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Let's check this news about Swachhta HI Seva. Then, we will move ahead.

## Swachhta HI Seva 2023 launched

Minister of Jal Shakti and MoHUA launched Swachhta hi Seva 2023. It will focus on achieving a visibly higher order of Cleanliness across local bodies through the spirit of voluntarism and Shramdaan. The backbone of the mission had been Jan Andolan for Swachhta.

### Key Points:

- A) Theme for SHS 2023 is "Garbage Free India".
- B) All Ministries and Departments will be organising swachhta drives across offices , public places of high footfall such as bus stations, Railway stations etc.
- C) The fortnight aims to mobilise the participation of crores of citizens across the country via activities such as Indian Swachhta League 2.0, Safaimitra Suraksha Shivir etc.

### About Swachh Bharat Mission:

- A) It was launched in the year 2014.
- B) It was launched to eliminate open defecation and improve solid waste management.
- C) It is a countrywide campaign of the Government of India.



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## DAC approves Nine capital Acquisition proposals for Armed Forces

Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approves Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for nine capital acquisitions proposals worth 45000 crore. It is a boost to Atmanirbharta in Defence.

### Key Points:

- A) All the procurements will be made from Indian Vendors under Buy IDMM (Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured) category.
- B) DAC accorded the AoN for procurement of Light Armoured Multipurpose Vehicles and Integrated Surveillance and Targeting System.
- C) DAC also approved procurement of Next Generation Survey Vessels for the Indian Navy.

### About DAC:

- A) Stands for Defence Acquisition Council.
- B) Highest decision making body in the Defence Ministry for deciding new policies and capital acquisitions.
- C) It was formed in 2001 after the Kargil War.

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## India International Convention and Expo Centre Yashobhoomi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the nation's 1st phase of India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC) called as "Yashobhoomi" at Dwarka, New Delhi. With its operationalization a world class infrastructure for hosting meetings, conferences and exhibitions in the country will be straightened.

### Key Points:

- A) Yashobhoomi will find its place among the World's largest MICE (Meetings, Incentive, Conferences and Exhibitions).
- B) It will be developed at a cost of Rs 5400 crore.
- C) It will also offer the Largest Exhibition Halls in the world.
- D) It will also be connected to Delhi Airport Metro Express Line.
- E) It is equipped with a state of the art wastewater treatment system with 100% wastewater Reuse.





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## PM to launch PM Vishwakarma Scheme

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion of Vishwakarma Jayanti will launch a new scheme named "PM Vishwakarma" at India International Convention and Expo Centre. It will be launched for traditional artisans and craftspeople of the nation.

### Key Points:

- A) Scheme draws inspiration from PM's vision to support and skill the people engaged in traditional crafts.
- B) It will be a fully funded Central Sector Scheme with an outlay of 13000 crore.
- C) Schemes aim to strengthen and nurture the Guru-Shishya Parampara or family based practice of traditional skills by Vishwakarmas working with their hands and tools.
- D) Under the scheme the Vishwakarmas will be registered free of charge through the Common Services Centre using the Biometrics based PM Vishwakarma portal.
- E) Eighteen Traditional crafts will be covered under PM Vishwakarma.



[Image Source: PTI]

## Coal Ministry top procurer on GeM

The Ministry of Coal takes lead as the top procurer on the Government e-Marketplace. The Procurement through GeM of the Coal Ministry reaches over 23,798 crores. The Ministry of Coal is ensuring complete transparency, timely decision making and faster planning to achieve the ambitious goal of Coal production above 1 billion tonnes this year.

### Key Points:

- A) Coal India and its Subsidiaries have played a significant role in procurement of GeM by contributing Rs 23,363 crores.
- B) GeM was launched in 2016 with the aim to modernise the previous tender process and engage integrity and transparency in government procurement by embracing Digitization.
- C) Over the past 7 years since its establishment, the Ministry of Coal has remained dedicated to this digital transformation effort.



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**कोयला मंत्रालय**  
**MINISTRY OF**  
**COAL**

[Image Source: Wikipedia]



## Swachhata Pakhwada 2023

The Ministry of Railways launched the Swachhta Pakhwada 2023 on September 15, 2023. It is being observed from 16th September to 2nd October 2023. It is being inaugurated by Jaya Varma, Chairperson and CEO of Railway Board.

### Key Points:

- A) Swachhta pledge was administered to the entire Railway family which includes employees of Railways along with senior officials.
- B) Indian Railways is an environment friendly means of bulk transportation and it has always been at the forefront of promoting a clean and green environment.
- C) Swachhata Pakhwada 2022 awards were given to the best performing three Zonal Railways.

### About Ministry of Railways:

- A) It was founded on 18th February 1905.
- B) It is a Ministry under Government of India responsible for the country's rail transport.
- C) The Ministry operates as a Statutory body of the Indian Railways.



[Image Source: PIB]

## Digital Birth and Death certificates

All reported Births and Deaths in the country will now be registered digitally on the Central Government's portal from October 1. The Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) act, 2023 paves way for digital birth certificates.



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### Key Points:

- A) It will be compulsory for states to register Births and Deaths on the Centre's Civil Registration System (CRS) portal and share data with the Registrar General of India.
- B) Birth Certificate will now be considered as a single document for availing several crucial services including admissions to educational institutions, issuance of driving licence, preparation of voters list etc.
- C) Earlier there was a requirement for certain persons to report Births and Deaths to the Registrar.

### About RGI:

- A) Stands for Registrar General of India.
- B) It was formed in 1961.
- C) Its work is to arrange, conduct and analyse the results of demographic surveys of India including Census of India and linguistic Survey of India.



[Image Source: The Hindu]

## World Spice Congress 2023

The financial capital of India, Mumbai will be hosting the 14th edition of the World Spice Congress (WSC) coinciding with India's G20 Presidency. It is to be held at Vashi in Navi Mumbai.

### Key Points:

- A) The WSC is a conglomeration of the Global spice industry.
- B) It has become the most appropriate platform to deliberate the concerns and considerations of the sector over its three decades long presence.

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C) Theme: Vision 2030: SPICES which stands for Sustainability, productivity, innovation, collaboration, excellence and safety.

D) The three day event has been organised by the Spices Board India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.



[Image Source: worldspicecongress.com]

## Unified Portal for Agricultural Statistics (UPAg)

NITI Aayog member Ramesh Chand launched the Unified Portal for Agricultural Statistics (UPAg) developed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW). It is an online platform for management of Agricultural data.

**Key Points:**

- A) It marks a significant step towards a more efficient and responsive Agricultural policy framework.
- B) It is a crucial component of the Digital Public Infrastructure for Agriculture.
- C) The initiative aligns with the principles of e-governance bringing smartness, transparency and agility to India's Agriculture sector.

**About NITI AAYOG:**

- A) It was formed on January 1, 2015.
- B) It serves as an apex public policy think tank of Government of India.
- C) Its objective is to foster involvement and participation in the economic policy making process by the state governments of India.





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## Bangladesh beat India for the first time in Asia Cup

In a historic thriller Bangladesh beat India for the first time in 11 years of Asia cup history. They defeated the giants by a margin of six runs. India and Bangladesh locked horns in the last Super 4 fixture of the Asia Cup 2023.

### Key Points:

- A) Indian captain Rohit Sharma won the toss and chose to field first.
- B) Shubhman Gill of India scored a century but India couldn't manage to cross the line.
- C) India will be playing Sri Lanka in Asia Cup Final 2023 at Colombo.



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