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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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[Gautam Adani replaces Mukesh Ambani as the richest Indian on Hurun list](#)

With a wealth of Rs 11.6 lakh crore, Gautam Adani replaced Mukesh Ambani and clinched the no.1 spot in the 2024 Hurun India rich list.

The report says India minted a new billionaire every 5 days last year. Wealth calculations are a snapshot as of 31st July 2024.

India is emerging as Asia's wealth creation engine! While China saw a 25% decline in its number of billionaires, India experienced a 29% increase, reaching a record 334 billionaires.

Mukesh Ambani has taken the second top spot in the 2024 Hurun India Rich List, with a wealth of Rs 1,014,700 crore. Shiv Nadar & family of HCL Technologies is in third place this year with a wealth of Rs 314,000 crore. Vaccine maker Cyrus S Poonawalla & family of Serum Institute of India holds the fourth position in the list followed by Dilip Shanghvi of Sun Pharmaceutical Industries.

[India to host inaugural World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit \(WAVES\) in Goa](#)

The Government of India will host the inaugural World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) to bolster India's media and entertainment industry and extend its global influence.

The Summit is being held in Goa from November 20th to November 25th this year.

The Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw launched 25 Challenges under the 'Create in India Challenge – Season 1' on August 22nd.

WAVES is poised to become a significant platform for icons of the media and entertainment fraternity worldwide, focusing on entertainment economics and technology.

[Railtel, SJVN, NHPC bag 'Navratna' status from FinMin](#)

The Ministry of Finance upgraded four public-sector enterprises, SJVN, Solar Energy Corporation, NHPC and RailTel Corporation of India, to the 'Navratna' status on August 30.

PSUs are given a status, from Maharatna companies, to Navratna companies and

Miniratna companies. Navratna status is awarded to government-owned companies that were previously classified under 'miniratna' category I, recognizing their strong financial and market performance.

Navratna companies can invest up to Rs 1,000 crore without prior government approval. Navratna PSUs also can allocate around 15 percent to a specific project or 30 percent of their net worth over an entire year, as long as it is under the Rs 1,000 crore limit.

[5th Global Fintech Fest held in Mumbai](#)

The 5th Global Fintech Fest was held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

The festival, which started in 2021, aims to establish itself as the premier global conference for the global fintech ecosystem, promote collaboration, and influence the future of the Fintech industry.

PM Narendra Modi addressed the 5th Global Fintech Festival.

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das and Chairman of Global Fintech Fest (GFF) Kris Gopalakrishnan were also present at the occasion.

[Indian Army launches Project NAMAN to Support Veterans & Families](#)

The Indian Army launched the first phase of Project NAMAN, which is designed to provide dedicated support and services to Defence pensioners, veterans, and their families.

The importance of the project in ensuring that veterans and their families receive the care and support they deserve.

In the first phase of Project NAMAN, 14 Common Services Centres have been established at key locations across India, including New Delhi, Jalandhar, Leh, Dehradun, Lucknow, Jodhpur, Bengdubi, Gorakhpur, Jhansi, Secunderabad, Saugor, Guntur, Ahmedabad, and Bangalore.

[PM Modi lays foundation stone of Vadhvan Port in Palghar](#)

PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Vadhvan Port in the Palghar district of Maharashtra.

He also inaugurated various fisheries projects and distributed transponders and Kisan Credit Cards to fishermen.

The cost of this project is around 76,000 crore rupees. It aims to establish a world-class maritime gateway that will boost the country's

trade and economic growth by catering to large container vessels, offering deeper drafts, and accommodating ultra-large cargo ships.

Vadhvan Port, located near Dahanu town in Palghar district, will be one of India's largest deep-water ports and will provide direct connectivity to international shipping routes, reducing transit times and costs.

[Panel headed by V K Gupta to simplify decades-old direct tax laws](#)

The revenue department in the finance ministry has formed a panel headed by V K Gupta, chief commissioner of income-tax (I-T), to simplify the decades-old I-T Act.

In its preliminary discussions, the panel focused on rationalizing exemptions, raising the computation methods to global standards, and making the appeals system less cumbersome.

During discussions over the past few days and supervised by Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Chairman Ravi Agrawal, it emerged that more than 90 Sections of the 1961 law have lost their relevance.

[Vistara's last Flight on November 11](#)

Vistara Airlines will cease to operate under its brand name on November 11.

The airline's operations will be fully integrated with Air India starting from November 12, marking the culmination of a merger process initiated nearly two years ago.

Vistara is a joint venture between the Tata Group and Singapore Airlines. However, with Tata Group also owning Air India, the decision to unify the two airlines aims to streamline operations and offer passengers an enhanced travel experience.

As a part of this merger, Singapore Airlines will acquire a 25.1 per cent stake in the newly consolidated Air India.

[Supreme Court sets up panel to amicably resolve farmers' agitation](#)

The Supreme Court has constituted a high-powered committee chaired by former Punjab and Haryana High Court judge, Justice Nawab Singh, to amicably resolve the grievances of farmers agitating at the Shambhu border between Punjab and Haryana.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan directed the five-member committee to convene its first meeting within a week.

The court urged the protesting farmers to distance themselves from political parties and to not politicise the issue.

The farmers are agitating over a plethora of demands, including legal guarantee of minimum support price (MSP) for their produce.

[ISA to launch \\$100 million solar facility, insurance mechanism to accelerate solar power projects](#)

The International Solar Alliance (ISA) will launch a \$100 million fund, Global Solar Facility, that will help catalysing up to \$1.5 billion in funding to expand decentralised solar power capacities across the least developed countries in Africa, where more than 700 million people have no access to electricity.

Besides, the international organisation aiming to electrify the global south is also working on creating an insurance mechanism, which will also aid in accelerating funding in poor countries.

The festival aims to catalyse global solar adoption by forging partnerships, unlocking innovative financing, deploying cutting-edge technology and boosting capacity in ISA member countries.

[President Murmu approves constitution of 23rd Law Commission for three-year term](#)

President Droupadi Murmu has approved the constitution of the 23rd Law Commission of India, with its term set from September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2027.

The commission will include a full-time chairperson, four members, and additional ex-officio and part-time members. The commission's mandate is to review and recommend legal reforms to enhance the Indian legal system.

