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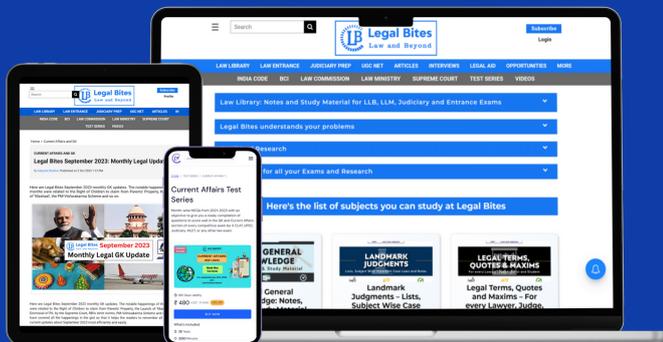
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### FEBRUARY 2023 EDITION

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### 1st February 2023

## 1) The new Capital of Andhra Pradesh will be Vishakhapatnam

The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, has revealed that Visakhapatnam will now serve as the state's new capital. This is a deviation from the previous decision made in 2015 by then CM N Chandrababu Naidu to make Amaravati the capital. However, in 2020, the government decided to establish three capital cities, including Amaravati, Visakhapatnam, and Kurnool. The Andhra Pradesh High Court, however, ruled against this decision in March of last year, directing the government to focus on the development of Amaravati, which has been at the centre of a land scam controversy.

## 2) Patanjali foods for Plam oil Cultivation signed MOU with the Government of Nagaland

MOU signed between the Nagaland government and Patanjali Foods Limited for development and area expansion under palm oil cultivation and processing for Zone-II (Mokokchung, Longleng, and Mon districts) of Nagaland under the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP). At the Directorate of Agriculture in Kohima, the MoU was signed by Oil Palm Subhas Bhattacharjee, Head-NE Region of Patanjali Foods Ltd., and M. Ben Yanthan, Director of Agriculture for Nagaland. The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Nagaland, according to Patanjali Foods Ltd., will undoubtedly be a major boost for the oil palm growers in Nagaland.

### **3) Writer K.V. Trumalesh Passed away in Hyderabad**

K.V. Tirumalesh, a Kannada author, died on 30th January in Hyderabad at the age of 82. He had ailments brought on by advancing age. He was recognised as an eclectic individual with a wide range of interests and one of the most versatile writers across disciplines. He is well known as a poet and received the Sahitya Akademi award for his creative piece Akshaya Kavya, which is described as “a long narrative devoid story or objective.”

### **4) To Build AI Foundation Models to Advance Climate Science, NASA and IBM joined hands**

IBM and NASA have joined hands to use AI technology to uncover new information about Earth's environment. The two companies will combine IBM's AI technology with the vast amounts of Earth observation and GIS data that NASA is willing to give. Earth observation is the process of acquiring data about the planet's natural systems—physical, chemical, and biological typically by using satellite images.

### **5) United Kingdom awards Lifetime Achievement to India's Former PM Manmohan Singh**

The India-UK Achievers Awards in London recently presented the former prime minister Dr Manmohan Singh with a Lifetime Achievement Honour for his contributions to economic and political life. The Lifetime Achievement Honor pays tribute to Dr Singh's academic accomplishments at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. The India-UK Achievers Awards are presented by NISAU UK in collaboration with the British Council in India and the UK's Department for International Trade (DIT).

### **6) Women cricket team Capitan Harmanpreet Kaur will be the new brand ambassador of Puma India**

Harmanpreet Kaur, the captain of the women's cricket team, has been named the newest brand ambassador by the company Puma India. Harmanpreet will promote the company's footwear, clothing, and accessories.

## **7) Morgan Stanley has appointed Arun Kohli as its new country head for India**

Morgan Stanley announces Arun Kohli as the new India head. Arun Kohli currently serves as the chief operating officer for EMEA (Europe, the Middle East, and Africa). He replaces Sanjay Shah, who served for 26 years. Morgan Stanley was founded on 5th September 1935. Its headquarter is in New York, USA. Its current CEO is James P. Gorman.

