

Talking about her educational background, she is a graduate of BSc and BEd. As she got a job opportunity in Indian Railways, she did not pursue further studies. She has no record of train accidents and till now she has driven various kinds of trains such as goods and mail express trains, ghat trains with twin engines as well as the local suburb trains.

Very few know that she acted in one of the Television serials in 1991 namely "Hum Bhi Kisise Kam Nahi". She has been admired by multiple organisations for her uniqueness as the rare female train driver. Some of the awards that she bagged include Women Achievers Award (2011) by Central Railways, Prerna Puraskar (2005), and Rashtriya Mahila Aayog (2001), among several others.

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On March 12, 2023 (Sunday), Nitin Gadkari showcased 100% methanol-powered buses that will be run by Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTTC). The buses will be operated with methanol blended fuel as part of Mission Clean Energy.

The preliminary tests will be run on a pilot basis. The Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari recently announced several pilot trials of MD15 buses on the premises of Vidhana Soudha. Moreover, they are to be tested with 15% methanol-blended fuel provided by Indian Oil. On this occasion, a truck that runs on 100% methanol (M 100) was also introduced by the government.

Flagging off the "Pilot Trials of MD15" on the buses of BMTTC & prototype launch of M100 Truck (100% Methanol) of Ashok Leyland, Bengaluru <https://t.co/X2JUKEXRvI>

— Nitin Gadkari (@nitin_gadkari) [March 12, 2023](#)

Government's Clean Energy Project

An official of BMTTC stated that this methanol-focused initiative has been put forth by the Central Government and NITI Aayog. The corporation will be providing 10 buses including both BSVI (Bharat Stage Emission Standards) and BSIV (Bharat Stage IV) for the implementation.

This illustrious project of the Union government aims at solving air quality problems and also curbing pollution along with promoting dependency on the import of fuel. Experiments will be done in order to determine the success rate of these buses. The newly designed buses are to be operated for a total period of three months. Methanol blended fuel will be taken from Indian Oil for conducting the trial run.

'Methanol Economy' Programme by NITI Aayog

According to the data given by Niti Aayog on “Methanol Economy”, Methanol is a good alternative to conventional transportation fuels. This is a low-carbon, hydrogen-carrier fuel produced from high ash coal, agricultural residue, and CO₂ from thermal power plants as well as natural gas.

NITI Aayog’s ‘Methanol Economy’ Programme is determined to significantly decrease India’s oil import bill and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Furthermore, the aim is to convert coal reserves and municipal solid waste into methanol, as stated by the resource centre.

Blending 15% methanol in gasoline would as a consequence lead to at least a 15% reduction in the import of gasoline/crude oil. In addition to this, this would cut down GHG emissions by 20%. Therefore, improving urban air quality. NITI Aayog emphasized Methanol Economy as it can create more than 5 million job opportunities through methanol production or application and other distribution services.

Benefits of Methanol

In the production of Methanol, lower cost is involved hence it is preferred by the economies as compared to other fuel alternatives. Talking about its multiple benefits, Methanol as a fuel has a much lower risk of flammability relative to gasoline which is quite hazardous.

It keeps the engine clean and is considered safer than gasoline. Although Methanol has energy content a bit less than Petrol and Diesel, still it holds the capacity of replacing both these fuels in the Transport Sector.

Diesel consumption

Buses around various cities are operated almost every day. In Bengaluru, the consumption is about 2.5 lakh litres of diesel. Also, expenditure on fuel has been a major component of the corporation’s outlay data.

Even China has been effectively looking for alternatives where Methanol is considered as the replacement for Diesel. Methanol burns more effectively in a clean manner rather than Diesel so it will lead to less production of carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides and particulates.

Methanol in Transport Industry

Methanol can prove to be a better alternative than Petrol and Diesel for the Transport Industry (road, rail & marine). In fact, not only the transport sector, but the energy sector (including

process heating modules, commercial vehicles, etc) along with retail cooking can also benefit from this economical fuel.

In a new era of motorization, petroleum reserves are dwindling rapidly. Methanol has a very high octane number and has also been used in Spark Ignition (SI) engine applications. With this, it can be concluded that it can undoubtedly replace gasoline.

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ICC Player of the Month Winners

The majestic English Cricketer Harry Brook makes it to the 'Player of the Month' title for February 2023 by the International Cricket Council (ICC). He beats India's Ravindra Jadeja and Gudakesh Motie for his second Men's Player award.

While the top-ranked all-rounder Australian Cricketer Ashleigh Gardner collects the ICC Women's 'Player of the Month' award for February 2023.

Rising Star of the 'ICC Squad'

England's batter, Harry Cherrington Brook has struck solid contestant India's Ravindra Jadeja along with West Indies spinner Gudakesh Motie to hold the position of the winner. He took his optimistic test career to lofty heights in the last month of February when he attained a record of two fifties and a hundred.

Seeing double!

Harry Brook wins the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for the second time

Details <https://t.co/S2JrG8Mavw>

— ICC (@ICC) [March 14, 2023](#)

The 24-year-old right-handed batsman scored six runs in his first cricketing engagement of the month in a One-Day International (ODI) match played in competition with South Africa. However, he gathered the required pace after switching to Test Cricket, a series where his performances during the tour of Pakistan led him to win the ICC Men's 'Player of the Month' award for

December 2022.

Brook's Accomplishments

In the first Test match against New Zealand which was held at Mount Maunganui, Harry Brook blew almost half-centuries in both innings. Brook hit 15 fours and a six during his blistering 89 from 81 deliveries and bagged the number five position in the first innings.

Moreover, in the second chance, he scored a rapid 54 from 41 by hitting rocking seven fours and two sixes during his knock. ICC named him the 'Player of the Match' for his remarkable efforts in this vehement winning of England.

Second-time Award Winner

Harry Brook was thrilled on having won the ICC award for the second time. He stated that this prestigious award gifted to him twice in the past few months is a great honour. Furthermore, he extended his gratitude to his fellow cricketers as well as the England team administration who have always been supportive and encouraging.

His astounding hits made him bring home the ICC title as he marks his 4th Test Century. He asserted that the year has commenced with a great start and he also hopes and yearns to contribute more with his skilful efforts.

Brook targets are higher than before for the Men's cricket teams. He sets his goal to win the 50-over ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in India in the autumn and he is focusing to be part of both squads.

All-rounder Ashleigh Gardner's Profile

The tremendous player from Australia also called the all-rounder Ash Gardner achieves the title of Women's 'Player of the Month' by ICC for February 2023. The right-handed player Ash made a huge contribution to Australia's 2023 ICC Women's T20 World Cup winning campaign and hence, was named the Player of the Month.

Ashleigh Gardner has been regarded as the major backbone of Australia's success in the tournament organised in South Africa which was spurring tough competition from South Africa opener Laura Wolvaardt along with England all-rounder Nat Sciver-Brunt.

The winner is...

Ash Gardner claims the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for February 2023.

More <https://t.co/smMIWkxHGE>

— ICC (@ICC) [March 14, 2023](#)

She showed her brilliance in February and through her play, the team was able to get the third straight T20 World Cup title. Ash not only scored the glorious 110 runs at an average of 36.66 during the tournament but the 25-year-old also fetched 10 valuable wickets with her off-spin technique. She is the deserving player to lift up the 'Player of the Tournament' award.

Exceptional Feat of Ash Gardner

Talking about her best performance, she acquired the stunning numbers of 5/12 when she played against New Zealand whereas scores of 31 and 29 were scored in the semi-final and final matches respectively. These are among her few best efforts with the bat.

Her extraordinary stunts helped Australia secure their sixth ICC Women's T20 World Cup title. Besides this, she also bagged the 'Player of the Month' award for the second time in the past three months. She was nominated for the ICC title in December 2022.

Gardner expressed her thanksgiving by saying that the month has been a cutting-edge example for Women's cricket and she exuberantly thanks everyone who voted in favour.

The T20 World Cup was a dazzling tournament and she remembers her experience of playing the hosts of South Africa in the Finale in front jam-packed at Newlands. The Australian team is lucky to grab a number of world-class players and she is happy to have contributed to the women's cricket team's success during the World Cup.

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US Bank Bankruptcies

Financial systems have reportedly led to a major downturn around the globe. The disruption caused by the decline of the leading banks further engulfed bank stocks with growing concerns. The regional banks are under nervous breakdown after the 16th largest bank in the US namely Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) comes under loss.

Moreover, New York-based Signature Bank has also been shut down by the officials on March 12, 2023. Worried customers withdrew over ten billion dollars in deposits. This has also resulted in a stoppage in trading after several lenders faced a record fall. It seizes up financial stability among the masses when interest rates have been increased by global central banks.

Roku had one of the biggest deposits in SVB of \$487 Million.

This was 26% of its cash and cash equivalents. After declaring its exposure, its stock dropped by 3%. pic.twitter.com/ZVvraL5MmL

— Graham Stephan (@GrahamStephan) [March 12, 2023](#)

Hiking interest rate is one of the major strategies adopted by Central Banks for taming Inflation and it further brings Recession. The SVB and Signature Banks' halt can be considered the second-largest bank failure in history. In 2008, the operations of Washington Mutual Bank ceased.

Economists Examine Financial Cracks

During the era of economic fallout, tech and startup-centred SVB Bank was closed by the banking authorities. It was followed by the sudden fateful collapse of Signature Bank. US Authorities such

as the Federal Reserve, Treasury and Federal Deposit Insurance Corp recently declared a series of emergency measures in order to elevate the banking system.

Indian controllers have also faced similar predicaments regarding the health of the financial systems. Banking crises are not new to the world, and RBI and Banking Regulation Act continue to be powerful tools in curbing the current crises. Given below are the banks' insights reported by the country's central bank and regulatory body, the Reserve Bank of India.

YES Bank Case Study

The hardship faced by YES Bank flares up after the clean-up act of bad loans by the RBI, which induced banks to report their asset quality. After the RBI Survey, it was discovered that the bank was strained upon the balance sheet and did not have enough capital for operational business.

Also, the fear of decline prompted customers to start taking out deposits. The Reserve Bank of India stepped in to initiate rearguard action. It replaced the YES Bank management and further imposed a moratorium. The reconstruction scheme was also brought up involving 9 banks led by SBI acquiring a 49% stake in the Bank.

Lakshmi Vilas Bank

Talking about the Lakshmi Vilas Bank, its failure has been caused by multiple irregularities in lending large corporate loans and the squandering of public fund deposits. The bank had a loan of Rs 720 crores to former Ranbaxy promoters, Shivinder Singh and Manvinder Singh. This did not go well and crumbled the gross finances.

The RBI has placed a suspension on the bank's workings and deposit withdrawals have been restricted. The 'YES Bank' was later consolidated with DBS Singapore's India unit after the moratorium was raised.

Punjab & Maharashtra Co-operative Bank (PMC)

The RBI detected that PMC Bank failed to report the entire data related to its bad loans despite defaults. Apart from this, more issues were highlighted like corporate governance issues where promoters conspired with the bank. The central bank (RBI) enforced a strict moratorium on the bank and due to this depositors were unable to withdraw cash beyond a certain limit.

