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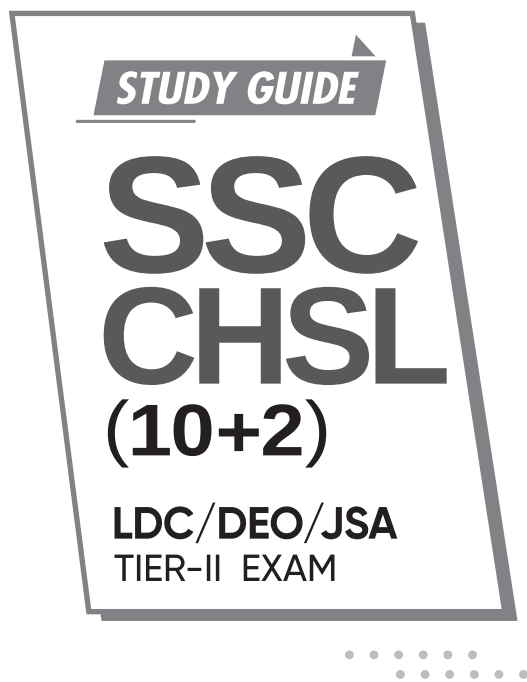
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# **Current Affairs**





# Current Affairs

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### Seven Products get GI Tag

The Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to seven products from various regions of India, including four from Rajasthan.

The products awarded the GI tags are 'Jalesar Dhatu Shilp' (a metal craft of UP), 'Goa Mankurad Mango', 'Goan Bebinca', 'Udaipur Koftgari Metal Craft', 'Bikaner Kashidakari Craft', 'Jodhpur Bandhej Craft', and 'Bikaner Usta Kala Craft'.

The application for the Mankurad Mango was filed by the All Goa Mango Growers Association, and it is also known as malcorada, cardozo mankurad, corado, and Goa mankur.

A GI tag is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.

### Mines and Minerals Amendment Bill, 2023 Passed

The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2023, was passed by the Indian Parliament on August 2, 2023.

It enabling the private sector to undertake mining operations for 6 out of 12 atomic minerals, including lithium, as well as deep-seated minerals like gold and silver.

The Bill grants permission to private companies to mine and explore previously reserved atomic minerals, fostering increased competition and investment in the sector.

Lithium, beryllium, niobium, titanium, tantalum, and zirconium are among the atomic minerals now open for exploration by private entities.

Deep-seated minerals, including gold, silver, copper, zinc, lead, nickel, cobalt, platinum group minerals, and diamonds, will also be available for private sector mining and auction.

### PM Modi Launched 'Urea Gold'

PM Modi launched a new type of urea called 'Urea Gold' during his visit to Rajasthan on August 1, 2023.

Urea Gold is also known as Sulphur Coated Urea (SCU).

It is coated with sulphur, which can enhance soil quality and reduce farmers' expenditure. It is a new variety of urea that requires less field application and improves crop quality. Sulphur coated urea releases nitrogen slowly, and adding humic acid extends its shelf life as a fertiliser.

### G20 Empower Summit Held

The G20 Empower Summit, under India's G20 Presidency, held in Gandhinagar on August 1, 2023.

Union Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani will inaugurate the summit. The theme of the two-day conference was 'Women-led development: ensuring sustainable, inclusive and equitable global economic growth'.

The summit will host various sessions, each focusing on different aspects of women empowerment.

### 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' Campaign to be Launched

PM Narendra Modi announced on July 30, 2023 to the launch of 'Meri Mati Mera Desh' campaign in run-up to Independence Day. It aim is to honour the martyred bravehearts of the country.

During the campaign of 'Meri Mati Mera Desh', an Amrit Kalash Yatra will also be taken out.

This 'Amrit Kalash Yatra' will reach Delhi, carrying the soil in 7,500 Kalash from villages and various corners of the country.

### Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam 2023 Organised

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 29, 2023 inaugurated the 'Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam 2023' at Bharat Mandapam in Delhi.

The event coincides with the third anniversary of the launch of National Education Policy 2020.

PM Modi also released the first installment of funds under the PM SHRI scheme.

As many as 6,207 schools received the first instalment with a total sum amounting to 630 crore rupees.

He also released education and skill curriculum books translated into 12 Indian languages.