## **8) Pakistani Cricketer Babar Azam won Sir Garfield Sober Award**

The Sir Garfield Sobers award by the International Cricket Council (ICC) was awarded to Babar Azam as a cricketer of the year. He is a skipper in the Pakistani cricket team. He also wins the "ODI Cricketer of the Year" award. He was the only player to breach the 2000-run mark in 2022 across all formats.

**2nd February 2023**

## **9) India's first multiplex within an Airport complex launched by PVR Cinemas in Chennai**

PVR launched its five-screen property at PVR aerohub and first multiplex housed within airport located in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. It contains 1155 seats with outfitted innovative technologies.

## **10) Appointment of Indian-American Ami Bera to House Intelligence Committee**

Dr Ami Bera, an Indian-American congressman, has been nominated to a prominent US House Committee that deals with intelligence-related issues. The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), the National Security Agency (NSA), as well as military intelligence operations, are all subject to oversight by the House Permanent Selection Committee on Intelligence.

## 11) The First CEO of Gujarat Maritime Cluster: Madhvendra Singh

The Gujarat Maritime Cluster has chosen Madhvendra Singh as the first Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Gujarat Ports Infrastructure Company Ltd. The Gujarat Maritime Cluster (GMC) is the nation's first commercial maritime cluster of its sort, intending to establish a centre for Maritime services of the highest calibre.

## 12) Equatorial Guinea appointed Manuela Roka Botey as the first female Prime minister

Manuela Roka Botey has been named Prime Minister of Equatorial Guinea. She is the first female candidate to serve as the Prime Minister of Equatorial Guinea. In 2020, Ms Rotey, who had previously served as the minister of education, entered politics. Francisco Pascual Obama Asue, a former premier who has held the seat since 2016, is replaced by her. President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo made this announcement. He ruled since 1979 in the country.

## 13) British Monarchy remove from the banknotes: Australian decision

Australia has declared that it will remove the British monarch's presence from its banknotes and substitute Queen Elizabeth II's image on the \$5 note with a design that celebrates Indigenous culture. This move by the central bank implies that no British monarch, including the current monarch's successor, Charles III, will be featured on Australia's paper money. The decision was made with the backing of the center-left Labor government of Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, who endorses the eventual transition to an Australian republic.

**4th February 2023**

## 14) Jupiter becomes the planet having the maximum number of moons

Jupiter, the largest planet in the Solar System and the fifth planet from the Sun have the maximum number of moons. This has been recently discovered that Jupiter has 12 more moons. Before this, it was believed that Saturn had the maximum number of the moon (82 moons), and Jupiter had 80 moons. However, with the recent discovery, the count increased to 92 moons.

## 15) “Close The Care Gap”: World Cancer day

World Cancer Day is celebrated every year on the 4th of February worldwide with the aim to fight against cancer. The motive to celebrate this day is to save millions of lives by educating the public, promoting awareness, and pressuring individuals and governments. The theme of this year is “Close The Care Gap”

## 16) Legendary Singer Vani Jayaram Passes Away

Legendary South Indian playback singer Vani Jayaram passed away at the age of 78. She passed away in her Haddows Road, Nungambakkam home in Chennai. The National Award Recipient passed away as a result of age-related problems. She received the prestigious Padma Bhushan award on this year's Republic Day in recognition of her more than 50 years of contributions to Indian music. Before accepting the honour, Vani Jayaram passed away.

## 17) Shamika Ravi appointed as a member of EAC-PM

Shamika Ravi, a professor of economics and researcher, has been named to the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (EAC-PM). She is presently a non-resident senior fellow in the Brookings Institution's Washington, D.C., governance studies department.

## 18) Mahindra Finance appointed Raul Rebello as a New Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

Raul Rebello has been appointed as a New Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Mahindra Finance. He is currently serving as a COO of the company and replaces Mr Ramesh Iyer (who will be retiring on 29th April 2024). The vehicle-financing unit of the Mahindra & Mahindra Group is Mahindra Finance.

