

**Weekly Current Affairs-2nd To 7th September 2024 English****National News****PM Modi's Address at Economic Times World Leaders Forum**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Economic Times World Leaders Forum in New Delhi, where he highlighted India's economic growth, governance, and global ambitions. PM Modi emphasized that India's economy has grown by 90% over the last decade, significantly outpacing the global economy's 35% growth. He attributed this success to sustained reforms and assured that the government remains committed to continued growth.

**Prime Minister Modi Releases Commemorative Stamp for 75 Years of Supreme Court**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a commemorative postage stamp celebrating 75 years of the Supreme Court of India during the inaugural session of the District Judges Conference at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The event was attended by Supreme Court Chief Justice Dr. D.Y. Chandrachud, Minister of Law & Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal, and other dignitaries.

**Union Minister Smt Annpurna Devi Launches 7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024**

The 7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah was launched today at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, marking a significant step towards enhancing nutrition awareness and well-being across the nation. The event featured prominent figures such as Union Minister Smt. Annpurna Devi, Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel, and Gujarat's Minister of Women and Child Development Smt. Bhanuben Babariya, alongside senior officials from both the Government of India and the State Government of Gujarat.

**President Droupadi Murmu Unveils New Supreme Court Flag and Insignia**

In a significant event marking the evolution of India's judiciary, President Droupadi Murmu unveiled the new flag and insignia of the Supreme Court of India during the two-day National Conference of District Judiciary held in New Delhi. The ceremony, attended by members of the judiciary from across the nation, symbolized the rich cultural and legal heritage of India, encapsulated in the newly designed symbols of the highest court.

**Union Cabinet Approves Establishment of Semiconductor Unit in Sanand, Gujarat**

In a historic move that underscores India's commitment to becoming a global hub for semiconductor manufacturing, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi,

approved the proposal of Kaynes Semicon Pvt Ltd to establish a semiconductor manufacturing unit in Sanand, Gujarat. The meeting, held in New Delhi on 2 September 2024, marks a significant milestone in India's Semiconductor Mission, which was launched in 2022 to boost the country's semiconductor capabilities.

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Historic Visit to Brunei**

On September 3, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarked on a significant diplomatic journey by arriving in Bandar Seri Begawan, the capital of Brunei. This visit marks a historic milestone as it is the first time an Indian Prime Minister has visited Brunei since the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two nations on May 10, 1984. The visit is part of a broader two-nation tour that includes Singapore, spanning from September 3 to 5, 2024.

**India's Pioneering Fashion Forecasting Initiative VisioNxt Launched by Textile Ministry**

In a significant move to bolster India's position in the global fashion industry, Union Minister of Textiles, Shri Giriraj Singh, unveiled the 'VisioNxt Fashion Forecasting Initiative' developed by the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT). This launch event, which also saw the introduction of a bilingual web portal and the India-specific Fashion Trend Book 'Paridhi 24x25', marks a pivotal moment in India's fashion and textile sector.

**Khel Utsav 2024 Organized by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**

In celebration of the birth anniversary of Hockey Legend Major Dhyan Chand and in alignment with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports' National Sports Day 2024, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting organized "Khel Utsav 2024" from August 27 to August 30, 2024. The event took place at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium and Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.

**International News****Super Typhoon Yagi Hits Southeast Asia**

Super Typhoon Yagi, the most powerful storm to hit Asia in over a decade, has caused significant disruption across Southeast Asia. After devastating the northern Philippines, the typhoon made landfall in southern China's Hainan province, leading to mass evacuations and widespread damage. Yagi is expected to continue its path towards Vietnam and Laos, impacting northern regions with severe weather conditions.

## State News

**Bihar's Rajgir To Host 2024 Women's Asian Champions Trophy: Hockey India**

In a historic step towards developing sports infrastructure in Bihar, Hockey India announced that the upcoming Hockey Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 will be held in Rajgir from November 11 to 20. The tournament will take place at the newly constructed Rajgir Hockey Stadium, where India will defend their title against teams from China, Malaysia, Japan, Thailand, and Korea.

