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Dear Students,

I want to talk to you about two superpowers that can change your life: perseverance and hard work. These aren't just fancy words you hear in speeches; they're the secret to achieving all your dreams.

Perseverance is all about pushing through even when things get tough. It's not giving up when you face obstacles, failures, or disappointments. It's having the courage to keep moving forward, knowing that every setback is an opportunity to learn and grow. As Nelson Mandela once said, "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

And let's not forget hard work! It's like the fuel that powers your dreams. It's putting in the effort, day in and day out, to make progress towards your goals. As Thomas Edison famously put it, "Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration." So, roll up your sleeves, get ready, and go after what you want with all your heart.

Sure, the road to success might have bumps, potholes, and unexpected challenges, but that's what makes the journey so incredible. Each step you take, each challenge you conquer, makes you stronger and more resilient.

So, my friends, don't be afraid to dream big and work even bigger! Embrace perseverance and hard work as your best buddies on this exciting adventure called life.

Now, go out there and show the world what you're made of! You've got this!

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

[Indian Railways Signs MoU with Switzerland's DETEC to enhance its Technological Collaboration](#)

Indian Railways has signed an MoU with the Federal Department of the Environment, Transport and Communications of the Swiss Confederation to enhance technical cooperation between the two nations.

This MoU will provide comprehensive framework for collaboration to the Indian Railways in various areas, including technology sharing, track maintenance, management and construction.

The original MoU, signed on August 31, 2017, was valid for five years.

[Himachal Pradesh's Durgesh Aranya Zoological Park' set to become India's first Zoo with IGBC certification](#)

The upcoming 'Durgesh Aranya Zoological Park' at Bankhandi in Kangra district would become India's first zoo to receive certification from the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) for its sustainable and eco-friendly initiatives.

The project has officially been registered with the IGBC, focusing on both building and landscape certifications, which will validate the park's adherence to high environmental standards.

The certification underscores the state's priority on integrating sustainability into tourism and infrastructure development. Once completed, Durgesh Aranya will not only be a tourist attraction, but also a model for sustainable infrastructure, blending conservation with innovation.

[Navy Chief Dinesh Tripathi launches 'Swavlamban 2024' exhibition](#)

Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi has inaugurated the 'Swavlamban 2024' exhibition at Bharat Mandapam.

The event aims to showcase innovations from the country's young entrepreneurs and strengthen collaborations between the Indian Navy and various industry stakeholders.

He expressed enthusiasm for the innovative solutions showcased by the nation's youth and noted the participation of around 115 stalls from diverse agencies, including the

Indian Air Force, Indian Army, Indian Coast Guard, and the Border Security Force (BSF).

Launched in 2022, the initiative aims to collaborate with Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and the Indian industry to address operational needs and bridge capability gaps within the Navy.

Karnataka celebrates Bali Padyami festival

Karnataka celebrates Bali Padyami festival on the fourth day of Deepavali.

It is believed that the Asura king Bali Chakravarty comes out of Pathala loka and visits Bhuloka as per the boon given by Lord Vishnu during Vamana Avatar.

After worshipping Ganga matha on the first day, Naraka Chaturdashi on the second and Lakshmi Pooja on the third day of Deepavali, the festival of Bali Padyami derives significance.

Cairn becomes India's 1st oil & Gas Company to join UNEP's OGMP 2.0.

Cairn Oil & Gas, part of Vedanta Group, has signed a memorandum of understanding with the United Nations Environment Programme's flagship methane reporting and mitigation initiative – Oil & Gas Methane Partnership

(OGMP) 2.0, making it the first oil and gas producer in India to commit to the effective reduction of methane emissions.

OGMP 2.0 established a comprehensive framework that includes best practices for emissions management and a robust reporting system. It emphasises accurate measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) of methane emissions to drive reductions effectively.

MP Cabinet Increases Women's Reservation In State Government Jobs To 35%

Madhya Pradesh cabinet has approved a proposal to raise the reservation for women in state government jobs from 33% to 35%. The decision was made during a cabinet meeting led by Chief Minister Mohan Yadav.

The increased 35% women's quota will apply to all recruitments conducted by the state Public Service Commission and the Employees Selection Board.

Madhya Pradesh-Rajasthan joint panel formed for coordination on cheetah project

In the wake of incidents of cheetahs from Madhya Pradesh straying into neighbouring Rajasthan, a joint corridor management committee of both the states has been

formed to work for conservation of the felines.

The panel will also discuss development of suitable areas for future shifting of cheetahs from Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park (KNP), and Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary area and recommend measures for improvement including the pre-augmentation base, an official said in a statement.

