Chapter - 31 National Events

January 2023

- 108th session the Indian Science Congress held in Nagpur.
- The Unique Identification Authority of India puts in place a resident-friendly facility to help residents update address in Aadhaar online with the consent of the Head of Family.
- Manohar International Airport Goa, commences operation.
- 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas Convention 2023 held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- World's longest river cruise MV Ganga Vilas inaugurated.
- 21 unnamed islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands named after 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees.
- 13th National Voters' Day celebrated.
- Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train "Shri Jagannath Yatra" flagged off.
- Six - day mega event "Bharat Parv" held.
- Padma Awards 2023 announced, the tally includes 6 Padma Vibhushan, 9 Padma Bhushan and 91 Padma Shri Awards.
- World's first intranasal COVID 19 vaccine "iNNCOVACC" unveiled.

February 2023

- The Union Budget 2023-24 presented in Lok Sabha.
- 36th Surajkund International Crafts Mela gets underway.
- India gets its revised Drone Policy.
- Third Khelo India Winter Games held in Gulmarg, J&K
- 5-day Mahakumbh of Stamps "AMRITPEX 2023 - National Philatel.
- 14th edition of Asia's biggest aero show "Aero India 2023" inaugurated in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Aadi Mahotsav, the mega National Tribal Festival, organised in New Delhi
- KAVACH-2023, a National Level Hackathon to tackle cyber threats provide effective solutions launched in Greater NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh and
- Technotex 2023: Envisioning Indian Technical Textiles @2047', the International Exhibition and Conference on Technical Textiles, held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- First Snow Marathon organised in Jammu.
- 'MV Ganga Vilas' creates history by completing its maiden journey at its culminating destination in Dibrugarh

March 2023

- India bags Golden and Silver Star at The International 'Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2023' at ITB, 2023 held in Berlin, Germany.
- First Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FL-NAT) held across 10 states and UTs.
- Asia's largest 4-metre International Liquid Mirror Telescope (ILMT) unveiled in Devasthal, Uttarakhand.
- 'Sagar Manthan', the Real-time Performance Monitoring Dashboard launched First edition of Women Icons Leading Swachata (WINS) Awards 2023 launched.
- The President presents 3 Padma Vibhushan, 4 Padma Bhushan and 47 Padma Shri Awards for 2023 at the Civil Investiture Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- 'Naatu Naatu' song from the RRR movie creates history by winning Oscar awards for Best Original

Song. 'The Elephant Whisperers', another entry from India won the Oscar for Best Documentary Short Film.

- One World TB Summit 2023 inaugurated in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- First Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference held in New Delhi

April 2023

- Seven-day SCO Millets Food Festival held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Indian Space policy detailing public and private cooperation guidelines introduced.
- India celebrates a key milestone in its G20 Presidency, with the hosting of its 100th G20 meeting, the Meeting of Agriculture Chief Scientists, in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- First Global Buddhist Summit hosted in New Delhi.
- Kerala's first Vande Bharat Express between Thiruvananthapuram and Kasargod flagged off.
- Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty became the first Indian Men's Doubles pair to win the Asia Badminton Championships Title held in Dubai, UAE.

May 2023

- President confers 8 Kirti Chakras (including 5 posthumous) and 29 Shaurya Chakras (including 5 posthumous) to the personnel of the Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces and State/Union Territory Police during Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase-I) held in New Delhi.
- 'Sanchar Saathi' portal, developed to prevent frauds such as identity theft, forged KYC, banking frauds, launched.
- AI Supercomputer 'AIRAWAT', installed at c-DAC, Pune, ranked 75th in the 61st edition of Top 500 Global Supercomputing List at the Supercomputing Conference (ISC 2023) held in Germany.
- Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra is ranked first in Doha Diamond League with a throw of 88.67 metres.
- Deepak Bhoria, Hussamuddin and Nishant Dev win medals in the Men's World Boxing Championships at Tashkent for the first time ever.
- Prime Minister conferred with the 'Grand Companion of the Order of Logohu', the highest civilian award of Papua New Guinea.
- Indian Deaf Cricket Team won IDCA TR-Nation ODI for 2023, by defeating Bangladesh by a record 166 runs held in Kolkata, West Bengal.

June 2023

- India's first international cruise vessel, M V Empress from Chennai to Sri Lanka flagged off.
- New gen ballistic missile Agni Prime successfully flight tested off the Odisha coast.
- The 4th National Water Awards, 2022 conferred to 41 winners including joint winners across 11 categories for their exemplary work in the field of water conservation and management.
- India's first mRNA vaccine 'GEMCOVAC@ -OM', an omicron-specific mRNA-based Booster vaccine launched.
- The Prime Minister of India conferred with the 'Order of Nile', the highest civilian award of Egypt.
- Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2021 conferred on Gita Press Museum, Gorakhpur.
- The President of India conferred the highest civilian award of Suriname - Grand Order of the Chain of the Yellow Star.

