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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

[PM Modi launches PARAM Rudra Supercomputers](#)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated three PARAM Rudra supercomputers and two high-performance computing systems to the nation.

These Computing systems were developed and manufactured indigenously under the National Supercomputer Mission and in line with the Make in India initiative.

The three supercomputers have been deployed in Pune, Delhi, and Kolkata to support cutting-edge scientific research.

[Pralhad Joshi inaugurates 2nd India Sugar & Bio-Energy Conference](#)

Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution & New & Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi has inaugurated the 2nd India Sugar & Bio-Energy Conference in New Delhi.

The conference brings together policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, and stakeholders to encourage dialogue, innovation, and collaboration for sustainable

growth and development of the sugar and bio-energy industries.

Bioenergy refers to the use of sugarcane to produce energy. Ethanol, derived from molasses, is blended with petrol to run petrol-driven vehicles. Molasses is a by-product produced during the production of sugar from sugarcane.

[President inaugurates the 8th Kala Mahotsav](#)

President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated the 8th Bhartiya Kala Mahotsav, focussed on the North-Eastern states at the Rashtrapati Nilayam, Secunderabad, Telangana.

The eight-day-long Bhartiya Kala Mahotsav will be open to the public from 29 September to 6 October 2024.

The 8th Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav, focussed on the North Eastern states, is being organised by the Union Ministry for Development of the North Eastern Region in association with the Union Ministry of Culture.

The Mahotsav will showcase the art, culture, crafts, and culinary diversity of the North-Eastern states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam,

Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura.

[7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024 closing ceremony held in Ranchi](#)

The 7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024 ended on 30 September 2024 with an official ceremony in Ranchi, Jharkhand. The Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Annpurna Devi, presided over the closing ceremony.

The 7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024 was officially launched on 1 September 2024 by Annpurna Devi and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendrabhai Patel in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

The Rashtriya Poshan Maah is held annually from 1-30 September 2024.

The 7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah focused on Anaemia, Growth Monitoring, Complementary Feeding, and Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi. It also focused on Technology for better governance and. 'Environmental Sustainability'.

[Cruise Bharat Mission launched to promote Cruise Tourism](#)

The 'Cruise Bharat Mission' is a new project launched by the Indian government to promote cruise tourism in India.

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal officially inaugurated at Mumbai port on the cruise ship 'Empress'.

The mission aims to tap into India's potential as a major cruise destination and increase the number of people who travel by cruise ships. The goal is to double cruise passenger traffic by the year 2029.

[Vistara to get AI2 flight number after merger with Air India](#)

National carrier Air India said that flights operated by Vistara will start using the flight code 'AI2' after the merger of the two airlines next month. Currently, Air India uses the airline code 'AI' while Vistara uses 'UK.'

Despite the integration on November 12, the Vistara experience will "remain the same. The merger involves Vistara, a joint venture between Tata Group and Singapore Airlines, and Air India.

Though the legal entities and Air Operator Certificates will become one on 12 November, the Vistara experience will remain.

[Mankind Pharma secures CCI approval for ₹13,360-crore worth acquisition of Bharat Serums and Vaccines](#)

A proposed acquisition of Bharat Serums and Vaccines by Mankind Pharma for ₹13,630 crore was approved by the Competition Commission of India (CCI).

Mankind Pharma had announced in July that it will fully acquire Bharat Serums and Vaccines from private equity firm Advent International for around ₹13,630 crore.

The company has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire a 100 per cent stake in the Bharat Serums and Vaccines for an enterprise value of around ₹13,630 crore.

[Govt Approves ₹10,103 Crore National Mission on Edible Oils to Boost Self-Reliance in Oilseed Production by 2030](#)

The government has approved the National Mission on Edible Oils and Oilseeds (NMEO-Oilseeds) for 2024-25 to 2030-31 with an outlay of 10 thousand 103 crore rupees.

This has been done with an aim to make India self-reliant in oilseed production in the next seven years.

The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare will implement the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds (NMEO-Oilseeds).

The newly approved NMEO-Oilseeds will focus on enhancing the production of key

primary oilseed crops such as rapeseed mustard, groundnut, soybean, sunflower, and sesamum.

It will also focus on increasing collection and extraction efficiency from secondary sources like cottonseed, rice bran, and tree-butter oils.