## Economy News

**GST Collections Increase by 10% to ₹1.75 Lakh Crore in August**

In August 2024, India's GST collections reached ₹1.75 lakh crore, marking a 10% year-on-year growth compared to ₹1.59 lakh crore in August 2023. This increase reflects robust domestic consumption and higher imports. The central government collected ₹30,862 crore, while states collected ₹38,411 crore before adjustments. IGST on imports and inter-state sales amounted to ₹93,621 crore.

## Rankings &amp; Reports News

**TIME100 Most Influential People in AI 2024**

The release of the TIME100 Most Influential People in AI 2024 List has once again highlighted India's significant contributions to the rapidly evolving field of artificial intelligence. This prestigious list, unveiled on Thursday, features an impressive array of leaders, innovators, and thinkers of Indian origin or with strong ties to India, underscoring the country's growing prominence in shaping the global AI landscape.

## Business News

**Bisleri Partners with Goa for Improved Waste Management**

Bisleri International Pvt. Ltd. has partnered with the Government of Goa to improve waste management in Mormugao, Vasco. This collaboration was solidified during the Green Goa Summit 2024, where a Letter of Intent (LOI) was exchanged between Bisleri and the Goa State Pollution Control Board, with the presence of Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant. The partnership aims to enhance plastic waste management under Bisleri's CSR initiative, 'Bottles for Change,' focusing on sustainable development and environmental stewardship.

**RIL Becomes India's First Company to Surpass Rs 10 Lakh Crore in Annual Revenue**

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has made history as the first Indian company to exceed ₹10 lakh crore in annual revenue. This milestone was revealed during RIL's Annual General

Meeting (AGM) by Chairman Mukesh Ambani. For the financial year 2023-24, Reliance achieved a record consolidated turnover of ₹10,00,122 crore (USD 119.9 billion), with a net profit of ₹79,020 crore (USD 9.5 billion).

**CDSL Secures SEBI Approval for Nehal Vora's Appointment as MD & CEO**

In a significant development for the Indian financial markets, Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) has announced a crucial step in its leadership transition. The company has received the green light from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for the appointment of Nehal Vora as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO). This approval, conveyed through a SEBI letter dated August 29, 2024, marks a pivotal moment in CDSL's corporate governance and strategic direction.

## Agreement News

**India and Singapore Sign Agreement on Semiconductor Partnership**

India and Singapore have signed multiple agreements aimed at enhancing cooperation in semiconductors, healthcare, and digital economies, elevating their ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his visit to Singapore, emphasized the importance of collaboration for regional peace, stability, and prosperity, while describing Singapore as an "inspiration" for India's development.

**India and UAE Strengthen Audit Cooperation**

In a significant move towards enhancing international cooperation in public sector auditing, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the UAE Accountability Authority. This agreement marks a new chapter in the bilateral relations between India and the United Arab Emirates, focusing on strengthening their respective audit institutions and promoting good governance.

## Appointment News

**Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Takes Over As AOC-In-C, Central Air Command**

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Vayu Sena Medal, Vishisht Seva Medal, assumed the appointment of Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Central Air Command on September 1. Air Marshal Dixit was commissioned into the fighter stream of IAF on December 6, 1986. The Air Officer is an experimental test pilot and a qualified flying instructor with more than 3300 hours of flying experience on a variety of aircraft in the IAF inventory.

**V. Satish Kumar Takes Additional Charge as IOCL Chairman**

V. Satish Kumar, the director (marketing) of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL), has assumed additional charge as the chairman, following the completion of Shrikant Madhav Vaidya's tenure. Kumar, who has been with IOCL for 35 years, has held key positions across various regions and led significant initiatives in the company's marketing division.

