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International Day of Action for Rivers



Importance: The International Day of Action for Rivers is a day to celebrate victories such as dam removal and river restoration.

Motto: To educate one another about the threats facing our rivers, and learn about better water and energy solutions.

Edition: 26th

2023 Theme: Rights of Rivers

Background: The International Day of Action Against Dams and For Rivers, Water and Life was adopted by the participants of the first International Meeting of People Affected by Dams, March 1997 in Curitiba Brazil



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PM Modi inaugurates world's longest railway platform in Karnataka's Hubballi

- PM Narendra Modi dedicated World's longest railway platform of 1.5 kilometres at Sri Siddhaarooda railway station in Hubballi in the state of Karnataka.
- The inauguration of the platform was done during the PM's Karnataka visit in the presence of Union Minister Pralhad Joshi.
- It is to be noted that Indian Railways, South Western Railway Zones Hubballi is now registered in the Guinness Book of World Records for having the longest platform.
- The world's longest railway platform will cater to the transportation needs of the Hubballi-Dharwad region and will help in enhancing the operational capacity of the yard. Furthermore, it will enable the operations of trains in both directions.
- Gorakhpur platform in Uttar Pradesh is the second longest at 1,366.33 meters, and Kollam Junction in Kerala has the third longest platform at 1,180.5 meters.

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Q. Where did PM Narendra Modi dedicated World's longest railway platform of 1.5 kilometres in the state of Karnataka? **Sri Siddhaarooda railway station in Hubballi**



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Iran appoints new national football team head coach

- Amir Ghalenoei has been appointed head coach of Iran's national football team, according to the Iranian Football Federation.
- Ghalenoei, a former Iran international midfielder and current head coach of Persian Gulf Pro League team Gol Gohar Sirjan, replaces Portugal's Carlos Queiroz, who had led Iran at the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar.
- Ghalenoei, 59, has signed a deal to lead Iran until at least the 2023 AFC Asian Cup, which will be held from January 12 to February 10, 2024 in Qatar.
- Ghalenoei previously served as Iran's head coach from 2006 to 2008.
- He led Iran to the 2007 AFC Asian Cup quarterfinals where they lost to South Korea.

Iran:

- Capital: Tehran
- President: Ebrahim Raisi
- Currency: Iranian rial

Q. Who has been appointed as the head coach of Iran's national football team? **Amir Ghalenoei**



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India's first Behavioural lab to be set up in Jaipur

- The state government announced to development behavioural lab at Harishchandra Mathur Rajasthan State Institute of Public Administration, Jaipur.
- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot in a meeting has approved a financial proposal of Rs 1.22 crore for the lab to be set up at Patel Bhawan at RIPA.
- This will be the first behavioural lab in the country to be built with state-of-the-art technology.
- The lab to be set up in about 2665.04 square feet area will be managed and operated by IIM Udaipur.
- The faculty of the IIM will impart training on applied methods, and certificate courses of Ph.D level will be conducted here.
- Experts of international level will be involved in conducting experiments and workshops and human behaviour will be studied with the help of innovative technology, including ultra-modern software and hardware.

Rajasthan:

- Capital: Jaipur
- Governor: Kalraj Mishra
- Chief Minister: Ashok Gehlot

Q. India's first Behavioural laboratory will be established in which city? **Jaipur**

The logo for Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) features the lowercase letters 'svb' in a dark blue, sans-serif font, followed by a light blue chevron pointing to the right.The HSBC logo consists of a red hexagon with a white cross inside, positioned above the letters 'HSBC' in a black, serif font.

HSBC ACQUIRES SILICON VALLEY BANK'S UK ARM

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HSBC Holdings to buy Silicon Valley Bank's UK arm

- HSBC has swooped into buy the UK arm of collapsed US Silicon Valley Bank (SVB), bringing relief to UK tech firms who warned they could go bust without help.
- Customers and businesses who had been unable to withdraw their money will now be able to access it and other banking services as normal.
- The deal with HSBC involved no taxpayer money and the Bank of England said deposits were secure.
- HSBC said it paid just £1 for the SVB's UK arm after it failed.
- Silicon Valley Bank - which specialised in lending to technology companies - was shut down by US regulators in what was the largest failure of a US bank since 2008.

What went wrong at Silicon Valley Bank?

- SVB specialised in lending to start-up firms, and the company served nearly half of US venture-backed technology and healthcare companies that listed on stock markets last year.
- The firm, which started as a California bank in 1983, was under pressure as higher interest rates made it harder for its customers to raise money through private fundraising or share sales. More clients were withdrawing deposits in a trend that snowballed.

