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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 M<mark>urmu Unveils New Supreme Court</mark> 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 twoday 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

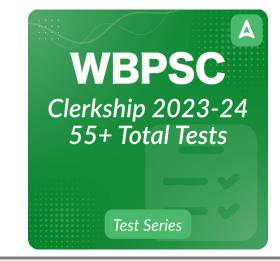
On September 3, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarked on a significant diplomatic journey by arriving in Bandar Seri Begawan, the capital of Brunei. This visit marks a historic milestone as it is the first time an Indian Prime Minister has visited Brunei since the establishment of diplomatic ties 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 24×25', 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.





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Union Home Minister Amit Shah Honors Mumbai Samachar's Legacy with '200 Not Out' Documentary Release

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, presided over a significant event in Mumbai, Maharashtra, marking the release of the '200 Not Out' documentary chronicling the illustrious journey of Mumbai Samachar, Asia's oldest newspaper. The ceremony, attended by dignitaries including Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Eknath Shinde, highlighted the newspaper's enduring legacy and its role in shaping India's journalistic landscape.

India Emerges as World's Second-Largest 5G Smartphone Market

In a significant development for the global telecommunications industry, Counterpoint Research has reported that India has surpassed the United States to become the world's second-largest market for 5G smartphones. This shift underscores India's rapid technological advancement and the growing demand for high-speed connectivity across the nation.

Amit Shah Re-Elected as Chairperson of Parliamentary Committee on Official Language

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, has been unanimously re-elected as the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language. Following the formation of the new government, the committee held a meeting in New Delhi to reconstitute itself, leading to Shah's re-election. He previously served as the Chairperson from 2019 to 2024. Shah expressed gratitude for the unanimous support and discussed his vision for Hindi's role in government and education.

India to Host 2nd Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation

India's aviation sector has experienced significant growth, evolving into one of the largest and most dynamic markets in the world. With the 2nd Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation scheduled from September 11-12, 2024, in New Delhi, India is set to reinforce its leadership in aviation. The conference, co-hosted by ICAO and the Ministry of Civil Aviation, will focus on exploring new opportunities for growth, infrastructure, and collaboration, especially in regional connectivity.

QCI Approves NTH Ghaziabad for Drone Certification

The Quality Council of India (QCI) has provisionally approved National Test House (NTH), Ghaziabad, as a certification body for type certification of drones under the Drone Rules 2021. NTH will assess agricultural drones, including Vimaana Aerospace Technologies' Krishiraj 1.0, and provide low-cost certification services to support the growing drone sector in India.

Launch of "Rangeen Machhli" App: A Milestone for India's Ornamental Fisheries Sector

In a significant development for India's ornamental fisheries sector, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh Alias Lalan Singh, unveiled the "Rangeen Machhli" mobile application. The launch event took place at the prestigious ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA) in Bhubaneswar, marking a new era in the dissemination of knowledge and resources for ornamental fish enthusiasts and professionals alike.

India to Partner with European Hydrogen Week 2024

India has been announced as the exclusive partner for the European Hydrogen Week, set to take place in November 2024. This announcement was made on the second day of the International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH-2024), held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The partnership underscores India's commitment to aligning with EU green regulations to enhance its export potential in the green hydrogen sector.

PM Modi Inaugurates 2nd International Conference on Green Hydrogen

On September 11, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the 2nd International Conference on Green Hydrogen, which is being held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from September 11-13, 2024. The conference aims to position India as a leader in the global green hydrogen ecosystem by discussing recent technological advances and fostering strategic investments and partnerships to accelerate green hydrogen adoption.

India Participates in BRICS Literature Forum 2024 in Russia

India took part in the BRICS Literature Forum 2024, which began in Kazan, Russia on 11th September 2024. The event, inaugurated by Kazan Mayor Ilsur Metshin, focused on the theme "World Literature in the New Reality: Dialogue of Traditions, National Values, and Cultures".

Government Removes Floor Price on Basmati Rice

In a significant policy shift, the Indian government has removed the \$950 per tonne minimum export price (MEP) on basmati rice. This decision, made in response to falling domestic paddy prices and trade pressures, aims to enhance export opportunities and support farmers' incomes. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) will now oversee basmati rice exports without a floor price to ensure fair pricing and transparency.





PM Modi Launches Namo Bharat Rapid Rail and New Vande Bharat Trains

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first Namo Bharat Rapid Rail on September 16, 2024, which will operate between Ahmedabad and Bhuj. Known as the Vande Metro, this new train covers a 360-kilometre distance in 5 hours and 45 minutes, making stops at nine stations along the route. Alongside, Modi also flagged off several Vande Bharat Express trains on new routes, including Nagpur-Secunderabad, Kolhapur-Pune, and Pune-Hubballi, and introduced a 20-coach Vande Bharat train from Varanasi to Delhi.

J&K Launches 'Vote Ka Tyohar' Theme Song

In an effort to encourage voter participation in the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Elections, the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), J&K, launched the theme song 'Vote Ka Tyohar'. The song, released by CEO, Pandurang K Pole, is aimed at motivating voters across Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory to cast their votes in the Assembly Elections, which begin on 18 September 2024 across seven districts of both the Jammu and Kashmir divisions.

Rashtrapati Nilayam to Host Bhartiya Kala Mahotsav in Late September

Rashtrapati Nilayam in collaboration with the Ministry of Development of North-East Region and the Ministry of Culture will host the first edition of Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav from September 29 to October 6, 2024.

Swachh Bharat Mission poised to enter its next decade and SHS launched

In 2014 Honorable Prime Minister of India launched the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, it has a transformative impact in our society. This year it will mark its 10th anniversary and this year Swachhata hi Seva 2024 campaign embraces the theme of 'Swabhav Swachhata – Sanskaar Swachhata'.

Union Cabinet Accepts the Recommendations on Simultaneous Elections (One Nation One Election – ONOE)

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has accepted the recommendations of the High-Level Committee on Simultaneous Elections (One Nation One Election – ONOE) under the chairmanship of former President Shri Ram Nath Kovind.

India's First Fashion Forecasting Initiative 'VisioNxt'

VisioNxt, launched by the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), is a fashion forecasting initiative aimed at fostering global competition and elevating Indian culture and design. Combining Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Emotional Intelligence (EI), it provides trend insights tailored to India's socio-economic and cultural diversity. **President Murmu Graces Safai Mitra Sammelan in Ujjain** President Droupadi Murmu attended the Safai Mitra Sammelan in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.The Safai Mitra Sammelan was organized as part of the fortnightly Swachhata Hi Seva—2024 campaign launched by the government of India.

A poem on 'National War Memorial' and a chapter on 'Veer Abdul Hameed' included in curriculum of Class VI

The poem "National War Memorial" is to appreciate the spirit behind it. The chapter titled 'Veer Abdul Hameed' honors the Braveheart CQMH (Company Quarter Master Havildar). Abdul Hameed who made the supreme sacrifice fighting for the country during the India-Pakistan war of 1965.

India-Romania Mark 75 Years of Diplomacy with Commemorative Stamps

A commemorative joint postal stamp marking 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and Romania was released on September 17, 2024, by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, and Romanian Ambassador Daniela-Mariana Sezonov. This significant milestone reflects the long-standing friendship and cooperation established since diplomatic ties began in 1948.

Bhupendra Yadav launches Clean the Beach Campaign 2024 in Mumbai

The Union Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupendra Yadav, led the country in this year's Clean the Beach Campaign on the occasion of the International Coastal Clean-up Day on 21 September 2024. The minister participated in an event to clean the beach at Juhu in Mumbai.

FATF Report on India: Observations and Significance

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) recently released its Mutual Evaluation Report on India, following an on-site assessment in November 2023. India, which became a FATF member in 2020, was placed in the "regular follow-up" category, which is viewed positively given prior objections from some developed countries. The FATF identified key areas for improvement, including the prosecution of money laundering (ML) and terror financing (TF) cases, the protection of the non-profit sector from terrorist abuse, and the implementation of preventive measures.

India's Triumph in Reclaiming 297 Antiquities from the US

During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to the United States, a landmark event took place that marked a significant victory in India's ongoing efforts to reclaim its cultural treasures. In a ceremony of great cultural and



diplomatic importance, 297 antiquities were officially handed over to India by U.S. authorities. For a long time, many countries, including India, have faced a big problem: people stealing and selling their old and valuable art and historical objects. This is called illicit trafficking of cultural property. It's been especially hard on India, with many old and precious items taken out of the country illegally.

National Symposium 'Exercise AIKYA' on Disaster Management

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), in collaboration with the Southern Command of the Indian Army, is organized a two-day national symposium, 'Exercise AIKYA', on disaster management. It aims to improve disaster preparedness and response through collaboration between various stakeholders.

India unveils CSIRT-Power to fortify power sector against cyber threats

In a significant move to safeguard India's critical power infrastructure, Union minister Manohar Lal inaugurated the Computer Security Incident Response Team Power (CSIRT-Power) at Northern Regional Power Committee in New Delhi. To serve as the responsible agency for responding to and preventing cybersecurity incidents within the power sector.

FCRA Licence of International Cooperative Alliance Cancelled

The Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) licence of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) was cancelled by the Union Home Ministry for alleged rule violations. The ICA, established in 1895, is an apex body representing cooperatives worldwide and has over 1 billion members.

President Droupadi Murmu Inaugurates 16th ASOSAI Assembly

President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the 16th Assembly of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) on September 24, 2024, in New Delhi. This significant event marks the beginning of crucial discussions centered on the evolving role of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) in promoting transparency and accountability.

PM Modi Returns to Delhi After Successful Three-Day US Visit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi concluded a successful threeday visit to the United States from September 21 to 23, 2024. His trip included participation in the 6th Quad Summit, the 'Summit of the Future' at the United Nations, bilateral meetings, and engagement with the Indian diaspora.

Central Silk Board Celebrates 75 Years of Advancing India's Silk Industry

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On September 20, 2024, the Central Silk Board (CSB) marked a significant milestone with the celebration of its Platinum Jubilee in Mysuru. The event, commemorating 75 years of dedicated service to India's silk industry, was graced by numerous dignitaries and witnessed several important launches and releases.

Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024, India's Nationwide Movement for Nutrition and Health

The 7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah, celebrated across India in 2024, marks a significant milestone in the country's ongoing battle against malnutrition. This monthlong campaign, an integral part of India's mission to eradicate nutritional deficiencies, has brought renewed energy and focus to the national discourse on health and nutrition.

Vice President of India inaugurates 83rd Foundation Day Celebrations of CSIR

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar stressed the importance of producing substantial results in research and development (R&D), underscoring that contributions must go beyond mere cosmetic efforts. Addressing the 83rd CSIR Foundation Day celebrations in New Delhi.

Union Minister Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurates 5G Open RAN testing Lab at CDoT, Bangalore

Minister of Communications, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia visited Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) Bengaluru Campus and inaugurated the 5G O-RAN (Open Radio Access Network) Testing lab. The Lab will facilitate development of a complete Indian end to end 5G ecosystem in the areas of core, access, transport, cloud, orchestration and security.

India to Host the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) in Delhi

As India gears for hosting World Telecom Standardisation Assembly (WTSA2024), Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has set the ball rolling by launching the WTSA2024 Outreach Sessions, Scheduled in Delhi, Hyderabad, and Bengaluru. Outreach sessions aim to provide a distinctive platform to students for learning and direct engagement with industry experts, fostering meaningful interactions and knowledge exchange.

India Elected to GlobE Network Steering Committee

India has been elected to the fifteen-member steering committee of the Global Operational Network of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities (GlobE Network) during a plenary session in Beijing, as announced by the



Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on September 26, 2024. This election follows a multi-stage voting process and underscores India's commitment to addressing international corruption and financial crime.

Shigeru Ishiba Set to Become Japan's Next Prime Minister

Shigeru Ishiba, former defence minister, is poised to become Japan's next prime minister after winning the Liberal Democratic Party's (LDP) leadership vote. Ishiba will succeed Fumio Kishida, who stepped down following scandals that damaged his tenure. With the LDP holding a majority in the lower house, Ishiba's path to the role is effectively secured. He edged out economic security minister Sanae Takaichi by a narrow margin of 21 votes in the leadership race.

India and Uzbekistan Sign Bilateral Investment Treaty in Tashkent

India and Uzbekistan have signed a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) aimed at boosting investor confidence and enhancing economic cooperation between the two nations. The treaty was formalized by Indian Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Uzbekistan's Deputy Prime Minister Khodjayev Jamshid Abdukhakimovich in Tashkent. This BIT assures protection for investors from both countries, providing a minimum standard of treatment and nondiscrimination while facilitating dispute resolution through arbitration.

International News

Super Typhoon Yagi H<mark>its Southeast Asia</mark>

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.

Michel Barnier Named by Macron to be France's New PM

French President Emmanuel Macron has made a significant political decision by appointing Michel Barnier, the former EU Brexit negotiator, as France's new Prime Minister on September 5, 2024. This appointment comes after an extended period of political uncertainty and marks a crucial moment in France's ongoing efforts to form a stable government.

Israel's Tower Semiconductor and Adani's \$10 Billion Chip Project in India

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Israel's Tower Semiconductor and India's Adani Group are set to invest 839.47 billion rupees (\$10 billion) in a semiconductor manufacturing project in Maharashtra. The initiative highlights India's push to become a global hub for chip production, despite previous challenges such as Foxconn's withdrawal from a \$19.5 billion joint venture with Vedanta and stalled plans by ISMC to invest \$3 billion.

New Chief of Army Staff Sworn in for Nepal's Military Leadership

In a solemn and significant ceremony held today at the Office of the President, Sheetal Niwas, Ashok Raj Sigdel was officially sworn in as the 45th Chief of the Army Staff (CoAS) of the Nepali Army. This momentous occasion marks a new chapter in Nepal's military leadership and underscores the nation's commitment to its armed forces.

Nepal became the 101st member of ISA

Nepal has become the 101st country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as a full member. The Ministry of External Affairs said that Nepal handed over its Instrument of Ratification to the ISA in New Delhi on 9th September. The ISA is a global intergovernmental organization dedicated to advancing solar power adoption for a carbon-neutral future.

Mexico's Senate passes controversial judicial reform bill

Mexico became the world's first country to allow voters to elect judges at all levels after protesters invaded the upper house and suspended debate on the issue. The reform was approved with 86 votes in favor and 41 against, garnering the two-thirds majority needed to amend the constitution.

Algeria Joins BRICS New Development Bank

Algeria has been officially authorized to join the BRICS New Development Bank (NDB), as announced by the bank's president, Dilma Rousseff, during the ninth annual meeting in Cape Town. The NDB, established by the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) in 2015, aims to support infrastructure and sustainable development projects in emerging economies and developing nations.

Iran Launches Second Satellite This Year

Iran launched its Chamran-1 research satellite into orbit on Saturday, its second successful satellite launch this year, taking another step in advancing its aerospace programme reported by the state media. Is to test hardware and software systems for demonstrating orbital maneuvering technology in height and phase".

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Bebinca Strongest Typhoon Strikes Philippines, Japan and China soon

Typhoon Bebinca strikes many countries, as it looks dangerous, it has already striked in the Philippines, Japan and will hit Shanghai city in China soon. Typhoon Bebinca slammed into the central and southern Philippines. Bebinca also passed through Japan's Amami island overnight, carrying gusts of up to 198 kilometers per hour.

Angkor Wat Named Most Photogenic UNESCO World Heritage Site in Asia

Cambodia's Angkor Wat has been recognized as the most photogenic UNESCO World Heritage site in Asia by Times Travel, as announced by Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet on September 15. This accolade was revealed through a post on his official Telegram channel, featuring Times of India's list of Asia's top ten most photogenic UNESCO sites.

Jordan's King Appoints New Prime Minister After Parliamentary Elections

Jordan's King Abdullah II has accepted the resignation of Prime Minister Bisher al-Khasawneh following last week's parliamentary elections. Al-Khasawneh, a seasoned diplomat who had been in office since October 2020, resigned in accordance with the constitutional norm after legislative elections. Jafar Hassan, a technocrat and former planning minister who was serving as the king's head of office, has been appointed as the new prime minister.

India and US Explore Enhanced Energy Cooperation

India and the US have committed to deepening their bilateral cooperation across the energy value chain, aiming for a just and orderly energy transition. This agreement emerged from a meeting between Indian Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri, and US Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources, Geoffrey Pyatt, held during GasTech 2024 in Houston. The two leaders discussed expanding collaboration between their nations' institutions and companies, focusing on advancing both conventional and renewable energy sectors.

Nepal Celebrates Ninth Anniversary of Constitution Declaration

Nepal marked a significant milestone in its democratic journey by celebrating the ninth anniversary of the declaration of its constitution. The nation erupted in jubilant festivities, with the capital city of Kathmandu at the epicenter of the celebrations.

India and Bhutan Deepen Cooperation on Food Safety and Regulatory Standards

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, held a bilateral meeting with the Bhutan Food and Drug Authority (BFDA) during the Global Food Regulators Summit at Bharat Mandapam. The meeting focused on implementing the "Agreement" signed on March 21, 2024, during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bhutan. The Agreement aims to enhance food safety, align regulatory frameworks, simplify food import procedures, and foster technical cooperation between the two nations. It also seeks mutual recognition of the BFDA's control over Bhutanese food business operators (FBOs) by the FSSAI.

Left-leaning leader wins Sri Lanka election in political paradigm shift

Anura Kumara Dissanayake has emerged as Sri Lanka's newly elected president, securing 42% of the vote in the country's first election since the 2022 economic collapse. The 55-year-old leader of the National People's Power (NPP) coalition defeated his main rival, opposition leader Sajith Premadasa, who garnered 23% of the vote.

New Global Climate 'Loss and Damage' Fund Names First Director

The Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage, aimed at assisting countries ravaged by climate-driven disasters, has appointed Ibrahima Cheikh Diong, a Senegalese finance specialist and dual U.S. citizen, as its first director. The fund, created in 2022 under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), is administered by the World Bank and represents a significant win for developing nations who have long pushed for support against climate disasters. Wealthy nations had resisted this fund, fearing it would lead to compensation demands for their greenhouse gas emissions.

Russia, China Warships Enter Sea of Okhotsk for Drills

China will hold joint naval and air drills with Russia in the Sea of Japan and the Sea of Okhotsk along with the two countries carrying out a joint maritime patrol in the Pacific. It was starting the joint Russian-Chinese naval exercise that would include anti-aircraft and anti-submarine weapons.







Marhowra Plant to Export Evolution Series Locomotives to Africa by 2025

Wabtec Locomotive Private Limited, a joint venture between Indian Railways and Wabtec, is set to enhance its Marhowra plant's capabilities by exporting Evolution Series ES43ACmi locomotives to global customers, particularly in Africa, starting in 2025. This initiative marks the plant's inaugural venture into manufacturing locomotives for export, underscoring India's growing prominence in the global locomotive manufacturing sector.

PM Modi Addresses 79th U.N. General Assembly Session in New York

Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered a significant address at the 79th U.N. General Assembly session, themed "Summit of the Future," held in New York on September 22, 2024. Emphasizing the necessity for reforms in global institutions, Modi stated that such changes are crucial for ensuring global peace and development. The summit commenced prior to the high-level meeting of world leaders, initiated by U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who urged global leaders to recommit to multilateralism to address the pressing challenges facing humanity.

Russia and China start naval exercises in the Sea of Japan

Russia and China started naval exercises in the Sea of Japan. The exercises will include anti-aircraft and anti-submarine weapons. This exercise aims to deepen the strategic cooperation level between the Chinese and Russian militaries and enhance their ability to jointly deal with security threats.

Iran unveils all new and powerful suicide drone 'Shahed-136B'

Amid the growing tension in the Middle-East, Iran for the first time has showcased the Shahed 136B drone and Jihad ballistic missile. Iran presented this new kamikaze drone as part of its military modernization program, in a context marked by growing instability in the region.

IMF Approves \$7 Billion Loan for Pakistan

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has taken a significant step to support Pakistan's struggling economy by approving a new \$7 billion loan. This decision, announced on Wednesday, comes more than two months after initial negotiations between the IMF and Pakistani authorities reached a staff-level agreement.