### President Laid Foundation for 'Divine Light House'

President Draupadi Murmu on July 27, 2023 laid the foundation stone of 'Divine Light House' at Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalyaya at Dasabatia, Tamando in Odisha.

The occasion marked the launch of the theme for the year 'Year of Positive Change', reflecting the emphasis on driving positive change.

Recognizing the role of technology as a catalyst of change, President Murmu stressed the importance of both material and spiritual development for the betterment of humanity.

Acknowledging the important role of Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya in promoting spirituality through meditation and disciplined lifestyle, leading to inner peace.

### Repealing and Amending Bill, 2022 Passed with Amendments

Lok Sabha passed the Repealing and Amending Bill, 2022 with amendments on July 27, 2023.

The legislation seeks to repeal 76 laws that are obsolete or that have been made redundant by other laws.

It also corrects a minor drafting error in the Factoring Regulation Act, of 2011.

The bill is based on the concept of ease of living and ease of doing.

### 3rd Edition of Summit on GCPMH 2023 Concluded

3rd edition of the Summit on 'Global Chemicals and Petrochemicals Manufacturing Hubs in India' (GCPMH 2023) held on July 27-28, 2023 at New Delhi.

The Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers in association with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) organized this summit.

Union Minister of Finance Smt. Nirmala Sitaraman inaugurated the two days Summit.

The Summit is one of the largest composite biennial event for promotion of Chemical and petrochemical manufacturing hubs in India.

The Chemical and Petrochemical Industry is a key contributor to the social and economic development of our country.

### **'Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar' Initiative Launched**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has launched a unique initiative 'Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar' (MGMD) as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav on July 26, 2023.

It is a pan-India initiative of Ministry of Culture under National Mission on Cultural Mapping. The Ministry of Culture initiated MGMD project under National Mission on Cultural Mapping in coordination with Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA).

The main objective the project is to culturally map India's 6.5 lakh villages, spanning 29 States and 7 Union Territories, on a comprehensive virtual platform.

### **Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill 2023 Passed in Lok Sabha**

Lok Sabha passed the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill 2023 amid din on July 26, 2023.

The Bill seeks to amend the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. It also exempts certain types of land from the purview of the Act.

These include land within 100 kilometers of the country's border needed for national security projects, small roadside amenities, and public roads leading to habitation.

The Act specifies some activities that can be carried out in forests, such as establishing check posts, fencing, and bridges.

The Bill also allows running of zoos, safaris, and eco-tourism facilities.

### **India's First Fisheries Atal Incubation Centre**

Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) will set up India's first Atal Incubation Center (AIC) in fisheries.

It is announced on July 25, 2023 after receiving a grant of ₹ 10 crore from NITI Aayog. NITI Aayog provided a grant to KUFOS to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in the fisheries sector.

The AIC initiative is part of the Atal Innovation Mission.

It aims to foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship across various industries in the country.

### **Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill 2022 Passed by Lok Sabha**

The Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2021 has been passed in the Lok Sabha on July 25, 2023.

The bill seeks to promote research on medicinal plants, encourage the production of plant-based medicines and benefit the local persons involved in use of forest produce.

The Bill amends the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 to simplify compliance requirements for domestic companies.

As per the provision of the Bill, users of codified traditional knowledge and AYUSH practitioners will be exempted from sharing benefits with local communities.

The Bill will promote research in the field of biodiversity and also benefit those states having rich bio-diversity.

### **Lok Sabha Passed Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022**

The Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on July 25, 2023.

It aim is to strengthen cooperatives by introducing transparency and establishing a system of regular elections.

The Bill seeks to reform the composition of the Board of multi-State cooperative societies to ensure efficient and transparent governance.

The Bill proposes the establishment of a 'Co-operative Election Authority'.

The Bill also includes the establishment of a 'rehabilitation, reconstruction, and development fund'.

### **National Nursing & Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023 Passed**

Lok Sabha passed The National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Bill, 2023 on Friday, it was introduced in Lok Sabha on July 24, 2023.

It repeals the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947.

It provides for the constitution of the 29 member National Nursing and Midwifery Commission.

The Commission will frame policies and regulate standards for nursing and midwifery education, providing a uniform process for admission into nursing institutions.

The Commission will also regulate nursing and midwifery institutions to provide standards for faculty in teaching institutions.

