

Weekly Current Affairs-30th September To 5th October 2024 English

National News

PM Modi Virtually Inaugurates Development Projects Worth ₹11,200 Crore in Maharashtra

As the Assembly election approaches, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on September 29, 2024, virtually inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various projects worth ₹11,200 crore in Maharashtra. This event comes after his scheduled visit to Pune on September 26 was cancelled due to heavy rain in the city.

Shankh Air: India's Newest Airline Set to Launch

Shankh Air, India's latest airline, is poised to make its debut by the end of 2024 after receiving approval from the civil aviation ministry. This marks a significant development for Uttar Pradesh as Shankh Air aims to become the state's first scheduled airline, establishing hubs in Lucknow and the upcoming Noida International Airport. The airline plans to focus on both inter- and intra-state routes, targeting areas with high demand and limited direct flight options.

10 Years of Swachh Bharat Mission: Celebrating a Decade of Cleanliness

Marking the completion of a decade of the Swachh Bharat Mission, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the Swachh Bharat Diwas 2024 on 2nd October, Gandhi Jayanti, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. He will inaugurate and lay the foundation for several projects worth over Rs 9,600 crore related to sanitation and cleanliness, which includes Rs 6,800 crore for urban water and sewage systems under AMRUT and AMRUT 2.0, Rs 1,550 crore for water quality and waste management in Ganga basin areas under the National Mission for Clean Ganga, and Rs 1,332 crore for 15 Compressed Biogas (CBG) Plant projects under the GOBARdhan Scheme.

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.

Swachh Bharat Mission Completes 10 Years Since Its Implementation

A clean India (Swachh Bharat) would be the best tribute India could pay to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150 birth anniversary in 2019," said Shri Narendra Modi as he launched the Swachh Bharat Mission at Rajpath in New Delhi. On 2nd October 2014, Swachh Bharat Mission was launched throughout the length and breadth of the country as a national movement.

Cabinet Approves 78-Day Productivity Linked Bonus for Railway Employees

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved a ₹2,028.57 crore Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) for 11.72 lakh railway employees, recognizing their exceptional performance in the 2023-24 financial year. Each eligible employee will receive a maximum bonus of ₹17,951, typically disbursed ahead of the Durga Puja and Dussehra holidays. This initiative aims to motivate staff across various categories, including track maintainers, loco pilots, and station masters, by incentivizing continuous improvements in operational efficiency and service delivery.

Shyamji Krishna Varma: Revolutionary Patriot and Nationalist on His Birth Anniversary

Shyamji Krishna Varma (4 October 1857 – 30 March 1930), an Indian revolutionary, played a pivotal role in India's fight for independence. He founded the Indian Home Rule Society, India House, and The Indian Sociologist in London, which became key platforms for nationalist movements abroad. A scholar of Sanskrit and Indian languages, he was deeply influenced by Swami Dayanand Saraswati and Herbert Spencer, advocating for aggressive resistance to colonialism. Despite facing persecution, Varma's work inspired future generations of freedom fighters.

Classical Language Status Granted to Marathi, Bengali, Pali, Prakrit, and Assamese

In a significant move, the Union Cabinet approved the conferral of classical language status to Marathi, Bengali, Assamese, Pali, and Prakrit on October 3, 2024. This decision, following long-pending demands, highlights India's rich linguistic heritage and aims to preserve and promote these ancient languages.

Cabinet Endorses National Mission to Enhance Oilseed Production

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds (NMEO-Oilseeds), a landmark initiative aimed at boosting domestic oilseed production and achieving self-reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat) in edible oils.

13,822 Jan Aushadhi Kendras Established Nationwide

The government has established 13,822 Jan Aushadhi Kendras across the country under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) till 30th September of 2024. These Kendras have also achieved record sales of 200 Crore rupees in the last month, which is the highest monthly sales in the history of the PMBJP.

International News**NATO to Establish Northern Land Command in Eastern Finland**

NATO plans to set up a new land command in Finland near the Russian border in 2025, to lead land force operations in northern Europe during potential military conflicts. Finland, which joined NATO last year after Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, is preparing for the alliance's presence on its territory. Finnish Defence Minister Antti Hakkanen announced the proposal to establish the command at Finland's Army Headquarters in Mikkeli. The center, named the Multi Corps Land Component Command, will work under NATO's U.S.-based Norfolk Joint Force Command and Finland's own land force command.