The 22nd Law Commission's term ends 31 August 2024. The commission has been functioning without a chairperson for several months, delaying crucial reports, including those on the Uniform Civil Code and simultaneous elections.

In March 2024, Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, the then Chairman of the Law Commission, resigned after a 17-month tenure.

Telangana, TN top in GSDP growth among 10 largest States

Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Rajasthan have recorded the highest growth in real gross state domestic product (GSDP) in FY24 among the 10 largest States ranked according to their GSDP.

This is revealed in the analysis of data on recent estimates put out by MoSPI.

In FY24, Telangana, the ninth biggest State, grew its economy at 9.2 percent to reach real GSDP of ₹7.9 lakh crore. This is faster than national GDP growth of 8.2 percent.

Tamil Nadu, which is the third largest State, grew its economy by 8.2 percent to reach ₹15.7 lakh crore in size. Rajasthan, at seventh spot, grew 8 percent.

India to hold 2nd edition of International Conference on Green Hydrogen from Sept 11-13

India will hold the second edition of the International Conference on Green Hydrogen from 11th to 13th September in New Delhi.

The goal of this three-day event is to deepen our understanding of the green hydrogen landscape and foster connections with global scientific communities and industries.

India as a whole also aims to reduce the emissions intensity of GDP by 45 per cent. Finally, India commits to net-zero emissions by 2070.

New and Renewable Energy Minister – Pralhad Joshi.

India, Singapore signed agreements on semiconductors, healthcare.

India and Singapore unveiled agreements for a semiconductor ecosystem partnership and greater interoperability between their digital economies even as they elevated their relations to a comprehensive strategic partnership.

India and Singapore announced four agreements on semiconductors, digital cooperation, healthcare and medical research, and education and skill development.

The MoU on a semiconductor ecosystem partnership envisages cooperation to support India's growing semiconductor industry while facilitating Singapore's companies and supply chains to enter the Indian market.

[Bengaluru's Siddhartha Aggarwal becomes oldest Indian to swim across English Channel solo](#)

Siddhartha Agarwal, a 49-year-old swimmer from Bengaluru, has made history by becoming the oldest Indian to swim across the English Channel.

Agarwal successfully navigated the 42-km stretch between England and France, completing the grueling swim in an impressive 15 hours and six minutes.

Agarwal's quest in the freezing waters of the English Channel first began in 2018 when he crossed the Channel as part of an eight-member relay team. Incidentally, this was the same year when Srikanth Viswanathan, also from Bengaluru, entered the Limca Book of Records for becoming the oldest to swim the English Channel solo at the age of 46.

[Ministry of Panchayati Raj and UNICEF signed Letter of Intent to strengthen Systems for Social Change](#)

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj and UNICEF India signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) to collaborate on strengthening systems and engaging communities for social change.

This partnership aims to set up and institutionalize mechanisms for effective communication between the Ministry, Elected Representatives & Field Functionaries of Panchayati Raj Institutions and Rural Communities.

The collaboration will help accelerate progress on localized Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by enabling better communication with citizens, particularly women and children and improving the delivery of services to rural citizens.

[Shivraj Singh Chouhan launches AgriSure Fund for Agriculture Start ups](#)

The Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Minister for Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, launched the AgriSURE fund in New Delhi.

The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her 2022-23 Union Budget speech, announced the creation of a dedicated fund to finance startups for agriculture and rural enterprises.

About AgriSure Fund

- The AgriSure Fund or Agri Fund for Start-ups & Rural Enterprises is a Category -II Alternative Investment

Fund (AIF) registered with the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

- The fund will be managed by NABARD.
- It will be under the regulation of the capital market regulator SEBI.

[World's 1st breeding centre for Asian King Vultures inaugurated in UP](#)

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has inaugurated the Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre in the Bharivaisi, Campierganj Range of the Gorakhpur Forest Division. It is the world's first conservation and breeding centre for the Asian King Vulture or the red-headed vulture.

The Uttar Pradesh Forest Department, in collaboration with the Bombay Natural History Society, has established the Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre in Maharajganj.

The Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre spread over 1.5 hectares of land in the Gorakhpur Forest division, was built for Rs 2.8 crore.

[Amit Shah releases documentary on Mumbai Samachar's 200-year journey](#)

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.

Entering its 203rd year of publication, Mumbai Samachar has become an integral part of Mumbai's identity.

Mumbai Samachar- 200 Not Out delves into the newspaper's pivotal role in the freedom movement, its unwavering commitment to unbiased reporting, and the secrets behind its enduring success.

The documentary was released simultaneously in 40 countries, offering a historical perspective not only for Mumbai Samachar but also for the entire newspaper industry.

[Rajasthan Cabinet approves 33% reservation for women in police force](#)

Rajasthan Cabinet has approved 33% reservation for women in the police force by deciding to amend the State Police Subordinate Service Rules, 1989.

The State Cabinet took the decision at its meeting held here, fulfilling a promise made by the BJP in its manifesto for the 2023

Assembly election to increase the representation of women.

[Gujarat to host 4th RE-INVEST meet on September 16-18](#)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 4th Global RE-INVEST Renewable Energy Investors Meet and Expo at Gandhinagar, on September 16.

A three-day flagship event of the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, at Mahatma Mandir will bring together key players in the renewable energy sector.

The event will have a plenary session of all chief ministers on the first day and a similar session of all state energy ministers on the second day.

Representatives from Germany, Australia, Norway, Denmark, among others will be in attendance. Sessions will be held on topics including Green Hydrogen, Innovative Models for round the clock renewable energy, making India a hub in Battery energy storage and mainstreaming offshore wind in India.

[PM Modi inaugurates SEMICON India 2024 in Greater Noida](#)

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has inaugurated SEMICON India 2024 at India Expo Mart in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

The three-day conference showcase India's semiconductor strategy and policy which envisions making India a global hub for semiconductors.

With India's electronics sector now valued at over \$150 billion, the Prime Minister outlined a larger goal to grow the country's electronics sector, to \$500 billion and create 6 million jobs by the end of this decade.

Under this vision, SEMICON India 2024 is being organized with the theme "Shaping the Semiconductor Future".

