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❖ Nagpur city a new initiative called “Beggar free city” has been launched

- In Maharashtra, a new initiative called “Beggar free city” was launched in Nagpur.
- Nagpur city police commissioner Amitesh Kumar said that a notice under 144 CRPC has been issued in this regard.
- It is a joint venture of Nagpur city police and the social welfare department of the Nagpur Municipal Corporation.
- Maharashtra Chief minister: Eknath Sindhé
- Maharashtra Governor: Ramesh Bais

❖ LIC appoints two new Managing Directors

- LIC appoints Tablesh Pandey and M.Jagannath as the new Managing Directors.
- Tablesh Pandey will take over on April 1st, 2023.
- M.Jagannath has started working from March 13th, 2023.
- Raj Kumar and BC Patnaik are two MD’s that left the company.
- There are currently four Managing Directors at LIC.
- LIC interim Chairman : Siddhartha Mohanty.
- LIC Headquarters : Mumbai
- LIC was founded on 1st September 1956.

❖ **Meta lay-offs: Facebook owner to cut 10,000 staff**

- Meta which owns Facebook, Instagram and Whatsapp has announced plans to cut down 10,000 jobs.
- It will be the second wave of mass redundancies from the Tech giant, which laid off 11,000 employees last November.
- Meta previously announced that in the three months of December 2022, earnings were down by 4% year-on-year though it still managed to make a profit of more than \$23 billion over the course of 2022.
- Chairman and CEO of Meta: Mark Zuckerberg
- Headquarters: Menlo Park, California, U.S

❖ **February wholesale inflation eases to 3.85%**

- Inflation based on WPI moderated to a two year low of 3.85% in February from 4.73% in January.
- Food items remain costly.

❖ **Surekha Yadav becomes first women loco pilot of Vande Bharat Express train**

- Asia's first female locomotive pilot, Surekha Yadav is now operating the Vande Bharat Express train.
- She operated the train from Sojapur to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminal in Maharashtra.
- She hails from Satara in Maharashtra and became the country's first female train driver in 1988.
- Union Railway minister is Ashwini Vaishnav.

❖ Indigenous very short range missile systems tested twice

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted two consecutive successful flight tests of very short range air defence (VSHDRAD) missiles at the integrated test range, Chandipur, Odisha.
- In another development, the maiden flight test of the Power Take Off (PTO) shaft was successfully conducted on Light Combat Aircraft (LCA Tejas), Limited Series Production (LPS)-3 aircraft in Bengaluru.
- DRDO Chairman: Samir V. Kamat
- DRDO Headquarters: New Delhi
- DRDO was founded in 1958

❖ CCI approves Reliance Retail Metro AG deal

- The competition commission of India (CCI) has approved Mukesh Ambani owned Reliance Retail Ventures' acquisition of Metro cash and carry India, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of German International Wholesale Metro AG, in a deal worth Rs.2,850 crore.
- In December last year, it was announced that Reliance Retail Ventures had signed definitive agreements to acquire a 100% equity share in the company.
- CCI Chairperson: Sangeeta Verma
- CCI Headquarters: New Delhi
- CCI was formed on 14th October 2003.

❖ Saudi Arabia places order for upto 121 Jetliners from Boeing

- Two Saudi Arabian airlines will order 78 jetliners from Boeing and take options to buy 43 more in a major boost for the U.S aircraft manufacturer.
- The order of Boeing 787s will be divide between Saudi Arabia's flag carrier, Saudia and a planned new airline called Riyadh Air.

- Saudi Arabia capital: Riyadh
- Saudi Arabia's Prime Minister: Mohammad Bin Salman Al Saud
- Saudi Arabia currency: Saudi Riyal

❖ High jump legend Dick Fosbury passes away

- American high jumper Dick Fosbury, who revolutionized high jump technique passed away at the age of 76.
- Against convention, Fosbury turned his back to the bar and arched his body over it – a unique method he had developed a few years ago, to win gold at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics.
- The Fosbury Flop is now the most used technique around the world.

❖ FIFA says 2026 World Cup to have a record 104 matches

- The 2026 World Cup will have 104 matches instead of the traditional 64 games due to the expanded format with 48 teams.
- The 2026 edition, which will be co-hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico will be the first edition of quadrennial tournament where 48 teams are taking part.
- CEO of FIFA: Gianni Infantino
- FIFA Headquarters: Zurich, Switzerland

❖ India 8th most polluted county in the world: Swiss firm IQ Air report

- According to the “Global Air Quality” study published by the Swiss company IQ Air, India fell from 5th to 8th most polluted nation in the world in 2022.
- The research shows that the PM2.5 level in the most polluted Indian cities is 53.5
- The two Indian cities that made to the list are Bhiwadi which is a suburb of Delhi and Delhi which was not far behind at 92.6

Rank	10 most polluted countries in the world
1	Chad
2	Iraq
3	Pakistan
4	Bahrain
5	Bangladesh
6	Burkina Faso
7	Kuwait
8	India
9	Egypt
10	Tajikistan

❖ International day to combat Islamophobia 2023

- The United Nations is observing March 15th as the International day to combat Islamophobia with the goal of taking concrete action in the face of rising hatred, discrimination and violence against Muslims.
- The organization of Islamic cooperation founded on 25th September 1969
- Headquarters: Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

❖ India's first state to start insurance scheme for sericulturists

- Uttarakhand launched the country's first "Resham Keet Bima" programme to safeguard its sericulturists.
- 200 sericulturists from five blocks in four districts—Dehradun, Haridwar, Udham Singh Nagar, and Nainital received insurance in the first phase of the pilot project, which started in Uttarakhand.
- This insurance protects sericulturists from the effects of climate change, water scarcity, and other dangers.
- Sericulture is the process of cultivating silkworms and extracting silk from them.
- Uttarakhand Chief minister: Pushkar Singh Dhama
- Uttarakhand Governor: Gurmit Singh
- Uttarakhand Capitals: Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer)