



**3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023**

**INTERNATIONAL**

**1) Queen Elizabeth II's image on its \$5 note**

- Australia announced it will erase the British monarch from its banknotes, replacing the late Queen Elizabeth II's image on its \$5 note with a design honoring Indigenous culture.
- The central bank's decision to leave her successor Charles III off the \$5 note means no Britain-based monarch will remain on Australia's paper currency.

**2) Adani group has received another jolt from the US markets**

- Under fire following allegations of fraud and stock manipulation, the Adani group has received another jolt from the US markets.
- The group's flagship company Adani Enterprises has been removed from the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices effective February 7.
- According to a note issued by S&P Dow Jones Indices, home to iconic financial market indicators, the decision to remove Adani Enterprises was taken "following a media & stakeholder analysis."

**3) India has welcomed Congo to International Solar Alliance**

- The External Affairs Ministry said Ambassador of Republic of Congo, Raymond Serge Bale signed the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement in the presence of Joint Secretary (Economic Diplomacy).

**NATIONAL**

**1) 31st Foundation Day of the National Commission for Women in Delhi on January 31st, 2023**

- The President of India Droupadi Murmu addressed the 31st Foundation Day of the National Commission for Women in Delhi on January 31st, 2023.

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- The theme of the program was 'Sashakt Nari Sashakt Bharat' which 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 also graced the occasion.

## 2) Hydrogen and electric trains to the eight heritage routes

- Going greener and more sustainable towards the environment, the Indian Railways is introducing a green revolution and will be introducing hydrogen and electric trains to the eight heritage routes in the country by December 2023.
- The Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw confirmed this recently. These hydrogen trains will include the modified version of steam engines, that will be back on tracks, equipped with vintage sirens and green steam vapours.

## 3) 46th International Kolkata Book Fair

- India will be invited as the focal country at the Madrid International Book Fair in 2025, the Ambassador of Spain to India, Jose Maria Ridao said.
- Spain is the theme country at the 46th International Kolkata Book Fair. The Madrid International Book Fair is an annual event held in the Buen Retiro Park in Madrid.

## 4) Azad Engineering Private Limited

- Azad Engineering Private Limited, a Hyderabad-based market leader in engineering, has been approved as the first Indian company to supply critical rotating parts for nuclear turbines.
- The company has delivered its first set of critical parts. These will be assembled on nuclear turbines manufactured in Belfort, France.

## STATE NEWS



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### 1) Vision for All School Eye Health program

- The Government of Goa has launched the Vision for All School Eye Health program in partnership with OneSight EssilorLuxottica Foundation and Prasad Netralaya.
- The program is an extension of the current Vision for All Goa eye health program. The Vision for All Goa eye health program commenced in February 2021 and its monthly camps have screened 50,000 citizens and provided free spectacles to 16,000 people in need.

### 2) Jai Jai Maharashtra Majha as the state song

- The Maharashtra government announced the Jai Jai Maharashtra Majha as the state song, which is usually performed at school cultural events on May 1, second only to the national anthem.
- The song will now be played on official occasions. The national anthem will always take precedence, and the state song will play at all government-organised events, according to rules established by the state cabinet.
- In addition to the daily prayer and the national anthem, the song Jai Jai Maharashtra Majha will be played in all schools. From the following academic year, state board textbooks will feature the state anthem. The song's two stanzas have a total duration of 1.41 minutes.

### 3) Islam Nagar village

- The Madhya Pradesh government announced that Islam Nagar village, situated in the Bhopal district, has been renamed as Jagdishpur.
- The MP administration, in an official release, declared the changes and mentioned the change in the name with immediate effect.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Madhvendra Singh



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- Madhvendra Singh appointed as the first Chief Executive Officer of Gujarat Ports Infrastructure Company Limited of the Gujarat Maritime Cluster.
- The Gujarat Maritime Cluster is the first of its kind Commercial Maritime Cluster in the country aimed at creating a hub for maritime services of international standards.
- Gujarat Maritime Board established GMC through its subsidiary, Gujarat Ports Infrastructure Company Limited, to provide impetus to the overhauling of the state and nation's maritime sector by developing an integrated ecosystem of soft services related to the global maritime and shipping industry in line with the concept of 'the sum of the whole is greater than the sum of the individual companies.'

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023

- In the Finals of FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela, FIH President Tayyab Ikram presented the FIH President's Award to VK Pandian, Secretary to the Chief Minister of Odisha, for his commendable contribution to hockey.
- The FIH President highlighted the crucial role played by CM Naveen Patnaik along with VK Pandian in hosting a glorious Hockey World Cup.

## OBITUARY

### 1) K.V. Tirumalesh, 82, passed away

- Noted Kannada writer K.V. Tirumalesh, 82, passed away in Hyderabad. K.V. Tirumalesh was suffering from age-related illnesses.
- He was regarded as one of the most versatile writers across genres and a man with eclectic interests.
- He is primarily recognized as a poet and honored with the Sahitya Akademi award for his innovative work Akshaya Kavya — "a long narrative sans story or aim" as he described it — he wrote extensively across genres, including plays, short stories, novels, translations, and criticism.



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## 2) K. Vishwanath passed away

- Legendary film director K. Vishwanath passed away in Hyderabad on February 2, at the age of 92 while undergoing treatment for age-related illnesses at a hospital.
- In a career spanning seven decades, Vishwanath wrote, directed and acted in several movies. Though his work was primarily in Telugu cinema, he also directed several Hindi remakes.

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