

Weekly One Liners 04th to 10th of September 2023

Mohun Bagan SG defeats East Bengal 1-0 at Durand Cup finals

Mohun Bagan Super Giant beat East Bengal (1-0) to win the Durand Cup 2023 trophy at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata, West Bengal. With this victory, Mohun Bagan SG became the first team in Durand Cup history to win 17 titles. With 16 titles, East Bengal are the second-most successful team in the Durand Cup. With this victory, Mohun Bagan SG became the first team in Durand Cup history to win 17 titles. With 16 titles, East Bengal are the second-most successful team in the Durand Cup. Durand Cup 2023 began on August 3. The tournament's 132nd edition saw 24 teams, four more than last year, compete for the coveted title.

Awards and Honours

Nandhakumar Sekar wins Golden Ball

East Bengal forward Nandhakumar Sekar wins the Golden Ball award for the Durand Cup. He won three Player of the Match awards and had also scored the winner in the previous Kolkata derby.

David Lalhlansanga wins Golden Boot

Mohammedan Sporting's David Lalhlansanga is presented with the Golden Boot. He was just unlucky as his team failed to make it to the knockouts with a one goal margin.

Vishal Kaith wins Golden Glove

Mohun Bagan Super Giant Vishal Kaith wins the Golden Glove in this tournament after winning the same in the ISL last season. He is awarded a cheque of three lakh rupees as well.

Mohun Bagan starting line-up!

Mohun Bagan Super Giant: Vishal Kaith (GK), Anwar Ali, Hector Yuste, Subhasish Bose, Asish Rai, Anirudh Thapa, Sahal Abdul Samad, Hudo Boumous, Ashique Kuriniyan, Dimitri Petratos, Armando Sadiku

East Bengal Starting XI

Prabhsukhan Gil (GK) – Harmanjot Khabra, Jordan Elsey, Lalchungnunga, Mandar Rao Desai, Borja Herrera, Mohamad Rakip - Nandhakumar Sekar, Saul Crespo, Naorem Mahesh Singh, Javier Siverio.



National Teachers' Day 2023: Date, History & Significance

National Teachers' Day 2023

National Teachers' Day in India is celebrated on September 5th every year. It is a day to honor and celebrate the contributions of teachers to society. The day is also observed as a tribute to the memory of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the second President of India from 1962 to 1967. Dr. Radhakrishnan was a scholar, philosopher, and teacher. He was also a strong advocate for education and believed that teachers played a vital role in shaping the future of the nation. In 1962, when his students asked him to celebrate his birthday, he requested that they instead observe September 5th as Teachers' Day. This year National Teacher's Day 2023 is celebrated on Monday.

On National Teachers' Day, schools and educational institutions hold special events to honor teachers. Teachers are given gifts, flowers, and other tokens of appreciation. Students also perform cultural programs and give speeches to express their gratitude to their teachers. National Teachers' Day is a day to reflect on the importance of teachers in our lives. Teachers are the ones who help us learn and grow, and they deserve our respect and appreciation.

Teachers' Day History

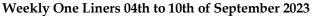
In 1962, when Dr. S Radhakrishnan assumed office as the President of India his students approached him seeking permission to celebrate September 5 as a special day. Instead, Dr. Radhakrishnan asked his students to observe the date as Teacher's Day in a bid to acknowledge the contribution of teachers to society. Globally, World Teachers Day is observed on October 5. It is an initiative led by organisations such as **UNESCO, UNICEF and ILO.**

Dr. Radhakrishnan's students agreed to his suggestion and since then, September 5th has been celebrated as Teachers' Day in India. The day is a reminder of the importance of teachers in our lives and the need to appreciate their hard work and dedication.

National Teachers' Day 2023 Significance

Teacher's Day is celebrated to show gratitude to teachers and other educators and schools and colleges all across India celebrate the day by paying their tribute to Dr. Radhakrishnan. The day is not restricted to students in schools and colleges to show their gratitude for their teachers but also extends to working professionals to show gratitude to mentors and appreciate them for helping them grow in their careers.

Teachers Day is one such event to which students and teachers equally look forward. The Day is important for the students as it gives them a chance to understand the efforts put in by their teachers to ensure that they get a proper education. Similarly, teachers also look forward to the Teachers' Day celebration as their efforts get recognised and honoured by students and other agencies as well.







Teachers, like Radhakrishnan, are builders of the nation's future as they ensure their students are armed with proper knowledge and wisdom to lead their lives responsibly. Teachers' Day helps highlight their role, their plight and their rights in our society.

Here are some ways to celebrate National Teachers' Day:

- Write a letter to your favorite teacher expressing your gratitude.
- Give your teacher a small gift, such as flowers, chocolates, or a book.
- Volunteer at your child's school to help out in the classroom.
- Donate to a scholarship fund for aspiring teachers.
- Spread the word about the importance of teachers by sharing positive stories about them on social media.

Telangana Grabs India's First Gorilla Glass Factory

In a significant development for India's electronics manufacturing sector, **Corning Inc.** is gearing up to establish its **cutting-edge Gorilla Glass manufacturing facility** in **Telangana**. The proposed manufacturing unit will specialize in producing cover glass for leading players in the smartphone market. The establishment of Corning Inc.'s Gorilla Glass manufacturing facility in Telangana is poised to **revolutionize India's electronics manufacturing** landscape.

A Transformative Investment

The ambitious project is set to become a reality with a proposed investment of Rs. 934 crore. Moreover, it promises to create employment opportunities for over 800 individuals, thereby contributing significantly to the local economy. This manufacturing facility holds the potential to be a pivotal force in propelling the smartphone manufacturing ecosystem in Telangana and the wider nation.

