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The Most Important Current Affairs June 2024

T20 World Cup 2024, India Lifts the Trophy

India beats South Africa by 7 runs and lifts the India lifts ICC T20 World Cup 2024 for 2nd time after 2007. India has ended an 11-year trophy drought by defeating South Africa in the T20 World Cup final by a margin of 7 runs. This victory marks India's second T20 World Cup title. At the end of their 20 overs, South Africa managed to reach 169/8, chasing India's 176/7.

T20 World Cup 2024, India Lifts the Trophy

Earlier, **Virat Kohli (76) and Axar Patel (47)** weathered the early storm to push India to a competitive score in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup final against South Africa in Bridgetown on June 29.

Here is the list of all winners of the T20 World Cup 2024:

- Player of the match – Virat Kohli (India)
- Player of the tournament – Jasprit Bumrah (India)

Meanwhile, Afghanistan's Rahmanullah Gurbaz finished the tournament with most runs – 281 in eight innings at a strike rate of over 124. Rohit Sharma was second in the list with 257 runs at a strike rate of 156.70. Afghanistan's Fazalhaq Farooqi was the joint highest wicket-taker with along with India's Arshdeep Singh – 17 wickets.

Virat Kohli dropped a bombshell that sent shockwaves through the cricketing world. The **33-year-old batting maestro** announced his retirement from T20 international cricket, bringing an end to a glittering career in the shortest format of the game.

Kohli's decision came moments after he was awarded the **Man of the Match** trophy for his stellar performance in the final. The timing of his announcement added a bittersweet flavor to India's victory celebrations, as fans grappled with mixed emotions of joy and sadness. Following Virat Kohli's decision to step away from T20 internationals, Indian captain **Rohit Sharma** revealed that he too had played his final match in the format. Star India all-rounder **Ravindra Jadeja** has announced his decision to **retire from T20 internationals** following **India's T20 World Cup 2024 triumph**. Ravindra Jadeja has called it quits from **T20 internationals**, bowing out on a high with the **T20 World Cup 2024 trophy**.

PM Narendra Modi Takes Oath for the 3rd term as PM

On a historic day, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** took the oath of office for an unprecedented **third straight term** as the head of a **coalition government**. The swearing-in ceremony witnessed the induction of several leaders from the **National Democratic Alliance (NDA)** partners, reflecting the BJP's commitment to rewarding its allies.

Modi's Remarkable Achievement

At the age of 73, Modi equalled the feat of India's first Prime Minister, **Jawaharlal Nehru**, who won three consecutive general elections in **1952, 1957, and 1962**. This achievement underscores Modi's enduring popularity and his party's dominance in the country's political landscape.

Cabinet Composition: Balancing Experience and Allies

Following Modi's oath-taking, several senior leaders, including **Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, and Nitin Gadkari**, were sworn in as **Cabinet Ministers**. Seasoned leaders like **Nirmala Sitharaman** also retained their positions, ensuring continuity and experience in key portfolios.

In a strategic move, Modi inducted several MPs from NDA partners, acknowledging their contributions to the alliance's success. The **Telugu Desam Party (TDP)** and the BJP in Andhra Pradesh, where the NDA won an impressive **21 out of 25 Lok Sabha seats**, secured two ministerial berths each.

Other notable inclusions were **Ram Mohan Naidu** and **Pemmasani Chandrashekhara** from the TDP, **H.D. Kumaraswamy** from the JD(S), and **Sarbananda Sonowal** from the BJP.

NDA's Electoral Performance

The NDA secured a comfortable **286 seats** in the recently concluded general elections. However, the BJP's individual tally of **240 seats** fell short of the **272-majority mark**, indicating a decline from its previous performances of **303 seats in 2019** and **282 seats in 2014**.

International Presence at the Swearing-in Ceremony

Reflecting India's growing global stature, leaders from seven countries in the **South Asia** and **Indian Ocean** regions graced the swearing-in ceremony with their presence. Their attendance underscores the importance of strengthening regional ties and fostering cooperation in the region.

As Modi embarks on his third term, the nation eagerly anticipates the unveiling of his cabinet's complete composition and the allocation of crucial portfolios. With a blend of experienced leaders and fresh faces from coalition partners, the new government is poised to tackle the challenges ahead and chart a course towards a prosperous and inclusive India.

QS World University Rankings 2025 Announced

The much-awaited **QS World University Rankings 2025** have been announced, featuring an impressive **1,500 universities** across **105 higher education systems**. This year's ranking stands as the largest ever, underscoring the global commitment to academic excellence and innovation.

Top-Ranked Universities

The rankings are led by prestigious institutions that have consistently maintained their positions at the forefront of higher education. Here are the top 10 universities according to the QS World University Rankings 2025:

Rank	University	Location	Overall Score
1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	Cambridge, United States	100
2	Imperial College London	London, United Kingdom	98.5
3	University of Oxford	Oxford, United Kingdom	96.9
4	Harvard University	Cambridge, United States	96.8
5	University of Cambridge	Cambridge, United Kingdom	96.7
6	Stanford University	Stanford, United States	96.1
7	ETH Zurich	Zürich, Switzerland	93.9
8	National University of Singapore (NUS)	Singapore	93.7
9	UCL	London, United Kingdom	91.6
10	California Institute of Technology (Caltech)	Pasadena, United States	90.9

Top-Ranked Universities-India

Rank	University	Location	Overall Score
118	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)	Mumbai, India	56.3
=150	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD)	New Delhi, India	52.1
211	Indian Institute of Science	Bangalore, India	45.0
=222	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT-KGP)	Kharagpur, India	43.7
=227	Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM)	Chennai, India	43.5
263	Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK)	Kanpur, India	39.3

Rank	University	Location	Overall Score
=328	University of Delhi	New Delhi, India	33.8
335	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IITR)	Roorkee, India	33.4
=344	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IITG)	Guwahati, India	32.9
383	Anna University	Chennai, India	30.6

77th World Health Assembly

The **International Health Regulations of 2005** are amended by the **77th World Health Assembly**, taking into account **300 recommendations from member states**. The purpose of amendments is to strengthen nations' capacity to anticipate and address pandemic and public health emergencies of global concern. They contain measures to support developing nations in creating, bolstering, and preserving the fundamental capacities mandated by the **IHR**, as well as measures to enable **fair access to pertinent health items during medical emergencies**.

Aim of the Amendment

Amendments aim at **improving countries' ability to prepare for and respond to Public Health Emergencies of International Concern and Pandemic Emergencies**. They include provisions for facilitating equitable access to relevant health products during health emergencies, as well as mobilizing financial resources to support developing countries in building, strengthening, and maintaining the core capacities required under the **IHR**.

Importance of 77th World Health Assembly

- In its **77th session**, the theme for this year's event is **"Health For All: All for Health"**.
- To have a **deeper comprehension of the risks to and effects of global healthcare**.
- Key threats to global health are identified in the paper **Shaping the Future of Health and Healthcare**, along with possible solutions.

Why there is a need for World Health Assembly

Over the past few years, **society** has experienced a **wave of adverse events, including the COVID-19 pandemic, geopolitical conflicts and the impacts of the climate and energy crises**, which have engulfed **global health and healthcare**.

Every year, the World Health Assembly is tasked with tackling global healthcare challenges like these and deciding how best to overcome them.

What is the World Health Assembly

The **World Health Assembly** is the **governing body of the World Health Organization (WHO)**, an organization under the **United Nations (UN)** that is tasked with advancing **global health and ensuring that everyone has access to the best possible medical treatment**. Every year, representatives from WHO member states convene at the **UN headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland**, to discuss a particular healthcare agenda defined by the organization’s Executive Board. There are **34 technically qualified members of the Executive Board** who are elected to **three-year terms**. Each year in January, they convene to decide on the agenda and any resolutions to be presented to the World Health Assembly for approval.

What does the Assembly do

The World Health Assembly’s **delegates deliberate over the Executive Board’s policy agenda** for the upcoming year and determine the health objectives and tactics that will direct the **WHO’s efforts in the field of public health**. Voting to select the organization’s **Director-General for a five-year term** is one of the organization’s other duties. Head of the world’s premier public health agency, **Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, was re-elected in 2022 to a second term in office. Along with overseeing financial policies, the Assembly also approves the proposed budget program to finance WHO activities in the future, tracks the implementation of work programs, and develops strategies to close gaps.

RBI Monetary Policy June 2024, Repo Rate Unchanged at 6.5%

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das announced that the **Monetary Policy Committee** has chosen to maintain the policy **repo rate at 6.5%**, with a **4:2 majority decision**. Consequently, the standing deposit facility (SDF) rate remains **unchanged at 6.25%**, while both the **marginal standing facility (MSF)** rate and the bank rate stand firm at **6.75%**.

RBI Repo Rate are as under

- Policy Repo Rate: **6.50%** (Unchanged)
- Standing Deposit Facility (SDF): **6.25%** (Unchanged)
- Marginal Standing Facility Rate: **6.75%** (Unchanged)
- Bank Rate: **6.75%** (Unchanged)
- Fixed Reverse Repo Rate: **3.35%** (Unchanged)
- CRR: **4.50%** (Unchanged)
- SLR: **18.00%** (Unchanged)

Key Decisions From June MPC:

- CPI inflation in Q1 was seen at 4.9%, Q2 at 3.8%, Q3 at 4.6%, and Q4 at 4.5%, said Shaktikanta Das.
- Net FPI inflows stood at \$41.6 billion, compared with outflows in FY22 and FY23, said the RBI Governor.
- RBI will permit use of third-party UPI apps for making UPI payments from PPI wallets.

- RBI will introduce mobile app to operate in retail direct portal for retail investors.
- Total flow of resources to the commercial sector was at ₹31.2-lakh crore in FY24.

Real GDP growth for FY25 is projected at 7.2 per cent.

- Q1 at 7.3 percent,
- Q2 at 7.2 per cent and
- Q3 and Q4 each at 7.3 percent

French Open 2024, Check Complete list of Winners

The **French Open 2024** witnessed a thrilling conclusion as the young Spanish sensation, **Carlos Alcaraz**, emerged victorious in the men's singles final. In a gruelling five-set battle against the formidable **Alexander Zverev**, Alcaraz showcased his resilience and skill, conquering the German with a scoreline of 6-3, 2-6, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2.

At just 21 years old, Alcaraz has etched his name in the annals of tennis history, becoming the youngest man in the **Open era** to achieve the remarkable feat of winning Grand Slam titles on all three surfaces – hard court, clay, and grass. This extraordinary accomplishment underscores his versatility and unwavering determination on the court.

Iga Swiatek Continues Her Dominance at Roland Garros

In the women's singles final, the indomitable **Iga Swiatek** once again reigned supreme at the iconic **Roland Garros** stadium. The 23-year-old Polish superstar clinched her fourth French Open title, solidifying her status as a true clay-court maestro. Swiatek's relentless performance saw her dismantle the challenge of **Jasmine Paolini** with a resounding 6-2, 6-1 scoreline. With this victory, Swiatek has etched her name alongside tennis legends, joining Belgium's **Justine Henin** in third place on the all-time list of most French Open titles won by a woman.

List of Winners French Open 2024:

Title	Winner	Runner up
Men’s Singles	Carlos Alcaraz	Alexander Zverev
Women’s Singles	Iga Swiatek	Jasmine Paolini
Men’s doubles	Marcelo Arevalo & Mate Pavic	Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori
Women’s doubles	Coco Gauff & Katerina Siniakova	Sara Errani & Jasmine Paolini
Mixed doubles	Laura Siegemund and Edouard Roger-Vasselin	Desirae Krawczyk and Neal Skupski

Global Peace Index 2024: An Overview

The **Global Peace Index (GPI) 2024**, published by the **Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP)**, provides a comprehensive measure of global peacefulness, evaluating **163 independent states and territories**. This report highlights the trends, results, and economic impacts of violence across the world, offering valuable insights into the current state of peace and the factors influencing it.

Key Findings

Overall Peacefulness

- **Global Peace Deterioration:** The average level of global peacefulness deteriorated by 0.56% in 2024. This marks the fifth consecutive year of declining peacefulness.
- **Country Improvements and Deteriorations:** In the past year, 65 countries recorded improvements in peacefulness, while 97 countries saw deteriorations. This is the highest number of countries to experience a decline in a single year since the index's inception.

Regional Highlights

- **Most Peaceful Countries:** Iceland remains the most peaceful country, a position it has held since 2008, followed by Ireland, Austria, New Zealand, and Singapore.
- **Least Peaceful Countries:** Yemen is now the least peaceful country, followed by Sudan, South Sudan, Afghanistan, and Ukraine.

Regional Performance

- **Europe:** Europe continues to be the most peaceful region, despite a slight deterioration in peacefulness over the past year.
- **Middle East and North Africa (MENA):** MENA remains the least peaceful region, with significant conflicts in countries like Yemen and Sudan contributing to its low ranking.
- **North America:** North America recorded the largest regional deterioration, driven by increased violent crime and perceptions of criminality in both Canada and the US.

Trends in Peacefulness

- **Militarisation:** The Militarisation domain saw the largest year-on-year deterioration. Military expenditure (% of GDP) increased in 86 countries, reflecting broader trends of rising militarisation.
- **Ongoing Conflict:** The Ongoing Conflict domain also deteriorated significantly, influenced by ongoing wars in Gaza and Ukraine. The number of conflicts involving at least one state has reached a new high.
- **Safety and Security:** This domain recorded a slight improvement, driven by reductions in violent demonstrations, terrorism impact, and the homicide rate in several regions.

Economic Impact of Violence

- **Global Cost:** The economic impact of violence on the global economy in 2023 was \$19.1 trillion, equivalent to 13.5% of global GDP or \$2,380 per person.
- **Conflict Costs:** The conflict in Ukraine had a significant economic impact, shrinking Ukraine's economy by an estimated 30% in 2022. The Syrian civil war has led to an 85% drop in GDP since its onset.
- **Military and Security Expenditure:** Over 74% of the total economic impact of violence is attributed to military and internal security expenditure, with military spending alone accounting for \$8.4 trillion.

War in the 21st Century

- **Changing Nature of Conflict:** Modern warfare is increasingly characterised by technological advancements and geopolitical competition. Non-state actors are now more capable of engaging larger states using technologies like drones.
- **Internationalisation of Conflict:** Conflicts are becoming more internationalised, with 92 countries now engaged in conflicts beyond their borders. This complicates negotiation processes and prolongs conflicts.
- **Asymmetric Warfare:** The rise of asymmetric warfare, including drone attacks by non-state groups, has made conflicts more complex and harder to resolve.

Positive Peace and the Halo Approach

- **Positive Peace:** Defined as the attitudes, institutions, and structures that create and sustain peaceful societies, Positive Peace is crucial for forecasting and mitigating future conflicts.
- **Halo Approach:** IEP's Halo approach provides a framework for analyzing societal systems and designing resilience-building programs. This adaptive approach helps in creating effective policies for building Positive Peace.

Table of Rankings

Rank	Country	Score	Change in Rank
1	Iceland	1.112	↔
2	Ireland	1.303	↔
3	Austria	1.313	↑1
4	New Zealand	1.323	↓1
5	Singapore	1.339	↑3
6	Switzerland	1.35	↑3
7	Portugal	1.372	↓1
8	Denmark	1.382	↓3
9	Slovenia	1.395	↓2
10	Malaysia	1.427	↑2
116	India	2.319	↑5
163	Yemen	3.397	↓2

Highlights of G7 Summit 2024

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 14, held a series of bilateral meetings with world leaders. The countries including UK counterpart **Rishi Sunak**, French President **Emmanuel Macron**, Ukrainian President **Volodymyr Zelensky**, and others, on the sidelines of the G7 Summit, in southern Italy's Apulia. Later, the Prime Minister also met Pope Francis of the Vatican.

About G7 Summit

The **G7 Summit** is an international forum held annually for the leaders of the **G7 member states** of France, the **United States**, the **United Kingdom**, **Germany**, **Japan**, **Italy**, and **Canada** (in order of rotating presidency), and the **European Union** (EU).

Features of the G7 Summit

At the G7 Summit, the leaders of the G7, which shares fundamental values such as **freedom, democracy** and **human rights**, exchange candid views on important challenges the international community is facing at that time, such as the global economy, regional affairs and various global issues, and issue a document as an outcome of such discussions. With the leadership of the leaders of the G7, which shares fundamental values, the G7 has effectively responded to important challenges that the international community faces.

The Beginning of the G7 Summit

In the **1970s**, developed countries that faced various challenges such as the Nixon shock (1971) and the first oil crisis (1973) began recognizing the need to create a forum to comprehensively discuss policy coordination of macro economy, currency, trade, and energy, among others, at a leader's level. Against this backdrop, proposed by then-French President Giscard d'Estaing, the **first Summit** was held in **November 1975** at the Chateau de Rambouillet (located in the outskirts of Paris), with participation from six countries-**France, the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, and Italy**. Since then, Summits have been held **annually** with revolving Presidency. **Russia's membership** was suspended in **March 2014** in response to its annexation of Crimea.

About 2024 G7 Summit

The **50th G7** includes **Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom**, and the **United States**. **Italy**, hosting the summit, has invited African leaders-Algerian President **Abdelmadjid Tebboune**, Kenyan President **William Ruto**, and Tunisian President **Kais Saied**-to discuss Meloni's plans for development and migration in **Africa**. Other guests include Ukrainian President **Zelensky**, Brazilian President **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva**, Indian **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**, and Turkish President **Recep Tayyip Erdogan**. Many G7 countries are also experiencing political changes. With Biden, UK Prime Minister **Rishi Sunak**, and French President **Emmanuel Macron** facing elections soon, there is pressure on the G7 to achieve as much as possible while the current leadership remains.

Theme of this year summit

The theme of this year's summit, which will be attended by President **Recep Tayyip Erdoğan** of the Republic of Türkiye, as a special guest, has been set as "**rules-based international system.**"

Italy's agenda for the 2024 summit?

