



Rapid Fire Current Affairs

2023 SAFF Championship

The **2023 SAFF Championship** is a biennial international men's football tournament for **South Asian countries**, organized by the **South Asian Football Federation (SAFF)**. The **14th edition of the tournament will be hosted by India in Bengaluru** from June 21 to July 3, 2023. India is the defending champion, having won its **eighth title in 2021 by defeating Nepal in the final**. The tournament will feature **eight teams, including two guest teams from outside the region: Kuwait and Lebanon**. **Sri Lanka** was unable to participate due to its suspension by [FIFA \(Fédération internationale de Football Association\)](#), while **Afghanistan withdrew from SAFF** and joined the Central Asian Football Federation. The eight teams are divided into two groups of four each, with the top two teams from each group advancing to the semi-finals. India is drawn in **Group A with Kuwait, Nepal, and Pakistan, while Lebanon is in Group B with Maldives, Bhutan, and Bangladesh**.

SAFF was formed in 1997 by founding Member Associations from **Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka**. The SAFF motto '**Unity in Strength**' depicts the power and bond of these seven Member Associations which is currently epitomized by the leader and President of SAFF. The SAFF Secretariat currently operates from **Dhaka, Bangladesh**. The SAFF is a part of the larger Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

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Trimbakeshwar Temple

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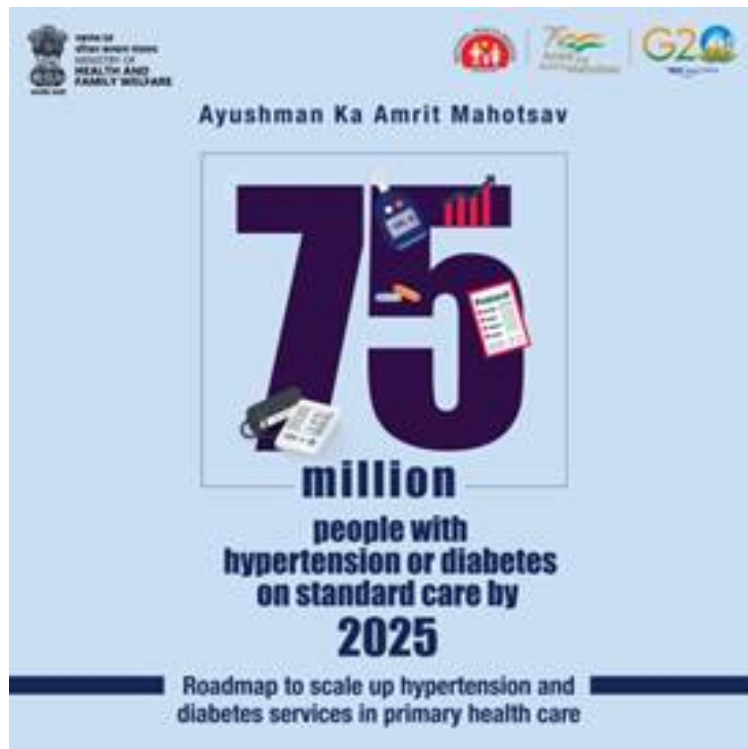
Maharashtra has set up a **special investigation team (SIT)** to investigate an incident in which members of the [minority community](#) were accused of trying to enter the **Trimbakeshwar temple in Nashik**. As per the temple management, **only Hindus are allowed to enter the temple, non-Hindus are not allowed** to enter the temple.

Trimbakeshwar temple is an ancient and sacred Hindu temple **dedicated to Lord Shiva**, located in the town of Trimbak in the Nashik district of Maharashtra. It is **one of the twelve Jyotirlingas**, the holiest shrines of Shiva, where he is worshipped as **Trimbakeshwar, the lord of three worlds**. The

temple was built by the **third Peshwa Balaji Bajirao** in the 18th century on the site of an old temple, near the mountain of Brahmagiri, from where the [river Godavari](#) **originates**. The temple is built of black stone in the [Nagara style of architecture](#) and is enclosed in a spacious courtyard.

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World Hypertension Day



The Union Health Ministry of India has unveiled a groundbreaking initiative, the **"75/25" program**, on the occasion of **World Hypertension Day (WHD) on 17th May 2023**. This ambitious undertaking aims to screen and provide standard care to a **staggering 75 million individuals with hypertension and diabetes by the year 2025**.

WHD is an annual event that aims to raise awareness and promote education about **hypertension or high blood pressure**, which affects millions of people worldwide and can lead to serious complications such as **heart failure, stroke, kidney damage, and liver damage**. **The theme for 2023 is "Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer"**, which focuses on **combatting low awareness rates**, especially in low to middle-income areas, and accurate **blood pressure measurement methods**. The event was inaugurated in May 2005 by the **World Hypertension League (WHL)**, a non-governmental organization that works with the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) and other partners to prevent and control hypertension. World Hypertension Day encourages people to know their numbers, check their blood pressure regularly, adopt a healthy lifestyle and seek medical advice if needed.

Read more: [Hypertension](#)

Kiru Hydro-electric Power Project



An investigation into **alleged corruption in the Kiru hydro-electric power project in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)** has led the [Central Investigation Bureau \(CBI\)](#) to search Delhi and Rajasthan locations.

The Kiru Hydro Electric Project is **proposed on River Chenab**, located in Kishtwar district of J&K. **The project is envisaged as a Run of River Scheme.**

Run-of-river hydro projects **use the natural downward flow of rivers and micro turbine generators** to capture the kinetic energy carried by water.

Chenab River **rises in the upper Himalayas in the Lahaul and Spiti districts of Himachal Pradesh state.** The river is **formed by the confluence of two rivers, Chandra and Bhaga, at Tandi, Himachal Pradesh.** It **flows through the Jammu region of J&K into the plains of Punjab, Pakistan, before flowing into the Indus River.** Some of the important projects/dams on Chenab are [Ratle Hydro Electric Project](#), Salal Dam- the hydroelectric power project, Dul Hasti Hydroelectric Plant, and Pakal Dul Dam (under construction).

Read More: [Chenab River](#)

Project Collaboration Agreement on Assistive Technology

The Department of Health Research (DHR), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) signed a **Project Collaboration Agreement** to foster research, innovation, and capacity building aimed at increasing access to **high-quality affordable assistive technology.**

This collaboration **aims to work towards drawing global attention toward access to assistive technology**, fostering research and innovation and developing and disseminating appropriate training programmes.

Assistive technology **is an umbrella term covering the systems and services related to the delivery of assistive products and services.** Assistive products **maintain or improve an individual's functioning and independence**, thereby promoting their well-being. **For Example, technologies and devices such as** prosthetics, braces, walkers, special switches, special-purpose computers, screen readers and specialised curricular software.

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