Under the ambitious cheetah reintroduction project, eight Namibian cheetahs were released into enclosures at the KNP in Sheopur district on September 17, 2022.

[Govt launches Rs 500 crore scheme to strengthen medical devices industry](#)

Union Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister JP Nadda has launched a Rs 500 crore scheme to strengthen India's medical devices industry, focusing on critical areas such as manufacturing key components and accessories, skill development, support for clinical studies, development of common infrastructure, and industry promotion.

This initial outlay of Rs 500 crore will be for three years, up to financial year 2026-27.

The overall scheme consists of five components, including common facilities for

medical device clusters, capacity building and skill development, a marginal investment scheme for reducing import dependence, clinical studies support.

Under the scheme, Rs 110 crore has been allocated to strengthen infrastructure through the creation of common facilities such as research and development (R&D) labs, design and testing centres, and animal labs for around 20 medical device clusters in India. This will also include the enhancement of testing facilities.

Similarly, Rs 180 crore has been outlined for a marginal investment scheme to deepen the value chain by incentivising the production of key components and raw materials used in the manufacturing of medical devices, thereby reducing import dependence. This sub-scheme offers a one-time capital subsidy of 10-20 per cent, with a maximum cap of Rs 10 crore per project.

[AMU case: SC overrules 1967 order denying minority status](#)

The Supreme Court of India ruled that Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) overruled the 1967 verdict, noting that the university may be entitled to minority status under Article 30 of

the Constitution of India. However, the court has transferred the case to a regular bench.

Chief Justice of India, Justice D Y Chandrachud led 7-member constitutional bench of the Supreme Court (4 in favour and three against) overturned the previous 5-judge constitutional bench judgement in the Azeez Basha vs Union Of India 1967 case on the 'minority status' of the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).

In the Azeez Basha vs. Union of India case, the Supreme Court declared that AMU was not a minority educational institution as it was established through an act of legislature. The court opined that an institution established by an act of legislature cannot claim to be a minority institution.

The Aligarh Muslim University was set up under the provisions of the Aligarh Muslim University Act 1920.

The Supreme Court has now held that a future regular bench of the Court will decide whether Aligarh Muslim University is a minority educational institution based on the majority judgement in the present case.

In the Malay Shukla Vs Aligarh Muslim University case 2006, the Allahabad High Court relied upon the Supreme Court judgement of the Azeez Basha case, held that

the Aligarh Muslim Muslim University was not a minority institution and it cannot reserve 50 per cent Post Graduate Medical seats for muslims.

[Hindalco ranked world's most sustainable aluminium company](#)

Hindalco Industries Limited, the metals flagship of the Aditya Birla Group, has been ranked the world's most sustainable aluminium company for the fifth consecutive year.

In the 2024 edition of the S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) rankings, Hindalco was the only aluminium company to secure the top position. It got a total score of 87 points (as of 30 October 2024), improving its tally by 9 points from 2023. It was 22 points ahead of its closest peer.

MD of Hindalco Industries Ltd – Satish Pai

[India's first ever tri-service space exercise Antariksha Abhyas begins in Delhi](#)

In a first, the tri-service exercise 'Antariksha Abhyas 2024', a three-day exercise aiming to secure India's national strategic objectives in space, begins in Delhi.

The exercise is being conducted by the Defence Space Agency of Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff.

The exercise is expected to help secure national strategic objectives in space and integrate India's space capability into military operations.

The Space Exercise aims to provide enhanced understanding of space-based assets and services and to gain understanding of operational dependency on the space segment between stakeholders.

[Ministry of Textiles approves 12 research projects worth INR 13 Crores under the National Technical Textiles Mission](#)

The 10th Mission Steering Group under the chairmanship of Union Minister of Textiles has approved 12 research projects of value INR 13.3 Cr. under the National Technical Textiles Mission.

The research projects were approved across key strategic areas of geotextiles, sustainable and smart textiles, composites, etc.

The approved projects were proposed by eminent research bodies and institutions including IITs, NITs, CRRI, etc. The total number of approved research projects under the

Mission now stands at 168 with a total value of approx. INR 509 Cr.

[World's first high-altitude para sports centre to come up in Leh](#)

The world's first high-altitude para sports centre will be established in Leh, Ladakh, aiming to advance the skills and confidence of athletes ahead of the 2028 Paralympics.

A Memorandum and Understanding (MoU) to this effect was signed by the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh, and the Aditya Mehta Foundation (AMF).

Indian para-athletes have won 29 medals, including seven gold, in the 2024 Paralympics in Paris and it is a testament to the talent we have in our country.