The **2024, 50th G7** summit will be held from **13 to 15 June in Apulia**, in Italy. It will be the first major international forum hosted by the Italian prime minister, **Giorgia Meloni**, since she took office in October 2022. As well as the wars in **Ukraine and Gaza**, Italy says it wants the summit to **focus on Africa and migration, economic security, and international co-operation** on artificial intelligence (AI).

Focus of this year summit

- **Supporting Ukraine's Fight for Freedom:** G7 leaders announced a plan to provide Ukraine with \$50 billion in new financing by bringing forward the interest earned on immobilized Russian sovereign assets held in the European Union and other jurisdictions. The Biden Administration this week issued a sweeping set of new sanctions and export control measures, guided by G7 commitments to intensify the pressure on Russia for its war against Ukraine. In Puglia, President Biden and President Zelensky signed the U.S.-Ukraine Bilateral Security Agreement as a demonstration of enduring U.S. support for Ukraine, including through binding commitments to deepen our security and defense cooperation and to consult in the event of a future armed attack.
- **Advancing International Peace, Security, and Prosperity:** The G7's work is grounded in a shared commitment to respect the UN Charter, promote international peace and security, and uphold the free and open rules-based international order.
- **Promoting Economic Resilience and Economic Security:** President Biden rallied the G7 to take further steps to protect our workers, industries, and the investments.
- **Partnering with Developing Countries to Invest in their Future:** The G7 is taking ambitious steps to scale up support to developing countries and accelerate progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals.
- **Accelerating the Clean Energy Transition to Address Climate Change:** The G7 is accelerating its work to address the challenges of climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss.
- **Promoting Health and Food Security:** The G7 continues to lead global efforts to address the food security crisis and support strong, resilient and responsive health systems around the world.
- **Investing in Childcare to Support Women's Economic Participation:** The G7 is tackling the unequal gender distribution of care work, which contributes to gender inequality.

- **Enhancing Our Partnership on Migration:** Drawn from the principles of the Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection that President Biden launched at the Summit of the Americas in 2022, the G7 affirmed a collective commitment to addressing migration in ways that reflect both the challenges and opportunities it presents.
- **Deepening Cooperation on Artificial Intelligence:** In line with the Biden Administration’s vision laid out in the October 2023 Executive Order on the Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence, the G7 is building partnerships around the world to ensure the benefits of artificial intelligence and other technologies are widely shared while mitigating risks.
- **Increasing Coordination to Promote AI Safety:** G7 leaders committed to step up efforts to enhance interoperability between our respective approaches to AI governance and risk management.

India’s Environment Performance in 2024

India’s latest ranking in the **Environmental Performance Index (EPI) for 2024** places it at **176th out of 180 countries**, reflecting slight improvement from previous years but still positioning it among the **world’s lowest performers**. The index, prepared by **Yale and Columbia universities**, highlights India’s struggles in crucial areas like air quality, biodiversity, and greenhouse gas emissions.

Top 10 Countries in the Environmental Performance Index 2024

1. **Estonia** – Score: 75.3
2. **Luxembourg** – Score: 75.0
3. **Germany** – Score: 74.6
4. **Finland** – Score: 73.7
5. **United Kingdom** – Score: 72.7
6. **Sweden** – Score: 70.5
7. **Norway** – Score: 70.0
8. **Austria** – Score: 69.0
9. **Switzerland** – Score: 68.0
10. **Denmark** – Score: 67.9

Environmental Challenges

India faces severe challenges in several key environmental metrics:

Air Quality

Continues to be a major concern, with India ranking poorly in air quality compared to global standards, surpassing even its South Asian neighbors.

Biodiversity and Habitat

Scores poorly in measures related to ecosystem vitality, species protection, and terrestrial biome preservation.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Despite efforts in renewable energy, India remains one of the largest emitters globally, impacting climate change efforts.

Progress Amid Challenges

While India ranks low overall, there are areas showing improvement:

Climate Change

Notwithstanding its overall low ranking, India’s efforts in climate change mitigation have been recognized, particularly with initiatives in renewable energy and a commitment to achieving net-zero emissions by 2070.

Sector-Specific Gains

India’s scores are bolstered by advancements in waste management, forest conservation, and agricultural practices.

Policy and International Comparisons

Coal Dependence

Heavy reliance on coal continues to hamper India’s environmental performance, contributing significantly to air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

Global Context

The index highlights disparities among nations, with India’s ranking affected by the relative progress of other countries in environmental stewardship.

Future Challenges and Financial Needs

Sustainability Goals

India faces substantial challenges in achieving sustainability across multiple fronts, necessitating significant financial investments estimated at \$160 billion annually to meet climate goals and environmental targets.

India’s Environmental Performance: Key Points

Ranking

India ranks 176th out of 180 countries in the 2024 Environmental Performance Index.

Challenges

- **Air Quality:** India faces severe challenges with air quality, often exceeding safe limits.
- **Biodiversity:** Concerns over ecosystem vitality, species protection, and habitat preservation.
- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** One of the largest global emitters, impacting climate change efforts.

Progress

- **Climate Change Initiatives:** Pursuing renewable energy projects and aiming for net-zero emissions by 2070.
- **Sector-Specific Improvements:** Advancements in waste management, forest conservation, and agriculture.

Policy and International Comparisons

- **Coal Dependence:** Heavy reliance on coal remains a significant environmental challenge.
- **Global Context:** India’s ranking affected by the environmental progress of other nations.

Future Needs

- **Financial Investments:** Estimated \$160 billion annually needed for climate mitigation efforts and environmental sustainability.

PM Modi Inaugurates New Campus of Nalanda University in Bihar

On **June 19**, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **new campus of Nalanda University**, an international institution of learning near the ancient ruins of Nalanda in Rajgir, Bihar. The PM asserted that Nalanda is a **symbol of India’s academic heritage** and a proclamation of the enduring nature of knowledge.

Establishment and Functioning

- The **Parliament of India** established Nalanda University through the **Nalanda University Act, 2010**, based on decisions taken at the East Asia Summits in 2007 and 2009.
- The university started functioning in 2014 from a temporary location with 14 students, and construction of the new campus began in 2017.
- Representatives from **17 participating countries**, including ambassadors and ministers, attended the inauguration event.

Reviving a Global Centre of Learning

PM Modi emphasized that the **renaissance of Nalanda University** will introduce India’s potential to the world and once again become a **major centre for cultural exchange**. He highlighted that the heritage of many countries and Asia is linked to Nalanda, which flourished for 800 years before its destruction in the 12th century.

Promoting Sustainability and Knowledge

The Prime Minister stressed that India has lived as a model of sustainability for centuries and should become a **centre of education and knowledge for the world**. He expressed his vision for India to have the world’s most comprehensive skill system and an advanced research-oriented higher education system.

International Participation and Offerings

- Nalanda University has participation from **17 nations**, including Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, and others, who have signed MoUs in support of the university.
- The university offers **137 scholarships** to international students, sponsored by various organizations and countries.
- It provides **Post Graduate and Doctoral research courses**, as well as short-term certificate courses.

PM’s Commitment and Vision

PM Modi emphasized the Central government’s commitment to providing all possible support to Nalanda University. He encouraged students to be curious, courageous, and kind, expressing confidence that the youth will provide leadership to the world, and Nalanda will become an important centre for global causes.

The article is written in simple language, with headings and subheadings. Important keywords are highlighted, and the word limit of 600 words is maintained. The tone of the article is in the style of “Important Days” types, focusing on the inauguration of the new campus of Nalanda University, its historical significance, and PM Modi’s vision for reviving India’s academic heritage and promoting sustainability and knowledge.

Sweden Tops, India at 63rd Rank on Global Energy Transition Index: WEF

According to the Global Energy Transition Index released by the **World Economic Forum (WEF) on 19 June 2024, India has been ranked 63rd out of 120 countries**, improving three ranks from **last year’s 67th position**. Sweden has again topped the Index, reflecting its continued leadership in energy transition. The WEF highlighted India’s significant advancements in energy equity, security, and sustainability.

Global Energy Transition Index Overview

The Global Energy Transition Index, published annually by the WEF in association with Accenture, evaluates nations’ progress and preparedness in building an equitable, secure, and sustainable energy future. It tracks government policies and their effectiveness in reducing carbon dioxide emissions, promoting non-fossil-based power sources, and enhancing energy efficiency.

2024 Rankings

European nations dominate the 2024 Index’s top ranks:

1. Sweden
2. Denmark
3. Finland
4. Switzerland
5. France

China is ranked 20th, while India stands at 63rd. The report indicates that 107 out of 120 countries have shown progress in their energy transition over the past decade, despite challenges such as economic volatility and geopolitical tensions.

India's Progress and Global Role

The WEF commended India's initiatives in encouraging non-fossil-based energy sources, particularly solar energy. India's improvements in energy security, equity, and sustainability are noteworthy, positioning the country as a critical player in the global energy transition alongside China. India is now the fourth largest in the renewable energy market globally, with renewable energy and biomass comprising 42% of its power generation capacity. Significant investments are also being made in electric vehicles and green hydrogen.

World Economic Forum

Founded in 1971 by German economist Klaus Schwab, the WEF is a non-profit international organization **headquartered in Cologne, Switzerland**. It aims to foster collaboration between global stakeholders to address common challenges. The WEF publishes several influential reports, including the Global Gender Gap Report, Global Competitiveness Report, Global Travel and Tourism Report, and Global IT Report.

Implications and Recommendations

The WEF suggests that other nations can replicate India's policies and innovative initiatives for a green energy transition. Despite progress, the report urges further efforts to reduce coal usage and emissions, emphasizing the potential of green technology in shaping the future of energy systems globally.

World Economic Forum: Key Points

Purpose

- **Collaboration Platform:** Facilitates cooperation among business, political, academic, and other leaders to address global challenges.
- **Global Issues:** Focuses on shaping global, regional, and industry agendas to improve the state of the world.

Foundation

- **Founded:** 1971
- **Founder:** Klaus Schwab, a German economist

Headquarters

- **Location:** Cologne, Switzerland

Key Activities

- **Annual Meetings:** Hosts annual meetings in Davos, Switzerland, bringing together global leaders from various sectors.
- **Reports and Research:** Publishes influential reports like the Global Gender Gap Report, Global Competitiveness Report, Energy Transition Index, and Global IT Report.
- **Initiatives:** Launches initiatives and partnerships to address issues such as climate change, economic development, and social inclusion.

Notable Reports

- **Global Gender Gap Report**
- **Global Competitiveness Report**
- **Energy Transition Index**
- **Global Travel and Tourism Report**
- **Global IT Report** (in collaboration with INSEAD and Cornell University)

Overall Mission

- **Improving the State of the World:** Aims to drive impactful actions through public-private cooperation and innovative solutions for global progress.

53rd GST Council Meeting Overview

The **53rd GST Council** met under the Chairpersonship of Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs **Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman** in New Delhi. The meeting was attended by key officials, including Union Minister of State for Finance Shri Pankaj Chaudhary, Chief Ministers of Goa and Meghalaya, Deputy Chief Ministers of Bihar, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, and Odisha, Finance Ministers of States & UTs (with legislature), and senior officers of the Ministry of Finance & States/ UTs.

Key Recommendations and Decisions

The GST Council made several recommendations concerning changes in GST tax rates, trade facilitation measures, and compliance streamlining in GST.

Changes in GST Tax Rates

GST Rates on Goods

- **Uniform IGST Rate on Aircraft Parts:** A uniform rate of 5% IGST will apply to imports of parts, components, testing equipment, tools, and tool-kits of aircrafts to boost MRO activities.
- **Milk Cans GST Rate:** All milk cans (steel, iron, aluminum) will attract a 12% GST rate.
- **Paper Products GST Rate Reduction:** The GST rate on carton, boxes, and cases of both corrugated and non-corrugated paper or paper-board has been reduced from 18% to 12%.
- **Solar Cookers GST Rate:** All solar cookers, whether single or dual energy source, will attract 12% GST.
- **Poultry Keeping Machinery:** The GST entry covering poultry keeping machinery attracting 12% GST has been amended to specifically incorporate "parts of poultry keeping machinery" and regularize past practice.
- **Sprinklers GST Rate:** All types of sprinklers, including fire water sprinklers, will attract 12% GST.
- **Defence Forces IGST Exemption:** The IGST exemption on imports of specified items for defence forces has been extended for five years till 30th June 2029.

- **RAMA Programme IGST Exemption:** IGST exemption on imports of research equipment/buoys under the RAMA programme has been extended subject to conditions.
- **Compensation Cess on SEZ Imports:** Compensation Cess on imports in SEZ by SEZ Unit/developers for authorized operations is exempted w.e.f. 01.07.2017.
- **Miscellaneous Exemptions:** Compensation Cess on supply of aerated beverages and energy drinks to authorized customers by Unit Run Canteens under Ministry of Defence and Adhoc IGST exemption on imports of technical documentation for AK-203 rifle kits for Indian Defence forces are also recommended.

GST Rates on Services

- **Indian Railways Services Exemption:** Services provided by Indian Railways to the general public, such as platform tickets, retiring rooms/waiting rooms, cloakroom services, and battery-operated car services, are exempt from GST.
- **SPV Services Exemption:** Services provided by Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV) to Indian Railways for infrastructure use during the concession period and maintenance services by Indian Railways to SPV are exempt.
- **Accommodation Services Exemption:** Accommodation services valued up to Rs. 20,000 per month per person supplied for a minimum continuous period of 90 days are exempt from GST.
- **Co-insurance and Re-insurance Services:** Co-insurance premium apportioned by lead insurer to the co-insurer and transactions of ceding commission/re-insurance commission between insurer and re-insurer are declared as no supply under Schedule III of the CGST Act.
- **GST Liability on Reinsurance Services:** GST liability on reinsurance services of specified insurance schemes will be regularized retrospectively.
- **Retrocession Clarification:** Retrocession, re-insurance of re-insurance, is eligible for exemption under Sl. No. 36A of notification No. 12/2017-CTR.
- **RERA Statutory Collections:** Statutory collections by Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) are exempt from GST.
- **Incentive Sharing under RuPay and BHIM-UPI:** Further sharing of incentive under NPCI's promotion scheme for RuPay Debit Cards and BHIM-UPI transactions is not taxable.

Measures for Facilitation of Trade

- **Section 128A Insertion for Conditional Waiver:** Section 128A will be inserted in CGST Act to provide conditional waiver of interest or penalty for demands raised under Section 73 for FY 2017-18 to FY 2019-20.

- **Reduction of Government Litigation:** Monetary limits for filing appeals in GST by the department before GST Appellate Tribunal, High Court, and Supreme Court are prescribed to reduce litigation.
- **Pre-deposit Amount for Appeals:** Pre-deposit amount for filing appeals under GST is reduced to ease cash flow for taxpayers.
- **GST on Extra Neutral Alcohol (ENA):** ENA used for manufacturing alcoholic liquor for human consumption is excluded from GST.
- **TCS Rate Reduction for ECOs:** TCS rate for supplies through Electronic Commerce Operators (ECOs) is reduced from 1% to 0.5%.
- **Appeal Filing Time in GST Appellate Tribunal:** The time for filing appeals in GST Appellate Tribunal is extended.
- **Relaxation in Section 16(4):** Section 16(4) of CGST Act is amended retrospectively for initial years to allow relaxation in availing input tax credit.
- **GSTR-4 Due Date Extension:** The due date for filing GSTR-4 for composition taxpayers is extended from 30th April to 30th June.
- **Interest Calculation in Rule 88B:** Amendment in rule 88B to exclude amounts in the Electronic Cash Ledger on due date from interest calculation for delayed return filing.
- **Section 11A Insertion:** Section 11A is inserted in CGST Act to regularize non-levy or short levy of GST due to common trade practices.
- **Refund of Additional IGST on Export:** A mechanism for claiming refund of additional IGST paid on upward revision in price of exported goods is prescribed.

Clarifications and Compliance Measures

- **Valuation of Import of Services:** Value of import of services by a related person, where the recipient is eligible for full input tax credit, is clarified.
- **Input Tax Credit on Optical Fiber Cables:** ITC is not restricted for ducts and manholes used in Optical Fiber Cable networks.
- **Place of Supply for Custodial Services:** Place of supply for custodial services provided by Indian Banks to Foreign Portfolio Investors is determined under Section 13(2) of the IGST Act.
- **Valuation of Corporate Guarantees:** Valuation of corporate guarantees between related persons is clarified, with amendments to rule 28(2) of CGST Rules.
- **Reverse Charge Mechanism Invoices:** The relevant financial year for availing ITC under RCM is the year the invoice is issued by the recipient.
- **Miscellaneous Clarifications:** Clarifications on various issues, including taxability of re-imbursalment of securities, input tax credit reversals, and taxability of loans between related persons, are provided.

Additional Recommendations

- **Transitional Credit for ISD:** Amendment in section 140(7) of CGST Act to provide transitional credit for invoices before the appointed date.
- **GSTR-1A Facility:** A new optional facility in FORM GSTR-1A is provided for amending details before filing GSTR-3B.
- **Annual Return Exemption:** Filing of annual return in FORM GSTR-9/9A for FY 2023-24 is exempted for taxpayers with annual turnover up to two crore rupees.
- **Section 122(1B) Amendment:** Section 122(1B) of CGST Act is amended to clarify penal provisions for e-commerce operators.
- **Rule 142 Amendment:** Rule 142 of CGST Rules is amended for adjusting amounts paid against pre-deposit for appeals.

Biometric Aadhaar Authentication

- **Pan-India Rollout:** Biometric-based Aadhaar authentication for GST registration applicants is recommended on an All-India basis in a phased manner.

Common Time Limit for Demand Notices

- **Amendments in Sections 73 and 74:** Amendments to provide a common time limit for issuance of demand notices and orders for FY 2024-25 onwards.

Sunset Clause for Anti-Profitteering

- **Amendments in Sections 171 and 109:** Amendments to provide a sunset clause for anti-profitteering under GST and handling by GSTAT.

Export Duty and IGST Refunds

- **Amendments in Section 16 of IGST Act and Section 54 of CGST Act:** Refunds for goods subjected to export duty are restricted.