[Port Blair to be renamed as 'Sri Vijaya Puram](#)

Union home minister Amit Shah has announced that Andaman and Nicobar Island's capital Port Blair has been renamed as "Sri Vijaya Puram."

The government decided to free the nation from the colonial imprints. He said, Sri Vijaya Puram symbolises the victory achieved in the country's freedom struggle.

Andaman and Nicobar Islands have an unparalleled place in the country's freedom struggle and history. The island territory that

once served as the naval base of the Chola Empire is today poised to be the critical base for our strategic and development aspirations.

It is also the place that hosted the first unfurling of the Tiranga by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and also the cellular jail in which Veer Savarkar and other freedom fighters struggled for an independent nation.

[PM Modi inaugurated 4th Global Renewable Energy Investor's Meet](#)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the fourth RE Invest Global Industrial Meet at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar.

Modi also flagged off the second phase of the Ahmedabad Metro connecting Ahmedabad to Gandhinagar and GIFT City.

Modi is scheduled inaugurated and lay the foundation stone for various projects worth over 8 thousand crore rupees, which include the country's first Vande Bharat Metro train between Ahmedabad and Bhuj.

[India launches Operation Sadbhav to provide humanitarian assistance to Typhoon Yagi affected countries](#)

India has launched Operation Sadbhav to provide humanitarian assistance to typhoon Yagi-affected countries – Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam.

India sent urgent relief materials to Myanmar, Laos, and Vietnam to assist them in dealing with the impact of the major typhoon. These countries are reeling under massive floods after Asia's most powerful storm this year hit the three countries.

10 tonnes of aid, including dry ration, clothing and medicines, were dispatched to Myanmar onboard the Indian naval ship INS Satpura.

[Zanskar celebrates 9th Ladakh Zanskar Festival 2024](#)

The 9th Ladakh Zanskar Festival 2024 began with remarkable grandeur in the picturesque village of Sani, signifying a landmark event for the region.

The festival was inaugurated by the Lieutenant Governor Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra.

This year's Zanskar Festival is especially significant as it marks the first celebration since Zanskar was officially declared a district.

The two-day festival showcases a wide array of cultural performances, reflecting the

diverse traditions of the region. Highlights include performances by the Purgi tribes from Kargil, the Shina community of Drass, the Dard-Aryans from Aryan Valley, and the Changpa nomads from Changthang.

[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.

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

[India ranked among Tier 1 countries in Global Cyber Security Index 2024](#)

India has ranked among Tier 1 countries in the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI). It is issued

by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

‘GCI 2024’ has used a five-tier analysis this time. In this, the progress made in cyber security by various countries is tracked.

This report places 46 countries in Tier 1, the highest category. These countries have been named “Role Modeling”, which have shown a strong commitment to all important aspects of cyber security.

[PM Modi launches ‘SUBHADRA’ – the largest women-centric scheme in Bhubaneswar](#)

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi launched ‘SUBHADRA’, the flagship Scheme of the Government of Odisha, in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

It is the largest, single women-centric scheme and is expected to cover more than 1 crore women. The prime minister also initiated the fund transfer into the bank accounts of more than 10 lakh women.

Under the SUBHADRA scheme, all eligible beneficiaries between the age of 21-60 years would receive Rs. 50,000/- over 5 years between 2024-25 to 2028-29. An amount of Rs 10,000/- per annum in two equal installments will be credited directly to the

beneficiary's Aadhaar-enabled and DBT-enabled bank account.

[Union Cabinet approves Chandrayaan -4 Mission to collect lunar sample](#)

The Union cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the mission to moon, named Chandrayaan-4 to develop and demonstrate the technologies to come back to Earth after successfully landing on the Moon and also collect moon samples and analyse them on Earth.

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.

This Chandrayaan-4 mission will achieve the foundational technologies capabilities eventually for an Indian landing on the moon (planned by year 2040) and return safely back to Earth.

The Chandrayaan -4 mission will collect lunar samples from the moon's surface and bring them back to Earth. Only three countries—the United States of America, Russia, and China—have successfully brought lunar soil back to Earth.

ISRO has been allocated a budget of Rs 2104.06 crore for the Chandrayaan -4 mission to be completed in 36 months.

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

OTHERS

- Entering its 203rd year of publication, Mumbai Samachar has become an integral part of Mumbai's identity.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the "PM-eBus Sewa-Payment Security Mechanism (PSM) scheme" for the procurement and operation of e-buses by Public Transport Authorities (PTAs) with an outlay of Rs. 3,435.33 crore. This scheme will support the deployment of more than 38,000 electric buses (e-Buses) from FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the proposal of the Department of Rural Development for "Implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana – IV (PMGSY-IV) during FY 2024-25 to 2028-29".
- The financial assistance is to be provided for the construction of 62,500 Kms road for providing new connectivity.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has approved the proposal of Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) for implementation of a scheme titled 'PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme' for promotion of electric mobility in the country. The scheme has an outlay of Rs 10,900 crore over two years.
- The Union Cabinet, in a meeting chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved a new scheme, Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PMJUGA) to improve the socio-economic condition of the country's tribal majority villages and aspirational districts. The scheme seeks to utilise the existing central government scheme to achieve the objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PMJUGA) scheme.
- Union Finance Minister Niramala Sitharaman proposed the scheme in her 2024-25 Union Budget speech. The duration of the PMJUGA scheme is five years.

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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: Andaman & Nicobar Islands)

I lead with grace in the world of steel,
My name's a gem, my legacy is real.
Philanthropy and business, I deftly blend,
A nation's pride, on me it can depend.
Who am I, can you guess my name?
A household figure in India's fame.

Who am I?



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

[India, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Maldives sign Charter and MoU for establishment of Colombo Security Conclave Secretariat](#)

India, Maldives, Mauritius and Sri Lanka have signed the Charter and an MoU for the establishment of the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Secretariat in Colombo to address security and stability challenges in the Indian Ocean Region.

The signing ceremony was hosted in Colombo by the Government of Sri Lanka.

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and the representatives of the Maldives, Mauritius and Sri Lanka signed the documents on behalf of the respective Member States.

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval emphasized the importance of the Colombo Security Conclave in addressing traditional, non-traditional, and emerging hybrid security challenges. He highlighted the need for

sustained regional cooperation across various security pillars.