**Philips Appoints Bharath Sesha as New Managing Director for India**

Dutch multinational conglomerate Philips has appointed Bharath Sesha as the Managing Director for India, effective September 1. Sesha will lead the company's growth strategy in India, focusing on enhancing customer satisfaction and driving operational excellence, particularly in the healthcare sector. He succeeds Daniel Mazon, who has transitioned to a global role at Philips' headquarters in the Netherlands.

**Ajay Ratra Joins Indian Cricket Selection Committee**

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) made a significant announcement on Tuesday, reshaping the landscape of Indian cricket's selection process. Former India wicketkeeper Ajay Ratra has been appointed as a selector for the men's cricket team, marking a new era in the national team's selection committee.

**India's Table Tennis Icon Sharath Kamal Named ITTF Foundation Ambassador**

During the 11th day of the Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) season five at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, a significant announcement echoed through the table tennis community. Sharath Kamal, India's ace paddler, was named the first Indian ambassador of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Foundation.

**Science & Technology News****Google DeepMind's Morni AI to Cover 125 Indic Languages**

Google DeepMind's India unit is spearheading an ambitious AI project named Morni (Multimodal Representation for India), aiming to encompass 125 Indic languages and dialects. Speaking at the Global Fintech Fest, Manish Gupta, Director of Google DeepMind India, highlighted that among these languages, 73 had no existing digital corpus. Despite Hindi being spoken by nearly 10% of the global population, its online text representation is just 0.1%.

**Schemes and Committees News****Government Launches Vishvasya-Blockchain Technology Stack**

The Vishvasya-Blockchain Technology Stack was launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)

to provide Blockchain-as-a-Service (BaaS) with a geographically distributed infrastructure. This initiative aims to support permissioned blockchain applications and promote transparent, secure, and trusted digital service delivery in India.

**Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari, PM Modi's Vision for Community-Driven Water Conservation**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to launch a groundbreaking initiative called "Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari" in Surat, Gujarat. This initiative represents a significant step towards enhancing community involvement in water conservation efforts across India. The launch aligns with the ongoing "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" campaign, reinforcing the Prime Minister's vision of collaborative water management to ensure long-term water security for the nation.

**Summits & Conference News****First Joint Commander's Conference of Indian Armed Forces**

On September 4-5, 2024, a significant event took place in the military landscape of India. The first Joint Commander's Conference of the Armed Forces was held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, marking a new era in the coordination and integration of India's military forces. This two-day conference, presided over by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, brought together top military brass to discuss crucial issues facing the armed forces and to strategize on the future of India's defense capabilities.

**Indian Coast Guard Participates in 20th HACGAM**

In a significant move towards enhancing maritime security and cooperation in Asia, the Indian Coast Guard participated in the 20th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM) held in Incheon, South Korea. This important gathering, which took place from September 2-6, 2024, brought together coast guard agencies from across Asia to discuss crucial maritime issues and strengthen collaborative efforts.

**Awards & Honors News****Women and Child Development Ministry Wins 2024 e-Governance Gold for Poshan Tracker**

The Ministry of Women and Child Development has been honored with the National Award for e-Governance 2024 (Gold) for its digital initiative, Poshan Tracker. This tool, part of Mission Poshan 2.0, enables real-time monitoring of children's growth, focusing on those aged 0-6 years. Using WHO growth charts, the program tracks key anthropometric data, including height and weight, helping Anganwadi Workers identify nutritional deviations early and intervene promptly. The program has achieved significant milestones, covering 8.9 crore children, with 8.57 crore measured in just one month.

## Important Dates News

### National Nutrition Week 2024, September 1 to 7

National Nutrition Week (NNW) is an annual observance in India, taking place from September 1 to 7. This week-long event is dedicated to raising awareness about the critical role of nutrition in our lives and promoting healthy eating habits among people of all ages.

### Teacher's Day 2024, Know History and Significance

Teacher's Day is a special day to celebrate and appreciate teachers for their hard work and dedication. In India, it is celebrated on September 5th every year. This day honors the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a great teacher and the second President of India. Teacher's Day in 2024 is a time to recognize the important role teachers play in shaping our lives.

