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INTERNATIONAL

Afghanistan Closes Its Embassy in India Permanently

- The Afghanistan embassy in New Delhi has officially announced its permanent closure, citing persistent challenges from the India.

About Afghanistan:

Acting prime minister: Mohammad Hasan Akhund

Capital: Kabul

NATIONAL

India to Chair International Sugar Organisation

- India is set to take the helm as the chairman of the International Sugar Organisation (ISO) in 2024.
- The announcement came during the 63rd council meeting of the ISO, headquartered in London.

About International Sugar Organisation:

Founded: 3 December 1968;

Headquarters: London, E14; United Kingdom.

India and Nepal Convene for the 17th Edition of Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN

- The 17th edition of the Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN is set to strengthen the longstanding ties between India and Nepal.
- Exercise, scheduled from 24th November to 7th December 2023.

SPORTS

Imad Wasim Retires From International Cricket

- Imad Wasim, the 34-year-old all-rounder from Pakistan, has decided to retire from all forms of international cricket.

About Pakistan:

Capital: Islamabad

President: Arif Alvi

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Bandhan Bank Board Approves Reappointment of Chandra Shekhar Ghosh as MD & CEO

- The Kolkata-based private sector lender has extended Ghosh's tenure for a period of three years.
- The current term is set to expire on July 09, 2024.

Anish Shah to Assume Presidency of FICCI

- The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), the country's oldest and largest industry body, is set to welcome Anish Shah as its President-Elect.

About FICCI:

Founded: 1927;
Headquarters: New Delhi;
Founder: Ghanshyam Das Birla.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2023: 25th November

- November 25 marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, a pivotal day designated by the United Nations.
- This historic declaration paved the way for the official designation of November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on February 7, 2000.
- Theme for 2023: "UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls."

BANKING AND ECONOMY

Warren Buffett's Exit from Paytm: A Rs 507 Crore Loss

- Warren Buffett-led Berkshire Hathaway has made headlines by completely divesting its 2.46% stake in One 97 Communications, the parent company of Paytm.

Mastercard and U GRO Capital Collaborate for MSME Financing

- Mastercard partnership with U GRO Capital, a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) specializing in Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) financing.

About Mastercard:

CEO: Michael Miebach (1 Jan 2021–)

CFO: Sachin Mehra

President: Michael Miebach

Headquarters: Purchase, Harrison, New York, United States

ADB's \$170 Million Boost Transforms Kochi's Water Landscape

- Kochi, often referred to as the commercial capital of Kerala.

About Asian Development Bank:

Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Philippines

Founded: 19 December 1966

President: Masatsugu Asakawa (from 17 January 2020)

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INTERNATIONAL

UAE Inaugurates World's Largest Single-Site Solar Power Plant

- United Arab Emirates (UAE) has inaugurated the world's largest single-site solar power plant, the 2-gigawatt (GW) Al Dhafra Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Independent Power Project (IPP).
- The project was inaugurated by Sheikh Hazza bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Ruler of Abu Dhabi.

About UAE:

Capital: Abu Dhabi

Prime Minister: Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

President: Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

NATIONAL

Telangana Unveils the World's First 3D-Printed Temple

- Telangana has unveiled the world's first 3D-printed temple, a groundbreaking structure situated in Burugupally, Siddipet district.
- The temple was constructed by Hyderabad-based Apsuja Infratech in collaboration with Simpliforge Creations, a 3D printing company.

About Telangana:

Capital: Hyderabad

Chief Minister: K. Chandrashekar Rao

Governor: Tamilisai Soundararajan

Founded: 2 June 2014

SPORTS

Marlon Samuels, Former West Indies Player, Receives 6-year Ban

- Marlon Samuels, the former West Indies batter, was handed a six-year ban from all forms of cricket by the International Cricket Council (ICC). The ban was imposed due to his failure to disclose benefits received during the Abu Dhabi T10 league.