Thailand to allow same-sex couples to marry in January

Thailand the third place in Asia, after Taiwan and Nepal, to allow same-sex marriage. The bill grants full legal, financial and medical rights for marriage partners of any gender. Thailand's landmark marriage equality bill was officially written into law allowing same-sex couples to legally wed.

Jaishankar attends joint ministerial meeting of L.69 and C-10 groupings of Nations

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar participated in the first-ever Joint Ministerial Meeting of the L.69 and C-10 groupings of nations on the sidelines of the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Nirmala Sitharaman Attends 9th AIIB Board of Governors Meeting in Samarkand

Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman represented India at the 9th Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Board of Governors meeting held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, on September 25-26, 2024. During her visit, she also engaged in discussions with Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev on the sidelines of the meeting.

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.

World Trade Centre to Anchor Ambitious AI City Near Hyderabad

The government of Telangana has taken a significant step towards establishing itself as a global AI hub by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the World Trade Centres' Association for the creation of a World Trade Centre (WTC) within the proposed AI City near Hyderabad. This strategic move underscores Telangana's commitment to fostering innovation, attracting global investments, and positioning itself at the forefront of artificial intelligence and emerging technologies.

World's First Asian King Vulture Conservation Center Inaugurated in Uttar Pradesh

On September 6, 2024, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre in Bharivaisi, Campierganj Range of the Gorakhpur Forest Division. This groundbreaking facility marks a significant milestone in wildlife conservation as the world's first dedicated conservation and breeding center for the Asian King Vulture, also known as the red-headed vulture.



Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurates 'Samvidhan Mandir' at Industrial Training Institutes in Maharashtra

The Honorable Vice President of India Shri. Jagdeep Dhankhar has inaugurated the "Constitutional Temple – Samvidhan Mandir" at 433 Industrial Training Institutes across Maharashtra. This programme was organized by the Maharashtra Skill, Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation Department.

Inauguration of CREATE at Leh

Union Minister for MSME, Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi, inaugurated the Centre for Rural Enterprise Acceleration through Technology (CREATE) at Leh via virtual mode. The event was attended by various dignitaries including the Minister of State for MSME, the Lieutenant Governor of UT-Ladakh, the Chairman of KVIC, and other officials from the Ministry of MSME, UT-Ladakh, KVIC, and MGIRI, along with around 200 local artisans.

Uttarakhand Enacts Landmark Property Damage Recovery Act

In a significant development for the state of Uttarakhand, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami expressed his profound gratitude to the Governor for approving the Uttarakhand Public (Government) and Private Property Damage Recovery (Ordinance) Act 2024. This groundbreaking legislation represents a crucial step towards addressing the financial implications of civil unrest and riots in the state.

Goa Maritime Symposium 2024

The Indian Navy hosted the fifth edition of the Goa Maritime Symposium (GMS) 2024 from 23-24 September under the aegis of the Naval War College, Goa. Conducted in the newly inaugurated Chola building, this year's theme was "Common Maritime Security Challenges in the IOR – Progressing Lines of Effort to Mitigate Dynamic Threats such as Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing and Other Illegal Maritime Activities."

Pune Airport To Be Named After Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj

Maharashtra government approved a proposal to name Pune airport as Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj Pune International Airport. Last month, Murlidhar Mohol proposed naming the airport after the 17th-century saint, noting that Lohegaon, where the airport is situated, was the village of Sant Tukaram Maharaj's mother.

Mizoram launches 'Bana Kaih' scheme to support farmers and entrepreneurs

Chief Minister Lalduhoma officially launched the state's new flagship initiative, the Hand Holding Scheme (Bana Kaih),

during a ceremony held at Vanapa Hall. The scheme is designed to provide financial assistance and support to entrepreneurs and farmers across the state, promoting economic growth and self-sufficiency through a range of targeted programs.

Kolkata's Famous Trams Face Discontinuation After 150 Years

The Kolkata trams, which have operated since the late 19th century, are a testament to the city's rich transportation history. The Kolkata tram is set to be discontinued soon due to congestion. However, one route will still be operational.

Mankidia community becomes 6th PVTG to get Habitat Rights over forests in Odisha

Recently, the Mankidia community became the 6th particularly vulnerable tribal group (PVTG) PVTG to get habitat rights over forests in Odisha.The Mankidia are a semi-nomadic community known for their traditional skill of rope making, trapping and eating monkeys.

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.

ConsumerPriceIndexforIndustrialWorkers(2016=100)–July 2024––––

The Labour Bureau, an office of the Ministry of Labour & Employment, releases the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) monthly. The CPI-IW for July 2024 has increased by 1.3 points to 142.7. The year-on-year inflation rate for July 2024 is 2.15%, a decrease from 7.54% in July 2023. For comparison, the year-on-year inflation rate for June 2024 was 3.67%, down from 5.57% in June 2023.

To Resolve Exporters Issue Piyush Goyal Unveils Portal

Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal, launched the 'Jan Sunwai portal', which is an online platform of the Department of commerce, designed to streamline communication between stakeholders and authorities.

India's Foreign Kitty Jumps to Fresh Time High at 689.24bn

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that India's forex reserves jumped USD 5.248 billion to a new all-time



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high of USD 689.235 billion till 6th September, 2024. Forex reserves or foreign exchange reserves are assets that are held by a nation's central bank or monetary authority. It is generally held in reserve currencies, usually the US Dollar and to a lesser degree the Euro, Japanese Yen, and Pound Sterling. It is used to back its liabilities.

Haryana Overtakes Punjab in GDP, West Bengal's Decades-Long Economic Decline

A working paper by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM), authored by EAC-PM member Sanjeev Sanyal, highlights the relative economic performance of Indian states from 1960-61 to 2023-24. Titled "Relative Economic Performance of Indian States: 1960-61 to 2023-24," the paper reveals that West Bengal, once holding the third-largest share of the national GDP at 10.5% in 1960-61, has seen a consistent decline, now accounting for only 5.6% of India's GDP in 2023-24. The report notes that maritime states have generally outperformed others, with the exception of West Bengal.

Windfall Tax on Crude Petroleum Slashed to Zero

The government has scrapped the windfall tax on domestically produced crude oil with effect from September 18. The windfall tax on domestically produced crude oil will be zero, the government said in a notification.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurates Invest India's new office in Singapore

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated Invest India's new office in Singapore. The office will serve as a dedicated point of contact for companies from the region looking to invest in India, fostering collaboration across sectors.

Moody's Upgrades India's Economic Growth Forecast to 7.1% for CY 2024

Moody's has revised its forecast for India's GDP growth in calendar year (CY) 2024, raising it to 7.1% from its earlier projection of 6.8% made in June. This upgrade highlights India's key role in driving growth in the Asia-Pacific region, which is expected to outperform global economies in the coming years. Other global institutions like the World Bank and the IMF have also adjusted their projections, reflecting increasing confidence in India's economic momentum despite potential global challenges.

UPI Now Mandatory for Bids Up to ₹5 Lakh in Public Debt Issues

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has implemented new guidelines requiring retail investors to use the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) to block funds when applying for public issues of debt securities amounting up to

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₹5 lakh. This regulation aims to streamline the application process for individual investors engaging with public debt issues, including non-convertible redeemable preference shares, municipal debt securities, and securitized debt instruments. The new rule will take effect on November 1, 2024, and is part of SEBI's effort to enhance efficiency and align the process with equity share applications.

For SeamLess Market Access SEBI Launches FPI Outreach Cell

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has launched a dedicated Foreign Portfolio Investor Outreach Cell as part of the Alternative Investment Fund and Foreign Portfolio Investors Department (AFD). This cell will focus on direct engagement with Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs), and supporting them in accessing the Indian securities market seamlessly.

Rankings & 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.

MP tops the list of having AYUSH doctors in PHCs in India In the Latest GoI (Government of India) Report on Health Dynamics of India reveals data that Madhya Pradesh topped overall for having AYUSH doctors (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa rigpa and Homeopathy) facility in the Primary health care centers (PHCs) in all over India.

Cristiano Ronaldo, Breaking Barriers in Social Media

Cristiano Ronaldo, the football icon, has once again proven his unparalleled global appeal by achieving a remarkable milestone in the world of social media. His ability to captivate audiences extends far beyond the football pitch, making him a beloved figure even among those who don't actively follow the sport.

India jumps to Tier 1 in Global CyberSecurity Index 2024 India has jumped to Tier 1 in the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) 2024, released bv the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), when it comes to rolemodeling as part of the country's cvbersecurity commitments and resulting impacts. The Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) is a trusted reference that



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measures the commitment of countries to cybersecurity at a global level to raise awareness of the importance and different dimensions of the issue. As cybersecurity has a broad field of application, cutting across many industries and various sectors.

Hurun India Under-35 List 2024: Celebrating Young Entrepreneurial Talent

The Hurun India Under-35 list for 2024 has emerged as a prestigious recognition of India's young entrepreneurial talent, highlighting the achievements of 150 entrepreneurs aged 35 or younger. This comprehensive list spans various industries, from retail giants to innovative tech startups, showcasing the diverse and dynamic nature of India's business 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. India Becomes 6th Largest Market in MSCI ACWI India has now become the sixth largest market in the MSCI All Country World Investable Market Index (ACWI IMI), surpassing China and narrowly behind France. As of August 2024, India's weight in the index stands at 2.35%, surpassing China's 2.24%, with France just 3 basis points ahead of India. India is also now the largest emerging market (EM) in the MSCI ACWI IMI for the first time.

India's Exports to China Fall Faster Than to Other Partners

India's exports to China contracted by 22.44% to \$1 billion in August, while overall exports declined 9% to \$34.7 billion, driven by muted demand, geopolitical issues, and logistics challenges amid a massive slowdown in China. Despite the contraction, China remains India's fifth-largest export market, although the country continues to heavily rely on imports from China, which increased 15.5% year-on-year to \$10.8 billion in the same period.

India is set to become the Third-largest Economy by 2030-31

India is on track to become the third largest economy by fiscal 2030-31, driven by a robust projected annual growth rate of 6.7%, the credit rating agency S&P Global said in its report called India forward Emerging Perspectives.

Modi 3.0 Government Sanctions Rs 12,554 Crore for Disaster Relief

The Central government has allocated Rs 12,554 crore to various states this year for relief and rehabilitation of those affected by natural disasters. This includes funding from multiple disaster relief and mitigation funds.