[Amaravati capital project gets major boost with Rs. 13,500 crore loan from World Bank and ADB](#)

The dream of a world-class capital for Andhra Pradesh is advancing with a major funding boost. The World Bank and Asian Development Bank have jointly agreed to grant a loan of Rs. 13,500 crore rupees for Amaravati development project.

The two-day long negotiations between executives of World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Union Finance Ministry and the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority in New Delhi concluded on a positive note with the World Bank and ADB giving final clearance to grant a loan of Rs. 13,500 crores for development of green field capital city, Amaravati.

Titled, “the Amaravati Inclusive and Sustainable Capital City Development Program,” the program aims to build a safe and sustainable city with focus on inclusive socioeconomic growth and community development.

[PM Modi inaugurated 1st Bodoland Mahotsav](#)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 1st Bodoland Mahotsav in New Delhi. The two-day Mahotsav is a mega event on language, literature, and culture to sustain peace and build a Vibrant Bodo Society.

The Mahotsav aims to integrate the indigenous Bodo people residing not only in Bodoland but also in other parts of Assam, West Bengal, Nepal, and other international border areas of the North East.

The theme for the Mahotsav is ‘Peace and Harmony for Prosperous Bharat’ with a focus on the rich culture, language and education of the Bodo community along with other communities from the Bodoland Territorial Region.

[India, Japan sign agreement for UNICORN masts for Indian naval warships](#)

A Memorandum of Implementation (MoI) was signed at the Embassy of India, Tokyo between Govt of India and Govt of Japan, for the co-development of UNICORN mast for fitment onboard Ships of the Indian Navy.

The Unified Complex Radio Antenna (UNICORN) is a mast with Integrated Communication systems that will help improve the stealth characteristics of Naval Platforms.

The Indian Navy is pursuing the induction of these advanced systems which will be co-developed by Bharat Electronics Limited in India with Japanese collaboration.

[Reliance, Disney complete merger; form Rs 70,352 crore joint venture](#)

Reliance Industries has completed the merger of its media assets with the India business of

global media house Walt Disney to form a new joint venture worth Rs 70,352 crore.

The JV, in which Reliance Industries has invested Rs 11,500 crore (USD 1.4 billion) for its growth, will be headed by Nita Ambani as its Chairperson.

Reliance Industries holds a 16.34 percent stake in the JV, while its step-down unit Viacom18 holds 46.82 percent and Disney the rest 36.84 percent.

[Sarai Kale Khan ISBT Chowk in Delhi renamed after Birsa Munda](#)

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced, the chowk outside the Inter-State Bus Terminal (ISBT) bus stand in Delhi's Sarai Kale Khan will be renamed after Bhagwan Birsa Munda.

The decision was announced on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of the freedom fighter and tribal leader Bhagwan Birsa Munda.

This decision was taken to honour the freedom fighter so that people visiting the area could know about him and get inspired by his life.

[24 coastal villages in Odisha recognised by UNESCO as 'Tsunami Ready'](#)

24 coastal villages in Odisha were recognised by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO as 'Tsunami Ready'.

The recognition was given during the 2nd Global Tsunami Symposium held in Indonesia.

These villages are located in Balasore, Bhadrak, Kendrapada, Jagatsinghpur, Puri and Ganjam districts.

[US announces return of over 1,400 looted artefacts to India](#)

The United States announced the return of over 1,400 looted artefacts valued at 10 million dollars to India.

The items, part of an ongoing initiative to restore stolen art to South and Southeast Asia, include pieces recently displayed at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. Among the returned treasures is a sandstone sculpture of a celestial dancer, illicitly transported from central India to London before being sold to a Met patron and subsequently donated to the museum.

Manhattan District Attorney's Office revealed the recovery was the result of 'several ongoing investigations' targeting looting

networks, including those run by convicted art traffickers Nancy Wiener and Subhash Kapoor.

Kapoor, a former antiquities dealer, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for managing a multimillion-dollar looting operation through his New York gallery. After his arrest in Germany in 2011, Kapoor was extradited to India, where he awaits further legal proceedings and extradition to the US.

[CCI slaps penalty of Rs 213 crore on Meta for abusing dominant position](#)

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has slapped a penalty of Rs 213.14 crore on Meta, the US-based firm which owns WhatsApp, for alleged abuse of its dominant position in the implementation of the messaging app's 2021 privacy policy.

In an order, the antitrust regulator said that user data was collected and shared with other Meta companies in contravention of the competition law. It asked Meta and WhatsApp to implement certain behavioural remedies within a defined timeline, on top of issuing cease-and-desist directions for these entities.