[Saudi Arabia to host 19th Internet Governance Forum in December](#)

Saudi Arabia will host the 19th Internet Governance Forum (IGF) from December 15-19, 2024, at the King Abdulaziz International Conference Center in Riyadh.

The five-day event is expected to gather over 10,000 participants from 160 countries, including more than 1,000 international speakers.

The forum aims to reach consensus among governments, private sector, and non-profit organizations on policies for stronger internet governance worldwide.

[Ashwini Vaishnaw, Anil Kapoor among Times 100 most influential people in AI](#)

Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw and actor Anil Kapoor are among Indians who have been honoured in Time magazine's prestigious list of the 100 "Most Influential People in AI 2024".

The list highlights the most impactful figures in the field of artificial intelligence (AI).

The list features a diverse group of global figures, from tech titans to researchers, policymakers, and artists. Some of the most prominent names include:

Sundar Pichai: CEO of Google and Alphabet

Satya Nadella: CEO of Microsoft

Sam Altman: CEO of OpenAI

Jensen Huang: CEO of Nvidia

Rohit Prasad: SVP and head scientist of Artificial General Intelligence at Amazon.

India emerges as second-largest global 5G smartphone market, overtakes US

According to a new report from Counterpoint Research, India has emerged as the world's second-largest market for 5G smartphones, trailing only behind China. 5G smartphones are becoming increasingly prominent across various price ranges in India.

India became the second-biggest 5G handset market during the first half, overtaking the US.

The strong shipments from Xiaomi, Vivo, Samsung, and other brands in the budget segment were the main reasons for this trend.

China maintains the leading position with a 32

per cent share of the global 5G smartphone market, while India holds 13 per cent.

Algeria joins BRICS New Development Banks

Algeria has been approved as the newest member of the BRICS New Development Bank, joining other nations in seeking alternatives to international financial institutions like the World Bank and IMF.

The decision was taken and announced by NDB chief Dilma Roussef at a meeting in Cape Town, South Africa. The bank of the BRICS group of nations — whose name derives from the initials of founding members Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

Membership in the BRICS bank will offer Algeria — Africa's leading exporter of natural gas — “new prospects to support and strengthen its economic growth in the medium and long term.

Created in 2015, the NDB's main mission is to mobilize resources for projects in emerging markets and developing countries.

1st India GCC Joint Ministerial Meeting for Strategic Dialogue held in Riyadh

The first India -GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) Joint Ministerial Meeting for Strategic

Dialogue was held in Riyadh, the Saudi Arabian capital.

This was the first Foreign Minister level meeting between India and the six-member GCC.

The first India-GCC Joint Ministerial Meeting for Strategic Dialogue was co-chaired by Indian External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar and Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Qatar. Qatar holds the Presidency of the GCC.

Nepal Becomes 101st Member of International Solar Alliance

Nepal has become the 101st country to join the International Solar Alliance-ISA as a full member.

The Ministry of External Affairs said that Nepal handed over its Instrument of Ratification to the ISA in New Delhi.

The Instrument of Ratification was exchanged during a meeting between Nepal's Charge d' Affairs Dr. Surendra Thapa and Joint Secretary.

The ISA initiative aims to increase solar energy technology deployment in its member countries. The goal is to improve energy

access, security, and transition. India and France launched the ISA at the Conference of the Parties (COP 21) in Paris to support the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement.

Mexico became the first country in the world to allow voters to elect judges at all levels

Mexico became the world's first country to allow voters to elect judges at all levels after protesters invaded the upper house and suspended debate on the issue.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL

Mastercard launches Global Payment Passkey Service in India



US-based multinational payment card services corporation Mastercard has launched its Payment Passkey Service, with plans to first introduce it to India. Its Payment Passkey Service, marking a significant step forward in secure online transactions.

Unveiled at the Global Fintech Fest in Mumbai, this innovative service aims to make online shopping more secure and convenient, with India chosen as the debut market for its pilot program.

The pilot will involve some of the nation's leading payment players, including aggregators like Juspay, Razorpay, and PayU, major online merchants like BigBasket, and top financial institutions like Axis Bank.

The Payment Passkey Service is designed to address the growing threat of online fraud, which has seen a nearly 300% increase in India over the past two years, according to the Reserve Bank of India.

IndiaFirst Life becomes 1st Indian life insurer to start ops in GIFT City



IndiaFirst Life has become the first Indian life insurer to commence operations in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).

The company inaugurated its IFSC Insurance Office (IIO) at the country's international financial gateway.

IndiaFirst Life's IIO will have a dedicated team of specialists who will cater to the needs of GIFT City's global audience.

ClearTax Joins hand with Microsoft to Ease Tax Filing for Over 20 Mn Indian Gig Workers

ClearTax, one of India's largest tax systems, has partnered with Microsoft to simplify tax filing for over 20 million gig workers in India.

This project attempts to improve workers' accessibility and convenience, particularly in fast-rising economies.

ClearTax is a user-friendly solution that allows gig workers to file their taxes over WhatsApp.

This innovative, frictionless, and user-friendly technique tackles a major issue for many blue-collar and gig workers in India's informal sector.

Hitachi Payment launches Country's First Android-Based Cash Recycling Machine

Hitachi Payment Services, India's leading provider of payments and commerce solutions, announced India's first Android-based cash recycling machine, which also serves as a Digital Banking Unit, providing one-stop services in a modern digital banking environment.

The Android-Based Cash Recycling Machine, HPDx-BU01, is a big step towards improving customer convenience and experience while boosting operational and cost efficiency in banks.

The Android-Based Cash Recycling Machine was presented at GFF with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

Its complete range of capabilities, which combine the benefits of traditional Cash Recycling Machines (CRMs) with the agility and flexibility of the Android platform, may be adapted to various financial needs.

Star Health launches India's first health insurance policy in Braille

Star Health and Allied Insurance has introduced an insurance policy in Braille.

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.

India's Reserve Bank of India ranks 12th around the world

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(RBI) balance sheet grew by 11.08% year on year to Rs 70.47 trillion as of March 31, 2024, owing to its liquidity and foreign currency (forex) activities.