### **Naveen Patnaik Became 2nd Longest-Serving CM in India**

Odisha's Naveen Patnaik became the 2nd longest-serving CM in the country on July 23, 2023, replacing West Bengal's Jyoti Basu.

Former Sikkim CM Pawan Kumar Chamling still holds the record of being the longest-serving Chief Minister in the country.

He was the CM of Sikkim from December 12, 1994 till May 27, 2019, more than 24 years.

Mr Basu served as the chief minister of West Bengal from June 21, 1977 to November 5, 2000, which was 23 years and 137 days.

He is also the 3rd leader after Mr. Chamling and Mr. Basu to become the CM of a state for 5 consecutive times.

### **Aviation Security Control Centre for 66 Airports Inaugurated**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Aviation Security Control Centre (ASCC) of CISF in New Delhi on July 22, 2023.

ASCC established by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).

The primary objective behind this initiative is to effectively address the prevailing security challenges.

The ASCC will be responsible for monitoring all potential threats and social media activity pertaining to the 66 civil airports currently under the CISF's security coverage.

The ASCC operates through "24x7 real-time data monitoring and trend analysis of passengers and air traffic.

### **'Swachhata Chronicles : Transformative Tales from India' Released**

Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat released 'Swachhata Chronicles : Transformative Tales from India' on July 21, 2023.

It is released during the National Convention of Rural Wash Partners Forum (RWPF).

It is a compendium of 75 ODF Plus best practices to promote innovation and cross learning.

This collection was developed by the Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin IEC team and contains stories for each thematic pillar of SBMG Phase-II.

### **Sri Lankan President Visited India**

At the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the President of Sri Lanka, Ranil Wickremesinghe, visited India on July 21, 2023.

This was President Wickremesinghe's first visit to India since assuming the current responsibilities.

Sri Lanka and India signed a series of energy, development and trade agreements, signaling growing economic ties between the neighboring countries.

He held discussions with Prime Minister Modi and other Indian dignitaries on a range of issues of mutual interest.

Sri Lanka is an important partner in India's Neighbourhood First Policy and Vision SAGAR.

The visit will reinforce the longstanding friendship between the two countries and explore avenues for enhanced connectivity and mutually beneficial cooperation across sectors.

### First ever Credit Guarantee Scheme for Livestock Sector Launched

The Indian government has introduced a pioneering 'Credit Guarantee Scheme' on July 20, 2023.

It is the first ever 'Credit Guarantee Scheme' for Livestock Sector launched for rebooting rural economy by leveraging MSMEs.

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) has established a Credit Guarantee Fund Trust of ₹ 750 crore.

It aims to provide credit guarantee coverage to eligible lending institutions, enabling improved access to finance for the underserved livestock sector.

### Ground Water Law Implemented in 21 States and Union Territories

The Union Ministry of Jal Shakti informed the Parliament on July 20, 2023 that 21 states and union territories have implemented the Ground Water Act. In this law, provision has been made for rain water harvesting.

India is mainly dependent on groundwater for irrigation.

About 70% of food production in the country is done with the help of tube wells.

This excessive dependence of agriculture on ground water is giving rise to the ground water crisis.

### Global Food Regulators Summit 2023 Held

Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the Global Food Regulators Summit 2023 in New Delhi on July 19, 2023.

The two-day summit serves as a platform for food regulators from over 40 countries to collaborate and work together.

It was aimed at creating a global platform for regulators on enhancing food safety systems and regulatory frameworks through collaboration.

It will provide an opportunity to exchange knowledge and strategies for ensuring safe food throughout the food value chain.

He also launched the common regulators' platform 'SaNGRAH' (Safe Food for Nations : Global Food Regulatory Authorities Handbook).

### TCRM Matrix Framework Unveiled by NITI Aayog

NITI Aayog released the Techno-Commercial Readiness and Market Maturity Matrix (TCRM Matrix) framework on July 18, 2023.

TCRM Matrix released for promoting innovation and entrepreneurship in India.

This framework aims to transform technology assessment and stimulate innovation and entrepreneurship across the country.

The framework aims to propel India towards becoming a global leader in innovation.

This action plan paper highlights the historical evolution of the Technology Framework, including the -

Technology Readiness Level (TRL)

Commercialization Readiness Level (CRL)

Market Readiness Level (MRL) scales

TCRM Matrix framework is a milestone for India's innovation and entrepreneurship landscape.