The Commission has concluded that the 2021 policy update by WhatsApp on a 'take-it-or-leave-it' basis constitutes an imposition of

unfair condition under the Act, as it compels all users to accept expanded data collection terms and sharing of data within Meta Group without any opt-out," the regulator said in a statement issued separately.

[OTHERS](#)

- Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary announced that Sultanganj railway station in the Bhagalpur district will be renamed after the revered Hindu shrine, Ajgaibinath Dham.
- Shiv Nadar, the founder of HCL Technologies, has retained his position as India's most generous philanthropist for the third time in five years.
- Leading chipmaker Nvidia and SoftBank Corp, the telecommunications arm of SoftBank Group, have piloted the world's first artificial intelligence (AI) and 5G telecoms network.

बूझो तो जानें

Done with National Affairs? Isn't our own country more interesting than you thought it to be? Here's a little reward for you! Solve this riddle and send us your answers to our Instagram page [yesdaily_official](https://www.instagram.com/yesdaily_official) and the best answers will be selected for our special prize. (Answer to the previous riddle: Mr. Ratan Tata)

Here is a 10-line riddle for you:
I'm a nutrient that's quite rare,
Found in leafy greens, beyond compare.
I help your blood to clot with ease,
And prevent bruises that would otherwise freeze.
In the morning, with spinach I'm found,
In the evening, with broccoli I'm around.
I'm not as famous as vitamin C,
But without me, your blood wouldn't be free.

My deficiency can lead to a bloody sea!



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Three Chinese astronauts enter space station after successful launch

Three Chinese astronauts, including a woman, made a smooth entry into the orbiting space station after the successful launch of their spaceship to man the station for the next six months.

The three astronauts of China's Shenzhou-19 spaceflight mission have entered the Tiangong space station and met with another astronaut trio starting a new round of in-orbit crew handover.

Earlier, the spaceship Shenzhou-19 carrying the three astronauts successfully docked with the space station combination. The spaceship made a fast, automated rendezvous and docking with the front port of the space station's core module Tianhe at 11 after which the three astronauts entered it.

18-Year-Old Nepal's Nima Rinji Sherpa Conquered World's 14 Highest Peaks

At just 18 years old, Nepal's Nima Rinji Sherpa has achieved a milestone few have accomplished, becoming the youngest

climber to reach all 14 of the world's tallest mountains, known as the "eight-thousanders."

Mr Rinji's journey culminated with the summit of Shishapangma, Nepal's 8,027-metre peak, alongside climbing partner Pasang Nurbu Sherpa.

352nd Governing Body meeting of ILO is underway in Geneva

The 352nd Governing Body meeting of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) was held in Geneva.

During the meeting Labour and Employment Secretary Sumita Dawra highlighted India's commitment to improving living standards reflected in significant initiatives covering all dimensions of poverty that have led to 248 million individuals escaping multidimensional poverty in the last nine years as measured by the multidimensional poverty index.

ADB launches action plan to boost disaster resilience in Asia and Pacific

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced a new action plan to enhance its

disaster resilience efforts in Asia and the Pacific region.

The Disaster Risk Management Action Plan 2024-2030 outlines ADB's commitment to supporting its developing members in mitigating the impacts of disasters and climate change.

The action plan promises to guide the integration of disaster risk management components into ADB's operations, project design, and funding decisions.

In August, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction warned that disasters in the Asia-Pacific region were projected to increase by 40 per cent by 2030.

[Henley Passport Index 2024: India at 83rd; topped by Singapore](#)

Singapore has been named the world's most powerful passport again, offering its citizens visa-free access to 195 countries, according to the latest Henley Passport Index released in October 2024.

France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and Spain shared the second place, granting their citizens visa-free access to 192 countries, as per the latest rankings.

The United States ranked 8th, giving its citizens visa-free entry to 186 countries.

Meanwhile, India ranked 83rd, providing its citizens with visa-free access to 58 countries.

[EAM Jaishankar inaugurates India's new consulate in Brisbane](#)

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has inaugurated the new Consulate General of India in Brisbane, underlining that this will contribute to strengthening India's ties with the Queensland state, promoting trade and serving the diaspora.

Queensland is home to almost 100,000 out of the nearly one million people of Indian-origin living in Australia, and India is the state's second-largest export market. Besides Brisbane, India has consulates in Melbourne, Perth and Sydney.

[Australia proposes ban on social media for children under 16](#)

The Australian government will legislate for a ban on social media for children under 16.