Italy Hosts G7 Call to Address Middle East Crisis

On October 2, 2024, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni convened a call of G7 leaders to discuss the escalating crisis in the Middle East. Italy, holding the rotating presidency of the G7, emphasized its commitment to finding a diplomatic solution amidst growing tensions, particularly focusing on the Israeli-Lebanese border and Iran's missile attack on Israel.

UN Chief Guterres Banned to Enter in the Israel

Foreign Minister of Israel Katz announced that they decided to declare the U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres an undesirable personality in Israel and to ban his entry into Israel. Israel has declared UN chief António Guterres banning him from entry for "failing" to condemn Iran's missile attacks on Israel.

Harpoon Anti-Ship Missile Systems From US arrived in Taiwan

The first shipment of 100 land-based Harpoon anti-ship missile systems ordered from the United States has reportedly arrived in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, marking a significant milestone in the island's defense capabilities. The equipment was unloaded at Kaohsiung Port on September 27.

Sheinbaum Leads as Mexico's First Woman President

Claudia Sheinbaum made history by being sworn in as Mexico's first female president, marking a significant milestone for the nation. Taking office after outgoing president Andrés Manuel López Obrador, her close ally from the Morena party, Sheinbaum's leadership symbolizes a continuation of progressive policies.

Bharat Electronics and Israel Aerospace Industries Form Joint Venture

Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), a Navratna defense PSU, and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), Israel's leading aerospace and defense company, have established a joint venture (JV) named BEL IAI AeroSystems Private Ltd. The JV, headquartered in Delhi, aims to serve as the single point of contact for long-term product support of the Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM) systems utilized by India's defense forces. This partnership underscores the long-standing collaboration between BEL and IAI on various strategic programs, enhancing India's defense capabilities while aligning with the government's vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

Italy and Switzerland Redraw Alpine Borders

The redrawing of borders between Italy and Switzerland is a striking response to the rapid melting of glaciers caused by climate change. As global temperatures rise, glaciers in the Alps are shrinking, leading to shifts in natural watershed lines that have historically defined the frontier between these two countries. This agreement, made official by Switzerland on September 27, 2024, follows a recommendation from a commission formed in 2023 to assess climate impacts on glaciers. Italy is expected to approve the changes soon, which primarily affect regions around the Matterhorn.

Nepal, India, and Bangladesh Sign Historic Electricity Trade Agreement

Nepal, India, and Bangladesh have recently entered into a significant tripartite agreement aimed at facilitating cross-border electricity trade, marking a notable step in regional energy cooperation. This agreement allows Nepal to export its surplus electricity to Bangladesh via India during the rainy season, specifically from June 15 to November 15 each year. In the initial phase, Nepal is set to export 40 MW of hydroelectricity, leveraging India's infrastructure for transmission. The agreed rate per unit of electricity is fixed at 6.4 cents, with Nepal expected to generate approximately USD 9.2 million annually from this trade.

State News

Udhayanidhi Stalin Took Oath as Deputy CM of TamilNadu

The Chief Minister of TamilNadu M. K. Stalin's son Udhayanidhi Stalin took the oath as the new Deputy Chief Minister of the state. The cabinet reshuffle and several members were also changed.

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.

Women Entrepreneurship Platform in Telangana Launched By NITI Aayog

In a groundbreaking initiative to further strengthen the ecosystem for women entrepreneurs in Telangana, NITI Aayog, in collaboration with Telangana government, launched the first State chapter of Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP), with WE Hub serving as the nodal organization. To promote and support women entrepreneurs across various sectors, providing them with resources, tools, and a robust network to enhance their business growth.

Projects worth Rs 83,700 Crore Has Been Unveiled By PM in Jharkhand

Honorable Prime Minister of India Shri. Narendra Modi unveiled the developmental projects worth Rs. 83,700 crore in Jharkhand. Including the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan for tribal development. He launched this project on the day of Gandhi Jayanti. And also laid the foundation stone for multiple projects.

Economy News

India's Forex Reserves Hit Record High of \$692.3 Billion

India's foreign exchange reserves reached a record high of \$692.3 billion as of September 20, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India on September 27. The reserves increased by \$2.84 billion during the week, following a total rise of \$19.3 billion over the previous five weeks. The rise in reserves was driven by the Reserve Bank of India's interventions in the forex market and inflows into local stocks and bonds.

