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#### **INTERNATIONAL**

## 1) Seattle City Council passed

- The Seattle City Council passed an ordinance adding caste to the list of protected classes in the city's municipal code, along with groups like race, religion, and gender identity.

- Seattle created history by becoming the first US city to pass an explicit ban on caste-based discrimination.

## 2) India and Seychelles

- India and Seychelles signed six agreements in key areas, including maritime security, and on sharing of white shipping information that would enable the two countries to exchange data regarding identity and movement of non-military commercial vessels.

#### 3) The UK has surpassed India

- The UK has surpassed India as the sixth-largest equity market in the world for the first time since May 2022 as a weaker pound increases the attraction of exporters and concerns over the Adani-Hindenburg controversy are being felt throughout Indian markets.



#### 4) India and UAE

Hindustan Aeronautics, an aerospace company in India, and EDGE, the top defence company in the UAE, inked a Memorandum of Understanding at the International Defense Exhibition and Conference.
The Memorandum of Understanding is signed to examine potential areas of collaboration, such as collaborative development of missile systems and unmanned aerial vehicles.

## NATIONAL

1) 28th edition of Gulfood 2023 which will be held in UAE





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- Agricultural and Process Food Export Development Authority is participating in the 28th edition of Gulfood 2023 which will be held in UAE.

- India has been participating in GULFOOD which is a platform that connects food and beverage sectors around the globe, providing ample opportunities to Indian exporters.

- The India Pavilion was inaugurated by Pashupati Kumar Paras, Union Minister of Food Processing Industries along with Ambassador of India H. E. Sunjay Sudhir, Dr. M Angamuthu, Chairman, APEDA, Shri Sanoj Kumar Jha, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Mr. Muktanand Agarwal, Director, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, officers of APEDA, Indian Embassy, CGI, other stakeholders from Centre & State & exporters.

## 2) Telefonica Germany's specific operations

- India's largest IT services company Tata Consultancy Services announced that it has won a deal to digitally transform Telefonica Germany's specific operations.

- The latter is a leading German telecom company. The Indian IT services exporter announced that the partnership would entail building service assurance applications and processes within the Operations Support Systems landscape of the German telecom company.



## 3) INS Nireekshak at Kochi

The Chief of the Naval Staff Adm R Harikumar visited INS Nireekshak at Kochi where he interacted with the diving team of the ship involved in the salvage operations at a depth of 219 meters in the Arabian Sea.
He commended the ship on the safe and successful conduct of the operations under the most challenging circumstances. This is the deepest salvage carried out in the country's waters.

## **STATE NEWS**

1) Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Satellite Launch Vehicle Mission- 2023





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- India's first hybrid sounding rocket by private players was successfully launched from Pattipulam village in the Chengalpattu district of Tamil Nadu.

- Martin Foundation, in association with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam International Foundation and Space Zone India, launched the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Satellite Launch Vehicle Mission- 2023.

## 2) The chief minister of Maharashtra, was elected as the Shiv Sena's supreme leader

- Eknath Shinde, the chief minister of Maharashtra, was elected as the Shiv Sena's supreme leader during the party's national executive meeting.

- The Election Commission of India recognised his faction as the true Shiv Sena and gave him the "bow and arrow" insignia during the first national executive meeting following that recognition.

- The MLAs, MPs, and other Sena leaders who had joined Shinde after he split from the group headed by former chief minister Uddhav Thackeray were present at the meeting.

## 3) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation

Delhi Metro Rail Corporation will soon launch India's first virtual shopping app called Momentum 2.0 for metro commuters to purchase products, book services and collect orders at the destination stations.
The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has revealed that the app will also provide features such as instant recharge of metro smart cards and smart payment options for other utility services.



## **APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS**

## 1) Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi

- Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi has been appointed as the new Drug Controller General of India, Central Drugs Standard Control Organization. Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi is a former Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission secretary-cum-scientific director.





- Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi will supersede Dr. PBN Prasad who is holding the position till 28th February 2023. The order which was released stated that Raghuvanshi will continue to be the DGCI till February 28, 2025.

## **SPORTS**

## 1) Indian teen Tilottama Sen

- Indian teen Tilottama Sen won the bronze medal in the women's 10m Air Rifle at ISSF World Cup 2023 in Cairo in Egypt.

- The 14-year-old Tilottama Sen won the second bronze for India, fifth overall after ending the top eight ranking round with a score of 262.

- She missed out on the gold medal match by a narrow possible margin of 0.1. Great Britain's Seonaid Mcintosh won gold and Switzerland's Olympic Champion Nina Christen came second to win silver.



## **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

## 1) "Modi: Shaping a Global Order in Flux"

- BJP national president J.P. Nadda has launched a book "Modi: Shaping a Global Order in Flux" in Chanakyapuri. Book is forewarded by Union External Affair Minister S. Jaishankar.

- Editors are Sujan Chinoy, Vijay Chauthaiwala, and Uttam Kumar Sinha. This book is going to open a debate on how PM Modi has taken a decision which has changed India's image worldwide.

- It's necessary to understand what was the image of India before Modi ji came to power. The publisher of the book is Wisdom Tree.

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

## 1) 13th Sansad Ratna Awards 2023





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- The 13th Sansad Ratna Awards 2023 will be presented on March 25 in the national Capital.

The 13 members of Parliament (MP) have been nominated for the Sansad Ratna Awards 2023. The Jury Committee of eminent Parliamentarians and civil society, chaired by Arjun Ram Meghwal (State Minister of Parliamentary Affairs) and Co-Chaired by T S Krishnamurthy (Former Chief Election Commissioner of India) has nominated eight MPs from Lok Sabha and five from Rajya Sabha for the Sansad Ratna Awards 2023.
These nominations are based on cumulative performance in questions, private members' bills and members' debates from the beginning of the 17th Lok Sabha till the end of the Winter Session 2022.

## 2) World Mother Language Award from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Dr. Mahendra Kumar Mishra, an Indian educator and social worker for the advancement of indigenous languages in Odisha, received the World Mother Language Award from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

- Dr. Mishra has worked over three decades on the language, culture and education of the marginalised languages of Odisha.

- Inaugurating a four-day programme of the International Mother Language Institute and conferring the award, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stressed the need 'for research to preserve, revitalise and develop the mother languages of the world as many languages are being lost'.

## **OBITUARY**

## 1) TCA Ramanujam has passed away

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- TCA Ramanujam, a retired chief commissioner of income taxes, lawyer, expert in Sanskrit, and BusinessLine columnist, passed away. He was 88. As Chief Commissioner of Income Tax until his retirement in 1992, Mr. Ramanujam also spent a year as a member of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal. In 2002, he began his advocacy career again and served as a senior standing counsel for the Income Tax division.



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