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### National and international News

<p><b>International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2023</b></p>  <p><b>INTERNATIONAL DAY for the ERADICATION of POVERTY</b> 17 OCTOBER</p> <p><b>Building Forward Together:</b> Ending Persistent Poverty, Respecting all People and our Planet</p> <p>ATD FOR HUMANITY   HIGH COMMITTEE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT   OVERCOMING EXTREME POVERTY</p> <p>UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS</p>	<p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme: <b>'Decent Work and Social Protection: Putting Dignity in Practice for All.'</b></li> <li>• The United Nations officially designated October 17 as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.</li> <li>• It recognizes and acknowledges efforts of people in poverty, amplifies their concerns, and honors their role in poverty alleviation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Selfie points to showcase 'good work'</b></p>  <p>#लारी शक्ति</p>	<p><b>Context</b> The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has directed its departments to set up geotagged selfie points to <b>"showcase good works done in the Defence"</b> sector.</p> <p><b>Key points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministry of Defence directs the setup of <b>822 geotagged selfie points</b>.</li> <li>• Points showcase achievements in the <b>Defence sector</b>, possibly featuring PM Modi.</li> <li>• Aim is to make people feel part of the <b>Defence initiative</b>.</li> <li>• Themes include <b>Atmanirbhar Bharat, empowerment, research &amp; development, etc.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Modi 'directs' ISRO to land man on moon by 2040</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Indian Prime Minister instructed ISRO for <b>indigenous space station by 2035</b>.</li> <li>• Aims for landing an Indian on the Moon by <b>2040</b>.</li> <li>• Plans to establish <b>"Bharatiya Antariksha Station"</b> by 2035.</li> </ul> <p><b>About ISRO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISRO is the space agency under the Department of Space of Government of India, headquartered in the city of <b>Bengaluru, Karnataka</b>.</li> <li>• Its vision is to harness space technology for national development, while pursuing space science research and planetary exploration.</li> <li>• <b>Antrix Corporation Limited (ACL)</b> is a Marketing arm of ISRO for promotion and commercial</li> </ul>



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	<p>exploitation of space products, technical consultancy services and transfer of technologies developed by ISRO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Shri S. Somanath</b> is the incumbent chairman of ISRO.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Waheeda Rehman gets Phalke Award</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● President gave away the national film awards for 2021 under various categories at the <b>69th edition</b> of the ceremony</li> <li>● The prestigious <b>DadaSaheb Phalke Award</b> was conferred on veteran actor Waheeda Rehman.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Award recipients (in table below)</b></p>

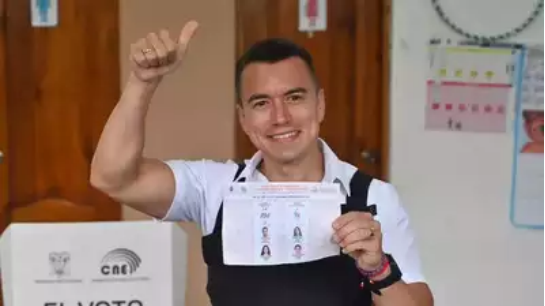
Award	Film or Actor
Best Feature Film	Rocketry: The Nambi Effect
Best Male Actor	Allu Arjun for Pushpa (The Rise Part 1)
Best Female Actor	Alia Bhatt for Gangubai Kathiawadi
Best Female Actor	Kriti Sanon for Mimi
Best Feature Film on National Integration	The Kashmir Files
Best Debut Film of a Director	Meppadiyan
Best Direction	Godavari (The Holy Water)
Best Popular Film providing Entertainment	RRR

