

## **Weekly Current Affairs PDF January 29 to February 04, 2023**

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#### **INTERNATIONAL**

##### **Pakistan Blocks Online Encyclopedia Wikipedia For Refusing To Remove Blasphemous Content**

- Pakistan has blocked Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia, after it refused to remove offensive or blasphemous material, according to media reports on Saturday. The blacklisting of Wikipedia comes days after the Pakistan Telecom Authority (PTA) degraded Wikipedia services for 48 hours, threatening to block it if the content deemed 'blasphemous' was not deleted.

##### **NSA Ajit Doval To Meet His UK Counterpart Tim Barrow In London**

- Ajit Doval will meet his UK counterpart Tim Barrow in London today – 4 Feb for the annual strategic dialogue, with the British state broadcaster BBC attempting to rake up the 2002 Gujarat riots and target Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and the UK becoming a hotbed of the so-called Khalistan movement and Pakistan-sponsored movement to keep the Kashmir issue alive,

##### **US Shoots Down Chinese 'Spy' Balloon, Beijing Threatens 'Repercussions'**

- The United States military shot down the suspected Chinese spy balloon that was flying in its skies for the last several days, reported Associated Press (AP). The balloon was shot down off the Carolina coast.
- There was no delay in response from China on the shooting down of the balloon which threatened 'repercussions'. Beijing said that it reserved the right to "take further actions" and criticised the US for "an obvious overreaction and a serious violation of international practice," AP added.

#### **NATIONAL**

##### **PM Modi To Visit Poll-Bound Karnataka On Feb 6 To Inaugurate Slew Of Projects**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to visit Karnataka to inaugurate multiple projects in the poll-bound state on Monday. During his visit, PM Modi is scheduled to inaugurate India Energy Week 2023 at Bengaluru, lay the foundation stone of various development initiatives and dedicate the HAL helicopter factory at Tumakuru to the nation.

##### **BMC Presents Rs 52,619.07 Cr Budget, Focus On Pollution Control Measures, Electronic Vehicles**

- The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) presented its annual Budget for the financial year 2023-24 on Saturday with a total estimated amount of Rs 52,619.07 crore. According to ANI, it is 14.52 percent higher than the Budget estimate for 2022-23 which was Rs 45,949.21 crore.

### Popular Playback Singer Vani Jayaram Passes Away In Chennai

- Vani Jayaram has sung over 10,000 songs including devotionals and private albums. She has also performed several solo concerts across the world. She has also sung in 19 Indian languages including Tamil, Hindi, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Bengali and Tulu.
- On the Republic Day, she was also announced as the recipient of Padma Bhushan 2023, the third-highest civilian award in the Republic of India.

## SPORTS

### Dipa Karmakar Banned For 21 Months For Use Of Prohibited Substance

- The International Testing Agency confirmed on Saturday that Indian gymnast Dipa Karmakar has been sanctioned with a 21-month period of ineligibility after testing positive for the prohibited substance higenamine .

### Nagal Brings India Back With Close Win After Yuki's Defeat : Davis Cup

- Sumit Nagal fought fire with fire to bring India back in the Davis Cup World Group Play-off tie against Denmark, winning the second singles after Yuki Bhambri was outplayed in the opening match here Friday. It was always a tall task for Bhambri to counter world number nine Holger Rune and there was no surprise as Denmark's top singles player raced to a 6-2 6-2 win to put the hosts up 1-0.

### Sports Minister Anurag Thakur Launches Khelo India Winter Games Mascot, Theme Song

- Khelo India Winter Games will be taking place in Gulmarg, Jammu, and Kashmir from Feb 10-14. On Saturday, Union Minister Anurag Thakur took part in the official launch of the mascot, anthem & jersey of the Games with Lt Governor Manoj Sinha .

### All-Round Bhut Takes Five-For As Saurashtra Beat Punjab To Enter Semi-Final

- Needing 252 to win, Punjab started the day at 52 for 2 and were all out for 180 in 89.1 overs with veteran Mandeep Singh's 45 being the highest score. Mandeep, a veteran of 13 seasons, failed to show any intent and his selfish, ultra-defensive 128-ball stay put Punjab in a hole.

## APPOINTMENTS

### Five Judges Appointed To Supreme Court, Says Law Ministe

- Centre clears appointments of 5 new Judges for Supreme Court - Pankaj Mithal (Rajasthan HC chief justice), Sanjay Karol (Patna HC chief justice), PV Sanjay Kumar (Manipur HC chief justice), Ahsanuddin Amanullah (Patna HC judge) & Manoj Misra (Allahabad HC judge).