Q. Which company has swooped into buy the UK arm of collapsed US Silicon Valley Bank (SVB), bringing relief to UK tech firms who warned they could go bust without help? **HSBC Holding**



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Simon Taufel Steps Down From Position Of Legend League Cricket's Director Of Match Ethics

- Former member of the ICC Elite umpire panel and regarded as one of the best umpires of his time Simon Taufel has stepped down from the position of Director of Match Ethics of Legends League Cricket (LLC).
- The Australian who was appointed to the position in December last year will not be available for the rest of the LLC Masters matches due to an issue with his dates.

LLC:

- Legends League Cricket or LLCT20 is a T20 cricket league featuring players including recently retired international players.
- It is an international edition and third edition of Legends League Cricket, featuring three teams - India Maharajas, Asia Lions and World Giants. Qatar Cricket Association is hosting the tournament in West End Park International Cricket Stadium, Doha, Qatar from 10 March 2023 to 20 March 2023.
- For the third edition of the league, legendary cricketers Gautam Gambhir (India Maharajas), Shahid Afridi (Asia Lions), and Aaron Finch (World Giants) were chosen to be the captains of their respective teams.

Q. Who is the Commissioner of the Legend League Cricket?
Ravi Shastri



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Rare Moth found in Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi districts after 127 years

- Rare moth species *Mimeusemia ceylonica* has been spotted recently after 127 years.
- *Mimeusemia ceylonica* is a moth species belonging to the subfamily Agaristinae and family Noctuidae.
- The species was last sighted 127 years ago at Trincomalee in Sri Lanka in 1893.
- It was first described in 1893 by George Hampson, an English entomologist.
- It was rediscovered during a moth survey conducted at the Agasthyamalai Community-based Conservation Centre (ACCC) situated in the buffer zone of Kalakkad–Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve KMTR, Tirunelveli district in 2020.
- It was again spotted at the Vallanaadu Blackbuck Sanctuary in the Thoothukudi district in 2022.

KMTR:

- The Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve (KMTR) is in Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari District of Tamil Nadu
- It was declared as the “First Tiger Reserve of Tamil Nadu” and the 17th Tiger Reserve of the country.
- It was established in 2010.
- It is registered under Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act 1975.

Q. Which rare moth species was spotted in Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi districts after 127 years? ***Mimeusemia ceylonica***



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Government launches MSME Competitive (LEAN) Scheme

- The Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises launched the MSME Competitive (LEAN) scheme.
- The Scheme is a business initiative to reduce "waste" in manufacturing.
- It provides for building awareness of lean manufacturing practices in MSME clusters as well as cost sharing of consultant's fees with MSME units who opt for such interventions.
- Under the scheme, the Centre's contribution will be 90 per cent of the implementation cost for handholding and consultancy fees as against 80 per cent previously.
- The Pilot Phase of Lean Manufacturing Competitiveness Scheme (LMCS) was approved in 2009 for 100 Mini Clusters.
- Under the scheme, MSMEs will implement LEAN manufacturing tools like 5S, Kaizen, KANBAN, Visual workplace, Poka Yoka etc under the guidance of trained and competent LEAN Consultants to attain LEAN levels like Basic, Intermediate and Advanced.

Q. Which ministry has recently launched LEAN scheme?

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

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NAATU NAATU - RRR

Best Original Song



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Oscars 2023: Indian film RRR creates history, 'Naatu Naatu' wins Best Original Song

- In the 95th Academy Awards ceremony, India's 'Naatu Naatu song' from SS Rajamouli's film RRR made history by becoming the first Indian film to win an Oscar for best original song.
- Composer of the song M. M. Keeravani along with lyricist Chandrabose collected the award. Playback singers of the Naatu Naatu song, Rahul Sipligunj and Kaala Bhairava performed the song at the Academy Awards ceremony at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles in USA.
- RRR is the first Indian film in over two decades to be nominated for the Academy Awards while 'Naatu Naatu' was the first Indian song to be nominated at the Oscars.
- Another Indian entry in the Academy Awards 'The Elephant Whisperers' also won an Oscar in the Best Documentary Short Film category.
- This 41 minutes short documentary movie of filmmaker Kartiki Gonsalves and producer Guneet Monga, explores the bond between Raghu, an orphaned baby elephant, and his caretakers.
- It is the second Indian song to win this prestigious award, after 'Jai Ho', composed by AR Rahman and penned by Gulzar from Slumdog Millionaire (British drama film) won one in 2009 in the same category.
- The song already made history in January when it won a Golden Globe for the best original song - a first for India. The same month, it also won the Critics' Choice award for the best song.