OECD Revises India's FY25 Growth Forecast Upward to 6.7%

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) raised India's FY25 growth forecast to 6.7%, up from 6.6%, in its Interim Economic Outlook released on September

25. Inflation is projected to rise to 4.5%, compared to the earlier estimate of 4.3%. The Indian economy is expected to grow even faster at 6.8% in FY26, marking a 20 basis points increase from the May forecast. The OECD emphasized that India will remain the fastest-growing economy in 2024 and 2025, ahead of China, the US, and other G20 nations.

GST Council Establishes GoM on Compensation Cess

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council has formed a 10-member Group of Ministers (GoM), chaired by Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, to address the future taxation of luxury, sin, and demerit goods as the compensation cess is set to expire in March 2026. The GoM comprises representatives from Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal, with a report expected to be submitted by December 31.

Current Account Deficit Widens to \$9.7 Billion in April-June Quarter

In the April-June 2024 quarter, India's current account deficit (CAD) increased to \$9.7 billion, or 1.1% of GDP, up from \$8.9 billion (1% of GDP) in Q1 FY2024, according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). This marginal widening is attributed to a rise in the merchandise trade deficit, which expanded to \$65.1 billion from \$56.7 billion in the previous year. The CAD had recorded a surplus of \$4.6 billion (0.5% of GDP) in the previous January-March quarter.

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.

Finance Ministry Introduces New Norms for Handling Delayed Tax Refund Claims

The Ministry of Finance has released comprehensive guidelines to streamline the handling of delayed tax refund claims and loss carry forward applications. These guidelines aim to reduce bureaucratic delays, especially in cases where taxpayers missed filing their income tax returns (ITR) but had refunds due. A tiered authority system and specific time limits have been introduced, making the process smoother and quicker.

GST Collections in September 2024: Slowest Growth in 40 Months

India's Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections hit a 40-month low in September 2024, growing by just 6.5% to ₹1.73 lakh crore. Net GST receipts rose by 3.9%, marking the slowest growth in the current financial year. Despite this, net collections were marginally up by 1.5% compared to August. The slowdown

is attributed to weaker revenue growth from domestic transactions and imports, though imports saw a growth of 8%. GST refunds surged significantly, with overall refunds rising 31% compared to a 38% rise in August.

India's Forex Reserves Surpass \$700 Billion Milestone for the First Time

India's foreign exchange reserves have exceeded \$700 billion for the first time, reaching \$704.89 billion in the week ending September 27, 2024. This marks a record increase of \$12.58 billion, with foreign currency assets (FCAs) rising by \$10.4 billion to \$616 billion and gold reserves increasing by \$2 billion to \$65.7 billion. The surge is attributed to RBI's dollar purchases and favorable valuation adjustments, driven by declining U.S. Treasury yields, a weakening dollar, and rising gold prices.

Employment in India Up by 36% : Center Reports

India has witnessed significant employment growth over the years. With employment increasing by nearly 36%, adding around 17 million jobs during 2016-17 and 2022-23, India's economic trajectory demonstrates sustained job creation across key sectors. With a robust democracy, dynamic economy, and a culture that celebrates unity in diversity, India's journey toward becoming a global powerhouse continues to inspire the world.

Business News

NSE, BSE Revise Transaction Fees; New Charges Effective from October 1

BSE and NSE have announced revisions to their transaction fees, effective from October 1, 2024. The changes, which impact various segments, align with SEBI's July directive mandating a uniform fee structure across market infrastructure institutions (MIIs). This move eliminates the previous slab-based structure and ensures transparency for end clients.

Power Finance Corporation Secures Record USD 1.265 Billion Loan

PFC (Power Finance Corporation), a Maharatna company and leading NBFC in the Indian power and infrastructure sector, announced the successful closing of issuance of the largest-ever foreign currency term loan from an Indian PSU amounting to USD 1.265 billion. This landmark transaction was executed through a facility agreement with multiple banks based in IFSC GIFT City, Gandhinagar.

Agreement News

UK Agrees to Transfer Chagos Islands Sovereignty to Mauritius

The United Kingdom and Mauritius reached an historical agreement to cede sovereignty of the Chagos Islands, a strategically significant archipelago in the Indian Ocean to hand

over to Mauritius. The agreement allows Mauritius to regain sovereignty while ensuring the continued operation of the U.S. military base on Diego Garcia.

Department of Posts and Amazon Unite to Enhance Delivery Services

The Department of Posts (DoP), with its deep reach, and Amazon, one of the world's largest e-commerce companies, together seek to empower India's growing e-commerce sector by enhancing logistical capabilities, supporting job creation, and contributing to economic growth, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Appointment News

Justice Manmohan was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court

As a Chief Justice of Delhi High-court Justice Manmohan took the Oath of Office in the Capital of India. The Oath was administered by Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena at a ceremony where the new Chief Minister of Delhi also attended the event.

