

26th & 27th February 2023

INTERNATIONAL

1) Sri Lanka assent to Adani Green's \$442 Million Wind Power Project

- The Crisis-hit only a month after the Indian multinational conglomerate's shares crashed as a result of the negative report on the Group by American short-seller Hindenburg, Sri Lanka has accepted a \$442 million wind power project of Adani Green Energy.

2) Russia initiates mission to return crew stranded on ISS

- A Russian Soyuz spacecraft launched on a mission to return to Earth a crew who were left stranded on the International Space Station (ISS) due to a cooling system leak in their previous return capsule.

3) Pakistan and Afghanistan

- The normal trade and movement of people between Pakistan and Afghanistan fully resumed after the two sides reopened a key border crossing that was shut nearly a week ago by Afghanistan's Taliban rulers, stranding people and thousands of trucks carrying food and essential items.



4) China sent the Zhongxing-26 communications satellite

- China sent the Zhongxing-26 communications satellite into orbit Feb. 23, marking the resumption orbital launches following a pause for Chinese New Year.
- A Long March 3B rocket lifted off at 6:49 a.m. Eastern (1149 UTC) from Xichang, southwest China, successfully sending Zhongxing-26 (ChinaSat-26) into geosynchronous transfer orbit.
- The China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation confirmed launch success within the hour.

5) LLaMA (Large Language Model Meta AI)

- Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg announced Meta Platforms' impending release to researchers of a new large language model called LLaMA (Large Language Model Meta AI).



















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- It's raining chatbots! After OpenAI's ChatGPT sparked a revolution, Google introduced its BARD and several others followed suit.
- The model, developed by Meta's Fundamental AI Research (FAIR) team, is intended to aid scientists and engineers in exploring AI applications and functions such as answering questions and summarizing documents.
- LLaMA, a set of foundation language models that range from 7B to 65B parameters. LLaMA-13B surpasses OpenAl's GPT-3 (175B) while being over ten times smaller, and LLaMA-65B is comparable to DeepMind's Chinchilla-70B and Google's PaLM-540B.



NATIONAL

1) 'Kol Janiati Mahakumbh'

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah addressed the 'Kol Janjati Mahakumbh' organized on the occasion of Shabri Mata Janm Jayanti at Satna, Madhya Pradesh.
- Home Minister Amit Shah offered prayer at Maa Sharda Shaktipeeth. Many dignitaries including the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chauhan were present.

2) Aurangabad city will be renamed Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, and Osmanabad city will be called **Dharashiv**

- Chief Minister Eknath Shinde confirmed that Aurangabad city will be renamed Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, and Osmanabad city will be called Dharashiv.
- After a year the proposal to rename Aurangabad and Osmanabad has been approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

3) PM Modi to disburse 13th instalment of Rs 16,800cr under PM-KISAN

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will disburse the 13th installment of the income support programme PM-Kisan, totaling more than Rs 16,800 crore to more than eight crore beneficiary farmers in Belagavi, Karnataka.



















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STATE NEWS

1) 56th death anniversary of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar

- On 26th February marked the 56th death anniversary of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, also known as Veer Savarkar, a renowned revolutionary and independence fighter.
- The renowned social reformer was honoured by the state's governor, Ramesh Bais, the chief minister, Eknath Shinde, and the deputy chief minister, Devendra Fadnavis.

2) Maharashtra states in India mark Marathi Language Day

- Every year on February 27th, Maharashtra states in India mark Marathi Language Day. The state legislature has set rules for this day.
- The occasion marks the birthday of illustrious Marathi Senior Poet Kusumagraj. Kusumagraj has significantly influenced Maharashtra's cultural landscape, and he has worked tirelessly to promote Marathi as a scientific language.
- The Maharashtra government decided to honour the mother tongue and Kusumagraj's memory by declaring his birthday "Marathi Language Pride Day," Obtainable as of January 21, 2013.



3) Ajanta Ellora International Festival 2023

- The Ajanta Ellora International Festival 2023 was held from 25th February to 27th February in Aurangabad, Maharashtra.
- The Ajanta Ellora International Festival 2023 festival is a celebration of the cultural heritage and diversity of the region and promises to be a feast for the senses.
- The festival showcases the Ellora and Ajanta caves' artwork and architecture, as well as performances by local and international artists.