### National Mega Conclave on FPO in Cooperative Sector

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurates National Mega Conclave on FPO in Cooperative Sector on July 16, 2023.

Amit Shah also released an action plan for the formation of 1100 new FPOs by Primary Agricultural Credit Societies.

The government aims to set up ten thousand FPOs by 2027 and ₹ 6900 crore has been allocated to achieve this target.

FPO is an organization formed by farmer-producers.

Its primary objective is to support small farmers.

### US Senate Passed Resolution Recognising Arunachal Pradesh

The United States Senate Committee on July 14, 2023 passed a resolution recognising Arunachal Pradesh as an integral part of India.

It was introduced by Senators Jeff Merkley, Bill Hagerty, Tim Kaine and Chris Van Hollen.

The resolution reaffirms that the US recognises the McMahon Line as the international boundary between China and Arunachal Pradesh.

It refused China's claims that large portions of Arunachal Pradesh are their territory.

The resolution will now go to the Senate floor for a full vote.

### Two Appointments for the Supreme Court

Telangana Chief Justice Ujjwal Bhuiyan and Kerala Chief Justice S. Venkatanarayana Bhatti were appointed as Supreme Court judges on July 13, 2023.

This appointment is based on the recommendation of their names by CJI DY Chandrachud. With this, the total strength of judges in the Supreme Court has gone up to 33. The total strength of judges in the Supreme Court is 34.

From June 28, 2022, Justice Bhuiyan is serving as the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court.

In March 2019, Justice Bhatti was transferred to the Kerala High Court, where he serves as the Chief Justice from June 1, 2023.

### ABSS Initiated by Railway

ABSS is a development programme initiated by Southern Railway on July 11, 2023.

It aims to develop 90 identified stations.

It is the responsibility of the Zonal Railways to select the stations. *Objective of Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) is*

Prepare a master plan for railway stations.

Implement the master plan in a phased manner to increase facilities.

Go beyond the minimum essentials.

Incorporate and replace previous redevelopment projects.

### National Law University Delhi Launched 'Eklavya'

National Law University (NLU), Delhi launched a research affiliate programme named 'Eklavya' on July 11, 2023.

It aims to promote collaboration and inclusivity in legal scholarship.

The 'Eklavya' program is open to individuals who do not have a traditional law degree.

Programme available for people have at least 3 years of experience working on law-related issues.

Full-time or part-time employees require approval from their current organization or institution.

### IIT Delhi will Open Its Campus in UAE

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan informed on July 10, 2023 that IIT Delhi is going to open its international campus in Abu Dhabi (UAE).

This initiative will further strengthen the relations between the two countries.

IIT Delhi has also announced the inclusion of UAE school students in its Summer Boot Camp.

Talented school students from there will be able to work on their research and other innovations in IIT Delhi's lab.

### Performance Grading Index for States Released

The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education released the Performance Grading Index (PGI) report on July 9, 2023 for States/UTs.

It is an index for evidence based comprehensive analysis of school education system.

This year's report has been named PGI 2.0.

No state has been found in the top-5 category of PGI.

Punjab and Chandigarh have been placed at the top position in the overall ranking of PGI.

Punjab is followed by Gujarat, Kerala, Maharashtra, Delhi, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu.

12 states including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand have made it at the bottom.

### PM Modi Inaugurated Various Projects in Chhattisgarh

PM Narendra Modi on July 7, 2023 inaugurated and laid foundation stones of 8 projects worth around Rs 7600 crore in Chhattisgarh.

This event was held at the Science College ground in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

PM Modi also virtually flagged off a new train between Antagarh in Kanker district of the state and Raipur.

He kickstarted the distribution of cards of the Centre's Ayushman Bharat scheme to beneficiaries in the state.

*At the event, the PM dedicated to the nation four-laning of the*

33-km-long Raipur-Kodebod section of NH-30

53-km-long Bilaspur-Pathrapali stretch of NH-130

He laid the foundation stone for construction of three sections as a part of the six-lane Raipur-Visakhapatnam economic corridor NH-130 CD.

He also dedicated to the nation the doubling of the 103-km-long Raipur-Kharai Road Rail Line, built at a cost of ₹ 750 crore.

### Cabinet Approved Digital Personal Data Bill

The Union Government on July 6, 2023 granted approval for the draft Digital Personal Data Bill.

It is expected to be presented before Parliament during the upcoming monsoon session.

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology received and considered 21666 suggestions to the draft bill.

Six years after the Supreme Court declared privacy as a fundamental right, the law will become India's core data governance framework.

Digital Personal Data Protection Bill (DPDP Bill) is one of the four proposed legislations in the IT and Telecom sectors.

It aims to provide the framework for the rapidly growing digital ecosystem.

This bill empowers the Data Protection Board (DPB) to levy a penalty of up to Rs.250 crore on the organizations found to be in breach.

### DGCA Signed MoU with European Union Aviation Safety Agency

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) India and the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) have signed an MoU on July 6, 2023.

The MoU aims to enhance cooperation between DGCA and EASA in the field of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and innovative air mobility. The collaboration between DGCA and EASA is expected to result in harmonized standards for UAS.

It contribute to the accelerated growth of the Indian unmanned aviation sector.

### Scheme for Expansion & Modernisation of Fire Services in States

The Ministry of Home Affairs launched the "Scheme for Expansion and Modernisation of Fire Services in the States" on July 5, 2023.

Its primary objective is to enhance fire safety infrastructure across the country.

The Scheme launched with a substantial budget of ₹ 5000 crore.

The scheme aims to address the critical need for improved fire services.

The scheme is derived from the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission.

### First IIT Campus Outside India in Tanzania

The Ministry of External Affairs announced on July 4, 2023 that the first IIT campus outside India will be set up in Zanzibar, Tanzania.

A MoU was signed for the establishment of this institute.

MoU was signed between the India's education ministry, IIT Madras and Zanzibar's ministry of education and vocational training.

It will admit 50 undergraduate students and 20 master's students.

The new IIT campus will be set up in Zanzibar under the name of IIT Madras at Zanzibar.

Along with this, IIT will also open its other foreign campus in Abu Dhabi and Kuala Lumpur.

Zanzibar is a Tanzanian archipelago off the coast of East Africa.

### India-UK 'Electric Propulsion Technology Workshop' Held

India-UK 'Electric Propulsion Technology Workshop' was organized in New Delhi on July 3, 2023.

It aims to collaborate, exchange knowledge and explore exciting possibilities in the field of electric propulsion.

The workshop was co-chaired by Rajiv Prakash, Joint Secretary (Naval Systems) from the Indian side and Commodore John Voyce, Naval Base Commander from the UK side.

The workshop served as an important platform for experts, researchers and industry professionals from both the countries.

It aims to come together, share their knowledge and engage in meaningful discussions on the development of electric propulsion in ships.

### Carbon Credit Trading Scheme Notified

The Union Ministry of Power on July 1, 2023 notified the much-anticipated carbon credit trading scheme.

According to notification, Centre will constitute a 'National Steering Committee for the Indian carbon market'.

Its aim is to govern and oversee the functions of the market.

The Secretary, Ministry of Power will be the ex-officio chairperson of the committee.

The Secretary for the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change will be the co-chairperson.

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) has been mandated to regulate the market.

### India and Malaysia can now Trade in Indian Rupee

India and Malaysia have announced that they can now trade using the Indian Rupee (INR) as a mode of settlement on July 1, 2023.



These agreements are aimed at reducing reliance on the US dollar as the dominant currency for international trade and finance.

The use of local currencies can also help reduce currency risk for businesses. It encourage greater economic integration between countries.

This move is expected to boost bilateral trade between the two countries. It reduce transaction costs for businesses.

### PM Modi Lead International Day of Yoga Celebrations

Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the ninth International Day of Yoga celebrations on June 21, 2023 from UN Headquarters at its North Lawn.

The 9th International Day of Yoga observed in a grand fashion at the United Nations headquarters in New York City.

The theme of Yoga Day this year was 'Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'.

### BIS made License Mandatory for 24 Footwear Products

The Bureau of Indian Standards, BIS license will be mandatory for 24 footwear products from the July 1, 2023.

BIS highlighted the importance of the Quality Control Orders issued recently by the Government for footwear and other products.

A BIS Licence will be mandatory for the manufacturing, importing or selling of products under these Quality Control Orders.

### Expert Panel to Reform Arbitration Law

The Indian government has taken a significant step towards improving the arbitration process by forming an expert committee on June 17, 2023.

