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## “IMPORTANT DAY”

### Global Media and Information Literacy Week 2023: 24-31 October

Global Media and Information Literacy Week, observed from October 24 to 31 every year, is an event of great importance in the realm of information and media literacy. It serves as an occasion for reflection, celebration, and international collaboration on this critical topic. In this article, we explore the key aspects of this event, its theme for this year, and the fundamental concept of Media and Information Literacy (MIL).

#### **The Theme for 2023**

The theme for Global Media and Information Literacy Week 2023 is “Media and Information Literacy in Digital Spaces: A Collective Global Agenda.” This theme underscores the growing importance of digital literacy in a world where information is increasingly disseminated through digital channels. It emphasizes the need for a collective effort on a global scale to enhance digital literacy, enabling individuals to navigate and critically engage with digital information effectively.

### UN Disarmament Week Observed on 24-30 October

UN Disarmament Week, celebrated on October 24 to 30, 2023, is an annual event organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA). It plays a vital role in raising awareness of the significance of disarmament and advocating for the elimination of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction. This article explores the four key pillars of the Agenda for Disarmament and delves into the historical background of this crucial observance.

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## United Nations Day 2023 celebrates on 24 October

United Nations Day, observed on October 24th each year, commemorates the anniversary of the entry into force of the UN Charter in 1945. This momentous occasion officially marked the establishment of the United Nations, a global organization unparalleled in its legitimacy, convening power, and normative impact. This article delves into the history and significance of United Nations Day and the enduring importance of the UN in today's world. As we celebrate United Nations Day on October 24, we reflect on the enduring significance of the UN in a world that continues to grapple with diverse challenges. This day provides an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the principles and purposes of the UN Charter and to recognize the potential of global cooperation in shaping a brighter future for all.

## "SPORTS"

### India's Unnati Hooda wins Abu Dhabi Masters 2023

In a thrilling showdown at the Abu Dhabi Masters 2023, young Indian badminton talent Unnati Hooda emerged as the champion in the women's singles event. This remarkable win marks her second BWF Super 100 World Tour title, further solidifying her reputation as a rising star in the sport.

## "SCIENCE"

### Skyroot Aerospace unveils Vikram-1 rocket, scheduled for full launch next year

In a momentous event for India's space industry, Dr. Jitendra Singh, the Union Minister of Science and Technology, unveiled Skyroot's Vikram-1 orbital rocket in Hyderabad on Tuesday, October 24th. With the hope of achieving a fully commercial launch in the later months of 2024, Skyroot's co-founder and CEO, Pawan Kumar Chandana, has emphasized the partly commercial nature of Vikram-1's inaugural launch.

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## “AWARD”

### REC Limited honoured with the Golden Peacock Award

REC Limited, the Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Power, has been recognized for its exceptional performance in risk management with the esteemed Golden Peacock Award. The Golden Peacock Award in Risk Management highlights REC's continued commitment to implementing effective risk assessment strategies. The Golden Peacock Awards, established by the Institute of Directors (IOD), India in 1991, has emerged as an internationally acclaimed standard for corporate excellence.

### Jina Mahsa Amini wins EU's Sakharov Prize 2023

The European Union parliament awarded its annual Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought to Iranian woman Mahsa Amini who died in police custody last year and the “Woman, Life, Freedom” movement in Iran. On 16 September we marked one year since the murder of Jina Mahsa Amini in Iran. The European Parliament proudly stands with the brave and defiant who continue to fight for equality, dignity, and freedom in Iran.

## “DEFENCE”

### Japan becomes first nation to launch an Electromagnetic Railgun

The Japanese Ministry of Defense has successfully executed the world's first electromagnetic railgun fire test from a ship. It is conducted in coordination with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) and represents a significant step forward in Japan's pursuit of sophisticated defense capabilities. ATLA has accomplished ship-board firing test of railgun first time in the world with the cooperation of the JMSDF. Objective – To protect vessels against air threats and surface threats by high-speed bullets, ATLA strongly promotes early deployment of railgun technology.

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## “NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL NEWS”

### Mumbai second most polluted major global city as air quality worsens

India is grappling with severe air pollution issues, with Mumbai ranking as the second most polluted city according to IQAir, a leading air quality measurement company. Delhi, the capital, also faces significant air quality challenges, ranking sixth globally. The air quality index (AQI) measures pollution levels, indicating the health risks associated with breathing the air.

### Mizoram celebrates Anthurium Festival begins with fervor & enthusiasm

In Mizoram, a two-day-long Anthurium Festival began with all festivities and enthusiasm at Reiek in Mamit District. The festival is being organized by the Department of Tourism of Mizoram. Tourism is an important sector for income generation for the overall development of the state. It also provides an avenue for employment to the youth. The Anthurium flower is one of the most expensive flowers cultivated in India & widely used in ceremonies ranging from birthdays, weddings as well as funeral services cultural heritage and traditions of the Mizo people.

### India to surpass Japan in 2030 to become 2nd largest economy of Asia, says S&P Global

India's economy is on the rise! By 2030, its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is predicted to reach a whopping \$7.3 trillion, making it the second-largest economy in the Asia-Pacific region, just after China.

### Sri Lanka announces free visas for Indians to boost tourism

Sri Lanka, in a bid to revitalize its tourism sector, has taken a significant step by waiving visa fees for tourists from seven countries, including India. This move aims to attract more visitors and help the country recover from recent economic challenges.

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