

The Dhronas offers a convenient solution for keeping abreast of global weekly current affairs. Our aim is to provide succinct and enlightening digests of the week's most significant news stories, saving you valuable time typically spent sifting through lengthy news articles. Our weekly current affairs summaries cater to individuals with busy schedules, delivering concise, engaging, and easily digestible content that spans diverse subjects, including politics, business, sports, and entertainment.

In today's blog, we'll delve into the weekly current affairs spanning from October 13th to October 18th, 2023. By exploring these current affairs, you can remain well-informed. Additionally, you have the option to download a PDF version of the weekly current affairs for your convenience. Let's check this news from West Bengal.

## Weekly Current Affairs of West Bengal

### West Bengal government to help farmers save water with financial assistance

The West Bengal government has announced a new scheme to provide financial assistance to farmers who adopt water-saving irrigation practices. This is a welcome move, as it will help farmers to reduce their costs and increase their yields. The scheme will provide financial assistance for the installation of water-saving irrigation systems, such as drip irrigation and sprinkler irrigation. These systems are more efficient than traditional irrigation methods, as they deliver water directly to the roots of the plants. This reduces evaporation and waste, and helps to save water.



[Image Source: Telegraph India]

### West Bengal Chief Minister inaugurates new medical college

The Chief Minister of West Bengal inaugurated a new medical college in the state on October 24, 2023. The medical college will have an annual intake of 100 students. The new medical college is a significant step towards improving the quality of healthcare in the state. It will increase the number of doctors in the state and make healthcare more accessible to people in rural and remote areas.

## West Bengal government announces new scholarship scheme for economically weaker students

The West Bengal government has announced a new scholarship scheme to provide financial assistance to students from economically weaker sections of society. This is a commendable move, as it will help students to pursue higher education and improve their lives. The scholarship scheme will be open to students from all levels of education, from primary school to university. Students will be eligible for the scholarship based on their academic merit and their family income.



[Image Source: The Economic Times]

## West Bengal government organizes workshop on climate change adaptation for farmers

The West Bengal government organized a workshop on climate change adaptation for farmers on October 23, 2023. The workshop aimed to educate farmers about the impact of climate change on agriculture and to teach them how to adapt to these changes. The workshop covered a wide range of topics, including the basics of climate change, the different types of climate change impacts on agriculture, and adaptation strategies for farmers. The workshop also featured case studies from farmers who have successfully adapted to climate change.

## West Bengal government organizes workshop on entrepreneurship for women

The West Bengal government organized a workshop on entrepreneurship for women on October 22, 2023. The workshop aimed to encourage women to start their own businesses and to provide them with the skills and knowledge they need to be successful. The workshop covered a wide range of topics, including the basics of starting a business, marketing and sales, and financial management. The workshop also featured case studies from successful women entrepreneurs.





[Image Source: Startupindia.gov.in]

## National Weekly Current Affairs

### Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh

The Skill India will organise a grand "Kaushal Convocation " to recognise and honour the candidates who have completed their training under the various schemes and programmes of Skill India. It was launched with an aim to promote Skill based education in line with the aspirations of 21st century learners.



[Image Source: PIB]

### Lek Ladki Yojana launched by Maharashtra Government

The Maharashtra Government launched the Lek Ladki Yojana (Dear Daughter Scheme) for families with annual income upto one lakh. The Shinde government also approved disbursement of 1720 crore to farmers as the first tranche of funds under Nammo Shetkari Mahadsanman Nidhi Yojana by issuing Government Resolution.

## 141st International Olympic Committee Session

The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi inaugurated the 141st International Olympic Committee (IOC) Session at the Jio World Centre in Mumbai. The IOCs 86th Session was held in New Delhi in 1983.

## Piyush Goyal chairs Chintan Shivir with Industrialists

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Shri Piyush Goyal chaired a Chintan Shivir with Industrialists on "Unleashing the power of India's Manufacturing Industry. The Minister asked the industries to accelerate production activity and make India a global hub for manufacturing.



[Image Source: PIB]

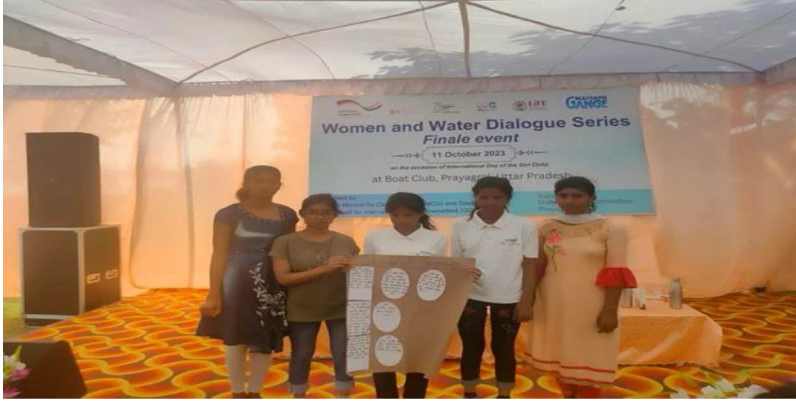
## 8th BRICS International Competition Conferences 2023

Chairperson of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLAT), Justice Ashok Bhushan inaugurated the 8th BRICS International Competition Conference (BRICS ICC) 2023. The Competition Commission of India is hosting the conference on the theme "New Issues in Competition Law and Policy- Dimensions, Perspectives, Challenges.

## Women and Water Dialogue Series

The 5th event of Women and Water Dialogue Series was held at the Boat Club House in Prayagraj on the occasion of International Day of the Girl Child. It is a programme started during the Ganga Utsav 2022 to highlight the pivotal role of women in the Water sector.