## 19) Five New Judges were appointed to the Supreme Court

The president of India appointed five new judges in the SC and increased the strength from twenty-seven to thirty-two. As per the Indian Constitution, the SC shall have thirty-four Judges, including the Chief justice of India. Article 124 to 132 of the Indian

Constitution deals with the appointment of Supreme Court Judges. The list of the newly appointed judges:

1. Panjaj Mithal (Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court)
2. Sanjay Karol (Chief Justice of Bihar High Court)
3. Manoj Misra (Judge of Allahabad High Court)
4. Ahasanudin Amanullah (Judge of Bihar High Court)
5. PV Sanjay Kumar (Chief Justice of Manipur High Court)

### **5th February 2023**

## **20) Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Indian Energy Week in Bangalore**

PM Modi inaugurates the India Energy Week in Bengaluru. The programme will centre on energy security and India's objectives for its energy transformation. It involves achieving the goal of net-zero emissions by 2070. At the event, E20 fuel in more than 84 outlets throughout 11 states and Union Territories was introduced, and it was the event's main highlight.

## **21) Former Pakistani General & President Pervez Musharraf died**

At the age of 79, former president of Pakistan Pervez Musharraf passed away. He was admitted to a hospital in Dubai. He was suffering from amyloidosis disease. From 1998 to 2007, he was the seventh top general and the 10th president of the South Asian nation after the successful military coup in 1999.

### **6th February 2023**

## **22) Aaron Finch, Australian Cricketer, retired from International Cricket**

Aaron Finch, a seasoned batsman and captain who holds the record for leading Australia for the longest period in the shortest format of cricket, has decided to retire from international T20 matches. He already retired as the One Day International captain of the Australian team in the previous year. Despite his retirement, he will still be playing for Melbourne Renegades in the Big Bash League, where he has achieved significant success. Finch is considered one of the most successful captains in Australia's T20I cricket history.

## 23) Apsara Iyer, Indian American elected as a President of Harvard Law Review

Apsara Iyer, an Indian-American law student at Harvard Law School, has been elected president of the esteemed Harvard Law Review. She is the first woman from the community to hold the position in the 136-year history of the respected journal.

She was chosen to serve as the 137th president of the Harvard Law Review, one of the oldest student-run journals for legal studies.

## 24) Yaya Tso, the first Biodiversity Heritage of Ladakh

Yaya Tso, a lovely lake located at an elevation of 4,820 metres that has regarded as a bird sanctuary, has been proposed as Ladakh's first biodiversity heritage site (BHS). The Chumathang local panchayat, the Biodiversity Management Committee, and SECURE Himalaya Project have decided to recognise Yaya Tso as the first BHS in Ladakh under the Biological Diversity Act.

## 25) International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation, 2023

This day has observed on February 6 every year. The theme for this year is "Partnership with Men and Boys to transform Social and gender Norms to End FGM". This theme has been launched by the UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme. In order to intensify and focus efforts on the abolition of this practice, the UN General Assembly proclaimed 6th February 2012 as the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation.

**7th February 2023**

## 26) India MoU with Indonesia- Malaysia Thailand Growth Triangle Joint Business Council

Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia established the Growth Triangle Joint Business Council in 1993. The council's primary goal is to increase private investment in MSMEs. India and the Growth Triangle Joint Business Council signed an MoU at the Bangalore G20 Energy Transitions Working Group conference. The Agreement states that the nations will cooperate in adopting energy-efficient techniques.

## 27) In 2022, North Korea stole more bitcoin assets: US Report

According to a recent UN report, North Korea targeted the networks of multinational aerospace and defence firms and stole more bitcoin assets in 2022 than any previous year. Independent sanctions observers informed a UN Security Council committee that (North Korea) employed increasingly sophisticated cyber methods to get access to digital networks used for cyber financing and to steal data that could be useful, especially for its weapons programmes. The monitors have accused North Korea of using cyberattacks to help finance its nuclear and missile programmes.

