

## National News

### A plan to overhaul the 163-year-old Indian Penal Code.

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** recently introduced the **Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023** in Parliament to replace the 163-year-old **Indian Penal Code of 1860**.
- **The Bharatiya Sakshya Bill, 2023** and the **The Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha, 2023** amend the **Indian Evidence Act, 1872** and the **Criminal Procedure Code, 1973** respectively.

## International news

### An exhibition on "Glory of Indian Art" is planned to be held in Dhaka.

- **The Indian High Commission in Bangladesh** has organized an exhibition titled "**Glory of Indian Art**" in commemoration of the grand event "**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**" at the Indira Gandhi Cultural Center in its capital **Dhaka** on **August 11**.
- Indian High Commissioner **Pranai Verma** inaugurated the exhibition showcasing **75 works of art by renowned Bangladeshi artists**. It also promotes cultural exchange between the two countries and the exhibition is designed to highlight the deep bond between **India** and **Bangladesh** to the world.

## State news

### The Union Minister laid the foundation stone for IFFCO Nano Urea Plant.

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** laid the foundation stone for the **National IFFCO Nano Urea Plant at Gandhidam, Kutch, Gujarat** on **August 12**. The event is part of his **two-day** tour of Gujarat.
- The Union Minister said the plant is designed to fulfill the primary goals of the new green revolution to help the country become **self-sufficient in food production** and bring **prosperity to farmers**.

### A one-day National Conference on "Nalanda Buddhism" begins.

- **BD Mishra**, as **Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh**, formally inaugurated a one-day national conference on the category of "**Nalanda Buddhism**" in **August 2023** at the **Central Buddhist Research Institute in its capital, Leh**.
- The conference is organized by the **Indian Himalayan Division of the Nalanda Buddhist Tradition** in joint collaboration with the **All Ladakh Gonpa Organization** and the **Ladakh Buddhist Association**. The conference is organized with the objective of retrieving the source material in the footsteps of **Nalanda Buddhism** and discussing the challenges for Nalanda Buddhism.

### The country's first Agricultural Data Management Framework has been launched in Hyderabad.

- Telangana State Industries Minister **K Ramarao** inaugurated **India's first Agricultural Data Management Framework (ADMF)** and **Agricultural Data Exchange Framework (ADeX)** in the state capital **Hyderabad** in August 2023.
- It is notable that **ADeX** and **ADMF** have been developed as a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for the Central Department of Agriculture and a joint collaboration between **State Governments-World Economic Forum-Indian Institute of Science**.
- The system aims to facilitate secure and standards-based data exchange management among agricultural data providers such as government **agencies, non-governmental organizations** and **private companies**.

### BAI has started a National Center of Excellence in Guwahati.

- In a major boost to the development of badminton in the country and the North Eastern region, the **Badminton Association of India (BAI)** inaugurated a "state-of-the-art **National Center of Excellence**" in **Guwahati, Assam** on **August 11**.
- The center is designed with international standard facilities. In addition, the center will be equipped with state-of-the-art fitness equipment, including a **60-bed** and **2,000-square-** dedicated **physiotherapy center** to ensure

athletes receive the utmost care and support to maintain their peak performance, the BAI organization said in its announcement.

### Appointments

#### Anurag Tiwari appointed as National Education Director for Unacademy Institutional Centres.

- Learning platform **Unacademy** has announced in its latest announcement on **August 11** that Anurag Tiwari has been appointed as the Countrywide **National Education Director** for **Unacademy Institutional Centers**.
- It is notable that before this appointment, he has worked for **13 years** as the Countrywide **National Education Director at Aakash Educational Services**, India's largest learning platform. The company also said that he is expected to further improve this learning platform through his continuous efforts through this appointment.

#### Kunal Vasudeva has been appointed as the Managing Director of ISH.

- Culinary and hospitality institute **Indian School of Hospitality (ISH)** has appointed **Kunal Vasudeva** as its **Managing Director**, said in its August announcement.
- It is notable that he has also been promoted to the post of co-founder. It is considered significant that he has served as the **Chief Operating Officer** of the company prior to this appointment. **Dilip Puri, the company's CEO, has now been promoted to "CDO"**.

### Book publication

#### Artificial Intelligence expert Dr. Sachin Sharma has released his new book, The Power of AI.

- Artificial Intelligence enthusiast and author **Dr Sachin Sharma** has released his new book on AI titled **"Prompt DOT AI: Mastering the Art of Creativity in the age of AI"** on **August 10, 2023**.
- This book explores the fascinating **facts and issues** surrounding human creativity and artificial intelligence. This book is designed to provide instructions on how AI triggers can enrich creative output for individuals and startups through innovative technology.

### Awards

#### The National Gopal Ratna Award for the year 2023 is planned to be presented on the National Milk Day of the country.

- **The Ministry of Dairying and Animal Husbandry** had mentioned in its August announcement that it plans to present the **National Gopal Ratna Awards** for 2023 on the country's **National Milk Day**.
- These awards are given every year to encourage dairy cooperatives, dairy farmers and artificial insemination technicians (AITs) under the **RGM scheme**. It is notable that the **RashtriyaGokulMission(RGM)** was launched in India in **December 2014** with the aim of protecting indigenous cattle breeds.

#### CloudThat has received the Microsoft Superstar Award for 2023.

- **Bangalore-based CloudThat**, a training and consulting web solutions provider, has received the **"Microsoft Superstar Award"** for the year 2023 in its latest announcement.
- This is the company's **fifth consecutive award** in the last **four years**. This award is yet another testament to **CloudThat's exceptional commitment** to delivering a variety of development training programs of excellence and excellence.

#### Olympic Referee Vyas has been given a Lifetime Achievement Award.

- **Vyas (Mayur Vyas)**, former **Indian swimmer** and current **coach of the Indian swimming team** and **referee in international swimming competitions**, has been conferred with the **Lifetime Achievement Award** at the **International Glory Awards** in Juhu in August 2023.
- The award was presented to him by Bollywood actress **Kangana Ranaut**. This award has been given to the world for making the **Indian swimming team** aware of the talent through his pioneering efforts.

## Important day

### World Organ Donation Day 2023

- **World Organ Donation Day** is observed on **13th August** every year to create awareness among the world public about the importance of human organ donation and to make people understand the **misconceptions about organ donation**.
- **Step up to volunteer; Need more organ donors to fill the lacunae** is the theme for this year. And it is significant that it focuses on a global call to the global and local public to emphasize the importance of organ donation.

### International Lefthanders Day 2023

- In a world dominated by **right-handed people**, **13th August** is observed every year as "**International Left-Handed Day**" or '**International Left-Day**' to respect and treat left-handed people without discrimination, and to create awareness among people around the world about the daily problems they face.
- The day was first celebrated in **1976** by its founder **Dean R. Campbell** and the UN has mentioned in its report that almost **10 percent** of the world's population is left-handed, and **men are the majority**.