IPS Nalin Prabhat Set to Take Charge as DGP of J&K from October 1

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) appointed IPS Nalin Prabhat as the Director General of Police (DGP) of Jammu and Kashmir. He is set to assume charge from October 1. Till then, he will work as the Special Director-General (DG) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

As a New President of INS Shreyams Kumar Elected as a Chair
M V Shreyams Kumar of Mathrubhumi was elected President of The Indian Newspaper Society (INS), an apex body of publishers of newspapers, magazines and periodicals in the country. He will succeed Rakesh Sharma of Aaj Samaj.

A K Saxena Assumes Additional Charge as CMD in RINL

Shri AK Saxena, CMD (Chairman and Managing Director), MOIL (Manganese Ore India Limited) assumed additional charge of the post of CMD (Chief Managing Director) at RINL (Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited), the corporate entity of Visakhapatnam steel plant.

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.

MV Shreyams Kumar New President of Indian Newspaper Society

The Indian Newspaper Society (INS), a premier organization representing the print media industry in India, has announced significant leadership changes for the year 2024-25, marking a new chapter in its illustrious history of safeguarding press freedom and promoting print media interests.

Aviral Jain Joins RBI as Executive Director

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Aviral Jain as Executive Director (ED) with effect from October 01, 2024. Prior to being promoted to ED, Jain was serving as Regional Director for Maharashtra. As Executive Director, he will look after the several departments for the smooth functioning of RBI.

Banking News

IndusInd Bank Reappoints Sumant Kathpalia as MD & CEO

The board of IndusInd Bank has approved the reappointment of Sumant Kathpalia as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) for another three-year term from March 24, 2025, to March 23, 2028, pending approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and shareholders.

SEBI Introduces New Asset Class and Liberalizes MF Lite Framework

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has announced the introduction of a new asset class and a liberalized Mutual Funds Lite (MF Lite) framework, aimed at enhancing the investment landscape in India. This decision was made during the SEBI board meeting, which was notably the first after recent allegations against SEBI chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch.

RBI Monetary Policy Committee Reshuffling: A Comprehensive Analysis

The Indian government has made a significant move in monetary policy governance by appointing three new external members to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC). This decision comes at a crucial juncture, just days before a key policy meeting scheduled for October 9.

Schemes and Committees News

'Telangana Darshini' Program for Students to Visit Historical Sites

Telangana state government launched the 'Telangana Darshini' Program to those government school students to explore historical and tourist sites at no cost. It is also designed to enrich the educational experiences of government school students.

Achievements in the First 100 Days of the New Government

In the first 100 days of the new government, significant strides have been made in enhancing the ease of living for citizens and providing a dignified way of life. Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal addressed the press, highlighting the government's commitment to fulfilling basic necessities, particularly housing and water management.

Launch of PM E-DRIVE Scheme: A New Milestone in India's Electric Mobility

The Ministry of Heavy Industries launched the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme on 11th September 2024, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, marking a pivotal shift in India's electric mobility efforts. The scheme, with a financial outlay of ₹10,900 crore for two years, aims to accelerate EV adoption and build critical infrastructure nationwide, aligning with Prime Minister Modi's vision for net-zero emissions by 2070.

Dharti Aaba Janatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan Scheme Launched by PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the Dharti Aaba Janatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA), on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, from Hazaribagh, Jharkhand. The scheme has a total outlay of Rs.79,156 crores with the contribution from Central government is Rs.56,333 crore and State government is Rs. 22,823 crore.

Summits & Conference News

2024 AYUSH Medical Value Travel Summit Inaugurated

Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Ayush, and Union Minister of State, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, inaugurated the Ayush Medical Value Travel Summit 2024. The event took place in Mumbai.

EAM Jaishankar to Visit Pakistan for SCO Meeting After 9 Years

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will lead India's delegation to Pakistan for the Shanghai Cooperation

Organisation's (SCO) Heads of Government meeting in Islamabad on October 15-16, 2024. This marks the first visit by an Indian External Affairs Minister to Pakistan since Sushma Swaraj attended a conference in 2015. The visit is focused on the SCO's regional cooperation agenda, with no bilateral meetings confirmed as of now, according to the Ministry of External Affairs.