**8th February 2023**

## 28) Aditi Ashok won Kenya Ladies Open Title, 2023

Aditi Ashok, an Indian Olympian, secured her fourth Ladies' European championship by winning the 2023 Magical Kenya Ladies Open Title with a score of 74 in the final round. Her previous LET victories include the Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies Open in Abu Dhabi in 2017. At the Vipingo Ridges, she finished with an overall score of 12-under 280, with her final round scores being 67-70-69-74.

## 29) K Satyanaryana Raju appointed as the new MD and CEO of Canara Bank

K Satyanarayana Raju has been appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of Canara Bank by the Indian government, effective immediately, replacing L V Prabhakar, who stepped down on December 31, 2022. Raju has been associated with Vijaya Bank since 1988 and worked his way up to become the chief general manager at Bank of Baroda. His extensive experience has contributed to the digitization of banking products and services.

## 30) Edelweiss General Insurance has rebranded itself as "Zuno General Insurance Limited"

Edelweiss General Insurance has changed its name to Zuno General Insurance Limited (Zuno GI) in order to transform and modernize the insurance industry by providing customers with a simple, user-friendly, and transparent experience. The company's management believes that the new name embodies the company's energy, excitement, and commitment to using responsive and intuitive technology to enhance

the customer experience. The name and identity reflect the brand's youthful, innovative, approachable, digitally savvy, and optimistic personality, appealing to the Millennial and GenZ demographic.

## **31) Ravichandran Ashwin becomes the fastest Indian to pick up 450 Test wickets**

During the first Border-Gavaskar Trophy match between India and Australia at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium in Nagpur, Ravichandran Ashwin took his 450th Test wicket. Ashwin accomplished this milestone in the 54th over by bowling out Alex Carey. Furthermore, he surpassed former leg-spinner Anil Kumble to become the quickest Indian player to reach this achievement.

## **32) Meenakshi Nevatia appointed as an Additional Director and Managing Director of Drugmaker Pfizer**

Pfizer Limited, the pharmaceutical company, has named Meenakshi Nevatia as an Additional Director and Managing Director for a term of five years. She replaces S Sridhar, who announced his early retirement in August 2022. Sridhar, who currently serves as the India Country President, will resign from his role as Managing Director and board member on March 31, 2023.

**13th February 2023**

## **33) Eminent Indian painter Lalitha Lajmi passes away**

Lalitha Lajmi, the sister of renowned Indian painter and late filmmaker Guru Dutt, has died at the age of 90. Born in Kolkata in 1932 to a father who was a poet and a mother who was a polyglot writer, Lajmi was a self-taught artist with a strong passion for classical dance. Throughout her career, she organized numerous exhibitions at international art galleries in Paris, London, and Holland. Additionally, she had a cameo appearance in Aamir Khan's 2007 film Taare Zameen Par.

## **34) The Kerala Government launched the Stipend scheme for lawyers**

The Stipend scheme for lawyers in the state has been introduced by Kerala Chief Minister Pinaraji Vijayan. The State Bar Council is responsible for putting the plan into action. The Advocates Welfare Trust will be a member of the council. The scheme

provides monthly salaries of 3,000 rupees to the state's young attorneys. Junior lawyers and lawyers with less than one lakh rupees income and at least three years of practice experience can avail of this scheme.

**14th February 2023**

## **35) In Australian water new butterflyfish species has been found, named Coradion Calendula**

The newly discovered butterflyfish species Coradion calendula is a member of the genus Coradion. In Australian seas, it was just recently discovered. Similar traits can be seen in Coradion calendula and Coradion chrysozonus. From the North West Shelf in the west to the northern Cape York Peninsula, near the Torres Strait, is where it can be found. It is likely to consume benthic invertebrates and sponge tissue for food.

## **36) The budget of 22,500 Cr has been approved for Namami Ganga Mission-II till 2026**

From June 2014 until March 31, 2021, the Namami Gange Programme was initiated with a budget of Rs. 20,000 crores to revive the River Ganga and its tributaries. The Indian government has now sanctioned the Namami Gange Mission-II with a total budget of Rs. 22,500 crores until 2026, which encompasses projects to address existing liabilities (Rs. 11,225 crores) as well as new projects and initiatives (Rs. 11,275 crore).