### **Justice Chakradhari Sharan Singh Becomes New Chief Justice Of Patna High Court**

- Justice Chakradhari Sharan Singh, the senior-most judge of the Patna High Court, was on Saturday appointed the Acting Chief Justice, according to a notification released by the Union government.

### **BANKING AND ECONOMY**

### **Pakistani Rupee Continues Speedy Crash Against USD, Suffers Another Big Fall**

- According to Pakistan media Geo News, since the start of this year, the rupee has depreciated by 44.92 against the US dollar.
- The Pakistani rupee (PKR) has continued a speedy crash against the US dollar with another big fall as the greenback was traded at a record high price of 276.58 PKR in the interbank market, the central bank announced.

### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **World Cancer Day**

- It takes place every year on 4 February. World Cancer Day aims to prevent millions of deaths each year by raising awareness and education about cancer, and pressing governments and individuals across the world to take action against the disease.

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### **NATIONAL**

### **Mail Threatening Talibani Terror Attack In Mumbai**

- The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday received an email from an unidentified person, claiming to be a member of the Taliban, threatening to carry out a terror attack in Mumbai. NIA with Mumbai Police has launched a joint probe into the matter.

### **PM Modi To Inaugurate India Energy Week In Bengaluru On Feb 6**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be in Karnataka on February 6 to participate in programmes organised in Bengaluru and Tumakuru including India Energy Week, a G20 event. According to a statement issued by the Karnataka Information Department, the Prime Minister will inaugurate India Energy Week at Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre, near Madavara on February 6 morning.

### **India's G20 Presidency: Gujarat's Rann Of Kutch To Host First Tourism Working Group Meet**

- The TWG meeting, which will be attended by Union Minister G Kishan Reddy, will be the second G20 event in the state after the 'Business 20 Inception' programme held in Gandhinagar last month, he said.

### **Indian Railways to run Hydrogen-powered trains at heritage routes by December**

- Hydrogen trains, as the name suggests run on hydrogen fuel cells. These are much more environmentally friendly than traditional diesel engines. Hydrogen fuel cells

convert hydrogen and oxygen which then produces the electricity that is used to power the train's motors. They will run on India's narrow gauge heritage routes by Dec 2023.

## CIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### 111 Payloads, 105 Space Debris 'Identified As Indian Objects' Orbiting Earth

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh said Thursday a total of 111 payloads and 105 space debris, which have been identified as Indian objects, are orbiting the Earth as on January 20, 2023, as per USSPACECOM, which tracks and catalogues such objects also, ISRO has carried out 21 collision avoidance manoeuvres of Indian Operational Space assets in 2022.

## SPORTS

### Joginder Sharma Retires: India's 2007 T20 World Cup Hero Bids Adieu To All Forms Of Cricket

- India's 2007 T20 World Cup hero Joginder Sharma has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket on Friday. The right-arm pacer who was handed over the final over of the T20 World Cup final against Pakistan in the inaugural edition of the T20 World Cup by the then captain MS Dhoni took to social media to announce the decision.

### Australian PM To Attend IND vs AUS 4th Test In Ahmedabad

- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Australian PM Anthony Albanese will attend the fourth and final Test of Border-Gavaskar Trophy 2023. As per reported by the Times of India, the leaders of both the nations will witness India vs Australia 4th Test at Ahmedabad's picturesque Narendra Modi Stadium - largest cricket stadium of the world.

### India maul Bhutan 12-0 in SAFF U-20 Women's Championship

- The players scored a hat-trick each after coming in as substitutes as India mauled 12-0 in their opening match of the SAFF U-20 Women's Championship on Friday

### Mumbai vs Ahmedabad On March 4 Likely To Be The Tournament Opener

- Even though the official schedule for the first season of the tournament is yet to be released, a tentative schedule doing the rounds among the concerned authorities of the competition has listed Mumbai vs Ahmedabad as the opening match of the T20 league.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### SBI Chairman said lending to Adani Group projects is with regard to one having tangible assets and adequate cash flows

- State Bank of India (SBI) on Friday said its overall exposure to the Adani Group is at 0.88 per cent of the book or around Rs 27,000 crore. After the country's largest lender reported a 62 per cent growth in its net profit at Rs 15,477 crore during the

December 2022 quarter, SBI chairman Dinesh Khara said that the bank has not given any loans against shares to the group, reported PTI.

### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### Feed the Birds Day

- Every year February 3rd is observed as Feed the Bird Day. This day reminds all of us to feed the birds, who find it difficult to survive during winters because of lack of food.