B2C Inter-State Supplies Reporting

- **Threshold Reduction:** The threshold for reporting B2C inter-State supplies in FORM GSTR-1 is reduced from Rs. 2.5 Lakh to Rs. 1 Lakh.

GSTR-7 Filing Requirements

- **Monthly Filing:** Registered persons required to deduct tax at source must file GSTR-7 monthly, even if no tax is deducted.

These comprehensive recommendations and clarifications from the 53rd GST Council meeting aim to streamline GST compliance, facilitate trade, and address various industry concerns.

Centre Notifies Anti-Paper Leak Law Amid NEET, NET Row

The Centre has introduced a stringent anti-paper leak law amid controversies surrounding the **NEET and UGC-NET exams**. The law, which came into force on June 21, 2024, imposes severe penalties, including up to 10 years of imprisonment and a fine of Rs 1 crore, to curb malpractices in competitive examinations.

Details of the Law

The new law, named the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, aims to prevent cheating in public exams conducted by entities such as the UPSC, SSC, and NTA. It includes provisions for a minimum of three to five years of imprisonment for cheating, and five to ten years of imprisonment for organized cheating crimes, along with hefty fines.

Context and Immediate Reactions

The law’s enactment comes amidst allegations of paper leaks and subsequent cancellation of the UGC-NET 2024, affecting over 9 lakh candidates. The Opposition Congress has criticized the timing, calling it “**damage control.**” **Congress leader Jairam Ramesh** emphasized the need for proactive measures to prevent such leaks.

Exams Impacted by Paper Leaks

The NEET and UGC-NET exams have been at the center of the controversy, with the **CSIR-UGC NET** also facing similar allegations. The education ministry has postponed the CSIR-UGC NET scheduled for June 25-27, 2024, due to claims of a leak on the dark web. This scandal could delay the CUET-UG results, affecting undergraduate admissions in central universities.

Government and NTA Response

Following the allegations, the CBI has registered an FIR against unknown suspects for cheating and criminal conspiracy. The education ministry has instructed the NTA to take preventive measures to ensure the integrity of upcoming exams.

Implications

The implementation of this law marks the first major step towards addressing paper leaks in centrally-conducted public examinations. It highlights the government’s commitment to maintaining the integrity of the examination process, although it has sparked significant political debate and criticism.



Banking and Financial Current Affairs

- In a first, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the **auction of 10-year green bonds** as traders refused to pay the greenium, the premium for sustainability impact. This move highlights the market's reluctance to invest at the desired yields, leading to significant financial implications. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- State Bank of India (SBI) achieved a significant milestone as its market capitalization surpassed **₹8 lakh crore**, driven by a remarkable surge in its **stock prices**. This achievement underscores the bank's robust performance and reflects investor confidence in the banking sector amid favorable market conditions. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- SEBI, the Securities and Exchange Board of India, has launched "**Saathi 2.0**," a mobile app designed to provide comprehensive tools for simplifying complex financial concepts and empowering investors with reliable information. The app features modules on various financial aspects like KYC procedures, mutual funds, ETFs, buying and selling shares, investor grievances redressal, and an Online Dispute Resolution platform. It also offers educational videos to assist investors in their personal finance planning. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The Board of Punjab National Bank (PNB) has approved the initiation of the process to dilute 10% of its shareholding in Canara HSBC Life Insurance through an initial public offering (IPO). PNB currently holds a 23% stake in this life insurance joint venture. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The Bank Clinic, spearheaded by the **All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA)**, aims to empower retail customers by providing guidance on addressing their grievances in the rapidly evolving landscape of banking technology and regulatory standards set by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Axis Bank and Bajaj Allianz General Insurance have joined forces in a strategic **bancassurance partnership** aimed at boosting **insurance penetration and financial inclusion in India**. Through this collaboration, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance products will be distributed across Axis Bank's extensive network of over **5,250 branches**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- SBI Mutual Fund (SBI MF) achieved a historic milestone on Monday by becoming the first fund house in India to surpass **Rs 10 trillion in assets under management (AUM)**. This significant accomplishment is attributed to the post-pandemic equity boom and a growing awareness of mutual fund investing. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) conducted two variable rate reverse repo (VRRR) **auctions totaling ₹44,430 crore**, aiming to absorb surplus liquidity from the banking system. Despite the central bank's readiness to absorb up to ₹1-lakh crore, banks utilized only a portion of the available amount. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)** has granted approval for the merger of Air India and Vistara, marking a significant step towards the formation of one of the world's largest airline groups. This merger, announced in **November 2022**, will see Singapore Airlines holding a 25.1% stake in Air India, which is set to be completed by the end of this year. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given the green light to Zurich Insurance Company's acquisition of a **70% stake in Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company for ₹5,560 crore**. This approval, received on June 4, 2024, marks a crucial step in the transaction process. Kotak Mahindra Bank, in an exchange filing on June 5, confirmed the RBI's nod, stating that all required approvals have been obtained. The acquisition is set to materialize upon the fulfillment of other conditions precedent. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has initiated its **third global hackathon, HaRBinger 2024** – Innovation for Transformation, aimed at developing innovative tech-based solutions to predict, detect, and prevent financial frauds in real-time. The hackathon features two key **themes: 'Zero Financial Frauds' and 'Being Divyang Friendly'**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced a revision in the threshold for **bulk fixed deposits**, increasing the **limit from Rs 2 crore to Rs 3 crore**. This adjustment reflects the RBI's strategy to refine liquidity management and align deposit classifications with current economic needs. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Export-Import Bank of India (India Exim Bank)** inaugurated its **East Africa Representative Office in Nairobi, Kenya**, aiming to expand India's business footprint in the resource-rich and demographically young continent of East Africa. This initiative seeks to enhance trade and investment ties between India, Kenya, and the broader East African region. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Centre approved the disbursement of **₹1,39,750 crore in tax devolution to the states for June**, including an additional instalment for accelerated development. This will enable state governments to enhance development and capital spending. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Bank of India has acquired a **6.125% stake in the Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. (IFSC) for ₹6.125 crore**, aiming to enhance its strategic presence in GIFT City IFSC. This acquisition reflects the bank's commitment to the growth and development of GIFT City as a global financial hub. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- In a strategic move to broaden its lending outreach, the State Bank of India (SBI) has teamed up with **23 non-banking finance companies (NBFCs)/housing finance companies (HFCs)**. Through this collaboration, SBI has sanctioned loans totaling **₹2,030 crore to over 2.79 lakh borrowers**, as outlined in the **Bank's latest annual report**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In a bid to bolster its overseas footprint, **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** is set to open a **representative office in Dubai**, as approved by its **board of directors**. **PNB Managing Director Atul Kumar Goel** confirmed the move, indicating that regulatory clearance is being sought and the office is expected to materialize within the current financial year. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
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- **GAIL (India)** plans to establish a 1500 KTA Ethane Cracker Project in **Sehore, Madhya Pradesh**, with an estimated **capex of Rs 60,000 crore**. The project aims to produce a range of ethylene, bolstering the petrochemical infrastructure in the region. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has initiated several measures to address the increasing **risks of payment frauds** and to enhance operational efficiencies in the banking sector. To combat the rising incidence of domestic payment frauds, which surged by **70.64% to Rs 2,604 crore** in the six-month period ended March 2024, the RBI plans to set up a Digital Payments Intelligence Platform. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In a groundbreaking move, State Bank of India (SBI) has launched **'SME Digital Business Loans'**, aiming to sanction loans within an astonishing 45 minutes. Recognizing the pivotal role of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in its growth strategy, SBI has streamlined the borrowing process, eliminating traditional credit underwriting and appraisal procedures. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU)** has levied a penalty exceeding **Rs 1.66 crore on Axis Bank** for neglecting to implement adequate measures to identify and report suspicious transactions. This action stems from an incident where an Axis Bank employee allegedly colluded to create a fraudulent account in the name of the **National Security Guard (NSG)**, facilitating illicit financial activities. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed fines on **Central Bank of India and Sonali Bank PLC** for breaches related to **customer protection and KYC norms**. Central Bank of India faces a penalty of ₹1.45 crore for irregularities including improper sanctioning of loans and delays in reversing unauthorized transactions. Meanwhile, Sonali Bank PLC has been fined ₹96.4 lakh for non-compliance with KYC Directions, 2016. These penalties highlight RBI's commitment to enforcing regulatory and statutory compliance in the banking sector. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revoked the licence of **Purvanchal Co-operative Bank, located in Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh**, citing inadequate capital and bleak earning prospects. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The International Finance Corporation (IFC), part of the **World Bank Group**, has committed **\$105 million** (approximately Rs 871 crore) to **Brookfield's Bikaner Solar Power project in Rajasthan**. This investment will be in the form of non-convertible debentures, supporting the expansion of renewable energy infrastructure in India. ([Click to read the article](#))
- Axis Bank has decided to increase its shareholding in Max Life Insurance, **investing up to ₹336 crore**. This transaction will raise the aggregate shareholding of **Axis Entities from 19.02% to 19.66%**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- Indian funds in Swiss banks have plummeted by **70% in 2023**, reaching a **four-year low of 1.04 billion Swiss Francs (₹9,771 crore)**, according to the **Swiss National Bank (SNB)**. This marks a significant decline after a peak in 2021 and is attributed to decreases in bonds, securities, and other financial instruments. ([Click to read the article](#))
- State Bank of India (SBI) has distributed a dividend of Rs 6,959 crore to the Indian government for the financial year 2023-24. This marks an increase from the previous year's dividend of Rs 11.30 per share to Rs 13.70 per share. The dividend cheque was presented by **SBI Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman**, in the presence of Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi. SBI reported a record consolidated **net profit of Rs 67,085 crore** for the year, up from Rs 55,648 crore the previous year. ([Click to read the article](#))
- Banks showed high demand for cash by bidding Rs 1.6 trillion in the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) variable rate repo (VRR) auction, held on Friday, against a notified amount of Rs 1 trillion. This comes amid a period of tight liquidity, with banks borrowing at a weighted average rate of 6.62%. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced a significant update to its 'Database on Indian Economy' (DBIE) portal, effective immediately. The portal's domain address will now be accessed through <https://data.rbi.org.in>, consolidating its services and ensuring seamless access for users. Previously used URLs, such as <https://dbie.rbi.org.in> and <https://cimsdbie.rbi.org.in>, will automatically redirect to the new address. ([Click to read the article](#))

- State Bank of India (SBI), under Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara, aims to **open 400 new branches** across India in the year 2024-25. This expansion is part of SBI's strategy to enhance customer service, particularly in emerging areas such as wealth management and advisory services, despite the growing trend towards digital transactions. ([Click to read the article](#))
- Kotak Mahindra Bank in India plans to expand its branch network by **175 to 200 branches in FY25**. This decision comes despite recent regulatory restrictions from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on digital customer acquisition and credit card issuance due to IT-related issues. ([Click to read the article](#))
- ICICI Bank's **market capitalisation(m-cap)** on June 25 crossed the **\$100-billion** mark for the first time, becoming only the **sixth company** to do so. The private sector lender joins the likes of Reliance Industries, Tata Consultancy Services, HDFC Bank, and Bharti Airtel. The **four** other domestically listed companies with a market value of **more than \$100 billion**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- India's external debt **increased by \$39.7 billion to \$663.8 billion at end-March 2024**, according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Despite the rise, the external debt to GDP ratio fell to 18.7% from 19.0% at end-March 2023. Excluding the valuation effect caused by the appreciation of the US dollar against the Indian rupee and other major currencies, the external debt would have increased by \$48.4 billion. The valuation effect was calculated at \$8.7 billion. ([Click to read the article](#))
- India's Reserve Bank (RBI) has announced a notable decline in the proportion of short-term debt within the **country's total external debt**, marking a **decrease of 2.1 percentage points by March 2024** compared to the previous year. This reduction is indicative of India's strengthened external sector resilience. The ratio of short-term debt to foreign exchange reserves also fell **from 22.2% to 19.0%** over the same period, underlining improved stability. ([Click to read the article](#))
- State Bank of India (SBI) has successfully raised **Rs 10,000 crore through its fifth infrastructure bond issuance**. The bonds, with a tenure of 15 years and a coupon rate of **7.36% payable annually**, garnered significant investor interest, oversubscribed nearly four times the base size of Rs 5,000 crore. The offering received 143 bids from diverse entities including provident funds, pension funds, insurance companies, mutual funds, and corporates. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has projected a further improvement in the gross non-performing assets (GNPA) ratio of scheduled commercial banks (SCBs), estimating it to **decrease to 2.5% by March 2025**. This optimistic outlook is based on macro stress tests evaluating banks' resilience against potential economic shocks. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India** with the concurrence of the **Government of India** has decided to put in place a revised Framework on **Currency Swap Arrangement** for SAARC countries for the period **2024 to 2027**. Under this Framework, the Reserve Bank would enter into bilateral swap agreements with **SAARC central banks**, who want to avail of the swap facility. ([Click to read the article](#))

Economy Current Affairs

- **India's GDP growth rate jumped to 7.8% in Q4 of FY24**, leading to an annual growth rate of 8.2%, as reported by the **National Statistical Office (NSO)** of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). ([Click to read complete article](#))
- India's fiscal deficit for **FY24 improved to 5.6% of GDP**, down from the **Revised Estimates of 5.8%**, owing to higher-than-expected tax receipts. The deficit stood at Rs 16.54 trillion against the budgetary target of Rs 17.86 trillion. Net tax receipts surpassed projections at Rs 23.27 trillion, while total expenditure reached Rs 44.43 trillion, constituting 99% of the budgeted amount. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In May 2024, the gross **Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue reached ₹1.73 lakh crore**, marking a notable **10% year-on-year growth**. This surge was primarily fueled by a robust uptick in domestic transactions, which rose by 15.3%, while imports experienced a slight decline of 4.3%. The net GST revenue for May 2024, after factoring in refunds, amounted to ₹1.44 lakh crore, showcasing a growth of 6.9% compared to the same period last year. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In the fiscal year 2023-24, India witnessed a slight contraction in foreign direct investment (FDI) by **about 3.5%**, attributed to global economic uncertainties. However, amidst this, India continued to attract significant FDI from Singapore, albeit with a dip in numbers, maintaining its position as the highest recipient of FDI from the island nation. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Goldman Sachs has revised its GDP growth forecast for India for the calendar year 2024, raising it by **20 basis points to 6.9%** from an **earlier projection of 6.7%**. This adjustment follows a stronger-than-expected GDP growth of 7.8% for the January-March 2024 quarter, driven by robust investment demand and a recovery in consumption. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- Moody's Ratings (Moody's) on Friday affirmed the **Baa3 ratings on three Indian public sector banks — Bank of Baroda (BOB), Canara Bank, and Punjab National Bank (PNB)**. The rating agency maintained stable outlooks on the long-term ratings of all three banks, citing improved credit metrics, strong profitability, and adequate liquidity buffers. Moody's believes that India's strong operating environment will continue to support their credit fundamentals over the next 12-18 months. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In its latest biannual Global Economic Prospects, the **World Bank maintains India's growth projection at 6.6% for FY25**, affirming its status as the fastest-growing among the largest economies. The forecast reflects a moderate pace of expansion following a **high growth rate in FY 2023/24**. Over the subsequent three fiscal years, India is expected to sustain an average growth of 6.7%, with projections of 6.7% for FY26 and 6.8% for FY27. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) recorded a growth rate of **4.9% in March 2024**, showing a slight slowdown primarily attributed to a faltering mining sector. This decline follows a robust 5.6% growth in February 2024 and contrasts sharply with the 1.9% growth seen in March 2023. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India's consumer price index (CPI) inflation **dropped to a 12-month low of 4.75% in May 2024**, down from 4.83% in April, marking a continued trend within the Reserve Bank of India's target range of 2-6% since September 2023. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India's wholesale inflation, measured by the **wholesale price index (WPI)**, surged to a 15-month high of **2.61% in May from 1.26% in April**, driven by an adverse base effect and a sharp increase in food prices. The inflation rate for food items reached 9.82%, contrasting with -3.61% in May 2023. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Fitch Ratings has revised **India's GDP growth forecast for FY25 to 7.2%**, up from the previous estimate of 7%. This adjustment is attributed to expected recovery in consumer spending and continued investment, although at a slower pace than recent quarters. The economy had grown by **8.2% in FY24**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The rationalisation of GST rates is under **preliminary assessment** to address imbalances and avoid the inverted duty structure where the **final product's tax is lower than that on inputs**. Although the industry has called for **rationalisation**, involving reworking rates and merging the four slabs into three, the government plans to proceed cautiously with a detailed analysis. ([Click to read the article](#))
- S&P Global Ratings has maintained its GDP growth forecast for India at **6.8% for FY25**, citing high interest rates and reduced fiscal stimulus as factors tempering demand in non-agricultural sectors. The projection for **FY26 and FY27 stands at 6.9% and 7%, respectively**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- Gross domestic product (GDP) growth** during 2024-25 (FY25) may turn out to be **higher than 7 per cent** and even close to **7.5 per cent**, with high frequency indicators showing resilience amid growth dynamism in the Indian economy. The monthly economic review released by the **National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCEAR)**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) forecasts India's GDP to surpass **7% and possibly reach 7.5% in fiscal year 2024-25**, citing resilient domestic economic indicators and favorable global conditions. ([Click to read the article](#))

