

NEWS-INSHORTS

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KARNATAKA/INDIA/INTERNATIONAL-CURRENT AFFAIRS

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- Country's 1st Unity Mall to be built in Ujjain, Unity Mall will act as a one stop market place for promotion and sale of One District One Product, GI Product, Handicraft Product and other local products
- The Gati Shakti plan aims to achieve various targets for infrastructure development in India.
- North India's first nuclear power plant coming up in Haryana village: Jitendra Singh. North India's first nuclear power plant will come up in Haryana in the village of Gorakhpur in Fatehabad district
- BSR Subrahmanyam new CEO of NITI Aayog
- Ajay Banga new CEO World Bank
- Ministry of external affair hosted Asia Economic Dialogue in Pune
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- DUSTLIK-2003 India-Uzbekistan military exercise in Uttarakhand
- Hwasong-15 North Korea's Intercontinental ballistic missile
- First surface to surface missile- Prithvi was India's first indigenously developed surface-to-surface short-range ballistic missile. It was the first test-fired on 25 February 1988. Prithvi is capable of carrying a nuclear warhead as well
- Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation, Astra is India's first air-to-air missile. An air-to-air missile is a type of missile that is fired from one aircraft to destroy another. Astra is suitable for both short-range (20 km) as well as long-range targets (80 km).
- Lithium reserves were found for the first time in India- J&K
- Jupiter has highest number of moons
- Qualcomm company launched the world's first satellite based two way messaging system
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- Bard is an AI Chatbot that is being developed by- Google
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- **BIND (Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development scheme) scheme by the ministry of Information and Broadcasting**
- **34 is the strength of the supreme court of India**
- **as per the Economic survey the estimated economic growth rate would be 6.5%**
- **Maharashtra received the highest GST compensation**
- **Soliga ecarinata was the wasp found in BR Hills of Karnataka**
- **After receiving the no-objection letter from the Union Home Ministry, the Government of Maharashtra issued the notification to change the name of Aurangabad city to Chatrapati Sambhajinagar and Osmnabad city to Dharashiv**
- **PARAKH, India's first national assessment regulator, aims to standardize assessment for over 60 boards in the country.**
- **Karnataka and Gujarat are among the major states making the most progress in transition to clean electricity. This is according to a new report on 'Indian States' Energy Transition', prepared by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) along with EMBER.**
- **The Keeladi museum was inaugurated by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin in Sivaganga district. This museum showcases the life of ancient Tamils during the Sangam Age.**
- **The Arunachal Pradesh Protection of Drinking Water Catchment Areas Bill, 2023 was recently passed via voice vote by the state assembly.**
- **The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) recently released the Landslide Atlas of India, which identifies landslide hotspots in the country.**
- **The International Criminal Court, headquartered in Hague, recently issued an arrest warrant against Russian President Putin for the alleged war crime of the unlawful deportation and transfer of children from occupied areas in Ukraine to the Russian Federation.**
- **The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) launched the "Heal in India" initiative, a pan-India initiative catering to citizens of world.**
- **The Nepal-India Literature Festival was jointly organized by the Biratnagar Metropolitan City and Krantidhara Literature Academy of Meerut, India.**

It concluded with the adoption of a 10-point Biratnagar declaration, highlighting the mutual promotion of literature between Nepal and India.

- Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of 'Sahakar Samridhi Soudha' in Bengaluru. Sahakar Samridhi Soudha is a 67-acre market yard for agriculture marketing.
- Project Tiger will complete 50 years in 2023. It was launched in 1973 in Corbett National Park to conserve tiger population in India.
- The Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing (SWAMIH) Investment Fund I is a social impact fund.
- Karnataka government has introduced the 'Koosina Mane' initiative, which aims to provide childcare support for women enrolled under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and other working mothers.
- India's First Marina In Byndoor In Udupi district's Byndoor, the Karnataka government will construct the nation's first marina, or a boat basin offering dockage. A marina is a recreational area created specifically for yachts and small boats
- PM Modi inaugurates world's longest railway platform in Hubballi-Dharwad
- he Karnataka Gruha Laxmi Scheme was launched by the government to provide financial support to women of Karnataka State with an amount of 2000 rupees.
- The U.S. President Joe Biden announced that the country is nominating Ajay Banga to lead the World Bank
- Race Across India is Asia's longest ever cycle race. It was kicked off recently from Srinagar in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
- The One Nation, One Challan initiative aims to integrate all related agencies such as traffic police and Regional Transport Offices (RTO) on a single platform for seamless collection of traffic fines and data transfer.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched a new mission called "Har Payment Digital" as part of its efforts to make every Indian a user of digital payments.