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### India Asks Australia To Remain Vigilant On Khalistani Elements, Rejects Referendum

- The Ministry of External Affairs said New Delhi has raised the matter with Canberra even as voting for a separate Sikh homeland 'Khalistan' was carried out on January 29.

#### Former UK PM Boris Johnson's Brother Resigns As Director Of Adani-Linked Firm

- Lord Jo Johnson, younger brother of former British prime minister Boris Johnson, has resigned his non-executive directorship of a UK-based investment firm linked with the now-withdrawn Adani Enterprises Follow-on Public Offer (FPO)

### NATIONAL

#### Legendary Filmmaker K Viswanath Passes Away At 92

- Filmmaker Kasinadhuni Viswanath died in the wee hours of Friday at a private hospital in Hyderabad. The director was under treatment for quite some time due to age-related ailments and was recently admitted to a hospital where he breathed his last.

#### BJP to contest on 20 seats in Nagaland State

- "We will contest on 20 out of 60 seats in Nagaland. Rest of the seats have been given to our alliance partner NDPP. We'll contest on all 60 seats in Meghalaya. Our tagline is 'M Power Meghalaya' means Modi-powered Meghalaya and a double-engine government will be formed there," the party informed.

#### First G20 Sustainable Financial Working Group meeting to begin in guwahati

- Union Minister for Ports, Shipping, Waterways and AYUSH, Sarbananda Sonowal will inaugurate the 1st Sustainable Financial Working Group (SFWG) meeting under India's G20 Presidency on Thursday in Guwahati with the theme 'One Earth. One Family. One Future' and with the motto "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam".



## SPORTS

### England's win in the third and final ODI put a massive dent in South Africa's hopes of qualifying for this year's World Cup

- England's 59-run win in the third and final ODI put a massive dent in South Africa's hopes of qualifying directly for this year's ICC Mens Cricket World Cup. Skipper Jos Buttler (131 off 127 balls) and Dawid Malan (118 off 114 balls) shared a 232-run partnership for the fourth wicket after the hosts had reduced England to 3/14 in the sixth over. That helped the visitors put up a massive 346/7 in their 50 overs. Archer collected his best ODI bowling figures of 6-40 in just his second international appearance back from a long injury break as South Africa were bowled out for 287 in 43.1 overs.

### South Africa beat India by 5 wickets in the final of the Women's T20 Tri-Series

- South Africa beat India by 5 wickets in the final of the Women's T20 Tri-Series in South Africa in what was a low-scoring contest at the Buffalo Park, East London. While the visitors had opted to bat first, they got off to a poor start losing both their openers within the first 7 overs with just 21 runs on the board.

### BCCI is finding it difficult to book hotel for the auction, For WPL

- The inaugural season of the Women's Premier League (WPL) is all set to get underway next month. However, the player's auction before the first season of the much-anticipated tournament hasn't yet taken place. While it is being reported that the WPL Auction will take place either on February 11 in New Delhi or February 13 in Mumbai, there is still no clarity on where the bidding war will actually take place between the five teams- Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Delhi, Lucknow, and Bengaluru And now a fresh report has emerged which suggest that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is finding it difficult to book hotel for the auction owing to the ongoing wedding season in India.

### Around 1,000 cricketers have sign up for the WPL auction

- Days before the Women's Premier League Auction set to happen in the second week of February, a recent media report suggests that around 1,000 cricketers have given their names for the auction. It should be noted that 5 teams are participating in the competition- Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Delhi, Lucknow, and Bengaluru. This means that around 100-120 players will be picked by the franchises.

## ECONOMY

### Budget and More

- The Government has also enhanced the outlay for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana by 66 per cent to over 79 thousand crore rupees.
- The Defence Ministry has been allocated 5.94 lakh crore rupees in Budget 2023-24. This is 13.18 percent of the total budget, and a jump of 13 percent over previous year.
- The Government has also decided to continue the 50-year interest free loan to state governments for one more year to spur investment in infrastructure and to

incentivize them for complementary policy actions, with a significantly enhanced outlay of 1.3 lakh crore rupees.

### **SBI Gave Loans Worth \$2.6 Billion To Companies Of Adani Group**

- State Bank of India (SBI) gave loans worth as much as \$2.6 billion to the Adani Group of companies, reported Bloomberg citing a person familiar with the matter. According to the report, the person said that SBI's loans to companies in the Adani conglomerate are about half of what is allowed under the rules.