**18th February 2023**

## **37) North India's First nuclear plant will be built in Haryana**

Jitendra Singh, the Union Minister, announced that Gorakhpur in Haryana would be the location of North India's first nuclear power plant. He credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for the achievement, stating that the installation of nuclear and atomic energy plants throughout the country was a significant accomplishment. Historically, such facilities were concentrated in southern states like Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, as well as western Maharashtra. Furthermore, the Department of Atomic Energy is now permitted to collaborate with Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to secure funding for the construction of nuclear power plants.

**19th February 2023**

## **38) Ama KrushAI, India's First Agriculture Chatbot, launched in the State of Odisha**

At the closing ceremony of "Krusha Odisha 2023" Governor of Odisha Prof. Ganeshi Lal introduced "Ama KrushAI," the nation's first artificial intelligence chatbot for the agricultural industry. Ama KrushAI, a chatbot, will provide information to the farmers about government programmes, the best agronomic techniques, and loan options from more than 40 commercial and cooperative banks. Almost 10,000 farmers will participate in a trial experiment for Ama KrushAI, which will then be fully implemented in the following two months.

## **39) The 2027 Football Asian Cup will be hosted by Saudi Arabia**

For the first time, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) announced that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) would host the Asian Nations Cup in 2027. Notable is the fact that Qatar will host the 2023 Asian Football Cup from June 26 to July 16.

## **40) India's Fifth Nano Urea Plant in Deoghar, Jharkhand**

Amit Shah, Union Home Minister, laid the cornerstone for the Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative's (IFFCO) township and 450 crores nano urea factory in Deoghar, Jharkhand. The nano urea factory will be India's fifth of its kind. Nano Urea intends to address the imbalance and overuse of conventional urea by enhancing crop yield, soil health, and product nutritional quality.

**20th February 2023**

## **41) O P Kohli, Former Gujarat Governor, passed away at the age of 87**

Om Prakash Kohli, a prominent leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and former governor of Gujarat, has died at the age of 87. He served as the governor of Gujarat from 2014 to 2019, and during his tenure, he also held additional charges as governor of Madhya Pradesh and Goa. Apart from being a former member of the Rajya Sabha and president of BJP in Delhi, he was also a well-known academician.

## 42) New Liquor policy by the Madhya Pradesh Government

A new liquor policy was passed by the MP State government. The policy states that the areas where alcohol can be consumed will be closed. These are spaces that frequently have bars affixed to them. The "NEW EXCISE POLICY" is the name of the new regulation. Following the demands of BJP leader Uma Bharati, the policy was implemented. In Madhya Pradesh, liquor stores are 50 metres away from female hostels and religious buildings. Also, the policy will take strict action in cases of drunk driving.

**21st February 2023**

## 43) Europe's first Menstrual Paid Leave Law has been passed by the Government of Spain

A Menstrual Paid Leave Law was recently enacted by the Spanish government. Women in the nation are permitted by law to take paid time off during their periods. Employees in the nation typically need to get a medical certificate in order to take a three-day vacation. Spain has thus become the first nation in Europe to enact the law. Only a relatively small number of nations, including Zambia, Indonesia, and Japan, have the law. Researchers from London University claim that the pain a woman feels during her period is equal to the pain after a heart attack.

## 44) NITI Aayog appointed BVR Subrahmanyam as appointed new CEO

BVR Subrahmanyam, a former IAS officer, has been appointed as the CEO of Niti Aayog, succeeding Parameswaran Iyer. Iyer, who currently holds the position, is set to become the Executive Director of the World Bank in Washington DC. Subrahmanyam previously served as the Commerce Secretary.

## 45) International Mother Language Day

On February 21st, International Mother Language Day is commemorated to raise awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and promote multilingualism. India boasts a vast array of languages and dialects, numbering in the hundreds and thousands, respectively. It makes India's linguistic and cultural diversity unparalleled in the world. The theme of the 24th edition of International Mother Language Day was "multilingual education - a necessity to transform education."