- The Rajasthan state government has tabled the Right to Healthcare Bill recently. The purpose of this legislation is to provide free and affordable medical services in public and private hospitals, clinics and laboratories.
- Taiwan unveiled its first portable attack drone, an unmanned aerial vehicle named 'Kamikaze'. This is like a U.S. model used in Ukraine's fight against Russia.
- The second meeting of the newly formed Startup 20 Engagement Group under India's G20 Presidency was held on 18-19 March in Gangtok, Sikkim.
- Yuva Vigyani Karyakram (YUVIKA) is a young scientist programme organized by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- "Arogya Pushti" will be adopted by the government which will be addressing malnutrition, anaemia and low weight on a life cycle basis.
- Vidhyavahini' Scheme: Free Bus Pass to girl students studying in school-colleges
- Shrama-shakthi Scheme - Under this scheme, to develop the traditional skills, to continue in the same business or to start a small business or to improve their businesses, religious minority community entrepreneurs will be trained in artistic and technical skills, and provided a loan of Rs. 50,000/- with 4% rate of interest, to be paid in 36 instalments.
- Karnataka will get the prestigious RashtriyaRaksha University in Shivamogga. It will start functioning from the 2023--24 academic year.
- Proton therapy, also called proton beam therapy, is a type of radiation therapy. It uses protons rather than x-rays to treat cancer. A machine called a synchrotron or cyclotron speeds up protons. A proton is a positively charged particle. At high energy, protons can destroy cancer cells.
- On this date in 1872, Yellowstone National Park, the world's first national park, was established in the U.S.
- Centre launches 'VAIBHAV Fellowship' for NRI researchers the duration of the fellowship is three years with the government offering the researchers an amount of up to Rs 37 lakh for the entire period.
- Uttarakhand: Ex DUSTLIK2023, a Joint Exercise between India & Uzbekistan is progressing with full steam covering the vast canvas of multi-domain operation in a sub-conventional environment

- Karnataka is the first State in the country to start this initiative under Matru Chaitanya, a scheme that provides counselling for pregnant and lactating women.
- Thai cards are issued to women seeking maternity services through the public healthcare system.
- Kaveri-2, a software designed to prevent multiple registration of the same property and other fraudulent transactions, will be adopted by all sub-registrars' offices in Karnataka within three months
- Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs) shall be appointed on the advice of a committee comprising the Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Chief Justice of India.
- "Samarth" (Scheme for Capacity Building in Textiles Sector) Scheme of Ministry of Textiles operational till March 2024 1.50 lakh persons imparted skill (70% employed) under the Scheme More than 85% beneficiaries are women, majority are from marginalized sections of society The scheme aims at employment linkage through Textile Industry collaboration
- Samarth is a demand driven and placement-oriented umbrella skilling programme of Ministry of Textile
- One of the Seven Wonders of Karnataka, the site of "Hirebenkal Sheela Samadhi" is located in Gangavati Taluk of Koppal District. Hirebenakal Moryara (Morare) dates back to the 10th century BC.
- World's first 200-meter-long Bamboo Crash Barrier "Bahu Balli" installed on the Vani-Warora Highway, Vidarbha, Maharashtra.
- The Megha-Tropiques-1 (MT1) is a joint Indo-French satellite launched in 2011 for tropical weather and climate studies, which was providing data services, supporting regional and global climate models till 2021.
- adenovirus infection - for the first time widespread in West Bengal
- Tokyo Olympic Games silver--medallist weightlifter Mirabai Chanu has bagged the 2022 'BBC Indian Sportswoman--of--the--Year' award
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has received the NASA-ISRO SAR (NISAR) satellite from the U.S. space agency, NISAR is a Low Earth Orbit observatory jointly developed by NASA and ISRO.