## **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

### **IISc launches new research programme**

- The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in collaboration with Brunel University London has launched a £100,000 (₹1,00,00,000) programme for joint research projects in areas of combustion, manufacturing, design and energy.
- The Brunel–IISc International Collaboration Programme was announced on 1 February during a visit by Brunel's Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Andrew Jones to IISc's campus in Bengaluru. The programme is being rolled out in support of the universities' aim to build long-term research and educational collaboration.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **World Wetlands Day**

- Every year on 2nd February, World Wetlands Day is celebrated internationally. This day marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on 2 February 1971, in Ramsar, Iran. It was first celebrated in 1997.

### **RA Awareness Day**

- RA Awareness Day is Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day and is observed on 2 February to spread awareness for patients suffering from rheumatoid arthritis.

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## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **US is preparing a military aid of more than \$2 billion for Ukraine**

- The aid is expected to include longer-range rockets for the first time, other munitions, and weapons, two US officials told Reuters on Tuesday.
- According to the officials, the weapons aid is expected to be announced as soon as this week. The aid is also expected to include support equipment for Patriot air defense systems, precision-guided munitions, and Javelin anti-tank weapons, officials further stated, as reported by Reuters

### **Australia Radiation Alert: Tiny Radioactive Capsule Missing For Over 2 Weeks Found After 6-Day Search**

- After a “relentless search”, the team looking for a radioactive capsule lost in Western Australia around two weeks ago is learnt to have found it. The 8mm by 6mm capsule that had triggered a radiation alert and posed a "significant public health risk" was part of a secure device on a truck travelling from a mine site to Perth and believed to have fallen from it during transportation somewhere along the Great Northern Highway, the longest one in Australia. It was spotted by the side of the road south of the town of Newman, The Guardian reported.

### **NATIONAL**

#### **PM Pranam Yojana for promotion of alternative fertilizers**

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Budget 2023, announced the launch of “PM Pranam Yojana” for the promotion of alternative fertilizers and balanced use of chemical fertilizers.
- Finance Minister in her speech said, “PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother Earth’ (PM Pranam) will be launched to incentivize States and Union Territories to promote alternative fertilizers and balanced use of chemical fertilizers.”

#### **Initiatives For Green Growth And Clean Energy**

- To achieve India's goal of net zero carbon emission by 2070, Sitharaman announced a Rs 35,000 crore outlay towards the country's transition to cleaner energy besides listing out initiatives related to green fuel and green farming.

### **SPORTS**

#### **Fit Again - Ravindra Jadeja to join the India squad in Nagpur**

- After testing his match-fitness with a successful return to action in the Ranji Trophy, star all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja is set to join the India squad in Nagpur this week, ahead of the first Test against Australia, which begins on February 9. Jadeja played for Saurashtra in their final group-stage match against Tamil Nadu last week in Chennai and bowled 41.1 overs and bagged a seven-for in the second innings. Since undergoing surgery in his right knee in September, it was his first match.

#### **Women's Premier League: Jhulan Goswami Roped In By Mumbai As Bowling Coach**

- Legendary Indian pacer Jhulan Goswami has been roped in by the Mumbai based franchise ahead of the inaugural season of the Women's Premier League (WPL) this year. The development was reportedly confirmed by former BCCI President and current Director of the Delhi Capitals who said that while even the Delhi side had offered Jhulan a role, she was going to Mumbai.

#### **Legendary Sprinter Usain Bolt refuted all reports of him being BROKE**

- Legendary sprinter Usain Bolt, fastest man on the planet years after his retirement, lost at least \$12 million which he had in his account with a Jamaican investment firm, reportedly leaving him on the verge of being bankrupt. The billion dollar fraud



affected over 40 clients, with Bolt being one of the high-profile victims. Soon after the fraud, rumors started circulating about Bolt's account balance inexplicably dwindling from \$12 million to just \$12,000

### **IND vs NZ, 3rd T20 Men in Blue register their biggest-ever win in T20I in terms of runs**

- While India opted to bat first and posted 234/4 with the help of Shubman's highest-ever score by an Indian in T20Is- an unbeaten 126\* off 63- they later bowled out the Kiwis for 66, they defeated New Zealand by 168 runs in the third and final T20I at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Wednesday.

### **BANKING AND ECONOMY**

### **Sitharaman has set a record of being the sixth minister to present five consecutive Budget**

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who arrived at the Rashtrapati Bhavan wearing a red colour saree to call on President Droupadi Murmu, will present Union Budget 2023-24 on Wednesday. Sitharaman has set a record of being the sixth minister to present five consecutive Budget. She has joined a select league of leaders likes of Manmohan Singh, Arun Jaitley and P Chidambaram.

