

## Weekly Current Affairs PDF October 22 to October 28, 2023

### Current Affairs PDF- October 28, 2023

#### INTERNATIONAL

##### Republican Mike Johnson Elected New US House Speaker

- Mike Johnson, a relatively lesser-known Republican from Louisiana, has taken the elected as the new speaker of the US House of Representatives.
- He is the first Louisianan to become speaker and the first southerner to serve as speaker since Republican Newt Gingrich of Georgia in the 1990s.
- Johnson was elected to the Louisiana statehouse in 2015 and ran for Congress successfully in 2016.

##### Malaysia picks ruler of Johor state as country's new king

- Malaysia's royal families have elected Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar of Johor state as the country's new king.

##### UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres Launches Advisory Body On Artificial Intelligence

- To facilitate international cooperation and consensus on AI governance, a 39-member advisory body has been established.

##### CCI Becomes A Member Of International Competition Network Committee

- (CCI) has becoming a part of the prestigious 18-member steering committee of the International Competition Network (ICN).

#### NATIONAL

##### Jai Bhim Mukhyamatri Pratibha Vikas Yojna Launched By Delhi Government

- The Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi is inviting applications from eligible students belonging to SC/ST/OBC/EWS categories for free coaching under the "Jai Bhim Mukhyamatri Pratibha Vikas Yojna."

#### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

##### Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) And Safran To Make Aircraft Engine Parts

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Safran Aircraft Engines, a leading French aero engine design, development, and manufacturing company.

#### IMPORTANT DAYS

##### 76th Shaurya Diwas Celebrates To Mark Landing Of Forces In Kashmir

- The Indian Army marked the 76th 'Shaurya Diwas' in Jammu and Kashmir.
- The landing of Indian forces in Kashmir on 27 October 1947.
- On October 27, 1947, Indian Army troops landed at Budgam Airport.

### SUMMITS AND MOU'S

#### Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri Inaugurates 16th Urban Mobility India Conference & Exhibition 2023 in New Delhi

- Theme, of the exhibition is "Integrated and Resilient Urban Transport".

### BANKING AND ECONOMY

#### RBI Approves MobiKwik's Zaakpay To Operate As Payment Aggregator

- Zaakpay offers over 100 different payment methods, including UPI, debit and credit cards, net banking, and mobile wallets.

#### Tata To Become India's First iPhone Manufacturer As Wistron Approves Factory Sale

- The Tata Group has taken a significant step towards manufacturing and assembling Apple iPhones in India for both domestic and international markets by acquiring Wistron's operations in India.
- Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar announced this major venture.

## Current Affairs PDF- October 27, 2023

### INTERNATIONAL

#### Robert Fico to become Slovakia's new prime minister

- Slovakia's newly appointed Prime Minister, Robert Fico, has taken office for the fourth time.

##### About Slovakia:

Prime minister: Robert Fico

Capital: Bratislava

Currency: Euro

### NATIONAL

#### PM Modi Inaugurated 37th Edition of National Games in Panaji, Goa

- The 37th edition of the National Games has marked a historic moment as it is being held in Goa for the very first time.

##### About Goa:

Chief Minister: Pramod Sawant

Governor: P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

Capital: Panaji (Executive Branch)

#### Amit Shah Launched Logo, Website and Brochure of NCEL in New Delhi

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently inaugurated the logo, website, and brochure of the National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL) during a grand event in New Delhi.

#### PM Modi Inaugurated the 7th Edition of Indian Mobile Congress (IMC) In New Delhi

- During the event, Akash Ambani introduced Reliance Jio's groundbreaking initiative – Space Fibre, India's first satellite-based giga fibre service capable of delivering internet speeds of up to 1 Gbps.

- The India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2023, scheduled from October 27 to 29, is Asia's largest telecom, media, and technology forum.

#### **Rajasthan govt launched 'iStart Talent Connect Portal'**

- Rajasthan government unveiled the 'iStart Talent Connect Portal' at Jaipur's Techno Hub.

##### **About Rajasthan**

Capital: Jaipur;

Chief minister: Ashok Gehlot;

Governor: Kalraj Mishra.

#### **SPORTS**

#### **Sundar Singh Gurjar breaks World Record in men's javelin F46 event with gold**

- Indian para-athletes excelled in the javelin throw events at the Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China.
- Sundar Singh Gurjar breaking a world record and Sumit Antil successfully defending his gold medal.

#### **APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

#### **Swiss Watchmaker 'Rado' Appoints Katrina Kaif as Global Brand Ambassador**

- Adrian Bosshard, the CEO of Rado also expressed his enthusiasm about this association.