Hyderabad Emerges as the Preferred Hub for Electronics Manufacturing

Hyderabad, the capital of Telangana, is garnering the attention of numerous electronics manufacturing giants as their **preferred hub**. The state has already experienced substantial investments from industry leaders such as **Foxconn** earlier this year. With the substantial capital infusion by **Corning Inc.** into Telangana, the nation is on the brink of a **new era in smartphone manufacturing**, one that will impact not only the state but also resonate across the entirety of India.

Corning Inc.: A Pioneer in Materials Science

Headquartered in **New York**, Corning Inc. is a **Fortune 500** materials science company with a rich legacy spanning over 172 years. The company has been at the forefront of innovation, with expertise in **glass science**, **ceramics science**, **and optical physics**. Most notably, Corning Inc. is renowned as the **inventor of Gorilla Glass**, a fortified glass that has found widespread use in portable devices such as **mobile phones**, **tablets**, **and laptops**.

Global Fintech Fest 2023: Unveiling the World's Premier Fintech Conference

In a remarkable comeback, the **Global Fintech Fest (GFF)** is set to reclaim its title as the world's largest fintech conference in 2023. This year's event promises to be a spectacular showcase of innovation and collaboration in the fintech industry. Let's delve into the highlights of GFF 2023.

Global Fintech Fest 2023: Event Overview



Duration: 3 Days

Diverse Tracks: 13

Eminent Speakers: 800+

Cutting-Edge Reports: 15+

Academic Insights: 81 Papers

Interactive Workshops: 50+

• Global Reach: 125+ Countries

Engaging Sessions: 250+

Investor Presence: 250+

Exhibitors: 500+

Expansive Venue: 150K Sq. Ft

• Innovation Hub: 3 Hackathons

Distinguished Delegates: 50,000+

Global Fintech Fest 2023: Key Supporters and Organizers

GFF 2023 enjoys unwavering support from esteemed governmental and regulatory bodies, affirming its significance in the fintech landscape.

- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MietY)
- Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)

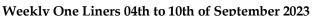
This monumental event is organized by:

- Payments Council of India (PCI)
- Fintech Convergence Council (FCC)
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

Global Fintech Fest 2023: Inauguration by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman

The conference commenced with a prestigious inauguration ceremony graced by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, the Minister of Finance, Government of India. Her remarks emphasized the transformative role of fintech in India's financial landscape.

• **Fintech's Inclusive Role:** Smt. Sitharaman highlighted how fintech is fostering greater financial inclusion in India.







- Building a Global Responsible Financial Ecosystem: She stressed the importance of fintech in shaping a responsible global financial ecosystem.
- Dynamic Financial Inclusion Tool: Fintech, in her words, has evolved into a robust and dynamic tool for financial inclusion.

Global Fintech Fest 2023: Conference Theme

GFF 2023 revolves around a central theme that embodies the fintech industry's aspirations and responsibilities.

Theme: 'Global Collaboration for a Responsible Financial Ecosystem: Inclusive | Resilient | Sustainable'

Global Fintech Fest 2023: Global Partnerships

GFF 2023 has garnered support and participation from renowned international agencies and countries.

- International Collaborators: Notable partners include the World Bank, the Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD), the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP), and Women's World Banking.
- Country Partners: Leading nations such as Australia, Brazil, Great Britain, Germany, and Israel have joined as Country Partners for GFF 2023.

Prime Minister Modi Participated in the 20th ASEAN-India Summit and 18th East Asia Summit (EAS)

Prime Minister Modi participated in the 20th ASEAN-India **Summit** and engaged in comprehensive discussions with ASEAN partners to reinforce the ASEAN-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. He reaffirmed the central role of ASEAN in the Indo-Pacific and highlighted the alignment between India's Indo-Pacific Ocean's Initiative (IPOI) and ASEAN's Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP). Emphasis was placed on the timely review of ASEAN-India FTA (AITIGA).

12-Point Proposal for Cooperation

- 1. Multi-Modal Connectivity: Proposal for a South-East Asia-India-West Asia-Europe economic corridor.
- 2. Digital Public Infrastructure Sharing: India offered its Digital Public Infrastructure Stack to ASEAN nations.
- Digital Future Fund: Announcement of an ASEAN-India fund for Digital Future, focusing on digital transformation and financial connectivity.
- Support for ERIA: Renewed support for the Economic and Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) as a knowledge partner.
- Global South Representation: Collective advocacy for Global South issues in multilateral forums.
- 6. Traditional Medicine Center: Invitation for ASEAN countries to join the WHO's Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in India.

- Mission LiFE: Call for cooperation on Mission LiFE.
- 8. **Affordable Medicines:** Offer to share India's experience in providing affordable and quality medicines through Jan-Aushadhi Kendras.
- 9. Counterterrorism Cooperation: A call for a collective fight against terrorism, terror financing, disinformation.
- 10. Disaster Resilience: Invitation for ASEAN countries to join the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.
- 11. Disaster Management: Cooperation disaster management.
- 12. Maritime Safety: Enhanced cooperation on maritime safety, security, and domain awareness.

East Asia Summit Highlights

Support for EAS Mechanism

At the 18th East Asia Summit, Prime Minister emphasized the importance of the EAS mechanism and India's commitment to its strengthening. He reaffirmed India's support for ASEAN centrality and advocated for a free, open, and rules-based Indo-Pacific.

Quad's Vision and ASEAN

PM Modi highlighted the alignment of visions for the Indo-Pacific between India and ASEAN and emphasized ASEAN's pivotal role in the Quad's vision.

Global Challenges and Initiatives

Prime Minister called for a cooperative approach to address global challenges, including terrorism, climate change, resilient supply chains for essential items, and energy security. He showcased India's initiatives in climate change, such as ISA, CDRI, LiFE, and OSOWOG.