Rank 1: Federal Reserve System. USA

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

- Vice Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar NM, assumed duties of the Director General Project Seabird, with a charter to oversee the largest defence infrastructure project currently progressing at the Karwar Naval Base, from Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti.
- T V Somanathan took over as Cabinet Secretary following the superannuation of Rajiv Gauba.
- Rajneesh Narang has been appointed the interim Chairman and Managing Director of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) for three months.
- V Satish Kumar took over as the Chairman of the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the nation's largest oil firm.
- Air Marshal Tejinder Singh took over as Deputy Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force in New Delhi.
- Y Haragopal has been appointed Managing Director of NABCONS (NABARD Consultancy Services), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development.
- Bharath Sesha has been appointed as Managing Director for the Philips Indian subcontinent.
- The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) has appointed Partha Sinha as its new Chairman for 2024-25.
- Ace paddler Sharath Kamal has been named the first Indian ambassador of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Foundation.
- French President Emmanuel Macron appointed Michel Barnier, the European Union's former Brexit negotiator, as his new prime minister.
- Former shooter and veteran sports administrator Raja Randhir Singh became the first Indian president of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).
- Senior bureaucrat Tuhin Kanta Pandey has been appointed as the new Finance Secretary.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah has been unanimously re-elected as the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language.

- Incumbent International Hockey Federation (FIH) president Tayyab Ikram is set to be elected unopposed as the head of the world body at its 49th Congress in Muscat, Oman.
- Ravindra, currently the Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations in New York, has been appointed as the country's next envoy to Iceland.
- Jordan's King Abdullah II tapped a longtime aide to serve as the kingdom's new prime minister.
- Aam Aadmi Party legislators in New Delhi have elected State Minister Atishi as the new Chief Minister-designate in place of Arvind Kejriwal.
- Saleema Imtiaz became the first Pakistani woman to be nominated to the ICC international panel of development umpires.
- All India Football Federation (AIFF) has appointed Santosh Kashyap as the new head coach of the national senior women's team, replacing former international player Chaoba Devi at the helm of affairs.
- India's Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) has appointed Manu Bhaker, the double Olympic medal winner, as a brand ambassador.

AWARDS

[Kerala tourism presented PATA gold award 2024](#)

Kerala Tourism was presented the globally acclaimed Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Gold Award 2024 for its online contest 'Holiday Heist' in the Digital Marketing Campaign category, at a function in Bangkok.

Tourism Director Sikha Surendran received the award at a function held during PATA Travel Mart 2024, at Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre (QSNCC) in the Thailand capital.

Kerala Tourism was the only destination from India to bag the PATA Gold award this year. 'Holiday Heist', the month-long groundbreaking campaign was launched in July 2023 to woo tourists through an engaging and thrilling bidding game on the Tourism department's WhatsApp chatbot Maya.

[Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki honoured with 2024 Ramon Magsaysay Award](#)

Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki has been honored with the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award for 2024 for his significant

contributions to environmental protection and the promotion of peace through animation.

This honor, often referred to as "Asia's Nobel Prize," underscores Miyazaki's profound impact on both the art of animation and global cultural discourse.

The announcement was made by Studio Ghibli, the renowned animation studio co-founded by Miyazaki.

The global announcement of the 2024 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees was made by the Manila-based Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation.

[Olympic Order awarded to French President Emmanuel Macron](#)

In recognition of his unstinting support for the success of the Olympic Games Paris 2024 and his attachment to the Olympic ideal dear to Pierre de Coubertin, President Emmanuel Macron was presented with the Olympic Order in gold.

This distinction pays tribute to his untiring engagement and vision for the Olympic

Games, which made the edition in Paris an unforgettable event.

[President Murmu confers National Teachers Award 2024 to 82 teachers](#)

President Droupadi Murmu conferred the 'National Teachers' Award to 82 educators from across institutions, during a ceremony held at Vigyan Bhavan on the occasion of Teacher's Day.

50 of the total 82 awardees are attached with schools, 16 (higher education), and 16 (Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship).

Each award carries a certificate of merit, a cash award of 50 thousand rupees and a silver medal.

[President confers National Florence Nightingale Awards 2024 to 15 Awardees at Rashtrapati Bhavan](#)

The President of India, Droupadi Murmu presented the National Florence Nightingale Awards for the year 2024 to the nursing professionals at a function held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

In all, 15 nurses were conferred the award in recognition of their outstanding commitment to duty and service to the community.

The National Florence Nightingale Award was instituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India in the year 1973 as a mark of recognition for the meritorious services rendered by the nurses and nursing professionals to the society.

SPORTS

[Avani Lekhara wins gold medal in para shooting at Paris Paralympics](#)

India's Avani Lekhara and Mona Agarwal won the gold and bronze respectively in the women's 10m Air Rifle competition.

Avani bettered her previous record set in the Tokyo Games to finish at the top. She finished with a total of 249.7 to achieve the new Paralympic record in the category. Her previous best was 249.6 in the Tokyo Paralympics.

Mona won the first medal for the country in the Paris Paralympics on her debut in the Games.

Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 to begin from 11th Nov at Rajgir

Hockey India has announced that the 8th Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 will begin at Rajgir in Bihar on November 11th this year.

The event, a joint effort between Hockey India and the Bihar Government, will take place at the Rajgir Hockey Stadium between 11th November and 20th November.

Last year, Hockey Jharkhand hosted the Women's Asian Champions Trophy in Ranchi, where India emerged as the champion.

Preethi Pal makes history with Bronze and Nishad Kumar wins Silver at Paris Paralympics 2024

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.

On the other hand, Indian athlete Nishad Kumar also won a silver medal with an effort of 2.04 meter in Men's High Jump – T47 event.

Indian shooter Rubina Francis won bronze in women's 10-meter air pistol SH1 final at Paralympic Games

In the Paris Paralympic Games, Indian shooter Rubina Francis won bronze in the women's 10-meter air pistol SH1 final qualification round.

Rubina secured India's fourth medal in shooting at the 17th Summer Paralympic Games. The 25-year-old shooter from Madhya Pradesh scored a total of 211.1 to finish third in the final.

Yogesh Kathuniya wins silver in men's Discus throw F56 final

India's Yogesh Kathuniya clinched his second consecutive Paralympic silver medal in men's discus throw F-56 event with a season's best effort 42.22m at the ongoing Games in Paris.