Atal Pension Yojana (APY) Subscribers at 69 Million, Corpus at Rs 35,149 Crore

About 7 crore people have subscribed to the Atal Pension Yojana (APY), accumulating a corpus of Rs 35,149 crore, as announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The APY, launched in 2015, is a low-cost pension scheme providing a guaranteed minimum pension ranging from Rs 1,000 to Rs 5,000 per month, depending on the contributions made by subscribers. In case of the subscriber's death, the pension is extended to the spouse for life, and upon the demise of both, the nominee receives the entire corpus.

JK Lakshmi Cement and Rohit Sharma Celebrate Five Years of Association

The partnership between JK Lakshmi Cement (JKLC) and Indian cricket team captain Rohit Sharma enters its fifth consecutive year. Known for his cricketing excellence and leadership, Sharma's association has strengthened the



brand's image and helped JKLC connect with a wider audience. This renewed collaboration will see him featured in advertising campaigns, brand activations, and promotional activities, enhancing JKLC's visibility across India.

Sebi imposes Rs 1 crore fine on Jai Anmol Ambani in Reliance Home Finance case

The Securities and Exchange Board of India fined Jai Anmol Ambani ₹1 crore for irregularities in Reliance Home Finance, alleging he approved ₹40 crore in unsecured loans. Sebi asserted he misrepresented his involvement in the company's operations.

Tata Steel Commissions India's Largest Blast Furnace in Kalinganagar

Tata Steel has successfully commissioned India's largest blast furnace at its Kalinganagar facility in Odisha, marking a significant milestone for the steel sector. With a total investment of Rs 27,000 crore, this Phase II expansion will increase the plant's capacity from 3 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) to 8 MTPA. The new facility is designed to meet the growing demands of various industries, including automotive, infrastructure, shipbuilding, defence, and oil and gas. Over the last decade, Odisha has become the largest investment destination for Tata Steel, with a cumulative investment exceeding Rs 100,000 crore.

Dassault Aviation Expands Footprint in India with New Military MRO Subsidiary

Dassault Aviation, the renowned French aircraft manufacturer famous for its Rafale fighter planes, has taken a significant step towards expanding its presence in the Indian market. On Wednesday, the company announced the establishment of a new subsidiary dedicated exclusively to military Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) operations in India.

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.

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India and UAE Sign Landmark Civil Nuclear Energy Agreement

India and the UAE have signed a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for civil nuclear cooperation during Sheikh Khalid bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan's visit to New Delhi. The deal, involving the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and the Emirates Nuclear Energy Company (ENEC), marks a historic step in bilateral relations and reflects a commitment to peaceful nuclear energy utilization.

India and UAE Strengthen Ties with Five Landmark Agreements

India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) took a significant step forward in their strategic partnership by signing five groundbreaking agreements. These deals, covering crucial areas such as nuclear energy, fossil fuels, and food security, were formalized during a high-level meeting between Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

FSSAI and Brazil's MAPA Sign MoU to Enhance Food Safety Cooperation

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAPA) of Brazil. This collaboration aims to strengthen food safety measures and promote bilateral cooperation in the sector.

Rubber Research Institute signs MoU with IndianOil

A memorandum of understanding was signed between Rubber Research Institute of India (RRII) and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) to enhance the research on using Rubber Process Oils marketed by IOCL in different tyre and non-tyre rubber products.

Labour Ministry Partners with Amazon to Ignite Job Opportunities for Youth

The Union Labour Ministry and Amazon have signed an MoU to leverage the National Career Service (NCS) portal for boosting job opportunities in India. The agreement, signed



by Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Minister of State Shobha Karandlaje, aims to expand job accessibility for the country's youth by providing diverse employment services through the NCS platform. The partnership highlights the role of advanced technologies like AI in upgrading the portal to offer a more user-friendly experience for job seekers and employers alike.

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.

Tuhin Kanta Pandey Appointed as New Finance Secretary

The Indian government has appointed Tuhin Kanta Pandey, a 1987-batch IAS officer from the Odisha cadre, as the new Finance Secretary. This decision was made on September 7, 2024, following the appointment of T.V. Somanathan as the Cabinet Secretary, which created a vacancy for the finance role. Pandey, who previously served as the Secretary of the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), will now oversee India's financial policies and decisions.

Arun Goel Appointed as India's Ambassador to Croatia

Arun Goel has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Croatia, succeeding Raj Kumar Srivastava. The Ministry of External Affairs announced his new role on September 7, 2024. Goel, a retired 1985-batch IAS officer from the Punjab cadre, previously served as the Election Commissioner of India from November 21, 2022, to March 9, 2024.

Vinay Goyal Appointed as State Mission Director of NHM

Dr. Vinay Goyal has officially assumed the role of State Mission Director for the National Health Mission (NHM). He succeeds K. Jeevan Babu, who has moved to the Kerala Water Authority as Managing Director. Dr. Goyal, an IAS officer of the 2016 batch, also takes charge as Director of the Kerala State IT Mission and Project Director at eHealth Kerala. In his new roles, he aims to advance Kerala's digital and health infrastructure.

Randhir Singh Elected as the First Indian President of the Olympic Council of Asia

On September 8, 2024, a landmark moment in Asian sports history unfolded as Randhir Singh, a veteran sports administrator, was elected as the president of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA). This momentous event took place during the 44th General Assembly of the continental body in New Delhi, marking the first time an Indian has ascended to this prestigious position.

R. Ravindra appointed as Ambassador To Iceland

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has appointed Mr. R. Ravindran as the next ambassador to Iceland. He was a bureaucrat and served at many organizations and places. R. Ravindran was an Indian foreign service officer of batch 1999 and is currently serving as India's Deputy permanent representative at the United Nations.



Senior IPS Officer Amrit Mohan Appointed SSB Chief

According Government sources, A Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer from Odisha cadre, Amrit Mohan was appointed as the Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB). The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved Mr Prasad's appointment to the post of Director General, SSB for a tenure up to the date of his superannuation on August 31, 2025.

Atishi Marlena Set To Be New CM of Delhi

43 year old, Atishi Marlena from Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will be the new Chief Minister of state Delhi. She will replace the AAP supremo and party chief Arvind Kejriwal. Decision was taken in the meeting of member of legislative assembly.

Manu Bhaker appointed brand ambassador for Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

India's Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) appointed Manu Bhaker, the double Olympic medal winner, as a brand ambassador. Manu Bhaker, the daughter of a proud marine sailor, is now going to champion the marine sector of India as she has been officially signed as the Brand Ambassador of the Ministry".

World boxing champion Nikhat Zareen joins Telangana police as DSP

Renowned Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen has reported for duty as Deputy Superintendent of Police after handing over her joining report to the Director General of Police Jitender.

Kalikesh Singh Deo Elected National Rifle Association of India president

The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has ushered in a new era of leadership with the election of Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo as its president. This significant event took place during a General Body meeting held at the Constitution Club on Saturday, marking a pivotal moment in the organization's history.



Alok Ranjan Appointed NCRB Chief

Senior IPS officers Alok Ranjan and Amit Garg have been appointed as the heads of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) and the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA), respectively. Alok Ranjan, a 1991-batch officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre, will serve as the Director of NCRB until his superannuation on June 30, 2026, succeeding Vivek Gogia, who has been repatriated to the AGMUT cadre. Amit Garg, a 1993-batch IPS officer from the Andhra Pradesh cadre, will lead the SVPNPA until his retirement on October 31, 2027.

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Jitendra J Jadhav Appointed as Director General of Aeronautical Development Agency

The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet has approved a significant change in leadership for India's aeronautical sector. Jitendra J Jadhav, a Distinguished Scientist with nearly four decades of experience in aircraft design and development, has been appointed as the new Director General of the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA). This appointment, effective from September 11, 2024, marks a new chapter in India's pursuit of aeronautical excellence.

James Cameron Joins Stability AI Board

In a groundbreaking move that signals the increasing convergence of Hollywood and artificial intelligence, Stability AI announced on Tuesday that James Cameron, the visionary director behind blockbuster films such as "Titanic" and "The Terminator," has joined the company's board of directors. This unexpected collaboration between one of cinema's most innovative filmmakers and a cutting-edge AI startup marks a significant moment in the evolution of both industries.

Centre Notifies Appointment Of Chief Justices Of 8 High Courts

The Central Government, through the Ministry of Law and Justice, notified the appointment of Chief Justices to eight High Courts to fill key judicial positions and ensure the smooth functioning of the judicial system in various states. Union Law Minister (Independent Charge) Arjun Ram Meghwal announced the appointment of Chief Justices to eight High Courts.

1. **Justice Manmohan**(presently Acting CJ of Delhi High Court) – Chief Justice of Delhi High Court.

2. **Justice Rajiv Shakdher** (presently Judge of Delhi HC) – Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court.

3. **Justice Suresh Kumar Kait** (Judge of Delhi HC) – Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court.

4. **Justice Indra Prasanna Mukerji** (Judge of Calcutta HC) – Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court.

5. **Justice Nitin Madhukar Jamdar** (Judge of Bombay HC) – Chief Justice of Kerala High Court.





6. **Justice Tashi Rabstan** (Judge of J&K&L HC) – Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir & Ladakh High Court.

7. **Justice KR Shriram** (Judge of Bombay HC) – Chief Justice of Madras High Court.

8. **Justice MS Ramachandra Rao** (presently CJ of HP HC) – Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court.

Banking News

SBI Foundation Launches 3rd Edition of Asha Scholarship Program

The State Bank of India (SBI) Foundation has unveiled the third edition of its flagship initiative, the SBI Asha Scholarship Programme. This ambitious program aims to support 10,000 talented students from underprivileged backgrounds across India, offering substantial financial assistance to help them pursue their educational dreams.

RBL Bank Teams Up with IndianOil for New Credit Card

Private sector lender RBL Bank has launched a new credit card in collaboration with Indian Oil Corporation, named 'Xtra Credit Card,' as part of its strategy to moderately grow its credit card portfolio and enhance customer engagement. The move comes amid scrutiny from the RBI over the rapid growth of the riskier unsecured credit segment.

