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1. Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurates Indian Library Congress in Kannur, Kerala (Jan. 2, 2023)

The Kerala Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan** inaugurated Indian Library Congress at the Collectorate Ground in **Kannur**, Kerala on 1 January 2023.

The Indian Library Congress has been organized by the People's Mission for Social Development and Library Council from 1 -3 January 2023 and hosted by Kannur University, Kerala.

Representatives from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Bihar and other states and foreign countries are participating in the Indian Library Congress.

Earlier on 26 December 2022, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan announced that his constituency **[Dharmadam](#)** has become the first complete **library constituency** in India.

2. PM to address 108th Indian Science Congress to be held in Nagpur (Jan. 1, 2023)

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the **108th Indian Science Congress (ISC)** on 3rd January, 2023 through video conferencing. The 108 Indian national Science Congress is being organised by the **Indian Science Congress Association** from 3-7 January 2023 at the **Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University**.

The 107 Indian Science Congress 2022 was held at the University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK Campus, Bangalore, Karnataka in January 2022.

Theme of the 108th Indian Science Congress 2023: Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment”.

The Congress will hold discussions on issues of sustainable development, women empowerment and the role of science & technology in achieving this. A special programme to showcase the contribution of women in science and technology will also be held, which will also witness lectures by renowned women scientists.

Other Programmes at the ISC

Several other programmes will also be organised alongside ISC. **Children's Science Congress** will also be organised to help stimulate scientific interest and temperament among children. **Farmer's Science Congress** will provide a platform to improve the bio-economy and attract youth to agriculture.

Tribal Science Congress will also be held, which will also be a platform for scientific display of indigenous ancient knowledge system and practice, along with focusing on the empowerment of tribal women.

Indian Science Congress Association

The Indian Science Congress Association owes its origin to the two British Chemists, Professor J. L. Simonsen and Professor P. S. Mac Mahon. It was set up in **Kolkata** in 1914.

It was their view that scientific research in India would be stimulated if an annual meeting of research workers somewhat on the lines of the British Association for the Advancement of Science could be arranged.

Every year its members meet annually in the first week of January named Indian Science Congress. The first session of the Congress was held in **1914**.

3. ISRO, NCES and Andhra University to set up equipment along beaches to predict rip currents and prevent drowning at sea (Dec. 31, 2022)

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

The [**Indian Space Research Organisation \(ISRO\)**](#) with **National Centre for Earth Sciences (NCES), Thiruvananthapuram** and Andhra University will jointly set up equipment to forecast **rip currents** at Rushikonda and RK beach of [**Visakhapatnam**](#), Andhra Pradesh.

According to the state government over 200 people have drowned in sea at various beaches in and around Visakhapatnam during 2012 to 2022 and of these, RK beach in the city accounted for 60 percent of deaths. Majority of the death has been due to the presence of rip currents.

The equipment will be used to inform the local marine and local police to alert visitors in the coastal areas.

Rip currents are powerful, narrow channels of fast-moving water which moves from shore towards sea. The rip currents are so powerful that they pull people away from the shorelines towards sea. The majority of people who are pulled away by the rip currents die when they are unable to keep themselves afloat and swim to the shore.

Rip currents are found in almost all the beaches of the world.

4. Union Home Minister Amit Shah lays the foundation stone of the Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) at Devanahalli, Karnataka (Dec. 31, 2022)

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Union Home and Cooperation Minister **Amit Shah** laid the foundation stone of the Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI) at **Devanahalli, Karnataka** on 31 December 2022.

This will be the **6th CDTI** of the Bureau of Police Research & Development under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs in the country.

The Devanahalli center of CDTI will serve the forensic needs of the neighbouring States of **Karnataka, Maharashtra, Goa and the Union Territory of Daman-Diu.**

Central Detective Training Institute (CDTI)

There are five functioning Central Detective Training Institutes (CDTI) in the country under the Bureau of Police Research & Development. The first CDTI was set up in **Calcutta in 1958**. Others are at **Hyderabad, Chandigarh, Jaipur and Ghaziabad**. The objective of the CDIT is to provide training to the police personnel up to Deputy SSP rank.

The main objective of the in-service training is to improve the standard of crime investigation in this country by familiarizing Police Investigation Officers with the various developments in Forensic Science. They are trained to match the skill and resources of the modern criminal with the aids that the progress of science has placed at their disposal. They are taught to adopt scientific methods and new techniques and processes and enlist the aid of various branches of science.