### International Literacy Day 2024

Since 1967, International Literacy Day (ILD) has been observed annually on September 8th across the globe. This day serves as a crucial reminder to policymakers, practitioners, and the public about the critical importance of literacy in creating a more literate, just, peaceful, and sustainable society. The observance underscores the ongoing global commitment to fostering literacy as a fundamental human right and a cornerstone of personal and societal development.

## Sports News

### Rubina Francis Wins Bronze In Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1

Rubina Francis etched her name in Paralympic history on August 31, with a bronze medal in Paris. She rose on the occasion and clinched a bronze in the women's 10m air pistol SH1 event. Para-athletes never have an easy journey, as they have to fight against all odds and show grit and resilience to reach the top, which was also the case with Rubina.

### Preethi Pal Becomes First Indian Woman To Win Two Paralympic Medals In Athletics

At Paris Paralympics 2024, Indian Para Athlete Preethi Pal secured yet another medal for India, clinching a Bronze medal in the Women's 200 meters – T35 Final. She won the medal with a personal best timing of 30.01 seconds. With this win, she became the first track and field Indian Woman Para Athlete to win two medals at the Paralympics.

### Nishad Kumar's Silver Jump Adds To India's Medal Haul At Paris Paralympics

India's Nishad Kumar secured a silver medal in the men's T47 high jump final at the Paris Paralympics on September 2. Kumar, who previously claimed silver in Tokyo, recorded his season-best jump of 2.04 meters to finish in second place. Townsend-Roberts of the United States claimed the gold medal with a

season-best jump of 2.08 meters, pulling ahead of India's Nishad Kumar. Russia's Georgii Margiev took home the bronze.

### Lord's to Host the ICC World Test Championship Final in 2025

The prestigious Lord's Cricket Ground in London is set to make history by hosting the final of the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) from June 11 to June 15, 2025. This event marks the first time that the iconic venue, often referred to as the "Home of Cricket," will host the climax of cricket's most revered format.

### NorthEast United FC Claims Historic Durand Cup Title

Guwahati-based NorthEast United Football Club etched their names in Indian football history by clinching their maiden Durand Cup title. In a thrilling final that went to a penalty shootout, they defeated the defending champions, Mohun Bagan Super Giant (MBSG), 4-3. The match took place at the iconic Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata on August 31, 2024.

### Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar Secure Bronze in Mixed Team Compound Archery at Paralympics 2024

Indian duo of Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar claimed the bronze medal in the mixed team compound archery competition at the Paralympics 2024 on September 2nd. Their victory was secured with a nail-biting 156-155 win over Italy's Eleonora Sarti and Matteo Bonacina, marking only the second time that India has won a medal in archery at the Paralympics.

### Suhas Yathiraj Secures Silver Medal in Badminton at Paris 2024 Paralympics

Indian para-badminton star Suhas Lalinakere Yathiraj added yet another accolade to his remarkable career by winning the silver medal in the men's singles SL4 category at the Paris 2024 Paralympics. The match took place at the historic Stade Pierre de Coubertin, where Suhas faced off against world champion Lucas Mazur. Despite a hard-fought battle, Suhas had to settle for silver, but his exceptional performance solidified his position as one of India's top para-athletes.

### Harvinder Singh's Historic Paralympic Gold in Archery

In a remarkable display of skill and precision, Harvinder Singh etched his name in the annals of Indian sports history by securing India's first-ever Paralympic gold medal in archery at the Paris 2024 Paralympics. This achievement comes three years after his groundbreaking bronze medal at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics, further solidifying his status as a trailblazer in Indian para-archery.

### Indian Para-Athletes Dominate Paralympic Club Throw Event

On Wednesday, September 4, 2024, the Paralympics in Paris witnessed an extraordinary display of skill and determination as Indian para-athletes dominated the men's F51 club throw event. The competition showcased not only individual triumphs but also the rising prowess of India in Paralympic sports.