[Central Govt approves PM-RKVY and KY Schemes for Agriculture sector](#)

The Union Cabinet has decided to merge all Central schemes in the agriculture sector into two new schemes, Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) and Krishonnati Yojana (KY).

With a projected expenditure of ₹ 1,01,321.61 crore, the schemes will have a Central share of ₹ 69,088.98 crore and the States will have to add the remaining ₹32,232.63 crore.

PM-RKVY, with an allocation of ₹57,074.72 crore, is aimed at promoting sustainable agriculture and KY will address food security and agricultural self-sufficiency, with a fund of ₹44,246.89 crore. Both the schemes will be implemented through State governments.

[Marathi, Bengali, Pali, Prakrit and Assamese Get Classical Language Status](#)

The Union Cabinet has approved giving the status of 'classical language' to five more languages – Marathi, Bengali, Pali, Prakrit and Assamese. With this cabinet decision, the number of languages that have the status will nearly double from 6 to 11.

The languages that had the tag earlier were Tamil, Sanskrit, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Odia. Tamil was granted the status in 2004 and the last language to get it was Odia, in 2014

Tamil was the first language to be accorded classical language status in India in 2004.

[Nagaland gears up for spectacular silver jubilee Hornbill Festival 2024](#)

The Department of Tourism, Nagaland, will celebrate the silver jubilee of the Hornbill Festival, scheduled from December 1 to 10 at the Heritage Village, Kisama.

The tribal bodies are the core and backbone of the Hornbill Festival, and with their cooperation and collaboration, the state has successfully hosted twenty-four Hornbill Festivals so far.

Kisama Heritage Village, main venue, is undergoing renovations to welcome thousands of tourists, ensuring a grand

celebration of Naga heritage. Naga morungs are traditional huts that were used as dormitories back in the day.

[Northeast to hold first ever India International Science Festival showcasing PM's vision for the Region](#)

Jitendra Singh disclosed that the 10th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) will be held at Guwahati, marking a significant milestone in the region's journey towards becoming a hub for scientific and technological innovation.

The festival, to be hosted at IIT Guwahati from November 30th to December 3rd 2024, is a testimony to the Government's commitment to the Northeast and aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's focus on the region as a key player in India's growth story.

The 10th edition of IISF carries the theme "Transforming India into an S&T driven Global Manufacturing Hub" reflecting the government's ambition to merge science and technology with industrial growth, propelling India towards self-reliance and global leadership in manufacturing.

[India to provide \\$400 Million Credit Swap Facility to Maldives](#)

India has extended support of 400 million dollars and a bilateral currency swap of 3,000 crore rupees to the Maldives.

The support will be instrumental in tackling the ongoing financial challenges faced by the Maldives.

Besides, the currency swap agreement, the two countries signed two MoUs including bilateral cooperation on preventing and combating corruption.

About Maldives

- **Capital** – Male
- **Currency** – Rufiya
- **President** – Mohamed Muizzu

[DAE inaugurates MACE, Asia's Largest and World's Highest Imaging Cherenkov Observatory, at Hanle Ladakh](#)

The Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) Observatory was inaugurated by Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Secretary DAE & Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, at Hanle, Ladakh

MACE is the largest imaging Cherenkov telescope in Asia. Located at an altitude of

~4,300 m, it is also the highest of its kind in the world.

The telescope is indigenously built by BARC with support from ECIL and other Indian industry partners.

The MACE Observatory is a monumental achievement for India, placing our nation globally at the forefront of cosmic-ray research. This telescope will allow us to study high-energy gamma rays, paving the way for deeper understanding of the universe's most energetic events.

[BJP Sweeps Haryana, NC & Cong alliance wins J&K Assembly election](#)

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was swept back to power for the historic third consecutive time in Haryana. In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the National Conference-led alliance secured the majority to form a government.

For the first time, an election was held to constitute a new legislative assembly in Jammu and Kashmir after its status was changed from a state to a Union Territory in 2019.

The BJP won 48 seats, while the main opposition party, Congress, won 37 seats. The

Indian Lok Dal won 2 seats, while independents won 3 seats.

Since the formation of the Haryana state on 1 November 1966, no party has been able to win three consecutive legislative elections in the state.

BJP became the first political party in the history of the state to be voted back to power for the third consecutive time. It won the 2014, 2019 and 2024 legislative assembly elections.