About ICC:

Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Founded: 15 June 1909

CEO: Geoff Allardice

Chairman: Greg Barclay

Anahat Singh Becomes Second Youngest to Win National Squash Championship Title

- Senior National Squash Championships 2023, 15-year-old Anahat Singh scripted history by becoming the second youngest title winner in the tournament's prestigious history.
- The young prodigy faced off against Tanvi Khanna in the final.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Shaheedi Diwas or Martyrdom Day of 'Guru Tegh Bahadur

- Guru Tegh Bahadur Singh, the 9th Guru of the Sikhs, whose martyrdom day is commemorated on November 24. Born on 21st April 1621, in Amritsar to Mata Nanaki and Guru Hargobind.

SUMMIT'S & MOU's

Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari Inaugurates the 8th India Water Impact Summit (IWIS) in New Delhi

- Summit (IWIS) inaugurated on 22nd November 2023 in New Delhi.
- Organized by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and the Center for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (cGanga), the three-day summit from November 22 to 24, 2023.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Ishwak Singh Won Best Actor Award at Stars Asian International Film Festival

- Ishwak Singh won the Best Actor award at the Stars Asian International Film Festival (SAIFF) for his performance in the film Berlin.

- Film is produced by Zee Studios and Yippie Ki Yay Motion Pictures.

Four Indian Women Shine in BBC 100 Women 2023 List

- British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) recently unveiled its 11th edition of the BBC 100 Women list for 2023.
- Harmanpreet Kaur, the captain of the Indian Women's National Cricket Team in all three formats, was recognized in the Entertainment & Sport category.
- Dia Mirza, an award-winning actress, has been actively involved in social and environmental causes. Honored as UN Environment Goodwill Ambassador in 2017, she has also served as a brand ambassador for the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI).
- Tenzin Palmo, born in Hertfordshire, England, is a renowned author, teacher, and founder of the Dongyu Gatsal Ling Nunnery in Himachal Pradesh, India.
- Arati Kumar-Rao's debut book, "Marginlands: Indian Landscapes On The Brink," has been shortlisted at the TataLitLive! Awards 2023 for first book, non-fiction.

About British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC):

Chairman– Dame Elan Closs Stephens;

Headquarters– London, United Kingdom.

RANKING

TCS Claims Top Spot in Customer Satisfaction among IT and Cloud Services Providers in Spain

- Indian IT giant Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has achieved remarkable success in Spain, securing the number one position in service delivery quality and commercial competitiveness, according to an independent survey conducted by Whitelane Research.

About TCS:

Founders: Faquir Chand Kohli, J. R. D. Tata

Headquarters: Mumbai

CEO: K. Krithivasan (1 Jun 2023–)

Founded: 1 April 1968

BOOKS & AUTHOR

A book Thread By Thread on the life of Shambhu Kumar Kasliwal

- A book, Thread by Thread, on the life of Shambhu Kumar or 'the' S Kumar released by Kapil Dev, at The Palace Halls, NSCI, Mumbai.
- Kapil Dev has been a brand ambassador for S.Kumars for their tv and print campaigns in the 80s and 2000s.
- The book has been written by noted journalist and author Sathya Saran and published by Penguin Random House.

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INTERNATIONAL

The Langlands Program: World's Largest Mathematics Project

- Five years ago, in 2018, Dr. Langlands was awarded the Abel Prize, one of the highest honors for mathematicians.

- This groundbreaking initiative, known as the Langlands Program, has its roots in a 17-page letter written by Dr. Langlands to the French mathematician André Weil in 1967.

About Abel Prize:

Established: 23 August 2001

First awarded: 2003

NATIONAL

Indian Navy deploys INS Sumedha in Mozambique to boost interoperability

- Indian Naval Ship Sumedha arrived at Maputo, Mozambique on November 21, 2023, as part of the ongoing Extended Operational Deployment to Africa.

About Mozambique:

Capital: Maputo;

Currency: Mozambican metical;

President: Filipe Jacinto Nyusi;

Prime Minister: Adriano Afonso Maleiane.