Financial Connectivity and Think Tank Support

PM Modi announced the establishment of the ASEAN India Fund for Digital Future, aimed at enhancing financial connectivity between ASEAN and India. He also expressed support for ERIA, an ASEAN think tank that will deepen ASEAN-India relations.

Regional and International Issues

Leaders exchanged views on a range of regional and international issues during the summit.

East Asia Summit Participants

The East Asia Summit includes eighteen participating countries:

- 1. ASEAN Member States: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam.
- 2. Other Nations: Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, the United States of America.



National Affairs

- Access to justice is a fundamental right that every citizen should enjoy, regardless of their geographical location or socio-economic status. In a significant stride towards achieving this goal, the Union Minister of Law and Justice recently launched Tele-Law 2.0, a revamped version of the Tele-Law program. This initiative, operating under the DISHA Scheme by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice, aims to provide free legal aid to the rural and marginalized sections of society through video conferencing. (Click here to read the article)
- In a momentous event that pays homage to the father of the nation, President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate a 12-foot statue of Mahatma Gandhi and a 'Gandhi Vatika' near Rajghat on September 4. This initiative, organized by the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, carries immense significance as it coincides with India's celebration of 75 years of independence and its tenure as the G20 presidency. Let's explore the details of this event and its symbolic importance. (Click here to read the article)
- In a significant development in the realm of education, Dharmendra Union Education Minister Pradhan announced on September 1 that The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has been conferred with the status of a deemed university. This momentous announcement was made during an event commemorating the 63rd foundation day of NCERT in the national capital. (Click here to read the article)
- The upcoming G20 Summit in New Delhi is set to be a significant event, and the city is making preparations to ensure the success and the safety of its attendees. Scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 2023, and Sunday, September 10, 2023, the Delhi G20 Summit is expected to bring together leaders from around the world to discuss pressing global issues. (Click here to read the article)
- The Indian government has taken decisive steps to enhance the safety and security of SIM card acquisition in the country. The **Department of Telecommunications (DoT)** has issued two crucial circulars, one targeting individual SIM card users and the other aimed at telecom companies like Airtel and Jio, with the goal of regulating and improving the process. (Click here to read the article)
- The recent use of 'President of Bharat' in an official G20 summit dinner invitation has sparked speculations about a potential name change for India to 'Bharat.' While this development has drawn criticism from opposition parties, it's not uncommon for countries to undergo name changes. Let's explore some examples from around the world. (Click here to read the article)
- India has unvieled the world's first portable disaster hospital, a groundbreaking facility that can be airlifted and

- consists of 72 cubes. This extraordinary endeavor is a component of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious "Project BHISHM" (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita and Maitri), unveiled in February 2022. The project was officially inaugurated during the MedTech Expo in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. (Click here to read the article)
- The Union Home Ministry has granted approval to Puducherry's proposal to implement a 10% horizontal reservation for students who graduate from government higher secondary schools pursuing undergraduate medical education. This reservation policy, effective immediately, will benefit students who have cleared the NEET examination and completed their education from government schools starting from standard one. (Click here to read the article)
- At the venue of the G20 Summit, world leaders will be greeted by a breathtaking 27-foot-tall statue of Nataraja, Lord Shiva in his cosmic dance. This magnificent sculpture, made from an eight-metal alloy known as ashtadhatu, weighs a staggering 18 tonnes, requiring a trailer with 36 tires for transportation to Delhi. Crafted by skilled artisans from Swamimalai in Tamil Nadu's Thanjavur district, this masterpiece seamlessly blends tradition with modernity, drawing inspiration from ancient Nataraja idols. (Click here to read the article)
- In a groundbreaking moment for the city of Bengaluru, Energy Minister KJ George inaugurated the country's inaugural underground transformer center, a significant step towards modernizing the city's power distribution infrastructure. This monumental achievement reflects Bengaluru's commitment to safety, reliability, and aesthetic enhancement of its urban landscape. (Click here to read the article)

States in the News

- Pushkar Singh Dhami, the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, inaugurated the logo and website for the Investor Global Summit set to take place in Dehradun on December 8-9, 2023. This summit is poised to explore investment opportunities across a wide range of sectors and holds the potential to usher in a significant transformation in the state's economic landscape. (Click here to read the article)
- The World Heritage Site Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh's Raisen district has become India's first solar city. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan formally launched. It has a capacity of 3 megawatts in Nagauri near Sanchi, which will reduce annual carbon dioxide emissions by 13,747 tonnes. This is equivalent to more than 2,38,000 trees. (Click here to read the article)





- In a significant development for the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) Dongria Kondhs of Rayagada district in Odisha, their exquisite handwoven shawls, known as Kapdaganda, are on the verge of acquiring the prestigious Geographical Indicator (GI) tag while Koraput district's 'Koraput Kalajeera Rice,' often referred to as the 'Prince of Rice,' has obtained Geographical Indications (GI) status. (Click here to read the article)
- The Higher Organising Committee of the Zayed Charity Marathon has announced a groundbreaking development for India – the inaugural edition of the renowned marathon is set to take place in the vibrant state of Kerala in 2024. This event marks a significant collaboration between Kerala State authorities and the Indian community residing in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), strengthening the cultural and economic ties between the two regions. (Click here to read the article)
- The West Bengal assembly made a significant decision by passing a resolution to officially observe Bengali New Year's Day, known as Poila Baisakh, as the state's foundation day on April 15th. (Click here to read the article)
- In a significant move aimed at fostering social inclusion and providing much-needed support, the **Jharkhand government** has taken a progressive step by including the transgender community in its universal pension scheme. This decision was announced during a cabinet meeting presided over by Chief Minister Hemant Soren, marking a watershed moment in the state's commitment to address the needs of its transgender population. (Click here to read the article)