Dharambir, the 35-year-old athlete from Sonapat, etched his name in Paralympic history with a spectacular performance. Complementing Dharambir's gold was Pranav Soorma, who secured the silver medal.

**Kapil Parmar Secures India's First Paralympic Judo Medal**

In a landmark moment for Indian sports, Kapil Parmar has etched his name in the annals of Paralympic history by securing India's first-ever medal in judo at the Paralympic Games. Parmar's bronze medal victory in the men's 60kg (J1) category marks a significant milestone in the country's para-sports journey.

**Praveen Kumar's Golden Triumph at the Paris Paralympics 2024**

Indian para-athlete Praveen Kumar has etched his name in the annals of Paralympic history with his spectacular gold medal win in the men's high jump T64 final at the Paris Paralympics 2024. This victory not only marks a personal milestone for Kumar but also adds to India's growing success in para-athletics on the global stage.

**Indian Para Athlete Hokato Hotozhe Sema Secures Bronze at Paris 2024 Paralympics**

In a stunning display of perseverance and skill, India's Hokato Hotozhe Sema has clinched the bronze medal in the men's shot put F57 class at the Paris 2024 Paralympics. This achievement not only marks a personal milestone for Sema but also contributes to India's growing success in para-athletics on the global stage.

**Obituaries News**

**Tennis Legend Luis Ayala Passes Away at 91**

The tennis world mourns the loss of a true legend as Luis Ayala, one of Chile's most celebrated athletes, passed away at the age of 91. The Chilean Tennis Federation made the somber announcement on Wednesday, marking the end of an era in South American tennis history.

**Defence News**

**India-France Bilateral Naval Exercise Varuna**

The 21st edition of Varuna (Varuna-23) naval exercise between the Indian and French Navies was held in two phases in 2023. India-France Bilateral Naval Exercise Varuna is a key strategic exercise, initiated in 1993 and named 'Varuna' in 2001. Phase II took place in the Arabian Sea and involved joint operations using guided missile frigates, tankers, Maritime Patrol Aircraft, and helicopters. The exercise aimed to enhance warfighting skills, improve interoperability, and promote security in the region. The first phase occurred from January 16-20, 2023, off India's Western Seaboard.

**5th India-Maldives Defence Cooperation Dialogue Held in New Delhi**

The 5th Defence Cooperation Dialogue between India and the Maldives was held in New Delhi on September 6, 2024. The Indian delegation was led by Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane, while the Maldivian delegation was headed by General Ibrahim Hilmy, Chief of Defence Force, Maldives National Defence Force. The meeting provided a platform to advance bilateral defence cooperation, focusing on the implementation of ongoing projects and fostering stability in the Indian Ocean region.

**Successful Launch of Agni-4 Ballistic Missile**

A successful test launch of the Agni-4 Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) was carried out from the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, Odisha, on September 6, 2024. The missile, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), validated all operational and technical parameters during the test.

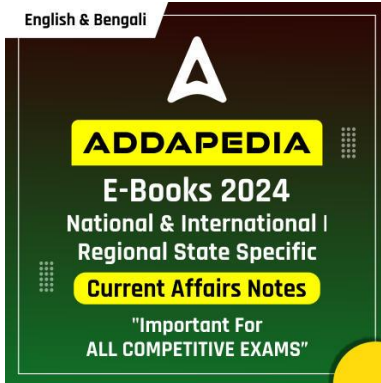
**Books & Authors News**

**A Book Titled, From Oil to Lithium: Navigating the Future of Energy by Kuldeep Gupta**

In a world grappling with the urgent need for sustainable energy solutions, a new literary work has emerged to challenge our perceptions and inspire change. "From Oil to Lithium: Navigating the Future of Energy", penned by renowned energy expert Kuldeep Gupta, offers readers a compelling narrative that intertwines personal experience with global energy challenges.

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