Business Current Affairs

- Unified Payments Interface (UPI) achieved a **record-breaking 14.04 billion transactions in May**, marking a significant increase from the 13.30 billion transactions recorded in April. This reflects a **49% year-on-year growth**. The total transaction value reached Rs 20.45 lakh crore, with an average daily transaction count of 453 million and an average daily transaction value of Rs 65,966 crore. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Ashok Leyland**, the Indian flagship of the **Hinduja Group** and one of the country's leading commercial manufacturers, launched '**Sarathi Suraksha Policy**' a **comprehensive insurance policy for safeguarding the driver community**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Adani One, the digital platform of the Adani Group, and ICICI Bank have introduced two variants of co-branded credit cards in partnership with Visa. This launch signifies Adani Group's entry into the retail financial sector, **offering cardholders up to 7% Adani reward points on spending within the Adani ecosystem**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Arka Fincap Limited, a subsidiary of **Kirloskar Oil Engines Limited**, has obtained a Corporate Agency License from the **IRDAI**, marking a significant milestone. This license allows Arka to venture into insurance distribution, enhancing its existing financial solutions portfolio to meet customer needs comprehensively. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- NPCI International and the Reserve Bank of Peru have joined forces to introduce a UPI-like real-time payments system in Peru, marking a pioneering move for South America. This collaboration aims to revolutionize **Peru's financial landscape**, fostering economic growth and financial inclusion by leveraging India's renowned Unified Payment Interface (UPI) technology. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** is set to develop a **global economic hub in Navi Mumbai**, having secured sub-leases on approximately **3,750 acres of land for Rs 13,400 crore**. The lease spans 43 years and stems from a **memorandum of understanding signed with the Maharashtra government in 2018**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Muthoot Microfin Limited has entered into a strategic **co-lending partnership** with the State Bank of India (SBI). This collaboration aims to extend financial services to women entrepreneurs in rural and semi-urban areas across India. Under this agreement, both entities will co-lend to **Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)** engaged in agricultural, allied activities, and other income-generating enterprises. The loan amounts, ranging from Rs 10,000 to Rs 3,00,000, are tailored to provide substantial support to women entrepreneurs in rural regions. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The Indian digital payment company **PhonePe** has announced a partnership with **Sri Lankan ride-hailing platform PickMe**. This collaboration allows Indian travelers in Sri Lanka to use PhonePe's UPI payment option to pay for PickMe rides, enabling cashless transactions and enhancing travel convenience. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Aurionpro Payments**, a subsidiary of Aurionpro Solutions, has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an online payment aggregator under the **Payments Settlements Act, 2007**. This authorization allows the Mumbai-based company to offer digital payment services to merchants nationwide through its payment gateway brand, AuroPay. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Tiger Global-backed neobanking startup Jupiter Money** has received final authorization from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to offer digital wallet services. This new offering will enable customers to make UPI payments, money transfers, and other transactions through the Jupiter Prepaid Account, slated for launch in the coming months. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Tata Communications has finalized a significant **five-year agreement with World Athletics** to provide broadcasting services, enhancing global coverage of premier events starting from the **Tokyo World Championships**. This partnership marks Tata Communications as a pivotal supplier, committed to innovation and audience engagement. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In a bid to streamline dispute resolution involving government or public sector enterprises (PSEs), the **Finance Ministry** has set a cap of **₹10 crore for arbitration cases**. This move aims to mitigate the perceived challenges of lengthy proceedings and potential misconduct among arbitrators. The Ministry also advises against automatically including arbitration clauses in large government contracts, emphasizing mediation and judicial adjudication as viable alternatives. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- ATM operators in India are advocating for an increase in interchange fees by **Rs 2 per transaction**, citing financial sustainability challenges. The **Confederation of ATM Industry (CATMI)** has formally approached the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** to raise the current maximum fee from **Rs 21 to Rs 23 per transaction**, as reported by the Economic Times. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India's equity market has **once again outpaced Hong Kong**, securing the position as the **world's fourth-largest by market capitalization**. With **India's market value soaring to \$5.2 trillion**, bolstered by a 10% surge following a post-election market rebound, it now leads Hong Kong, which stands at \$5.17 trillion after a 5.4% decline from its peak this year. This marks a significant shift in global market rankings, reflecting India's robust economic fundamentals and investor confidence. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has teamed up with **Ria Money Transfer**, a global leader in cross-border money transfers and a business segment of **Euronet Worldwide, Inc.**, to offer innovative remittance services in rural India. This collaboration aims to provide convenient and affordable financial services directly to the doorsteps of customers in remote areas. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **SabPaisa (SRS Live Technologies Private Limited)**, a payment solutions provider, has announced that the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has granted final approval to operate as a **Payment Aggregator (PA)** under the **Payments and Settlement Systems Act of 2007**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- At its Golden Jubilee celebration, Central Electronics Limited (CEL) was honored with **"Mini RATNA" status (Category-1)** by **Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh**. This recognition underscores CEL's transformation from a loss-making PSU to a profitable entity, achieving a net profit of approximately **Rs 58 crore** and consistently paying dividends to the Government of India for three consecutive years. ([Click to read the article](#))



- The **Uttar Pradesh Cabinet** approved **Tata Sons' proposal** to build a **'museum of temples'** in Ayodhya, a project worth **Rs 650 crore** to be funded through **Tata's corporate social responsibility fund**. Additionally, the state cabinet has also sanctioned **Rs 100 crore** for further development works in **Ayodhya** and endorsed the initiation of **helicopter services in Lucknow, Prayagraj, and Kapilvastu**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **MindSpace Business Parks REIT**, the owner and developer of quality Grade A office portfolio, has announced its **₹650 crore Sustainability Linked Bond issuance** placed with the **International Finance Corporation (IFC)**. The coupon of the bond is linked to MindSpace's commitment to achieve certain ESG targets towards building a greener eco-system. ([Click to read the article](#))

International Current Affairs

- **China's space agency** announced on 4 June 2024 that **BEIJING- China's Chang'e-6** probe has lifted off from the far side of the moon, starting its journey back towards Earth. China is getting closer to being the first nation to return samples from the far side of the moon, which is always facing away from Earth, thanks to the probe's successful exit from the moon. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Dr. Helen Mary Roberts, a Christian lady**, became the first woman to be promoted to the rank of one-star officer in **Pakistan's 77-year military history**. Her ascension coincides with increased attention being paid to atrocities against minorities in the nation with a majority of Muslims, particularly against Christians. In a historic move, the Pakistani Army elevated Dr. Helen Mary Roberts, a **Christian woman**, to the esteemed rank of **Brigadier** in the nation with a majority of Muslims. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In a **historic moment** for Mexico, **Claudia Sheinbaum** has been elected as the country's first woman president, according to the provisional results announced by the Mexican election commission. Sheinbaum, from the ruling **Morena party**, has taken an unassailable lead over her nearest rivals in the presidential contest held on **June 2, 2024**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Pakistan has launched its second satellite, the Multi-Mission Communication Satellite (**PAKSAT MM1**), in **collaboration with China**. This satellite aims to enhance internet connectivity across Pakistan and improve various communication services. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **South Korea** has officially launched its space agency, the **Korea AeroSpace Administration (KASA)**, to lead policy and industrial development in its aerospace sector. The establishment was made possible after the Country's national assembly **passed a special law** in January to unify government organizations in charge of space policy and projects. The new agency is based in **Sacheon, South Gyeongsang Province**, with an **annual budget of 758.9 billion won (\$556 million)**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Amidst tightening Western sanctions, **India's reliance on Russian oil** has seen a significant shift. Despite a decline in imports due to sanctions-related challenges, Russia has maintained its position as India's leading oil supplier for the second consecutive year. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Roscosmos state corporation cosmonaut Oleg Kononenko**, who currently works at the **International Space Station** has **booked a record of 1,000 days for the first time in the world** in terms of total spaceflight duration. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **12 countries signed the Zero Debris Charter**, a landmark initiative led by the **European Space Agency (ESA)** to address the pressing issue of space debris. Unveiled in 2023, the Charter commits signatories to achieving **debris-neutral space activities by 2030**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **Bank of England** is replacing old banknotes featuring **Queen Elizabeth** with new ones featuring **King Charles III**. People can exchange their old notes for new ones **until June 30, with a limit of £300**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Sheikh Meshal** recently dissolved parliament for as many as **four years** amid the widespread political dysfunction that's gripped Kuwait. **Kuwait Emir** named the small nation's **new crown prince**, nearly six months after he took the throne. **Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al Sabah** will become next in line to the throne. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- India, the United States, South Korea, Japan, and the European Union have launched a **Biopharmaceuticals Alliance**, with its first meeting held in **San Diego, USA**, during the **Bio International Convention 2024**, the **world's largest pharmaceutical exhibition**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- On **June 6, 2024**, the **United Nations General Assembly** convened to **elect new non-permanent members** to the UN Security Council. **Pakistan, Somalia, Panama, Denmark, and Greece** secured seats for a two-year term starting **January 1, 2025**, replacing **Japan, Malta, Mozambique, Ecuador, and Switzerland**. These newly elected members will join **Algeria, Guyana, the Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone, and Slovenia** as the other non-permanent members. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- The main tunnel of the **900 MW Arun III Hydropower Project**, being constructed with Indian assistance has achieved a breakthrough, with Nepal Prime Minister **Pushpakamal Dahal 'Prachanda'** on **June 5**, triggering the last blast to mark the completion of heading excavation. **Prime Minister 'Prachanda'** attended an event to mark the completion of heading excavation for the **11.8 km-long Head Race Tunnel of the 900 MW Arun- 3 Hydro Electric Project in the Sankhuwasabha District** in eastern Nepal. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- A **700-metre pedestrian bridge**, inaugurated on **June 4**. The Bridge of National Unity is **one of the longest bridges in the world**. The eastern Hungarian city of **Satoraljaiújhely** has a **new tourist attraction**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **UN General Assembly (UNGA)** on June 6, elected former Cameroonian **Prime Minister Philemon Yang** as president of the **79th UNGA session**. Yang will succeed **Denis Francis of Trinidad and Tobago**, president of the **78th UNGA session**, when the 79th UNGA session opens on Sept. 10 at the **UN headquarters in New York**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **European Commission (EC)** has made a significant decision regarding **Tanzania's eligibility** for a conservation grant under its **NaturAfrica initiative**. This decision has implications for **conservation efforts in East Africa**, particularly concerning the **Eastern Rift Savannas and Watersheds (ERiSaWa)** component of the initiative. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Portugal plans to adapt its **golden visa scheme** to allow wealthy foreigners seeking residency rights to invest in affordable housing for locals or accommodation for migrants. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In response to his party's heavy loss in the European Parliamentary elections, **French President Emmanuel Macron** has dissolved the **National Assembly and called for snap parliamentary elections**. The far-right **Rassemblement National (RN)** secured a significant victory, **winning 31.5%** of the vote compared to **Macron's Renaissance Party's 15.2%**. Macron announced the dissolution of the National Assembly in an hour-long national address, citing the need to restore trust in the French electoral process. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Russia and Belarus** have commenced the second stage of joint drills focused on **tactical nuclear weapons**, aimed at bolstering readiness and deterring Western support for Ukraine. These exercises, initiated by Moscow in response to perceived provocations from Western officials, underline the Kremlin's strategic stance amid heightened tensions. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan** has announced Armenia's decision to leave the **Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO)**, a Russian-led military alliance. Pashinyan cited the alliance's perceived favoritism towards Azerbaijan during the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict as a primary reason for Armenia's withdrawal. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The World Health Organisation (WHO) has designated the **National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH) in Hyderabad**, under the **Ministry of Ayush**, as a WHO Collaborating Centre (CC) for traditional medicine research. **Established in 1956**, NIIMH has been a pioneer in various digital initiatives of Ayush. This recognition, announced on Friday, has been granted for a period of four years, marking NIIMH as the third Indian institute to receive such an honor. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The G7 has agreed to leverage frozen Russian assets to secure a **\$50 billion loan for Ukraine** to aid in its **defense against Russian invasion**. **US President Joe Biden** emphasized this move as a firm stance against **Russia**, while **President Vladimir Putin** condemned it as theft. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In a ceremony marked by heightened security following an assassination attempt on **Prime Minister Robert Fico**, **Peter Pellegrini has been inaugurated as Slovakia's sixth president**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **South African President Cyril Ramaphosa** was reelected by lawmakers for a **second term** on June 14, after his party struck a dramatic late coalition deal with a former political foe just hours before the vote. Ramaphosa won the vote against **Julius Malema**, leader of the far-left **Economic Freedom Fighters**, winning 283 votes to Malema's 44. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The **Israeli Navy** on June 16, received the second of two new landing craft from a shipyard in the **United States**, with the vessel mooring at the **Haifa Naval Base** after making a lengthy voyage to the country. The US-built **INS Komemiyut** was the Navy's second landing craft, after the **INS Nahshon**, which was received in early October last year. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Chinese scientists** have made a significant breakthrough in solar research through the use of their solar exploration satellite, the **Chinese H-alpha Solar Explorer (CHASE)**, which has led to the discovery of a new pattern of **solar atmospheric rotation**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- In 2023, the **world's nuclear-armed nations** witnessed significant developments in their arsenals, with a notable increase in spending on nuclear weapons. The **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)** highlighted that the United States led global expenditures, followed by **China and Russia**. This surge in investment underscores a growing reliance on nuclear deterrence strategies reminiscent of the **Cold War era**. ([Click to read the article](#))

- **State-run Coal India Ltd (COALNS)**, opens new tab is exploring **lithium blocks** in **Argentina** along with a **U.S. company** to secure supplies of the battery material, an Indian source with direct knowledge said on June 18. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Thailand** will become the **first nation in Southeast Asia** to legalize **same-sex marriage** after the kingdom's Senate approved a **marriage equality bill** on June 18, with supporters calling it a **"monumental step forward for LGBTQ+ rights."** ([Click to read the article](#))
- The **United Kingdom (UK)** has overtaken China to become **India's fourth-largest export market** in May 2024, commerce department data showed. The UK was India's **sixth-largest export destination** in **May last year**. While exports to the UK grew by a third to **\$1.37 billion** in May, the shipments to China saw **3 per cent growth at \$1.33 billion** last month. ([Click to read the article](#))
- According to the **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)**, China has significantly increased its nuclear warhead count, rising from 410 in 2023 to 500 at the beginning of this year. The growth suggests a rapid expansion of China's nuclear capabilities, positioning it as the fastest-growing nuclear power globally. ([Click to read the article](#))
- On June 19, the upper house of the Tajikistan parliament, **Majlisi Milli**, passed a law prohibiting **"alien garments,"** which primarily targets the hijab and other traditional Islamic clothing. The **lower chamber, Majlisi Namoyandagon**, had passed the bill on May 8. This move has sparked debate among Tajikistan's predominantly Muslim population in the tightly governed ex-Soviet republic. ([Click to read the article](#))

National Current Affairs

- The Centre has introduced a new numbering series, 160xxxxxx, for making service or transactional calls. This move aims to help citizens easily identify legitimate calls and curb unsolicited voice calls from telemarketers using 10-digit mobile numbers. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- India created a world record with **64.2 crore voters**, including **31.2 crore women**, participating in the **Lok Sabha Election 2024**. Chief Election commissioner Rajiv Kumar said that the number is 1.5 times of the voters of all **G7 countries – US, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Canada**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Om Birla**, the incumbent **Lok Sabha Speaker**, has achieved a remarkable feat by winning the **Kota parliamentary seat** on **June 4, 2024**. With a resounding margin of **41,139 votes**, Birla has become the first **presiding officer in 20 years** to be re-elected to the **Lower House of Parliament**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) Chairman, HRI Sanjay Kumar Agarwal**, officially launched the **GST Bhawan**, the official complex of the **Central Board of Indirect Tax (CGST) Rohtak Commissionerate, in Rohtak, Haryana**. At the inaugural ceremony were **Shri Shashank Priya, Member of CBIC (GST, Legal, CX & ST)**, together with officers and staff from the **CGST Rohtak Commissionerate, Panchkula Zone**, and senior CBIC officers. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **NOTA** created a **record with 2.18 lakh voters in Madhya Pradesh's Indore** opting for the **'none of the above'** option in the Lok Sabha elections, counting for which is underway on Tuesday. Of the total voters, **14.01 per cent opted for 'None of the Above', introduced in 2013** following a Supreme Court order. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (**UNESCO**) South Asia Regional Office, in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (**MeitY**), Government of India, organized the **National Stakeholder Workshop on Safe, Trusted, and Ethical AI at the Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi**. This event, following the approval of the IndiaAI Mission by the Government of India, marks a significant step towards enhancing India's AI ecosystem, with a substantial allocation exceeding Rs 10,000 crore. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Two environmentalists, **Jai Dhar Gupta and Vijay Dhasmana** created India's first biosphere in a tiger reserve, called the **Rajaji Raghati Biosphere (RRB)** within the **Rajaji National Park in Uttarakhand**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)** has issued a notice to four states- **Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Gujarat**. This notice follows a **2020 case** in which a father sold his daughter for **2.5 lakhs** and later filed a complaint with the commission upon discovering her dead body. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In a strategic move to counter China's growing influence in the region, India sets its sights on managing the **Mongla Port in Bangladesh**. Following the successes of **Chabahar in Iran and Sittwe in Myanmar**, India aims to further strengthen its commercial and security interests by expanding its overseas port operations. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **India** on June 10, wholeheartedly welcomed **Egypt, Iran, UAE, Saudi Arabia and Ethiopia** joining the **BRICS** as their representatives attended for the first time a key meeting of the grouping **hosted by Russia**. Senior diplomat **Dammu Ravi** led the Indian delegation at the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting in **Nizhny Novgorod**, in western Russia. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on June 10, signed the release of the **17th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN Nidhi) scheme**. The move will benefit more than 93 million farmers by disbursing **more than Rs 20,000 crore**. 16th Installment of **PM KISAN** scheme was released on **28th February 2024**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The National Commission for Indian Medical Systems** organized a two-day National Conference, '**PRANA**' Protecting Rights and Novelities in ASUS (Mind to Market for Indian System of Medicines [ISM] Professionals) in Collaboration with **All India Council for Technical Education** and **Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell** to mark its fourth foundation. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Indian universities and higher education institutions (HEIs)** will now be allowed to offer **admissions twice a year** on lines of foreign universities. The two admission cycles followed globally also- will be **July-August** and **January-February** from the **2024-25 academic session**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB)** has launched a **Mobile App "NCRB Sankalan of Criminal Laws"** to serve as a comprehensive guide providing complete information about the new criminal laws at one place. The New criminal laws will come into force from the **1st of next month (July)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Jammu & Kashmir** on June 12, broadened its existing **Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with New Zealand** into a full-fledged strategic agreement. The partnership taps into New Zealand's globally recognized strengths in breeding technology, sustainable farm management and advanced disease control measures within the **sheep sector**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **India** is the **world's second largest source of nitrous oxide (N₂O)**, a greenhouse gas that heats up the atmosphere far more than carbon dioxide. Nearly **11%** of such global man-made emissions in 2020 were from India, topped only by **China at 16%**. The major source of these emissions **comes from fertiliser usage**, according to a global assessment of N₂O emissions published in the journal **Earth System Science Data** on June 12. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Thousands of **Kashmiri Pandits** converged at the **Kheer Bhawani temple** in Kashmir Valley's Ganderbal district to attend the annual **festival of Zvestha Ashtami** on June 14. Many of them had migrated to different parts of the country in the **1990s** in the wake of raging militancy. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Rajya Sabha Chairperson** and Vice President **Jagdeep Dhankhar** inaugurated the '**Prerna Sthal**' (**Inspiration Site**) within the Parliament House Complex. This newly constructed site houses statues of **national icons and freedom fighters** that were previously scattered across different locations on the premises. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **India** is set to join an elite group of nations with the launch of its ambitious **Deep Sea Mission**, making it the **sixth country** to embark on such a groundbreaking endeavor. Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Earth Sciences, PMO, Atomic Energy, Space, Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions, expressed pride and happiness over the progress of this mission during a recent meeting in New Delhi. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The Union Cabinet has approved economic measures totaling over **₹2.88-lakh crore**, including an MSP hike for 14 Kharif crops, the **expansion of Varanasi airport**, and the establishment of a new major port at Vadhavan. These decisions, announced in the first Cabinet meeting after the allocation of portfolios to Union Ministers in the Modi government's third term, aim to bolster various sectors and drive economic growth. ([Click to read the article](#))
- As a precursor to the 3rd edition of **World Food India**, Union Minister of Food Processing Industries, **Shri Chirag Paswan** and Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries and Railways, **Shri Ravneet Singh**, launched the **website and mobile application for World Food India 2024**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The **Union Cabinet**, chaired by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**, has approved the **Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme** for the implementation of **offshore wind energy projects** in India. This decision marks a significant step towards harnessing the vast offshore wind energy potential within the **country's exclusive economic zone**. The total financial outlay for this scheme is **₹7,453 crore**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The Union Cabinet, under the leadership of Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi**, has sanctioned the Central Sector Scheme titled "**National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme (NFIES)**" with a comprehensive financial allocation of **Rs. 2254.43 crore spanning from 2024-25 to 2028-29**. This initiative, spearheaded by the Ministry of Home Affairs, aims to bolster India's forensic capabilities through strategic investments in infrastructure and manpower. ([Click to read the article](#))
- In a significant boost to the **India's port development programme**, as many as **9 ports of India** made it to the **Global Top 100** in the latest edition of **Container Port Performance Index (CPPI), 2023**. This report is prepared by the **World Bank** and **S&P Global Marketing Intelligence**. The Union Minister of **Ports, Shipping & Waterways**, **Sarbananda Sonowal** gave credit to the ambitious **Sagarmala programme**, envisioned by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**, for modernisation of the ports and improving their efficiency. ([Click to read the article](#))