International Affairs

- In a recent development, the Nobel Foundation has decided to cancel its invitation to the Russian Ambassador for this year's Nobel award ceremony in Stockholm. This decision comes after significant controversy surrounding their initial invitation. In 2022, the Nobel Foundation made a notable decision not to invite Ambassadors from Russia and Belarus to the Stockholm award event due to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. A similar decision was made regarding the Iranian envoy, citing Iran's crackdown on protests. (Click here to read the article)
- The three-day long Kathmandu-Kalinga Literary Festival, a vibrant and culturally enriching event concluded in Lalitpur, Nepal. The festival, which was inaugurated by Nepal's Minister for Foreign Affairs, NP Saud, served as a platform for the exchange of culture in South Asia, while promoting literary and cultural activities in the region. This gathering of literary minds and artists from India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka showcased the diversity and richness of South Asian literature and arts. (Click here to read the article)

- Vanuatu's parliament elected Sato Kilman as the nation's new prime minister after a court upheld a vote of noconfidence in his predecessor, who had sought closer ties with US allies amid China-US rivalry in the Pacific Islands. (Click here to read the article)
- The 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly commenced with Dennis Francis taking on the role of General Assembly President. In his opening remarks, he emphasized the importance of addressing the numerous global challenges currently confronting the world. The 78th session of the General Assembly, themed 'Rebuilding trust and reigniting global solidarity: Accelerating action on the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals towards peace, prosperity, progress, and sustainability for all,' focuses on several critical areas. (Click here to read the article)
- After a two-year post-Brexit standoff regarding science funding, the United Kingdom has decided to rejoin the European Union's Horizon science research programme. This move is seen as a significant development in bilateral relations between the UK and the EU, following the resolution of a trade dispute seven months prior. (Click here to read the article)
- During the opening session of the two-day G20 Summit, the African Union (AU) received an official invitation to join the Group of 20 largest economies (G20) as a permanent member. This momentous declaration was made by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, marking a significant stride towards a more inclusive and equitable global economic landscape. (Click here to read the article)

Agreements/MoUs Signed

Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), Israel's leading aerospace and defense company, have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at enhancing cooperation in addressing India's requirements in the domain of Short Range Air Defence Systems. The Memorandum of Understanding was officially signed in Bengaluru. (Click here to read the article)





- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, the Ministry of Education, and Meta (formerly known as Facebook) have teamed together in a three-year alliance in a significant move intended to strengthen India's digital ground-breaking capabilities. This program, "Education to Entrepreneurship: Empowering Generation of Students, Educators, and Entrepreneurs," aims to provide aspiring and established business owners with crucial digital marketing knowledge. It is aimed at a mind-boggling 5 lakh people. (Click here to read the article)
- In a significant stride towards enhancing the quality of education and nurturing creativity in classrooms across India, the Union Ministry of Education has joined forces with software giant Adobe. This groundbreaking collaboration seeks to promote creative expression and digital literacy among students and educators through the utilization of Adobe Express, an innovative application developed by Adobe. (Click here to read the article)
- Indian Railways' Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) Vadodara and Airbus, a global aviation giant, have recently embarked on a strategic collaboration aimed at fortifying the Indian aviation sector. This partnership, sealed through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed at Rail Bhawan, New Delhi, signifies a significant milestone in fostering industry-academia alliances to propel India's aviation industry to new heights. (Click here to read the article)

Books and Authors

- The recently launched graphic novel, 'Ajay to Yogi Adityanath,' has made history by achieving the highest number of book launches, earning it a place in the Asia Book of Records. This remarkable novel, penned by renowned author Shantanu Gupta, delves into the life of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, tracing his journey from humble beginnings to the pinnacle of political leadership. (Click here to read the article)
- Radhika Iyengar is the author of the book 'Fire on the Ganges: Life Among the Dead in Banaras,' released by HarperCollins. The book explores the city of Banaras (also known as Varanasi) in India, particularly its relationship with death and the afterlife. Fire on the Ganges is the first attempt to chronicle the everyday realities of the Doms in Banaras. (Click here to read the article)

Banking/Economy/Business News

Bajaj Auto's subsidiary, Bajaj Auto Consumer Finance, has received regulatory approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to commence its non-banking financial institution (NBFC) operations. This significant development allows the company to expand its financial services without accepting public deposits. (Click here to read the article)

- In light of a positive surprise in the April-June quarter data, Morgan Stanley, the multinational investment bank, has revised its economic growth forecast for India for the fiscal year 2024. The bank has raised its projection from an earlier estimate of 6.2 percent to a more optimistic 6.4 percent. (Click here to read the article)
- Karnam Sekar, Chairman of the National Asset Reconstruction Company of India (NARCL) tendered his resignation due to disagreements concerning the institution's structure and operations. This resignation follows a proposal for merging NARCL with India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL). (Click here to read the article)
- In July 2023, India witnessed a significant surge in bank credit outstanding to the real estate sector, reaching an alltime high of Rs 28 trillion, as per data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). This impressive growth was driven by both housing and commercial real estate segments, with annual increases of approximately 37.4% and 38.1%, respectively. This surge indicates a robust revival in demand across the real estate sector, despite challenges such as rising interest rates and property prices. Let's delve deeper into the details. (Click here to read the article)
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) Chairman, Deepak Mohanty, recently made a significant announcement that the combined Asset Under Management (AUM) of the National Pension System (NPS) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) has crossed an impressive figure of Rs 10 lakh crore. This remarkable feat signifies the rapid growth and increasing popularity of these pension schemes. (Click here to read the article)
- Dharmendra Pradhan, the Union Minister for Education, introduced the Malaviya Mission - Teacher Training Program at Kaushal Bhawan in New Delhi as a crucial step in improving the standard of education in India. This ambitious project, spearheaded by the University Grants **Commission (UGC)** in partnership with the Ministry of Education, seeks to transform faculty capacity building and teacher preparation programs across the country's higher education institutions. (Click here to read the article)
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced a significant expansion of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) System, allowing users to transact with presanctioned credit lines issued by banks. This move marks a major development in India's digital payment landscape, enabling greater financial flexibility and convenience for consumers. (Click here to read the article)
- New Delhi The State Bank of India (SBI) has taken a significant leap in the world of digital currency by announcing the successful implementation of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) interoperability with its Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), also known as the Digital Rupee. This development is poised to revolutionize the way transactions are conducted, making digital currency more accessible and user-friendly. (Click here to read the article)

