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## NATIONAL

### 1) 8th National Ayurveda Day

- Union Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, inaugurated a month-long celebration drive emphasizing the significance of Ayurveda and its role in promoting holistic well-being across India.
- The 8th National Ayurveda Day, observed as a tribute to Lord Dhanvantari, the God of Ayurveda, and coincides with Dhanteras, a day dedicated to seeking blessings for good health.
- Ayurveda Day 2023 carries the tagline “Ayurveda for everyone on every day,” emphasizing its applicability to every aspect of life, from humans to animals, plants, and the environment.

### 2) MoU between IGNOU and ICAI

- The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has renewed and restructured its Memorandum of Understanding with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.
- It aims to enhance academic collaboration between these two esteemed institutions, ushering in a new era of educational opportunities for students in the field of Chartered Accountancy.

### 3) “Krish, Trish, and Baltiboy – Bharat Hain Hum”

- Union Minister Shri Anurag Thakur has launched the trailer of “Krish, Trish, and Baltiboy – Bharat Hain Hum”.
- It is an animated series consisting of two seasons, produced by Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Graphiti Studios.
- It is an effort to educate the youth about the lesser known but significant contributors of the freedom struggle



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#### 4) Operation Ajay

- India has launched Operation Ajay, a dedicated initiative to facilitate the safe return of its citizens from Israel amidst the ongoing developments in the region.
- Special charter flights and other arrangements are being organized to bring back Indian citizens from Israel.

#### 5) “Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas”

- The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has inaugurated the ‘Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas’ (SHRESHTA).
- Its main objective is to extend the influence of government development programs and address service gaps in regions predominantly inhabited by SC communities within the education sector and to provide high-quality education to SC students.

### STATE NEWS

#### 1) Gangetic Dolphin

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced Gangetic Dolphin, as the state’s aquatic animal.
- Uttar Pradesh’s decision to declare the Gangetic Dolphin as the state aquatic animal and the launch of the “Meri Ganga Meri Dolphin 2023” campaign demonstrate the government’s commitment to wildlife conservation, and maintaining the purity of rivers and ponds.
- The estimated population of Gangetic dolphins in Uttar Pradesh is currently around 2000.



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## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Navneet Munot

- The Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) has recently elected Navneet Munot, the Managing Director and CEO of HDFC Asset Management.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

### 1) SEBI said to probe Adani-Gulf Asia ties

- India's market regulator is investigating the relationship between the Adani Group and a fund incorporated in the British Virgin Islands to see if there has been a violation of share-ownership rules.
- The fund is called Gulf Asia Trade & Investment. It is owned by Dubai businessman Nasser Ali Shaban Ahli.

### 2) “Kotak bank to focus on SMEs in the South”

- Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. will focus on the SME and mid-market segments in the South by adding two-three markets every year in the region to drive wholesale banking group growth.

### 3) MTR Foods will now be Orkla India

- MTR Foods, which owns the popular spices and curry powder brands MTR and Eastern, has been renamed Orkla India.
- Orkla also announced the restructuring of MTR's operations into three units: MTR, Eastern, and International Business (IB).

### 4) Texmo buys Germany's Feinguss Blank

- Texmo Precision Castings has acquired 75.1% stake in Feinguss Blank, a German company with plants in Germany and Romania.



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## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

### 1) "The Book of Life: My Dance with Buddha for Success"

- Vivek Agnihotri has launched his latest book, "The Book of Life: My Dance with Buddha for Success" in Lucknow.
- Vivek Agnihotri was the director of "The Kashmir Files".

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) World Sight Day

- The second Thursday of October every year is observed as World Sight Day to raising awareness about vision impairment and blindness.
- In 2023 the day is observed on 12th October.
- Theme of 2023: "Love Your Eyes at Work".

## SPORTS

### 1) 62nd National Open Athletics Championships 2023

- The 62nd National Open Athletics Championships 2023 started in Bengaluru.
- In the semi-finals of the Men's 100m, Manikanta Hoblidhar sprinted crossing the finish line in first place with a remarkable timing of 10.23 seconds.

### 2) World Cup 2023

- Rohit Sharma smashed his 31st ODI century against Afghanistan in 63 balls, fetching him the record for the fastest century ever by an Indian in the history of World Cup.
- Before Rohit, the milestone belonged to Kapil Dev off 72 balls against Zimbabwe in 1983.



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