Founded: 1917, Lengnau, Switzerland

Parent organization: The Swatch Group

Headquarters: Lengnau, Switzerland

Founders: Ernst Schlup, Werner Schlup, Fritz Schlup

#### **SUMMITS AND MOU'S**

#### **Reliance Jio Partners With Plume to Provide In-Home Services Enhanced By AI**

- This partnership brings forth a range of innovative offerings under the names "HomePass" and "WorkPass."

##### **About Reliance Jio:**

Founder: Mukesh Ambani

Founded: 2007, Ahmedabad

Headquarters: Reliance Corporate Park, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

Owner: Reliance Industries

#### **RANKING**

#### **India Ranks Third In Fintech Unicorns, With United States at the Top**

- In 2023, India has secured the third position in the global fintech landscape with 17 fintech unicorns.
- In the world of fintech, the United States and the United Kingdom maintain their supremacy in terms of both quantity and value.
- UK ranks second with 27 fintech unicorns.

### BANKING AND ECONOMY

#### Zomato Introduces Maternity Insurance Plan for Women Delivery Partners

- Zomato has partnered with ACKO, a technology-driven insurance company, to provide this maternity insurance coverage.

**About Zomato:**

Owners: Info Edge, Ant Group

Founders: Deepinder Goyal, Akriti Chopra, Gunjan Patidar, Pankaj Chaddah

Founded: July 2008; 15 years ago

Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana, India

## Current Affairs PDF- October 26, 2023

### INTERNATIONAL

#### US house of representative elected its new speaker

- Republican Congressman Mike Johnson from Louisiana has been elected as the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- It's the third-highest in the line of succession after the U.S. President.

**About USA:**

Capital: Washington, D.C.

President: Joe Biden

### NATIONAL

#### Shillong Hosts Green Tourism Conclave For Responsible Tourism In Northeast

- Meghalaya's Tourism Minister, Bah Paul Lyngdoh, graced the event as the chief guest.

**About Meghalaya:**

Capital: Shillong

Chief minister: Conrad Sangma

Governor: Shri Phagu Chauhan

#### PM Modi To Attend The Inauguration Of Lord Ram's Idol At Ayodhya Temple

- The date set for this auspicious occasion is January 22, 2024.

### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

#### ISB Prof Sarang Deo appointed by WHO on its TB Advisory Group

**About WHO:**

Founded: 7 April 1948

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

President: Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

**About Indian School of Business:**

Founded: 2001

Chairperson: Harish Manwani

Dean: Madan Pillutla

Founders: Rajat Gupta, anil kumar

### Amol Muzumdar Takes Over as Head Coach of India Women

- The position of the head coach had been vacant since December 2022 when Ramesh Powar was abruptly removed from his post as part of the BCCI's "restructuring module."

#### **About Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI):**

President: Roger Binny

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founded: December 1928

### EC To Appoint Actor Rajkummar Rao As Its 'National Icon'

- Actor Rajkummar Rao, celebrated for his portrayal of a principled government clerk in the Hindi film "Newton".

#### **About Election Commission of India (EC):**

Formed: 25 January 1950

Jurisdiction: Government of India

Headquarters: New Delhi

First executive: Sukumar Sen

Current executive: Rajiv Kumar

### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### World Polio Day 2023: Date, Theme and Significance

- The theme for World Polio Day 2023 is "A healthier future for mothers and children."

#### **About WHO:**

Head: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus;

Founded: 7 April 1948;

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.

#### Accession Day 2023: Union Territory of J&K celebrates on 26th October

- UT Jammu and Kashmir celebrates October 26 as a public holiday to commemorate the historic signing of the Instrument of Accession in 1947.

### SUMMITS AND MOU'S

#### Dr S. Jaishankar reaches Bishek for 22nd SCO Council of heads of Government meeting

- Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar recently visited Kyrgyzstan for a two-day trip.
- Jaishankar will participate in the SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG) meeting hosted by Kyrgyzstan.

#### Airbus tie-up with IIT Kanpur to promote aerospace education and innovation in India

- The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK) and Airbus have formalized their partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

## Current Affairs PDF- October 25, 2023

### INTERNATIONAL

#### Cyclone 'Hamoon' Weakens into Deep Depression over Bangladesh and Mizoram

- Cyclone 'Hamoon' was named by Iran. 'Hamoon' is a Persian term signifying temporary desert lakes and marshlands.