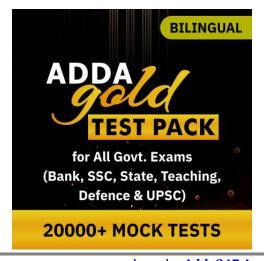




- The Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have recently unveiled the winners of the G20 TechSprint 2023 challenge in a prestigious award ceremony held in Mumbai. This initiative, launched by the RBI last May under India's G20 presidency, sought to foster innovative solutions that enhance crossborder payments. (Click here to read the article)
- India's first UPI-ATM, a White Label ATM (WLA) by Hitachi Payment Services in collaboration with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), was introduced to enable seamless cash withdrawals without the need for physical ATM cards. This innovation allows customers of certain banks to enjoy QR-based cashless withdrawals. The UPI-ATM, also known as Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW), offers a simple process for users of participating banks who use UPI to withdraw cash from compatible ATMs. (Click here to read the article)
- SBI Card, India's largest pure-play credit card issuer, has introduced the 'SimplySAVE Merchant SBI Card', a specialized credit card tailored for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).
- SBI Card, India's largest credit card issuer, launched new features of its super-premium card 'AURUM', targeted at the premium section of society, such as high-net-worth individuals. With the enhancements, AURUM cardholders will be able to avail benefits worth up to Rs 2 lakh annually, based on their spending. The card offers unlimited international lounge access to cardholders, as well as four international lounge visits for accompanying guests. In addition, the card also offers a one-year Club Marriott membership as a welcome gift. (Click here to read the article)
- The Ministry of Finance has recently issued a significant notification outlining amendments to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) rules pertaining to online gaming and casinos. These amendments aim to address taxation methodologies employed by online gaming companies and casinos. (Click here to read the article)
- In a significant move aimed at enhancing convenience and accessibility for users, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) unveiled two conversational payments initiatives during the Global Fintech Fest. These initiatives, 'Hello UPI' and 'Bharat BillPay Connect,' mark a significant step forward in facilitating seamless digital transactions through natural language conversations. (Click here to read the article)
- State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest lender, has taken a significant step in enhancing the commuting experience and promoting digital payment adoption with the launch of the 'Nation First Transit Card.' This innovative card is designed to facilitate seamless and convenient customer commuting experiences, offering easy digital ticketing fare payments across various modes of transportation, such as metro, buses, water ferries, parking, and more, all through a single card. Additionally, the card can also be used for making retail and ecommerce payments. (Click here to read the article)

Appointments/Resignations

- Dr. Vasudha Gupta, a seasoned Senior Indian Information Service officer, has taken charge as the Principal Director General of Akashvani and News Services Division. This appointment comes after her commendable tenure as Director General at Akashvani, where she played a pivotal role in revitalizing the iconic broadcasting institution. (Click here to read the article)
- Uday Kotak has formally resigned from his position as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank, with the change taking effect from September 1st. 2023. (Click here to read the article)
- Indian IT and tech trade body Nasscom announced the appointment of Rajesh Nambiar, Chairman and Managing Director, Cognizant India, as its new Chairperson. Nambiar is succeeding Anant Maheshwari, former President, Microsoft India as the new Chairperson of the trade body. (Click here to read the article)
- Shyam Sunder Gupta took over as the Principal Chief Operations Manager of Central Railway on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. His appointment follows the superannuation of Mukul Jain, who retired from the position on August 31, 2023. Shyam Sunder Gupta's illustrious career in the railway services and his extensive experience make him a valuable addition to this pivotal role. (Click here to read the article)
- The General Body of the International Esports Federation (IESF) has elected Lokesh Suji, director, the Esports Federation of India (ESFI) and vice-president, the Asian Esports Federation, to its membership committee on a three-year term. The election marks the first time that an Indian has become a part of the membership committee of the International Esports Federation. (Click here to read the article)
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed Neeraj Mittal, a seasoned 1992 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer as the **secretary** in the Department of Telecommunications. (Click here to read the article)





- SS Innovations, India's renowned surgical robotic firm, has made a groundbreaking announcement by appointing Padmashri Dr. Mylswamy Annadurai, famously known as the Moon Man of India, as a Director on its Board of Directors. (Click here to read the article)
- Women's fashion brand **W** on-boarded **Anushka Sharma** as its brand ambassador. With this partnership, the brand prepares to launch its high-decibel festive campaign that beautifully merges the warmth of festivities with the spirit of modernity. (Click here to read the article)

