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Takeda:

(Importance level-4/5)

- Takeda has signed a three year MoU with India's Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council to extend advisory and mentoring support to healthcare innovators and entrepreneurs.
- The partnership announced at the Global Bio-India 2023 event is a blueprint for how public and private entities can collaborate for substantial advances in healthcare.



ISRO:

(Importance level-3/5)

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- Chandrayaan-3 successfully landed on the Lunar South Pole marking India as the first country to achieve this feat.
- **The mission's accomplishment solidified India's status as a space superpower and earned ISRO a prestigious award at the India Business Leader Awards.** Chandrayaan-3 endured extreme Lunar conditions showcasing Indian Scientific resilience and ingenuity.



Gram Manchitra:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **Ministry of Panchayati Raj launched Geographic Information System application “Gram Manchitra” to encourage the spatial planning by the Gram Panchayat.**
- Further, Ministry has launched mActionSoft, a mobile based solution to help in capturing photos with Geo-Tags for the works which have asset as an output.

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Jitesh John:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **Jitesh John, a 2001 batch Indian Economic Service Officer has taken charge as Executive Director of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India.**
- ➔ Earlier, John served as an economic adviser in the Ministry of Power. He has completed more than 21 years in Government of India in various capacities.

भारतीय दिवाला एवं शोधन अक्षमता बोर्ड
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Mr. Jitesh John takes charge as Executive Director, IBBI.

Mr. Jitesh John took charge as Executive Director, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) in New Delhi on 1st December 2023. Immediately before joining, he was serving as Economic Advisor in Ministry of Power.

2. Mr. Jitesh John is an Indian Economic Service Officer of 2001 batch. He has completed more than 21 years in Government of India in various capacities. He has experience of working in Financial Sector, Energy Sector, Infrastructure Sector and Small and Medium Enterprises sector. He has a post graduate degree in Economics.



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Statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj:

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- On December 4, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked a historic moment by unveiling the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Rajkot Fort in Maharashtra's Sindhudurg district.
- This gesture not only pays tribute to the legendary Maratha warrior king but also emphasizes the importance of preserving and celebrating India's rich maritime heritage.
- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the visionary leader of the Maratha empire, was renowned for his strategic prowess in constructing coastal and sea forts.
- The unveiling ceremony highlighted his significant contribution to India's maritime history, with a special focus on the iconic Sindhudurg Fort.



Bihar government:

(Importance level-4/5)

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- ➔ The actions undertaken by the Bihar government in the field of afforestation, particularly through the Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali Abhiyan (Rural Development Department), received praise from the international community at the ongoing United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP-28) in Dubai.
- ➔ During a dedicated session on “Building Climate Resilience” at the Indian Pavilion, Ms. Preyashi and Mr. Singh delivered a detailed presentation titled “Afforestation Activities in Bihar to Combat Climate Change”.
- ➔ Ms. Preyashi highlighted the larger policy framework and inter-departmental coordination under Jal-Jeevan-Hariyali Abhiyan.



GRSE:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ In a significant achievement for India’s maritime capabilities, the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd delivered the largest-ever survey vessel built in the country, INS Sandhayak, to the Indian Navy.
- ➔ The 110-meter-long vessel is the first in a series of four survey ships being constructed by GRSE for the navy, marking a crucial milestone in the indigenous shipbuilding industry.

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Water.org:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (Ujjivan SFB) has recently unveiled a strategic partnership with Water.org, a renowned global non-profit organization dedicated to providing access to safe water and sanitation through affordable financing solutions.**
- ➔ This collaboration holds significant promise for addressing the pressing issue of water and sanitation in India, which boasts the world's highest population.
- ➔ Under this groundbreaking partnership, Water.org will collaborate with Ujjivan SFB to identify areas in need of financing for clean water and hygienic sanitation.

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“One Province, One Policy”:

(Importance level-4/5)

- China framed “One Province, One Policy” plan for financial risk. China’s regulator is urging provinces to formulate plans to manage financial risks, emphasizing tailored solutions.
- National Financial Regulatory Administration planned to examine individuals creating major risks, vowing to address disruptive market behavior.

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International Volunteer Day:

(Importance level-4/5)

- **International Volunteer Day (IVD) is an annual event observed on December 5th, celebrating the immense contributions of volunteers worldwide.**
- Established by the United Nations General Assembly in December 1985, IVD not only recognizes the selfless efforts of volunteers but also emphasizes their role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and building resilient communities.
- The 2023 theme, “The Power of Collective Action: If Everyone Did,” underscores the transformative impact that global volunteerism can have on various aspects of human development.

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World Soil Day:

(Importance level-4/5)

- Every year on December 5, people worldwide unite to commemorate World Soil Day (WSD), an occasion dedicated to recognizing the pivotal role soil plays in sustaining life on Earth.
- This annual event serves as a poignant reminder of the intricate relationship between soil, plants, animals, and humans, underscoring the critical need to preserve and protect this invaluable resource.
- As we approach World Soil Day 2023, the theme 'Soil and Water, a Source of Life' takes center stage, emphasizing the symbiotic connection between these fundamental elements.

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Uganda's cricket team:

(Importance level-4/5)

- ➔ In a groundbreaking achievement, Uganda's cricket team has earned its place in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, securing a top-two finish in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Africa qualifier.
- ➔ The team's impressive performance, particularly the recent nine-wicket victory over Rwanda, marks their debut in a senior ICC World Cup event. The event, featuring 20 teams, will witness a format change with four groups of five teams each.

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Murali Sreeshankar:

(Importance level-3/5)

- ➔ Olympian Murali Sreeshankar, the long jump silver medallist in the Commonwealth Games and Asin Games has won the 35th Jimmy George Foundation award for the best sportsperson of Kerala.
- ➔ Jose, Robert Bobby, Sebastian and Stanley along with Olympian Anju Bobby George were the members of the award committee.

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