Global Trust Bank

In the year 2001, the Global Trust Bank (GTB) was caught involved in a stock market scam. After RBI studied GTB's accounts, the bank had high exposure to capital markets which was more than the regulator's prescribed limit and gave away loans to speculators in the 2000s. When the market sharply deteriorated, the bank suffered heavy losses. The RBI review determined that the bank's net worth turned negative leading to a forced shutdown.

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Superhit film “RRR” to shine at the big Oscars event 2023 going to be held tomorrow i.e. March 12, 2023 (Sunday) in Los Angeles. The world-famed “Naatu Naatu” song from the movie has been nominated under the “Best Original Song” category.

Two activities are quite popular among Indians including Cricket and Awards. The populace of India is so fond of films, cinema and songs and India is one of the biggest countries in the world to have contributed extensively to various genres of films. SS Rajamouli’s film “RRR” has won millions of hearts globally since its release.

The infinite efforts of the South Indian film “RRR” make the nation proud beyond words. Moreover, very few people know that it is the first Indian film to be released in the Dolby Cinema format. Now apart from its victory at the HCA Awards where it got many prestigious honours, eyes are all set on the upcoming Oscars function.

Best Wishes to “RRR” at Oscars 2023

Everyone is expecting RRR to create history by winning the solid bronze and 24-carat gold-plated statuette. With hopes and felicitations, everyone is now looking forward to the big win at the Oscars Award function in 2023.

This moment is going to be extremely important for the Indian film industry. “Naatu Naatu” song from “RRR” has been nominated under the “Best Original Song” category, while “All That Breathes” and “Elephant Whisperers” are other following Indian nominees.

Oscars Competition

The song “Naatu Naatu” composed by MM Keeravaani is the only Indian song to be nominated under the “Best Original Song” category. The singers are Rahul Sipligunj and Kaala Bhairava. Fans and followers are impatiently waiting for the 95th Academy Awards event to be held tomorrow at Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, California.

Competitors include Applause (Tell It Like a Woman), Hold My Hand (Top Gun: Maverick), Lift Me Up (Black Panther: Wakanda Forever), and This Is a Life (Everything Everywhere All At Once).

Ram Charan, JR NTR, SS Rajamouli Ready for Oscars

Jr NTR joins Ram Charan and SS Rajamouli for Oscars 2023 in Los Angeles. The famous actor Ram Charan was seen barefoot at the airport for his travel to LA. Junior NTR has also been spotted by the media a few days later.

As per the reports, there are several parties going on side by side attended by the actors. Tomorrow the star cast will make its presence at the Red Carpet.

Rahul Sipligunj and Kaala Bhairava. "Naatu Naatu." LIVE at the 95th Oscars.

Tune into ABC to watch the Oscars LIVE on Sunday, March 12th at 8e/5p! [#Oscars95](#)
pic.twitter.com/8FC7gJQbJs

— The Academy (@TheAcademy) [February 28, 2023](#)

"Naatu Naatu" Dance Performance

India is proud of SS Rajamouli's RRR, starring Jr NTR and Ram Charan as it gets its name in the esteemed nominations list of Oscars 2023. On February 28, The Academy announced that the "Naatu Naatu" song would be performed live on the Oscars stage having superb singers Rahul Sipligunj and Kaala Bhairava.

Earlier, an interaction was held where the song's composer MM Keeravaani shared that rehearsals for the live performance are currently in progress as the team is working very hard to splash at the awards.

He also told that the song will be sung for 2-and-a-half minutes on stage. Rickey Minor is the music director for the Oscars 2023 whereas MM Keeravaani is working with him on the artistic piece. Also, reports came that actors who performed in the film, Ram Charan and Jr NTR will not be performing. Instead, the American actress and dancer Lauren Gottlieb will be seen rocking the stage with her fiery performance on the nominated song.

“RRR” Movie Re-Release in US

On March 03, 2023, Rajamouli's Tollywood epic “RRR” kicked off in U.S. Theatres. According to recent updates, famous Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone is the only Indian to present the awards at the Oscars 2023 among foreign renowned personalities. She made the announcement on social media almost a week ago.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his felicitations to the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) on its 54th 'Raising Day' celebrated today i.e. March 10, 2023 (Friday). PM Modi extolled the Central Force as it plays a pivotal role in ensuring 24-hour continuous safety to the critical infrastructures across the country.

Modi asserted that the military force is widely known for its valuable hard work. PM Modi took to the Twitter handle to extend his best wishes to all CISF Personnel. The CISF has a major role in the country's security networks they are deployed for providing nonstop security at various key locations that involve critical and strategic infrastructure. India's Prime Minister goes on further by saying that the professional work and observatory aspects of the army force.

[#CISF](#) is celebrating its 53 yrs of dedicated service to the nation [#CISFRaisingDay](#) for the 1st time out of Delhi @ NISA Hyderabad on 12th Mar' 2023. Hon'ble HM Shri [@AmitShah](#) will grace the grand celebration.

Watch live streaming <https://t.co/chmzVcZ0cJ>

— CISF (@CISFHQrs) [March 10, 2023](#)

Why is CISF Raising Day celebrated?

March 10 is observed yearly as the CISF Raising Day. CISF is the primary armed police force under the Ministry of Home Affairs. It is responsible for carrying out various important tasks such as security to public sector undertakings, power plants, seaports, airports and other infrastructure projects of the government across India.

On their Raising Day, best wishes to all [@CISFHQrs](#) personnel. The CISF has a vital role in our security apparatus. They provide round the clock security at key locations including critical and

strategic infrastructure. The force is known for its hardwork and professional outlook.

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— Narendra Modi (@narendramodi) [March 10, 2023](#)

Hence, this day is celebrated for the appreciation of the several roles that they fulfil. The CISF unit is involved in various social welfare activities as instructed by the government. The dedicated team safeguards the assets of the country and executes rescue operations in required emergency situations.

Indian Railways salutes the audacious personnel on [#CISFRaisingDay](#) for their tenacious courage in strengthening the safety of government infrastructure projects and establishments across the country. pic.twitter.com/dzbvJovyvU

— Ministry of Railways (@RailMinIndia) [March 10, 2023](#)

CISF Establishment

Under the Indian Parliament Act, CISF was set up on March 15 1969 and the strength was 2,800 at that time. It is a highly reputable federal police organisation in India. Its main aim is to provide high-level security to more than 356 industrial units, government facilities, and projects that are located across the country.

On March 10, it completed 54 years and for the first time, this day is being celebrated outside of Delhi, as tweeted by CISF. Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs of India will attend the grand celebration as the Chief Guest.

Emergence of CISF

Talking about the origin of CISF, it was formed after the massive fire which broke out at the Heavy Engineering Corporation Plant in Ranchi in 1964 which further gave rise to this organisation. A disastrous fire broke out at HEC Ranchi and subsequently led to the disrupted functioning of PSUs at Ranchi, Rourkela etc. Hence, in order to provide better protection and security for the PSUs, CISF was created.

On the occasion of the 54th Anniversary of CISF, Union Home Minister Amit Shah proclaimed that the efforts of force are commendable for their “instrumental” and “unwavering commitment” to the nation’s security for so many years and beyond.

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The 2023 Oscars is scheduled to be held at Dolby Theatre Auditorium in Los Angeles on March 12, 2023 (Sunday). The Academy reveals that singer-actress Lady Gaga has omitted her performance of her Oscar-nominated song “Hold My Hand” in the “Best Original Song” category. This song is from the 2022 film “Top Gun: Maverick”.

The Academy informed this in an official conference that was organised on March 08, 2023 (Wednesday). Lady Gaga will reportedly be absent from the Oscar Awards Function as her schedule collides with her upcoming rumoured film “Joker: Folie à Deux”.

At the press meet, the Will Smith factor was also addressed by Oscar’s Creative Team. The team involves Executive Producer and Showrunner Glenn Weiss, Award-winning Executive Producer and Showrunner Ricky Kirshner, and Musical Director Rickey Minor. Further, it also includes Writers Dave Boone, Nefetari Spencer and Agathe Panaretos along with Producer Sarah Levine Hall, as reported by Variety.

ICYMI: Here is the second slate of presenters for [#Oscars95](https://t.co/7lWBuSpjgH) <https://t.co/7lWBuSpjgH>

— The Academy (@TheAcademy) [March 9, 2023](#)

Oscars 2023 Theme

The Creative Team highlights this year’s show themes. It announces that the main idea behind the 2023 Oscars will be about “honouring the crafts and what it takes to make a movie”. Moreover, the previous year’s Smith’s slap gate incident will also be addressed in a humorous way at the event.

Will Smith won the “Best Actor” award at last year’s awards ceremony. After he slapped host Chris Rock, he is not allowed to enter the Oscars for the next 10 years. Hence, he will not be

presenting any awards this time.

Executive Producer Molly McNearney stated in a recent conference that they will move forward with the issue and acknowledge it amusingly. In addition to this, this year's awards won't be like last year and the slap gate episode can be taken in a comedic fashion. Kirshner who is a newcomer to the team emphasized that this was a new show, quite different from what regular viewers witness. The show will have presenters for each category.

What can the audience expect in Oscars 2023?

On March 12, the show is about to exhibit various interesting themes for the audience to stay tuned. Last year, Bill Kramer, the CEO of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences asserted to Variety that all categories will be presented in the live telecast and the audience will be able to watch this during the event.

Kirshner also says that this year's show is about "honouring the crafts and what it takes to make a movie." Most importantly, the masses enjoy the actors and entertain by their actions in front of the camera however, there are a plethora of people who work behind those scenes and make the movies worth watching. Many people do not have knowledge about what it takes to make and cast a movie but this time, the team has planned to showcase it.

Oscars 2023 Predictions

From the musical point of view, Minor who last served as the show's Music Director in 2020 proclaims that the diverse presentation of musical songs from all films and notable writers and composers will be featured. This will come out on the show as the orchestra will be staged followed by outstanding performances.

Along with this, Minor reiterated the ceremony would witness the celebration of the 95th anniversary of the awards. Also, the team said that there are a lot of materials and ideas of treasure to choose from for the event. Indian blockbuster film "RRR" and its globally popular song "Naatu Naatu" will be performed at the ceremony by the respective singers Rahul Pipligunj and Kala Bhairava.

Proud Moment for Deepika at Oscars 2023

After "RRR", beautiful actress Deepika Padukone has adorned herself for the upcoming Oscars 2023 event. This global-level achiever is appointed to be one of the top presenters at the 95th

Academy Awards.

At Dolby Theatre in the Ovation Hollywood, US, she will be making India proud after she represented the country at Cannes 2022 as she was one of the jury members. Deepika will be joining the illustrious team of presenters such as Emily Blunt, Jennifer Connelly, Michael B Jordan, and Samuel L Jackson, among other Hollywood personalities at the award show.

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Xi Jinping's Power Upsurge

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The NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar or NISAR is a part of the Indo-US collaboration. NISAR is a satellite that is mutually developed by NASA and ISRO. The spacecraft was delivered to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on March 08, 2023 (Wednesday). The NISAR Satellite landed in Bengaluru on a US Air Force C-17 Aircraft, as per the official reports.