Led by former law secretary TK Vishwanathan, the committee aims to recommend reforms to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act of 1996. Committee would focus on reducing court intervention, enhancing cost-effectiveness, and ensuring timely resolution.

The committee is expected to submit its recommendations within 30 days.

### NITI Aayog and UN Signed UN SDC Framework 2023-27

NITI Aayog and the United Nations in India signed the Government of India-United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-27 in New Delhi on June 16, 2023.

The GoI-UNSDCF was signed by CEO NITI Aayog BVR Subrahmanyam and UN Resident Coordinator India Shombi Sharp.

GoI-UNSDCF 2023-2027 represents the UN development system's collective offer to the Government of India for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals promoting gender equality, youth empowerment and human rights

### Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society Renamed

Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society renamed as Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society on June 16, 2023.

The decision was taken at a special meeting of Memorial Museum and Library Society.

The meeting was presided over by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who is the vice president of the Society.

For over 59 years it has been a global intellectual landmark and treasure house of books & archives.

### Jettwings Airways Got Approval to Fly

The civil aviation ministry provided a no objection certificate (NOC) to regional airline Jettwings Airways on June 15, 2023.

It aims to operate scheduled commuter air transport services in India under the government's regional connectivity scheme, UDAN. Once granted approval, Jettwings Airways will become the first-ever airline to operate from India's North-East region.

Jettwings Airways is a new airline in the aviation sector.

The Guwahati-based airline is aiming to begin its services in October this year.

### Akashvani and Doordarshan Emerged as Most Trusted Electronic Media

Akashvani and Doordarshan emerged as most trusted electronic media on June 14, 2023 in Reuters Institute's Digital News Report 2023.

DD India and All India Radio have been recognised as the most trusted electronic media organizations in the country.

Both have been specifically described as electronic media organisations with the highest degree of trust.

The report highlights that although overall trust in news has decreased marginally by 3%.

Public broadcasters and print brands have managed to maintain a relatively high level of trust among the public.

### Sagar Samridhi Launched

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched the 'Sagar Samridhi' online dredging monitoring system on June 12, 2023.

This will help in making the seas and port clean. With this, real time information on dredging will be available.

This system has been developed by National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC).

NTCPWC is the technological arm of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).

### Government Constituted Peace Committee in Manipur

Government of India has constituted a Peace Committee in Manipur on June 10, 2023.

Committee constituted under the Chairpersonship of Governor, Manipur Anusuiya Uikey. It was announced by Amit Shah, the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation. It aim is to facilitate the peace- making process among different ethnic groups in Manipur.

The objective of this is to resolve conflicts, redress grievances and promote reconciliation.

### Farmers FZ Selected for UN's Accelerator Programme

'FarmersFZ' chosen by United Nations for food startup 'Accelerator Programme' on June 6, 2023. A startup located in Kerala and it known as Farmers Fresh Zone (FarmersFZ). 'Accelerator Programme' hosted by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

FarmersFZ has been included on a list of 12 agri-food startups from around the world. It has chosen by the UN to develop their businesses. The multichannel marketplace platform, located in Kochi.

It functions beneath the Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM).

It aims to finally accomplish the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

### Maiden International Cruise Vessel 'MV Empress' Flagged-Off

Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off India's first international cruise vessel – MV Empress on June 5, 2023.

Sarbananda Sonowal is Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

This is the launch of the International Cruise Tourism Terminal at Chennai built at a cost of ₹ 17.21 crore. It is first cruise service between Chennai and Sri Lanka.

It has opened a new chapter in the cruise tourism sector in the country.

### PM Modi Reviewed Situation in Relation to Balasore Rail Accident

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a high-level meeting to review the situation in relation to the rail accident in Odisha's Balasore on June 3, 2023.

At least 280 people were killed and over 900 injured in the accident involving three trains.

### PM Modi Hold Bilateral Talks with Nepalese PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a bilateral meeting with Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' at Hyderabad House in Delhi on June 1, 2023. Both Prime Ministers jointly flagged-off the Indian Railway cargo train from Bathnaha to Nepal Customs yard.

### Successful Training Launch of Agni-1

A successful training launch of a Medium-Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-1 was carried out by the Strategic Forces Command from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha on June 1, 2023. Defence Ministry announced, the missile is a proven system, capable of striking targets with a very high degree of precision.

### King of Cambodia Visited India

Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni arrived in New Delhi for a three-day visit to India on May 31, 2023.