### **Budget 2023 Taxation and more**

- FM Sitharaman proposes to increase income tax rebate limit to Rs 7 lakh under new tax regime.
- Govt to reduce customs duty on shrimp feed to promote exports: FM Sitharaman
- Taxes on cigarettes hiked by 16 percent
- Basic import duty on compounded rubber increased to 25 percent from 10 percent.
- Basic customs duty hiked on articles made from gold bars
- Customs duty on kitchen electric chimney increased to 15 percent from 7.5 percent.
- Customs duty on parts of open cells of TV panels cut to 2.5 percent.
- Govt proposes to reduce customs duty on import of certain inputs for mobile phone manufacturing.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed increase in the agriculture credit target in the Budget 2023 to Rs 20 lakh crore, with an emphasis on industries such as animal husbandry, dairy and fishery. She also proposed a sub-scheme of PM Matsya Sampada Yojana with a targeted investment of Rs 6,000 crore.

### **FY24 nominal GDP growth assumed at 10.5%**

- "Nominal GDP for BE 2023-2024 has been projected at Rs 3,01,75,065 crore (Rs 301.75 lakh crore) assuming 10.5 percent growth over the estimated Nominal GDP of Rs 2,73,07,751 crore (Rs 273.08 lakh crore) as per the First Advance Estimates of FY 2022-23," the Budget documents said.

### **The Railway Ministry has been allocated 2.40 lakh crore**

- In the Budget 2023, the Railway Ministry has been allocated 2.40 lakh crore. The amount allocated in this year's budget is 9 times of what was allocated in 2013.

**The Education Budget 2023 saw the highest-ever allocation for the education sector**

- With Rs 1.12 Lakh Crore. School Education and Higher Education allotment increased by 8 and 7.9%, respectively. The Union Budget 2023 allocated a total of 1,12,898.97 crore to the education sector. The Education Budget 2023 saw an increase of 8621.25 crore in its allocation, compared to 104,277.72 crore in the previous year.

**RANKING**

**Mukesh Ambani Overtakes Gautam Adani as Richest Indian in the world**

- Adani Group stocks have been under stress since Hindenburg in its research report last week questioned the accounting and corporate governance practices of the conglomerate.
- Reliance Industries chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani has been named the richest Indian in the world, according to the Forbes Real Time Billionaires' list, reported news agency ANI.

**IMPORTANT DAYS**

**1 February – Indian Coast Guard Day**

- On 1st February, the Indian Coast Guard celebrates its foundation day. This year, the Indian Coast Guard is celebrating its 46th Raising Day. Indian Coast Guard has played a significant role in securing the Indian Coasts and enforcing regulations within the Maritime Zones of India.

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**INTERNATIONAL**

**Radiation alert in Australia**

- The Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) has joined a week-long hunt for a missing radioactive capsule in the west of the country. The agency has announced it is working with the Western Australian government to locate the capsule, news agency Reuters reported. The radioactive capsule, part of a gauge used to measure iron ore density, is believed to have fallen from a truck during transportation, sparking a radiation alert.

**NATIONAL**

**Delhi-Mumbai Expressway: Sohna-Dausa stretch to be inaugurated on Feb 12**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is all set to inaugurate the first stretch (Sohna-Dausa) of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway on February 12. The length of Sohna (Haryana) to Dausa (Rajasthan) is about 210 kilometers.
- The travel time between Delhi and Jaipur is now expected to come down to around two hours. Currently, Jaipur-Delhi travel via Gurgaon takes around 4-5 hours, covering around 270 km. Earlier the inauguration was scheduled on January 4 but according to the latest updates, the date has been changed. The first stretch (Sohna-Dausa) of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway will be inaugurated on February 12.

- Andhra Pradesh CM Jagan Mohan Reddy said the state capital will be shifted Visakhapatnam. Andhra Pradesh chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Tuesday announced that the city of Visakhapatnam will be the capital of the state. Speaking at the International Diplomatic Alliance meet in Delhi, CM Jagan said, "I am here to invite you all to Vishakapatnam, which is going to be our capital in the days to come. I will also be shifting to Vishakapatnam in the months to come. We are organising this Global Investor's Summit there on March 3 and 4," he said.

#### **President Droupadi Murmu will address the 31st Foundation Day of the National Commission for Women (NCW)**

- The theme of the programme is 'Sashakt Nari Sashakt Bharat' aimed at acknowledging and celebrating the stories of women who have excelled and paved their journey to leave a mark.
- Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Zubin Irani and MoS, WCD,
- Dr Munjpara Mahendrabhai will also grace the occasion. The National Commissions, State Commissions for Women, Embassies, dignitaries from the legal fraternity, other departments and NGOs will be a part of the event.
- Amrit Udyan at President's House opens for public.
- Amrit Udyan at Rashtrapati Bhavan has been opened for the general public from today. On the occasion of the celebrations of 75 years of Independence as Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', President Droupadi Murmu has given a common name to the Rashtrapati Bhavan gardens as Amrit Udyan. The visitors will be able to see specially cultivated tulips of twelve unique varieties at Amrit Udyan which are expected to bloom in phases.