[IIT Indore launches Affordable Device for Early Breast Cancer Detection](#)

IIT Indore has introduced a new device for the early detection of breast cancer, specifically designed to help women in rural and remote areas.

This device, created by Prof. Srivathsan Vasudevan, is an important step in making cancer screening more affordable and accessible.

The device uses Photoacoustic Spectral Response (PASR) technology, which combines light and sound to detect abnormal changes in tissue. This helps identify cancer at an early stage.

[PM Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' Completes 10 Years](#)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popular radio programme Mann Ki Baat has completed ten years on 3 October.

It was on this day in 2014 that Mr Modi started sharing his thoughts through the programme on Akashvani.

In the ten-year journey of the programme, the Prime Minister has touched on significant social, cultural, environmental, and behavioural issues that have created a positive impact in the country.

Mann Ki Baat has become an important platform for interaction between the Prime Minister and the citizens.

[Union Government releases 15th Finance Commission Grants for Rural Local Bodies in Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan](#)

The Union Government has released the first instalment of the 15th Finance Commission grants for the FY 2024–25 to the Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) in Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Andhra Pradesh has received untied grants amounting to ₹395.5091 crores and tied grants totalling ₹593.2639 crores.

These funds are for duly elected 9 eligible District Panchayats, 615 eligible Block Panchayats, and 12,853 eligible Gram Panchayats in Andhra Pradesh.

While in Rajasthan, untied grants of ₹507.1177 crores and tied grants of ₹760.6769 crores have been released for the duly elected 22 eligible District Panchayats, 287 eligible Block Panchayats and 9,068 eligible Gram Panchayat in the state.

The untied grants will enable Panchayats to address specific local needs across 29 subjects under the 11th Schedule of the Constitution of India, ranging from agriculture and rural housing to education and sanitation. These funds, however, cannot be used for salaries or establishment costs.

[EAM Jaishankar launches eMigrate V2.0 web portal & mobile app](#)

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar has inaugurated the eMigrate V2.0 web portal and Mobile App in Delhi.

The eMigrate portal has 2.81 lakh registered foreign employers. It promotes safe and legal mobility channels for Indian migrants.

The launch of the eMigrate V2.0 portal is a testament to the government's efforts to

create safe, transparent and inclusive mobility for Indians.

The revamped version of the portal is a symbol of the government's commitment to protecting the rights and dignity of Indian workers in foreign lands.

[Doyen of Indian industry Ratan Tata passes away](#)

Renowned industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata passed away at the age of 86.

In 2008, he received the Padma Vibhushan, the second highest civilian honour in India, after receiving the Padma Bhushan, the third highest civilian honour in

He joined Tata in 1961, where he worked on the shop floor of Tata Steel. He later succeeded J R D Tata as chairman of Tata Sons upon the latter's retirement in 1991.

Under his tenure the Tata Group acquired Tetley, Jaguar Land Rover, and Corus, in an attempt to turn Tata from a largely India-centric group into a global business.

[Ericsson wins multi-billion-dollar 5G equipment contract from Bharti Airtel](#)

Swedish telecom gear maker Ericsson has received a new multi-billion-dollar contract for selling 5G equipment from India's Bharti Airtel.

This comes after Ericsson got part of a \$3.6 billion contract last month for selling 5G equipment to India's Vodafone Idea. It shared the contract with Nokia and Samsung.

The new contracts are expected to boost Ericsson's revenue next year after seeing a big fall in contracts from India in the first half of the year.

[Cabinet approves additional instalment of three percent of Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees](#)

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved a 3% increase in Dearness Allowance (DA) for central government employees.

The hike, which takes effect from July 1, 2024, also extends to pensioners, with Dearness Relief (DR) being increased by the same percentage. The Dearness Relief for pensioners has also been revised by 3%.

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved an additional installment of Dearness Allowance (DA) to

Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners w.e.f. 01.07.2024 representing an increase of three percent (3%) over the existing rate of 50% of the Basic Pay/Pension, to compensate against price rise.

[Justice will no longer be 'blind': Supreme Court embraces new symbolism](#)

The Supreme Court (SC) of India has unveiled a redesigned version of the 'Lady Justice' statue, marking a significant departure from its colonial past.

Traditionally depicted with a blindfold and a sword, the new statue now features 'Lady Justice' with open eyes and the Constitution of India in place of the sword, reflecting the judiciary's commitment to constitutional values and justice that "sees everyone equally".

