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Lucknow:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ Lucknow is among seven Uttar Pradesh cities which have a population of over 10 lakh, road accidents reported in Agra, Lucknow, Kanpur and Prayagraj have been the most fatal suggests the recently released data of the National Crime Records Bureau of 2022.
- ➔ In the number of fatalities in road accidents, UP stands top on the list, followed by Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra.



GI:

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- ➔ **Meghalaya's Lakadong Turmeric along with Garo Dakmanda, Larnai Pottery and Garo Chubitchi has been granted the Geographical Indication tag.**
- ➔ Lakadong turmeric: High Curcumin Content(6.8 to 7.5%). Garo dakmanda: The traditional dress worn by Garo tribes. Larnai pottery: Artisanal Black pottery from Jaintai Hills. Garo Chubitchi: Rice based alcoholic beverage.



Nikhil Dey:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **Indian Social activities Nikhil Dey has been recognized as the International Anti-Corruption Champion by the US State department for his dedicated efforts against corruption in government welfare programs in India.**
- ➔ Dey's work has led to significant anti-corruption and transparency reforms in India, particularly in Rajasthan.

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Shri Pranab Mukherjee:

(Importance level-3/5)

- **The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu paid floral tributes to Shri Pranab Mukherjee on his birth anniversary at Rashtrapati Bhavan.**
- Pranab Mukherjee was an Indian Politician and statesman who served as the 13th president of India from 2012 until 2017. He was born in 11th December 1935. He was awarded India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna in 2019.

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Startup:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **India, once a powerhouse in the global startup ecosystem, has experienced a significant downturn in its funding trajectory, slipping to the fourth position in the global ranking among the highest-funded geographies in 2023.**
- This decline comes after securing the third spot in both 2021 and 2022. After consecutively holding the third position, India finds itself behind the US, the UK, and China in 2023, receiving a meager \$7 billion in total funding by December 5, according to data from Tracxn.

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Mohan Yadav:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has officially announced Mohan Yadav as the chief minister-elect for Madhya Pradesh, solidifying its victory in the November 17 polls.**
- The decision came after BJP observers held discussions with the newly elected MLAs in the state. Mohan Yadav, an MLA from Ujjain South, has been chosen to lead Madhya Pradesh.
- With prior experience as a minister in the Shivraj Singh Chouhan cabinet, Yadav represents the Ujjain Dakshin constituency in Ujjain district in the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly.

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Indian Navy:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **The Indian Navy, in collaboration with various defense, state, and civil agencies, recently concluded a comprehensive two-phased exercise named 'Prasthan' in the Offshore Development Area off the Mumbai coast.**
- ➔ This exercise, conducted every six months, is pivotal in validating and refining measures and procedures aimed at addressing various contingencies that may arise in oil production platforms.
- ➔ The first phase of the exercise focused on simulating security emergencies, including potential terrorist attacks and bomb threats involving Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

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TTX:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ In a significant step towards fostering gender inclusivity and strengthening the capabilities of women military personnel in peacekeeping operations, the Indian Army recently conducted a table-top exercise (TTX) for women officers from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).
- ➔ This exercise, held at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi from December 4 to 8, is part of the ongoing joint military training initiatives between India and ASEAN member states.

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WIC:

(Importance level-3/5)

- ➔ **Invest India, the National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency of the Government of India, is set to host the 27th World Investment Conference (WIC) from December 11-14, 2023.**
- ➔ The event, under the aegis of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), promises to be a groundbreaking platform for global investment promotion and innovation stakeholders.
- ➔ This year's conference will delve into the theme of "Empowering Investors: IPAs Pioneering Future Growth." The focus is on discussing investment policies and trends, providing a unique opportunity for collaboration, trade, investments, and knowledge sharing.

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(Importance level-4/5)

- **Annually observed on December 11, UNICEF Foundation Day stands as a poignant celebration marking the establishment of the United Nations Children’s Fund on this date in 1946.**
- At its core, UNICEF is dedicated to enhancing the health and well being of children worldwide. The focus of UNICEF’s World Children’s Day in 2023 revolves around the theme “For every child, every right”.

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China:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **China has launched the world’s first commercial operations of a fourth generation gas cooled nuclear reactor power plant in eastern Shandong province, the Shidao Bay Plant.**
- Unlike conventional reactors, this plant utilizes small modular reactors which are high temperature reactors cooled by gas instead of pressurized water. SMRs are considered more efficient and cost-effective.

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“VINBAX”:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **Indian Armed Forces reached Hanoi for joint military Exercise “VINBAX”. 4th Joint Military Exercise VINBAX-2023 to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam.**
- ➔ Indian Armed Forces and Vietnamese People’s Army will conduct drills for enhancing interoperability and sharing best practices under the UN Charter Provisions for peacekeeping. Tactical drills for combat engineering and medical tasks will be performed including construction of roads, helipads and ammunition shelters.