#### **Union Minister Sonowal "Me-Dam-Me-Phi", festival**

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Tuesday hosted "Me-Dam-Me-Phi", a festival of Assam's Tai Ahom community to worship and pay respect to the ancestors, at his official residence here. Speaking on the occasion, Sonowal said the pious occasion gives an opportunity to pay respect to the ancestors and express gratitude for the rich heritage that they left behind

#### **Former Law Minister and senior advocate Shanti Bhushan passed away on Tuesday**

- Former Law Minister and senior advocate Shanti Bhushan passed away on Tuesday. He was 97. PM Narendra Modi expressed his grief, saying: "He would be remembered for his contribution to the legal field and passion towards speaking for the underprivileged."

### **SPORTS**

#### **India beat West Indies by eight wickets in Tri-nation series in South Africa - Women's Cricket**

- In Women's Cricket, India registered a dominating eight-wicket win over the West Indies in the final group match in the ongoing Tri-Nation Series at Buffalo Park, in East London in South Africa.

- Put to bat first by the Indian side, the Caribbean nation posted a mere 94 for 6 in the stipulated 20 overs. In reply, India comfortably achieved the target of 95 runs with the loss of two wickets in 13.5 overs.

### **BANKING AND ECONOMY**

#### **Crypto-currency price on January 31 quick take: The global market cap stood at \$1.04 trillion early Tuesday morning**

- Bitcoin (BTC), the world's oldest and most popular crypto, slid below the \$23,000 mark on early Tuesday morning. Ethereum (ETH), on the other hand, managed to remain stable within the \$1,500 range. Other popular altcoins — including the likes of Dogecoin (DOGE), Litecoin (LTC), Ripple (XRP), and Solana (SOL) — mostly landed in the reds. The MINA token continued to remain the top gainer, with a 24-hour gain of over 11 percent. BitDAO (BIT) emerged to be the biggest loser, with a 24-hour dip of over 17 percent.
- Economic Survey pegs GDP growth at 6.5% in real, 11% in nominal terms in 2023-24
- India's GDP will grow at a baseline value of 11% in nominal terms and 6.5% in real terms in 2023-24, according to the 2022-23 Economic Survey, which was tabled in Parliament on January 31. The survey, which pegged real growth in the range of 6-6.8% depending on downside and upside risks, underlined the fact that "agencies worldwide continue to project India has the fastest growing major economy" despite the three shocks of Covid-19, the Russia-Ukraine war, and synchronised policy rate hikes by central banks across the world that led to appreciation of the US dollar and widening of the current account deficit (CAD) in net importing economies.

#### **Adani loses \$34bn in 3 days, now only 11th richest**

- With a current fortune of \$84.4 billion, Adani now sits just one spot above rival and Reliance Industries Ltd. chairman Mukesh Ambani, whose net worth is \$82.2 billion,
- Gautam Adani has slipped out of the list of the world's top 10 richest people and could soon be supplanted as Asia's wealthiest person if shares in his conglomerate continue to slide.
- IMF says, India to remain fastest-growing major economy in the world with 6.1 per cent growth in 2023 . The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said that India to remain the fastest-growing major economy in the world despite global headwinds. The IMF released its January update on World Economic Outlook today. It said that India will grow at 6.1 per cent in 2023 before picking up to 6.8 per cent in 2024 fuelled by resilient domestic demand.

### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### **International Zebra Day**

- Every January 31, people around the world celebrate International Zebra Day. The purpose of the day is to spread knowledge about how you can support the conservation of this animal.



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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Tohoku University's Professor Gets Among The Winners Of The 2023 Japan Prize

- Masataka Nakazawa, a specially-appointed professor at Tohoku University's International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS), has been named a co-winner of the 2023 Japan Prize in the field of Electronics, Information and Communication.
- He shares the honour with Kazuo Hagimoto, chief researcher at the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology. The award recognises their contributions to global long-distance, high-capacity optical fiber networks through the development of semiconductor laser pumped optical amplifiers.