US Consulate General Chennai recently posted a tweet announcing that ISRO has received NISAR, created by both countries. This marks the passing of stage one for the final integration of the Earth Observation Satellite which is a significant achievement of the US-India Civil Space Collaboration.

Touchdown in Bengaluru! @ISRO receives NISAR (@NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) on a @USAirforce C-17 from @NASAJPL in California, setting the stage for final integration of the Earth observation satellite, a true symbol of #USIndia civil space collaboration. #USIndiaTogether pic.twitter.com/l0a5pa1uxV

— U.S. Consulate General Chennai (@USAndChennai) [March 8, 2023](#)

General Features

According to the partnership between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), NISAR has been launched as part of a space mission.

It is a dual-frequency synthetic aperture radar and it is regarded as the first-ever radar imaging satellite which will use dual frequencies. Some eight years ago in 2014, it was envisaged by NASA and ISRO as a powerful aircraft and the possibility of Radar as a science object. NASA posits that this could help the agencies study and assess the planet's dynamic land and ice surfaces in profound detail.

Through advanced radar imaging, it can depict the Earth's masses about 4 to 6 times a month at a resolution of 5 to 10 meters as told by space agency officials. It is designed in such a way that it can measure the most complex natural phenomena on Earth.

How Earth can benefit from NISAR?

NISAR will function till next year in order to systematically observe and measure Earth using two different radar frequencies - L-band and S-band respectively. All major changes in the planet's surface can be demonstrated less than a centimetre across.

Through this mission, NISAR will be able to give useful data and information about the Earth's surface changes, natural hazards, as well as ecosystem disturbances. Along with this, it will help to enhance the understanding of various system processes and climate change on Earth. It will further escalate the study of space agencies in collecting the planet's data and carrying forward future endeavours accordingly.

Objectives of Indo-US Joint Venture

NISAR Satellite will assist in monitoring and predicting the effects of climate change on the Earth's land surface which include melting glaciers, sea-level rise and also changes in carbon storage.

This data will be efficiently used to improve agricultural management and food security as it will provide information about crop growth, soil moisture, and land-use changes. Hence it will result in better knowledge about various sectors operating across the globe and the currently prevailing issues will be addressed.

Another goal will be achieved as the spaceship will also help in giving information regarding infrastructure monitoring and management such as monitoring oil spills, urbanization, and deforestation.

NISAR Launch Details

The NISAR Project is expected to be launched by January 2024 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre into a near-polar orbit. Moreover, the satellite will be executed for a minimum of three years.

The spaceship is a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) observatory and the main aim of NISAR is to map the

entire globe in approximately 12 days.

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Notable scholar Indibor Deuri passes away: Check his contribution to literature and education

Assam's renowned scholar and social scientist Indibor Deuri took his last breath in Guwahati on Tuesday, 7th March following a prolonged illness. He had been undergoing treatment for a long time at Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH). Deuri got admitted to the city's Health City hospital in January after he complained of a breathing problem. Later, he got diagnosed with a lung infection and was shifted to the GMCH.

The notable scholar has left behind his wife and daughter Prachi Deuri. Born on 27th April 1945 in Shillong to Bhimbora Deuri and Kamlavati Deuri, Indibor Deuri began his education in the city itself in 1950. Starting his career as an English teacher, he made notable contributions to the education and literature in Assam.

Over the years, he silently worked for the promotion of rational thinking in society. He wrote several insightful articles on the rationality and ethnic issues of Assam. As a social scientist, he was primarily known for his work, Jukti Aru Janasamaj (Rationality and Society), Janagosthiya Samasya: Otit, Bartamam, Bhabiswat (Issues of Ethnicity: Past, Present, Future). He also edited three books titled, Jukti Bikash, Juktir Pohorot Samaj, and Jyoti-Bishnu: Sangskritik Rupantoror Ruprekha with author Prasenjit Choudhury. Later, he joined the Indian Postal service and retired as Chief Post Master General (CPMG).

On the day of Deuri's demise, the entire state mourned the loss. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also expressed his condolences through his official PMO handle saying, "Pained by the passing away of Shri Indibor Deuri Ji. He made a rich contribution to the world of literature, culture, and education. Condolences to his family and admirers. Om Shanti," the Prime Minister's Office tweeted, quoting PM Modi. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has also expressed profound grief on the passing away of Deuri and conveyed condolences to the bereaved family.

Actor-Director Satish Kaushik Passes Away owing to Heart Attack, Celebrities Lament over the loss

Indian Cinema Actor and Filmmaker Satish Chandra Kaushik left for his eternal abode today i.e. March 09, 2023 (Thursday). He was declared dead in the first flush of the morning. He reported uneasiness and told his driver to take him to the City Hospital. On his way to the Fortis Hospital in Gurugram, he took his last breath while the cause of death is claimed to be Heart Attack.

It has been informed to the media that the legendary actor was at a friend's home in Delhi when he complained of pain and discomfort. The driver rushed him to the hospital and he died during the travel at the age of 66. The deceased relics are presently at the Fortis Hospital of Gurugram and will be taken to Mumbai once the postmortem report is finished

Social Media websites are flooded with posts by famous figures from the Film Industry along with the late actor's countless fans in his memory. Many people know Satish Kaushik as only an actor and comedian however, he has played different roles like producer, screenwriter and director.

Film Industry in Shock

Indian director Hansal Mehta along with renowned actors Soni Razdan, Manoj Bajpayee and Kangana Ranaut commemorated Veteran Actor Satish Kaushik and regarded him with words such as a "kind man" and "gentle soul" who continues to be an invaluable gem of the industry.

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Notable Roles in Films

The epic actor who entertained everyone through his efforts for decades, Satish Kaushik is popularly known for his role as "Calendar" in the Bollywood Anil Kapoor starrer film "Mr India". In addition to this, he has directed multiple movies like "Tere Naam" (2003), "Kaagaz" (2021), and "Roop ki Rani Choron ka Raja" (1993), among others.

In his last moments, he is seen enjoying yesterday's Holi party 2023 at Javed Akhtar and Shabana Azmi's house. He had planned to make a sequel to his blockbuster movie, "Tere Naam".

His Cinematic Works/ Achievements

Late Satish Kaushik has scripted several works in the Film Industry. He has made a significant place in everyone's hearts with his humour and artistic skills. Here are some of the biggest achievements of his life that he made through his contributions.

- Played the character of "Pappu Pager" in "Deewana Mastana"
- Role of "Chanu Ahmed" in the British film "Brick Lane" (2007) directed by Sarah Gavron
- Won the Filmfare Best Comedian Award for "Ram Lakhan" (1990)
- Won the Filmfare Best Comedian Award for Saajan Chale Sasural (1997)
- In theatre, he played "Salesman Ramlal" for the play "Willy Loman", an adaptation of Arthur Miller's novel "Death of a Salesman"
- Dialogue Writing for comedy classic "Jaane Bhi Do Yaaron" (1983)

Condolences on Social Media Handles

Various personalities and even ministers took to Twitter and other online accounts to extend their heartfelt condolences for the great actor Satish Kaushik. His close friend and batchmate at the National School of Drama (NSD), the famous actor Anupam Kher expressed his love and condolences by asserting that he was in Delhi at a friend's home and all of a sudden felt uneasy. However, he suffered a heart attack around 1 am on his way to the hospital.

Earlier he shared that Death is the ultimate truth of this world and wished to write about his closest friend someday. He remembers 45 years of deep friendship with him.

" ! " #SatishKaushik , 45 !! Life will NEVER be the same without you SATISH ! ! pic.twitter.com/WC5Yutwvqc

— Anupam Kher (@AnupamPKher) [March 8, 2023](#)

Narendra Modi is agonized over his demise and posted that Satish Kaushik was a creative genius and his works will continue to win the hearts of all.

Pained by the untimely demise of noted film personality Shri Satish Kaushik Ji. He was a creative genius who won hearts thanks to his wonderful acting and direction. His works will continue to entertain audiences. Condolences to his family and admirers. Om Shanti.

— Narendra Modi (@narendramodi) [March 9, 2023](#)

Indian Film Director Madhur Bhandarkar wrote that he is shocked to hear the news of the legendary actor's demise. He will be missed by millions of fans and followers. Madhur goes on by saying that he was a very lively person.

I am so shocked to hear the demise of actor-director Satish Kaushik ji, who was always vibrant, energetic and full of life, he will be missed immensely by the film fraternity & millions of admirers, My deepest condolences to his family members. [#OmShanti](#). [@satishkaushik2](#)
[pic.twitter.com/Q9Sd0M1f28](#)

— Madhur Bhandarkar (@imbhandarkar) [March 9, 2023](#)

Kangana Ranaut tweets him as her "biggest cheerleader" and misses him immensely. She says that he was "a very kind and genuine man".

Woke up to this horrible news, he was my biggest cheerleader, a very successful actor and director [#SatishKaushik](#) ji personally was also a very kind and genuine man, I loved directing him in Emergency. He will be missed, Om Shanti [pic.twitter.com/vwCp2PA64u](#)

— Kangana Ranaut (@KanganaTeam) [March 9, 2023](#)

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One of the major two chambers of US Congress, United States Senate officially announced Arun Subramanian's appointment as the NY District Court Judge. He becomes the first-ever Indian-American lawyer to be hired for the prestigious position of South Asian Manhattan District Judge on March 08, 2023 (Wednesday).

His nomination has been further confirmed after the voting results derived i.e. 59-37 on March 07 (Tuesday). The US Senate recently took it to the Twitter handle and asserted that by 59-37, Arun Subramanian's designation for the Court bench has been confirmed and now he will be serving for the Seventh District of New York.

US Senate Nominations 2023

Nominations were conducted for the 26th round of the judiciary position. Senior US Senator Chuck Schumer affirmed that Arun Subramanian is a son of Indian migrants and also the first South Asian-American Judge confirmed to SDNY.

CONFIRMED: Arun Subramanian to the Southern District of New York.

He's been directly engaged in every aspect of civil litigation and has clerked at every level of the federal judiciary.

He is also the first South Asian judge to serve on this bench. pic.twitter.com/MIImxdet7HQ

— Senate Judiciary Committee (@JudiciaryDems) [March 7, 2023](#)

The Southern District of New York (SDNY) is one of the most influential federal courts in the US. Mr Arun has shown exemplary performance throughout his career in making an impact on people. In September 2022, US President Joe Biden declared the nomination of Subramanian for the

United States District Court for SDNY.

Arun's Remarkable Ventures

1979-born Arun Subramanian is an Indian-American who had been serving as Solicitor in New York. His parents shifted to America from India during his childhood days. His father was a Control Systems Engineer at multiple companies whereas his mother worked at many offices including the bookkeeper job.

This brilliant attorney Arun Subramanian has acquired his Juris Doctor (J.D) from Columbia Law School in 2004. He completed his BA in Computer Science from Case Western Reserve University in the year 2001.

59-37, Senate confirmed the nomination of Arun Subramanian, of New York, to be U.S. District Judge for the Seventh District of New York. Rollcall Vote #45 <https://t.co/SOmYJ3E2U1>

— U.S. Senate Updates (@SenateFloor) [March 7, 2023](#)

Moreover, he holds a Law Degree from Columbia Law School as a James Kent & Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. Talking about his significant journey, he administered several job posts such as Executive Articles Editor for the Columbia Law Review. Since 2007, he has worked at Susman Godfrey LLP in New York and he is presently a partner at this top litigation boutique.