The 27-year-old hurled the discus to the podium-clinching distance in his very first

attempt to add to the silver he won in the Tokyo Paralympics three years ago.

[Shuttler Nitesh Kumar wins gold medal at Paris Paralympics](#)

Nitesh Kumar, a para badminton player from Charkhi Dadri, Haryana, claimed India's second gold medal at the Paris Paralympics in Para badminton, after beating Great Britain's Daniel Bethell in the final of men's singles SL3 category.

SL3 class players, like Nitesh, compete with more severe lower limb disabilities, requiring play on a half-width court.

[Thulasimathi, Manisha claims badminton silver and bronze medals at Paralympics](#)

Indian shuttlers Thulasimathi Murugesan and Manisha Ramadass signed off with maiden silver and bronze medals respectively in women's singles SU5 category at the Paralympics.

The 22-year-old Thulasimathi, the number one seed, put up a fight before going down 17-21 10-21 against China's defending champion Yang Qiuxia in the final.

[Sumit Antil wins gold in javelin throw F64](#)

Star javelin thrower Sumit Antil became the first Indian man and second from the country to defend the title as he won the F64 category gold with Paralympics record of 70.59m at the Paris Games.

The 26-year-old world record holder from Sonapat in Haryana bettered his own earlier Paralympic best of 68.55m set in Tokyo while winning the gold three years ago. Antil's world record stands at 73.29m.

Antil has also won gold in the World Para Athletics Championships in 2023 and 2024, besides standing on top of podium in last year's Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China.

[Kapil Parmar wins historic Judo bronze for India at Paralympics](#)

At Paris Paralympics 2024 India's JudoKa Kapil Parmar won bronze medal in Para Judo men's -60kg J1 category beating Brazil's Elielton de Oliveira .

This is the first medal in this event in India's history of Paralympics. The match ended in just 33 seconds.

Parmar produced a superlative performance, dominating his opponent from start to finish to record a 10-0 win in the bronze medal contest.

Wrestler Jyoti Berwal wins gold medal in U20 World Championships

In wrestling, Jyoti Berwal clinched a gold medal in the women's 76 kg freestyle category at the U20 World Championships in Pontevedra, Spain.

Jyoti defeated Ukraine's Mariia Orlevych in the final. On her way to the final, Jyoti defeated Mongolian, Chinese, and Turkish opponents.

This was India's second consecutive world U20 title in women's 76 kg after Priya Malik claimed it in the 2023 edition.

Nitika wins silver medal in women's 62 kg freestyle category at U20 World Championships

In wrestling, Nitika won the silver medal in the women's 62 kg freestyle category at the U20 World Championships in Pontevedra, Spain. She lost to Ukrainian wrestler Iryna Bondar 1-4 in the final.

Last year, Nitika won a gold medal at the U20 Asian Championships.

Neha clinched the bronze medal, beating Hungarian grappler Gerda Terek 10-8 in the women's 57 kg freestyle division. She had won

the yellow metal in the U17 World Championships last month.

Harvinder, Preeti named India's flag-bearers for Paralympics closing ceremony

Gold medal-winning archer Harvinder Singh and sprinter Preeti Pal, who made history by becoming the first Indian woman to win two medals at the Paralympics, have been named India's flag bearers for the closing ceremony of the Paris Paralympic Games.

Harvinder, 33, etched his name in history as the first Indian archer to clinch a gold at the Paralympics, adding to the bronze he secured in Tokyo in 2021.

Navdeep Singh wins gold medal at the Paris Paralympics

Navdeep Singh won a gold in the men's javelin throw F41 class at Paris 2024 with a new Paralympic record of 47.32m to register India's first-ever medal in the category.

Navdeep's medal-winning throw eclipsed the previous Paralympic record of 47.13m, set by Sun Pengxiang of the People's Republic of China at Tokyo 2020.

India secures record 29 medals at Paris Paralympics 2024

The Indian contingent concluded its historic Paris Paralympics campaign with 29 medals, including seven gold, nine silver, and 13 bronze medals, marking the country's best performance in the competition's history.

India also crossed the 50-medal mark in Paralympic Games history with this impressive performance.

With this landmark achievement, India has surpassed its previously most successful campaign at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics, where they secured 19 medals, including five golds, eight silver, and six bronze medals.

OCA includes Yogasana as demonstration sport in 2026 Asian Games

India's ancient sport, Yogasana was included as a demonstration event at the 2026 Asian Games to be held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

Yogasana's inclusion in the Asian Games calendar as a demonstration sport was unanimously passed at the 44th General Assembly of Olympic Council of Asia.

About Olympic Council of Asia

Formation – 16 November 1982

Headquarters – Kuwait City, Kuwait

Membership – 45 National Olympic Committees

President – Raja Randhir Singh

Jannik Sinner, Aryna Sabalenka wins 2024 US Open Singles title

Jannik Sinner of Italy has won the men's singles titles of the 2024 US Open Grand Slam Tennis tournament.

While, Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus won the women's singles titles of the 2024 US Open Grand Slam Tennis tournament.

It was the first US Open title for Jannik Sinner and Aryna Sabalenka. It was the second Grand Slam title for Jannik Sinner and the third Grand Slam title for Aryna Sabalenka.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN TITLE 2024

Men's Singles

- Winner – Jannik Sinner (Italy)
- Runner Up – Daniil Medvedev (Russia)

Women's Singles

- Winner – Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)
- Runner Up – Zheng Qinwen (China)

Men's Doubles

- Winner – Rohan Bopanna (India) & Matthew Ebden (Australia)
- Runner Up – Simone Bolelli (Italy) and Andrea Vavassori (Italy)

Women's Doubles

- Winner – Hsieh Su-Wei (Taiwan) & Elise Mertens (Belgium)
- Runner Up – Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia) and Lyudmyla Kichenok (Ukraine)

Mixed Doubles title

- Winner – Hsieh Su-wei (Taiwan) & Jan Zielinski (Poland)
- Runner Up – Desirae Krawczyk (USA) & Neal Skupski (Britain)

FRENCH OPEN TITLE 2024

Men's Singles

- Winner – Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)
- Runner Up – Alexander Zverev (Germany)

Women's Singles

- Winner – Iga Świątek (Poland)
- Runner Up – Jasmine Paolini (Italy)