Awards & Honors News

The 2024 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize: Honoring Mathematical Excellence

The world of mathematics is set to celebrate another brilliant mind as the 2024 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize finds its recipient. This prestigious award, which recognizes outstanding contributions in mathematics, particularly those influenced by the legendary Srinivasa Ramanujan, will be bestowed upon Alexander Dunn of the Georgia Institute of Technology, U.S.

Mithun Chakraborty to Receive Dadasaheb Phalke Award

Veteran actor Mithun Chakraborty, known for his versatile contributions to Indian cinema, will be honoured with the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award at the 70th National Film Awards ceremony on October 8, 2024. At 74, Mithun Chakraborty expressed his overwhelming joy, dedicating the honour to his family and fans. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Information & Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw congratulated him on his achievement, highlighting his enduring legacy in Indian cinema.

Important Dates News

On 1st October IBBI to Celebrate Its 8th Annual Day

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) celebrates its Eighth Annual Day on 1st October 2024. Senior officers of the Government and regulatory bodies will grace the occasion. Over the past eight years, the IBC has significantly accelerated the resolution of insolvency cases.

World Animal Day 2024: Celebrating Our Planet's Creatures

World Animal Day stands as a global celebration dedicated to illuminating the critical issues of animal rights, welfare, and conservation. This annual observance serves as a powerful reminder of our shared responsibility towards the countless species that inhabit our planet alongside us. As we approach the 2024 celebration, it's essential to understand the depth and significance of this important day.

International Day of Non-Violence 2024: Commemorating Gandhi's Legacy of Peace

The United Nations observes the International Day of Non-Violence annually on October 2nd, coinciding with the birthday

of Mahatma Gandhi, the revered leader of India's independence movement and a pioneering figure in the philosophy of non-violent resistance. This observance was established through the General Assembly resolution A/RES/61/271 on June 15, 2007, with the support of an impressive 140 co-sponsors.

International Coffee Day 2024: Celebrating the Global Coffee Culture

International Coffee Day, observed annually on October 1st, serves as a global celebration for coffee enthusiasts worldwide to honor their beloved caffeinated beverage. The 2024 commemoration carries the meaningful theme "Coffee, Your Daily Ritual, Our Shared Journey," emphasizing the significance of sustainable and ethical coffee practices while highlighting the crucial need to support coffee farmers who devotedly nurture their crops.

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.

World Teachers' Day 2024 Observed Every year on October 5th

Every year on October 5th, the world comes together to celebrate World Teachers' Day, a momentous occasion dedicated to recognizing and honouring the invaluable contributions of educators worldwide. This day serves as a reminder of the profound impact teachers have on shaping not just individual lives, but the very fabric of society. Teachers, often regarded as second parents, guide students through crucial developmental stages, imparting not only knowledge but also essential life skills and values. Theme: "Valuing Teacher Voices: Towards a New Social Contract for Education".

Sports News

Gulveer Singh of India Broke The National Record in 5000m in Japan

India's Gulveer Singh set a new national record en route to winning the men's 5000m gold in the Yogibo Athletics Challenge Cup of World Athletics Continental Tour at Niigata, Japan. Gulveer won the race with a time of 13:11.82 to improve upon his own national record earlier this year.

Centre Of Excellence Inaugurated by BCCI in Bengaluru

To expand the cricketing infrastructure, BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket In India) inaugurated the new state of art facilities which are called the Centre Of Excellence in the outskirts of the Bengaluru city. Which is also called New National Cricket Academy.

Ishpreet Entered Into Semi-Final & First Indian After a Decade

Ishpreet Singh Chadha beat the four time world champion Mark Selby in the Pro circuit snooker to make place in the semi final of that tournament. He became the first player from his country to make the semi-finals of a ranking tournament since Aditya Mehta reached the last four of the 2013 Indian Open.

India's Great Virat Kohli Achieved The Fastest 27000 Runs Milestone

Virat Kohli completed 27000 international runs and became the fastest cricketer to reach that milestone and broke the record of Sachin Tendulkar who earlier held the record. Virat achieved this feat against Bangladesh in the 2nd test match in Kanpur.

KAZIND 2024 Exercise Commences in the Uttarakhand

8th India-Kazakhstan joint military exercise KAZIND-2024 started at Surya Foreign Training Node, Auli, Uttarakhand. An annual affair, the exercise will end on 13th October. To bid to improve the joint military capability and undertake counter terrorism operations in a sub conventional scenario.

