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**21<sup>st</sup> January 2023**

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) Chris Hipkins will replace Jacinda Ardern as prime minister

- New Zealand's former COVID-19 response minister, Chris Hipkins will replace Jacinda Ardern as prime minister.
- The 44-year-old senior politician must be formally backed by Labour members of parliament to take over as the country's 41st prime minister, following Ardern's shock resignation.
- As leader of the governing party, Hipkins will also become prime minister when Ardern steps down.

### 2) 'Exercise Cyclone – I'

- The first joint exercise between the special forces of the Indian and the Egyptian Army, 'Exercise Cyclone – I' started on 14 January at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, said the Ministry of Defence.
- The exercise aims to bolster defence co-operation between the two countries and focus on sharing professional skills and interoperability of special forces in desert terrain while undertaking counter terrorism, reconnaissance, raids and other special operations.

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### 3) International Day of Education, on 24 January

- Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay has decided to dedicate the 2023 International Day of Education (January 24) to Afghan girls and women.
- On the occasion of an event organized at the UN headquarters, UNESCO will renew its call to immediately restore their fundamental right to education.

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- On the occasion of the International Day of Education, on 24 January, UNESCO is hosting an event at the United Nations in New York, with the contribution of the UN Secretary-General, the President of the UN General Assembly, as well as UNESCO's Director-General. The first panel discussion will be devoted to the education of girls and women in Afghanistan.

## NATIONAL

### 1) Indian Olympic Association

- The Indian Olympic Association formed a seven-member committee, including M C Mary Kom and Yogeshwar Dutt, to probe the allegations of sexual harassment against Wrestling Federation of India president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh by top grapplers.

- This comes after the agitating wrestlers had earlier in the day reached out to the IOA, demanding formation of an enquiry committee to probe the allegations against Singh, a day after threatening to lodge multiple FIRs against the WFI chief.

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### 2) "Nari Shakti"

- "Nari Shakti" (women power) will be driving the theme of this year's Republic Day tableau of Navy.

- Not just the front of the tableau will feature a woman aircrew of a Dornier aircraft flying overhead, but Lt. Commander Disha Amrith has been tasked with commanding its parade contingent.

### 3) Developmental projects related to irrigation, drinking water, and a National Highway

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated several development programs in Karnataka and Maharashtra ahead of the elections.

- PM Modi visited the Yadgiri and Kalaburagi districts of Karnataka and laid the foundation stone and inaugurated various developmental projects related to irrigation, drinking water, and a National Highway development project at Kodeka in the Yadgir district.



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#### 4) “Expected credit losses approach” as against the current “incurred loss”

- The Reserve Bank of India has proposed a new set of rules governing loan loss provisioning by banks as it looks to enhance the resilience of the banking system.
- The central bank proposes to amend the regulations governing loan loss provisioning to incorporate a more forward looking “expected credit losses approach” as against the current “incurred loss” approach, the RBI says in a discussion paper.

#### 5) “Golden Hour”

- SBI General Insurance, a leading general insurance company in India, has partnered with Doers NGO to support the Himachal Pradesh police in reducing the number of road accidents.
- As part of its CSR program, SBI General has provided a well-equipped ambulance for immediate medical care for road accident victims in the Mandi district within the crucial “Golden Hour.”

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#### 7) Central Government Health Scheme

- In a bid to provide more hospital options for patients, the government is considering allowing Central Government Health Scheme beneficiaries to avail treatment at hospitals empaneled with the flagship Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna.
- The National Health Authority is in the process of integrating the Central Government Health Scheme with Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.

#### STATE NEWS

##### 1) Kerala’s Wayanad becomes the first district in the country

- Kerala’s Wayanad becomes the first district in the country to provide basic documents and facilities such as Aadhaar cards, ration cards, birth/death certificates, election ID cards, bank accounts and health insurance to all tribespeople.

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- Apart from the basic documents, other services such as income certificates, ownership certificates, age certificates, and applications for new pensions are also provided at the camps.

## 2) Odisha State AIDS Control Society organised an awareness program

- Odisha State AIDS Control Society organised an awareness program on HIV AIDS in coordination with the Department of Sports and Youth Services and Hockey India under the leadership of National AIDS Control Organization, on 19th January 2023.

- The spectators in the gallery included 4,800 students from various schools, Red Ribbon Club members from colleges, people from community, and participants from the Mission Shakti Department.

- The event created the 'Largest Human Red Ribbon Chain' at the East Gallery of the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

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## APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

### 1) Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri

- Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri, a retired judge from the Supreme Court, has been appointed by the Delhi High Court as Administrator to manage the use of funds for the next ISSF Shooting World Cup in 2023.

- The ISSF World Cup (Rifle/Pistol) will take place in March in Bhopal.

### 2) Nick Walker

- Nick Walker has been announced as the Chief Executive Officer of Cairn Oil & Gas, A unit of Vedanta Ltd. The appointment is effective from 5th January 2023.

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- Nick Walker has previously served as the President and CEO at Lundin Energy, a large European independent E&P company. He has also worked with BP, Talisman Energy, and Africa Oil and has an international experience of 30 years in technical, commercial, and executive leadership roles.

## SPORTS

### 1) International Cricket Council

- The global governing body of cricket, the International Cricket Council, reportedly lost nearly \$2.5 million in online scam last year.
- The incident of phishing, which originated in the US, took place last year. As per reports, the ICC was repeatedly cheated by the scamster not once, not twice, but four times.
- Surprisingly, the authorities at the ICC's Dubai office did not have a clue that they were being cheated.

### 2) Laxman Rawat of PSPB

- Laxman Rawat of PSPB overcame fellow PSPB challenger Aditya Mehta 9-6 in a best-of-17-frame final. Laxman Rawat of PSPB emerged victorious in the 'Baulkline' NSCI All India Snooker Open.
- Previously, Laxman Rawat won the runner-up in the last edition of the All India Snooker Open losing to Sourav Kothari in the finals. This win marks Laxman Rawat's first major title after 2 to 3 years.

### 3) Women's U19 T20 World Cup 2023

- The first edition of Women's U19 T20 World Cup 2023 has been launched by International Cricket Council and it is scheduled from 14th January to 29th January 2023. The first match of the Women's U19 T20 World Cup 2023 was played between Australia Women U19 and Bangladesh Women U19 at Willowmoore Park, Benoni.
- A total of 16 teams are participating in the Women's U19 T20 World Cup 2023. The warm-up matches have been played between the 9th to 11th of January 2023 in Johannesburg and Tshwane. The Women's U19 T20 World Cup 2023 will take place in South Africa. There will be 41 matches between 16 teams.

## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

### 1) 'COACHING BEYOND

- A book titled "COACHING BEYOND" My Days with the Indian Cricket Team' authored by R. Kaushik & R. Sridhar. The book reflects primarily on R. Sridhar's seven-year coaching tenure with the Indian cricket team as its fielding coach. This book isn't as technical as it is anecdotal.
- It throws light, for instance, on how Virat Kohli overcame a dismal Test series in England in 2014 to smash four hundreds in as many matches in his next overseas outing, in Australia.



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## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) Finance India Awards 2022

- ESAF Small Finance Bank has bagged the prestigious Inclusive Finance India Awards 2022 for its contributions in advancing the goal of financial inclusion and supporting inclusive growth.
- This award is a recognition of ESAF's unique spectrum of Financial Inclusion projects ESAF Dhansree, ESAF Udyog Jyothi, LSEDP (Local Sustainable Economic Development Project), ESAF Balajyothi, ESAF Vayojyothi, and ESAF Garshom .

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