#### Georgia Institute Of Technology Experts Head-Up With Tech Research With \$2.3B Qcells Solar Power Investment

- The state of Georgia is at the epicenter of what may be the largest investment in clean energy manufacturing in U.S. history, and Georgia Tech is poised to play a key role in an investment that is slated to create thousands of jobs and boost solar power infrastructure in our state and beyond.
- Qcells, a solar power company, plans to build a \$2.3 billion manufacturing complex just north of Atlanta in Cartersville to not only make state-of-the-art components for solar panels, but also to build complete panels used in a variety of settings, from houses to large-scale commercial and industrial solar arrays.

#### Manu Jain Resigns from Xiaomi after 9 – Year stint

- Manu Kumar Jain on Monday quit handset maker Xiaomi. He has been credited with establishing the brand's smartphone category and he was working as the vice president of Xiaomi Global
- BBC accused of "waging an information war" against Russia and other independent global powers.
- The Russian Foreign Ministry has accused the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) of "waging an information war" not only against Russia but also against other global centres of power that pursue an independent policy. The comments were made by the ministry's spokesperson, Maria Zakharova, in response to the recent release of a controversial two-part BBC documentary about Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

### NATIONAL

#### First G20 International Financial Architecture Working Group meet

- The first G20 International Financial Architecture Working Group meeting under the G20 Indian Presidency will be held today and tomorrow in Chandigarh. Briefing the media persons at Chandigarh, Anu P Mathai, Economic Advisor, Department of Economic Affairs said that International Financial Architecture Working Group is one of the important workstreams under the G20 Finance Track with a focus on



strengthening the international financial architecture. It also aims to address multiple challenges faced by vulnerable countries.

### **Odisha finance minister Niranjan Pujari has been allotted the Health and Family welfare department**

- A statement from the Chief Minister's Office confirmed the appointment and said, "With approval of governor Prof Ganeshi Lal, chief minister Naveen Patnaik allocated health and family welfare department to finance minister Niranjan Pujari."

### **SPORTS**

### **Germany beat Belgium 5-4 in penalty shootout to win FIH Men's Hockey World Cup in Bhubaneswar**

- In the FIH Hockey World Cup, Germany have lifted the World Cup after 17 years beating Belgium 5-4 in a penalty shootout, after the game ended 3-3 in the final at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar. Germany now have won the World Cup three times, first in 2002 and second in 2006.
- Murali Vijay announced retirement from all forms of cricket
- Murali Vijay Retirement: Indian cricket team's veteran opener Murali Vijay announced retirement from all forms of cricket, Monday. Vijay played his last international match for the national team in December 2018, against Australia in Perth. The red-ball specialist represented India in 61 Tests, 17 ODIs and nine T20 matches.
- For India, Murali Vijay scored 3982 runs, including 12 centuries and 15 half-centuries at an average of 38.28 in 61 Tests, 339 runs in 17 ODIs and 169 runs in nine T20 matches
- A massive setback for the Australian cricket team
- Mitchell Starc's latest announcement confirmed that he will most probably return to action in India vs Australia 2nd Test, set to be played in Delhi from February 17 to 21.

### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

### **University Of Auckland's Summer Lab Awarded For Excellence In Entrepreneurial Education**

- Summer Lab, a four-week University of Auckland experience highlighting innovation and entrepreneurship education, is enjoying its day in the sun after winning a United States Association of Small Business and Entrepreneurship award (USASBE).
- This year, the University of Auckland is the only institute outside North America to take out a USASBE award after Summer Lab won the Entrepreneurship Education Excellence award for innovation in co-curricular education.

### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### Martyrs Day or Shaheed Diwas

- 30 January is celebrated as Martyr's Day or Shaheed Diwas every year in the memory of Mahatma Gandhi and the sacrifice of three revolutionaries of India. As, on 30 January, 1948, the 'Father of Nation' was assassinated. And on 23rd March 3 heroes namely Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru, and Sukhdev Thapar of the nation were hanged to death by the British.

#### World Leprosy Day

- World Leprosy Day is observed on the last Sunday of January to focus on the target of zero cases of leprosy-related disabilities in children. As we know disabilities do not occur overnight but happen after a prolonged period of undiagnosed disease.

## Current Affairs PDF- January 29, 2023

### INTERNATIONAL

#### President of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, Csaba Korosi arrived in New Delhi

- President of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, Csaba Korosi arrived in New Delhi today on a three-day visit to India. This is his first bilateral visit to any country since he assumed UNGA Presidency in September last year. The External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said in a tweet that this is an opportunity to exchange views on global challenges that the United Nations is currently seized with.
- During the visit, Mr. Korosi will hold talks with External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar on key multilateral and regional issues of mutual interest. He has outlined a few priorities for his UNGA Presidency. These include standing firm on the basic principles of the United Nations Charter and making significant and measurable progress in sustainability.