July 2023

- Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi conferred with the Grand Cross Of the Legion of Honour, France's highest award in Paris.
- ISRO successfully launches LVM3-M4 rocket carrying Chandrayaan 3 from the second launchpad of India's spaceport at Sriharikota.
- The International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre 'Bharat Mandapam' inaugurated at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- As part of the 3rd Culture Working Group Meeting of G20 in Hampi, Karnataka, under its 'Culture Unites All' campaign, set a Guinness World Record for largest display of Lambani items.
- Neeraj Chopra wins in Javelin Throw Men at the Lausanne Diamond League 2023 in Switzerland.

August 2023

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi conferred with the Lokmanya Tilak National Award in Pune, Maharashtra. The award was instituted in 1983 by the Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust to be given annually on 1st August, the death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak, to persons who have made remarkable and extraordinary contributions, working for the progress and development of the nation.
- India participates in the 20th ASEAN-India Economic Ministers' meeting held in Semarang, Indonesia.
- Chandrayaan 3 successfully soft-lands on the surface of the moon in the South Pole area.
- India participates in the 15th BRICS Summit held under the chairmanship of South Africa, in Johannesburg.
- Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra wins India's first-ever gold at the World Athletics Championships held at Budapest, Hungary.
- Indian women's blind cricket team wins Gold at the IBSA World Games held at Birmingham, England.
- Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi conferred with The Grand Cross of the Order of Honour by the President of Greece.
- Indian team wins the Women Wrestling team title at the 2023 U-20 World Championships held at Amman, Jordan.
- Indian Men's Hockey Team wins the fourth Asian Champions Trophy Title held at Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Indian athletes create history with a record-breaking haul of 26 medals at the 31 st World University Games, including 11 golds, 5 silvers, and 10 bronzes held at Chengdu, China.

September 2023

- Indian Space Research Organisation successfully launches India's first solar mission, Aditya Ll from Sriharikota Range.
- G20 Leaders' Summit held at New Delhi's iconic Bharat Mandapam.
- India's first dedicated OPD for Transgenders inaugurated at Dr. R M L Hospital, New Delhi.
- The phase-I of the India International Convention and Expo Centre - 'Yashobhoomi' dedicated to the nation in New Delhi.
- The first Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show inaugurated at Greater Noida.
- The Government of India comes out with a new set of National Awards for Science, technology and innovation known as "Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar".
- The first Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus flagged off in New Delhi.
- Legendary actress MS Waheeda Rehman honoured with Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Awards 2021.
- The first ever drone exhibition cum display 'Bharat Drone Shakti 2023, organised at Air Force Station, Hindon in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, featuring 75+ drone startups from across the country.
- Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Awards conferred to 84 artists in performing arts.
- India wins the Asia cup 2023 for cricket held in Sri Lanka. It was jointly hosted by Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- Indian Men's hockey team wins Hockey5s Asia cup 2023 held in Muscat, Oman.

October 2023

- India made history at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, surpassing the 100-medal mark for the first time and amassing 107 medals including 28 gold, 38 silver, and 41 bronze medals.
- The 37th National Games inaugurated in Margao, Goa.
- Dhordo village in Kutch district of Gujarat bags the Best Tourism Village by the United Nations World Tourism Organization.
- Indian chess player Karthikeyan Murali wins against World No.1, Magnus Carlsen at the Qatar Masters 2023.
- Raunak Sadhwani emerged victorious at the FIDE World Junior Rapid Chess Championship 2023 held in Astana, Kazakhstan.

November 2023

- The Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN) is approved.
- Army Medical Corps Officer Col Sunita BS scripts history by becoming the first woman to assume the role of Commanding Officer at Armed Forces Transfusion Centre, Delhi Cantt.
- The Indian Mission to ASEAN organises the ASEAN-India Millet Festival 2023 in Indonesia.
- The Indian Para Archery team won nine medals, including four gold medals, at Para Asian Archery Championships in Bangkok, Thailand.
- India wins 55 medals at the 15th Asian Shooting Championship held at Changwon, South Korea.
- Kozhikode and Gwalior included in UNESCO's Creative Cities Network as 'City of Literature' and 'City of Music' respectively.
- 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is held in Goa. Renowned Hollywood actor and producer Michael Douglas honoured with the prestigious Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Cinema.
- The first-ever Khelo India Para Games are to be held in New Delhi from 10th to 17th December 2023. Logo and mascot 'Ujjwala' launched in New Delhi.
- Indian Women's Hockey Team wins gold medal at Asian Champions Trophy 2023 held at Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

December 2023

- On International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the President conferred the National Awards for the Empowerment of Divyangjan 2023 upon 21 individuals and 9 institutions for their exemplary contributions across various sectors.
- Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar Project for cultural mapping and documentation of villages across India inaugurated.
- 'Garba Of Gujarat' declared as Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO.
- The Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) meeting is held in New Delhi.
- First Indian Art, Architecture and Design Biennale (IAADB) 2023 organised in New Delhi.
- The first-ever Khelo India Para Games 2023 held in New Delhi. Para Khelo Games came to a close in New Delhi with Haryana at the top and Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu at second and third positions.
- The Kashi Tamil Sangamam 2023 is inaugurated in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh•
- Parliament clears Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, Bharatiya Sanhita, and Bharatiya sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023. Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Bill; Telecommunications and Press and Registration of Periodicals Bills were also cleared.