**22nd February 2023**

## **46) Bhutan Prince becomes the first digital citizen of the country**

Bhutan has initiated efforts to modernize its digital infrastructure and has achieved a significant milestone in this regard. The country has recently introduced its first-ever digital citizen through the Bhutan National Digital Identity (NDI) mobile wallet. The Royal Highness The Gyalsey (Prince) Jigme Namgyel Wangchuck is the first person to be granted this status. The innovative system utilizes advanced technology to provide citizens with secure and verifiable credentials that validate their identity.-

## **47) CJI DY Chandrachud Launched “Neutral Citations” For All Supreme Courts**

The Chief Justice of India, DY Chandrachud, has announced the implementation of “neutral citations” of judgments in the Supreme Court. This move is aimed at establishing a consistent pattern of citing decisions made by the court. The Supreme Court had previously declared that it would be adopting a reliable and secure methodology for identifying and citing its judgments, known as the neutral citations system. The Chief Justice has confirmed that this system has now been launched and will apply to all Judgments made by the court, including approximately 30,000 previous verdicts.

**23rd February 2023**

## **48) India, the seventh-largest country, will adopt cryptocurrency in 2023**

HedgewithCrypto research indicates that India is positioned as the seventh-largest nation that is ready to embrace cryptocurrencies by 2023. In 2023, Australia is anticipated to be the most significant country regarding cryptocurrency adoption, receiving a score of 7.37 out of 10, with the sale of digital assets and cryptocurrencies being lawful and regulated. The United States ranks second with a score of 7.07 out of 10 in terms of crypto adoption, with 33,630 crypto ATMs presently accessible across the country.

## **49) Menstrual leave and its global standing: SC dismissed the PIL**

A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking the introduction of menstruation leave for workers and students across India was dismissed by the Supreme Court. The court

deemed the matter to be a policy issue, emphasizing that menstrual pain leave had multiple dimensions. While acknowledging that menstruation was a biological occurrence, the court expressed concern that such a policy could potentially discourage companies from hiring female employees. It was noted that only a small number of countries, mainly in Asia, currently provide women with the option of taking time off work to manage painful periods.

### **23rd February 2023**

## **50) Hari Balakrishnan, a computer scientist, receives the 2023 Marconi Prize**

The 2023 Marconi Prize has been conferred upon computer scientist Hari Balakrishnan for his significant contributions to wired and wireless networking, distributed systems, and mobile sensing. The Marconi Foundation, based in the United States, presents this prestigious award to honour computer scientists who have made noteworthy strides in advancing information and communications technology and promoting digital inclusivity.

## **51) SS Rajamouli's RRR wins 'Best International Film' award at HCA**

The Hollywood Critics Association Film Awards have awarded SS Rajamouli's film, 'RRR,' the 'Best International Film' award, which has been received with delight and pride by both the film's director and lead actor, Rajamouli and Ram Charan. The film has also won three additional awards at the HCA Film Awards, namely 'Best Action Film,' 'Best Stunts,' and 'Best Original Song,' before securing the 'Best International Film' accolade.

## **52) International IP Index: India ranked 42 in 55 countries**

The United States Chambers of Commerce has released the International IP Index, where India ranked 42nd among 55 significant global economies. The United States, the United Kingdom, and France secured the top three spots in the 2023 index. The report highlights India's increasing size and economic influence on the global platform. India has the potential to emerge as a leader in developing markets aiming to modernize their economies through IP-based innovation.

**26th February 2023**

## **53) ICC Women's T20 World Cup: Australia clinch 6th Women's T20 World Cup Title**

In the final at Newlands, Australia defeated South Africa by 19 runs and clinched their sixth victory in the Women's T20 World Cup. Beth Mooney, the opening batter, led the Australian innings with an unbeaten 74, contributing to a total of 156 for six. Under the leadership of Meg Lanning, Australia won the Women's T20 World Cup for the third consecutive time after their victories in 2018 and 2020. They had previously won the tournament in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2018, and 2020.