4) Kerala government and UN Women

























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- The Kerala government and UN Women entered into an agreement, in order to promote activities that are welcoming to women in the State's tourist industry.
- Kerala Tourism and UN Women India committed to promoting gender-inclusive tourist destinations throughout the State through the signing of a memorandum of understanding.

5) Youth 20 India Summit

- The Youth 20 India Summit will be held at the Maharaja Sayajirao University Vadodara in Gujarat which was attended by more than 600 delegates from 62 countries.
- The international conference of The Youth 20 India Summit was inaugurated by Bhupendra Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat.
- The Youth 20 India Summit is organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India to mark the celebration of India's G20 Presidency, the focus would be on 'Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making sustainability a Way of Life'.



6) 19th annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

- The 19th annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), India Zone-3 conference, will be inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, on February 23 at Gangtok, Sikkim.
- Governor of Sikkim, Lakshman Prasad Acharya, Chief Minister of Sikkim, Prem Singh Tamang, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Harivansh, Presiding Officers of Legislative Bodies in India, Members of Parliament, Members of Sikkim Legislature and other dignitaries are scheduled to participate in the event.

7) World Book Fair began in New Delhi

- The World Book Fair began in New Delhi where books from all genres from children to students to adults are showcased for everyone.
- In the World Book Fair, there is the participation of over 30 countries and nearly 1,000 publishers and exhibitors, the New Delhi World Book Fair is returning to its full physical form after a gap of three years.















8) Karnataka Government will build the country's first Marina or a boat basin offering dockage

- The Karnataka Government will build the country's first Marina or a boat basin offering dockage, at Byndoor in Udupi district to promote coastal tourism in Karnataka.
- The government will also seek permission from the Centre for the relaxation of coastal regulation zone (CRZ) to take up beach tourism in coastal areas and pilgrim tourism.
- The government will collect the history of the greatest dynasties such as Ganga, Kadamba, Rashtrakoota, Chalukya, and Hoysala from the Department of Archaeology and develop the history of tourism in the state. This will not only help the development of tourism but also help people understand the rich history of the state.



APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) Lt Gen RS Reen took over as Director General Quality Assurance

- A 1986-batch officer, Lt Gen Reen is an alumnus of Indian Military Academy, Dehradun. He had completed his BE (Electrical) from National Institute of Technology, Srinagar, Specialisation in Radio Engineering and post-graduation in Communication Engineering from MC EME, Secunderabad. He was a senior faculty at Defence Institute of Quality Assurance, Bengaluru.

SPORTS

1) ICC Women's T20 World Cup Final

- Australia won the Women's T20 World Cup for the sixth time when they beat South Africa by 19 runs in the final at Newlands.
- Opening batter Beth Mooney anchored the Australian innings, scoring an unbeaten 74 in a total of 156 for six.















- Victory for the Aussies is their sixth in Women's T20 World Cup history and completes a hat-trick of tournament wins under captain Meg Lanning after their triumphs in 2018 and 2020. Australia's previous victories came in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2018 and 2020.

2) Daniil Medvedev won the Qatar

- Daniil Medvedev won the Qatar Open in his professional tennis debut by defeating Andy Murray 6-4, 6-4, in the final game between two former No. 1s.
- In every set, Medvedev converted quick beginnings. In the first, he got to 4-1, and in the second, he got to 3-1.

3) Hockey Madhya Pradesh

- Hockey Madhya Pradesh was named the winner of the 13th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship in 2023 after defeating Hockey Maharashtra 5-1 in the championship game in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh.
- In the meantime, Hockey Jharkhand finished third after winning the third-place game against Hockey Haryana.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Computer scientist Hari Balakrishnan

- Computer scientist Hari Balakrishnan has been awarded the 2023 Marconi Prize. Dr. Balakrishnan has been cited "for fundamental contributions to wired and wireless networking, mobile sensing, and distributed systems".
- The Marconi Prize is a top honour for computer scientists and is awarded by the U.S.-based Marconi Foundation.
- It is given to those "who have made a significant contribution to increasing digital inclusivity through advanced information and communications technology".

























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IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World NGO Day

- The World NGO Day is an annual international observance on February 27 to recognize the contributions of non-governmental organizations.
- The day was first celebrated in 2010 and has since become an annual event that highlights the work of NGOs around the world. It provides an opportunity to advocate for policies that support their efforts.
- World NGO Day aims to create awareness about the sector and encourage people across the world who work in the sector for a good cause. One interesting fact about World NGO Day is that the Government of each country, appreciate these people working selflessly in their official state languages.