- To realise the vision of saturating **National Highways with green cover**, NHA will undertake a unique initiative to plant **Miyawaki plantation** on land parcels adjacent to National Highways at various locations. Total land area of over **53 acres** has been identified at different places in and around **Delhi-NCR** to establish the Miyawaki plantations. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The Indian government has approved the construction of a new major port at **Vadhavan in the Dahanu taluka of Palghar district, Maharashtra**. This project, aligned with the PM Gatishakti programme, aims to boost India's foreign trade capabilities and local economy. The **Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi**, sanctioned this on June 19, 2024. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The Union Cabinet chaired by **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** approved the proposal of **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** for development of **Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi with an outlay of Rs 2,870 crore**. It includes Construction of New Terminal Building, Apron Extension, Runway Extension, Parallel Taxi Track & Allied works. ([Click to read the article](#))
- In a bid to enhance road safety, the **National Highways Authority of India (NHA)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Delhi**, a technical university established by the **Government of National Capital Territory (NCT)**. This collaboration aims to leverage Artificial Intelligence (AI) to improve the availability and condition of road signs on National Highways, covering approximately 25,000 kilometers. ([Click to read the article](#))
- In a significant development, **Bhartruhari Mahtab**, a **seven-term Lok Sabha member**, has been appointed as the **pro tem Speaker** of the Lower House. The announcement was made by Parliamentary Affairs Minister **Kiren Rijju** on June 20. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The government monetised assets worth **₹1.56 lakh crore under the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP)** in the financial year **2023-24**, falling short of the target of ₹1.8 lakh crore. This performance represents approximately **159% of the achievement in 2021-22**. The NMP aims to unlock the value of brownfield infrastructure assets, with a total monetisation potential estimated at ₹6 lakh crore over a four-year period from FY22 to FY25. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued an advisory circular titled '**Gender Equality in the Civil Aviation Sector**' aimed at increasing **women's representation in aviation to 25% by 2025**. This initiative aligns with the gender equality principles enshrined in the Indian Constitution and the **International Civil Aviation Organisation's (ICAO)** vision for equal opportunities in aviation. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah** inaugurated the '**Fast Track Immigration – Trusted Traveller Programme**' at **Terminal-3 of Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi** June 22. Union Home Secretary and several other dignitaries were present on the occasion. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **In Ladakh**, as a tribute to the **heroes of the Kargil War**, the Indian Army has opened the **Khalubar War Memorial** to tourists. This opening ceremony was part of the 'Forever in Operations' Division's Pre-Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations as this year, the country will celebrate the **25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas** on 26 July. Located in the renowned **Aryan Valley** this memorial commemorates the bravery and sacrifices of soldiers who fought to reclaim the valley during the war. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president** and Union Minister **Jagat Prakash Nadda** has been named **Leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha**. Mr. Nadda replaces Union Minister **Piyush Goyal**, who recently won the Lok Sabha election and took oath on June 24, as a member of the Lower House of Parliament. ([Click to read the article](#))
- On a momentous day for Indian democracy, **Om Birla** was re-elected as the **Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha**. This event marks an important milestone in India's parliamentary history and reminds us of the strength of our democratic institutions. ([Click to read the article](#))
- In a pioneering move, the Ministry of Coal has initiated India's inaugural pilot project for underground **coal gasification in Jharkhand**. Located at the **Kasta coal block in Jamtara District**, this innovative venture by Eastern Coalfields Limited aims to transform the coal industry. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The **Bharat Centre of Olympic Research and Education (BCORE)** was inaugurated on June 23, at the **Rashtriya Raksha University in Gujarat's Gandhinagar district**. Speaking at the inauguration event, **Indian Olympic Association president** and legendary sprinter **PT Usha** said the centre will serve as a hub of **knowledge, innovation and performance** in the Indian sports ecosystem. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1972**, commissioning mothers opting for surrogacy will now be entitled to **180 days of maternity leave**. This revision extends childcare leave to commissioning mothers with fewer than two surviving children, marking a departure from the **previous 50-year-old regulation**. Commissioning fathers are also granted 15 days of paternity leave under the amended rules. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The **Director General of Railway Protection Force (RPF) Manoj Yadava** today launched the **Sangyaan App**, designed by the **RPF Tech Team** to provide in-depth information on three new Criminal Acts: the **Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023**, the **Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023**, and the **Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA) 2023**. ([Click to read the article](#))

- The **Government of India** has made a **whopping contribution of USD 1,169,746** for **'Hindi @ UN'** project to expand the use of Hindi in the **United Nations**. The Government of India has been making continuous efforts to expand the use of Hindi in the United Nations. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The **Central Railway** has installed a **floating solar plant of 10 MWp** capacity in the **Igatpuri lake** located in the Western Ghats, a first-of-its-kind initiative by the Indian Railways. Central Railway has always played an active role in opting for clean & renewable energy for its traction requirements and has taken various bold and revolutionary steps to fulfil the same. ([Click to read the article](#))

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- **Telangana Formation Day** is a momentous occasion celebrated annually on **June 2** in the Indian state of **Telangana**. This day marks the **official establishment** of Telangana as the **28th state** of India on June 2, 2014, after years of **struggle** and **aspirations** for a separate state identity. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The central government has approved Assam's proposal to establish a new Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Kamrup district. **Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma** announced the **"in-principle approval"** from the **Ministry of Education**, with IIM Ahmedabad slated to mentor the new institution. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In a bid to bolster cyber security awareness, Zupree, India's largest skill-based Ludo platform, has partnered with Gurugram Cyber Police for the 11th edition of the Cyber Security Summer Internship Program, titled **'Cyber Warriors'**. The month-long internship aims to train selected candidates in cyber security under the guidance of experts, fostering responsible digital citizenship and tackling real-world cyber threats. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- On **2 June 2024**, the city of **Hyderabad** officially ceases to be the joint capital of **Telangana** and **Andhra Pradesh**. This milestone marks the end of a ten-year period during which Hyderabad served as the shared capital for the two states. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Haryana Chief Secretary T V S N Prasad** announced the launch of a **Rs 10,000-crore project** funded by the World Bank to address **air pollution in the state**. The Haryana Clean Air Project for Sustainable Development will be rolled out in phases, starting with districts in the National Capital Region (NCR). ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The Uttarakhand government organized India's first-ever **astro-tourism** event called **'Nakshatra Sabha'** in **Mussoorie**, the 'Queen of Hills', on **June 1 and 2, 2024**. The inaugural event was held at the **George Everest Peak**, famous for its breathtaking views of the Doon Valley and the snow-capped Himalayas. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- India has added **two bird sanctuaries from Bihar, Nagi and Nakti** – to the **'Ramsar Sites'** list, taking the tally to 82. The newest 'Wetlands of International Importance', both man-made reservoirs situated in the **Jhajha forest range of Jamui District in Bihar**, were added to **Ramsar Sites** as part of World Environment Day, observed annually on June 5. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- After a decade-long hiatus, **TDP leader N. Chandrababu Naidu** is poised to reclaim the **Chief Minister's position in Andhra Pradesh**, with his swearing-in ceremony scheduled for **June 12 at Kesrapalli IT Park near Gannavaram airport**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In response to the needs of **Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)**, the Haryana government has established two specialized cells to address their concerns and facilitate investments. These cells, announced by **Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar during the Pravasi Haryana Divas 2017**, aim to streamline grievance resolution and investment processes for NRIs. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Bhajan Lal Sharma**, the Chief Minister of Rajasthan, has announced an ambitious plan to develop the **Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit** with an investment of **Rs 100 crore**. This announcement was made on **8 June 2023** during the inauguration of the Maharana Pratap Jayanti celebration in Udaipur, where the **484th birthday** of the legendary Maharana Pratap of Mewar was celebrated on **9 June 2024** (according to the Hindu calendar). ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) supremo Prem Singh Tamang** on June 10 took oath as the **Chief Minister of the Himalayan state** for the **second consecutive term**. The 56-year-old politician was administered the oath of office and secrecy by **Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya** at a function held in **Paljor Stadium in Gangtok**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Visakhapatnam Port** achieves the **19th position** in the Container Port Performance Index 2023, surpassing Mundra Port. Operated by J M Baxi Ports & Logistics, it runs a high-capacity terminal contributing to its efficiency. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- A day before his **swearing-in** as the **chief minister of Andhra Pradesh**, TDP supremo **N Chandrababu Naidu** has announced that **Amaravati** will be the **sole capital** of the state. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- The **Uttar Pradesh government** has unveiled its plans for the **MotoGP event** as it will be hosted by the city of **Noida from 2025 until 2029** and announced a **collaboration with Spain's Dorna Sports** and the Indian partner which is **Fairstreet sports**. Initially, the event was to **take place in 2024**, but resulted in postponement due to weather conditions and is now slated for March 2025. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Three years after vowing to enter the Assembly only as **Chief Minister, N. Chandrababu Naidu** has been **sworn in** for his **fourth term** as the **Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh**. The **oath-taking ceremony**, held near **Gannavaram Airport** in **Kesarapalli** on the outskirts of **Vijayawada**, saw the attendance of key figures including **PM Modi** and **Home Minister Amit Shah**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Pema Khandu** of the **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)** took the oath as the **Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh** for the third consecutive time. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Janasena chief Pawan Kalyan** was named the **Deputy Chief Minister** in a highly-anticipated move by the **Andhra Pradesh government** on June 14. The actor-turned-politician has also been allocated the **Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Environment, Forests, and Science and Technology** portfolios in the **Chandrababu Naidu-led government**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav** launched an intra-State air service to **promote tourism** on June 13 from **Raja Bhoj International Airport** in the state capital **Bhopal**. It is called '**PM Shri Paryatan Vayu Seva**' and the first flight was flagged off from the capital **Bhopal to Jabalpur**. The service **operated by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board (MPTB)** with two aircraft will connect eight cities across the State- **Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Khajuraho, Ujjain, Rewa, and Singrauli**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Kerala's Kozhikode** is all set to host the **Malabar River Festival 2024**, featuring the **International White Water Kayaking Championship** from **July 25 to 28**. This exciting event aims to promote white-water kayaking in the region and will be held in **Thusaharagiri, Chalipuzha, and Iruvazhinjipuzha**. The high-octane events and pre-events will host over 100 national-level kayakers from India and kayaking professionals from over 20 countries. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Punjab Police** in association with the **Border Security Force (BSF)** and **Village Defence Committees (VDCs)** will carry out a one-week **drive against drugs** in **Fazilka** district. They will reach out to residents of as many as 42 villages along the **India-Pakistan border** to gather actionable intelligence about the demand and supply of drugs. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Tesam Pongte** was unanimously elected as the **Speaker of the 8th Arunachal Pradesh Assembly** on June 15. **Pro-tem Speaker Ninong Ering** announced that **Pongte** was elected unopposed as the **Speaker of the Assembly**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The **Madhya Pradesh government** has completed preparations for its ambitious cheetah reintroduction project at **Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary**. This is slated to be the **second home for cheetahs** in India after **Kuno National Park**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- In a historic move, senior **BJP leader Surama Padhy** has been unanimously elected as the **Speaker of the Odisha Assembly**, becoming only the second woman to hold this prestigious position. Padhy, a two-term MLA from the **Ranpur constituency** in **Nayagarh district**, assumed office unopposed during a special session of the Assembly. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot of Karnataka** inaugurated the **National Yoga Olympiad 2024 in Mysuru**, emphasizing yoga's integral role in Indian culture and its global significance. More than 400 students and 100 teachers from across the country are participating in this inaugural three-day event. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The **Hemis Festival**, a vibrant celebration of **Tibetan Buddhism**, takes place annually in **Ladakh, India**. In 2024, this important cultural event will be held on **June 16th and 17th**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Telugu Desam Party's** Narsipatnam MLA **C. Ayyanna Patrudu** was elected unanimously as the **Speaker of the 16th Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly** on June 22, 2024. Mr. Ayyanna Patrudu's election was a mere formality as no other MLA filed a nomination for the Speaker's post to challenge him. ([Click to read the article](#))
- On **June 23, 2024**, **Kozhikode** made history by becoming the first **UNESCO City of Literature** in India. This prestigious recognition highlights the city's rich literary heritage and cultural significance. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Uttar Pradesh** is set to establish the **world's first conservation and breeding centre** for Asian king vultures or red-headed **vultures in Maharajganj**. The facility will improve the population of critically endangered species listed in the **International Union for Conservation of Nature's red list since 2007**. The centre is named **Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Nayab Singh Saini** announced that the reservation for the backward classes in **Group-A and Group-B posts**, currently at **15 per cent**, will be increased to **27 per cent**, "in line with the **Central government's policy**". Saini was addressing a gathering at '**OBC Morcha Sarv Samaj Samrasta Sammelan**' held in **Gurugram**. ([Click to read the article](#))

- **Srinagar** has become the **fourth Indian city** to be recognised as a **'World Craft City'** by the World Craft Council (WCC). Three years after it was designated as part of the **UNESCO Creative City Network (UCCN)** for **crafts and folk arts**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The Madhya Pradesh cabinet, led by **Chief Minister Mohan Yadav**, decided on June 25, 2024, that state ministers will now be responsible for paying income tax on their salaries and allowances out of their own pockets. This marks a significant change from a 1972 rule under which the state government bore the tax burden. This decision was approved unanimously during a cabinet meeting held in Bhopal. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The **Uttar Pradesh government** has announced an ambitious plan to establish a **bioplastic park** in the Lakhimpur Kheri district. This innovative project aims to address environmental concerns while boosting the local economy. Let's explore the details of this groundbreaking initiative. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The **Pench Tiger Reserve** in Maharashtra has taken a significant step forward in wildlife protection by introducing an advanced **Artificial Intelligence (AI) system** for early forest fire detection. This innovative approach marks a new chapter in conservation efforts, combining cutting-edge technology with traditional wildlife management practices. ([Click to read the article](#))

Schemes and Committees

- **Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare**, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda launched the **National STOP Diarrhoea Campaign 2024**, on June 24. He was joined by **Smt. Anupriya Patel** and **Shri Jadhav Patraprao Ganpatrao**, Union Ministers of State for Health and Family Welfare. The dignitaries also released IEC materials like **logo, posters, radio spots and audio visuals** for the campaign and distributed oral rehydration salts (**ORS**) and **zinc tablets** to children on the occasion. ([Click to read the article](#))
- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions **Dr. Jitendra Singh** on **June 24**, launched **"One Week One Theme" (OWOT)** campaign showcasing recent success stories of India in different streams of science and technology. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Chief Minister Mohan Yadav** said the centre of **'Bharatiya Gyan Parampara'** will be opened in every PM College of Excellence and necessary arrangements will be made in this regard. The PM College of Excellence is going to get **started from July 1** in all the **55 districts of Madhya Pradesh**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has launched the **Safai Apnao, Bimaari Bhagao (SABB)** initiative under **Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0**, running from **July 1 to August 31, 2024**. This initiative aims to bolster Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in tackling heightened cleanliness and health challenges during the monsoon season. It aligns with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's **'STOP Diarrhoea Campaign'**, emphasizing comprehensive interventions and inter-departmental collaboration. ([Click to read the article](#))
- In a recent report **American multi-national investment bank** and financial company **Morgan Stanley** has all praise for **PM Gati Shakti scheme**. The report highlights **increased and more targeted investments**, suggesting a continued emphasis on infrastructure spending in India's future. ([Click to read the article](#))

Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- In a significant partnership, Finnish telecom giant **Nokia** and **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV)** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly explore advancements in **5G and 6G communications**, specifically targeting transportation and logistics sectors. The agreement, signed in the presence of **Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw**, **Chancellor of GSV**, aims to leverage Nokia's expertise in telecommunications to enhance various aspects of transportation and logistics. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **Department of School Education** signed an Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with the **National Book Trust** to create an institutional framework for the **Digital Library Platform, Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In a significant step towards enhancing investment cooperation between India and Qatar, the inaugural meeting of the **Joint Task Force on Investment (JTFI)** took place in **New Delhi**. **Co-chaired by Ajay Seth**, **Secretary of India's Department of Economic Affairs**, and **Mohamed bin Hassen Al-Malki**, **Undersecretary of Qatar's Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, the meeting aimed to fortify bilateral relations and explore avenues for accelerated growth and collaboration across sectors like infrastructure, energy, technology, and innovation. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- In a significant move aimed at addressing the mental health needs of armed forces personnel and their families, the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)** and the Ministry of Defence (MoD) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This collaboration establishes a dedicated **Tele MANAS cell**, the digital extension of the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP), to provide comprehensive, integrated, and inclusive 24/7 tele-mental health services. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **IIT Kanpur**, in collaboration with the **Centre of Excellence for UAVs and DFI**, has unveiled **UDAAN**, a pioneering drone startup acceleration initiative. **UDAAN aims to empower emerging drone ventures by offering them access to state-of-the-art facilities, expert mentorship, financial support, and tailored business development guidance, fostering rapid business growth.** ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India and the UAE have embarked on a groundbreaking initiative with the introduction of the **Local Currency Settlement System (LCSS)**, aimed at transforming their economic relations. This system allows transactions between the two nations to be conducted in their respective domestic currencies—**Indian Rupees and UAE Dirhams**—thus reducing reliance on intermediary currencies like the US Dollar. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Adani Defence and Aerospace has announced a strategic cooperation agreement with **UAE-based EDGE Group**, aimed at integrating their defence and aerospace capabilities. This partnership will leverage their combined product portfolios to cater to global and regional defence needs, emphasizing advancements in technology and bilateral cooperation between India and the UAE. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In a significant move to enhance public accessibility to Indian art and culture, the **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Sansad TV**. This collaboration allows Sansad TV to broadcast **IGNCA's cultural programs** and utilize its extensive archival content. The **MoU was formalized by Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi**, Member Secretary of IGNCA, and **Mr. Rajat Punhani**, CEO of Sansad TV. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Oracle** has teamed up with the **Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation** to enhance IT skills among the state's youth through the **Naan Mudhalvan program**. This initiative aims to provide training and certification in cutting-edge technologies like cloud computing, data science, AI, ML, and blockchain, offering employment-linked opportunities to over 200,000 students. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** and the State Bank of India (**SBI**) have formalized a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to integrate **SBI's payment gateway, SBIPay, with the eMigrate portal**. This collaboration aims to bolster digital payment services for Indian migrant workers, recruiting agents, and users of the portal. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN), in collaboration with Svyasa, Deemed to be University, organized a Conference on **"Yoga for Space" at S-Vyasa University, Bengaluru**, in observance of International Day of Yoga (**IDY 2024**) with the theme **"Yoga for Self & Society."** This conference brought together experts from various fields to enhance societal health, including astronauts, by exploring the benefits of yoga in extreme conditions and space environments. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) and Mastercard India have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on enhancing **cyber-resilience in India's financial sector**. This partnership aims to leverage the shared expertise of both entities in cybersecurity incident response, capacity building, and advanced malware analysis. ([Click to read the article](#))

New Appointments: International

- Senior diplomat **Ruchira Kamboj**, who made history after becoming the **first woman to become the Indian Ambassador to the United Nations**, retired on **1 June**, after an illustrious career spanning nearly four decades, she announced on Saturday. ([Click to read complete articles](#))
- In a significant move, **PV Sindhu**, the two-time Olympic medallist and World Champion in badminton, has invested in Greenday's 'Better Nutrition' brand. Sindhu has also joined the startup as its brand ambassador, further solidifying her commitment to the cause of tackling **micronutrient deficiencies** in India. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Centre has appointed **Sushil Kumar Singh**, an officer from the Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineering (IRSME) of the 1993 batch, as the **Chairman of Deendayal Port Trust** in Kandla, Gujarat. One of the largest state-owned ports in the country, Deendayal Port Trust will be under Singh's leadership until his superannuation in January 2027. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Rakesh Mohan Joshi**, an **international trade and management expert**, has been appointed as the **Vice-Chancellor of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)**, a prestigious business school under the **Ministry of Commerce**. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- **Shri Kamal Kishore Soan**, took over the additional charge of **Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)** under **Ministry of Labour & Employment**, on May 31. He is a **senior IAS officer** from **Jharkhand Cadre (Batch : 1998)** currently serving as an **Additional Secretary and Director General, Labour Welfare** in the **Ministry of Labour & Employment**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Bisleri International**, the **pioneering force** in India's **carbonated soft drinks industry**, has unveiled an **exciting new campaign** for its refreshing beverage, **Bisleri Limonata**. Featuring the **charismatic Aditya Roy Kapur** as the brand ambassador, the **#DoubleTheChill** campaign aims to capture the essence of Limonata's **unique flavor blend** and establish a strong connection with the **Gen Z** audience. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **PNB MetLife India Insurance** has announced **Sameer Bansal** as its **new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer**, effective from July 1, 2024. Bansal, currently serving as the **Chief Distribution Officer**, brings over 25 years of financial services experience to his new role. He will succeed **Ashish Srivastava**, who is transitioning to **MD for MetLife Inc.'s Global Shared Services team in India**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Raj Priy Singh**, an **Indian Forest Service (IFoS)** officer of the 2010 batch, has been **appointed** as the **Director in the Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Rural Development**. His appointment follows a recommendation for Central deputation by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and is governed by the **Central Staffing Scheme (CSS)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Indian Revenue Service officer InderPal Singh Bindra** will soon take charge as the **Secretary of the Competition Commission of India (CCI)**. Bindra will replace **IRS officer Anupama Anand**, who has resigned within eight months of joining the regulator. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI)** has announced its new leadership for the 2024-25 term, effective from June 2024. **Abhijit Kishore**, **Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Vodafone Idea (VI)**, has been appointed as the **Chairman**, while **Rahul Vatts**, **Chief Regulatory Officer (CRO) of Bharti Airtel**, will serve as the **Vice Chairman**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Jun 11, **Lieutenant General Waker-Uz-Zaman** was named **Bangladesh's next Army chief** for a three-year term and will assume charge on June 23. **Lt Gen Zaman**, 58, would concurrently be upgraded to the **rank of a four-star general** on the day he assumed charge. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **SBICAP Ventures Limited (SVL)** has named **Prem Prabhakar** as its **new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer**, effective from June 4, 2024. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Dr Kapil Dua**, a pioneer in hair transplant surgery in India with over two decades of experience, has been announced as the **President of the Asian Association of Hair Restoration Surgeons (AAHRS)**. The announcement was made at the **8th Annual Scientific Meeting and Surgical Workshop of AAHRS**, held from **June 6th to 9th in China**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Centre on June 13 reappointed former **IPS officer Ajit Doval** as the **National Security Adviser (NSA)**. His appointment will be co-terminus with the term of **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** or until further orders. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Former IAS officer P K Mishra** has been re-appointed as the **Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of **Dr P.K. Mishra, IAS (Retired)** as **Principal Secretary to Prime Minister** with effect from **June 10, 2024**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Ajith Kumar KK** has been appointed as the **Managing Director and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank** for a three-year term starting June 20, 2024. The announcement was made in a regulatory filing by the Kerala-based private sector bank. ([Click to read the article](#))
- In a recent development, **Paytm** has named **Rajeev Krishnamuralilal Agarwal**, former whole-time **director of SEBI**, as its **non-executive independent director** for a five-year term. This change comes alongside the resignation of **Neeraj Arora**, who cited pre-occupation and personal commitments. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** has appointed **IAS officer Ashwani Kumar** as the **Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD)** with immediate effect. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Global Wind Energy Council India** has announced that **Mr Girish Tanti**, **Vice-Chairman of Suzlon Group**, has been appointed as the **Chairman**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- On this significant day for higher education in Karnataka, the **State government** has made a crucial appointment that marks a new era for the **University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE)**. This appointment represents an important step in the institution's history and development. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Sudhakararao Papa** has been appointed as the **Director (Enterprise) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)** following a rigorous selection process by the **Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) on June 15, 2024**. His appointment is pending final vigilance clearances and approval from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. ([Click to read the article](#))

- **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**, a leading Indian defense electronics company, has announced a significant change in its top leadership. **Manoj Jain** has been appointed as the new **Chairman and Managing Director** of the company. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The government (on 20 June) has appointed **Atul Kumar Chaudhary**, as the new **Secretary, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)**, the position which was lying vacant after superannuation of **V Raghunandan** on May 31. ([Click to read the article](#))
- Rear **Admiral Nelson D'Souza** has taken over as **Commandant of Military Institute of Technology (MILIT)**, Pune from **Air Vice Marshal Vivek Blouria**. An accomplished alumnus of the **Defence Services Staff College, Wellington** and **Naval War College, Goa**, Rear Admiral D'Souza has served in numerous key positions within the **Indian Navy** since his commissioning in **March 1991**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Pradeep Singh Kharola** is currently the **Chairman and Managing Director of India Trade Promotion** and has been appointed as the **Director General of National Testing Agency** as an additional charge. Kharola is a **1985 batch IAS officer**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Paul Thomas, MD & CEO** of **ESAF Small Finance Bank**, has been elected as **Chairperson of the board of Sa-Dhan**, which is an association of microfinance and impact finance institutions. Thomas so far was the co-chair of the Association. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Sony Pictures Networks India** on June 24 announced the appointment of former Disney executive **Gaurav Banerjee** as its **Managing Director and CEO**, effective on or before August 26, pending regulatory approvals. Mr. Banerjee will succeed **N. P. Singh**, who will move into the role of **Non-Executive Chairman** after a 25-year tenure. ([Click to read the article](#))
- Private sector general insurer **HDFC ERGO** General Insurance announced the appointment of **Anuj Tyagi** as its **new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**, effective **July 1, 2024**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The government has appointed **Girija Subramanian** as **chairman and managing director (CMD)** of **New India Assurance**, the largest general insurer in India. She will hold this position from **June 19, 2024**, until she attains the age of superannuation or until further orders. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani** is set to be the next **Vice Chief of Army Staff** with the government clearing his appointment to the post, official sources said on June 20. The officer, who is presently helming the Army's Central Command, will succeed **Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi**. Lt Gen Dwivedi, currently serving as the **Vice Chief**, will be the next Chief of the Army Staff when incumbent Gen **Manoj Pande** retires on June 30. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Mrs. Aksha Mohit Kamboj** has been appointed as the **Vice President** of the **India Bullion Jewellers Association (IBJA)**, effective from **June 22, 2024**. This historic appointment marks her as the **first woman** to hold this prestigious position in the **gold and jewellery sector**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- In a significant development for global security, **NATO** (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) has announced the appointment of **Mark Rutte**, the outgoing Dutch Prime Minister, as its next **Secretary General**. This decision marks an important milestone for the 75-year-old alliance as it faces critical challenges in the coming years. ([Click to read the article](#))
- In a momentous development for Indian golf, **Kapil Dev**, the legendary cricketer and passionate amateur golfer, has been elected as the new **president of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI)**. This significant appointment marks a new chapter in the history of professional golf in India. ([Click to read the article](#))
- Deputy National Security Advisor **Vikram Misri** will take charge as the **Foreign Secretary on July 15**, the Government announced on June 28. Mr. Misri, who is a **former Indian ambassador to China**, will succeed **current Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra**. ([Click to read the article](#))

Ranks and Reports Current Affairs

- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations released **The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture 2024**, its flagship report providing a comprehensive analysis of the global and regional status and trends in fisheries and aquaculture. It shows, for the first time in 2022, that aquaculture production exceeded fisheries. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Infosys**, a leading information technology company, has secured its position among the **100 most valuable brands in the world** for the third consecutive year. This recognition comes from Kantar, a prominent marketing data and analytics business, further solidifying Infosys' reputation as a global brand powerhouse. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA)** has secured the **18th position** in the World Bank's Container Port Performance Index (CPPI), marking a significant milestone for India's maritime industry. This achievement underscores the exemplary efforts of Terminal Operator M/s. Visakha Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd. (VCTPL) in enhancing operational efficiency and service delivery. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- Mumbai and Delhi have emerged as top performers in the global luxury real estate market, according to Knight Frank's recent report, "**Prime Global Cities Index January-March 2024**". Both cities recorded significant increases in house prices, positioning them among the top five global cities for prime residential price growth. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In **Mercer's 2024** Cost of Living Survey released on June 17, Mumbai solidifies its position as **India's most expensive city** for expatriates, climbing to **136th globally and 21st in Asia**. New Delhi follows at 30th within Asia, showcasing a

notable shift in cost dynamics across Indian cities. Despite economic challenges, India remains resilient, offering affordability advantages for global talent recruitment. ([Click to read the article](#))

- India has achieved significant milestones in its domestic aviation sector over the past decade, emerging as the **world's third-largest market for domestic airlines by April 2024**. This marks a remarkable ascent from its fifth position ten years ago, driven by robust growth and strategic developments under **Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership**. ([Click to read the article](#))

Sports Current Affairs

- **Dinesh Karthik**, the veteran **wicketkeeper-batter**, announced his **retirement** from all forms of cricket. The writing was on the wall after his emotional farewell from the **Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB)** franchise in the recently concluded **Indian Premier League (IPL)** season. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Wembley Stadium, **Real Madrid** etched their name in the history books once again by securing a record-extending **15th UEFA Champions League title**. The Spanish giants showcased their trademark resilience and clinical edge, overcoming a valiant **Borussia Dortmund** side with a **2-0 victory**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Nayana James**, an Asian Athletics Championships bronze medalist, etched her name in glory by clinching the **gold medal** in the women's **long jump** event at the **Taiwan Athletics Open 2024** held in Chinese Taipei. Braving rainy conditions at the Taipei Municipal Stadium, Nayana recorded an impressive distance of **6.43m** to secure the top spot on the podium. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The ninth edition of the **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** promises to be a thrilling spectacle, with the winners set to take home a **record-breaking prize money** of at least **\$2.45 million**. In addition to the championship glory, the **runners-up** will receive a substantial sum of at least **\$1.28 million**, while the losing **semi-finalists** will each earn a significant **\$787,500**. The total prize pot for the tournament stands at an impressive **\$11.25 million**, ensuring that even the teams that fail to advance beyond the Super 8s stage will be rewarded handsomely. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The cricketing world witnessed another veteran hanging up his boots as **Kedar Jadhav**, the 39-year-old former Indian all-rounder, announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Rohit Sharma, fondly known as the "Hitman" for his ability to hit towering sixes, etched his name in the record books by becoming the first cricketer in the world to hit 600 sixes in international cricket. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- The International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup, a prestigious shooting tournament, is currently underway in **Munich, Germany**, from **May 31 to June 8, 2024**. Amidst the intense competition, Indian shooter **Sarabjot Singh** has etched his name in history by claiming India's **first medal** at the event. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The prestigious **Norway Chess Tournament** witnessed an electrifying conclusion as the reigning **World No. 1, Magnus Carlsen**, etched his name into the annals of chess history by claiming his sixth title. In a gripping final round, Carlsen outmanoeuvred the formidable **Fabiano Caruana** in an intense **Armageddon** match, solidifying his dominance on the global stage. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Canadian Grand Prix 2024**, also known as the **AWS GRAND PRIX DU CANADA 2024**, witnessed a remarkable display of skill and determination as Dutch-Belgian racing driver **Max Verstappen** of **Red Bull** claimed his third consecutive victory at the prestigious event. The 9th round of the 2024 F1 championships, held at the iconic **Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve** in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, further solidified Verstappen's dominance on the track. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