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International Mountain Day:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **Every year on December 11, we celebrate International Mountain Day to remind ourselves of the incredible importance of mountains in our lives.**
- ➔ This special day, designated by the United Nations, encourages us to think about how we can protect these natural wonders and ensure a better future for our planet.
- ➔ The journey of International Mountain Day began in 2001 when the United Nations decided to shine a spotlight on mountains. They launched the International Year of Mountains on December 11, 2001, to create awareness and inspire action for sustainable mountain development.
- ➔ A year later, on December 20, 2002, the UN officially declared December 11 as International Mountain Day. The first celebration took place in 2003, and since then, each year has a specific theme to focus on different issues, like freshwater, peace, biodiversity, or climate change. This year, the theme is “Restoring Mountain Ecosystems”.

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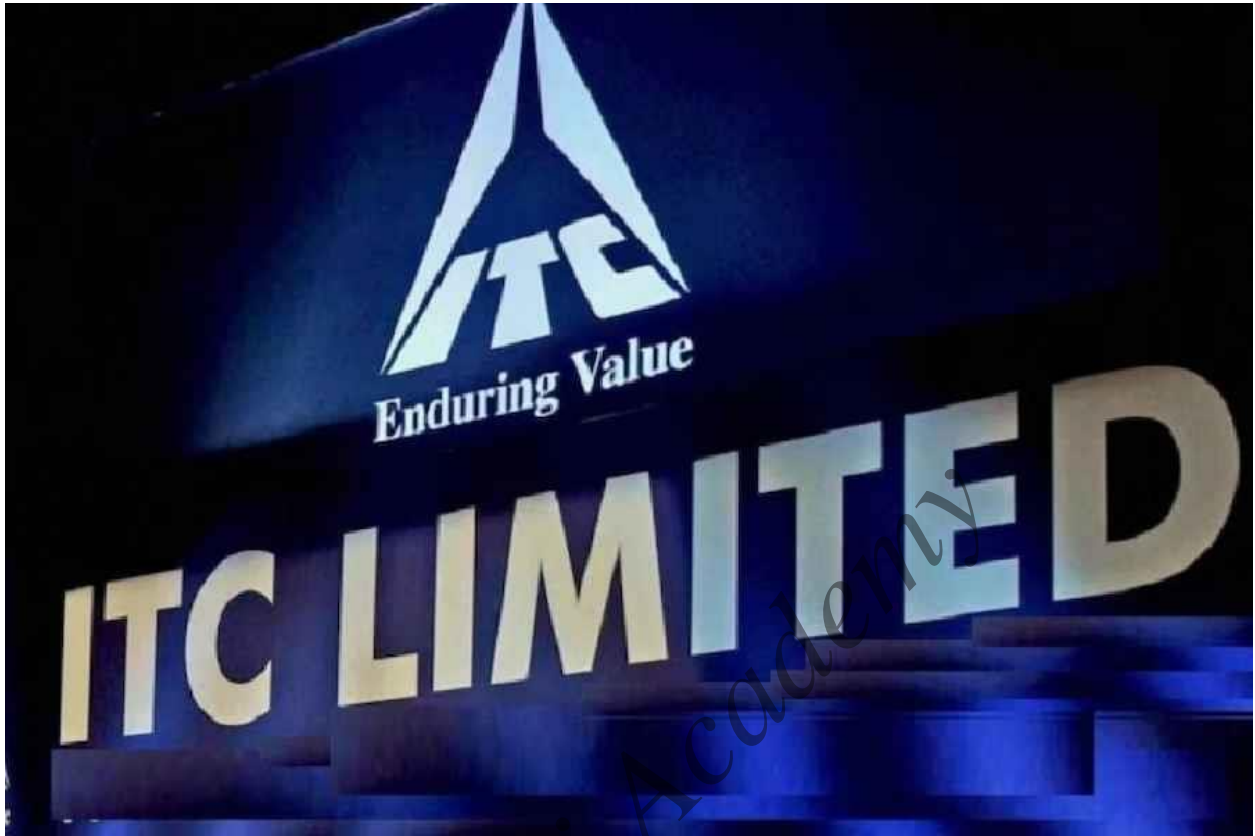
ITC Ltd:

(Importance level-3/5)

- ➔ **In a significant market shift, ITC Ltd has emerged as the third most valuable tobacco company globally, overtaking British American Tobacco (BAT). The transition follows a sell-off in BAT shares, underscoring ITC's dynamic business diversification.**
- ➔ As ownership gradually shifted to Indian hands, the company underwent name changes, becoming India Tobacco Company Limited in 1970 and later I.T.C. Limited in 1974.

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