Union Bank of India Becomes First Major Bank to Join PCAF

Union Bank of India has made a significant move by becoming the first major bank to sign on to the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF). This decision reflects a growing global focus on managing climate risk and aligns with the recent draft guidelines on climate risk disclosures issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

UPI Users can now Sen<mark>d 5 Lakh For Some Trans</mark>ac<mark>tio</mark>ns

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has increased the transaction limits for tax payments using UPI (Unified Payment Interface), by allowing people to send 5 lakh in a single transaction. Acquiring entities must ensure that the classification of their merchants within MCC-9311 strictly adheres to the tax payments only. Merchants shall ensure UPI as a payment mode is enabled for the increased limit for the tax payments category.

TIME's World's Best Companies 2024, Indian Firms in the Spotlight

TIME magazine's World's Best Companies of 2024 list has brought significant recognition to Indian businesses, highlighting their growing influence on the global stage. This prestigious ranking, which includes 1000 companies worldwide, features 22 Indian-born enterprises this year, showcasing the country's expanding corporate footprint and economic prowess.

DPIIT to Launch BHASKAR: A Revolutionary Platform for India's Startup Ecosystem

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, is set to launch a groundbreaking digital platform named Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry (BHASKAR) under the Startup India program. This initiative aims to strengthen India's startup ecosystem by centralizing and streamlining collaboration between key stakeholders like startups, investors, mentors, service providers, and government bodies. It aligns with India's vision to become a global leader in innovation and entrepreneurship, further boosting the country's commitment to the startup movement.

LIC Appoints Infosys for NextGen Digital Platform

The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has selected Infosys to develop its next-generation digital platform as part of its DIVE (Digital Innovation and Value Enhancement) programme. This new platform will serve as an integrated end-to-end solution, enhancing customer services, business lifecycle management, and operational activities for sales intermediaries, while also offering a digital front-end for branch employees.

Banks and FIs to Invest Rs 32.5 Trillion in Renewable Energy by 2030

At the 4th RE-Invest Summit, hosted by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), leading renewable energy (RE) developers, manufacturing companies, banks, and financial institutions pledged close to \$386 billion (Rs 32.45 trillion) to develop RE projects by 2030. India aims to build 500 gigawatts (Gw) of RE capacity by 2030, but commitments from the solar power industry have reached 570 Gw. Reliance Industries (RIL) leads the pack with a 100 Gw commitment, followed by NTPC (41.3 Gw) and ReNew (40 Gw).

KVS Manian Assumes Office as Federal Bank CEO

KVS Manian has officially taken charge as the Managing Director and CEO of Federal Bank, effective September 23, 2024. He succeeds Shyam Srinivasan, who retired after successfully leading the bank since 2010. Manian joins Federal Bank following a distinguished career at Kotak Mahindra Bank, where he worked for over 25 years and played a key role in its transformation from a non-banking financial company to one of India's leading private sector banks.





Axis Bank and Mastercard Launch MyBiz Credit Card for Small Business Owners

Axis Bank, a leading private sector bank in India, has partnered with Mastercard, a global payments technology firm, to launch the MyBiz credit card, specifically designed for sole proprietors and small business owners. This premium World Mastercard® offers a comprehensive suite of business and travel benefits tailored to meet the diverse needs of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

Bank of Baroda and EaseMyTrip Launch Co-Branded Travel Debit Card

Bank of Baroda, in collaboration with EaseMyTrip.com, has introduced the Bank of Baroda EaseMyTrip Co-branded Travel Debit Card, aiming to cater to frequent travelers and those with a penchant for entertainment and lifestyle. This initiative marks the first co-branded travel debit card launched by a public sector bank in India, reflecting the growing trend towards customized financial products.

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%.

DRDO Successfully Completes First Phase Trials of Light Tank 'Zorawar'

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the preliminary automotive trials of the Indian Light Tank, Zorawar, on September 13, 2024. The versatile platform, developed for high-altitude deployment, demonstrated exceptional performance in desert terrain, meeting all objectives. The firing performance in this phase achieved the required accuracy on designated targets, showcasing its combat readiness.

Cabinet gave approval for CHANDRAYAAN-4 Mission

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved a new moon mission 'Chandrayaan-4', to develop and demonstrate the technologies to come back to Earth after successfully landing on the Moon and also collect moon samples and analyze them on Earth. India's Own Space Station for Scientific research to be established with the launch of its first module in 2028The union cabinet chaired by the Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the building of the first unit of the Bharatiya Anatriksh Station (BAS) by extending the scope of Gaganyaan program.

After Moon and Mars, India sights science goals on Venus The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the development of Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM), which will be a significant step towards the Government's vision of exploring and studying Venus, beyond moon and mars.

Cabinet Clears Chandrayaan-4 and Venus Orbiter Mission for Space Exploration

The Union Cabinet has approved the Chandrayaan-4 mission, which aims to develop technologies for returning to Earth after landing on the moon and collecting lunar samples for analysis. The total cost of the mission is Rs 2104.06 crore, covering spacecraft development, two LVM3 launches, deep space network support, and special tests for validation. The mission will be completed within 36 months, involving significant participation from industry and academia.

New Re-usable Low-cost launch vehicle for Bharat

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the development of Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV), that will be a significant step towards the Government's vision of establishing & operating the Bharatiya Antariksh Station and towards developing capability for Indian Crewed Landing on the Moon by 2040.

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



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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.

To boost research in higher institutes, the PAIR programme launched

The central government will launch the Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR) programme designed to elevate research capabilities in higher education institutions (HEIs) by linking top-tier research institutions with those where research capability is limited, creating a collaborative mentorship environment.

Union Cabinet Approves Health Cover for All Aged 70 and Above

The Union Cabinet has extended the benefits of the Ayushman Bharat PM Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) to all senior citizens aged 70 and above, irrespective of their income. Announced by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, the scheme will provide free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh per year, benefiting around 6 crore individuals and 4.5 crore families.

BioE3 Policy: Fostering High-Performance Biomanufacturing in India

The Union Cabinet of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved а groundbreaking policy aimed at revolutionizing the country's biotechnology sector. The BioE3 Policy (Biotechnology for and Economy, Environment Employment) sets the stage for fostering high-performance biomanufacturing, positioning India at the forefront of global biotechnological innovation.

Cabinet Approves ₹2,000-Crore 'Mission Mausam'

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved 'Mission Mausam' on September 11, 2024, with an outlay of ₹2,000 crore over two years. The mission, led by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, aims to enhance research and development in atmospheric sciences and improve weather forecasting and management. The initiative will integrate advanced observation systems, highperformance computing, and technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning to set new standards in weather prediction.

Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia Launches 'Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav' Website

Union Minister Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Hon'ble Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), has officially launched the website for the Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav. The launch, held at Sanchar Bhawan in New Delhi, highlights the government's dedication to showcasing Northeast India's cultural and economic richness on both national and international platforms.

Blue Revolution: 4 Years of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana

The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), launched in 2020, is a comprehensive initiative aimed at transforming India's fisheries sector and enhancing the welfare of fishermen. This scheme, under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, addresses critical issues in fish production, productivity, quality, technology, and infrastructure while strengthening the fisheries value chain.

Centre Asks Platform Aggregators to Register Workers on e-Shram Portal

The Indian government has mandated that platform aggregators onboard themselves and their gig workers onto the e-Shram portal, an initiative aimed at providing unorganised labour with access to various social security schemes. This step is crucial to ensure workers' access to social welfare benefits and to maintain an accurate registry of beneficiaries.

Cabinet Gives Nod to Bio-RIDE Scheme to Support in Biotechnology

The Union Cabinet has approved the Biotechnology Research Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (Bio-RIDE) scheme to boost biotechnology research, innovation, and entrepreneurship with an outlay of ₹9,197 crore for the 15th Finance Commission period (2021-22 to 2025-26).

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the NPS Vatsalya scheme

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman officially launched the NPS Vatsalya scheme in line with the announcement made in the Union Budget 2024. The goal of NPS Vatsalya's investment strategy is to give parents the ability to invest in a pension account as a way to save for their children's future.

Glasgow to host 2026 Commonwealth Games

Glasgow, which hosted the event 10 years ago, will do so again, though some sports will need to be dropped as the Commonwealth Games Federation aims to reduce costs. The Australian state of Victoria abruptly withdrew as host of the 2026 Games in July 2023, blaming escalating costs.





NPS Vatsalya Scheme to Launch on September 18, 2024

The NPS Vatsalya Scheme, announced in the Union Budget 2024-25, will be launched by Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman on September 18, 2024, in New Delhi. This initiative allows parents to invest in pension accounts for their children with flexible contributions starting at Rs. 1,000 annually, offering long-term wealth building through compounding.

Tech Mahindra and University of Auckland Partner for AI and Quantum Research

Tech Mahindra has signed an MoU with the University of Auckland (UoA) to promote innovation in AI, machine learning (ML), and quantum computing. The collaboration will target sectors like healthcare, banking, financial services, insurance, and government, enhancing industry-academic partnerships to boost graduate employability. Focus areas include spiking neural networks, 1-bit large language models (LLMs), and post-quantum cryptography, particularly in healthcare applications such as drug discovery and personalized digital biomarkers.

Women in Space Leadership Programme Initiative Launches by DST

The Department of Science and technology (DST) in India with the collaboration with the British Council launches the initiative of "A Women in Space Leadership" (WiSLP) as a part of the UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI).

For the Second Time in History Sunita Williams Takes Command of ISS

NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) astronaut and Indian Origin Sunita Williams has officially taken command of the International Space Station (ISS) as part of her extended mission aboard the orbiting laboratory. She is set to take command for the second time for ISS.

Earth's New Mini Moon: Asteroid 2024 PT5 to Orbit for Two Months

Earth is set to welcome a temporary "mini-moon" in the form of a small asteroid named 2024 PT5, which will orbit our planet from September 29 to November 25, 2024. Discovered by NASA's Asteroid Terrestrial-Impact Last Alert System (Atlas) on August 7, 2024, this asteroid measures approximately 33 feet wide and originates from the Arjuna asteroid belt, a region filled with various space rocks. While it cannot be observed with the naked eye or typical telescopes, professional astronomers will be able to capture images of this tiny object moving rapidly across the night sky.

CM-SATH Scheme Officially Launched to Support Meritorious Students

Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha officially launched the CM-SATH scheme to boost the educational prospects of the state's brightest students. The scheme, designed to provide financial support to meritorious students for their higher education, reflects the state government's commitment to quality education.