[Image Source: PIB]

## India ranks 111th in Global Hunger index

India with a score of 28.7 ranked 111th out of 125 countries in the Global hunger Index (GHI) 2023 report. India ranked 107th out of 121 in 2022. South Asia and Africa South of Sahara recorded the highest regional hunger levels both with a GHI score of 27.

## MoU between ICAR and IIT Kanpur to support startups

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Pusa Krishi, ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute and Start-Up incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC), IIT Kanpur to support incubators and startups.

## 5th National Water Awards 2023

The Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation has launched the 5th National Water Awards 2023 on Rashtriya Puraskar Portal.



[Image Source: PIB]

## 54th International Film Festival of India

Hollywood Actor and Producer Michael Douglas to attend 54th International Film Festival of India to receive Prestigious Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award. The announcement was made by Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur.

## MoU between REC and NICS I for Digital Transformation

The Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC) a Maharatna Company under the Ministry of Power signed a MoU with National Informatics Centre Services (NICS I) under National Informatics Centre for Information and Communications Technology and Digital Transformation Services.

## BITES and IRCON granted Navratna Status

Inconvenience International Limited (IRCON) and BITES Ltd both Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under Ministry of Railways have been announced as 15th and 16th Navratna among CPSEs. The Ministry of Finance conferred the Navratna Status.

## Self Declaration of Freedom from Avian Influenza

The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) has approved the Self declaration of Freedom from Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Indian Poultry Compartments. The achievement is a testament to India's commitment to maintaining high standards of animal health and biosecurity.



[Image Source: PIB]

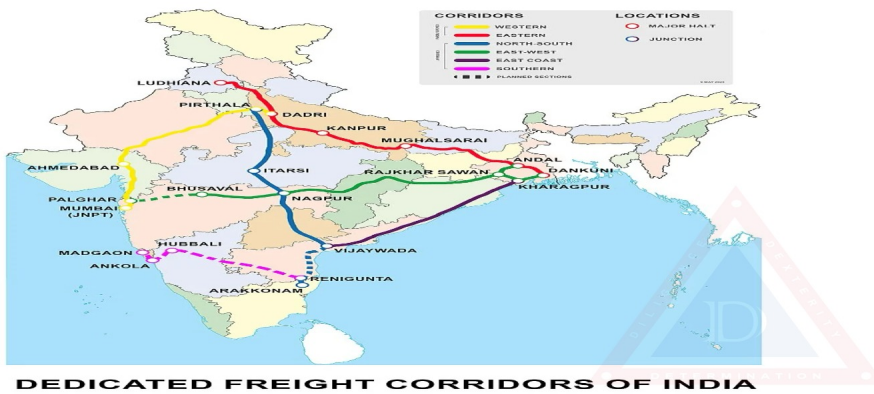
## Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (NIMSR)



Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (NIMSR) in Kohima, Nagaland. It is the first Medical College in Nagaland.

## Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC)

The 1337 Kilometre length of the 51,000 crore Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) was declared Operational. The development comes after the successful trial run of the first freight train over 401 km long Sahnewal (Punjab) to New Khurja (Uttar Pradesh).



[Image Source: Wikipedia]

## Samau Shaheed Memorial and Library

Union Minister of Home and Corporate Affairs Amit Shah inaugurated Samau Shaheed Memorial and Library in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The Memorial will serve to immortalise 12 heroes who sacrificed their lives in 1857 during the freedom struggle in Samau.

## 50th Foundation Day of Central Electricity Authority.

The Central Electricity Authority, an organisation under the Ministry of Power, celebrated its 50th foundation day on October 15. The Organisation provides technical and Policy support to the government and to all other stakeholders in the power sector.

## Team RPF runs at Delhi Half Marathon 2023

A 25 member team of Railway Protection Force (RPF) participated in the Delhi Half Marathon 2023 to promote the cause of safe and secure travel on trains for women. The objective behind the run was to create public awareness about various initiatives of RPF aimed at promoting Women's safety and security on the Indian Railways Network.

## Super Power Retailer Program

The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) partners with Coca Cola India to launch the Super Power Retailer Program under the Skill India Mission. It is being launched to empower the Retailer community in the states of Odisha and Uttar Pradesh.



[Image Source: PIB]

## Global Maritime India Summit 2023

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Global Maritime India Summit 2023. The Summit will be held at MMRDA Grounds in Mumbai. The Prime Minister will also unveil Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, the long term blueprint for the Indian Maritime Blue Economy.

## 75th Foundation of NDA, Khadakwasla

The National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla organised the first ever marathon as part of its year long celebrations to commemorate 75 years of its existence. Over 13500 people took part in the marathon.

## Ram Temple themed Durga Puja Pandal

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah inaugurated a Ram Temple themed Durga Puja pandal in Sealdah, West Bengal. The Durga Pandal is spreading the message of Ram Mandir all across the world even before its completion in Ayodhya.





[Image Source: Hindustan Times]

## 69th National Film Awards

The President of India Shri Droupadi Murmu presented the 69th National Film Awards in various categories in New Delhi. The Star studded event honoured the most talented individuals in the Film industry. The Nambi effect directed by R Madhavan was recognized as the Best Feature Film while The Kashmir Files received the Nargis Dutt award for best Feature Film on National Integration.

## MoU between NICF and IICA

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) and National Institute of Communication Finance (NICF) for academic and Research Collaboration to synergize Professional capabilities of both institutions.

## Looking for Challan garners prestigious National Film award

A poignant Film "Looking for Challan" produced by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) clinched the coveted National Award for "Best Investigative Film" category. It is directed by Bappa Ray. The film was honoured with the prestigious "Rajat Kamal" (Certificate of Excellence) and a cash prize of Rs 50,000.

## Top 30 Weekly Current Affairs - 13th to 18th October 2023



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