**27th February 2023**

## **54) The FICCI Secretary General is Shailesh Pathak**

Shailesh Pathak, a former bureaucrat with 37 years of experience working as an IAS officer in the government and leading large companies in the private sector, has been appointed as the new Secretary General of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI). Pathak holds an MBA degree from IIM Calcutta (1986). He also possesses an LLB and a Diploma in Ornithology. Furthermore, he has a record of climbing a 6831-metre peak in the Himalayas and trekking extensively.

## **55) Kerala temple become India's first to induct a robotic elephant for ritual duties**

The Kerala government has introduced a robotic scavenger named "Bandicoot" to clear sewage in Guruvayur, a temple town, making it the first state in India to utilize robotic technology for cleaning all its authorized manholes. The Kerala Water Authority (KWA) launched Bandicoot as part of the Guruvayur Sewerage Project in Thrissur district under the supervision of Water Resources Minister Roshi Augustine as a component of the state government's 100-day plan of action.

## **56) World NGO Day 2023 will be celebrated on February 27**

Every year on February 27th, World NGO Day is observed globally to acknowledge the significant contributions made by non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The celebration was first established in 2010 and has subsequently become an annual event that highlights the exceptional work done by NGOs worldwide. This day serves as a platform to advocate for policies that aid their endeavours and create awareness about the sector, encouraging people worldwide to engage in humanitarian work.

**28th February 2023**

## **57) Lionel Messi wins “Best FIFA player of 2022” at the FIFA Awards in 2022**

Lionel Messi of Argentina has been named the Best FIFA men's player for 2022, with Kylian Mbappé and Karim Benzema trailing behind with 44 and 34 points, respectively, in the FIFA Awards vote. Messi previously won the award in 2016, making this his second time receiving the honour. He was recognized for his exceptional performances in men's football from August 8, 2021, to December 18, 2022, putting him on par with the impressive accomplishments of Cristiano Ronaldo and Robert Lewandowski at the FIFA awards.

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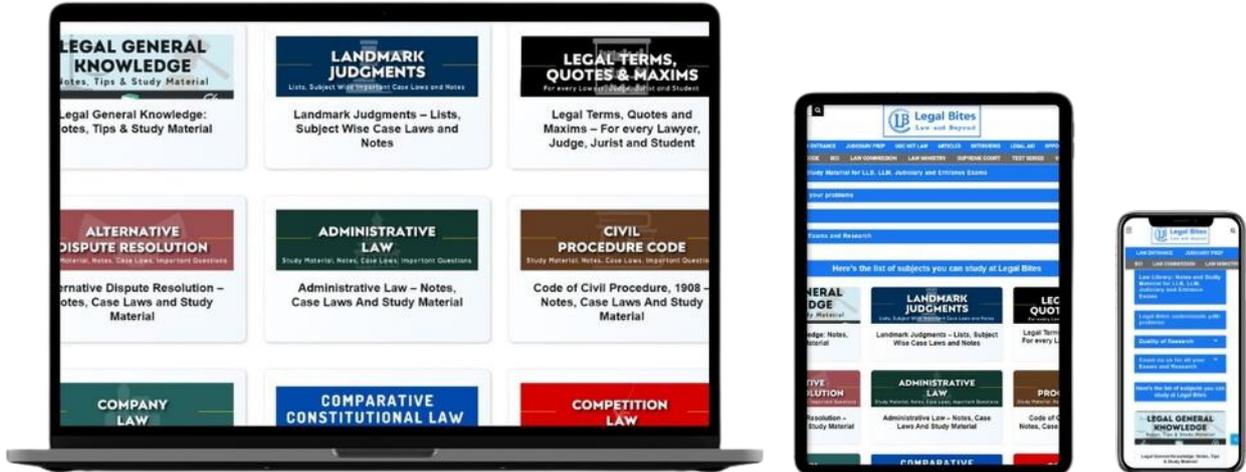
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