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### 13th December

## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) UN General Assembly

- India voted in favor of a UN General Assembly (UNGA) resolution calling for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas conflict and the unconditional release of hostages.

### 2) Myanmar has emerged as the world's largest source of opium in 2023

- Myanmar has emerged as the world's largest source of opium in 2023, surpassing Afghanistan, according to a new report by the United Nations.
- This shift is attributed to a third consecutive year of expanding cultivation fueled by Myanmar's civil war and a significant decline in opium cultivation in Afghanistan.

## NATIONAL

### 1) Race to Resilience'

- India has taken a significant step towards addressing the challenges posed by climate change by joining the United Nations' 'Race to Resilience' global campaign.
- This decision, announced during the recently concluded COP28 event in Dubai, reflects India's commitment to building climate resilience in its urban areas.

### 2) 22nd anniversary of a 2001 terrorist attack on parliament

- Two unidentified individuals entered the chambers of the lower house of India's parliament, allegedly throwing smoke bombs, marking a significant security lapse.
- This incident occurred on the 22nd anniversary of a 2001 terrorist attack on parliament that resulted in casualties.
- The two person entered the area where lawmakers were seated during the zero hour, releasing smoke canisters and filling the space with yellow smoke.

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### 3) Global Partnership for Artificial Intelligence

- The annual Global Partnership for Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) Summit commenced at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on December 12, emphasizing crucial discussions on AI safety and development challenges. With participation from 29 countries across North and South America, Europe, and Asia, India stands as the lead chair for GPAI in 2024, excluding China from the member list.

### 4) India witnessed contrasting trends in its economic indicators

- India witnessed contrasting trends in its economic indicators in October and November, with the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) surging to a 16-month high while retail inflation experienced an uptick, reaching a three-month high.
- These developments have significant implications for GDP projections and monetary policy.

## BANKING NEWS

### 1) TPG Capital Asia, Poonawalla Housing Finance

- In a strategic move following its acquisition by TPG Capital Asia, Poonawalla Housing Finance has undergone a significant rebranding, emerging with a new identity — Grihum Housing Finance.
- This transformation comes as TPG Capital Asia acquired a substantial 99.02% equity stake in the company from Poonawalla Fincorp earlier this year.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) National Energy Conservation Day

- National Energy Conservation Day is observed in India on December 14 every year to celebrate the country's strides in energy efficiency and conservation.
- It is an opportunity for individuals, communities, businesses, institutions, and governments to reflect on their roles in contributing to energy conservation through embracing various energy-efficient practices.

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## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Hyderabad and Cyberabad police commissionerates

- Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has appointed seasoned police officials to spearhead the Hyderabad and Cyberabad police commissionerates.
- The appointments of Kothakota Srinivas Reddy and Avinash Mohanty mark a strategic shift in leadership to uphold integrity and transparency in law enforcement.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

- Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, along with three distinguished diplomats, was honored at the annual 'Diwali Power of One Awards.'
- This prestigious ceremony, often hailed as the 'Oscars of Diplomacy,' celebrated their selfless contributions to shaping a more perfect, peaceful, and secure world.

### 2) Ajanta-Ellora Film Festival

- The veteran lyricist-screenwriter Javed Akhtar is set to be honored with the Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award at the upcoming Ajanta-Ellora Film Festival.
- This recognition celebrates his contributions to the Indian film industry, including iconic works like 'Zanjeer,' 'Deewar,' 'Sholay,' 'Don,' 'Kala Patthar,' and 'Mr India.'
- The award ceremony will take place on January 3, 2024, marking the opening day of the ninth edition of the festival.

### 3) 2023 REACH Game Changing Innovator award

- Dr. Atul Shah, a plastic surgeon, has been honored with the 2023 REACH Game Changing Innovator award for his groundbreaking contribution to leprosy care. Three decades ago, Dr. Shah devised a simple surgery technique, 'One in Four Lasso,' to address deformities in leprosy patients.
- His journey took a transformative turn when he observed the challenges of managing unhealed foot wounds.



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