[Lady Justice's eyes open, blindfold removed](#)

The removal of the blindfold from 'Lady Justice' is more than a visual change—it symbolises a shift in how the judiciary views justice in modern India.

The blindfold, long associated with impartiality and equality before the law, has been replaced

with open eyes. This change, according to sources in the Supreme Court, reflects an evolving legal identity—one that distances itself from colonial symbols and embraces a uniquely Indian interpretation of justice.

The updated statue now stands proudly in the judges' library, embodying a justice system that is aware, vigilant, and inclusive.

[Replacing the sword with the Constitution](#)

Another striking feature of the new 'Lady Justice' is the replacement of the sword with the Constitution. While the sword previously represented authority and punishment, its replacement with the Constitution signifies a shift towards a more principled and balanced approach to justice.

The Constitution, as the foundation of the judiciary's role, represents the upholding of rights, equality, and fairness over mere retribution.

The sword is a symbol of violence, but courts deliver justice according to constitutional laws. The new statue aims to reflect this principle.

[Manipur: Mera Hou Chongba festival observed to foster unity between hill & valley indigenous communities](#)

The festival to strengthen the cordial bond between the indigenous communities living in the hills and the valley people of Manipur, the Mera Hou Chongba Festival 2024, was observed in Imphal.

The main event was held at the holy site, Kangla, in Imphal, where leaders of Indigenous communities from various hill districts joined the valley people in observing the festival, which symbolizes harmony and cultural exchange.

The Mera Hou Chongba is the only festival where both hill and valley indigenous communities are observed together in the state.

[President Murmu inaugurates 8th India Water Week](#)

President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated 8th India Water Week 2024.

The 8th India Water Week 2024 will start from 17 Sep to 20 Sep in New Delhi.

During the four-day event, around four thousand delegates including two hundred foreign delegates from 40 countries will

participate. More than one hundred exhibitors and startups will showcase their ideas in the water sector during the exhibition.

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah released the documentary film Mumbai Samachar- 200 Not Out, which chronicles the remarkable 200-year journey of Asia's oldest newspaper.

[PM Modi address 1st anniversary of the National PM Vishwakarma Scheme](#)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the National PM Vishwakarma Program held in Wardha, Maharashtra to celebrate the first anniversary of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme.

PM Modi launched the Central Sector Scheme "PM Vishwakarma" on 17 September 2023 in New Delhi.

The Prime Minister also distributed Vishwakarma certificates and loans to the scheme's beneficiaries.

PM Modi also launched the Maharashtra Government's Acharya Chanakya Skill Development Scheme and the Punyashlok

Theme 2024 – Partnership and cooperation for inclusive water development and management.

OTHERS

- The 12th edition of International Film Festival and Forum on Environment and Wildlife, Vatavaran has inaugurated at Paryavaran Bhawan in New Delhi. The theme for the three-day film festival is "Wetlands for Life", focusing on the awareness and conservation of the wetlands eco-system.
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has an MoU with the Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA) and the Mumbai Port Sustainability Foundation (MPSF) to create a state-of-the-art green fuel ecosystem at Mumbai Port.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) will now be the 14th 'Maharatna' company among Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE), the Finance Ministry announced.

This status will give more autonomy to the company in terms of financial and strategic matters.

- Diplomat Sanjeev Kumar Singla has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to France.
- Manish Tiwary, former head of Amazon India, has been appointed as the Managing Director of Nestlé India Limited.

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](#) 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

Maggie Smith, acting legend of 'Harry Potter' and 'Downton Abbey' fame, dies

Maggie Smith, the two-time Oscar-winning actor best known for playing the stern Professor McGonagall in the “Harry Potter” movie franchise and the tart-tongued Dowager Countess on “Downton Abbey,” died at the age of 89.

She won Academy Awards for her performances in “The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie” (1969) and “California Suite” (1978). She earned four Emmy Awards.

Nepal, India, Bangladesh sign pact to facilitate cross-border electricity trade

India, Nepal, and Bangladesh have signed a trilateral agreement to export 40 megawatts of electricity from Nepal to Bangladesh via India’s power grid.

As per the agreement, Bangladesh will now import 40 megawatts of electricity from Nepal. The Indian side has also been involved in the trade deal, as Nepal’s electricity will be transmitted to Bangladesh through the transmission infrastructure on the Indian territory.