Meghalaya Launches 'Water Smart Kid Campaign' For Youth Water Conservation Awareness

- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma launched the 'Meghalaya Water Smart Kid Campaign.'
- This initiative, operating under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), aims to educate children about the vital importance of water conservation.

About Meghalaya:

Capital: Shillong

Governor: Phagu Chauhan

SPORTS

Max Verstappen won the Las Vegas Grand Prix 2023

- Max Verstappen emerged on top at the end of an action-packed Las Vegas Grand Prix, beating Ferrari rival Charles Leclerc and Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez.
- Max Verstappen is a Belgian and Dutch racing driver and the 2021, 2022, and 2023 Formula One World Champion.

Pankaj Advani wins World Billiards Championship for Record 26th Time

- Pankaj Advani secured his 26th IBSF World Billiards Championship title in a remarkable comeback, defeating compatriot Sourav Kothari in the final.

OBITURY

Malayalam writer P. Valsala passes away at 85

- Ms. Valsala's received the Sahitya Akademi Award and Ezhuthachchan Puraskaram for her outstanding contributions to Malayalam literature.
- Her work 'Nizhalurangunna Vazhikal' also clinched the Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

India's CAG Girish Chandra Murmu elected vice-chair of UN external auditors' panel

- Girish Chandra Murmu, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, has been elected as the vice-chair of the UN Panel of External Auditors.
- Participated in the sixty-third session of the Panel of External Auditors, which took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on November 20-21, 2023.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Heritage Week 2023: November 19 to 25

- Recognized and championed by UNESCO.
- Founded in 1945, World Heritage Week was established to foster intellectual and moral solidarity in the aftermath of two devastating world wars.

About UNESCO:

Founders: India, United States, France, Brazil, China, Mexico, MORE

Headquarters: Paris, France

Founded: 16 November 1945, London, United Kingdom

Head: Audrey Azoulay; (Director-General)

BOOKS & AUTHOR

NIF Book Prize for 2023 To Be Revealed On December 1st

- The Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIF) Book Prize has unveiled its shortlist, comprising five outstanding works.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

Nippon Life India AIF Set to Mobilize ₹1,000 crore for Private Credit Expansion

- Nippon Life India Aif Management Limited is a Public incorporated on 30 June 2000.

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NATIONAL

Anurag Thakur Launched Inaugural VFX and Tech Pavilion at 54th IFFI

- Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, the Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, inaugurated the VFX and Tech Pavilion at the 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.

About Goa:

Capital: Panaji

Governor: P.S. Sreedharan Pillai

CM: Pramod Sawant

"Ghol" Fish Declared State Fish of Gujarat

- The announcement was made by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel during the inaugural ceremony of the first Global Fisheries Conference India 2023 held at Gujarat Science City.

About Gujarat

Capital: Gandhinagar

Governor: Acharya Devvrat

SPORTS

ICC moves men's U-19 World Cup from Sri Lanka to South Africa

- This decision comes in the wake of the ICC's provisional suspension of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC).

About International Cricket Council (ICC):

Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Founded: 15 June 1909

CEO: Geoff Allardice

Chairman: Greg Barclay

ICC Bans Transgender Players from International Women's Cricket

- International Cricket Council (ICC) has recently implemented a ban on transgender cricketers from participating in international women's cricket at the highest level.

About International Cricket Council (ICC):

Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Founded: 15 June 1909

CEO: Geoff Allardice

Chairman: Greg Barclay

AIFF and Odisha Govt Ink MoU for FIFA-AIFF Academy

- All India Football Federation (AIFF) and the Government of Odisha, in collaboration with FIFA, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish the AIFF-FIFA Talent Academy.
- Additionally, Mr. Tushar Kanti Behera, the Sports Minister of Odisha, graced the ceremony with his presence.