Men's Doubles

- Winner -Marcelo Arevalo (El Salvador) & Mate Pavic (Croatia)
- Runner Up – Simone Bolelli (Italy) and Andrea Vavassori (Italy)

Women's Doubles

- Winner – Coco Gauff (USA) & Katerina Siniakova (Czech)
- Runner Up – Sara Errani (Italy) & Jasmine Paolini (Italy)

Mixed Doubles title

- Winner – Laura Siegemund (Germany) and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (France)
- Runner Up -Desirae Krawczyk (USA) and Neal Skupski (Britain)

WIMBLEDON OPEN TITLE 2024

Men's Singles

- Winner – Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)
- Runner Up – Novak Djokovic (Serbia)

Women's Singles

- Winner – Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic)
- Runner Up – Jasmine Paolini (Italy)

Men's Doubles

- Winner – Henry Patten (British) & Harri Heliövaara (Finland)
- Runner Up -Max Purcell (Australia) & Jordan Thompson (Australia)

Women's Doubles

- Winner – Taylor Townsend (USA) & Katerina Siniakova (USA)
- Runner Up – Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) & Erin Routliffe (New Zealand)

Mixed Doubles title

- Winner – Hsieh Su-Wei (Taiwan) & Jan Zielinski (Poland)
- Runner Up – Santiago Gonzalez (Mexico) & Giuliana Olmos (Mexico)

US OPEN TITLE 2024

Men's Singles

- Winner – Jannik Sinner (Italy)
- Runner Up – Taylor Fritz (USA)

Women's Singles

- Winner – Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)
- Runner Up – Jessica Pegula (USA)

Men's Doubles

- Winner – Max Purcell (Australia) and Jordan Thompson (Australian)
- Runner Up – Kevin Krawietz (Germany) and Tim Puetz (Germany)

Women's Doubles

- Winner – Lyudmyla Kichenok (Ukraine) and Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia)
- Runner Up -Kristina Mladenovic (France) and Zhang Shuai (China)

Mixed Doubles

- Winner – Sara Errani (Italy) and Andrea Vavassori (Italy)
- Runner Up – Donald Young (USA) and Taylor Townsend (USA)

Oldest Indian Medal Winner at Summer Olympics

The Oldest Indian to win a medal at the Summer Olympics is Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore. He won a silver medal in the double trap shooting event at the 2004 Athens Olympics at the age of 34 years, 6 months, and 19 days.

The Oldest Indian woman to win a medal at the Summer Olympics is boxer Mary Kom. Kom won a bronze medal in the 2012 London

Olympics at the age of 29 years, 8 months, and 15 days.

Paris Olympics: India finishes 71st in medal tally

USA and China both won 40 gold medals each at Paris Olympics 2024 but the United States of America topped the medals table finishing above the Asian giant only under their 44 silvers.

China, the last nation apart from the U.S. to top the standings when they did it on home soil at the 2008 Beijing Games, managed only 27 silvers.

India finished 71st at the Paris Olympics with one silver and five bronze.

Mascot and Motto of the 2024 Paris Olympics

The 2024 Paris Olympics Mascot is Olympic Phryge. It is designed on the traditional French Phrygian hat that represents the symbols of freedom and the French Republic.

It is coloured in blue, white and red, representing the flag of France with the golden Paris 2024 logo emblazoned across its chest.

Alone we go faster, but together we go further,” is the motto of the Paris Olympics and the Paralympic Games.

India’s Pramod Bhagat suspended from Paris Paralympics Over Breach of Anti-Doping Regulations

India’s Tokyo 2020 Paralympic gold medal winner Pramod Bhagat, Badminton, has been suspended for a period of 18 months for breaching the anti-doping regulations.

As a result of the suspension, Pramod will miss the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

Syria wins the 4th Intercontinental Cup Men’s Football Tournament

Syria defeated India 3-0 in the last round-robin match to win the 4th Intercontinental Cup men’s football championship. India, the defending champions, could not score a single goal in the match.

Mahmoud Al-Mawas, Syrian captain, received the winners’ trophy and was named the Syed Abdul Rahim Player of the Tournament.

The All India Football Federation organised the 4th Intercontinental Cup football championship at the GMC Balayogi Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad, Telangana.

[Irani Cup 2024 to be played in Lucknow from October 1-5](#)

The 2024/25 Irani Cup game, which was supposed to be held in Mumbai from October 1 to 5, has been shifted to Lucknow.

The match will be played between current Ranji Trophy winners Mumbai and a Rest of the India side selected by the national selection committee.

[Neeraj Chopra finishes second at Diamond League Final in Brussels](#)

Ace Indian javelin throw athlete Neeraj Chopra finished in second position in Brussels with a best throw of 87.86 m at the Diamond League Final.

Neeraj missed out on the top spot by just a 1 cm margin.

[4th South Asian Junior Athletics Championship: India at topped the medal tally](#)

The 4th South Asian Junior Athletics Championships was held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

India led the Medal tally by winning 48 medals- 21 gold,22 silver and 5 bronze.

The Sri Lanka team, which gave a tough fight to the Indians, came second with 35 medals— 9 gold, 9 silver, and 17 bronze. Bangladesh came third with three bronze medals. Pakistan and Bhutan failed to win a single medal at the event.

The first South Asian Junior Athletics Championships was held in Sri Lanka in November 2007. The second edition was held in Ranchi in November 2013, and the third was held in May 2018 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

[India wins Men's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy for record 5th time](#)

The Indian men's hockey team, led by Harmanpreet Singh, defeated host China 1-0 in the final to win the Men's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy for a record fifth time.

The final match of the 8th Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 was played at the Moqi Hockey Training Base in Hulunbuir City.

Defending champion India had earlier won the trophy in 2011,2016,2018 and 2023.

[Glasgow to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games](#)

Glasgow, Scotland's capital, has agreed to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games after the original host, Victoria of Australia, declined due to the rising cost.

Glasgow has previously successfully hosted the 2012 Commonwealth Games.

The first Commonwealth Games was held in 1930, and countries or territories that are members of the Commonwealth Games

Federation, now known as Commonwealth Sport, participate in the Games.

The last of six of the seventh edition of the Commonwealth Games has been held in Great Britain or Australia.

Scotland, England and Wales constitute Great Britain.