JP Nadda elected as Chairperson of 77th Session of WHO Regional Committee

Union Health Minister JP Nadda was elected Chairperson of the 77th session of WHO’s Regional Committee for Southeast Asia.

The committee shapes WHO’s health policies in the region.

The member nations include Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, the Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Timor-Leste.

About World Health Organization (WHO)

- **Formation** – 7 April 1948
- **Headquarters** – Geneva, Switzerland
- **First President** – Andrija Štampar
- **Director General** – Tedros Adhanom (Ethiopia)
- **Deputy Director General** – Soumya Swaminathan (Indian)
- **Member Countries** – 194

Trachoma no longer a public health problem in India: WHO

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has certified India, Nepal, and Myanmar as having

eliminated trachoma as a public health problem.

India joins 19 other countries in the world that have successfully eliminated trachoma as a public health problem.

According to the WHO, trachoma is still a major public health problem in 39 countries in the world and causes blindness in around 19 lakh people worldwide.

Trachoma was amongst the leading cause of blindness in the country during 1950-60.

The Government of India launched the National Trachoma Control Program in 1963 and later on Trachoma control efforts were integrated into India's National Program for Control of Blindness (NPCB).

Om Birla addresses the 149th Inter-Parliamentary Union in Geneva

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla addressed the 149th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and emphasised the need for multilateralism in the world.

The 149th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union was held at the IPU headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The IPU is the global organisation of the National Parliaments.

The Indian delegation led by Om Birla included Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Singh, the Secretary General of both Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha and various other Members of Parliament.

The theme of the 149th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union was Harnessing Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for a more peaceful and sustainable future.

S Jaishnakar attends 23rd SCO Council of Heads of Government meeting

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishanakar represented India at the 23rd Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisations (SCO) Council of Heads of Government, held in Islamabad, Pakistan.

The two-day meeting was hosted by the Pakistani Prime Minister, Shahbaz Sharif.

This was the first visit of an Indian minister to Pakistan after the 2015 visit of the then External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj.

About Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)

- **Founded** – 15 June 2001
- **Headquarters** – Beijing, China
- **Member Countries** – 10 (Iran, China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,

Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan,
Uzbekistan, and Belarus)

First G-7 Defence Ministers meeting hosted by Italy in Naples

For the first time in Group of Seven (G-7) history, the defence ministers of the G7 countries met in Naples, Italy. Italian defence minister Guido Crosetto hosted the meeting.

Italy holds the rotating presidency of the G-7 for 2024.

The meeting was also attended by the representatives of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), the European Union, and Ukrainian Defence Minister Rustem Umerov.

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.

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.

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.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

- Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin became the first woman officer to take over as the Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS).
- Claudia Sheinbaum was sworn in as Mexico's first woman president.
- Nepal's President Ramchandra Paudel appointed Prakash Man Singh Raut as the new Chief Justice of the country.
- Japan's parliament elected Shigeru Ishiba, head of the governing Liberal Democratic Party, as the country's new prime minister. Shigeru Ishiba as the 102nd Prime Minister of Japan.
- Retired IPS officer Sharad Kumar, who headed anti-terror organisation NIA for four years, has been appointed as the new chief of the BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit, bringing extensive experience to the role.
- Air Marshal SP Dharkar, a distinguished fighter pilot, has been appointed as the next Vice Chief of Air Staff.
- GroupM Media India, the Indian arm of the US-based media investment group's chief executive officer (CEO) – South Asia, Prasanth Kumar, has been re-elected as the president of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) for the year 2024-25.
- Noel Tata has been named the chairman of Tata Trusts, the charitable division of the Tata Group. He is the son of Naval H. Tata and Simone N. Tata.
- Paramesh Sivamani took over as the 26th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
- Omar Abdullah of the National Conference party was sworn in as the first chief minister of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Nayab Singh Saini of the Bharatiya Janata Party was sworn in as the chief minister of Haryana for the second consecutive time.
- Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud has officially initiated the process to appoint his successor by recommending Justice Sanjiv Khanna, the Supreme Court's senior-most judge, to the Union government. Justice Khanna, who will serve as the 51st CJI, is expected to remain in office until his retirement on May 13, 2025, giving him a tenure of around six months.
- Abhyuday Jindal, the Managing Director of Jindal Stainless, has been appointed as president of industry body Indian Chamber of Commerce.
- The Government of India has appointed Vijaya Rahatkar as the 9th chairperson of

the National Commission for Women (NCW).