About Odisha:

Chief Minister: Naveen Patnaik

Founded: 1 April 1936

Capital: Bhubaneswar

Governor: Raghubar Das

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

SATHI Program Faces Cancellation under Department of Science and Technology

- SATHI (Sophisticated Analytical and Technical Help Institutes) program under the Department of Science and Technology (DST) has cancelled.
- SATHI Program Launched in 2020.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Mamata Banerjee Names Sourav Ganguly as the 'Brand Ambassador of Bengal'

- Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee declared former cricketer and ex-president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Sourav Ganguly, as the "Brand Ambassador of Bengal."

About West Bengal:

Founded: 1947

Governor: C. V. Ananda Bose

Capital: Kolkata

Microsoft Names Aparna Gupta as Leader of Global Delivery Center

- Microsoft has recently announced the appointment of Aparna Gupta as the new Global Delivery Center (GDC) leader.
- Microsoft's Global Delivery Center (GDC) serves as the delivery arm of Industry Solutions Delivery, with its roots dating back to its establishment in Hyderabad in 2005.
- President of Microsoft India and South Asia: Puneet Chandok.

About Microsoft:

Founders: Bill Gates, Paul Allen

Headquarters: Redmond, Washington, United States

Founded: 4 April 1975, Albuquerque, New Mexico, United States

CEO: Satya Nadella (4 Feb 2014–)

CFO: Amy Hood

Colin Jackson Appointed Intl Ambassador for 2023 Tata Steel Kolkata 25KS

- The former 110m hurdles world record holder, Colin Jackson, has been announced as the International Event Ambassador for the upcoming edition of Tata Steel Kolkata 25K event.
- Instituted in 2014, the TSK 25K has been a catalyst for a running revolution in eastern India.
- The event, under the slogan 'Aamar Kolkata, Aamar Run,' has grown in stature and popularity over the years.

About West Bengal:

Founded: 1947

Chief Minister: Mamata Banerjee

Governor: C. V. Ananda Bose

Capital: Kolkata

SUMMIT'S & MOU's

Modi skips BRICS-Plus meet on Israel-Hamas

- Jaishankar's remarks at the BRICS-Plus meeting come ahead of India hosting the virtual G20 Leaders' Summit.

About BRICS:

Founded: 16 June 2009

Founders: Russia, China, India, Brazil

RANKING

Delhi's Khan Market world's 22nd priciest high street retail location

- Delhi's upscale Khan Market has secured the 22nd spot, marking a slight drop from the 21st position last year. The annual rent per square foot stands at USD 217.

About Delhi:

Chief Minister: Arvind Kejriwal

Lieutenant Governor : Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena

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INTERNATIONAL

Luc Frieden Assumed the Position of Prime Minister in Luxembourg

- Former finance minister Luc Frieden assumes the role of prime minister.

About Luxembourg:

Capital: Luxembourg

Prime minister: Luc Frieden

Currency: Euro (€) (EUR)

USI Hosts UN Forum 2023 on Humanitarian Law and Peacekeeping

- The United Service Institution of India (USI), founded in 1870 as the country's premier think-tank for national security and military affairs, is hosting the Annual UN Forum 2023 in New Delhi on November 21-22.

About UN:

Founders: United States, United Kingdom, India, Brazil, France, Iran, MORE

Founded: 24 October 1945, San Francisco, California, United States

Headquarters: New York, New York, United States

Secretary general: António Guterres

NATIONAL

Government's 'Skills on Wheels' Initiative for Rural Empowerment

- Indian government is set to launch the 'Skills on Wheels' initiative, aiming to deliver skill training directly to the doorsteps of rural individuals.
- Ved Mani Tiwari, the CEO of the National Skills Development Corporation (NSDC), revealed that.

Bihar Governor Approves Bill Raising Reservation From 50% to 65%

- Governor of Bihar, Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, approved the 'Bihar Reservation Amendment Bill' on November 17.
- The bill raises the reservation quota for Backward, Extremely Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes from 50% to 65%, surpassing the 50% ceiling set by the Supreme Court.