- Bengaluru stands at the top in terms of human development achievement, followed by Dakshina Kannada, Chikkamagaluru, Udupi and Kodagu
- Nepal elects Ram Chandra Poudel as new President
- Australia will host the Malabar multilateral naval exercise, consisting of India, Australia, Japan and the U.S., for the first time this year 2023.
- Karnataka reports India's first death from H3N2 virus
- The world's longest railway platform constructed at Hubli railway station, Hubli-Dadar and Belgaum-Secunderabad new trains, Hospet-Hubli-Tinaighata electric train line will be launched.
- Cyclone Freddy, packing powerful winds and torrential rain, killed at least 70 in Malawi and Mozambique on its return to southern Africa. Freddy, set to become the longest-lasting storms, barrelled through southern Africa.
- Chenab bridge: The world's highest rail bridge in India is an engineering marvel | Architectural Digest India.
- 'Kashi' (Varanasi) has been designated as the first cultural capital of the SCO region. India as the President of SCO for the year 2023, is chairing the 2nd meeting of tourism Expert Working Group 14-15 March 2023 in 'Kashi' (Varanasi). Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) is an intergovernmental organization comprising eight Member States China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, four Observer States and six "Dialogue Partners"
- Indira Gandhi Tulip Garden, Asia's largest tulip garden, ensconced between Dal Lake and the Zabarwan hills
- PM MITRA- (Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel scheme) parks will provide the best eco system for the textile industry to be collectively present in one location, with plug-and-play infrastructure, and improve the competitiveness of the textile value chain.
- Rajasthan: India's first behavioural lab to be set up in Jaipur
- Sagar Parikrama is an initiative aiming to resolve the issues of fishermen and other stakeholders and to facilitate their economic upliftment through various schemes and programs being implemented by the Government of India

- A new species of gecko, *Cnemaspis ganeshiahi*, has been discovered in the Male Mahadeshwara Hills (MM Hills) in Chamarajanagar, Karnataka. This gecko species is endemic to this area and has been named after KN Ganeshaiah, a renowned agricultural scientist and Kannada writer.
- The mission is aimed at sending three personnel to 6000-metre depth in a vehicle called 'MATSYA 6000' for the exploration of deep-sea resources like minerals. 'MATSYA 6000' vehicle is being designed and developed by National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai under Ministry of Earth Sciences. It is India's first unique manned ocean mission and is a part of the Rs 6000-crores Deep Ocean Mission.
- Shramya Shakti' Scheme: Rs. 1,000 per month assistance to landless women farm labourers through DBT
- MQ-9A 'Reaper' The 'predator' in the sky The U.S. drone that was forced down by Russian jets in the Black Sea is one of the most advanced remotely piloted aircraft that are operated by many countries, including India
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is organising a young scientist programme, Yuva Vigyani Karyakram (YUVIKA), to impart basic knowledge on space technology, space science and space applications to students of Class IX.
- Carnatic vocalist Bombay Jayashree has been selected for the Sangita Kalanidhi award of the Music Academy for 2023. The Nritya Kalanidhi award for dance will go to Vasanthalakshmi Narasimhachari.
- Thailand becomes first asian country to legalise marijuana
- The World Happiness Report unveiled by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network showed Finland scores "significantly ahead of all other countries" in the ranking, followed by #Denmark in the second place and #Iceland in third.
- the Karnataka government has issued an order for how many minutes to sing the Naad Geete 2 minutes 30 seconds
- 'Ayushmani women's clinic'. will be painted in pink colour, including the building, bed sheets and covers, to ensure uniformity and for easy identification Bruhat

Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will start dedicated women's clinics in 57 locations.

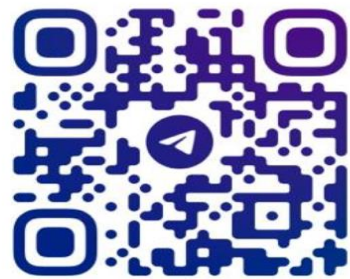
- India hockey team's player Rani Rampal has become the #first woman in the sport to have a stadium named after her, in Rae Bareli.
- National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) Scheme was launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE).
- India's first agri chatbot Ama KrushAI launched in Odisha
- The government set up "ramachandran committee" to study on Panchayath raj training centers
- ISRO launches India's largest LVM3 rocket with 36 satellites
- India tested an anti-satellite weapon (#ASAT) during an operation code named Mission #Shakti. It is a joint programme of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), It has successfully destroyed a live satellite in the Low Earth Orbit(an altitude of 300 km). With this test India is now in the league of three countries after the U.S., Russia, and China to have such technology.
- Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Area (SHRESHTA) and Support for Marginalised Individual for Livelihood and Enterprise (SMILE) are being implemented by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI) centre will be set up by the Maharashtra Government in Mumbai.