- Indonesia's newly minted leader, President Prabowo Subianto, officially swore in his cabinet.

AWARDS

[Mithun Chakraborty nominated for highest cinema honour Dadasaheb Phalke Award](#)

The Union Ministry for Information and Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnav announced that the jury had selected veteran Hindi and Bengali film actor Mithun Chakraborty, 74, as the recipient of the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Awards for 2022.

Mithun Chakraborty will be the 54th recipient of the Dada Saheb Phalke Award.

Last year, Waheeda Rehman received the Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Awards for 2021.

Mithun Chakraborty will be conferred the award at the 70th National Film Festival

award ceremony, which will be held on 8 October 2024.

[Victor Ambros & Gary Ruvkun win Nobel medicine for microRNA discovery](#)

Scientists Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun have won the 2024 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their discovery of microRNA and its role in gene regulation.

The United States-based laureates discovered the new class of tiny RNA molecules, which play a crucial role in regulating gene activity.

The winners for medicine are selected by the Nobel Assembly of Sweden's Karolinska Institute Medical University and receive a

prize sum of 11 million Swedish crowns (\$1.1m).

Created in the will of Swedish dynamite inventor and businessman Alfred Nobel, the prizes have been awarded for breakthroughs in science, literature and peace since 1901, while economics is a later add.

[John Hopfield, Geoffrey Hinton awarded for Nobel Prize in Physics 2024](#)

The Royal Swedish Academy of Science, Stockholm, Sweden, has chosen John J. Hopfield and Geoffrey E. Hinton for the Nobel Prize in Physics for the year 2024.

American John Hopfield and British-Canadian Geoffrey Hinton were chosen for their pioneering work in the development of artificial intelligence (AI). They have been honoured for their discoveries and inventions that enable machine learning with artificial neural networks.

[David Baker, Demis Hassabis & John Jumper win Nobel Prize 2024 for Chemistry](#)

The Royal Swedish Academy of Science, Stockholm, has chosen David Baker, Demis

Hassabis, and John M. Jumper for the 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

American David Baker was honoured for his work on ‘computational protein design’.

British Demis Hassabi and American John M. Jumper were honoured for their work in predicting protein structures from their amino acid sequences.

[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.”

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[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.”

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

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SPORTS

9th World Junior Wushu Championships

2024: India wins 7 medals

The Young Indian Wushu players ended their campaign at the 9th World Junior Wushu Championships 2024 by winning seven medals, including two golds, one silver, and four bronze medals.

The Championships were held at Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei.

India's Aryan clinched the gold medal after defeating Gong Huanran from China in the Boys' Group Junior 48 kg weight category. Shaurya triumphed over his Iranian opponent

Alireza Zamani to win another gold medal in Boys 48kg (children) section.

Nang Mingbi Borphukan won a silver medal in the Taolu Jian Shu C Group event.

India wins SAFF U-17 Championship 2024 after beating Bangladesh

The undefeated Indian football team lifted the 2024 Men's SAFF U17 Championship by defeating Bangladesh 2-0 in the final.

The final was played at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu, Bhutan.

The Indian boy's football team, also famously known as Blue Colts, remained undefeated throughout the tournament.

[Bihar CM Nitish Kumar unveils logo, mascot for Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024](#)

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar unveiled the logo and mascot for the Women's Asian Champions Trophy-2024, which will be held in Rajgir from November 11-20.

The mascot, named 'Gudiya', is inspired by the state bird of Bihar, Sparrow.

The hockey stick in Gudiya's hand is the symbol of the hockey competition and the goalkeeper's glove in the hand, and the defensive posture reflect the strategic qualities of alertness.

The design of the 'logo' of this competition is a symbol of the rich cultural heritage and all-round progress of glorious Bihar. The Bodhi tree and hockey stick have been kept in the logo.

[Mumbai win Irani Cup for first time in 27 years](#)

Mumbai has won the 2024-25 season Irani Cup under its first-innings lead over the Rest of India.

Mumbai won the trophy after 27 years, having won it in the 1997/98 season. This was the 16th Irani Cup title for the current Ranji Champion, Mumbai.

The Irani Cup is a first-class domestic cricket tournament held at the Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee Eakana Stadium in Lucknow.