Defence News

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) has kicked off its annual mega training exercise, Trishul, which is a crucial event aimed at bolstering its operational readiness and capabilities. This extensive exercise is organized by the Western Air **Command** (WAC) and spans a vast geographical area, from Leh in Kashmir to Nal in Rajasthan. (Click here to read the
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is collaborating with the Drone Federation of India to co-host 'Bharat Drone Shakti 2023.' This upcoming event, scheduled for the 25th and 26th of **September 2023**, will take place at the IAF's airbase in Hindan (Ghaziabad). It is anticipated to be a pioneering exhibition highlighting the prowess of the Indian drone industry, with more than 50 live aerial demonstrations. (Click here to read the article)
- Indian Navy's INS Sumedha arrived at Port Alexandria, Egypt to participate in 'Exercise BRIGHT STAR- 23'. This edition of the multinational Tri-Services military exercise will see participation from 34 countries. It is the largest ever joint military exercise in the Middle East and North Africa region. This joint military exercise, hosted in Egypt, marks a historic milestone for the Indian Navy and strengthens India's diplomatic and strategic ties with partner nations. (Click here to read the article)
- The Indian and French Navies, steeped in rich maritime traditions and strategic cooperation, recently concluded the Phase II of the 21st edition of the Varuna naval exercise, Varuna-23. Held in the Arabian Sea, this exercise exemplifies the commitment of both nations to enhance their warfighting capabilities, improve interoperability, and promote peace, security, and stability in the region. (Click here to read the article)

Awards and Recognitions

President **Droupadi Murmu** presented awards at an event organized by the **Department of School Education &** Literacy under the Ministry of Education, held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. This year, 75 teachers from all over the country were chosen to receive this prestigious award. Among the 75 selected teachers, 50 are from the school system, 13 are from higher education institutions, and 12 come from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. (Click here to read the article)

- Mumbai Professor Satyajit Majumdar, dean of School of Management and Labour Studies from Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), has received the 'Dr V G Patel Memorial Award-2023 for Entrepreneurship Trainer, Educator and Mentor' for his work in promoting and strengthening entrepreneurship in India. Patel is widely acknowledged as the Father of the Entrepreneurship Movement in India. (Click here to read the article)
- A book by Indian-American cancer physician and researcher Dr Siddhartha Mukherjee has been longlisted for the prestigious 50,000 pound Baillie Gifford Prize for Non-Fiction in London. 'The Song of the Cell: An Exploration of Medicine and the New Human', which is among the 13book longlist announced, highlights how cellular research has revolutionised medicine, enabling the treatment of lifealtering diseases including Alzheimer's and AIDS. (Click here to read the article)
- Praveena Anjana of Udaipur has been crowned Miss International India 2023, gaining her position to represent India at the Miss International pageant in Japan this October. (Click here to read the article)

Summits and Conferences News

- The G20 Summit in Delhi in 2023 is an important international event that brings together leaders from member nations and guest nations to discuss various global issues. The G20 Summit 2023 is scheduled to take place on September 9th and 10th, spanning two days. The summit will be held at the prestigious 'Bharat Mandappam,' which is located within the ITPO Convention Centre in New Delhi's Pragati Maidan. The G20 Summit 2023 logo draws inspiration from India's national flag, featuring the colors of saffron, white, green, and blue. It also includes a lotus against the backdrop of the Earth and the word 'Bharat' in Devanagari script, paying homage to India, the host nation.(Click here to read the article)
- President Joko Widodo and First Lady Iriana extended a warm welcome to the heads of state and government participating in the 43rd summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Jakarta. The 43rd ASEAN Summit, hosted by Indonesia and occurring from September 5th to 7th, saw esteemed delegates gathering at the Plenary Hall of the Jakarta Convention Center, the summit's main venue. (Click here to read the article)
- In the run-up to the highly anticipated G20 Summit, a pivotal conference centered around "green hydrogen pilots in India" took place in New Delhi on September 5. Hosted by NTPC Limited, a leading Indian public sector undertaking, this one-day event showcased a remarkable array of green hydrogen initiatives, combining the efforts of both public and private sector entities. (Click here to read the article)

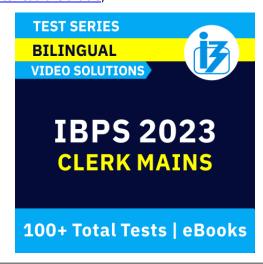


- The 10th meeting of the Ministers of Law and Justice of SCO countries was convened via video conferencing, where several key initiatives and cooperative efforts were discussed. During this meeting, India reaffirmed its commitment to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) by extending support to member countries in enhancing their legal and judicial capabilities. (Click here to read the article)
- In preparation for the upcoming G20 Summit in Delhi, the Indian government has unveiled the G20 India mobile app, a digital tool designed to facilitate interaction and provide valuable information for all visitors, including ministers. This innovative app, created by the Ministry of External Affairs, aims to enhance the Summit experience for participants and attendees. In a recent announcement by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, ministers were urged to download the app, emphasizing its role in fostering communication with foreign delegates. (Click here to read the article)
- During the annual ASEAN-India summit in Jakarta, Indonesia, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a significant announcement regarding India's diplomatic relations with Timor-Leste. India has decided to open an embassy in Timor-Leste, reflecting its commitment to strengthening ties with the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) region. Prime Minister Modi revealed India's plan to establish an official Indian Embassy in Dili, the capital of Timor-Leste. (Click here to read the article)

Sports News

- Max Verstappen has won the Italian Grand Prix and sets a new record for the most consecutive wins in Formula 1 history with 10. Sergio Perez made it a Red Bull 1-2 after he got ahead of Carlos Sainz following a fierce battle with the Ferrari driver in the closing stages. (Click here to read the article)
- In Hockey, India beat Pakistan in penalty shootout in the final to win the inaugural Men's Hockey 5s Asia Cup 2023 in Salalah, Oman. The win also served as Asia's qualifying tournament for the FIH Men's Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024. Subsequently, India qualified for the FIH Men's Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024. (Click here to read the article)
- For the first time in international cricket, a transgender woman player will feature in ICC-related tournaments. Danielle McGahey, 29, is set to become the first transgender woman player to play in international cricket. The right-hand batter from Australia, who moved to Canada in 2020, had fulfilled the eligibility criteria for maleto-female (MTF) transition, per ICC. (Click here to read the article)

