

## National News

**The Global India AI 2023 Conference is scheduled to be held in October.**

- India is scheduled to host the **first phase or edition** of the "Global India AI 2023" conference in **October** this year.
- The conference aims to provide a unique platform to discuss various topics on **next-generation learning and fundamental artificial intelligence models, applications of artificial intelligence (AI) in governance, healthcare, electric vehicles and computer systems.**

**Mahendragiri is scheduled to be launched in Mumbai on September 1.**

- Newly designed and built at **Mazagon Dock** shipyard in **Mumbai**, Maharashtra, the new warship 'Mahendragiri' is scheduled to be launched on **01 September.**
- Notably, it is the **seventh** enemy radar-evasion type **warship** under the **Indian Navy's program 17A.** The warship will be launched by Vice President of India **Jagdeep Dhankar** and his wife **Dr. Sudesh Dhankar.**

**The Union Ministry has entered into an MoU with NSKFDC for strategic partnership.**

- The **Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** has on **August 30** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC)** for strategic partnership and management for the financial years **2023-24 and 2024-25.**
- This strategic partnership has been entered into with the main objective of ensuring socio-economic development of **Safai officials, waste pickers, manual scavengers and their dependents.**

**The Union Finance Minister will launch the 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar' scheme on September 1.**

- Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** will launch the "**Mera Bill Mera Adhikar**" scheme in **Gurugram**, Haryana on **September 1, 2023**, Deputy Chief Minister **Chautala** has recently announced.
- He will launch the program at an event organized in the "**Sector 15**" area of **Gurugram**, the notification said. The project aims to upload the receipts of all **consumer goods purchases** in the state on the **portal.** He said that this project will play an important role in **GST collection.**

**IIT Guwahati has entered into an MoU agreement with NRL organization for development of sustainable materials.**

- **Numaligarh Refinery Limited(NRL)** has on **August 30** entered into a major MoU with IIT Guwahati to develop technology to produce marketable graded **carbon** from **bamboo dust** as part of its **R&D initiative.**
- The MoU envisages the establishment of a **5 MT/unit capacity** plant to produce activated **green carbon** through **bamboo dust replacement technology.**

**A memorandum of understanding has been entered into with a Brazilian university to promote academic cooperation.**

- India's premier academic institution, **Lucknow University**, on **August 30** signed an agreement with Brazil's flagship university, **Universidade de São Paulo (USP).**
- It has been undertaken with the primary objective of **promoting cooperation** in the **fields of cultural exchange, education and research.** It is notable that the agreement covers various activities such as integrated teaching initiatives, strategically aligned **professional development initiatives.**

## International news

### UK and Kuwait sign Investment Cooperation Agreement

- **Kuwait** and the **UK** signed a memorandum of understanding on **August 30** on **cooperation and investment partnership** in key sectors of the two countries.
- The agreement was signed in the presence of **British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak** and **Kuwaiti Crown Prince Sheikh Mishaal** at **10 Downing in London**. It is significant that this agreement has been made with the aim of increasing investment in the important sectors of **trade, economy, education, scientific research and export of raw materials** of both countries.

### General Nguema has been chosen as the transitional president of the Central African country of Gabon.

- Following the worst of the recent coup in the **Central African nation of Gabon**, **Republican Party leader General Brice Oligui Nguema** has been chosen as the country's **transitional president or leader**.
- Notably, the appointment comes hours after the announcement of a military takeover of the country following the ousting of President **Ali Bongo** over disputed elections in the country on **August 26**.

## State news

### The Union Minister inaugurated Utkela Airport.

- **Union Minister of Civil Aviation Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia** and Director of Ministry of Civil Aviation **Vijay Kumar Singh** (retd) along with MoS inaugurated **Odisha's Utkela Airport** on **August 31**.
- At the same time, he has also opened a direct flight between Utkela and the state capital Bhubaneswar. **Utkela-Bhubaneswar-Utkela** air route is said to improve the **regional air connectivity** of the state and play an important role in **economic development**.

## Appointments

### Appointment of Driss El Hadani as Senior Advisor to UNOOSA.

- In its latest announcement, **Morocco's CRTS** has appointed **Dr. Driss El Hadani**, Director General, as the **United Nations Chief Senior Adviser on Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)**.
- **UNOOSA** will provide expert advice and **scientific research support** for the **space science and educational activities and projects** implemented by **UNOOSA**, the statement said. It is also reported that he will manage the office functions related to its **regional centers** affiliated with the **UN Council**.

### Saurabh Taneja appointed as new CFO of Mahindra Logistics.

- **Mahindra**, the world's largest logistics services provider, announced on **August 31** that it has appointed **Saurabh Taneja** as its **Chief Financial Officer for all market blog and live operations**.
- The appointment was informed that the decision was taken and approved in a recent meeting of the **Board of Directors**. At the same time, **Ashay Shah** has been appointed as **Head of LMD & Corporate Strategy**.

### Rikhil Shah appointed as Chief Financial Officer of Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company.

- The most popular **Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company** has appointed **Rikhil K. Shah** as the new **Chief Financial Officer (CFO)**, according to the company's latest announcement.
- He will be primarily responsible for assessing and **managing key financial risks** and **directing the company's financial operations**, while ensuring compliance with the company's regulatory norms.

## Awards

**Korvi has received the Magsaysay Award, the 'Nobel Prize of Asia'.**

- **Korvi Rakshand**, founder of the renowned **JAAGO Foundation**, has been announced on **31st August 2023** as the recipient of the **2023 Raman Magsaysay Award** in the **Emerging Leadership category**.
- The formal awards of the Ramon Magsaysay Organization will be presented on **November 11, 2023** at the **Metropolitan Campus** in **Manila**, the capital of the **Philippines**. This award is commonly referred to as the **Nobel Prize of Asia**.

**Ektaa becomes the first Indian filmmaker to win the International Emmy Directing Award.**

- **Ektaa Kapoor** will be honored with the **2023 International Emmy Directing Award**, announced on **August 30** by **Bruce L. Paisner**, president of the **International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences**.
- It has been reported that the award will be given to him at the **51st and 2023 International Emmy Awards ceremony** to be held in **New York City** on **November 20**.

**MRPL wins Global Water Management Company Award.**

- **Mangalore Refining and Petrochemicals Company (MRPL)** has bagged the award for **Global Water Management Company of the Year 2023**.
- These prestigious awards are presented by the **Energy and Environment Foundation (EEF)**. Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs **Kaushal Kishore** presented the award on **August 25, 2023** in the national capital, **New Delhi**.

**Arjun won the Focus Telangana Sportstar Award for Emerging Hero category.**

- Indian Grandmaster **Arjun Erikaisi** was selected in the "**Emerging Hero**" category at the **Sportstar Focus Telangana conference** held on **August 30** in **Hyderabad**.
- Notably, he is one of a group of talented youngsters making huge waves in the world of chess and it is special that two-time Olympic medalist **PV Sindhu** has honored Arjun's parents with this **prestigious award**.

## Important day

**National Nutrition Week 2023**

- **National Nutrition Week** is observed every year on the **first week of September (September 1 to 7)** to create **awareness** around the world about the **importance of proper nutrition and maintaining a healthy lifestyle** and how proper eating habits can contribute to the **longevity of life**.
- This week was introduced by the American Dietetic Association in **March 1973**. It is also significant that in **1982**, the **Government of India** started celebrating this week. "**Making Healthy Diet Affordable for All**" is the theme for this year.