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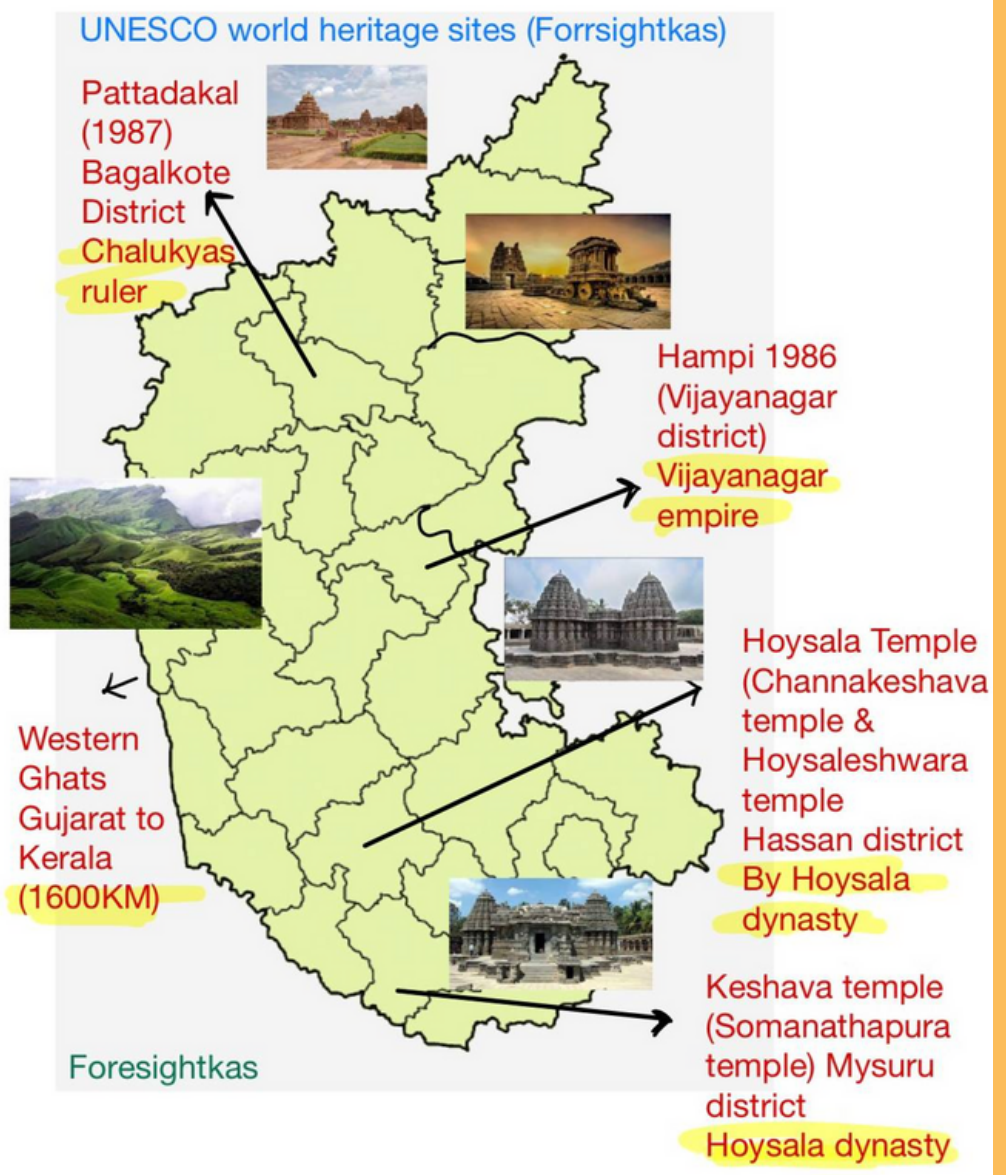
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