Director General of Bureau of Police Research & Development: **Balaji Srivastatva**

5. Koneru Humpy win's Silver at the World Chess Blitz championship (Dec. 30, 2022)

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Former Indian World Rapid Chess champion **Koneru Humpy** won the **silver medal** in the women's section of the **FIDE World Blitz Chess Championship** that concluded in Almaty, Kazakhstan on 30 December 2022.

She finished on 12.5 points, just half a point behind the winner Bibisara Balabayeva of Kazakhstan. Koneru Humpy has won the World Rapid Chess Championship 2019.

World Rapid and Blitz Chess Championship 2022

The International Chess governing body FIDE organises World Rapid and Blitz chess championship at the end of the year. This year it was held in Kazakhstan's capital **Almaty** from 26-30 December 2022.

World Rapid Chess Championship

It was held on 26 and 28 December at Almaty, Kazakhstan.

In the Rapid section the Men's title was won by No.1 **Magnus Carlsen** of Norway. It was the 4th time that Carlsen has won the Rapid title.

The women's title was won by the Chinese Grand Master **Tan Zhongyi**.

Savitha Shri of India won the Bronze medal in the world Rapid section.

World Blitz Chess Championship

It was held on 29 and 30 December at Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The men's section was won by **Magnus Carlsen**. He became the first player in chess history to hold the **Classical chess world championship, Rapid world championship** and the **Blitz world Championship** at the same time.

Women's Section

The women's section was won by **Bibisara Balabayeva** of Kazakhstan.

Koneru Humpy came second and won the Silver medal.

Indian medal winners in the Rapid and Blitz event

Only **three Indian's** Viswanathan Anand, Koneru Humpy and Savitha Shri have won medals at the FIDE World Rapid and Blitz chess championship.

Viswanathan Anand won the Gold medal in World Rapid and Bronze medal in World Blitz Championship 2017.

FIDE

The International Chess Federation or French acronym FIDE (Fédération Internationale des Échecs) is an international organization that was set up on 20 July 1924 in Paris, France.

It is the international body which governs world chess championships.

President of FIDE: Arkady Dvorkovich,

Headquarters of FIDE: **Lausanne, Switzerland**

6. India, Cyprus signs three agreement during S. Jaishankar visits to Nicosia (Dec. 29, 2022)

Nicosia on 29 December 2022. This is the first visit of S. Jaishankar to Cyprus.

External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** who is on a three day visit (29-31 December 2022) to Cyprus signed a number of agreements with his Cypriot counterpart **Ioannis Kasoulides** in the capital **Nicosia** on 29 December 2022. This is the first visit of S. Jaishankar to Cyprus.

Three agreement signed

Both the ministers signed agreements to;

- Increase defence and military cooperation between the two countries ,
- Letter of Intent on immigration and mobility to check illegal migrations , as well as the agreement on
- Cyprus joining the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

S. Jaishankar also released the **commemorative stamp** on the **75 years of Indian Independence** and **60 years of establishing diplomatic ties with Cyprus.**

The minister said India and Cyprus were collectively working on pressing issues such as food and energy security, maritime security, as well as on sustainable environment.

During his three-day visit to Cyprus, Jaishankar will call **Annita Demetriou**, President of the Cyprus Parliament's House of Representatives.

He will also address the business and investment community of Cyprus, apart from an interaction with the Indian Diaspora.

Republic of Cyprus

It is an island European country in the eastern Mediterranean Sea.

It gained its Independence from Britain in 1960. The country has a majority population which are of Greece descent while the minority population are of Turkish origin.

Turkey invaded Cyprus in 1974 and created a Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in 1983. Except Turkey no country recognises Turkish Cyprus.

India also recognises the Cyprus government.

Capital: **Nicosia**

Currency: **Euro**

President: **Nicos Anastasiades**

7. President Murmu lays foundation stone for PRASHAD project in Bhadrachalam and at Rudreswara Temple (Ramappa), in Telangana (Dec. 28, 2022)

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The President of India **Droupadi Murmu**, laid the foundation stone for the Bhadrachalam **Group of Temple's** project and the Rudreswara **(Ramappa) Temple' project** in Telangana on 28 December 2022 to be developed under the Union Tourism ministry's **PRASHAD** (National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive) Scheme.

The **PRASHAD** scheme was launched by the Union Tourism Ministry in 2014-15 to provide assistance to the states for the integrated infrastructure development of pilgrimage and heritage tourism destinations in the country.

Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Bhadrachalam Group of Temples'

The Bhadrachalam Group of Temples, Sri Seetha Ramchandra Swamyvari Devasthanam, is situated in the Bhadrachalam District of the state of Telangana. It is said to be 350 years old and is associated with Lord Rama with his wife Goddess Sita and brother Lakshmana.

The project has been approved by the Ministry of Tourism at an estimated cost of **Rs 41.38 Crores**.

'Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Infrastructure of UNESCO World Heritage Site at Rudreshwara Temple (Ramappa)'

The project has been approved by the Ministry of Tourism at an estimated cost of Rs **62 Crores**.

The Ramappa temple which is located in the **Mulugu district** of Telangana is dedicated to Lord Shiva. It was built in 1213 AD by the Kakatiya rulers and has been inscribed on **UNESCO's World Heritage list in 2021**.

8. Home Ministry approves the name change of two places in Uttar Pradesh (Dec. 27, 2022)

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The Union Home Ministry on 27 December 2022 gave its consent to change the names of two places in Uttar Pradesh following recommendations from the state government.

The 'no-objection' certificates were issued by the ministry for changing the name of municipal council 'Mundera Baazar' in Gorakhpur district to '**Chauri-Chaura**' and that of 'Telia Afghan' village in Deoria district to '**Telia Shukla**'.

Procedure to change the name of the cities in a state

- Under Article 3 of the constitution Parliament has the power to change the name of a state.
- However there is no mention of procedure to be followed in case of change in the name of cities of a state in the constitution.
- The procedure which is followed is based on the guidelines issued in 1953 by the Union Home Ministry to the state governments.
- Under these guidelines the state government which wants to change the name of cities has to send the proposal to the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.
- The Home Affairs ministry consults other central agencies like Railways, Intelligence Bureau, Department of Posts, Survey of India, and Registrar General of India.
- After the approval from the agencies, the Home Ministry issues no objection certificate to the concerned state government.
- Only then the state government can change the name of the cities.

Union Minister for Home Affairs : **Amit Shah**

9. Nikhat Zareen, Lovlina Borgohain win gold medals at the 6th Elite National Women's Boxing Championships 2022 (Dec. 26, 2022)

Nikhat Zareen, Lovlina Borgohain win gold medals

World Champion **Nikhat Zarin** of Telangana and the Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist **Lovlina Borgohain** of Assam won gold medals in their respective weight categories at the 6th Elite National Women's Boxing Championships 2022 in Bhopal on 26 December 2022.

The 6th Elite National Women's Boxing Championship was held at the **Tatya Tope Stadium, Bhopal**, and Madhya Pradesh from 20-26 December 2022. 302 women boxers from all over the country participated in the event.

The **Railways team** topped the medals tally with 10 medals - five golds, three silvers and two bronze.

Madhya Pradesh team came second with one gold, two silver and five bronze, and **Haryana** with two gold and two bronze claimed the third spot.

Gold medal winners**Category: Winner**

48kg: Manju Rani

50kg: Nikhat Zareen

52kg: Sakshi

54kg: Shiksha

57kg: Manisha

60kg: Poonam

63kg: Shashi Chopra

66kg: Manju Bamboria

70kg: Sanamacha Chanu

75kg: Lovlina Borgohain

81kg: Saweety Boora

81kg+: Nupur

10. Indian Arches dominate the Archery Asia Cup 2022 stage 3, tops the medal tally with 10 medals (Dec. 26, 2022)

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Indian archers dominated the Archery Asia Cup 2022 stage 3 held in **Sharjah**, United Arab Emirates from 20 to 25 December 2022. They topped the medal tally with 10 medals - five golds, three silvers and two bronze.

Seven of India's 10 medals at the Archery Asia Cup 2022 stage 3 were won by compound archers. India had sent a junior team to the continental meet.

Medal winners of India**Gold medal winners**

Women's team compound: Pragati, Aditi Gopichand Swami, Aishwarya Sharma.

Men's team recurve: Mrinal Chauhan, Akash, and Parth Sushant Salunke

Men's team compound: Priyansh, Ojas Pravin Deotale, Manav Ganeshrao Jadhao

Men's individual compound: Priyansh

Women's individual compound: Pragati

Silver medal

Men's individual compound: Ojas Pravin Deotale

Women's individual compound: Aditi Gopichand Swami

Mixed team recurve: Parth Sushant Salunke, Tisha Punia

Bronze medal winners

Men's individual recurve: Parth Sushant Salunke - bronze

Women's individual compound: Parneet Kaur