Launch of 'Paridhi 24×25' by Union Minister of Textiles

On September 5, 2024, Union Minister of Textiles, Shri Giriraj Singh, alongside Union Minister of State for External Affairs & Textiles, Pabitra Margherita, launched the India-specific fashion trend book "Paridhi 24×25," a bilingual web portal of VisioNxt, and an AI Taxonomy e-book. This significant event attracted over 150 industry leaders from the fashion, textiles, and retail sectors, as well as prominent craftsmen and weavers from various craft clusters. VisioNxt has already produced over 60 micro trend reports, more than 10 closeto-season trend reports, 3 research papers, and the inaugural AI Taxonomy book on Indian wear categories.

Ministry of Tourism Unveils Paryatan Mitra and Didi Initiative

On the occasion of World Tourism Day, the Ministry of Tourism launched "Paryatan Mitra" and "Paryatan Didi," a responsible tourism initiative aimed at improving tourist experiences across India. The initiative focuses on empowering local communities, especially women and youth, to serve as ambassadors and storytellers of their destinations, enhancing hospitality, cleanliness, and sustainability.

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



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(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.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Inaugurates SEMICON India 2024

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated SEMICON India 2024 at India Expo Mart in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, on September 11, 2024. The three-day conference, running from September 11 to 13, showcases India's semiconductor strategy and policy with the aim of positioning the country as a global semiconductor hub.

QUAD leaders summit will be held on 21st September in Wilmington

United States of America's president Joe Biden will host leaders from QUAD members of other countries like India, Japan and Australia in Wilmington, Delaware on 21st September in the USA. The Quad is a diplomatic partnership between Australia, India, Japan, and the United States committed to supporting an open, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific that is inclusive and resilient.

The 79th United Nations (UN) General Assembly session starts

The United Nations General Assembly provides an opportunity to member states a unique forum for multilateral discussions on international issues, this year 79th session of UNGA started on 10th September. The UNGA provides world leaders from the current 193 member states with a forum where they can discuss, debate and make recommendations on subjects pertaining to international peace and security, including development, disarmament, human rights and international law.

Amit Shah Inaugurated National Security Strategies Conference in Capital

Union Home Minister of India Shri. Amit Shah inaugurated 2 days National Security Strategies Conference 2024 in the capital of India at New Delhi. This conference will hold talks on various aspects of security and its challenges.

MoEFCC Organizes the Dialogue on Montreal Protocol

On the 30th World Ozone Day event, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), organizes a dialogue on the theme of "Montreal Protocol : Advancing Climate Action. World Ozone Day, held on September 16, celebrates this achievement. It shows that collective decisions and action, guided by science, are the only way to solve major global crises. **Third Edition of INDUS-X Summit Concludes in California** The third edition of the INDUS-X Summit, held on 9-10 September 2024 in California, marked significant progress in advancing a joint defence innovation ecosystem between India and the USA. Co-organised by the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) and Stanford University, the event focused on deepening defence collaboration through innovation, joint research, and investment.

India at G20 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting in Cuiabá, Brazil

On September 12-13, 2024, India participated in the G20 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting in Cuiabá, Brazil. Led by Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Ram Nath Thakur, the Indian delegation engaged in bilateral discussions with several global partners to enhance agricultural cooperation and address market access issues.

India and European Union agree to deepen cooperation in Sustainable Water Management

India and the European Union (EU) agreed to enhance cooperation in sustainable water management at the 6th EU-India Water Forum held on the sidelines of the 8th India Water Week, in New Delhi.

International WASH Conference 2024 concludes at 8th India Water Week

The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, organized the International WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Conference during the 8th India Water Week from 17th-19th September 2024 in New Delhi. The conference, with the theme 'Sustaining Rural Water Supply', focused on knowledge exchange, innovations, and best practices to tackle global WASH challenges, especially Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6).

The Ministry Of Food Processing Industries Is Hosting World Food India 2024

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is all set to host the third edition of World Food India 2024, from September 19 to 22, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Aimed at becoming the largest event for the food processing and allied sectors in India, this prestigious gathering will bring together industry leaders from across the globe.

India to Host World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit 2025

The Indian government will host the inaugural World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES) from February 5 to 9, 2025, to boost the country's media and entertainment industry and enhance its global influence. This will be the first global summit covering the entire media and entertainment spectrum.



Prime Minister attends the sixth Quad Leaders' Summit in Wilmington, Delaware

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the sixth Quad Leaders' Summit in Wilmington, Delaware on 21 September 2024, hosted by the President of the United States of America, Joseph R. Biden, Prime Minister of Australia Mr. Anthony Albanese and Prime Minister of Japan Fumio Kishida also participated.

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.

Swachh Vayu Survekshan Award 2024 Presented by Bhupender Yadav and Rajasthan CM

The International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies (Swachh Vayu Diwas) was observed on 7th September 2024 in Jaipur. Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav, and Rajasthan Chief Minister, Bhajan Lal Sharma, led the event. Key dignitaries included Rajasthan's Minister of State for Environment, Sanjay Sharma, and Urban Development Minister, Jhabar Singh Kharra.

India's Cities Recognized for Air Quality Improvements: Swachh Vayu Survekshan 2024

In a significant recognition of efforts to combat air pollution, the Union Environment Ministry has presented the "National Clean Air City" Awards during the Swachh Vayu Survekshan 2024. This event, held as part of a national workshop celebrating the "International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies" in Jaipur on Saturday, showcased the remarkable strides made by various Indian cities in improving their air quality.

National Florence Nightingale Awards 2024

On September 11, 2024, the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, presided over a distinguished ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan to present the National Florence Nightingale Awards for the year 2024. This prestigious event recognized outstanding contributions in the field of nursing, highlighting the crucial role that nursing professionals play in the healthcare system.

Emmy Awards 2024, Complete List of Winners

The 76th Primetime Emmy Awards ceremony, held at the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles on September 16, 2024, marked a significant event in the television industry. This prestigious award show, honouring excellence in primetime television programming, rolled out the red carpet for the second time in just one year, creating a buzz of excitement among TV enthusiasts and industry professionals alike.

Indian women's contributions across UAE honored at Indian Women Dubai Awards 2024

The Indian Women Dubai Awards 2024 took place in Dubai, honoring the achievements of Indian women who have contributed in various fields of excellence across the UAE. This event celebrated empowerment, resilience, and unity, showcasing the impact of women who are shaping the community.

Dhruvi Patel wins Miss India Worldwide 2024

Dhruvi Patel, a Computer Information System student from the USA, has been declared the winner of Miss India Worldwide 2024, the longest running Indian pageant outside of India.

Magnus Carlsen, Judit Polgar felicitated at FIDE 100 Awards

Magnus Carlsen and Judit Polgar were felicitated with the best male and female player awards, respectively at the FIDE 100 Awards ceremony in Hungary.

Jaipur to Host 25th Edition of IIFA Awards

Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, is set to host the prestigious 25th edition of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards from March 7 to 9, 2025, at the JECC Sitapura. The announcement was made during a formal agreement signing ceremony at the iconic Albert Hall, attended by Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by Rajasthan Tourism Commissioner VP Singh and IIFA Vice President Suresh Iyer, marking the beginning of preparations for this grand event.

Odisha Swimmer Pratyasa Ray To Get Ekalabya Puraskar

Emerging swimmer Pratyasa Ray has been selected for the 32nd Ekalabya Puraskar for 2024 for her achievements in swimming. A proud moment for Odisha's sporting fraternity. Pratyasa Ray, a promising talent in the field of swimming with a remarkable track record, has been selected for this year's award in recognition of her exceptional performances.



Rhea Singha from Gujarat wins Miss Universe India 2024 title

Rhea Singha, a 19-year-old model from Gujarat, was crowned Miss Universe India 2024 in Jaipur. She will represent India at the global Miss Universe competition in Mexico. The 19year-old Gujarati beauty Rhea Singha was recently crowned Miss Universe India 2024.

Vinod Bachchan Honored at the House of Lords, UK Parliament

Renowned Bollywood producer Vinod Bachchan received the prestigious Global Prestige Award at the House of Lords, UK Parliament, recognizing his significant contributions to the Indian film industry. The award ceremony was hosted by Lord Bellamy KC and Lord Rami Ranger CBE, a distinguished Member of Parliament. Bachchan, known for producing hits such as Tanu Weds Manu, Zila Ghaziabad, Ginny Weds Sunny, and Shaadi Mein Zaroor Aana, was honored for his influential role in bringing Indian cinema to global audiences. His films not only entertain millions but also promote Indian culture and traditions worldwide.

Indian Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla Poised to Make History as Pilot of Axiom-4 Mission to the ISS

In a monumental step for India's space program, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla of the Indian Air Force (IAF) will pilot the Axiom-4 (Ax-4) mission to the International Space Station (ISS) in 2025. The Ax-4 mission is the result of a bilateral agreement between India and the US. Over a year ago, during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's official visit to the US.

Deepak C Mehta, Honored With ICC Lifetime Achievement Award For 2023

Visionary industrialist and leader Shri Deepak C Mehta, Chairman and Managing Director of Deepak Nitrite Limited, has been conferred the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indian Chemical Council (ICC) at the 59th ICC Annual Awards Function in Mumbai.



Best Tourism Villages Competition-2024 Winner Revealed By Ministry

The Ministry of Tourism in Government of India announced the winners of the Best Tourism Villages Competition 2024 on the occasion of World Tourism Day 2024. This award competition was the 2nd edition since its launching.

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.

5th UN International Day to Protect Education from Attack

The 5th Observance of the UN International Day to Protect Education from Attack is set to take place on September 9, 2024, in Doha, Qatar. This crucial event will be held at the QNCC Auditorium 3, featuring a High-Level Panel led by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Education Above All Foundation and UN SDG Advocate.

Hindi Diwas 2024, Celebrating India's Linguistic Heritage

Hindi Diwas, observed annually on September 14th, stands as a testament to India's rich linguistic diversity and cultural heritage. This day marks the adoption of Hindi as an official language of the Indian federal government, a decision made by the Constituent Assembly in 1949. As we approach Hindi Diwas 2024, it's crucial to reflect on the significance of this celebration, its historical roots, and its contemporary relevance in promoting linguistic unity across the nation.