Australia is trialing an age-verification system to assist in blocking children from accessing social media platforms, as part of a range of

measures that include some of the toughest controls imposed by any country to date.

A number of countries have already vowed to curb social media use by children through legislation, though Australia's policy is one of the most stringent.

No jurisdiction so far has tried using age verification methods like biometrics or government identification to enforce a social media age cut-off, two of the methods being trialed.

[IIT Delhi No. 1 Indian Institute in QS World University Rankings: Asia 2025](#)

The Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi) has been ranked as the top Indian educational institution in the latest QS World University Rankings Asia 2025.

IIT-Delhi has been ranked 44th best educational institution, while China's Peking University retained the top spot amongst the list of educational institutions in Asia as per the QS World University Rankings: Asia (2025).

Out of the 984 educational institutions included in the ranking, the highest, 162 were from India. IIT Delhi was the highest-ranked Indian institution, with a rank of 44, up from 46 last year. IIT-Delhi was also the highest-

ranked educational institution in the South Asian Region.

Top 10 institutions in the QS World University Rankings: Asia (2025)

1. Peking University (Mainland, China)
2. The University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)
3. National University of Singapore (Singapore)
4. Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)
5. Fudan University (Mainland China)

[India ranked 6th in WIPO Global Patent Filings in 2023](#)

India has, for the first time, has been ranked 6th in the world for Global Patent Filings in 2023.

According to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) annual World Intellectual Property Indicators Report 2024, global patent filing increased by 15.7 % in 2023, primarily due to a strong increase in patent filing in India.

In 2023, the maximum patent filing was in China (1.64 million), followed by the United States of America (518,364), Japan (414,413),

South Korea (287,954), Germany (133,053) and India (64,480).

According to the WIPO report, More than 35 lakh patents were filed in 2023 across the world. The number of patents filed in India in 2023 was 64,480.

[EAM S. Jaishankar launches his book 'Why Bharat Matters' in Dubai](#)

External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar launched his book, Why Bharat Matters, at the Mohammed Bin Rashid Library in Dubai, UAE.

During the event, Dr. Jaishankar provided insight into the themes and key messages of his book, reflecting on the complex interplay of global and domestic factors shaping India's position in the world.

[NASA-Microsoft's New Earth Copilot To Enhance Understanding on Our Planet](#)

US space agency NASA has partnered with Microsoft to develop an easier-to-access and user-friendly Artificial Intelligence-based chatbot that can help people decode scientific data about Earth.

The new Earth Copilot can answer people "through plain language queries" ranging

from monitoring wildfires to tracking climate change — transforming how people interact with Earth's data.

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[UAE Launches Global Energy Efficiency Alliance at COP29](#)

The UAE has unveiled an ambitious initiative to establish the 'Global Energy Efficiency Alliance' during COP29, hosted in Azerbaijan.

This move aims to double global energy efficiency rates by 2030 and contribute to significant emission reductions.

The initiative builds on the 'UAE Consequence' from COP28, a commitment that brought together countries, organizations, and corporations to reduce carbon emissions and promote sustainable resource management.

The UAE plans to lead the alliance by sharing its expertise in energy efficiency, fostering knowledge transfer, and building effective partnership models with the private sector.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL

[IBBI to celebrate its Eighth Annual Day](#)

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) is celebrated its Eighth Annual Day on 1st October 2024.

To mark the occasion, an annual publication, "IBC के आठवर्ष: शोध एवं विश्लेषण" has Over the past eight years, the IBC has significantly accelerated the resolution of insolvency cases, bolstered investor and stakeholder

confidence and fostering a more favourable environment for business growth.

- Chairperson of IBBI – Ravi Mittal

[IFC partners with Axis Bank to provide \\$500 million climate loan in India](#)

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has partnered with Axis Bank to provide a \$500 million loan to help develop a blue

finance market and scale up financing of green projects in India.

This is IFC's first blue investment in India and the first blue transaction by a financial institution in the country.

Blue loans are financing instruments that raise and earmark funds for investments such as water and wastewater management, reduction of marine plastic pollution, restoration of marine ecosystems, sustainable shipping, eco-friendly tourism, and offshore renewable energy.

World Bank ups India's growth forecast for FY25 to 7% due to rising private consumption

The World Bank upped India's economic growth forecast for the current fiscal year, ending in March 2025, to 7% year-on-year, up from April's estimate of 6.6%, helped by a rebound in agricultural output and increased private consumption.

This is aimed at empowering visually impaired individuals in India. This will allow the blind community to access health insurance information independently.