[India to host first-ever Kho Kho World Cup in 2025](#)

The first edition of the Kho Kho World Cup will be held in India next year and will feature 16 men's and women's teams from 24 countries and six continents.

Kho Kho has its roots in India and this World Cup will highlight the rich cultural heritage and competitive spirit of the sport. Today, the sport that started in the mud and has gone to the mat now has a global presence with 54 countries playing the sport across the world.

[Carlos Alcaraz defeats Jannik Sinner to win first China Open Title](#)

In tennis, second-seeded Spain's Carlos Alcaraz beat defending champion and world No. 1 Jannik Sinner, winning 6-7 6-4 7-6 to claim his first China Open title.

Meanwhile, China's Zheng Qinwen stormed into the quarterfinals of the women's singles after defeating Amanda Anisimova of the United States.

[ICC Women's T20 World Cup begins in Sharjah](#)

The ninth edition of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup begins in Sharjah, UAE. The opening match will feature Bangladesh against debutant Scotland.

Captain Harmanpreet Kaur will be leading India's campaign, starting against New Zealand.

[Rafael Nadal announced his retirement from Tennis](#)

One of the greatest men's tennis players in the open era, Rafael Nadal (from Spain), has announced his retirement from professional tennis.

The upcoming Davis Cup Final in Spain will be his last tournament as a professional player.

The 2024 Davis Cup Final will take place from 19 to 24 November 2024 in Malaga, Spain.

Rafael Nadal will be part of the Spanish team that will take on the Netherlands in the quarter-finals on 19 November 2024.

[Uttarakhand to host 38th National Games in 2025](#)

The 38th edition of the National Games (Summer & Winter) will be held in Uttarakhand from January 28 to February 14, 2025, the Indian Olympic Association announced.

The 37th National Games was held in Goa from 25 September to 9 November 2023. Maharashtra claimed the top spot with a whopping 228 medals, including 80 gold.

[Historic medal for Ayhika & Sutirthat at Asian T T Championships 2024](#)

In Table Tennis, India's top-ranked pair of Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee have scripted history by clinching the first-ever medal for the country in Women's Doubles of Asian Championships 2024 at Astana in Kazakhstan.

The Indian pair settled for the bronze medal after losing to the Japanese combination of Miwa Harimoto and Miyuu Kihara 0-3 in the semi-finals.

[Aryna Sabalenka wins the WTA Wuhan 1000 singles title](#)

World No.2 Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus defeated World No.7 Zheng Qinwen of China

to win her third consecutive women's WTA Wuhan 1000 singles title.

The WTA Wuhan 1000 Tennis tournament was held in the Chinese city of Wuhan. Wuhan Open is played at the Hard Court.

Aryna Sabalenka defeated the local favourite Zheng Qinwen 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 in the final played at Wuhan. This was Aryna Sabalenka's third title at Wuhan, having won it in 2018 and 2019.

This is the 17th WTA Tour title for Aryna Sabalenka and her fifth on Chinese soil.

Jannik Sinner wins the ATP Shanghai Masters 1000 singles title

World Number One male tennis player Jannik Sinner of Italy defeated 24 Grand Slam winner Novak Djokovic of Serbia in the final to win the ATP Shanghai Masters 1000 singles title.

The ATP Shanghai Master 1000 was held in the Chinese city of Shanghai from 2 to 13 October 2024. The Shanghai Master is played on a hard court.

DEFENCE

DRDO successfully test the 4th Gen VSHORADS Air defence system

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully conducted three flight tests of the 4th Generation Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) at the Pokhran Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan.

The tests, conducted in the last two days were carried out against a high-speed target, demonstrating very critical parameters of maximum range and maximum altitude interception.

Visakhapatnam to host Malabar 2024 from October 8

India will host the joint naval exercise of QUAD nations from October 8 to 18 in Visakhapatnam.

Hosted by India, this year's exercise will see the participation of Australia, Japan, and the United States of America.

The exercise, named Malabar 2024, includes sea and harbor phases focusing on cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region. It features various Indian naval platforms, such

as guided missile destroyers, submarines, and fighter aircraft.

The Malabar exercise started in 1992 as a US-India drill and evolved into a multilateral event to enhance interoperability and address maritime challenges.

