

12th&13th March 2023

INTERNATIONAL

1) Mount Merapi one of the world most active volcanoes

- Mount Merapi, one of the world's most active volcanoes, erupted, spewing out smoke and ash that covered villages near the crater.
- There were no immediate reports of casualties, the the National Disaster Mitigation Agency said.
- The images broadcasted shows ash-covered houses and roads at a village near the volcano, in Yogyakarta.

NATIONAL

1) World's longest railway platform of 1.5 kilometres

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated World's longest railway platform of 1.5 kilometres at Sri Siddhaarooda railway station in Hubballi in the state of Karnataka.
- The inauguration of the platform was done during the PM's Karnataka visit in the presence of Union Minister Pralhad Joshi.
- It is to be noted that Indian Railways, South Western Railway Zones Hubbali is now registered in the Guinness Book of World Records for having the longest platform.



2) INS Sahyadri

- Indian Navy's indigenously built guided missile frigate, INS Sahyadri participated in a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with French Navy (FN) ships FS Dixmude, a Mistral Class Amphibious Assault Ship and FS La Fayette, a La Fayette Class Frigate, in the Arabian Sea.
- The partnership exercise was conducted on March 10-11.

3) Wealth Report 2023

- Knight Frank, a global real estate consultancy, released its Wealth Report 2023, which provides insights into the trends and performance of the prime residential property market across the world.













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 Among Indian respondents, the consultant said 88 per cent saw a rise in UHNWI's (ultra-high-net-worth individuals) wealth in 2022.

STATE NEWS

1) "All Women Production Line"

- Indian commercial vehicle manufacturer, Ashok Leyland, has launched an "All Women Production Line" with 100 per cent female employees at its Hosur plant in Tamil Nadu.
- The initiative to introduce an all-women production line is to promote women empowerment and encourage them take up roles in manufacturing industry.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) Mohit Joshi

- Former Infosys President Mohit Joshi has been appointed as the company's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for a term of 5 years, beginning on December 20, 2023, and ending on December 19, 2028, according to IT services provider Tech Mahindra (both days inclusive).
- Gurnani, who was one of the longest-serving CEOs in the Indian IT industry, will be succeeded by Mohit Joshi.



2) Siddhartha Mohanty

- For the period of three months beginning March 14, the Center has chosen Siddhartha Mohanty as the interim chairman of the Life Insurance Company of India (LIC).
- Currently the managing director and CEO of LIC Housing Finance, Mohanty will take over as MD of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) on February 1st, 2021.
- Up to his retirement on June 30, 2023, Siddhartha Mohanty was proposed to lead LIC as its MD. LIC's current MDs are Bishnu Charan Patnaik, Ipe Mini, Siddhartha Mohanty, and Raj Kumar, while the company's chairman is Shri Mangalam Ramasubramanian Kumar.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1) Oscars awards 2023













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- The 95th Academy Awards (Oscars 2023) have announced that RRR's "Naatu Naatu" won Best Original Song. The song had to beat out songs like "Applause" from Tell It Like a Woman, "Hold My Hand" from Top Gun: Maverick, "Lift Me Up" from Black Panther: Wakanda Forever, and "This is Life" from Everything Everywhere All At Once. The Oscars 2023 was accepted by lyricist Chandrabose and composer Keeravani.

2) International Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2023

- The International Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2023 in the categories of "TV/Cinema Commercials International and Country International" were won by the Indian Ministry of Tourism and Government of India, respectively.
- As part of a global effort on advertising in the post-Covid period to reopen opportunities in India, the award has been granted to promotional films/television ads made by the Ministry.
- On March 8, 2023, at ITB, Berlin, Shri Arvind Singh, Secretary (Tourism), Government of India, accepted the honours.

3) 95th Academy Awards Best Documentary Short award

- The Elephant Whisperers, a Netflix documentary short from Kartiki Gonsalves and Guneet Monga, has won the 95th Academy Awards' Best Documentary Short award.
- The movie was up against 'Stranger At The Gate', 'Haulout', and 'How Do You Measure a Year?' The award is an honour of "my motherland, India," said director Gonzalves.

4) Vyas Samman 2022

- Pagalkhana, a 2018 satirical novel by renowned Hindi author Dr. Gyan Chaturvedi, has been chosen for the 32nd Vyas Samman.
- Dr. Chaturvedi's Pagalkhana (mental hospital) was chosen for the prestigious Vyas Samman by a selection committee led by distinguished author Prof. Ramji Tiwari.



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