Career Highlights

Arun has been in the position of a Law Clerk for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the Supreme Court of the United States between 2006 to 2007. Additionally, he is known for his notable work like the case of redemption of many billion dollars against the victimisation of public and private organisations that fell prey to illicit activities.

According to Susman Godfrey, he also worked for Judge Gerard E. Lynch on the United States District Court for SDNY from 2005 to 2006 and Judge Dennis Jacobs on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit between the years 2004-2005.

Currently, he is serving as the Chairperson of Susman Godfrey's 2022 Pro Bono Committee and

is also regarded as the longtime Director of the Columbia Law Review, one of the Nation's pre-eminent legal journals. Being a representative of a number of political subdivisions in California, he has also shown exceptional work for the cause of public entities in False Claims Act cases, victims of trafficking in child pornography, consumers as well as individuals who suffered through wrongful means.

Arun's Contributions

To the legal community, he picked up pro bono cases outside of the courtroom and for many years, he worked on the pro bono panel for the United States Court of Appeals for the second circuit. Among his victorious endeavours, he secured over USD400 million for state and federal governments through litigation connected to Novartis Pharmaceutical.

Then he helped in gaining USD590 million in settlements from LIBOR and achieving a USD100 million judgment in a federal residential mortgage-backed securities case against Flagstar Bank post-2008 crisis. Schumer stated that he was also chosen for the Court's Advisory Committee for the Federal Rules of Evidence by Chief Justice John Roberts.

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The Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Dr L. Murugan confers the 8th National Photography Awards in New Delhi today i.e. March 07, 2023. At the function, a total number of 13 awards were granted involves one 'Lifetime Achievement Award' with a special cash prize of Rs 3,00,000. Another one was the 'Professional Photographer of the Year' Award and also the 'Amateur Photographer of the Year' category with cash prizes of Rs 1,00,000 and Rs 75,000 respectively were presented.

Moreover, 5 Special Mention Awards in both Professional and Amateur categories were also given along with a cash prize of Rs 50,000 and Rs 30,000 each respectively. Ms Sipra Das was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award. 'Professional Photographer of the Year' Award was given to Shri Sasi Kumar Ramachandran while Shri Arun Saha bagged the 'Amateur Photographer of the Year' Award.

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8th National Photography Awards Ceremony at National Media Centre, New Delhi @ianuragthakur @Murugan_MoS @PIB_India @DDNewslive @airnewsalerts <https://t.co/UnWr2nq9bC>

— Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (@MIB_India) [March 7, 2023](#)

Themes at Award Function

13 Awards in total were presented during the ceremony comprising 6 each in the Professional and Amateur category. Talking about the theme for the Professional category was "Life and Water" whereas for the Amateur category, the theme was "Cultural Heritage of India".

Dr Murugan addressed the audience and further congratulated all the award winners. He

acknowledged the efforts of all winners who have gathered there from diverse professional backgrounds. However, these awardees possess a great fire of passion within them for photography. These awards recognize the exceptional talent and incredible capabilities of these photographers.

In addition to this, the Minister stated that photography is a universal visual language also referred to as a language that transcends time and space. It not only records the present but also provides a portal to view the distant past. Photographs are truthseekers and they will always speak the truth about every action and emotion reflected in their creativities.

Appreciation of Photographers

The Minister recollects the contributions made by photographs in immortalizing the freedom movement and associated leaders, as he celebrates Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. The photographers deserve commendation for their dedication to their profession and their innate desire to spread their stories and creations.

These exemplary photographers play a crucial role in raising awareness about the rich and unique cultural heritage and introducing cultural capital across the globe. A special brochure was also released by the dignitaries on the noteworthy occasion.

The Secretary of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Shri Apurva Chandra gave a speech on the occasion by announcing that the National Photography Awards is an initiative to cherish the immense efforts made by the photographers of India. Shri Chandra suggested that government flagship schemes can also be included as a category of awards in the coming bright future.

Shri Vijay Kranti, the Chairman of the Jury for the awards told the audience that 9 entries in total were received for Lifetime Achievement Award while 12 entries were in the category on the proposal of Jury members. 462 entries with a total of 4,535 images were received for the Professional category and these entries were received from across 21 States and 4 Union Territories of India. In the Amateur category, 874 entries with 6,838 images were collected from 24 States as well as 6 Union Territories.

Winners List of the 8th National Photography Awards:

- Lifetime Achievement Award - Ms Sipra Das
- Professional Photographer of the Year Award - Shri Sasi Kumar Ramachandran

- Special Mention Awards in the Professional category

1. Dipjyoti Banik
2. Shri Manish Kumar Chauhan
3. Shri RS Gopakumar
4. Shri Sudipto Das
5. Shri Umesh Harishchandra Nikam

- Amateur Photographer of the Year Award - Shri Arun Saha

- Special Mention Awards in the Amateur category

1. Shri CS Sreeranj
2. Dr Mohit Wadhawan
3. Shree Ravishankar SL
4. Shri Subhadip Bose
5. Shri Tharun Adurugatla

Members of the Jury for the 8th National Photography Awards

- Shri Vijay Kranti, Chairman
- Shri Jagdish Yadav, Member
- Shri Ajay Aggarwal, Member
- Shri K. Madhavan Pillai, Member
- Ms Ashima Narain, Member, and
- Shri Sanjiv Misra, Photographic Officer, Photo Division, Member Secretary.

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Salhoutuonuo Kruse becomes one of the first women to be elected to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly. She recently took oath as a Minister of the Legislative Assembly. in presence of several ministers. The swearing-in ceremony was held in Shillong while Prime Minister Narendra Modi also attended the event today i.e. March 07, 2023 (Tuesday).

Talking about the election results, Keneizhakho Nakhro, an independent candidate stands defeated by the Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) candidate from the Western Angami by only 7 votes.

Eight Cabinet Ministers sworn in along with Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and Deputy CMs Y Patton and T R Zeliang pic.twitter.com/QrYHty1P2V

— PIB in Nagaland (@PIBKohima) [March 7, 2023](#)

After Hekani Jakhalu, Kruse is the second woman to be positioned as Nagaland Minister. Hekani Jakhalu is another candidate of the NDPP Party from the Dimapur-III constituency who also won the election held on February 27 for the 60-member assembly. The poll results were declared on March 02, 2023 (Thursday).

Eye-Opening Facts about Salhoutuonou Kruse:

- Salhoutuonuo Kruse has been a local hotel owner and for the first time, she contested her election against Keneizhakho Nakhro, an independent candidate.
- Also, she served as an Advisory Board Member in Angami Public Organisation which is her tribe's male-dominated apex body.
- This 56-year-old woman is the widow of late NDPP candidate Kevisekho Kruse who lost the elections of the year 2018. She is determined to fulfil the visions and dreams of her late husband.

- Talking about her educational background, Kruse completed her pre-university at Kohima College in 1986. She is known as the Proprietor of a Private School in the Chümoukedima district in Nagaland.
- Lastly, she has been actively involved with various civil societies for more than two decades and also held the post of the President of the Angami Women Organisation in the past.

Neiphiu Rio Designated as Nagaland CM

The longest-serving CM Neiphiu Rio recently took oath as Nagaland's CM for the 5th consecutive term. In the Nagaland elections that concluded in previous days, the NDPP-BJP coalition won 37 seats in the 60-member assembly. All other parties in Nagaland eventually extended their letters of support to the Rio-led treaty.

Heartfelt congratulations to Shri [@Neiphiu_Rio](#) Ji on being sworn in as the Chief Minister of Nagaland! I'm confident that his vast experience and expertise will be invaluable in driving the state towards greater heights of progress and prosperity. Wishing him a successful tenure!
pic.twitter.com/eglbIL6QrW

— Yanthungo Patton (@YanthungoPatton) [March 7, 2023](#)

The 72-year-old Rio handled the oath of secrecy by Governor La Ganesan. Along with PM Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP President J P Nadda, and Assam CM are among several other ministers who attended the oath-taking ceremony.

Honoured and humbled to be sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Nagaland in the presence of the Hon'ble [@PMOIndia](#) Shri [@narendramodi](#) ji, Hon'ble [@HMOIndia](#) Shri [@AmitShah](#) ji, Shri [@JPNadda](#) and other dignitaries and well-wishers in attendance. pic.twitter.com/XDWeWFj6lq

— Neiphiu Rio (@Neiphiu_Rio) [March 7, 2023](#)

Both T R Zeliang and Y Patton took charge as the Deputy Chief Ministers of the state whereas other members of the Rio cabinet also administered their respective positions.

Rio will be leading an oppositional government across the state as all parties submitted their approval letters and support in favour of his continuing leadership.

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On March 07, 2023 (Tuesday) the National People's Party leader Conrad Sangma committed to the position of Chief Minister of Meghalaya. Along with him, 11 others took oath including two Deputy Chief Ministers for the second consecutive term while Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also present for the oath-taking ceremony in Shillong.

Also, State Governor Phagu Chauhan administered the oath to the 12-member council of ministers. The council comprises NPP's Prestone Tynsong and BJP's Alexander Laloo Hek. Tynsong and Sniawbhalang Dhar undertook the responsibilities as Deputy Chief Ministers.

Meghalaya Oath-Taking Ceremony

In total, eight Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) from the National People's Party (NPP) whereas two from the UDP and one each from the BJP along with the HSPDP Party supervised the oath of secrecy as ministers in Sangma's cabinet at Raj Bhavan.

Humbled by this great honour to serve Meghalaya as its Chief Minister for the second term. Congratulations to all the Cabinet Ministers of MDA 2.0.

My Cabinet & I will serve the people & our state with renewed dedication, keeping our oath of service

Khublei, Mitela & Jai Hind! pic.twitter.com/NvhwERFtbW

— Conrad K Sangma (@SangmaConrad) [March 7, 2023](#)

Along with PM Narendra Modi, the Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP President JP Nadda and Assam Chief Minister with NEDA Convenor Himanta Biswa Sarma were among the officials who were present on the occasion.

NPP Party members who took charge as the Cabinet Ministers include Marcuise N. Marak,

Rakkam A Sangma, Ampareen Lyngdoh, Comingone Ymbon and A T Mondal. Furthermore, BJP's AL Hek, UDP's Paul Lyngdoh and Kyrmen Shylla, and Shakliar Warjri of the HSPDP also took oath as Ministers during the event organised today.

Voting Results

Sangma attended a prayer meeting with all Cabinet Ministers earlier on March 07 and afterwards they all reached Raj Bhavan for the oath ceremony. With the support of 45 MLAs and two of the BJP, the NPP-led federation asserted to form the government in the Meghalaya state.

Conrad Sangma won from the South Tura constituency with a margin of 5,016 votes against the Bharatiya Janata Party's Bernard N Marak. According to the assembly poll results announced on March 02, 2023, the United Democratic Party (UDP) bagged 11 seats.

While Congress won 5 seats, Trinamool Congress who admitted all Congress MLAs in the previous assembly also received 5 seats.

