

19th April 2023

NATIONAL

1) Mumbai Exhibition Centre in Goregaon

- On April 19th, India Steel 2023 will be inaugurated at the Mumbai Exhibition Centre in Goregaon, Mumbai, with Union Minister of Steel Jyotiraditya Scindia presiding over the event.
- The Union Ministry of Steel, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and FICCI, is organizing India Steel 2023.

2) YUVA PORTAL in New Delhi

- Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the YUVA PORTAL in New Delhi, which aims to connect and identify potential young StartUps.
- The minister also introduced the One Week One Lab programme during the event. Dr. Singh emphasized the importance of broad-based stakeholder participation, particularly from the industry, for the sustainable growth of Start-Ups.



3) National Mission for Clean Ganga

- The Executive Committee of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) chaired by Director General G Asok Kumar, approved eight projects worth approximately Rs 638 crore.
- The focus of these projects is to reduce pollution in River Hindon, which is a tributary of River Yamuna. As part of the comprehensive 'Hindon Rejuvenation Plan', four projects costing Rs 407.39 crore were approved for pollution reduction in the Shamli district.
- These projects aim to prevent the flow of contaminated water into the Krishni River. The 48th meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) approved eight projects worth around Rs 638 crore.
- 4) Marketing and Logistics Development for Promotion of Tribal Products















- Arjun Munda, the Minister of Tribal Affairs, will launch the Marketing and Logistics Development for Promotion of Tribal Products from North-Eastern Region (PTP-NER) scheme in Manipur.
- This scheme has been designed to benefit the Scheduled Tribes residing in the North-Eastern Region by enhancing procurement, logistics, and marketing efficiency of tribal products.

5) "India-Russia Business Dialogue"

- On April 17th, the inaugural session of the "India-Russia Business Dialogue" 2023 took place in New Delhi, and it was attended by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Russian Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov.
- Representatives of Russian and Indian businesses met at the India-Russia Business Dialogue 2023 in New Delhi.
- The forum discussed enhancing practical cooperation between Russia and India, including the Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC).



STATE NEWS

1) "Near Threatened"

- In a first-ever census of its kind in the country, forest officials in Odisha's Bhitarkanika have sighted 179 mangrove pitta birds, which are known for their exotic and vibrant colours.
- These beautiful birds are found exclusively in the mangrove forest areas of Bhitarkanika in Odisha and Sundarban in West Bengal.
- According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the species has been assessed and classified as "Near Threatened".

2) Cumbum Panneer Thratchai or Cumbum grapes from Tamil Nadu

- The famous Cumbum Panneer Thratchai or Cumbum grapes from Tamil Nadu have recently been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.













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- The Cumbum valley in Tamil Nadu is popularly known as the 'Grapes City of South India' and is known for cultivating the Panneer Thratchai or Muscat Hamburg variety, which constitutes around 85% of the grapegrowing regions in Tamil Nadu.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) Dr. Randhir Thakur

- Tata Group, appointed Dr. Randhir Thakur, as the CEO and managing director of Tata Electronics Pvt Ltd (TEPL), as the group has drawn a strategy to strengthen its semiconductor manufacturing capabilities in an attempt to gain an edge over rivals in the country's thriving precision machining business.
- Till recently, Thakur was associated with global electronic chip and circuits manufacturing giant Intel. Thakur, a veteran in the manufacturing space, was serving as the president of Intel Foundry Services before taking charge at the helm of TEPL.



SPORTS

1) Evans Chebet of Kenya

- Evans Chebet of Kenya crosses the finish line and takes first place in the professional Men's Division during the 127th Boston Marathon in Boston, Massachusetts. Evans Chebet and Hellen Obiri stormed to victory in the men's and women's races at the Boston Marathon to complete a third straight Kenyan double in the 127th edition of the long distance-running showpiece.
- Chebet finished in a time of 2hr 5min 54sec, with Tanzania's Gabriel Geay second in 2:06:04, and Chebet's training partner and fellow Kenyan Benson Kipruto third in 2:06:04.

2) Suryakumar Yadav and Harmanpreet Kaur

- The Indian duo of Suryakumar Yadav and Harmanpreet Kaur has added another feather to their outstanding crown after bagging the Wisden Almanack's leading cricketer in the World awards.
- Suryakumar won the honour of Wisden Almanack's leading T20I cricketer while Harmanpreet Kaur became the first Indian woman to win the Cricketer of the Year award.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS















1) 'Sachin@50 – Celebrating A Maestro'

- Boria Majumdar, a renowned sports historian and popular TV show host, unveiled a new book called 'Sachin@50 – Celebrating A Maestro' on the occasion of legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar's 50th birthday.
- The book has been conceptually designed and curated by Majumdar, with a special back cover note written by Gulzar. It will be officially released on Tendulkar's 50th birthday, which falls on April 24, 2023.
- The book covers Tendulkar's journey to success, starting from his teenage debut where he became globally recognized after his bloodied nose incident in Pakistan in 1989. It also highlights how he became the greatest batting sensation, transcending boundaries of sport.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Angela Merkel

- Former Chancellor Angela Merkel received Germany's highest Order of Merit.
- The Grand Cross award was handed to her by President Frank-Walter Steinmeier. The award has only been given twice before, to former chancellors Konrad Adenauer and Helmut Kohl.
- All three former leaders belong to the conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU).

2) Utsa Patnaik

- Utsa Patnaik, a well-known economist of both national and international acclaim, has been chosen for the prestigious Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2023.
- The award is presented annually by the Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust, with outstanding social scientists being recognized by a national-level jury from the nominations received.
- The recipient of the award will receive a citation and a cash prize of ₹2 lakh at a ceremony to be held in Chennai, the date of which will be announced by the Trust soon. In 2022, the award was presented to the Indian economist, Prabhat Patnaik.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Liver Day













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- World Liver Day is observed on April 19 in order to raise awareness about liver-related diseases. The liver is one of the most complex organs in the human body.
- It plays a pivotal role in our body's immunity, digestion and metabolism. Plus, it also carries out the filtration of toxins, stores vitamins and minerals, and produces bile, among other functions.
- It is likely that there will be various awareness campaigns, educational programs, and health initiatives organized around the world on this day to promote liver health and prevention of liver diseases. The theme for this year's World Liver Day is "Be vigilant, do a regular liver check-up, fatty liver can affect anyone".

OBITUARY

- 1) Telugu actor and comedian Allu Ramesh passed away
- Telugu actor and comedian Allu Ramesh passed away. He suffered cardiac arrest in his hometown, Visakhapatnam.
- Allu Ramesh started off his career as an actor by doing theatre performances. After that, he made his debut in Tollywood with Tarun's Chirujallu and starred in almost 50 films. Allu Ramesh acted in movies like Napoleon, Tholubommalata, Madhura Wines, and Ravana Desam.
- Over a two-decade-long career, Ramesh went on to appear in several popular and successful films and was last seen in Rajendra Prasad's Anukoni Prayanam on the big screens.