##### **About Bangladesh:**

Capital: Dhaka

Currency: Bangladeshi Taka

Prime minister: Sheikh Hasina

President: Mohammed Shahabuddin

##### **About Mizoram:**

Capital: Aizawl

Chief Minister: Zoramthanga

Governor: Kambhampati Hari Babu

### NATIONAL

#### India and Malaysia Kick Off "Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023" Bilateral Training

- The Indian and Malaysian armies have initiated "Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023."
- This joint bilateral training exercise, held at Umroi Cantonment in India.
- The last edition of "Exercise Harimau Shakti" took place in Pulai, Kluang, Malaysia, in November 2022.
- "Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023," scheduled until November 5, 2023, will involve approximately 120 military personnel from both sides.

##### **About Malaysia:**

Capital: Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur

President: Anwar bin Ibrahim

Currency: Malaysian Ringgit

#### 54th IFFI Reveals Indian Panorama Lineup For 2023 Scheduled To Be Held in Goa In November

- IFFI has officially announced its Indian Panorama selection for 2023. Featuring a diverse array of 25 feature films and 20 non-feature films. These cinematic gems will be showcased during the festival, scheduled to run from November 20 to November 28 in Goa.

#### NCERT to Replace 'India' with 'Bharat' in Upcoming Books

- National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has given its approval to replace the term "India" with "Bharat"

##### **About NCERT:**

Founded: 1961

Founders: Ministry of Education of India, Government of India

Committee Chairperson: C I Isaac

### OBITUARY

#### First Black Action Hero, Richard Roundtree Passed Away At 81

- Richard Roundtree, the iconic actor who redefined African American masculinity in the movies with his groundbreaking portrayal of the title role in “Shaft,” passed away.
- “Shaft,” released in 1971, was a groundbreaking film, marking one of the first entries in the Blaxploitation genre.

### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

#### Air Marshal Sadhna Saxena Nair takes charge as DG Hospital Services

- She is the first woman to hold this esteemed position upon her promotion to the rank of Air Marshal.

#### Lay's Appointed Mahendra Singh Dhoni as Brand Ambassador

- Lay's announces cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni as its brand ambassador, starring in a campaign – ‘No Lay's, No Game.’

##### About Lay's:

Parent organization: PepsiCo, Inc

Founded: September 1961

#### Chetan Bhagat Appointed Brand Ambassador For Edtech startup, Henry Harvin Education

- Edtech startup Henry Harvin Education (HHE) recently announced acclaimed author and speaker Chetan Bhagat as its Brand Ambassador.
- Founder and CEO of Henry Harvin Education: Kounal Gupta

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

#### US President Biden Honors Indian-American Scientists with National Medal for Technology & Innovation

- US President Joe Biden recently awarded the prestigious White House National Medal for Technology and Innovation and the National Medal of Science to Ashok Gadgil and Subra Suresh, respectively.
- Gadgil's achievement marks the 17th national medal earned by Berkeley Lab researchers and the second National Medal of Technology and Innovation.

##### About USA:

Capital: Washington, D.C.

President: Joe Biden

Continent: North America

### RANKING

#### Mumbai second most polluted major global city as air quality worsens

- Mumbai ranking as the second most polluted city according to IQAir.
- Delhi, the capital, also faces significant air quality challenges, ranking sixth globally.

##### About Maharashtra:

Chief Minister: Eknath Shinde

Governor: Ramesh Bais

Capital: Mumbai

## Current Affairs PDF- October 24, 2023

### INTERNATIONAL

#### Sri Lanka announces free visas for Indians to boost tourism

- Sri Lanka, in a bid to revitalize its tourism sector, has taken a significant step by waiving visa fees for tourists from seven countries (China, India, Russia, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Japan).

About Sri Lanka:

Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte

Prime minister: Dinesh Gunawardena

### NATIONAL

#### Amit Shah to inaugurate India's first nano DAP plant in Gandhinagar

- Addressing a large number of farmers after inaugurating the Country's first Nano DAP plant by IFFCO near Kalol in Gandhinagar.
- The Nano liquid dap plant in Kalol has been set up by IFFCO at the cost of 300 crore rupees.
- The plant has been developed in tune with the Aatmnirbhar Bharat vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

##### About IFFCO:

Headquarters: New Delhi

Founded: 3 November 1967, New Delhi

CEO: Dr. Udai Shanker Awasthi (1993–)

Founder: Udaybhansinhji Natwarsinhji Jethwa

##### About Gujarat:

Chief Minister: Bhupendrabhai Patel

Governor: Acharya Devvrat

### SPORTS

#### India's Unnati Hooda wins Abu Dhabi Masters 2023

- At the Abu Dhabi Masters 2023, young Indian badminton talent Unnati Hooda emerged as the champion in the women's singles event.
- This remarkable win marks her second BWF Super 100 World Tour title.
- Final match held at the ADNEC Marina Hall in the UAE capital.

### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

#### Skyroot Aerospace unveils Vikram-1 rocket, scheduled for full launch next year

- Dr. Jitendra Singh, the Union Minister of Science and Technology, unveiled Skyroot's Vikram-1 orbital rocket in Hyderabad.
- Skyroot's co-founder and CEO, Pawan Kumar Chandana, has emphasized the partly commercial nature of Vikram-1's inaugural launch.
- Vikram-1 is designed to place multiple satellites into orbit, a first for India and one of the first globally.

- This rocket represents Skyroot's second successful project following the Vikram-S rocket's triumphant launch on November 18th, 2022.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World Development Information Day 2023: 24th October

- Established in 1972.
- Coinciding with United Nations Day, this occasion carries historical significance, commemorating the UN's beginning in 1945.

### United Nations Day 2023: 24 October

- Anniversary of the entry into force of the UN Charter in 1945.
- On October 24, 1945, the United Nations came into existence as the UN Charter was ratified.

#### About United Nations

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

Headquarters: New York, New York, United States;

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

Secretary General: António Guterres.

## BANKING AND ECONOMY

### India to surpass Japan in 2030 to become 2nd largest economy of Asia, says S&P Global

- In 2030, India's GDP is expected to surpass even Germany.
- India's GDP had already outgrown that of the United Kingdom and France.
- India to become the third-largest economy in Asia-Pacific and the fifth-largest in the world.
- Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is predicted to reach a whopping \$7.3 trillion.
- Making it the second-largest economy in the Asia-Pacific region, just after China.

### ONGC Secures Bid To Purchase PTC's Wind Power Division For Rs 925 crore

- Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has successfully secured a bid to acquire PTC India Ltd's wind power unit for Rs 925 crore.
- Board of PTC approved ONGC's bid to acquire a 100% equity stake in PEL, valuing the equity at Rs 925 crore.
- PEL was incorporated on August 1, 2008, and boasts a renewable energy portfolio with a total capacity of 288.8 MW.
- This portfolio includes 50 MW wind power projects in Madhya Pradesh, 50 MW wind power projects in Karnataka, and 188.8 MW wind power projects in Andhra Pradesh.

### MeitY urges RBI to design more detailed KYC to ensure traceability

- Illegal instant loan apps have become a significant problem in India.
- Leading to financial scams and even driving some victims to suicide.
- These apps offer quick money but compromise users' privacy and security.

#### About RBI:

Governor: Shaktikanta Das

Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata

Founder: British Raj

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

## Current Affairs PDF- October 23, 2023

### NATIONAL

#### India will Host World's Largest Textiles Event, Bharat Tex 2024

- The upcoming Bharat Tex 2024 Expo, scheduled to take place from February 26-29, next year.
- Bharat Tex 2024 Expo has been conceived as the largest textile fair in the world in terms of exhibition area.

#### Govt will Invest ₹30,000 Crore to Expand Crop Insurance Portal Coverage

- The government has unveiled plans to allocate ₹30,000 crore to enhance the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) portal.

##### **About Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana:**

Launched: 18 February 2016; 7 years ago

Ministry: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Prime Minister(s): Narendra Modi

### OBITUARY

#### Legendary Spinner and Former Indian Captain, Bishan Singh Bedi Passes Away at 77

- In 1976, Bedi was appointed captain of the Indian cricket team.
- In 1970, Bishan Singh Bedi was honored with the Padma Shri, one of India's highest civilian awards.

### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

#### Ashok Vaswani to Succeed Uday Kotak As New CEO Of Kotak Mahindra Bank

- Ashok Vaswani, a seasoned international banker with a remarkable career, is set to take the chair as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- In the interim period, the board of Kotak Mahindra Bank appointed Dipak Gupta as the Chief Executive Officer for four months. Uday Kotak, despite relinquishing his role as CEO, continues to serve on the board as a non-executive director.

##### **About Kotak Mahindra Bank:**

Founder: Uday Kotak

Founded: 21 November 1985

Headquarters: Mumbai

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

#### CJI Chandrachud Honored With "Award For Global Leadership" By Harvard Law School

- Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud, an distinguished alumnus of Harvard Law School, was bestowed with the prestigious 'Award for Global Leadership'.