Talking about the BJP, the People's Democratic Front and Hill State People's Democratic Party, got 2 seats each. Voice of the People Party obtained 4 seats. Two seats were won by independent candidates however BJP and NPP fought the assembly polls separately.

Meghalaya Democratic Alliance-2.0

Conrad Sangma who acquires the Meghalaya CM position for the second time proclaimed that the alliance will be named the "Meghalaya Democratic Alliance-2.0". The results of the Meghalaya elections which were held in 2023 came out on March 02, 2023, and polling took place on February 27, 2023.

Meghalaya has a total number of 60 assembly seats but polling in the Sohiong Constituency was suspended after the demise of UDP nominee HDR Lyngdoh. The NPP Party wins 26 seats in the recently concluded elections while its partner the BJP wins only 2 assembly segments. Two HSPDP MLAs won the elections and are committed to their support to the NPP-BJP consortium which also involves other 2 Independent Legislators.

UDP and PDF are the two major regional parties. Both of them joined in to give their support to the NPP-led alliance on March 05. This led to a significant increase in the number of MLAs advocating the Sangma-led coalition to 45.

As far as the differences with the BJP are concerned, Sangma stated that despite the disparities that arise, it is important to note that both parties must work together and find a way to peacefully resolve issues. He also makes sure that the partners will have better coordination in the form of a team in future. The House meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2023, for the forthcoming election of the speaker.

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Recruitment Drive of 400 Chattisgarh Tribals for Constables, Selection & Training by CRPF

The Ministry of Home Affairs in India recently announced a special recruitment drive to be conducted for the appointment of fresh candidates for the Constable post. It has been decided that as many as 400 young tribals residing in Chattisgarh are to be deployed by the CRPF organisation.

This batch of 400 tribals is from interior areas of Naxal-hit Bijapur, Dantewada as well as Sukma districts of Chhattisgarh. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has selected them to designate as Constable/GD, as stated by the authoritative officials.

CRPF Army Training

Most of the tribal youths are to be taken from the 'Bastariya Battalion', named after the former undivided Bastar District of Chhattisgarh. Hundreds of such tribal inhabitants are already been appointed by the CRPF organisation.

Their appointment is done after special army training which is offered by India's top Federal Police Force organisation itself. This offer of appointment of all 400 jawans and officers was issued by the Home Ministry of India in a recent letter posted by them.

The CRPF Academy has a significant role in discerning advanced-level training such as physical and weapon training to officers who lead valour acts.

Bastariya Battalion & its Purpose

"Bastariya Battalion" also called "Battalion 241" is a division of India's CRPF in Chattisgarh. The announcement for the addition of the 'Bastariya Battalion' was made by the Centre in the year 2016. The cadre was brought directly from the Bastar region and are assigned the task to execute the anti-Maoist operations in Chhattisgarh.

The major idea behind the creation of such an army unit is to get more advantages for the security forces in their combat situations against the Naxalites involved in insurgent operations. The workforce whose recruitments were held is familiar with the local dialect and the topography.

Anti-Maoist Operations

They will be able to get intelligence and information about the extremists efficiently. Apart from this, it will send a positive indication to the local population. It is often seen that a significant number of tribal youths are associated with the Indian government through the CRPF missions.

This Anti-Maoist Operation also known as “Operation Green Hunt” is carried out by parliamentary forces against Naxals.

The government declared relaxation in recruitment in terms of physical aspects such as weight and height for tribal men and women, as mentioned by an official. The enlisted soldiers will be trained in order to get engaged in Maoist-affected areas.

Moreover, this all-tribal battalion will not only provide assistance in employment to many young tribals but will also help in CRPF’s operations in an effective manner. In the past, the CPI (Maoists) had laid out warnings to the locals against joining the CRPF or state police forces.

What is CRPF?

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) was established as the Crown’s Representative Police in 1939. It is a federal police organisation in India that comes under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

Its headquarters are in New Delhi. The organisation is regarded as the country’s largest Central Armed Police Forces. It comprises 246 battalions and also holds several other foundations. The mission is to effectively preserve national integrity and further promote social harmony and development.

The organisation carries out various tasks for the freedom of Indian citizens. Management of National Security and National Calamities are some of the endeavours.

Also Read: [INS Trikand Ship Arrives in Bahrain for Participation in US-led International Maritime Exercise](#)

INS Trikand Ship Arrives in Bahrain for Participation in US-led International Maritime Exercise

The Indian Frigate Ship called INS Trikand set foot in Bahrain for the first-ever participation in the International Maritime Exercise/Cutlass Express 2023. This multinational exercise is organised by the US-led Combined Maritime Forces which is a naval partnership comprising 34 nations.

During the stay in Mina Salman seaport located in Manama, Bahrain, INS Trikand hosted Rear Adm Jean Michel Martinet of the French Navy who is also the Vice Commander of IMX23 as well as Commander Task Force (East). The Indian warship crew further had official interactions with the planning team along with ships from friendly Navies who are participating in the multinational Exercise 2023.

With an aim to enhance maritime security & keep sea lanes in the region safe for maritime commerce, INS Trikand is participating in International Maritime Exercise/ Cutlass Express 2023 (IMX/CE-23) being held in the Gulf region from 26 Feb to 16 Mar 23.<https://t.co/e1Mfktf4krpic.twitter.com/0t3jQBfY7k>

— A. Bharat Bhushan Babu (@SpokespersonMoD) [March 5, 2023](#)

Participants in International Exercise 2023

The Captain of INS Trikand invited the Ambassador of India to Qatar, Piyush Srivastava. According to the official reports, INS Trikand warship is participating in the International Maritime Exercise/Cutlass Express 2023 (IMX/CE-23). This is currently an ongoing exercise in the Gulf region which commenced on the 26th of February and will be concluding on the 16th of March 2023.

The Indian warship will participate in the exercise along with other participants from across more than 50 nations. Also, international maritime agencies will also engage in the event with the major aim of improving overall maritime security. Moreover, the goal is to keep the region's sea lanes

safe for maritime commerce and trading.

INS Trikanth reaches Bahrain for her first participation in International Maritime Exercise/Cutlass Express 2023<https://t.co/n4vQyWfGEa>

— All India Radio News (@airnewsalerts) [March 6, 2023](#)

IMX/CE-23 is one of the world's largest multinational maritime exercises in the Middle Eastern region. While this is the Indian Navy's first participation in IMX this year, it is also considered the second time that an Indian Naval ship is participating in a CMF exercise. Talking about earlier endeavours, INS Trikanth took part in the CMF-led Operation Sea Sword 2 in November 2022.

A Brief Sketch of INS Trikanth

INS Trikanth is regarded as a Talwar-class Frigate or Indian Warship that was designed for the Indian Navy. The Indian Navy itself ordered its construction and the ship is the third and final warship of the 2nd batch of Talwar-class of guided-missile Frigates.

Moreover, stealth technologies have been used in building this ship which is intended to make vehicles or missiles nearly invisible to enemy radar or other electronic objects. Most of the equipment is Russian-made however some of the indigenous systems have also been implemented.

INS Trikanth was first laid down in the year 2008. It was first appointed in the Indian Navy in 2013 by Vice Admiral R K Dhowan. In the past, the ship has served in many missions.

About Multinational Maritime Group

The Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) is a multinational partnership which holds the Rules-Based International Order (RBIO). It resists illegal non-state elements on the high seas. This maritime group including 34 nations agreement aims at enhancing security, prosperity and stability across 3.2 million square miles of international waters.

According to the press release, INS Trikanth recently entered Bahrain to take part in Cultpass Express 2023.

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Karnataka Beats Meghalaya in National Football Championship, Wins Santosh Trophy after 54 Long Years

Karnataka becomes the Santosh Trophy winner marked by a stellar performance. Karnataka lifts the trophy after 54 long years of waiting by striking Meghalaya with a 3-2 win in the Grand Finale of the 76th edition of the National Football Championship. The Football competition was held at the King Fahd International Stadium on March 04, 2023 (Saturday).

This is the first time that Karnataka wins the title whereas previously it had won four times as the princely state of Mysore after a major gap of 54 years which was last in about 1968-69. The victory over Meghalaya has instigated celebrations among thousands of Indian expatriates who showed up to see the two Indian states grinding in the final stage match at Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia.

Congratulations Karnataka for winning [#SantoshTrophy](#) and also to be part of the history in [@IndianFootball](#) that VAR technology witnessed for the first time for the National Championship.

It's a collective effort by team All India Football Federation. pic.twitter.com/UhSmKU0MQK

— Kalyan Chaubey (@kalyanchaubey) [March 4, 2023](#)

Karnataka's Outperformance at Football Championship 2022-23

After a long throw by player Robin Yadav Karnataka went on to lead the match in the second minute. It further gave the chance for Sunil to take over the burst at the Meghalaya goal. The Karnataka wing-back shot an angular half-volley and averted the leg of a Meghalaya defender to find the net.

However, Karnataka's joy was momentary as Meghalaya won a penalty in the eighth minute when Karnataka defender G. Nikhil dropped Sheen Stevenson in his own borderlines. Moreover, Brolington Warlaphi found the net from the spot in order to put Meghalaya on a parallel level.

Meghalaya had another possibility after a few minutes but Figo Syndai could not keep his shot on a specified target. It seems that the team made a botch-up as Karnataka recouped the show in the 19th minute when Sunil knocked down a Jacob John cross to set up Bekey, who made no mistake with his finalization of the round. Robin Yadav made it 3-1 just before the intermission. It prompted a delicate free-kick taken by him differently.

KARNATAKA ARE CHAMPIONS AFTER 54 YEARS

It was a close call in the end, but Karnataka get over the line in the end

MEG 2-3 KAR

[@FanCode](#) & [@ddsportschannel](#) #MEGKAR #HeroSantoshTrophy #GrandFinale
#IndianFootball pic.twitter.com/tUVsvggPBE

— Indian Football Team (@IndianFootball) [March 4, 2023](#)

What led to Karnataka's Historic Triumph?

Sheen who had scored the winner to escort Meghalaya to the Grand Finale, pulled one back at the hitting hour-mark when Donald Diengdoh left the ball with a lovely dummy on a Banskhemlang Mawlong cross. He forbid the former with the chance of 2-3. Karnataka's resilience stood for a longer time to run out the remaining time of the game and finally secured the title.

Earlier, Services won third place by beating Punjab 2-0 in the play-off match which was conducted just before the final match. Shafeel P.P. along with Christopher Kamei found the target once in each half to earn the crown for the 2018-19 championship.

Talking about the third-place playoff match, witnessed the introduction of the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system creating the first time an Indian Men's Team played under the Electronic Referral procedure for the referee. Since the 2018-2019 edition, the system has been initiated in more than 100 competitions. The system was not used in the match but was positioned for the Saudi Arabian referee Mohammed Al Daqqash to confer.

About Santosh Trophy

Hero Santosh Trophy is bestowed for the National Football Championship which is challenged by government institutions and state associations under the All India Football Federation (AIFF). The trophy is the top-notch honour considered in India.

The tournament is organized every year with eligible teams. For the 2022-23 edition, Karnataka wins the tournament after a gap of 54 years.