SPORTS

Novak Djokovic Wins Record Seventh ATP Finals Title

- Novak Djokovic made history on November 19, by securing his seventh ATP Finals title in Turin, Italy.
- The world number one defeated local favorite Jannik Sinner in a commanding fashion with a 6-3, 6-3 victory.

OBITUARY

Rosalynn Carter, Former First Lady of US Passed Away At 96

- Former US First Lady Rosalynn Carter, often referred to as the 'Steel Magnolia,' passed away.
- Rosalynn and Jimmy Carter made history as the longest-married U.S. presidential couple.

- While Jimmy Carter served as president from 1977 to 1981.

About USA:

Capital: Washington, D.C.

Continent: North America

President: Joe Biden

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Govt Appoints Vinay Tonse As MD Of SBI For 2 years

- GOI appointed Vinay M. Tonse as the Managing Director of the State Bank of India (SBI) until November 30, 2025.
- This appointment fills the vacancy left in June after the appointment of Swaminathan Janakiraman as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank.

About SBI:

Managing directors: Challa Setty

Founded: 1 July 1955

Headquarters: Mumbai

Key people: Dinesh Kumar Khara (Chairman); Kameshwar Rao Kodavanti (CFO)

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Uttar Pradesh bags First Prize for Best State in Inland Fisheries

- Uttar Pradesh has secured a notable 'Best State' award for inland fisheries (plain areas).
- The state is set to receive this prestigious accolade at the two-day Global Fisheries Conference-2023 in Delhi on November 21 and 22. Cabinet Minister for Fisheries, Sanjay Nishad.

Deepti Babuta becomes first woman to bag Dhahan Prize for Punjabi literature

- Dhahan Prize, the largest international literary award for fiction in the Punjabi language.
- Babuta was honored with a cash award of \$25,000 CAD.
- Two other finalists, Jameel Ahmad Paul from Lahore and Balijit from Mohali, were also acknowledged.
- Established in 2013 by the Canada India Education Society (CIES) and the University of British Columbia (UBC).

BANKING AND ECONOMY

Acko partners with R Madhavan as their 'voice of the customer'

- ACKO, has partnered with renowned actor R Madhavan as its 'Voice of the Customer'.

About ACKO:

Founder: Varun Dua;

Headquarters: Bengaluru;

Founded: 3 November 2016.

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INTERNATIONAL

UK stance on agri GI items remains hurdle in FTA talks with India

- The UK seeks heightened safeguards for its GIs, including renowned items like Scotch whisky, Stilton cheese, and Cheddar cheese.

About UK:

Capital: London

President: Rishi Sunak

India-bound ship hijacked by Yemen's Houthi rebels in Red Sea, says IDF

- A cargo ship named "Galaxy Leader," en route from Turkey to India, has been hijacked by Yemen's Houthi rebels in the Red Sea.

About Yemen:

Capital: Sana'a

Currency: Yemeni Rial

President: Ali Abdullah Saleh

India Dispatches Second Round Of Aid to Gaza amidst Israel-Hamas Conflict

- The second batch of aid, carried by the Indian Air Force's C17 aircraft, comprises 32 tonnes of essential supplies.
- The aircraft is destined for the El-Arish Airport in Egypt, approximately 45km away from the Rafah crossing, the sole entry point for humanitarian aid into Gaza.

About Israel:

Capital: Jerusalem

Prime minister: Benjamin Netanyahu

President: Isaac Herzog

NATIONAL

Droupadi Murmu to Confer President's Colour Award to AFMC on Dec 1

- On December 1, President Droupadi Murmu is set to confer the prestigious President's Colour to the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC).
- The President's Colour, also known as 'Rashtrapati ka Nishan,'

OBITUARY

Dhoom Director Sanjay Gadhvi Passed Away At 56

- Renowned filmmaker Sanjay Gadhvi Best known for directing the blockbuster films "Dhoom" (2004) and its sequel "Dhoom 2" (2006) passed away.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Mira Murati Appointed As Interim Chief Executive Officer At OpenAI

- On November 18, OpenAI, the prominent artificial intelligence research and deployment company, made headlines by announcing the dismissal of its CEO and co-founder, Sam Altman.