The new "Special Care Gold" policy provides tailored health coverage for individuals with disabilities.

The policy is designed to meet the specific needs of people with 40% or more disability, including physical, sensory, or cognitive impairments.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

- Praveena Rai has appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD and CEO) of Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX).
- Rajesh Kumar Singh took over as Defence Secretary. He is a 1989-batch IAS officer from Kerala cadre.
- India Yamaha Motor (IYM) Pvt Ltd. has appointed Itaru Otani as the new chairman of Yamaha Motor India Group.
- Duma Boko, the presidential candidate of the Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC), was declared Botswana's sixth president. Botswana's Chief Justice, Terence Rannowane, announced on national television.
- The seventh session of the ISA Assembly in progress in New Delhi selected Mr Ashish Khanna from the Republic of India as its third Director General.
- Donald Trump has become the first Republican in two decades to secure the popular vote in the US presidential elections. The former president has reclaimed the White House, potentially becoming the first Republican to secure the popular vote since George W Bush in 2004.
- Brazil's Federal Police Commissioner Valdecy Urquiza has been elected as the new secretary general of Interpol at the global police organisation's 92nd General Assembly in Glasgow.
- President Droupadi Murmu has appointed 1989 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer K. Sanjay Murthy as the new Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG).

The other office candidates included Mr Wisdom Ahiataku—Togobo from Ghana and Mr Gosaye Mengistie Abayneh from Ethiopia.

AWARDS

[Rachel Gupta makes history as first Indian to win Miss Grand International 2024](#)

20-year-old Rachel Gupta from Jalandhar has become the first Indian to win the prestigious Miss Grand International 2024 crown.

The groundbreaking victory came as she competed against contestants from more than 70 countries.

Gupta also secured the Grand Pageants Choice Award 2024. Rachel now holds the record for the most number of global pageant crown wins by an Indian and is currently tied with former Miss Universe Lara Dutta.

[Ballon d'Or 2024: Rodri and Bonmati win top prizes](#)

Manchester City's Rodri became the first Spanish footballer since 1960 to win the prestigious Ballon d'Or award in men's football.

With this win, 28-year-old Rodri becomes the first Premier League player to receive the Ballon d'Or since Cristiano Ronaldo did so in 2008 while at Manchester United.

Rodri helped Manchester City win the Premier League title for the fourth consecutive time.

[Samantha Harvey Wins 2024 Booker Prize](#)

Samantha Harvey has won the prestigious Booker Prize for her novel "Orbital".

Harvey's book is a unique exploration of life aboard the International Space Station. It reflects on human connections and the beauty of Earth. The novel was inspired by the isolation experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Orbital" is described as a space pastoral. It features six astronauts orbiting Earth. The narrative unfolds over 16 sunrises and sunsets.

The confined setting amplifies the characters' interactions. Harvey's writing captures the fragile beauty of the planet. The book is concise, spanning only 136 pages.

[Denmark's Victoria Kjaer Theilvig named 73rd Miss Universe](#)

Victoria Kjaer Theilvig of Denmark has been crowned Miss Universe for 2024, marking her country's first win at the international beauty pageant.

The 73rd edition of the pageant, which saw participation by more than 120 contestants, was held at the Mexico City Arena.

Miss Nigeria Chidimma Adetshina placed second, whereas Miss Mexico Maria Fernanda Beltran came in third.

[Coal India Ltd under the Aegis of Ministry of Coal receives Green World Awards 2024 in London](#)

Coal India Limited (CIL) under the aegis of the Ministry of Coal, has been conferred with the esteemed Green World Environment Award in the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) category along with the distinguished title of Green World Ambassador.

Ministry of Coal has overall responsibility of determining policies and strategies in respect of mining of coal and other minerals in large interest of the country.

[Japanese organisation Nihon Hidankyo wins 2024 Nobel Peace Prize for Disarmament](#)

Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Nihon Hidankyo, a Japanese organization made up of survivors of the atomic bombings, known as the Hibakusha.

This prize highlights the critical role these survivors have played in raising awareness about the devastating impact of nuclear weapons and their ongoing work to create a world free from nuclear arms.

[Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, James Robinson win Economics Nobel Prize 2024](#)

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced that the 2024 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel has been awarded to economists Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and James A Robinson.

The trio has been recognised "for studies of how institutions are formed and affect prosperity."

[South Korean author Han Kang awarded the 2024 Nobel Prize in Literature](#)

The Royal Swedish Academy of Science has selected South Korean novelist Han Kang for the 2024 Nobel Prize in Literature.

The 2016 International Booker Prize-winning novelist Han Kang was selected by the Swedish Academy “for her intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life.”