Army Sports Conclave Hosted By Indian Army

The Indian Army hosted the much-anticipated "Army Sports Conclave" today, highlighting the role of the Indian Army in India's sporting ecosystem. As India sets its sight on hosting the 2036 Olympics, the Army Sports Conclave serves as a crucial platform to align efforts and contribute to this national mission.

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.

India to Host Historic First-Ever Kho Kho World Cup in 2025

Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) in collaboration with the International Kho Kho Federation revealed plans to organize the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup in India come 2025. This historic event marks a significant milestone in the journey of this traditional Indian sport toward global recognition.

Carlos Alcaraz Shocks World No. 1 Sinner in Final

Two upcoming tennis giants featured in the final game of the China Open 2024, Carlos Alcaraz from Spain beat the World No.1 Jannick Sinner from Italy in the final game and won the title. The Spaniard has beaten the Sinner three times this year in all competitions.

Praveen Jayawickrama Receives 1 Year Ban for ICC Anti-Corruption Breach

Sri Lanka spinner Praveen Jayawickrama has been banned from all forms of cricket for one year, with the last six months suspended, for breaching the sport's anti-corruption code, as per International Cricket Council (ICC). According to ICC charges related to the Sri Lanka Premier League and International Cricket.

Gold Glory: Indian Men's Team Triumphs in Rapid Fire Pistol

Indian trio wins team Gold medal at ISSF Junior World Championship 2024 in 25 Men's Rapid Fire Pistol event. The competition was held in Lima, Peru. The trio was Raajwardan Patil, Mukesh Nelavalli and Harsimar Singh Rattha.

Mumbai Clinches 15th Irani Cup Title After 27-Year Wait

Irani cup title finally returning to Mumbai after the drought of 27 years. Ajinkya Rahane led reigning Ranji champion team has drawn the match after taking the first innings lead against the Rest of India in a 5 day match. In which they stood victorious due to courtesy of the first innings lead.

Veteran Actor Mohanraj, Iconic 'Keerikkadan Jose', Passes Away at 70

Veteran Malayalam actor Mohanraj, famed for his unforgettable villainous role as "Keerikkadan Jose" in the classic film Kireedam, passed away on October 3, 2024, at his residence in Kanjirankulam. Known for his remarkable contributions to the Malayalam film industry, Mohanraj's demise was confirmed by actor-director P Dinesh Panicker on Facebook, where he reminisced about their collaboration in various films. Mohanraj's portrayal of 'Keerikkadan Jose' solidified his status as a sought-after villain, a legacy that will remain in the hearts of audiences and the film fraternity.

Obituaries News

Dame Maggie Smith, A Legendary Actress Passes at 89

The world of entertainment mourns the loss of one of its brightest stars. Dame Maggie Smith, the celebrated British actress renowned for her roles in Harry Potter and Downton Abbey, has passed away at the age of 89. Her family confirmed the news in a heartfelt statement, sharing that she died peacefully in a hospital surrounded by close friends and family.

Renowned Poet Keki N. Daruwala Dies at the Age of 87

A former IPS officer and renowned poet Keki N. Daruwala who left lasting impressions for a long time and inspiration for most young writers dies at the age of 87 in New Delhi. He is also the Sahitya Akademi Award winner.

Defence News

On October 1st The Military Nursing Service (MNS) marked its 99th Raising Day

The Military Nursing Service (MNS) marked its 99th Raising Day on Oct 1, 2024 with solemnity and pride. Maj Gen Ignatius Delos Flora, Additional Director General of Military Nursing Services laid a wreath at the National War Memorial, in the presence of senior MNS officers and veterans.

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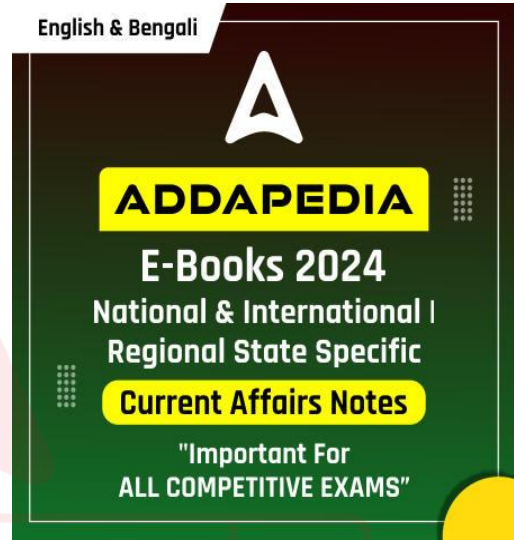
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