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World Ozone Day 2024, Know Date, History and Significance

In 1994, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed September 16 as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, commemorating the signing date of the Montreal Protocol in 1987. On October 15, 2016, at the 28th Meeting of the Parties in Kigali, Rwanda, an agreement was reached to phase down hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). This amendment represents the latest step in the ongoing efforts to protect the ozone layer and address climate change.

International Day of Democracy: Know The Date, History and Significance

Every year on September 15, people across the globe unite to commemorate the International Day of Democracy. Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007, this day serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of democratic principles and practices in our societies. Since its inception in 2008, the day has been marked by a diverse array of events worldwide, showcasing the creativity and enthusiasm of participants in promoting democratic values.

8th India Water Week 2024 Organized by Ministry of Jal Shakti

The Ministry of Jal Shakti will organize the India Water Week 2024 from 17th to 20th September. It is a 4-day conference and exhibition which is India's international water resources event. Conceptualized and organized first in 2012, the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India is organizing the India Water Week 2024 biannually.

International Day of Peace 2024: Cultivating a Culture of Peace

The year 2024 marks a significant milestone in the global pursuit of peace. As we commemorate the 25th anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly's adoption of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, the world is reminded of the critical importance of fostering harmony and understanding among nations and individuals.

World Bollywood Day 2024: Celebrating Indian Cinema's Global Impact

World Bollywood Day, observed annually on September 24th, stands as a testament to the rich heritage and global influence of Indian cinema. This day serves as a unique platform for Bollywood enthusiasts and film industry professionals to come together and celebrate the art of cinema and its contributions to culture and society. It's a day that not only honours the magic of Bollywood but also raises awareness about Indian culture and storytelling among audiences worldwide.

Antyodaya Diwas 2024

Antyodaya Diwas is an annual occasion in India commemorating the birth anniversary of Indian leader Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya. India observes Antyodaya Diwas on September 25th to honor Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya.

World Maritime Day 2024: Navigating the Future with Safety First

World Maritime Day 2024, celebrated on 26 September 2024, embraces the theme "Navigating the Future: Safety First!" This theme underscores the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) commitment to enhancing maritime safety and security, protecting the marine environment, and ensuring that regulatory developments keep pace with technological advancements.

International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, September 26

In 2013, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) took a significant step towards global nuclear disarmament by declaring September 26 as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, also known as Nuclear Abolition Day. This declaration was formalized through UNGA Resolution 68/32.

Google's Birth Anniversary 2024: Celebrating 26 Years of Innovation and Digital Revolution

As we commemorate Google's 26th anniversary in 2024, we reflect on the tech giant's remarkable journey from a simple search engine to a global powerhouse that has fundamentally reshaped our digital landscape. Founded in 1998, Google has become an integral part of our daily lives, offering a vast array of services that span information retrieval, communication, entertainment, and beyond.

World Tourism Day 2024: Date, Theme, and Significance World Tourism Day is observed annually on September 27. In 2024, it will fall on a Friday, providing an excellent opportunity for extended weekend celebrations and activities related to tourism. Tourism is a vital industry that plays a crucial role in the global economy. It contributes significantly to the economic growth of nations, creates numerous employment opportunities, and fosters cultural connections among people from diverse backgrounds. To celebrate and recognize the importance of this sector, the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) established World Tourism Day as a global observance.

World Environmental Health Day 2024, Date, History, Theme and Significance

Every year on September 26, the world comes together to observe World Environmental Health Day. This annual event



serves as a powerful reminder of our collective responsibility to safeguard the health of our planet and, by extension, our own well-being. As we face increasingly complex environmental challenges, this day takes on even greater significance, encouraging us to reflect on the intricate relationship between environmental health and human health.

World Contraception Day 2024: Empowering Choices for Reproductive Health

World Contraception Day, observed annually on September 26, stands as a beacon of awareness in the realm of reproductive health. This global campaign is dedicated to raising consciousness about contraception and promoting informed decision-making in sexual and reproductive health matters. By equipping individuals with knowledge and access to various contraceptive options, the day aims to reduce unintended pregnancies and enhance accessibility to vital reproductive health services worldwide.

World Heart Day 2024, Date, History, Theme and Significance

World Heart Day, observed annually on September 29th, stands as a global beacon for cardiovascular health awareness. This international event serves as a crucial reminder of the importance of heart health and the ongoing battle against cardiovascular diseases (CVDs), which remain the leading cause of death worldwide. As we approach World Heart Day 2024, the focus intensifies on empowering individuals, governments, and health organizations to take proactive measures in preventing heart-related conditions.

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 Sonepat, 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 parasports 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.

India Bids for 2030 Youth Olympics: Mandaviya Addresses OCA General Assembly

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, India's Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, announced India's bid for the 2030 Youth Olympics during his speech at the of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)44th General Assembly on September 8, 2024. India will compete against Peru, Colombia, Mexico, Thailand, Mongolia, Russia, Ukraine, and Bosnia and Herzegovina for hosting rights. This bid is seen as a precursor to India's ambition to host the 2036 Olympics.

Harvinder Singh and Preeti Pal Named Flag Bearers for Paralympics Closing Ceremony

In a momentous occasion for Indian sports, gold medalwinning archer Harvinder Singh and sprinter Preeti Pal have been chosen to carry the Indian flag during the closing ceremony of the Paris Paralympics. This selection not only honors their outstanding achievements but also symbolizes the growing prominence of Indian para-athletes on the global stage.

Yogasana Secures Spot as Demonstration Sport in 2026 Asian Games

In a significant development for traditional Indian sports, Yogasana has been officially included as a demonstration sport in the upcoming 2026 Asian Games, set to take place in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. This decision marks a pivotal moment in the recognition of yoga as a competitive athletic discipline on the international stage.

Syria Triumphs in 4th Intercontinental Cup Football Championship

The 4th Intercontinental Cup men's football championship concluded with a stunning victory for Syria, as they defeated the defending champions India with a decisive 3-0 score in the final round-robin match. The tournament, held from September 3 to 9, 2024, at the GMC Balayogi Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad, Telangana, showcased Syria's dominance throughout the competition.

Deepali Thapa Makes History as First Schoolgirl Champion

In a groundbreaking moment for Indian boxing, Deepali Thapa etched her name in the annals of sports history by becoming the first-ever schoolgirl champion at the Asian Youth Boxing Championships held in Al Ain, UAE on Sunday. This remarkable achievement not only highlights Thapa's exceptional talent but also underscores India's rising prowess in women's boxing on the international stage.

Paralympic Champions: New Faces of Voter Inspiration for Persons with Disabilities

In a momentous event at Nirvachan Sadan, the Election Commission of India (ECI) celebrated the achievements of two remarkable Paralympic archers while simultaneously enlisting their support to inspire voters across the nation. Ms. Sheetal Devi and Shri Rakesh Kumar, fresh from their bronze medal victory in Archery at the Paris Summer Paralympics 2024, were honored for their sporting prowess and appointed as national icons for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

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63rd Subroto Cup International Football Tournament

The Subroto Cup International Football Tournament, a premier inter-school football competition, celebrated its 63rd edition in 2024. This prestigious event, which attracts participants from both India and abroad, concluded with an exciting finale on September 11, 2024, in New Delhi.

Neeraj Chopra finished 2nd by 0.01m in Diamond League Final

An olympic champion, Neeraj Chopra finished second in the Diamond League (DL) final by throwing the throw of 87.86m in Brussels. He just missed first place by just 0.01m to Andersen Peters. Neeraj Chopra finished the 2024 season with silver in the last competition.

Oscar Piastri Claims Maiden Victory at Azerbaijan Grand Prix

Oscar Piastri of McLaren secured his first Formula 1 victory at the Azerbaijan Grand Prix, marking a significant milestone in his career. The race, held at the Baku City Circuit, concluded under a virtual safety car due to a late crash, adding an element of drama to the final moments.

India's Triumph at WorldSkills 2024

The WorldSkills 2024 competition in Lyon, France, witnessed a remarkable performance by the Indian contingent, showcasing the country's growing prowess in various skill domains on the international stage. With an impressive haul of 4 Bronze medals and 12 Medallions of Excellence, India has firmly established itself as a rising force in the global skills arena.

First Pakistani Woman Nominated as International Cricket Umpire

Saleema Imtiaz has made history by becoming the first Pakistani woman to be nominated to the ICC International Panel of Development Umpires, according to an announcement by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).

17 Year old Anmol Kharb Wins First Single Title in Belgium

India's 17-year-old Anmol Kharb clinched her first international title in women's singles as she beat Denmark's Amalie Schulz in a hard-fought final in the Belgian International badminton tournament. Anmol Kharb became the women's singles national badminton champion at the age of 16 and a year later, proved to be the driving force behind the Indian women's team bagging a historic gold medal at the 2024 Badminton Asia Team Championships in Malaysia.

Indian Men's Hockey Team Won Asian Champions Trophy 2024

India's Men's Hockey Team clinched the 5th Title of Asian Champions Trophy in 2024, by winning a goal from Jugraj Singh, India beat China 1-0 in the final game of the tournament.

ICC introduces equal prize money for men's and women's cricket World Cups

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced that men's and women's cricket teams will receive equal prize money in all World Cup events, starting with the 2024 Women's T20 World Cup. Set to take place next month in the UAE, this tournament will make cricket the first major team sport to offer equal prize money across genders.

Jasprit Bumrah Joins Elite Club With 400 International Wickets

In a momentous achievement for Indian cricket, Jasprit Bumrah has become the 10th Indian bowler to reach the illustrious milestone of 400 international wickets. This feat was accomplished during the first Test against Bangladesh at Chennai, further cementing Bumrah's status as one of India's premier fast bowlers.

14th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship **2024**

The 14th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2024 concluded with an exhilarating finale on September 19, 2024, at the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium in Jalandhar, Punjab. This prestigious event, organized by Hockey India, showcased the nation's top young talent in a fierce competition that spanned from September 9 to September 19, 2024.

India's Historic Triumph at the 2024 Chess Olympiad

The 2024 Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary has etched itself into the annals of Indian sports history. In an unprecedented achievement, India secured gold medals in both the men's and women's team categories, marking a watershed moment for chess in the country.