International Naval Exercise Malabar 2024 is scheduled to take place from October 8 to 18, beginning with the Harbour Phase in Visakhapatnam, followed by the Sea Phase.

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GRSE delivers second survey vessel INS Nirdeshak to Indian Navy

Defence PSU Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd delivered survey vessel INS Nirdeshak to the Indian Navy.

INS Nirdeshak is the second in a series of four such vessels being constructed by GRSE, with the first delivered to the Navy 10 months ago in December 2023.

These are the largest survey vessels for the Indian Navy to be built in the country.

At 110 metres long, INS Nirdeshak will join INS Sandhayak, the first Survey Vessel Large (SVL) delivered by GRSE, to keep the country's naval

forces equipped with the latest survey data, which is essential for operations.

Indian Naval Ship Shardul arrives in UAE

The Indian Naval Ship Shardul, part of the First Training Squadron of the Indian Navy, arrived at Port Mina Rashid, Dubai, UAE, as part of its Long Range Training Deployment.

This visit marks a significant milestone in strengthening maritime cooperation and fostering mutual understanding between India and UAE.

India and Oman Conduct Joint Naval Drill 'Naseem Al Bahr' coast off Goa

INS Trikanth and Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft participated in the Indo-Oman bilateral naval exercise Naseem-Al-Bahr with the Royal Navy of Oman Vessel Al Seeb off Goa.

The exercise was conducted in two phases: with harbour phase followed by the sea phase.

As part of harbour activities, personnel from both Navies engaged in professional

interactions, including Subject Matter Expert Exchanges and planning conferences.

The exercise helped strengthen interoperability and enhanced understanding of each other's best practices.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

National Space Commission approves India's Fifth Lunar Mission 'Lupex'

After the success of Chandrayaan-3 in August 2023, India's National Space Commission (NSC) has approved a new lunar mission, called the Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (Lupex).

This mission is a partnership between India's space agency ISRO and Japan's space agency JAXA, and it will focus on exploring the Moon's resources, especially water at the lunar south pole.

The collaborative moon expedition, set to touch down at the precise southern tip of the moon (90-degree latitude), is focused on exploring the moon for water and other valuable resources.

In this mission, JAXA (Japan) will build the rover and the rocket, while ISRO (India) will build the lander that will carry the rover to the Moon's surface.

NASA launches Europa Clipper to examine Jupiter's moon

NASA has launched a groundbreaking mission to investigate Jupiter and its moon, Europa, one of the prime locations in the search for life beyond Earth.

The spacecraft, named Europa Clipper, is designed to study the moon's icy surface and the subsurface ocean believed to exist beneath.

It was launched aboard a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket from Nasa's Kennedy Space Center, with the mission costing \$5.2 billion.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- 1 October 2024 International Day of the Older Persons
- 1 October 2024 International Coffee Day
- 1 October 2024 World Vegetarian Day
- 2 October 2024 Gandhi Jayanti
- 2 October 2024 International Day of Non-Violence
- 2 October 2024 Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti
- 3 October 2024 Navratri
- 4 October 2024 World Animal Welfare Day
- 5 October 2024 World Teacher's Day
- 6 October 2024 World Habitat Day
- 6 October 2024 World Cerebral Palsy Day
- 7 October 2024 World Cotton Day
- 8 October 2024 Indian Air Force Day
- 9 October 2024 World Postal Day

- 10 October 2024 National Post Day
- 10 October 2024 World Mental Health Day
- 11 October 2024 International Day of the Girl Child
- 12 October 2024 World Migratory Bird Day 2024
- 13 October 2024 International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction
- 13 October 2024 Breast Cancer Awareness Day
- 14 October 2024 World Standards Day
- 15 October 2024 International Day of Rural Women 2024
- 15 October 2024 World Students' Day
- 16 October 2024 World Food Day
- 16 October 2024 World Anaesthesia Day
- 17 October 2024 International Day for Eradication of Poverty
- 20 October 2024 World Statistics Day
- 21 October 2024 World Iodine Deficiency Day
- 24 October 2024 Disarmament Week 2024
- 24 October 2024 United Nations Day
- 24 October 2024 World Development Information Day
- 24 October 2024 Global Media and Information Literacy Week 2024
- 29 October 2024 Dhanteras
- 30 October 2024 World Thrift Day
- 31 October 2024 Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day
- 31 October 2024 Halloween
- 31 October 2024 Diwali

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