### NATIONAL

#### Two-Day Inception Meeting Of Startup-20 Begins In Hyderabad

- A two-day inception meeting of the Startup-20, the new engagement group of G20 initiated by India, has begun in Hyderabad. Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy, G-20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant, Startup-20 Chair Chintan Vaishnav, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, DIPTYCH secretary Anurag Jain, G-20 Secretariat JS Asish Sinha JS participated while about 180 delegates from G-20 member countries and nine special invitee countries besides stakeholders including Startups, investors and innovators attended the inaugural meeting.
- The Union Minister asked the delegates to visit tourist places in India and places of cultural importance during startup meetings. Speaking on the occasion, G-20 Sherpa said the country has achieved considerable growth in the field of startups due to

massive disruption in the fields of Science & Technology. This has led to the development of Digital identity and digital public platforms, he added.

#### **Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launches Ladli Bahina Scheme.**

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said his government will launch a new scheme to provide Rs 1,000 per month to women from financially poor background in the state, where the Assembly polls are due this year-end.
- Indian Air Force orders inquiry to find the cause of accident of two fighter planes at Morena. In Madhya Pradesh Morena district, two Indian Air Force fighter aircraft crashed in the Pahadgarh area. As per reports, Sukhoi-30 and Mirage 2000 aircraft have crashed. Details are awaited.

#### **Odisha Minister Naba Kishore Das, Who Was Shot In Chest, Dies In Hospital**

- Naba Kishore Das was shot in the chest when he was on his way to attend a programme. New Delhi: Naba Kishore Das, Odisha health minister who was critically injured after being shot at by a police officer, has died in hospital. The officer, who has been arrested, was undergoing treatment for mental illness, reports said.
- President Droupadi Murmu to grace opening of Gardens of Rashtrapati Bhavan in Udyan Utsav 2023 President Droupadi Murmu will grace the opening of the Gardens of Rashtrapati Bhavan – Udyan Utsav 2023 today. Among several other attractions, the visitors will be able to see specially cultivated tulips of twelve unique varieties which are expected to bloom in phases. This time the Gardens will be open for about two months. The Gardens will open for the general public on the 31st of January and will remain open till the 26th of March except on Mondays which are maintenance days. From the 28th of March to the 31st of March, the Gardens will be open for special categories.
- The garden will open for farmers on the 28th of March, for differently-abled persons on the 29th of March, for personnel of Defence Forces, Paramilitary Forces, and Police on the 30th of March, and for women including tribal women's Self Help Groups on the 31st of March.

#### **SPORTS**

#### **Nikhat Zareen to represent mining PSU NMDC as its brand ambassador**

- Hyderabad-based Navratna mining PSU NMDC Limited has signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) with World Boxing Champion, Nikhat Zareen to represent NMDC as its brand ambassador.
- The company in a statement said that Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Gold Medalist Nikhat Zareen represents the strength, courage, agility and national pride that goes with the brand of NMDC. She also represents the hopes and aspirations of New India and NMDC must become a part of her journey to the 2024 Olympics. NMDC is wholeheartedly extending its support to her as she trains and prepares for the Olympics 2024.

### **Khelo India Youth Games to commence on 30th January in Madhya Pradesh**

- The next Khelo India Youth Games will kick start on the 30th of this month in Madhya Pradesh in which multiple Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) Development athletes will participate. This elevates the magnitude of the games as the TOPS athletes, who are international achievers already, will inspire the grassroots-level athletes to up the ante and provide a tough contest.

### **RANKING**

### **Australian Open 2023: Aryna Sabalenka beats Elena Rybakina to secure title**

- Aryna Sabalenka registered an incredible 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 come-from-behind win over Elena Rybakina to win her maiden Australian Open title. The Australian Open crown is also Sabalenka's maiden Grand Slam title. Stay updated with Times of India to get all the live updates of Australian Open 2023 Women's Singles Final between Elena Rybakina and Aryna Sabalenka.

### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### **Indian News Paper day**

- A day set aside to honour the beginning of newspapers in India is known as Indian Newspaper Day. This day is intended to raise awareness of Indian newspapers. Indian Newspaper Day, which is observed on January 29th each year, is today. However, there is no theme to observe this important occasion.

#### **National Puzzle Day**

- January 29 is National Puzzle Day, the perfect day to do a little brain exercise. Whether it's a crossword, jigsaw, or Sudoku, puzzles engage our brain in more ways than one. Scientists have discovered that when we work on a jigsaw puzzle, we utilize both sides of the brain, improving memory, cognitive function and problem solving skills in the process. By utilizing puzzles, people can stimulate the brain improve a number of skills.