Indian Wrestling Champion Sangram Singh Makes Historic MMA Debut

Commonwealth Heavyweight champion Sangram Singh has made an unforgettable entrance into the world of Mixed Martial Arts (MMA). The Indian wrestler's debut at the Gama International Fighting Championship in Tbilisi, Georgia, has set a new benchmark for Indian fighters in international MMA competitions.

India-A Clinches Duleep Trophy in Thrilling Final Against India-C

The Duleep Trophy final between India-A and India-C concluded in dramatic fashion, with India-A emerging victorious by a margin of 132 runs. The match, which seemed destined for a draw that would have crowned India-C as champions, took a sudden turn in the closing stages, showcasing the unpredictable nature of cricket's longer format.



Jeevan-Vijay Pair Wins Hangzhou Open 2024

The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet has approved a significant change in leadership for India's aeronautical sector. Jitendra J Jadhav, a Distinguished Scientist with nearly four decades of experience in aircraft design and development, has been appointed as the new Director General of the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA). This appointment, effective from September 11, 2024, marks a new chapter in India's pursuit of aeronautical excellence.

Malaysia's Iconic Shah Alam Stadium Demolished Amid Safety Concerns

The iconic Shah Alam Stadium, one of Malaysia's premier sports venues with a seating capacity of 80,372, met its demise as concerns over its safety rendered it unfit for use. Established in 1994, the stadium not only served as the backdrop for exhilarating football matches but also hosted globally renowned concerts.

World 6-Red Snooker Championship

IBSF (International Billiards and Snooker Foundation) World Men's 6, 2024 Red Snooker Championship A veteran Kamal Chawla wins Gold after beating a player from Pakistan in the final. Also, India begged three bronze medals also in the event final. The tournament was held in Mongolia.

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.

India-USA Joint Military Exercise YUDH ABHYAS-2024

The 20th edition of the India-USA Joint Military Exercise, YUDH ABHYAS-2024, commenced on September 9, 2024, at the Foreign Training Node in Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan. This annual exercise, alternating between India and the USA since 2004, is set to run until September 22, 2024, showcasing a remarkable increase in scale and sophistication compared to previous iterations.

Indian Army & IAF Sign MoU with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya to Boost Logistics Skills

On September 09, 2024, the Indian Army and Indian Air Force signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya in Vadodara. This collaboration aims to enhance the logistics capabilities of personnel and align with national development plans such as the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan 2021 and the National Logistics Policy 2022. The agreement was formalized in New Delhi in the presence of Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh and Railways Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw.

India Bolsters Naval Capabilities: Launch of Mahe Class Anti-Submarine Warfare Vessels

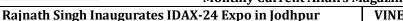
On September 9, 2024, the Cochin Shipyard marked a significant milestone in India's naval defense capabilities by launching two new vessels:

Malpe: The fourth ship in the Mahe Class

Mulki: The fifth ship in the Mahe Class

These Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) vessels were launched in a ceremony held in Kochi, Kerala.





Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the India Defence Aviation Exposition (IDAX-24) at Jodhpur on September 12, 2024. This major event coincides with Exercise Tarang Shakti-24, one of the largest multinational air exercises hosted by the Indian Air Force. The IDAX-24, running from September 12-14, showcases significant advancements and contributions of the Indian aviation industry.

DRDO & Indian Navy Successfully Test Vertical Launch Short-Range SAM Off Odisha Coast

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy successfully conducted a flight test of the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur, Odisha, on September 12, 2024, at around 3 PM. The missile system, launched from a land-based vertical launcher, engaged a low-flying, high-speed aerial target, demonstrating its operational effectiveness and tracking capabilities. The test validated several upgraded features, including the Proximity Fuse and Seeker, with performance monitored by instruments such as Radar, Electro-Optical Tracking System (EOTS), and Telemetry.

Indian Army Contingent Departs for India-Oman Joint Military Exercise Al Najah V

The Indian Army contingent has departed for the fifth edition of the India-Oman joint military exercise, Al Najah, which will take place from September 13 to 26, 2024, at the Rabkoot Training Area in Salalah, Oman. Al Najah has been held biennially since 2015, alternating between India and Oman. The previous edition was conducted in Rajasthan, India. This year, both India and Oman are sending 60 personnel each, with the Indian team represented by the Mechanised Infantry Regiment and the Royal Army of Oman represented by the Frontier Force.

Navika Sagar Parikrama II

Navika Sagar Parikrama II, led by Indian Navy officers Lt Cdr Roopa A and Lt Cdr Dilna K, is set to continue India's rich sailing tradition with a historic all-women expedition to circumnavigate the globe aboard INSV Tarini. This voyage celebrates maritime skill and gender equality, showcasing the Indian Navy's commitment to preserving maritime heritage and promoting seamanship. Both officers have been training rigorously for three years, accumulating thousands of nautical miles, and were mentored by Cdr Abhilash Tomy (Retd.).

VINETRA Commissioned at INS Satavahana, Visakhapatnam

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The Kalvari Submarine Escape Training Facility (VINETRA) was commissioned by Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, the Flag Officer Commanding-in-chief, Eastern Naval Command, at INS Satavahana, Visakhapatnam.

Operation Sadbhavana, India's Humanitarian Response to Typhoon Yagi

Typhoon Yagi recently struck Southeast Asia, the government of India has launched Operation Sadbhavana, a humanitarian initiative aimed at providing crucial assistance to affected countries. This operation exemplifies India's commitment to its Act East Policy and its role as a first responder in providing Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) to nations in need.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Inaugurates Sainik School in Jaipur, Rajasthan

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Sainik School in Jaipur, Rajasthan on September 23, 2024, as part of the Government's plan to establish 100 new Sainik Schools in partnership mode across India. This initiative aims to blend public and private sector contributions to enhance education for future generations and foster patriotism among youth. Deputy CM Diya Kumari and Col Rajyavardhan Rathore (Retd) were also present at the event.

Inauguration of the 41st Indian Coast Guard Commanders' Conference

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 41st edition of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Commanders' Conference in New Delhi on September 24, 2024. This threeday conference serves as a crucial platform for ICG Commanders to engage in meaningful discussions on strategic, operational, and administrative matters amid evolving geopolitical landscapes and maritime security complexities.





India's DRDO, IIT Delhi develop ABHED LightWeight Bullet Proof Jackets

India's Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), along with researchers of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi has developed Light Weight Bullet Proof Jackets named ABHED (Advanced Ballistics for High Energy Defeat).

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.

Sushil Kumar Shinde's Book Launch Titled Five Decades in Politics

The India International Centre in New Delhi recently played host to a remarkable event that transcended the typical book launch. The multipurpose hall echoed with applause and enthusiastic chants of "more" as attendees celebrated the release of Five Decades in Politics, an autobiographical account of Sushil Kumar Shinde's life penned by senior journalist Rasheed Kidwai. The 200-page book, published by HarperCollins India, proved to be just an appetizer for an audience hungry for more insights into the life of this seasoned politician.

The Book Titled 'Sri Rama in Tamilagam – An inseparable bond' Released by Governor of Tamil Nadu On a significant day for Tamil literature and cultural heritage, Thiru. R.N. Ravi, the Honorable Governor of Tamil Nadu, presided over the release of a groundbreaking book titled "Sri Rama in Tamilagam – An Inseparable Bond". This literary work, authored by the esteemed duo Dr. D.K. Hari and Dr. D.K. Hema Hari, explores the deep-rooted connection between Lord Rama and the land of Tamilagam, now known as Tamil Nadu.

Anil Raturi's "Khaki Mein Sthitapragya: Memories and Experiences of an IPS Officer"

In Khaki Mein Sthitapragya, former DGP of Uttarakhand, Anil Raturi, compiles select memories and experiences from his nearly three and a half decades of service in the Indian Police Service. The book provides an insightful look at the social environment during his career and serves as a reflection on governance, policing, and the ethical dilemmas faced by public servants. It offers valuable lessons for present-day officers, while also shedding light on the evolving relationship between law enforcement and society.

Miscellaneous News

People of Zanskar Celebrates 9th Ladakh Zanskar Festival 2024

The 9th Ladakh Zanskar Festival 2024 began with remarkable grandeur in the picturesque village of Sani, signifying a landmark event for the region. This year's Zanskar Festival is especially significant as it marks the first celebration since Zanskar was officially declared a district.

India sends US\$ 1 million Humanitarian Relief to Vietnam as Operation Sadbhav

The Government of India has launched Operation Sadbhav to provide humanitarian relief/assistance to countries affected by Typhoon Yagi. This will Express Solidarity with Storm-Hit Nations, India Dispatches of Aid to Myanmar, Vietnam and Laos.

Mana Village Selected for Landmark Tribal Development Scheme

The Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan, a groundbreaking initiative by the Central Government of India, has chosen Mana village in the Joshimath block of Chamoli district for implementation. This selection marks a significant step towards improving the socio-economic conditions of tribal communities in the region.

India Unveils First CO2-To-Methanol Pilot Plant

The foundation stone for India's first of its kind CO2-to-Methanol pilot plant with an overall capacity of 1.4 Tons Per Day (TPD) was unveiled virtually by Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, at Thermax Limited premises in Pune, Maharashtra.

Silver train model for Joe Biden, Pashmina for Jill

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has gifted US President Joe Biden a silver train model made by master artisans from Maharashtra and First Lady Jill Biden a Pashmina shawl in a papier mache box.

Mountaineers scale unclimbed peak in Arunachal Pradesh, name it after Sixth Dalai Lama

An extraordinary mountaineering achievement, of a team from the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS), has successfully scaled an unnamed and unclimbed 6383 MSL or 20,942 ft high peak in Gorichen range of Arunachal Pradesh Himalayas on Tawang-West Kameng region.

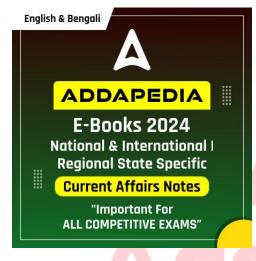




Oxygen Bird Park Set To Be Inaugurated By Shri. Nitin Gadkari

Union Minister for Road, Transport and Highways Shri. Nitin Gadkari Ji, set to inaugurate Oxygen Bird Park (Amrit Mahotsav Park) on the Nagpur-Hyderabad National highway 44 in Nagpur, in state of Maharashtra.

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