Union Minister of State for External Affairs Rajkumar Ranjan Singh received the Cambodian King at the airport.

Cambodian King Sihamoni's visit to India marks the culmination of the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of diplomatic ties between the two nations.

### Approval for World's Largest Food Storage Scheme

The Indian government has approved a groundbreaking scheme worth ₹ 1 lakh crore on May 31, 2023. It aimed at significantly expanding the foodgrain storage capacity in the cooperative sector. To ensure the effective implementation of the scheme, an inter-ministerial committee will be established.

### RBI Annual Report 2022-23 Released

The RBI report said on May 30, 2023, there was a 55% decline in the amount involved in the total frauds reported during 2021-22 over 2020-21. Number of frauds in banking sector rose in Financial Year 2023. The number of frauds in the banking sector went up to 13530 in 2022-23 year-on-year, but the amount involved nearly halved at ₹ 30252 crore.

### ISRO Launched Next-Generation Navigational Satellite 'NVS-1'

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the next generation navigation satellite NVS-1 on May 29, 2023. The spacecraft is part of the Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC) series, which aims to provide surveillance and navigation capability.

### Special Coin of ₹ 75 Launched

The Center launched a new ₹ 75 coin on May 28, 2023 to mark the inauguration of the new Parliament.

The coin will be unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 28, 2023 and coincides with the celebration of 75 years of India's independence.

The obverse of this coin has the Lion Capital of Ashoka Pillar and the words 'Satyamev Jayate' below it.

### Inauguration of New Parliament House

Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially inaugurated the new Parliament House on May 28, 2023. The New Parliament House is located in the Central Vista area of New Delhi.

The building has seating arrangements for 888 members of the Lok Sabha and 384 members of the Rajya Sabha.

Covering an area of approximately 65000 sq m, the new building has a triangular shape to optimise space utilisation.

The building was designed by Ahmedabad-based HCP Design, Planning and Management and constructed by Tata Projects Limited.

Bimal Patel is the chief architect of the building.

PM Modi also installed 'Sengol' in a dedicated enclosure to the right of the Speaker's chair in the Lok Sabha chamber.

### Health Index Report of Covid Year Released

The southern states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana emerged as the top performers among the larger states in the Health Index Report of Covid Year. NITI Aayog's annual health index for the Covid year of 2020-21 released in May 27, 2023.

### India's AI Supercomputer 'AIRAWAT' in Top-500 List

The AI Supercomputer 'AIRAWAT', installed at C-DAC, Pune has been ranked 75th in the top 500 Global Supercomputing List on May 25, 2023.

The announcement was made during the 61st edition of the International Supercomputing Conference (ISC 2023) held in Germany.

### New Rules for Anti-tobacco Warnings on OTT Platforms

Union Health Ministry has notified new rules for anti-tobacco warnings on OTT platforms. The notification mandates OTT platforms to carry anti-tobacco warning messages.

Every publisher of online-curated content displaying tobacco products or their use shall display anti-tobacco health spots, of minimum 30 seconds duration in the programme.

### Ministry of Civil Aviation Launched UDAN 5.1

Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched UDAN 5.1 on May 24, 2023.

It is a special edition of the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme, with a special focus on helicopter routes.

For the first time under Regional Connectivity Scheme RCS-UDAN, this round is designed specifically for helicopter routes.

### RBI Announced Withdrawal of ₹ 2000 Banknotes

The RBI has taken a significant step by withdrawing the ₹ 2000 banknotes from circulation on May 23, 2023.

The introduction of ₹ 2000 banknotes in November 2016 was a response to the withdrawal of legal tender status for ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 banknotes.

While the RBI has initiated the withdrawal process, it emphasises that the ₹ 2000 banknotes will remain legal tender.

### National Capital Civil Services Authority Constituted

The Centre promulgated an ordinance on May 19, 2023 to create a National Capital Civil Service Authority. It will have the power to recommend the transfer and posting of all Group A officers serving in Delhi.

With a view to constitute this Authority for transfer of 'Group-A' officers of 'DANICS' Cadre, the Central government has issued this Ordinance.

### Three Nations Visit of PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi went on a three-nation tour, started on May 19th and concluded on May 24th, which included the G7 Summit in Japan and the Quad Leaders' Summit in Australia (postponed).