DEFENCE

Cabinet approves ₹26,000 cr deal with HAL for 240 aero-engines for SU-30 MKIs

PM Narendra Modi-headed Cabinet Committee on Security in its meeting approved a proposal for procurement of 240 aero-engines (AL-31FP) for Russian-origin SU-30 MKI fighter aircraft from defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) at a cost of over ₹26,000 crore.

Earlier, the MoD had given nod to HAL for major upgrade of SU-30 MKI fleet of aircrafts of the Indian Air Force (IAF) to increase their operational lives which is worth ₹60,000 crore.

Through that, the aircraft will have new electronic warfare capabilities, weapon systems, radars and mission control systems.

The comprehensive upgrades will add another two to three decades to the lives of aircraft whose body frame otherwise remains flying worthy for 50 years.

INS Tabar participates in 22nd Indo French VARUNA naval exercise in Mediterranean

The Indian Navy's frontline warship INS Tabar participated in the 22nd edition of India-France Bilateral Exercise VARUNA in the Mediterranean Sea.

The Indian Navy was represented by the shipborne helicopter LRMR Aircraft P81, whereas the French side was represented by FS Provence, Submarine Suffren, Aircraft F20, Atlantique 2, fighters MB339, and helicopters NH90, Dauphin.

VARUNA highlights the commitment of Indian and French Navies towards enhancing interoperability through collaborative efforts.

The bilateral exercise VARUNA began in 2001 to strengthen the India-France relationship and has evolved significantly over the years towards exchanging best practices.

Indian Navy's P8I aircraft reaches Australia's Darwin to participate in Exercise Kakadu

The Indian Navy's P8I aircraft, led by Commanding Officer Captain Ajay Kanwar, has reached Australia's Darwin to participate in the 16th edition of Exercise Kakadu 2024.

The Indian Navy will participate in the exercise alongside more than 30 nations with the theme of 'Regional Cooperation through Trusted and Proven Partnerships.'

Australia's biggest warfare exercise- Kakadu, incorporates warships, helicopters, and maritime patrol aircraft from attending countries.

Kakadu is an important exercise hosted by RAN as it deepens relationships and interoperability between participating armed forces.

Oman hosts Indo-Oman Eastern Bridge VII & Al Najah V Exercise

The Indian Army and the Indian Air Force contingent have arrived in Oman to participate in the AL NAJAH -V and Exercise Eastern Bridge -VII, respectively.

Exercise Eastern Bridge VII

The seventh edition of the bilateral military exercise Exercise Eastern Bridge between the Indian Air Force and the Royal Oman Air Force commenced at the Air Force Base Masirah, Oman.

Exercise AL NAJAH 2024

The 5th edition of the bilateral military exercise AL NAJAH between the Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman will be held at the Rabkoot Training Area in Salalah, Oman.

National Symposium 'Exercise AIKYA' on Disaster Management begin in Chennai

A two-day national symposium of the National Disaster Management Authority and the Army Southern Command entitled Exercise AIKYA begin in

The primary aim of the exercise is to enhance disaster preparedness and foster robust collaboration among key stakeholders.

The exercise will feature simulations, technology discussions and expert insights into various roles of disaster management.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

India successfully carries out launch of Agni-4 ballistic missile at Chandipur

India has carried out a successful launch of an Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-4, from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur in Odisha.

In April this year, India successfully tested the new-generation nuclear-capable Agni-Prime ballistic missile from the Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha. It met all the trial objectives, validating its reliable performance.

The Agni missiles are long-range, nuclear weapons-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missiles developed by India.

India selects 2 crew members for Axiom-4 mission to International Space Station

India has shortlisted two astronaut-designates for the upcoming Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS).

Indian astronauts Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair have been shortlisted to go to the U.S. to train for the upcoming Axiom-4 mission to ISS.

A National Mission Assignment Board has recommended two Gaganyatris (astronauts) as prime and backup Mission Pilot for this mission. Group Captain Shukla will be the prime mission pilot and Group Captain Nair will be the backup.

The Axiom-4 mission is the fourth private astronaut mission to the International Space Station.

ISRO to launch Remote Sensing EOS 8 Satellite on 55th Foundation Day

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch its Earth Observation Satellite-08 (EOS-08) on 15 August 2024, its 55th foundation day.

The EOS-08 satellite will be launched by ISRO's Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV)-D3. Here, D stands for Developmental. The satellite will be launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

the Himalayan region, flood detection, and inland waterbody detection.

About the Earth Observation Satellite-08 (EOS-08)

- The EOS-08 is a remote-sensing microsatellite with a mass of around 175.5 kg. It will be placed in a Circular Low-Earth Orbit (LEO) at an altitude of 475 km.
- The life of the satellite is around 1 year.
- The satellite will help with ocean surface wind analysis, soil moisture assessment, cryosphere studies over

IMPORTANT DAYS

- 1st – 7th September – National Nutrition Week. Theme 2024 – Nutritious Diets for Everyone
- 5th September – International Day of Charity
- 7th September – International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies
- 9 September – International Literacy Day. **Theme 2024 – Promoting multilingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace'.**
- 9th September Himalaya Diwas 2024
- 10th September World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) 2024

- 11th September National Forest Martyrs Day 2024
- 14th September Hindi Diwas 2024
- 15th September National Engineer's Day 2024
- 15th September International Day of Democracy 2024
- 16th September World Ozone Day 2024
- 17th September World Patient Safety Day 2024
- 18th September World Bamboo Day 2024
- 20th-26th September International Week of the Deak 2024
- 21st September International Day of Peace 2024
- 21st September World Alzheimer's Day 2024
- 21st September International Red Panda Day 2024
- 22nd September Day for the Welfare of Cancer Patients 2024
- 22nd September World Rhino Day 2024
- 23rd September International Day of Sign Languages 2024
- 24th September World Rivers Day 2024
- 25th September World Pharmacists Day 2024
- 25th September Antyodaya Diwas 2024
- 26th September World Contraception Day 2024
- 26th September World Environmental Health Day 2024
- 27th September World Tourism Day 2024
- 28th September World Rabies Day 2024
- 28th September International Day for Universal Access to Information 2024
- 29th September World Heart Day 2024
- 30th September International Translation Day 2024

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