- Founded in 2015, OpenAI has been at the forefront of AI research and deployment.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Indira Gandhi Peace Prize for 2022 Presented to COVID-19 Warriors

- The prestigious Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for the year 2022 was jointly awarded to the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Trained Nurses Association of India.
Established: 1986

BANKING AND ECONOMY

India's GDP Surpasses \$4 Trillion Mark: A Historic Milestone

- In a significant economic achievement, India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has crossed the \$4 trillion mark in nominal terms.

Bengaluru Tops in Women-Led Startups, Followed by Mumbai and Delhi

- Third-largest hub in the world, following the United States and China. Bengaluru, the capital of Karnataka, topped the list of women-led startups, boasting 1,783 women-led startups.
- Karnataka became the first state in India to provide a grant-in-aid of Rs.50 lakh to encourage innovators.

About Karnataka:

Capital: Bengaluru (Executive Branch)

Chief Minister: Siddaramaiah

Governor: Thawar Chand Gehlot

Global economy: Inflation eases in US, UK; India's trade gap widens in Oct

- United States and the United Kingdom have experienced a slowdown in inflation. This has led to growing speculation that central banks.

About USA:

Capital: Washington, D.C.

President: Joe Biden

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INTERNATIONAL

Argentina Elects 'Shock Therapy' Libertarian Javier Milei as President

- Argentinians have elected Javier Milei as their next president.

About Argentina:

President: Alberto Fernández

Capital: Buenos Aires

Putin to Participate In Virtual G20 Meeting on November 22

- Russian President Vladimir Putin is set to participate in a virtual G20 leaders meeting on November 22, as reported by Russian state television.

About Russia:

President: Vladimir Putin

Capital: Moscow

SPORTS

Australia Won the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 by 6 Wickets

- This is the 6th ICC ODI world Cup of Australia.
- Australia's Travis Head was declared the Player of the Match in his side's 2023 ODI World Cup final win against India in Ahmedabad.
- Virat Kohli has declared as the Player of tournament.

OBITUARY

Renowned Novelist A.S. Byatt Passes Away at 87

- Acclaimed British novelist Antonia Susan Byatt, widely known as A.S. Byatt, passed away at the age of 87.
- Her notable work, "Possession: A Romance," earned her the prestigious Booker Prize in 1990.

Former RBI Governor S. Venkitaramanan Passed Away At 92

- He was assumed the role of RBI Governor in December 1990.
- Additionally, he served as an Advisor to the Governor in Karnataka during a critical period of President's rule in May 1989.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Men's Day 2023: 19th November

- Originating from the conceptualization by Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh in 1999, the day has grown into a significant occasion observed in 1999.
- The day has grown into a significant occasion observed in nearly 80 countries.
- This year, the theme for International Men's Day 2023 is Zero Male Suicide.

Women's Entrepreneurship Day 2023: 19th November

- Founded by Wendy Diamond in 2014.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Nicaragua's Sheynnis Palcios Crowned 72nd Miss Universe 2023

- Nicaragua's Sheynnis Palcios, a 23-year-old TV host and model crowned Miss Universe 2023.
- At the Jose Adolfo Pineda Arena in San Salvador, El Salvador on 18th November 2023.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

India Set to Extend Rice Export Bans through 2024, Impacting Global Prices

- India has been a major player in global rice exports, constituting almost 40% of the total.

Rural Retail Inflation Outpaces Urban Counterpart for 18 Out of 22 Months

- National Statistical Office (NSO) reveals a concerning trend in India's inflation dynamics.
- Rural Inflation at 5.12%: In October 2023.
- Urban Inflation at 4.62%: In October 2023.