### BANKING AND ECONOMY

#### NLC India Green Energy Limited to Boost India's Green Energy Capacity

- NLC India, a Navratna public sector company, has unveiled its latest venture into the renewable energy sector.
- NLC India Ltd. 1956 - The Corporation was incorporated as a private limited company on 14th November, by the Government of India.
- HDFC Bank Unveils XpressWay Digital Platform for Swift Loans

##### **About HDFC Bank:**

Founded: August 1994, Mumbai

Headquarters: Mumbai

Key people: Atanu Chakraborty; (Chairman); Sashidhar Jagdishan; (CEO)

#### RBL Bank Introduces GO Savings Account

About RBL Bank:

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founded: 14 June 1943

Key people: R. Subramania kumar; (MD & CEO)

#### RBI Imposes ₹2.5 Crore Penalty On L&T Finance For Non Compliance

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently taken regulatory action against L&T Finance Limited by imposing a monetary penalty of ₹2.50 crore due to non-compliance with specific provisions of the Non-Banking Financial Company.

##### **About RBI:**

Governor: Shaktikanta Das

Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata

Founder: British Raj

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

##### **About L&T:**

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founders: Henning Holck-Larsen, Søren Kristian Toubro

Founded: 7 February 1946, Mumbai

## Current Affairs PDF- October 22, 2023

### INTERNATIONAL

#### US Imposes Sanctions on Three Chinese Firms for Alleged Missile Component Supply to Pakistan

- These sanctions were issued under Executive Order 13382.
- The three Chinese companies subjected to sanctions are-
  1. General Technology Limited
  2. Beijing Luo Luo Technology Development
  3. Changzhou Utek Composite Company

##### **About USA:**

Capital: Washington, D.C.

Attorney general: Merrick Garland

Continent: North America

**About Pakistan:**

Capital: Islamabad

President: Arif Alvi

Prime minister: Mr. Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar

**NATIONAL**

**Defence Minister Inaugurated Indian Military Heritage Festival In New Delhi**

- Indian Military Heritage Festival took center at Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi.
- The event was inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who was joined by Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pande.
- The United Service Institution of India (USI), the oldest tri-service think tank of India working since 1870.
- The year 2022-2023 marks India's presidency of the G-20, and in celebration of this, the Indian Military Heritage Festival.

**Indian Government Grants Approval for Non-Basmati Rice Exports**

- Indian government has given the green light for the export of 1.34 million tonnes of Non-Basmati White Rice to seven countries.
- The Philippines will receive the largest quota, with up to 295,000 metric tonnes.
- Cameroon is allotted 190,000 metric tonnes.
- Malaysia will import up to 170,000 metric tonnes.
- Both Cote D'Ivoire and the Republic of Guinea will receive 142,000 metric tonnes each.
- Nepal is set to receive 95,000 metric tonnes.
- Seychelles will be supplied with 800 metric tonnes.

**Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Launches Project 'Udbhav' To Promote "Indianisation"**

- The launch of 'Project Udbhav' coincided with the inauguration of the first edition of the Indian Military Heritage Festival in New Delhi.

**About New Delhi:**

Chief Minister: Arvind Kejriwal

Capital: New Delhi

22nd Lieutenant Governor: Vinai Kumar Saxena

**SPORTS**

**Mohammed Shami make history to claim 2nd 5-wicket haul in World Cups**

- He became the first Indian bowler to pick two five-wicket hauls in ICC ODI World Cups against New Zealand.
- He joined an elite group of bowlers also now the ninth bowler worldwide to record two five-wicket hauls in ICC ODI World Cups.

**About ICC:**

Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Founded: 15 June 1909

CEO: Geoff Allardice

Chairman: Greg Barclay

### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

#### ISRO's Gaganyaan Test Missions TV-D1: A Historical Milestone

- United States and Russia have vied for supremacy above Earth, especially during the 1950s and 1960s.
- Additional test flights will be conducted before the planned 2025 crewed mission.

##### **About ISRO:**

Headquarters: Bengaluru

Founded: 15 August 1969

Founder: Vikram Sarabhai

### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

#### Sanjay Kumar Jain Appointed as CMD of IRCTC

##### **About IRCTC:**

Founded: 27 September 1999

Headquarters: New Delhi

### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### International Stuttering Awareness Day 2023: 22 October

- This year, the theme for International Stuttering Awareness Day is "One Size Does NOT Fit All."
- The ISA, IFA, and European League of Stuttering Associations jointly proclaimed October 22nd as Stuttering Awareness Day in 1998.

##### **About International Stuttering Association (ISA):**

Founded: 1995, Linköping, Sweden

Headquarters: New Ulm, Minnesota, United States

### RANKING

#### EU Report Recommends 2% Global Wealth Tax on Billionaires to Curb Evasion

- The European Union Tax Observatory has published the 'Global Tax Evasion Report 2024,' calling for a 2% global wealth tax on billionaires