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The National Commission for Women (NCW) collaborates with one of the world's leading entertainment portals, Netflix on March 03, 2023. The two-panel discussions were organized where renowned figures from various industries, NGOs, female actors as well as directors gathered.

A noteworthy conference was held as a part of the International Women's Day celebrations. The main theme was the "Role of Media and Entertainment in Empowering Women". The interlocutors shared their distinctive perspectives on how storytelling in cinema shapes or portrays women's empowerment.

The Chairperson of the NCW organization of India, Ms Rekha Sharma insisted upon the fact that no inequality should ever happen to anyone.

Change in Cinema Depicting Women

Cinema or Film is often regarded as a stimulus for social change. As the Over-The-Top (OTT) platforms popularized, the number of women in the cinema industry significantly improved. Women now play variant roles such as that of an actress, producers, directors, photographers etc. In the panel discussion that was hosted by NCW, the Chairperson commenced with a special speech.

Glimpses of the special discussions hosted by [@NCWIndia](#) in collaboration with [@NetflixIndia](#) on the Role of Media and Entertainment in Empowering Women as part of the International Women's Day celebrations. [#HerStoryHerVoice](#)

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— NCW (@NCWIndia) [March 3, 2023](#)

Ms Rekha Sharma emphasises the different levels of challenges faced by women in the industry and a ray of hope for inclusivity. She postulated that Cinema can act as a substantial tool to bring

about change in women's lives and in characterising them in society. However, their full potential cannot be realised until they are given acceptance and their unheard voices and stories are listened to and encouraged.

Women's Involvement & Status in Film Industry

The Chairperson of NCW added in her discourse that women's involvement can be witnessed in all facets of the film industry and it helps encourage women everywhere around the globe. Roles of women in cinema and in other walks of life have greatly increased since earlier times. This further promotes a futuristic approach and fair-mindedness where everyone is welcomed.

Mission of Netflix-NCW Collaboration

In today's technology-driven world, Netflix is considered one of the world's leading entertainment services having 231 million paid memberships in more than 190 countries. It offers a plethora of TV series, films and games available online in a variety of genres and languages.

Talking about the recent collaboration between NCW and Netflix, the women's commission aims to underline the awe-inspiring capabilities of women in films so that new future generations can get motivated and have a wide area of perception in terms of women.

Tanya Bami, Series Head at Netflix India spoke about the role of storytelling in driving female forward narratives by saying that "A story well told is a story that stays with you and at Netflix, we try to do that very deliberately." She also presented an example of the web series, Delhi Crime and Emily in Paris and discussed how female forward stories broadcasted on the screen gives power to the audience. She also mentioned that 51% of Netflix's workforce are women in today's date.

'Her Story, Her Voice: A Conversation with Women in Media & Entertainment'

The second-panel discussion titled 'Her Story, Her Voice: A Conversation with Women in Media & Entertainment' was carried forward by the film critic Sucharita Tyagi. The panel featured women actors along with directors who are known for their stellar work in the cinema industry. The list of panellists comprises Rasika Dugal (Indian Actress known for her role in Delhi Crime), Jasmeet K. Reen (Director of the movie 'Darlings'), and Mrunmayee Lagoo Waikul (Director of the Tapsee Pannu starrer movie 'Thappad') among several other famous personalities who attended the meet.

Female Actresses and Directors shared their experiences of working as strong, progressive and resilient women across their stories. The session gave thoughtful insights on supporting female representation in the entertainment industry. The talkers also shared the feedback they used to get from the masses on their connectivity with the characters and stories in films.

Functions of NCW

The National Commission for Women (NCW) has a pivotal role as it is focused on addressing a wide range of issues concerning women. It includes women's safety, economic empowerment of women and also creating awareness of violence against women among other such powerful campaigns.

The Commission was set up in 1992 and since then the organization has implemented several schemes to elevate the status of women in society. It further aims at including women as equal owners in contributing to India's growth and development and not leaving them as compliant beneficiaries. President Draupadi Murmu applauded the efforts put up by NCW in transforming women's lives.

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Vo Van Thuong takes over as Vietnam's President, Youngest to hold the position

The National Assembly of Vietnam recently announces that Vo Van Thuong has been appointed as the country's new president. He took an oath on account of his newly assigned Presidential position on March 02, 2023 (Thursday).

The election happened after the reshuffling drive of the country's top leadership as it continues its anti-corruption campaign. A couple of days back, an extraordinary session was initiated where the assembly members confirmed 52 years old Vo Van Thuong as the President of Vietnam. After the ruling "Communist Party" nominated Thuong as the only candidate on March 01, 2023 (Wednesday).

About Vo Van Thuong

Vo Van Thuong is a Vietnamese politician who is the youngest to serve in his current position as President. He is a member of the party's Politburo which is regarded as the country's top decision-making body.

However, he is a veteran of the party and he began his political career during his graduation days in communist youth organisations. He holds a Bachelor in Philosophy and also a Master's degree in the same discipline. He has been a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party since the year 2011.

He is widely known as being close to the party's General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong who is the country's most powerful figure and the leading architect of the party's combat against corruption.

[#Vietnam](https://t.co/IQVD3RkktT) parliament elects Vo Van Thuong as new President<https://t.co/IQVD3RkktT>

— All India Radio News (@airnewsalerts) [March 2, 2023](#)

Thuong's Presidential Role

The position of the presidency is considered a ceremonial role however it is one of the top four political positions in Vietnam Country located in Southeast Asia. As many as 487 deputies out of a total of 488 were present at the National Assembly and they all voted for Thuong, as reported by the official state-run news channel of Vietnam.

Thuong's presidential appointment occurs to be during a period of political turbulence in Vietnam where the sovereign Communist Party's corruption evacuation is in progress. Moreover, factional fighting has witnessed several ministers fired.

Thuong Oath-Taking Ceremony

Vo Van Thuong elected by the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam is the new president till the term ending 2026 in line with the country's continuing anti-corruption campaign. He took the oath and addressed the Parliament as President in his first speech by saying that he would firmly carry forward the fight against corruption.

He declared, "(I will) strive to fulfil to the best of my abilities the responsibilities and missions entrusted by the party, state and the people" as he swore in during the ceremonial meeting held in Hanoi, Vietnam.

He further vowed to constantly idealize President Ho Chi Minh's doctrines, morality and lifestyle, as mentioned by the officials.

Corruption Scandals in Vietnam

The election was conducted following the removal of Thuong's antecedent Nguyen Xuan Phuc who was censured by the ruling party and resigned from the position in 2023. He was heavily charged with "violations and wrongdoing" by several officials under his control.

Phuc served as the tenth president of Vietnam since he was chosen in 2021. His dismissal from the post can be seen as an escalation of the country's "blazing furnace" anti-corruption abolition.

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Men's National Hockey Team of India designates South Africa's Craig Fulton as the new Chief Coach on March 03, 2023 (Friday). The team previously failed to win the World Cup at home. Craig Fulton has replaced the Australian Hockey Player Graham John Reid who bid farewell after the country's disappointing show in the World Cup.

Craig Fulton has an extensive coaching experience of about 25 significant years. In fact, not only Reid, but the team's analytical coach Greg Clark, as well as the scientific advisor Mitchell Pemberton, had also tendered their resignations.

Under the guidance of John Reid, the Indian team was led to a historic bronze medal-winning show at the Tokyo Olympics. Fulton promises to take the Indian hockey team to the next level in the coming future.

Historic Background

In an official statement, Craig Fulton stated that it is a great honour to be appointed in the role of Head Coach for the Indian Men's National Hockey Team. He further applauds India that it has a deep history and legacy of the sport and he further adds that he looks forward to a futuristic journey with the current super-talented team.

In the past, Fulton has shown exemplary results while considering his previous stints as a coach. His fame began with a stint leading the Irish Men's Team between 2014 to 2018 when the team qualified for the Rio Olympics in the year 2016.

That was the very first Olympic qualification of the Irish team in hundred years. The historic feat also won him the FIH "Coach of the Year" award in 2015.

BREAKING

Craig Fulton of is the new chief coach of the Indian men's hockey team.

The South African was the assistant coach of the 2018 World Cup and Tokyo 2020 gold medal-winning Belgian team. [#Hockey](#) | [@TheHockeyIndia](#) | [@FIH_Hockey](#)
pic.twitter.com/adDwNRYgvH

— Olympic Khel (@OlympicKhel) [March 3, 2023](#)

Craig Fulton's Work Experience

Talking about his past endeavours, he has worked as an Assistant Coach with the reigning Olympic champions Belgium en route to the gold medal in Tokyo. He had also been part of the Belgian coaching staff during their 2018 World Cup win in Bhubaneswar.

After coaching the Belgium club and it won the Belgium League, Fulton was named "Belgium Coach of the Year" in 2023.

Career as Hockey Player

In his eminent career as a hockey player with the South African squad, Fulton marked history by playing 195 International matches over a time period of 10 years. He was part of the South Africa team at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics as well as the 2004 Athens Olympics. Also, he played at the World Cup and Commonwealth Games which is a further add-on to his remarkable career.

Speaking about his recent appointment as Chief Coach of the Indian Men's Hockey Team, Indian Hockey President Dilip Tirkey expressed his congratulation and said that he is delighted to see him on board as the leading coach for the Indian team. He also says, "I have had the honour of playing against him and now I look forward to closely working with him in this new phase for the men's hockey team".

He holds tremendous experience in coaching various teams and his work ethic brings about confidence in raising the team's performance in world hockey. It is expected that he will be joining in the middle of the upcoming FIH Pro League matches against Australia and Germany in Rourkela next month in 2023.

Upcoming Matches

India will take on Germany in the first match on March 10, 2023, which will be further followed by the return leg on March 13. The country will also play Australia, the reigning Commonwealth Games champions on March 12 and March 15 respectively.

In the Pro League matches, Australian David John and BJ Kariappa are appointed as Interim Coaches, also including Shivendra Singh. Both John and Kariappa have been working with the Odisha Hockey Federation.

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World Wildlife Day (WWD) is celebrated worldwide on March 3 as came into light in the year 2013 by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). This day is observed annually to underline the conservation and protection of diverse wildlife across the globe.

Also, on March 3 revives the 50th Anniversary of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

WWD Theme 2023

As per the WWD, the theme for the present year 2023 will be 'Partnerships for Wildlife Conservation'. March 3 is celebrated to highlight all conservation efforts ranging from intergovernmental to local scale.

Furthermore, wildlife preservation also includes marine life and oceans. It encourages collaborations with businesses as well as promotes funding conservation activities for the beauty and variety of Flora & Fauna. Additionally, in order to recover the loss of biodiversity, successful business partnerships are advised to implement strategies for rich biodiversity.

Over a million species of wild flora & fauna are threatened with extinction.

Friday's [#WorldWildlifeDay](#) is an opportunity to draw attention to the importance of collective action to create more sustainable relationships between humans, nature & wildlife.

<https://t.co/pZvYZDFQxf> pic.twitter.com/Ir8LtBotoY

— United Nations (@UN) [March 2, 2023](#)

History & Purpose

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) announced March 3 as the UN World Wildlife Day in 2013. This was initiated so that people get to know about the infinite value and importance of Wildlife and come up with ways to preserve the treasure on Earth.