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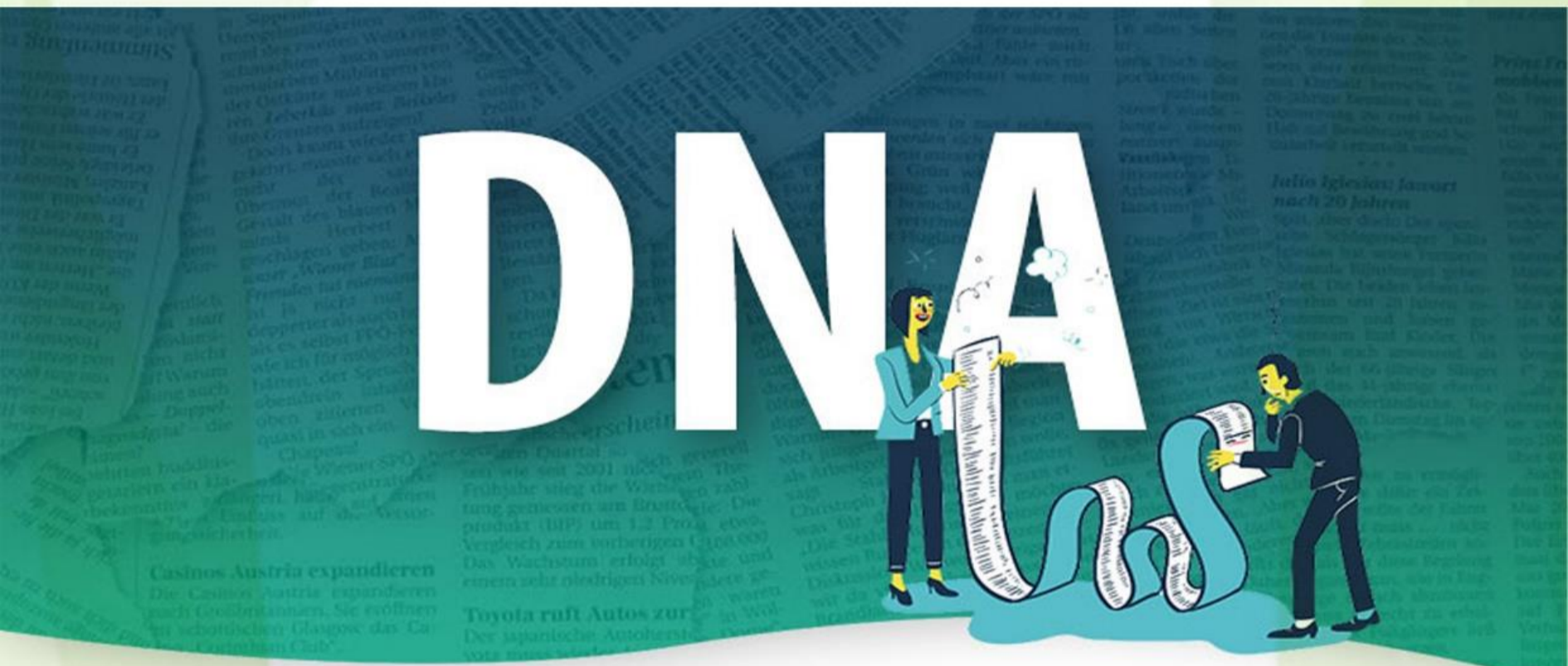
Here's the complete list of winners:

- Best Picture: Everything Everywhere All At Once
- Best Actress: Michelle Yeoh (Everything Everywhere All at Once)
- Best Actor: Brendan Fraser (The Whale)
- Best Director: Daniel Kwan and Daniel Schienert (Everything Everywhere All at Once)
- Best Original Song: "Naatu Naatu" (RRR)
- Best Film Editing: Everything Everywhere All at Once
- Best Sound: Top Gun: Maverick
- Best Adapted Screenplay: Women Talking
- Best Original Screenplay: Everything Everywhere All at Once – Daniel Kwan and Daniel Schienert
- Best Visual Effects: Avatar: The Way of Water
- Best Animated Feature Film: Guillermo del Toro's 'Pinocchio'
- Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Jamie Lee Curtis in 'Everything Everywhere All at Once'
- Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Ke Huy Quan in 'Everything Everywhere All at Once'
- Best Documentary Short Film: 'The Elephant Whisperers' by Kartiki Gonsalves and Guneet Monga

Q. India's 'Naatu Naatu song' from which film made history by becoming the first Indian film to win an Oscar for best original song? **RRR**



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