- Divya Deshmukh, 17-vear-old Chess Grandmaster hailing from Nagpur, Maharashtra, India clinched victory in the women's category of the rapid section at the Tata Steel Chess India tournament. She dominated the competition by securing victories in all three rounds of the tournament, which took place at the National Library in Kolkata on September 1, 2023. (Click here to read the article)
- Thailand women's cricket team's star spinner Nattaya **Boochatham** created history with her three wickets against Kuwait in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup Asia Region Qualifier, September 4. Nattaya completed 100 wickets in T20Is to become the first-ever cricketer, male or female, to reach the 100-wicket mark in international cricket. (Click here to read the article)
- **Amul** is named as the official sponsor of the Indian Contingent for the 19th Asian Games 2022 to be held in Hangzhou, China from September 23 to October 8, 2023. (Click here to read the article)
- IndusInd Bank, a leading financial institution in India, has announced a significant multi-year sponsorship deal with the International Cricket Council (ICC). The partnership is set to commence with the highly anticipated Men's Cricket World Cup, which is scheduled to begin on October 5th, showcasing the world's best cricketing talent on the Indian subcontinent. (Click here to read the article)
- For the very first time, Chennai will be the host city for "Street 20," an incredibly heartwarming cricket tournament exclusively dedicated to street children, aiming to captivate the hearts of both cricket enthusiasts and advocates for children's rights alike. (Click here to read the
- Governor of Goa, Shri. P.S. Sreedharan Pillai, officially introduced the Mashaal (torch) to mark commencement of the 37th National Games. This splendid event was organized by the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, in collaboration with the Sports Authority of Goa, at the Durbar Hall in Raj Bhavan, Donapaula. (Click here to read the article)





Schemes and Committees News

- In a significant achievement, the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) has provided tap water connections to an impressive 13 crore rural households, marking a remarkable journey since its launch on India's 73rd Independence Day, August 15, 2019. This mission, guided by the principles of speed and scale, has rapidly expanded access to clean water in rural areas, progressing from 3.23 crore households in August 2019 to the current milestone in just four years. (Click here to read the article)
- The Prayagraj police have taken a proactive step towards ensuring the safety and well-being of senior citizens in their community. They have recently launched the 'Savera' scheme, aimed at offering essential services during health and other emergencies to senior citizens residing in seven districts within the Prayagraj zone. This initiative has garnered significant attention and participation, with over 700 senior citizens registering in just the past three days. (Click here to read the article)
- The Union Cabinet has given its nod to a groundbreaking scheme aimed at bolstering India's renewable energy sector by supporting the development of a 4 gigawatt (GW) battery energy storage system (BESS) by 2030-31. This scheme will provide viability gap funding (VGF) to make battery storage more economically viable, with a focus on enhancing the integration of solar and wind energy into the grid. (Click here to read the article)
- Access to justice is a fundamental right that every citizen should enjoy, regardless of their geographical location or socio-economic status. In a significant stride towards achieving this goal, the Union Minister of Law and Justice recently launched Tele-Law 2.0, a revamped version of the Tele-Law program. This initiative, operating under the DISHA Scheme by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice, aims to provide free legal aid to the rural and marginalized sections of society through video conferencing. (Click here to read the article)

Science and Technology News

- In a remarkable feat of innovation and technological prowess, Hyderabad-based private sector firm Grene Robotics has introduced Indrajaal, world's only autonomous wide area, counter-unmanned aircraft system (C-UAS). This state-of-the-art system is touted as capable of safeguarding against micro, mini, small, large, and extra-large drones, signaling a significant advancement in Indian defense technology. (Click here to read the article)
- Japan has launched "moon sniper" its lunar exploration spacecraft aboard a homegrown H-IIA rocket, clearing a path to become the world's fifth country to land on the moon early next year. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) said the rocket took off from Tanegashima Space Center in southern Japan as planned and successfully released the Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (SLIM). (Click here to read the article)

 The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is all set to host its annual "One Week One Lab" programme from 11th to 16th September 2023, an exciting event where each of its 37 cutting-edge laboratories situated across the nation will unveil their remarkable research outcomes and accomplishments. (Click here to read the article)

Important Days News

- The International Day of Charity is celebrated on September 5 to commemorate the day of passing away of great missionary Mother Teresa. The day aims to raise awareness and provide a common platform for charity related activities all over the world for individuals, charitable, philanthropic and volunteer organizations. It is day of global observance and is observed on annual basis. (Click here to read the article)
- On 26th death anniversary of Mother Teresa, marked on 5th September, the world pays tribute to a remarkable woman whose life exemplified the values of compassion, selflessness and unwavering dedication to serving humanity. (Click here to read the article)
- The International Day of Police Cooperation is a United Nations observance held annually on September 7. It was created to commemorate the founding of Interpol and highlight the role of law enforcement from around the globe in maintaining peace, security, and justice. The United Nations General Assembly designated September 7 as the International Day of Police Cooperation during its 77th session in December 2022. (Click here to read the article)
- The Government of India has decided to organise a literacy week from 1st September to 8th September 2023 to celebrate International Literacy Day for generating awareness among all the stakeholders/ beneficiaries/citizens about the ULLAS- Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram. The week-long literacy campaign shall enable mass participation to inculcate a sense of Kartavyabodh and Janbhagidari in each and every citizen of the nation. This vision would popularise the scheme and help us attain the goal of making India fully literate. (Click here to read the article)
- The International Day of Clean Air for blue skies is commemorated annually on 7 September in recognition of the fact that clean air. The fourth annual International Day of Clean Air for blue skies will focus on the theme, 'Together for Clean Air'. (Click here to read the article)
- International Literacy Day is celebrated on September 8
 every year to promote the importance of literacy for
 dignity and human rights, and a literate and sustainable
 society. The day is celebrated by the United Nations
 Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
 (UNESCO) at the global, regional, country, and local levels
 across the world. The theme 'Promoting literacy for a
 world in transition: Building the foundation for
 sustainable and peaceful societies'. (Click here to read the
 article)