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was formulated in 1973 on this day and today i.e. March 3, 2023 (Friday) commemorates the 50th Anniversary of CITES.

The purpose of the celebration of World Wildlife Day is also for the love and care of a plethora of species that inhabit the planet and to raise voices against the tribulations faced by animal species and all other living organisms.

Why do we need Wildlife?

A multitude of people largely benefitted from the use of wild species for food, medicines, and energy, among several other contributions of wildlife in day-to-day lives. All kinds of biodiversity keep the ecosystem functioning. Hence, to sustain the overall balance on Earth, wildlife is required and must be preserved.

With the rising population and their needs, billion of species like plants, animals, etc are facing extinction. World Wildlife Day (WWD) is considered an opportunity to honour the beauty and diversity of wildlife and to spread consciousness about the many advantages that their preservation offers to humanity.

It is also a reminder of the urgent need to increase efforts to combat wildlife crime and species extinction prompted by humans which have negative effects on the economy, the environment, and society. Sustainable Development Goal 15 is focused on restoring, and protecting biodiversity and terminating further losses.

About CITES

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is regarded as a multilateral pact between governments. Its major aim is to safeguard the international trade in wild animals and plants that do not put the life of species at risk.

CITES emphasizes the sustainability of endangered species and further ensures to curb overexploitation of these living organisms.

It grants protection to over 37,000 wildlife species including animals and plants. It also covers the protection of wildlife products which are derived from them such as food products, exotic leather goods, medicines, etc.

World Wildlife Day is a reminder to value and protect the diversity of our planet. India has already made significant progress in this aspect under the visionary leadership of [@narendramodi](#) Ji.

May we all join hands to make lives easier for the species that call our planet home.

— Amit Shah (@AmitShah) [March 3, 2023](#)

Wildlife Protection Act 1972

Along with the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau in India is a statutory body under the Ministry that is specifically organised to take action against wildlife crime across the nation. It provides assistance and also advises the customs authorities in the inspection of the consignments of Flora and Fauna in accordance with the provisions of the Wild Life Protection Act of 1972.

There are around 184 parties to the CITES convention including India at present. The CITES Secretariat is chaired by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) located at Geneva, Switzerland.

Also Read: [WPL 2023 to Commence on March 04, Get Match Schedule, Ticket Booking Anthem Details Here](#)

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As per the schedule, the first match of the Women's Premier League (WPL) will commence on March 04, 2023, with a blockbuster clash between Gujarat Giants and Mumbai Indians at the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

While the Eliminator Match will be played at DY Patil Stadium on March 24 and the Final round is scheduled to be played at Brabourne Stadium (Mumbai) on March 26. There are a total of five teams in the Women's Premier League which include Royal Challengers Bangalore, Delhi Capitals, Gujarat Giants, UP Warriors and Mumbai Indians.

Mark Your Calendars

Get Ready to support your favourite teams

The schedule for the inaugural edition of Women's Premier League is here [#WPL pic.twitter.com/O1HHvRUh0k](https://twitter.com/O1HHvRUh0k)

— Women's Premier League (WPL) (@wplt20) [February 14, 2023](#)

Only two days to go for the match to begin. Before the WPL's Inaugural Ceremony started, the Women's Premier League (Cricket Franchise League) announced the official anthem for the present year 2023.

20 League Matches to be Played in Total:

In the first season, a total number of 20 league matches and 2 playoff matches will be played in the Women's Premier League. These matches will be organized over a period of 23 days. There will be 4 double headers and the first match of the doubleheader day will start at 3:30 pm while all the evening matches will start at 7:30 pm.

Complete Schedule of Women's Premier League 2023:

Dates	Timings	Home Team	Away Team	Venue (Stadium)
4 March	7:30 PM	Gujarat Giants	Mumbai Indians	DY Patil Stadium
5 March	5:30 PM	RCB	Delhi Capitals	Brabourne Stadium
5 March	7:30 PM	UP Warriorz	Gujarat Giants	DY Patil Stadium
6 March	7:30 PM	Mumbai Indians	RCB	Brabourne Stadium
7 March	7:30 PM	Delhi Capitals	UP Warriorz	DY Patil Stadium
8 March	7:30 PM	Gujarat Giants	RCB	Brabourne Stadium
9 March	7:30 PM	Delhi Capitals	Mumbai Indians	DY Patil Stadium
10 March	7:30 PM	RCB	UP Warriorz	Brabourne Stadium
11 March	7:30 PM	Gujarat Giants	Delhi Capitals	DY Patil Stadium
12 March	7:30 PM	UP Warriorz	Mumbai Indians	Brabourne Stadium
13 March	7:30 PM	Delhi Capitals	RCB	DY Patil Stadium
14 March	7:30 PM	Mumbai Indians	Gujarat Giants	Brabourne Stadium
15 March	7:30 PM	UP Warriorz	RCB	DY Patil Stadium
16 March	7:30 PM	Delhi Capitals	Gujarat Giants	Brabourne Stadium
18 March	7:30 PM	Mumbai Indians	UP Warriorz	DY Patil Stadium
18 March	3:30 PM	RCB	Gujarat Giants	Brabourne Stadium
20 March	7:30 PM	Gujarat Giants	UP Warriorz	Brabourne Stadium
20 March	3:30 PM	Mumbai Indians	Delhi Capitals	DY Patil Stadium
21 March	7:30 PM	RCB	Mumbai Indians	DY Patil Stadium
21 March	3:30 PM	UP Warriorz	Delhi Capitals	Brabourne Stadium
24 March	7:30 PM	Eliminator	TBD	DY Patil Stadium
26 March	7:30 PM	Final	TBD	Brabourne Stadium

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Axis Bank Limited, also known as UTI Bank announces the acquisition of business undertakings of Citibank India. The deal of Axis Bank taking over the Retail Business concluded after finalising an amount of Rs 11,603 crores on March 01, 2023 (Wednesday). However, the sale excludes Citibank's institutional client businesses in India.

Axis Bank, the third-largest private sector bank declared that the decision to acquire was first made in March last year. It will not necessitate any new capital requirements and stressed that the attrition rate of customers was much more than expected. The Managing Director and Chief Executive of Axis Bank, Amitabh Chaudhary told that as many as 2.4 million Citi customers in the country agreed with Axis Bank after the deal as against 3 million at the time of announcing the deal.

Axis Bank's CEO Observes Capital Decline

Amitabh Chaudhary, CEO of Axis Bank asserted that 96 per cent or 3,200 of the Citi employees have joined the bank. The core capital is likely to diminish by 1.70 per cent from the 15.55 per cent reported in December last year.

He further goes on by saying that the bank is committed to funding and growing the business. The entire consolidation process will happen over the next 18 months. In addition to this, there will be a hit of Rs 1,500 crores which is to be taken as implementation costs, to be amortized as the costs are incurred.

Clientele Details

Axis Bank's CEO stated that customers' bank account details, chequebooks, product benefits and privileges, and debit card details will remain the same for the Citi customers who will be joining as Axis Bank customers.

Headquartered in Mumbai, Axis Bank is the fourth-largest issuer of credit cards with a total base value of 8.6 million cards. This current deal is about to add about 2.5 million credit cardholders which will promote in making it as one of the top three card businesses across the nation.

Previous Deal Between Axis-Citi Banks

Last year in 2022 Axis Bank accepted to purchase Citibank's India Consumer Business from Citibank NA (acting through its branch in India) and the NBFC Consumer Business from Citicorp Finance India Limited (CFIL) as growing concerns without values being earmarked to individuals assets along with liabilities to either business.

This depended upon the fulfilment of specific conditions and obtaining requisite approvals at a total purchase value of up to Rs 12,325 crores. In a regulatory notice, Axis Bank mentions, "We now wish to inform you that completion of the acquisition of Citibank's India Consumer Business from CBNA and the NBFC Consumer Business from CFIL as going concerns, without values being assigned to individual assets and liabilities for either business shall happen on March 1, 2023".

Moreover, it propounded that the cash consideration is based on the contractual and customary true up and/or true down adjustments and any changes in the business position from January 31, 2023, to 24:00 hours on February 28, 2023.

In due accordance with it, the businesses of CBNA and CFIL stand transferred to Axis Bank and also this bank becomes the owner of Citibank's India Consumer Business and NBFC Consumer Business which comes into effect from March 1, 2023. This has been regulated as per the requirements and terms & conditions of the agreed contractual documentation and cash settlement of consideration.

Retail Banking Performance of Axis Bank

Axis Bank which has a retail book of around Rs 4 lakh crores has now acquired more than 3 million customers of Citibank India. This includes seven offices, 21 branches along with 499 ATMs across 18 cities in India.

As far as Citi's retail book is concerned, nearly Rs 68,000 crores out of which retail loans are reported to be of amount Rs 28,000 crores. Having 1.2 million bank accounts, the total businesses in India contribute about 1.5 per cent of profit to the lender's Global Book.

International Business Strategy of Citibank

Aside from the institutional banking business, Citibank will be implementing global business support provided by centres in Mumbai, Pune, Bengaluru, Chennai and Gurugram. In April 2021,

American Multinational Investment Bank, Citigroup announced its scheme to step out from the consumer banking business in India which is part of its global strategy.

With 35 branches in the country and 4,000 people employed in the consumer banking business, the business involves credit cards, retail banking, home loans and wealth management. Citigroup has first formulated in India in 1902 and the consumer banking business commenced in 1985.

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The Indian Government officially declares the approval of 70 HTT-40 Basic Trainer Aircraft on March 01, 2023 (Wednesday). As per the tender authorized by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the aircraft acquisition from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited are to be deployed for the Indian Air Force.

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CSS) chaired by PM Modi decided to accept the pact of IAF buying Made-in-India Trainer Aircraft at the cost of about Rs 6,828.36 crores. Hindustan Aeronautics Company will supply 70 Hindustan Turbo Trainer-40 (HTT-40) Basic Trainer Aircraft (BTA) for more than six years.

Benefits of Indigenous Trainer Aircraft

Through this plan of obtaining HTT-40 BTA, the Indian Defence Sector will be strengthened by putting effective efforts into making the defence manufacturing industries self-reliant. These homegrown designed aircraft will further create new job opportunities.

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) chaired by Prime Minister Shri [@narendramodi](#) has approved procurement of 70 HTT-40 Basic Trainer Aircraft at the cost of 6,828.36 crores. The aircraft will be supplied over a period of six years. <https://t.co/94WYM6FzRs>

— Rajnath Singh (@rajnathsingh) [March 1, 2023](#)

Also, it will highly benefit the dynamic Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector. The Defence Minister of India recently posted in a series of tweets that this major initiative rolled out by the government is noteworthy as it will encourage the indigenous development of Defence equipment. India's Defence Sector will witness a significant transformation as a part of Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) and 'Make in India' schemes.

PM Modi's Contract of 3 Cadet Training Ships

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also tweeted that PM Narendra Modi has accepted to sign the undertaking for the accretion of three Cadet Training Ships (CTS). Under the "Buy-IDDM" (Indigenous Designed and Manufactured) Developed category, the ships will be purchased at a total cost of Rs 3108.09 crores.