<p><b>redRail makes real-time train info accessible via WhatsApp</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>redRail</b>, a rail ticketing platform, offers journey updates, including live train status and PNR status, via WhatsApp.</li> <li>● Passengers can access information by sending 'Hi' to redRail's Railbot number on WhatsApp (+91 9538039911).</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Modi unveils long-term blueprint for India's maritime economy</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b></p> <p>Prime Minister unveiled the '<b>Amrit Kaal Vision 2047</b>' while inaugurating Global Maritime India Summit 2023 in Mumbai through video conference.</p> <p><b>Key points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Amrit Kaal Vision 2047</b> is a long-term blueprint for</li> </ul>
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	<p>the Indian maritime blue economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blueprint focuses on port enhancement, sustainability, and global cooperation.</li> <li>• Emphasizes sea routes in global trade and reliable supply chains.</li> <li>• Major ports' capacity doubled, big vessel turnaround time reduced.</li> <li>• Foundation stone laid for ₹23,000 crore projects in alignment with the blue economy.</li> </ul>
<p><b>India and U.K. discuss Indo-Pacific and trade</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b> Reaffirming mutual commitment to maritime freedom, India and the U.K. discussed the situation in the Indo-Pacific region. The discussion was held during the inaugural <b>“2+2” Foreign and Defence Dialogue.</b></p> <p><b>Key points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The two sides also discussed possibilities for further collaboration in trade and investment, defence, critical and emerging technologies, civil aviation, health, energy, and strengthening peoples connect.</li> <li>• They discussed ideas regarding counterterrorism, HADR and maritime security.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Person in news: Daniel Noboa</b></p> 	<p><b>Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Banana empire heir <b>Daniel Noboa</b>, became Ecuador's youngest-ever President-elect. (33yrs)</li> <li>• He vowed to “restore peace” to a country ravaged by a bloody drug gang war.</li> </ul>



Kerala Regional News

Environmentalist Shobeendran dies



In news:

- **Shobeendran** (1947-2023) was a **prominent environmentalist**, social activist, and writer from Kerala, India.
- He was widely known for his distinctive green attire and his tireless efforts to protect the environment and the rights of the marginalized.

Key Points:

- Shobeendran was born in **Kozhikode, Kerala, in 1947**.
- He began his career as a teacher, but soon became involved in environmental and social movements.
- In the 1970s and 1980s, he was at the forefront of the struggle against the destruction of forests and **wetlands in Kerala**.
- He also worked extensively with **adivasi communities** and other marginalized groups to help them secure their rights.
- Shobeendran was a recipient of numerous awards and honors for his work, including the **Indira Priyadarshini VrikshaMitra Award from the Government of India and the Kerala State Vanamitra Award**.
- He was also a member of the **State Biodiversity Board of Kerala**.

Person in News: Cheruvayal Raman



In News:

- Known as the **guardian of native paddy species** and India's living paddy gene bank, Cheruvayal Raman.
- The tribal farmer **belonging to the Kurichiya tribe**, continues reminding society of the need to preserve **age-old practices of sustainable farming**.

Key Points:

- Raman leads campaign for preserving **indigenous rice and traditional farming**.
- Advocates for return to **natural pollination** for healthier, disease-resistant crops.
- Warns against **genetically modified rice**, citing potential harm to immunity.
- Criticizes modern farming policies for causing health issues in children.

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) summit

In News:

- To make Kerala the most preferred destination for medical value tourism, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) will organize the **fifth edition of the Global Ayurveda Summit** and the **10th edition of the Kerala Health Tourism Summit**.



### Global Ayurveda Summit 2023

### Kerala Health Tourism Summit

#### Key Points:

- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is glad to announce the 5th edition of the **"Global Ayurveda Summit "** on 26 & 27 October 2023 at Adlux International Convention Center, **Ernakulam, Kerala.**
  - It is an international annual event started to serve as a **force to galvanize the Ayurvedic sector** to aspire, plan and achieve greater heights.
- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Kerala is organizing its flagship event, 10th Edition of **"Kerala Health Tourism – International Conference & Exhibition "** on 26 & 27 October 2023 at Adlux International Convention Center, **Ernakulam, Kerala.**
  - The program envisages a convergence of healthcare providers, industry leaders, thought leaders and stakeholders from Industry, Government & Academia to promote **Kerala as a preferred destination for health tourism.**

### The 16th Agricultural Science Congress (ASC)



#### In News:

- The 16th Agricultural Science Congress (ASC) hosted by the **National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) in Kochi** came to a close.
- Scientists gave a call to prohibit the intentional killing of marine mammals in **commercial fisheries.**

#### Key Points:

- **MPEDA**(Marine Products Export Development Authority) emphasizes compliance with **US MMPA**(US Marine Mammal Protection Act ) for marine mammal protection.
- The **US** is a significant market, constituting **33% of India's seafood exports.**
- Non-compliance may adversely affect Indian seafood exports and fishermen livelihoods.
- **CMFRI**(The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute) conducts research on marine mammals to assess status, environmental factors, and conservation measures.

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