Han Kang is the first Asian woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature.

[18-year-old Nikita Porwal crowned Femina Miss India 2024](#)

Nikita Porwal from Madhya Pradesh was crowned Femina Miss India 2024 in Mumbai.

The dazzling event held at Famous Studios, marked the 60th edition of the beauty pageant.

SPORTS

[Krishna Verma clinches Gold Medal at U19 World Boxing Championships](#)

India’s Krishna Verma clinched a gold medal at the U19 World Boxing Championships in Colorado, USA. Krishna defeated Lerika Simon of Germany 5-0 to win the gold medal.

[Anish Sarkar becomes Youngest-Rated FIDE Chess Player Globally](#)

Anish Sarkar of Kolkata, West Bengal, has become the youngest-rated FIDE chess player

in the world. At the age of three years, eight months, and 19 days, Anish secured a FIDE rating of 1555.

The International Chess Federation, known by its French acronym FIDE, is the world’s governing body for chess. It assigns ratings or points based on players’ performance in FIDE-approved chess tournaments.

[Harmanpreet Singh wins FIH Player of the Year; PR Sreejesh receives Goalkeeper of Year title at FIH Hockey Awards](#)

Indian Men's Hockey Team captain Harmanpreet Singh and former goalkeeper PR Sreejesh have won the FIH Player of the Year and Goalkeeper of the Year titles for the year 2024. Both Harmanpreet and Sreejesh received recognition during the 49th FIH Statutory Congress in Oman.

Two-time Olympic bronze medallist Harmanpreet received over 63 per cent of all votes cast in his category. Similarly, Sreejesh was highly popular among voters, polling over 62 per cent of all votes in his category.

[Harbhajan & Sania Mirza appointed Dubai Sports Council brand ambassador](#)

The Dubai Sports Council has appointed former cricket player Harbhajan Singh and women's Tennis player Sania Mirza as the Sports Ambassador.

They join Russian Khabib Nurmagomedov and French football player Patrice Evra as the four sporting icons appointed by the Dubai Sports Council.

[Filmmaker Ashutosh Gowariker appointed as chairperson of International Jury for IFFI 2024](#)

Filmmaker Ashutosh Gowariker has been appointed as the chairperson of the International Jury for the 2024 International Film Festival of India (IFFI).

Gowariker, known for films such as 'Jodhaa Akbar', 'Lagaan', and 'Swades', said he is honoured to be associated with the prestigious film festival, which will be held in Goa from November 20 to 28.

[FIFA Unveils NASA-Inspired Trophy for Expanded 2025 Club World Cup](#)

The Federation International de Football Association (FIFA) has unveiled the new trophy for the upcoming FIFA Club World Cup 2025, which is scheduled to be played in the US from July 15 to July 13, 2025.

The football's past and future are symbolized by the cup's design, which was inspired by NASA's Voyager Golden Records. The 24-carat gold cup also features many graphics that illustrate the periodic table, astronomy, and the football's magnificence.

[Italian Jannik Sinner wins his first ATP Finals Singles Title](#)

World No.1 men's tennis player Jannik Sinner of Italy won his first ATP Finals title in Turin,

Italy, by defeating American Taylor Fritz in straight sets in the final.

Earlier, American Coco Gauff won the season-ending 2024 WTA Finals by defeating Zheng Qinwen of China.

The German pair of Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz won the season-ending ATP Finals doubles title.

medal in the women's compound event at the GT Open in Luxembourg.

Competing in the GT Open for the first time, Jyothi played brilliantly throughout the tournament and secured the title with a 147-145 win against Sarah Priels of Belgium.

[Jyothi Surekha Vennam clinches gold medal in women's Archery compound event at GT Open](#)

In Archery, Reigning Asian Games champion Jyothi Surekha Vennam clinched the gold

DEFENCE

[Indian Army contingent departs for 9th India-Indonesia joint exercise GARUD SHAKTI 24 in Jakarta](#)

The Indian Army contingent comprising 25 personnel departed for Jakarta to take part in the 9th edition of India-Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise GARUD SHAKTI 24.

The Exercise will be conducted from 1st to 12th of this month.

The Indian contingent is being represented by troops from The Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) and Indonesian contingent comprising 40 personnel is represented by Indonesian Special Forces Kopassus.

The aim of the Exercise is to acquaint both the sides with each other's operating procedures, enhance mutual understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the Special Forces of both armies.

Indian Army contingent departs for 15th edition of India-US joint Exercise

The Indian Army contingent departed for the 15th edition of India-US joint Special Forces Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR.

The exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 2 November to November 22 at the Orchard Combat Training Centre in Idaho, US.

The last edition of the same exercise was conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya, in December last year.

This will be the second exercise of the year between the Indian and the US Army. The previous exercise, YUDH ABHYAS 2024, was conducted in Rajasthan in September.

India-Vietnam joint military exercise commences at Ambala

The 5th Edition of Vietnam Indian Bilateral Army Exercise “VINBAX 2024” commenced at Ambala. The exercise will be held from November 4 to 23 at Ambala and Chandimandir.

The conduct of VINBAX-2024, as a field training exercise with enhanced scope from previous editions of bilateral exercise, will strengthen mutual confidence, and interoperability and enable sharing of best

practices between the Indian Army and Vietnam People’s Army.

DRDO carries out successful flight trial of India’s first long-range hypersonic missile off the Odisha coast

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted a successful flight trial of India’s first long-range hypersonic missile from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.

This hypersonic missile is designed to carry various payloads for ranges greater than 1,500 kms for the Armed Forces.

The missile was tracked by various range systems, deployed in multiple domains. The flight data obtained from down-range ship stations confirmed the successful terminal maneuvers and impact with a high degree of accuracy.

Army concludes multilateral joint exercise ‘Sanyukt Vimochan 2024’ in Gujarat

The Indian Army successfully concluded the Multilateral Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise, ‘Sanyukt Vimochan 2024’ held in Ahmedabad and Porbandar, Gujarat.

The exercise brought together all agencies involved with disaster relief efforts, signifying the necessity of a whole-government

approach. Notably, there were 15 international participants from nine friendly foreign countries.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Japan set to test world's first wooden satellite

Scientists in Japan are set to test the world's first wooden satellite "LignoSat". The LignoSat was developed by a team from Kyoto University and homebuilder Sumitomo Forestry.

It will be launched next week atop a SpaceX rocket, bound for the International Space Station.

LignoSat – named after the Latin word for wood – will be released from the space station in the coming weeks. It will orbit for six months, testing how well the material can withstand the extreme environment.

ISRO set to launch EU's Proba 3 Sun observation mission in December 2024

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch the European Union's

Proba 3 Sun Observation Mission in December.

The two satellites for the Proba-3 mission, aimed at studying the Sun, arrived at Sriharikota to be integrated with ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).

The Proba-3 satellite, which arrived in Sriharikota this morning is designed to observe the Sun's faint corona. This mission marks India's third launch for the European Union, following support for the Proba-1 and Proba-2 satellites, but stands out due to its focus on solar observation.

IMPORTANT DAYS

November 1	World Vegan Day, All Saints' Day, Rajyotsava Day (Karnataka Formation Day), Haryana Day
November 2	All Souls' Day, Govardhan Puja, Parumala Perunnal
November 3	World Jellyfish Day, World Sandwich Day, Bhaidooj
November 5	World Tsunami Awareness Day, US Presidential Elections, Melbourne Cup Day (First Tuesday of the month)
November 6	International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict, National Nachos Day
November 7	Infant Protection Day, National Cancer Awareness Day, Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman Birthday, Chhath Puja
November 8	L.K Advani's Birthday, World Radiography Day
November 9	National Legal Services Day
November 9	Uttarakhand Foundation Day, Kartarpur Corridor Inauguration, World Freedom Day
November 10	World Science Day for Peace and Development
November 10	World Public Transport Day, World Immunization Day
November 11	Armistice Day (Remembrance Day/Veterans' Day), National Education Day
November 12	World Pneumonia Day

November 13	World Kindness Day
November 14	Children's Day, Jawaharlal Nehru Jayanti, World Usability Day (2nd Thursday in November), World Diabetes Day
November 15	Guru Nanak Dev's Birth Anniversary, Jharkhand Foundation Day, Birsa Munda Jayanti
November 16	International Day for Tolerance, National Press Day
November 17	International Students Day, National Epilepsy Day, World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (Third Sunday in November)
November 19	World Toilet Day, International Men's Day
November 20	Universal Children's Day, Africa Industrialization Day, World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day or World COPD Day (3rd Wednesday of November)
November 21	World Television Day, World Hello Day, National Philosophy Day
November 23	Fibonacci Day, National Espresso Day, National Cashew Day
November 24	Lachit Diwas, Shaheedi Diwas of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji
November 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
November 26	National Milk Day, Constitution Day of India
November 28	Red Planet Day, Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November)
November 29	International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People, International Jaguar Day, Black Friday

November 30	Saint Andrew's Day
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