The CCS under the chairmanship of PM Shri @narendramodi has accorded approval to sign a contract for acquisition of 3 Cadet Training Ship (CTS) at an overall cost of Rs. 3108.09 Crs under Buy-Indian (IDDM) Category. <https://t.co/MCEW9mMiDI>

— Rajnath Singh (@rajnathsingh) March 1, 2023

Talking about its usage, the contract will cater to the overall training requirements of the Navy and support it further in its missions, as per the official announcement made on March 01, 2023 (Wednesday).

Growing Demands in Defence Sector

The Ministry of Defence stated that the aircraft acquisition will meet the shortage of Basic Trainer Aircraft (BTA) of the Indian Air Force (IAF) required for the training of newly inducted pilots.

Moreover, the HTT-40 is a Turboprop Aircraft that has been designed indigenously. These aircraft have good low-speed handling qualities and hence also provide better training effectiveness.

These ships will cater for training of officer cadets, including lady cadets, at sea after their basic training to meet the future requirement of the Indian Navy. I'm grateful to Pradhanmantriji for this decision.

— Rajnath Singh (@rajnathsingh) March 1, 2023

The Defence Ministry also proclaims that the procurement is expected to grant direct employment to nearly one thousand 500 personnel and indirect employment for about three thousand people

who are spread over 100 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

HTT-40 Aircraft Description

This Turboprop Aircraft is built with low-speed handling qualities and is quite effective in providing training. Talking about its formation, it has a fully-aerobatic tandem seat turbo trainer, an air-conditioned cockpit, hot re-fueling, modern avionics, zero-zero ejection seats as well as running change-over features.

It is specifically designed for basic flight training, aerobatics, close-formation flights and instrument flying by Hindustan Aerobatics Limited while its role also includes night flying and navigation. It is capable of taking off from a short distance.

Also Read: [Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi Assumes Control of Flag Officer Chief in Western Naval Command](#)

Ruling Party Candidate Bola Ahmed Tinubu Wins Nigerian Presidential Elections 2023

The President-Elect of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Bola Ahmed Tinubu has been declared the winner of the Presidential Elections held on February 25 2023. The results of the Presidential elections were announced recently. As far as the elections are concerned, two leading opposition candidates are already demanding a revote in Africa's most populated country.

As soon as the concerned official authorities of elections announced the results, the main opponents Atiku Abubakar and Peter Obi challenged the court and insisted upon a second round of elections. Abubakar acquired the second position in the last vote of 2019 and then also appealed the revaluation of those results before his lawsuit ultimately was cancelled.

Nigeria's 2023 elections | Bola Ahmed Tinubu [@officialABAT](#) ([@OfficialAPCNg](#)) has been declared the winner of 's presidential election.

Chatham House hosted [@officialABAT](#) in January, where he joined our [@AfricaProg](#) in conversation.

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— Chatham House (@ChathamHouse) [March 1, 2023](#)

Controversial Presidential Elections

On February 28 (Tuesday) two of the leading opposition parties argued that a revote must be done and further stated that delays in uploading election results have led to irregularities. The ruling All Progressives Congress Party asked the opposition to accept the outcome of defeat and also not to cause further difficulties.

Bola Ahmed Tinubu received 37% of the vote which is probably around 8.8 million while the main opposing candidate Abubakar won 29% with approximately 7 million. One of the adversaries, Peter Obi secured third place and the results reveal that he took 25% with nearly 6.1 million,

according to the officially announced live telecast by the Independent National Electoral Commission.

Election Celebrations

Nigeria's Electoral Chief Mahmood Yakubu said that Tinubu satisfied the requirements of the law and therefore he is declared the winner and is considered elected.

After 4 am, the results were announced however celebrations had already commenced the day before at the ruling party's National Secretariat Office where Tinubu's supporters were gathered in the excitement of his victory.

in all parts of this country, who contributed to our party's successful nationwide campaign. You should be proud of what we have achieved; as I am.

Together we will win this election. Together, we will build a nation of renewed hope.

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— Bola Ahmed Tinubu (@officialABAT) [February 21, 2023](#)

Babafemi Akin proclaimed that "None of the others matches his record!" and also expressed his excitement over the achievement as well as the prospects of a Tinubu administration. He expressed faith in him and ensured his glory and victory.

70-year-old Tinubu served as the former Governor of Lagos state between 1999 to 2007 and also as the Senator for Lagos West. However, he lost the state to Obi in elections held recently. Obi has a strong following among younger voters who are enthusiastic about change.

Nigeria's Electoral Body

The parties now have three weeks to reconsider results but an election can be invalidated or disproved only if it is proven that the National Electoral Body did not follow the rules and regulations or the case acted in ways that could have changed the result.

The Supreme Court of Nigeria has never revoked a presidential election, though court challenges

are often common including President Muhammadu Buhari who tenaciously fought his past election losses for several months but all in vain.

Nigeria's Presidential Elections have been carefully evaluated as the country is not only the continent's largest economy but it is also one of the continent's top oil producers.

Observers said that recent presidential elections were mostly peaceful though some voters had to wait due to delays. Various Nigerians had issued getting to their polling stations because of a currency reformation that resulted in a shortage of bank notes.

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Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi assumed the position of Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command on February 28, 2023 (Tuesday). He took the charge from Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh (PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC) who has retired after serving in the military for around four decades.

Admiral Dinesh took responsibility at a recently held ceremonial parade at INS Shikra, a naval helicopter base in Mumbai, as per an official navy statement. Previously, he served as the Chief of Personnel at the Integrated Headquarters of the Ministry of Defence (Navy) before taking the reins of the top-tier Mumbai-based command.

On taking over, the Flag Officer paid homage to all personnel who made the supreme sacrifice in service of the nation by placing a floral wreath at the Gaurav Stambh (the victory at sea memorial at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai). [@indiannavy@IndiannavyMedia@DefPROMumbai](#)
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His Career at Indian Navy

Dinesh K Tripathy completed his graduation from Sainik School Rewa along with the National Defence Academy of Pune. On July 1, 1985, he joined the Executive Branch of the Indian Navy. Moreover, his speciality lies in Communication and Electronic Warfare.

As Signal Communications Officer and Electronic Warfare Officer, he served on frontline warships and later on, he was made the Executive Officer as well as the Principal Warfare Officer of the guided missile destroyer INS Mumbai.

Apart from commanding warships namely Vinash, Kirch and Trishul, the Admiral also held a raft

of key operational and staff appointments including Fleet Operations Officer of the Western Fleet at Mumbai, Director of Naval Operations, Principal Director of network-centric operations, and Principal Director, Naval plans at New Delhi.

Achievements

His other achievements include working as an Assistant Chief of Naval staff (policy and plans) and Flag Officer Commanding the Eastern Fleet. He held several commands during his entire life so far.

After he took the charge of the Western Naval Command which is also referred to as the 'sword arm' of the Navy, the Admiral paid tribute and commended personnel who made the exceptional sacrifice in service of India by placing a garland at the Gaurav Stambh, the Victory at Sea Memorial at Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.

VAdm Dinesh K Tripathi took over as [#FOCINC](#) [#WNC](#) from VAdm Ajendra Bahadur Singh at a ceremonial parade held at INS Shikra on 28 Feb. In his previous appointment, VAdm Tripathi served as the Chief of Personnel at IHQMoD

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Other Military Endeavours

Admiral Dinesh K Tripathy has attended the prestigious Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and Naval War College. He is passionate about sports as he admires Tennis, Badminton, and Cricket. He is known to be a determined student of International Relations and Military History during his studies.

In June 2019, when promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral, Flag Officer Dinesh was appointed as the Commandant of the elite Indian Naval Academy at Ezhimala, Kerala. He served as the Director General of Naval Operations between July 2020 to May 2021, a period that witnessed expeditious movements of Naval Maritime Operations. He ensured that the Navy remains a battle-ready, united and credible force. Further, the military should be ready to address a host of complex and unexpected security challenges despite the overall ferocity of the COVID pandemic.

Honours & Awards

Vice Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi was honoured with the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal as well as the Nau Sena Medal for his abiding dedication and devotion to duty.

Other such prestigious medals received by him include Samanya Seva Medal, Operation Vijay Medal, and 30 Years Long Service Medal, among others.

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Clarence William Nelson II, the Administrator of NASA recently announced the designation of Dr Nicola Fox as the Associate Administrator for the Agency's Science Mission Directorate. Nicola has previously served as the Director of NASA's Heliophysics Science Division.

On February 27, 2023, she becomes the first woman to have been considered for the role of leading the Science Directorate at NASA Headquarters in Washington DC, USA, as stated by two sources ahead of the official notification.

Meet Dr Nicola Fox, New Science Chief!

Born in 1969, Nicola J. Fox was passionate about planets and scientific movements since her early years of life. As she grew up, she went to the Imperial College of London to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Physics. Later, she also acquired her Master's Degree in Telecommunications & Satellite Engineering from the University of Surrey in 1991.

Moreover, she is a Doctorate in Space and Atmospheric Physics. Before becoming Associate Administrator at NASA, she was one of the top scientists on the Parker Solar Probe mission studying the sun. At Goddard Space Flight Centre, she has extensively worked on Sun-Earth connections.

Dr. Nicola Fox has been named the associate administrator for the agency's Science Mission Directorate. She previously led the Heliophysics Division. As NASA's head of Science, Fox's portfolio includes more than 100 NASA missions to explore the universe. <https://t.co/FdlD9mxc2e>

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Nicola's Research Expertise

Talking about her interesting career as a researcher and lead at various organizations, Nicola has been a Science & Operations Coordinator for the International Solar-Terrestrial Physics Science Initiative. While her research primarily focused on Solar System Plasma Physics and Data Analytics.

She delivered a TED talk in the year 2017 on the theme “Touching the Sun” wherein she also shared her incredible journey along with extraordinary space missions. This genius scientist, Nicola has been honoured with many awards such as the “NASA Group Achievement Award” in the years 1998 and 2000. In 1993, she received the “European Geosciences Union Young Scientists Award”.

NASA’s Science Head Role Explained

Dr Nicola J. Fox is the first woman to have been offered the leading role at NASA headquarters on February 27 (Monday). The Chief role at NASA's Science Directorate involves the responsibility of supervising NASA's Space and Earth Science programs.

The Science Directorate of NASA is a unit with an annual budget of approximately 7 billion dollars that controls several programs varying from the robotic hunts for past life on Mars to exploring distant galaxies with the James Webb Space Telescope.

She will be leading a NASA study group which was formed in the previous year 2022 to help the U.S. Military in detecting and characterizing Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UFOs). UFOs further means mysterious objects considered a big threat to U.S. Airspace by the White House and Pentagon officials.

About NASA Agency

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is free from U.S. Federal Government and manages aeronautics research, space research and the civil space program. The organization was set up in 1958.

Its headquarters lies in Washington DC, USA and the agency has led most of the American space exploration projects. It emphasized a better understanding of the planet through the Earth Observing System. Continuous efforts are being put into conducting research for astrophysics topics as well. For instance, the famous Big Bang Theory was formulated on mathematical models and observations.

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