- World Physical Therapy Day or World Physiotherapy Day 2023 is celebrated on September 8 every year. It recognizes and celebrates the significant contributions of physical therapy and **physiotherapists** in promoting health and well-being. "Prevention and Management of Osteoarthritis" is the theme for World Physiotherapy Day 2023. (Click here to read the article)
- The International Day to Protect Education from Attack is an international observance established by the United Nations General Assembly on September 9 every year. (Click here to read the article)

Obituaries News

- Piloo Reporter, a former international umpire, passed away on September 3 at a Thane hospital, Mumbai. He was 84 years old and had been dealing with cerebral contusions, leading to an extended period of bedridden illness. (Click here to read the article)
- Zimbabwe's former cricket captain Heath Streak has passed away at the age of 49, following a long battle with colon and liver cancer. He was Born in Bulawayo, Streak, a cricketing legend, was particularly known for his prowess as a fast bowler. (Click here to read the article)
- A coalition of **56 organizations** in **Tripura**, under the banner of 'Roman Script For Kokborok Choba,' has taken to the streets to demand the adoption of the Roman script for the Kokborok language. This move comes as a culmination of decades of efforts by the indigenous community in the state to preserve and promote their native language. (Click here to read the article)
- N Valarmathi, an Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) scientist, who lent her voice to countdowns for rocket launches in **Sriharikota**, died after a cardiac arrest. She was last heard during the countdown announcement for the launch of Chandrayaan-3 that made a historic landing on the Moon. Chandrayaan-3 was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on July 14. Chandrayan 3 was her final countdown announcement. (Click here to read the article)
- Noted Hindustani classical vocalist Malini Rajurkar, who epitomised simplicity and depth, passed away in a Hyderabad hospital. She was 82 and had been suffering from age-related ailments. (Click here to read the article)
- Arun Kumar Sinha, who served as the Director of the Special Protection Group (SPG), has passed away at the age of 61 while undergoing treatment at a hospital in Gurugram, where he had been receiving medical care for some time. Sinha held a pivotal role in the security apparatus of the country, as he was responsible for providing proximate security to the Prime Minister of India. This significant duty underscores the magnitude of his contributions to the nation's security. (Click here to read the article)

Miscellaneous News

- In a significant development for sustainable infrastructure and environmental responsibility, Tabreed, an Abu Dhabibased cooling-as-a-service provider, has unveiled plans for a massive \$200 million investment. This investment is directed towards the development of a cutting-edge cooling infrastructure with a capacity of 125,000 refrigeration tons (RT) for Hyderabad Pharma City, a burgeoning hub for the pharmaceutical industry in India. (Click here to read the article)
- Salem district in the state of Tamil Nadu has gained acclaim for its sago production, which is widely recognized as Sabudana. Salem Sago, locally known as Javvarisi, is derived from the wet starch powder extracted from tapioca roots. Indian tapioca roots are known to contain approximately 30-35% starch content. (Click here to read the article)

Static Takeaways

- Chairman and CEO of Corning Incorporated: Wendell P.
- Headquarters of Corning Incorporated: Corning, New York, U.S.
- Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand: SS Sandhu
- Chairman & Managing Director of BEL: Bhanu Prakash Srivastava
- President and CEO of IAI: Mr. Boaz Levy
- Bharat Electronics Limited founded in: 1954
- Israel Aerospace Industries founded in: 1953
- NARCL Managing Director: N Sunder
- Chief executive of IDRCL: Avinash Kulkarni
- International Criminal Police Commission Headquarters: Lyon, France
- International Criminal Police Commission Founded: 7 September 1923, Vienna, Austria
- International Criminal Police Commission President: Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi
- Union Minister of Ministry of Education: Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
- Vice President and Managing Director of Adobe: Prativa Mohapatra
- Union Minister for the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE): R K Singh
- Amul Founders: Verghese Kurien, Tribhuvandas Kishibhai
- Amul Headquarters: Anand, Gujarat;
- Amul Founded: 14 December 1946.
- Managing Director and CEO of IndusInd Bank Limited: Sumant Kathpalia
- International Esports Federation Founded: 11 August 2008;
- International Esports Federation Headquarters: Busan, South Korea:



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- International Esports Federation President: Vlad Marinescu.
- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) Founded: 1 October 2003;
- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) President: Yamakawa Hiroshi;
- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) Headquarters: Chōfu, Tokyo, Japan.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief minister: Shivraj Singh Chouhan;
- Madhya Pradesh Capital: Bhopal;
- Madhya Pradesh Official fruit: Mango;
- Madhya Pradesh Governor: Mangubhai C. Patel.
- MD & CEO of SBI Card: Mr. Abhijit Chakravorty
- SBI Card Headquarters: Gurugram
- SBI Card CEO: Rama Mohan Rao Amara (30 Jan 2021)

- SBI Card Parent organization: State Bank of India
- SBI Card Founded: October 1998Headquarters: Gurugram