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- Indian tennis sensation **Sumit Nagpal** has etched his name in history by winning the prestigious **Heilbronn Neckarcup 2024 ATP Challenger Tennis tournament** in Germany. This remarkable achievement marks Nagpal's **sixth ATP Challenger title**, a feat that solidifies his position as India's top-ranked men's singles player. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Indian strawweight **Puja Tomar** became the first ever Indian to win a bout in the UFC as she defeated **Brazil's Rayanne Amanda dos Santos** via split decision at the **UFC Louisville** on June 8. **Puja Tomar beat Rayanne Amanda dos Santos 30-27, 30-27, 29-28.** ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In a landmark decision, the Executive Board of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) has designated India as the host country for the inaugural **FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup featuring 24 teams**, set to take place in December 2025. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Shruti Vora**, astride **Magnanimous**, has become the **first Indian rider** to win a **three-star Grand Prix event**- a historic achievement for the Indian equestrian. Shruti scored **67.761 points in the CDI-3 event in Lipica, Slovenia** from June 7-9. The Indian finished ahead of **Moldova's Tatiana Antonenco (Aachen)**, who scored 66.522. **Austria's Juliane Jerich (Quarter Girl)** completed the top 3 with a score of **66.087.** ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has named **Gudakesh Motie** of the West Indies as the **ICC Men's Player of the Month for May 2024.** In the women's category, **Chamari Athapaththu** of Sri Lanka has been named the **ICC Women's Player of the Month for May 2024.** ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **2024 FIDE U-20 World Chess Championship**, organized by the International Chess Federation (FIDE), witnessed a remarkable achievement as **18-year-old Divya Deshmukh** from Nagpur, India, clinched the **FIDE Under-20 Girl's World Chess Championship** title. Deshmukh's triumph marks her as the **fourth Indian woman** to win this prestigious title, following in the footsteps of chess legends **Koneru Humpy, Harika Dronavalli, and Soumya Swaminathan.** ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In a thrilling final at the **BWF Australian Open 2024** in Sydney on Sunday (16 June), **Lee Zii Jia** from **Malaysia** emerged victorious against **Naraoka Kodai** of Japan, securing his second title of the season. ([Click to read the article](#))
- According to the **Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2023** released by global consulting firm Kroll, cricketer **Virat Kohli** has reclaimed the top spot as India's **most valued celebrity brand** with a brand value of **\$227.9 million.** This marks a **30% jump** from his brand value of \$176.9 million in 2022. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The Indian National Ultimate Frisbee team put up a valiant effort in the finals of the **Asia Oceanic Beach Ultimate Championships (AOBUC) 2024**, finishing as runners-up after a hard-fought match against the Philippines with a final score of 9-12. This marks a historic milestone for Indian Ultimate Frisbee as the national team reached the finals for the first time, demonstrating significant growth and potential on the international stage. The tournament featured 16 teams from across Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. ([Click to read the article](#))
- Indian **javelin star Neeraj Chopra** added another feather to his cap by clinching the **gold medal** in the men's javelin throw event at the **Paavo Nurmi Games 2024** in Turku, Finland. The Paavo Nurmi Games is a prestigious **World Athletics Continental Tour (Gold level)** event, and Neeraj's victory further solidifies his position as a dominant force in the sport. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Pat Cummins**, the fast bowler, spearheaded the bowling attack by claiming a hat-trick, while David Warner's unbeaten fifty guaranteed a smooth chase as Australia comfortably defeated Bangladesh in their **'Super 8s' Group 1** encounter of the **T20 World Cup.** The match, held in **Antigua** on June 21, was under the threat of rain that disrupted proceedings twice. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Olympic bronze medalist wrestler Bajrang Punia** has been suspended by the **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)** for a second time for refusing to provide a urine sample during selection trials. This suspension comes after NADA revoked his previous suspension due to procedural issues. Punia's legal team plans to challenge the suspension, arguing he did not refuse to provide a sample but sought clarification on expired kits used previously. ([Click to read the article](#))
- In a thrilling display of skill and strategy, **Max Verstappen** secured victory at the **Spanish Grand Prix** on Sunday, further solidifying his position atop the **Formula 1 drivers championship.** ([Click to read the article](#))
- In a remarkable display of athletic prowess and dedication, four officers from the Armed Forces Medical Service (AFMS) of India achieved unprecedented success at the **43rd World Medical and Health Games in Saint-Tropez, France.** Lt Col Sanjeev Malik, Maj Anish George, Capt Stephen Sebastian, and Capt Dania James collectively secured a record-breaking 32 medals, comprising 19 golds, 9 silvers, and 4 bronzes. These achievements underscore their exceptional performance in the world's largest sporting event for health professionals. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The **Archery World Cup 2024 Stage 3** in **Antalya, Turkey** concluded on June 23, 2024, with Indian archers showcasing their exceptional skills and bringing home multiple medals. 22-year-old **Dhiraj Bommadevara** emerged as a star performer for India, securing two bronze medals in recurve events. ([Click to read the article](#))

- **Rohit Sharma** became the first player to hit **200 sixes** in **T20Is** during the T20 World Cup 2024 Super Eight Group 1 match against **Australia** at the **Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium in St. Lucia** on June 24. Rohit struck a **41-ball 92 and hit eight sixes in the innings**, taking his overall tally to **203 maximums** in the shortest format of the game. ([Click to read the article](#))
- Indian wrestlers ended their campaign in the **Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championship 2024** with an impressive tally of **11 medals**, including **four gold, two silver, and five bronze**. The event was held in Amman, Jordan, from 22-24 June 2024. Following the U-17 competition, the U-23 championship commenced. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Smriti Mandhana** became the **first Indian woman** to record **two consecutive ODI hundreds** during the second ODI against **South Africa** at the **M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru** on June 19. She scripted history on June 23, after she registered the record for the most runs by an Indian woman in a bilateral **One-Day International series**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Pat Cummins** made history on June 23, as he became **first player** to pick up **2 hat-tricks** in **T20 World Cups** during the

Super 8 clash between **Australia and Afghanistan** in St. Vincent. Cummins picked up the wickets of **Rashid Khan, Karim Janat and Gulbadin Naib** to achieve the feat. ([Click to read the article](#))

- The **cricketing world** bid farewell to one of its most dynamic players as **David Warner** officially retired from international cricket. Warner's illustrious 15-year career with the **Australian national team** came to an end following Australia's elimination from the **T20 World Cup** in the Super Eight phase. ([Click to read the article](#))
- On a remarkable Friday at Chennai's Chepauk Stadium, young Indian opener **Shafali Verma** etched her name in the annals of cricket history with a **record-breaking double century** against **South Africa** in the one-off Test match. ([Click to read the article](#))
- After a successful **first season in Dubai**, the Global Chess League will return for another edition, this time in London. The highly anticipated second edition of Tech Mahindra Global Chess League will take place in London, England from 3rd to 12th October 2024. It will take place at Friends House in central London. ([Click to read the article](#))

Schemes and Committees

- The Supreme Court of India has reconstituted its **Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee**, in accordance with the **Gender Sensitisation and Sexual Harassment regulations of 2013**. The reconstitution, initiated by the **Chief Justice of India**, appoints **Justice Hima Kohli as the Chairperson**, alongside Justice BV Nagarathna as a Member and Dr. Sukhda Pritam as the Member Secretary. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- In response to the dynamic growth of Indian securities markets, **SEBI** has established a committee, **chaired by Usha Thorat**, former Deputy Governor of the RBI, to assess and propose enhancements to the ownership and economic framework of clearing corporations. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- On **June 5**, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the '**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**' campaign to commemorate the World Environment Day. He planted a **Peepal tree** sapling at **Buddha Jayanti Park in Delhi**. He was accompanied by **Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav** and **Delhi's Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has taken a significant step towards enhancing pensioner services by forging partnerships with four prominent banks. These Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) aim to establish **SPARSH service centers**, leveraging the System for Pension

Administration (RAKSHA), across 1,128 branches nationwide. SPARSH, a web-based system, facilitates streamlined pension processing and direct crediting to defense pensioners' bank accounts. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- **Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan** lead the chart of **1.16 lakh farmers** who have voluntarily given up the benefits of the annual **Rs 6,000 Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan)** scheme across the country **from June 2023 to May 2024**. The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare had introduced a module in the **PM-Kisan mobile app** and website last year which enables farmers to voluntarily exit the scheme. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has slapped a **fine of Rs 7.75 crore on 11 individuals** for allegedly operating a '**pump and dump**' scheme in scrip of **Svarnim Trade Udyog**. The markets regulator has also debarred them from the securities market and ordered disgorgement of **Rs 92.37 lakh with 12 per cent annual interest**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi**, has said that the decision of **3 crore additional rural and urban houses** under **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)** underscores the government's commitment to addressing the **housing needs** of our nation and ensuring that every citizen leads a better quality of life. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- The Assam government has taken a commendable step towards promoting girl education and addressing the issue of child marriage in the state. On June 12, 2024, Chief Minister **Himanta Biswa Sarma** announced the launch of the **Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina (MMNM)** scheme, which was approved by the Assam government cabinet. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- On June 18, 2024, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** awarded certificates to over 30,000 self-help groups as **Krishi Sakhis** in Varanasi. This initiative aims to enhance the skills of rural women in agriculture, recognizing their vital role in this sector. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare**, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda launched the **National STOP Diarrhoea Campaign 2024**, on June 24. He was joined by **Smt. Anupriya Patel** and **Shri Jadhav Patraprao Ganpatrao**, Union Ministers of State for Health and Family Welfare. The dignitaries also released IEC materials like **logo, posters, radio spots and audio visuals** for the campaign and distributed oral rehydration salts (**ORS**) and **zinc tablets** to children on the occasion. ([Click to read the article](#))
- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions **Dr. Jitendra Singh on June 24**, launched “**One**

Week One Theme” (OWOT) campaign showcasing recent success stories of India in different streams of science and technology. ([Click to read the article](#))

- **Chief Minister Mohan Yadav** said the centre of ‘**Bharatiya Gyan Parampara**’ will be opened in every PM College of Excellence and necessary arrangements will be made in this regard. The PM College of Excellence is going to get **started from July 1** in all the **55 districts of Madhya Pradesh**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has launched the **Safai Apnao, Bimaari Bhagao (SABB)** initiative under **Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0**, running from **July 1 to August 31, 2024**. This initiative aims to bolster Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in tackling heightened cleanliness and health challenges during the monsoon season. It aligns with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare’s ‘**STOP Diarrhoea Campaign**’, emphasizing comprehensive interventions and inter-departmental collaboration. ([Click to read the article](#))
- In a recent report **American multi-national investment bank** and financial company **Morgan Stanley** has all praise for **PM Gati Shakti scheme**. The report highlights **increased and more targeted investments**, suggesting a continued emphasis on infrastructure spending in India’s future. ([Click to read the article](#))

Summits And Conferences

- The 21st edition of the Asia Pacific premier defence meet, the **Shangri-La Dialogue or the Asian Security Summit**, concluded in **Singapore on 2 June 2024**. Held at the Shangri-La Hotel from 31 May to 2 June, the Dialogue saw participation from over a hundred delegates worldwide, discussing pressing security challenges and exploring fresh approaches. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **KAZA 2024 Heads of State Summit** ended in the Zambian resort town of Livingstone on May 31, with leaders of the **five member countries** agreeing to argue their case for lifting of the ban on ivory trade at the **20th meeting of the Conference of Parties (CoP20)** of the **Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)** due next year in Geneva, Switzerland. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- India will host the prestigious **81st International Air Transport Association (IATA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) in 2025**, marking its return after a **42-year hiatus**. This significant event, scheduled for June 8 to 10, will convene in Delhi, the third time the city has hosted the AGM after 1958 and 1983. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Analytical science** refers to the art of measurement and its interpretation. It involves improving the means of measuring the **chemical composition, structure, and**

morphology of natural and man-made substances or entities and interpreting the data obtained. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- The **Indian tripartite delegation** led by Secretary (Labour & Employment), **Ms. Sumita Dawra**, participated in the **112th session of the International Labour Conference (ILC)** of **International Labour Organisation (ILO)** being held in **Geneva, Switzerland**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** leaves for Italy to attend the **50th G7 leaders’ summit**. It will be his first trip abroad after assuming charge as the Prime Minister for the third term. Modi, accompanied by a high-level delegation, will attend an outreach session on the **summit on June 14**. The session will be focused on issues relating to **artificial intelligence, energy, Africa and the Mediterranean**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The two day **India-IORA Cruise Tourism Conference** concluded in New Delhi on June 14. Officials and experts from the **Indian Ocean Rim Association**, IORA Member States including **Bangladesh, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Seychelles and Tanzania** participated in the Conference. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- **Shri Pavan Kapoor, Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs**, represented India at the **Summit on Peace in Ukraine**, hosted by **Switzerland at Burgenstock on June 15-16, 2024**. India attended the Opening and Closing Plenary Sessions of the Summit but did not align itself with any communique or document that emerged. This highlights India’s consistent and independent approach to achieving a peaceful resolution to the conflict through dialogue and diplomacy. [\(Click to read the article\)](#)
- The mid-year **climate discussions** in **Bonn, Germany**, concluded recently with **limited progress**, raising concerns for a potentially challenging road ahead to the **COP29** summit to be held in **Baku, Azerbaijan**, later this year. [\(Click to read the article\)](#)
- At the recent Summit on **Peace in Ukraine hosted by Switzerland**, India opted not to sign the final communique alongside several other nations. This decision stemmed from India’s strategic relationship with Russia, its primary defense supplier, and Moscow’s absence from the summit, which India deemed crucial for any lasting peace agreement involving Ukraine. [\(Click to read the article\)](#)
- The **112th International Labour Organization (ILC)** was held in **Geneva from 3-14 June 2024**. It was attended by more than **4,900 delegates – representing Governments, and Employers’ and Workers’ organizations**. The **113rd ILC** will be held in June 2025. [\(Click to read the article\)](#)
- The 64th International Sugar Organisation (**ISO**) **Council meeting commenced on 25th June 2024 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi**, bringing together delegates from over **30 countries** and representatives of various international organizations. The meeting, held from 25-27 June 2024, aims to discuss issues related to the sugar industry and biofuels sectors. [\(Click to read the article\)](#)
- External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** represent India at the annual summit of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** in **Astana** next week. The summit, to be held on **July 3 and 4**, is expected to focus on the **regional security situation** and ways to **boost connectivity and trade**. [\(Click to read the article\)](#)

Important Days

Date	Important Days
June 1, 2024	World Milk Day
June 1, 2024	Global Day of Parents
June 2, 2024	International Sex Worker’s Day
June 2, 2024	Telangana Formation Day
June 3, 2024	World Bicycle Day
June 4, 2024	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
June 5, 2024	World Environment Day
June 5, 2024	International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
June 6, 2024	UN Russian Language Day 2024
June 7, 2024	World Food Safety Day
June 7, 2024	World Oceans Day
June 8, 2024	World Brain Tumour Day
June 9, 2024	World Accreditation Day
June 9, 2024	International Archives Day
June 11, 2024	International Day of Play 2024
June 12, 2024	World Day Against Child Labor
June 13, 2024	International Albinism Awareness Day
June 14, 2024	World Blood Donor Day
June 15, 2024	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
June 15, 2024	World Father’s Day
June 16, 2024	International Day of Family Remittances
June 17, 2024	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
June 18, 2024	International Day for Countering Hate Speech 2024

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June 18, 2024	Sustainable Gastronomy Day 2024
June 19, 2024	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict 2024
June 19, 2024	World Sickle Cell Day
June 20, 2024	World Refugee Day
June 21, 2024	World Music Day
June 21, 2024	World Hydrography Day
June 21, 2024	International Yoga Day
June 21, 2024	Summer Solstice
June 22, 2024	World Rainforest Day
June 23, 2024	International Olympic Day
June 23, 2024	United Nations Public Service Day
June 23, 2024	International Widow's Day
June 24, 2024	International Day of Women in Diplomacy 2024
June 25, 2024	International Day of the Seafarer 2024
June 26, 2024	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
June 26, 2024	International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
June 27, 2024	Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day 2024
June 27, 2024	International Pineapple Day 2024
June 28, 2024	National Insurance Awareness Day 2024
June 29, 2024	National Statistics Day
June 29, 2024	International Day of Tropics
June 30, 2024	World Asteroid Day

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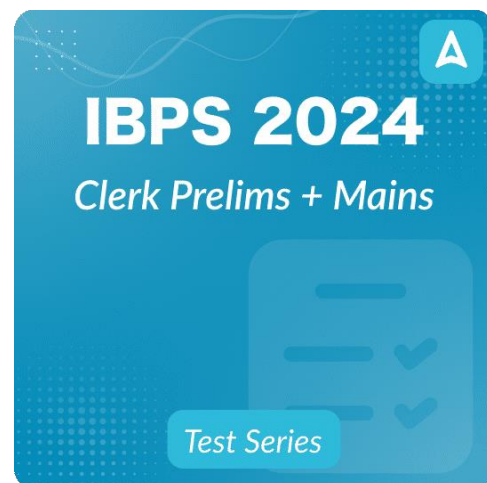
- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** has deployed its formidable **Rafale fighter jets** for the two-week multinational air exercise **Red Flag**, which commenced on **May 30** in **Alaska**. The IAF contingent, supported by **IL-78 air-to-air refuelers** and **C-17 transport aircraft**, arrived at the **Eielson Air Force Base** in the United States for the advanced aerial combat training exercise. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- A tech-based innovation, an integrated generator monitoring, protection and control system, developed by the Indian Army was launched on June 5. '**Vidyut Rakshak**', developed by the **Army Design Bureau (ADB)** was launched by the **Army's Vice Chief Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi** will take over as the next **Chief of the Army Staff (COAS)** on June 30. In his career of over 39 years, he has served as **Northern Army Commander and Director General (DG)** infantry amongst other appointments. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **8th edition of the Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX-24)** has commenced at Yokosuka, Japan, hosted by the **Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF)**. Indian Navy's INS Shivalik and Japan's JS Yugiri are participating. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The launch of '**Missile Cum Ammunition Barge, LSAM 13 (Yard 81)**', the fifth Barge of 08 x Missile Cum Ammunition Barge project, built by MSME Shipyard. **M/s SECON Engineering Projects Pvt Ltd (SEPPL)**, Visakhapatnam for Indian Navy, was undertaken on **10 Jun 24** at M/s Vinayaga Marine Petro Ltd, Mira Bhayandar, Maharashtra (launch site of M/s SECON Engineering Projects Pvt Ltd). The launching Ceremony was presided over by **Cmde Manish Vig, General Manager (QA), ND(Mbi)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India has achieved a significant milestone in its defense capabilities with the induction of the **indigenous Nagastra-1 kamikaze drones** developed by **Solar Industries, based in Nagpur**. This deployment addresses the escalating drone-related incidents along India's Northern borders, highlighting the critical need for advanced indigenous drone technologies in combat applications. ([Click to read the article](#))

- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** is set to make history this August by hosting its first-ever multinational air exercise, **Tarang Shakti-2024**. The exercise is slated to be held in two phases, with the initial phase commencing in the first two weeks of August in southern India, followed by the second phase in the western sector from **late August to mid-September**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The **Indian Army** on June 18, announced the opening of a **state-of-the-art skin bank** facility at the Army Hospital (Research & Referral). The facility offers the latest modern treatment for **severe burn injuries** received by armed forces personnel and their families. ([Click to read the article](#))
- In a significant move towards self-reliance, the **Northern Command** of the Indian Army has ordered 550 indigenously designed, developed, and manufactured **ASMI submachine guns** worth Rs 4.26 crores from **Hyderabad-based Lokesh Machine Limited**. This marks the first time an indigenously designed and manufactured weapon has been inducted into the Indian Army. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan** released the **Joint Doctrine for Cyberspace Operations** during the **Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC)** meeting held on **June 18, 2024**, in New Delhi. The Joint Doctrine is a keystone publication that will guide Commanders in conducting Cyberspace Operations in today's complex military operating environment. ([Click to read the article](#))
- In a landmark event, the Military College of Telecommunication Engineering (MCTE) of the Indian Army and the **Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering & Research (SAMEER)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on 'Next Generation Wireless Technologies for the Indian Army'. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **India's defence exports to the United States (US)** has grown to account for **over 50 per cent of the total exports**, exceeding **\$2.8 billion** during the last 5 years, said **Ranjana Khanna**, Director General and CEO – American Chamber of Commerce in India (Amcham). ([Click to read the article](#))
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) handed over the **Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket (MR-MOCR)** to the Indian Navy in a ceremony **held in New Delhi**. This rocket creates a microwave obscurant cloud in space, forming an effective shield against threats with radio frequency seekers. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Jaipur Military Station** has become the **second military station in India** to have a road made from plastic waste. The road, **inaugurated on June 26, 2024**, by **Major General R.S. Godara**, General Officer Commanding of 61 Sub Area, is 100 meters long and stretches from Sagat Singh Road under bridge to Cubs Corner complex. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The deployment marks sustained participation of an Indian Military Contingent in military parade organized as part of Seychelles National Day **since 1976**. **INS Sunayna** entered **Port Victoria**, Seychelles on 26 Jun 24 as part of her long range deployment in the **South West Indian Ocean Region**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has successfully completed six consecutive development trials of High Speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) '**ABHYAS**' with improved booster configuration from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), **Chandipur, Odisha**. ([Click to read the article](#))

Awards Current Affairs

- The famous Annual **Hindi Sahitya Bharati Award** has been given to **Krishna Prakash**, who is well-known for leading Mumbai Police's special counterterrorism team, Force One. The award was given out at Mumbai's multicultural **Sab Me Ram Shashwat Shri Ram** event. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Poet and playwright Siddhalinga Pattanashetti** has been chosen for the prestigious **Gudleppa Hallikeri Award** for 2024 by the **Gudleppa Hallikeri Memorial Foundation, Hosaritti (Haveri District)**. Veeranna Chekki, senior trustee of the **Gudleppa Hallikeri Memorial foundation** of Hosaritti, Haveri District announced. This is the **19th award** and will be presented **in the honour of the birth anniversary of Gudleppa Hallikeri on 6 June**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- At the prestigious **New York Indian Film Festival 2024**, **Sanya Malhotra** has etched her name in glory by winning the **Best Actress award** for her captivating performance in the film "Mrs." This triumph marks a significant milestone in Malhotra's burgeoning career and underscores her exceptional talent as an actress. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **All India Tennis Association (AITA)** has announced the **Dilip Bose award** for lifetime achievement to coach **Nar Singh**. The first award would be presented to the 69-year-old **Rohini Lokhande** who was a member of the national team along with **Kiran Bedi, Nirupama Mankad, Susan Das and Udaya Kumar**, before she took to coaching at a young age. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- The **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)**, established on August 24, 1984, by the Government of India, is a premier telecom research and development centre. Its mission is to revolutionize the telecom sector in India by developing cutting-edge technologies and products tailored to Indian conditions. ([Click to read complete article](#))

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has been awarded the Asia-Pacific region's 'Best Conduct of Business Regulator' by The Asian Banker. The award was received by SEBI's Whole Time Member, Kamlesh Chandra Varshney, at a ceremony held in Hong Kong. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Vellayan Subbiah, Executive Vice Chairman of Tube Investments of India (TII) and Chairman of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Co Ltd., secured the prestigious EY World Entrepreneur of the Year 2024 award, marking the fourth time an entrepreneur from India has won this global title. His visionary leadership and transformative strategies have propelled both TII and Chola to unprecedented success, earning him recognition on the global stage. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Siddhesh Sakore, a farmer and the founder of AGRO RANGERS from Maharashtra, has been recognized as a Land Hero by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) on World Desertification and Drought Day. The announcement was made during a programme in Bonn, Germany, honoring 10 Land Heroes from around the globe. ([Click to read the article](#))
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been awarded the prestigious "Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024" by Central Banking, a renowned publication headquartered in London. This accolade recognizes the RBI's significant strides in cultivating a robust risk culture and heightened awareness, solidifying its essential role in maintaining the stability of India's financial system. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The Sahitya Akademi on June 15, announced the names of 23 writers, including English writer K Vaishali and Hindi author Gaurav Pandey, who will receive the prestigious Yuva Puraskar across as many languages. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala, a renowned Ayurvedic institution, celebrated a significant achievement as its managing trustee and chief physician, P. Madhavankutty Varier, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science (DSc) degree by the Kerala University of Health Sciences (KUHS). ([Click to read the article](#))
- Eminent children's filmmaker Vinod Ganatra has become the first Indian to be conferred with South Africa's prestigious 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award' for his outstanding contribution to children's cinema. The award was presented to him at the 7th Nelson Mandela Children's Film Festival. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The renowned wildlife filmmaker Subbiah Nallamuthu has been conferred with the prestigious 18th V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contributions to the field of non-feature and wildlife documentary filmmaking. The award was presented to him by the Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, L. Murugan, at the inaugural ceremony of the 18th Mumbai International Film Festival in Mumbai, Maharashtra. ([Click to read the article](#))
- Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB), a regional rural bank sponsored by Canara Bank, has been honoured with a national award by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) for significant enrolment under the Atal Pension Yojana (APY). ([Click to read the article](#))
- India's first artificial intelligence university, Universal AI University (UAIU), has appointed international strategist and multiple award-winning professor Simon Mak as its vice-chancellor. Mak is the first non-Indian to hold the position of founding vice chancellor of an Indian institution. ([Click to read the article](#))
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd. has been honoured with the "Sustainable Governance Champion Award" at the Outlook Planet Sustainability Summit & Awards 2024. This recognition highlights GRSE's unwavering commitment to sustainable practices and governance excellence. ([Click to read the article](#))
- In a significant recognition of her literary contributions, Booker Prize-winning author Arundhati Roy has been awarded the esteemed Pen Pinter Prize for 2024. This honour comes at a time when Roy faces potential legal challenges, highlighting the importance of her work and the ongoing struggle for freedom of expression. ([Click to read the article](#))
- In a heartwarming celebration of linguistic and cultural ties between India and Nepal, Dr. Usha Thakur has been honoured with the 12th Vishwa Hindi Samman. This prestigious award recognizes her outstanding contributions to Hindi literature and her efforts in strengthening the bonds between Hindi and Nepali languages. ([Click to read the article](#))



Science and Technology

- As part of the **Artemis program**, which intends to bring humans back to the lunar surface, **NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA)** are working together to create a **common time system** for the moon. The project aims to meet the requirement for a common timekeeping system to manage missions from various nations and private organizations. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang** revealed the company's groundbreaking next-generation AI chip platform, Rubin, set for a 2026 release. The Rubin family, comprising GPUs, CPUs, and networking processors, promises to revolutionize AI capabilities. Notably, Nvidia plans an aggressive shift to annual releases, aiming to keep pace with AI advancements and maintain its market dominance. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Boeing and NASA are gearing up for the highly anticipated launch of the **Starliner spacecraft's first crewed flight test**, scheduled for **June 5 from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida**. This historic event marks a significant milestone in space exploration, with veteran NASA astronauts Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams aboard the spacecraft. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- ISRO, through its Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), has introduced the **PraVaHa software**, a **Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)** tool aimed at facilitating aerodynamic design and analysis for aerospace vehicles. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- A group of teachers and students at the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Dharwad**, directed by **Profs. Sudheer Siddapureddy and Ameer Mulla**, with funding from the **TIHAN Foundation, IIT Hyderabad (NMICPS, Indian government)**, has created a **drone for fire rescue assistance**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Volvo Cars** announces the debut of the **world's first EV battery passport**, which meticulously documents the lineage of **raw materials, components, recycled content, and carbon footprint** for its forthcoming **flagship EX90 SUV**, ahead of the EU rules. Volvo owners can access a simplified version of the passport using a **QR code on the inside of the driver's door**. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Nvidia's** remarkable rally to record highs on Wednesday saw the artificial intelligence chipmaker's valuation soar past the \$3 trillion mark, eclipsing Apple and securing its position as the **world's second most valuable company**. This significant shift marks a departure from Silicon Valley's traditional dominance by Apple, particularly since the launch of the iPhone in 2007. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- Dhruva Space, a Hyderabad-based space tech startup, has successfully completed its maiden mission with the **Thybolt-1 and Thybolt-2 satellites**. These satellites have securely deorbited after completing **15,000 orbits around Earth**. Launched aboard **ISRO's PSLV C54 in November 2022**, this achievement marks a significant milestone for the company. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Nvidia**, the startup at the centre of the **artificial intelligence boom**, has become the world's most valuable company, knocking **Microsoft off the top spot**. Nvidia's market **capitalisation hit \$3.335 trillion** on June 18, as shares of the chipmaker rose by **3.5 percent to \$135.58**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **SpaceX** has launched NASA's final satellite for the **NOAA program**, enhancing continuous weather monitoring across the **Western Hemisphere**. This launch improves the **US ability to monitor solar flares from eight-hour intervals to every 30 minutes**. ([Click to read the article](#))

Books & Authors

- **Microsoft** co-founder **Bill Gates** has revealed plans to release his highly anticipated **memoir**, titled "**Source Code: My Beginnings**." Set to hit the shelves on **February 4, 2025**, this literary endeavor promises to offer an intimate glimpse into the life and experiences that shaped one of the world's most influential tech pioneers. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- When Alpana Killawala joined the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, the bank's communication department was just beginning to take shape. Her book, **A Fly on the RBI Wall: An Insider's View of the Central Bank**, offers an insightful glimpse into her journey and the institution's transformation over 25 years. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin**, one of the most accomplished cricketers in the history of the game, is set to unveil his autobiography titled '**I Have the Streets: A Kutti Cricket Story**' on **June 10, 2024**. Co-authored with acclaimed writer **Sidharth Monga**, this book promises to take readers on a captivating journey through Ashwin's life and times before he became a professional cricketer. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Actress **Alia Bhatt** celebrated **Father's Day** in a unique way by unveiling the first look of her debut children's book, "**Ed Finds a Home**." This book marks the beginning of a new series from the "**Ed-a-mamma**" universe. ([Click to read the article](#))

Miscellaneous Current Affairs

- **Congress nominee** and Minister Satish Jarkiholi's daughter **Priyanka Jarkiholi** has won from Chikkodi, defeating incumbent MP and BJP leader **Annasaheb Jolle**. Priyanka Jarkiholi from **Chikkodi** became the youngest tribal woman to enter Parliament from an **unreserved seat in Karnataka** since Independence. In fact, the BJP has won all the seats in Mumbai Karnataka, except Chikkodi. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Oxford University's Ashmolean Museum** has decided to return a **16th-century bronze sculpture of Saint Tirumankai Alvar to India**, following a formal request from the Indian government. The 60cm-tall statue, believed to have been stolen from a temple in Tamil Nadu, was acquired by the museum in 1967 from Sotheby's auction house. The decision comes after an independent researcher alerted the museum to the statue's origins, prompting the museum to notify the Indian High Commission. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Indian Railways** completed a successful trial of an **electric engine from Sangaldan to Reasi**, crossing the **world's highest steel arch rail bridge, the Chenab Bridge**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- Aiming to enable passengers to drop in their luggage, collect tags and print boarding passes to complete check-in in less time, the **Delhi International Airport Ltd** launched a **self-service mechanism** on 17 June. ([Click to read the article](#))
- According to the Union Ministry of Education, the Union Territory of Ladakh has achieved full functional literacy under the **ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram**. Ladakh now boasts over 97 percent literacy. **Lieutenant Governor Dr. B.D Mishra** shared this milestone on June 25, 2024, at a function in **Sindhu Sanskritik Kendra (SSK), Leh**. ([Click to read the article](#))

Obituaries Current Affairs

- The world of wildlife conservation has lost a **pioneering figure** with the passing of **A.J.T. Johnsingh**, a renowned **wildlife field biologist and conservationist**, in Bengaluru at the age of 78. ([Click to read complete article](#))
- **Retired astronaut William Anders**, one of the first three humans to orbit the moon, who captured the **"Earthrise" photo** during **NASA's Apollo 8 mission**, died on June 7 when the **small plane, he was piloting, crashed in Washington state**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Malawi Vice President Saulos Chilima and nine other people**, including his wife, were killed as the **plane they were onboard crashed in the Chikangawa mountain range**, said President **Lazarus Chakwera**. The aircraft carrying Chilima, who was being seen as the **presidential candidate** in next year's **general elections** in Malawi, went **missing**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Mumbai Cricket Association president Amol Kale** has passed away due to cardiac arrest in **New York**. Kale had travelled to United States and watched the **India vs Pakistan match** live from the **Nassau County International Cricket Stadium** along with MCA secretary **Ajinkya Naik** and apex council member **Suraj Samat** on June 9. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Indian classical music fraternity mourns the loss of the illustrious **Sarod maestro Pandit Rajeew Taranath**, who breathed his last on June 11, 2024, at the age of 91. The veteran musician, who was undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Mysuru for a fracture, passed away. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Veteran sports journalist **Harpal Singh Bedi**, who covered several highs and lows of Indian sports in a career spanning over four decades, served as the **national Olympic contingent's press attache** in 2012 and charmed the media box with his inimitable wit and warmth, died after prolonged illness in New Delhi on June 15. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The state of **Odisha** mourns the loss of **Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare**, the former **Governor** of the state, who passed away on **June 15** at the age of **95**. ([Click to read the article](#))
- The **Canadian actor Donald Sutherland**, star of films including **The Hunger Games** and **Don't Look Now**, has died at 88 after a long illness. ([Click to read the article](#))
- **Frank Duckworth**, the English statistician who co-invented the **Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS)** method for determining cricket match results under rain-affected conditions, **died at 84** on June 21. The DLS method, **introduced in 1997**, is widely used in **international cricket** and was formally adopted by the ICC in 2001. ([Click to read the article](#))



Static Current Affairs

- UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945, London, United Kingdom
- UNESCO Headquarters: Paris, France
- DG of UNESCO Audrey Azoulay
- Chairman of CBIC: Shri Sanjay Kumar Agarwal.
- Union Environment Minister: Bhupender Yadav
- Delhi's Lieutenant Governor: Vinai Kumar Saxena
- Food and Agriculture Organization Director-General: Qu Dongyu;
- Food and Agriculture Organization Founded: 16 October 1945, Québec City, Canada;
- Food and Agriculture Organization Headquarters: Rome, Italy.
- Press Council of India Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Press Council of India Founder: Parliament of India;
- Press Council of India Founded: 4 July 1966, India.
- Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai is chairman of the council .
- All India Football Federation President: Kalyan Chaubey;
- All India Football Federation Founded: 23 June 1937;
- All India Football Federation HQ: Dwarka, New Delhi.
- Adobe CEO: Shantanu Narayen (1 Dec 2007–);
- Adobe Headquarters: San Jose, California, United States;
- Adobe Founders: Charles Geschke, John Warnock;
- Adobe Founded: December 1982, Mountain View, California, United States.
- Assam's Industries & Commerce Minister: Chandra Mohan Patowary
- The Chairman and Managing Director of VA Tech Wabag: Rajiv Mittal
- Singapore's Minister for Education: Mr Chan Chun Sing
- State Bank of India(SBI) Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- State Bank of India(SBI) Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- State Bank of India(SBI) Established in – 1955
- State Bank of India(SBI) Tagline – The Banker to Every Indian
- Managing Director & CEO of YES BANK: Mr. Prashant Kumar
- Chief executive officer (CEO) of Jio Financial Services: Hitesh Sethia
- Official currency of Thailand: Thai baht
- Khelo India Programme was launched in the year: 2018
- Chief Marketing and Communications Officer at Mastercard: Raja Rajamannar
- Chief Executive Officer of ICC: Geoff Allardice
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL): Shri Mihir Kanti Mishra
- Wrestling Federation of India President: Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh;
- Wrestling Federation of India Founded: 27 January 1967;
- Wrestling Federation of India Headquartered in New Delhi, India.
- Minister of Assam for Environment and Forest: Chandra Mohan Patowary
- Competition Commission of India (CCI) was formed on: October 14, 2003.
- Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI): Ravneet Kaur.
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- Competition Commission of India (CCI) was formed on: October 14, 2003.
- Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI): Ravneet Kaur.
- Chairman of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE): T G Sitharam
- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) Founded: 1 October 2003;
- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) Headquarters: Chōfu, Tokyo, Japan.
- United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) Secretary-General: Zurab Pololikashvili;
- United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) Headquarters: Madrid, Spain;
- United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) Establishment: 1975.
- Mozambique Capital: Maputo;
- Mozambique Official language: Portuguese;
- Mozambique Currency: Mozambican metical;
- Mozambique Government: Republic, Semi-presidential system, Unitary state, Constitutional republic;
- Mozambique Population: 3.21 crores (2021) World Bank;
- Mozambique President: Filipe Jacinto Nyusi;
- Prime Minister of Mozambique: Adriano Afonso Maleiane.
- SEBI Formed: April 12, 1988;
- SEBI Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- SEBI Chairperson: Madhabi Puri Buch.
- Survey of India (Sol) Surveyor General of India– Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana;
- Survey of India (Sol) Headquarters– Dehradun, Uttarakhand;
- Survey of India (Sol) Established in– 1767.
- Chief of Defence Staff (CDS): General Anil Chauhan
- India Commander-in-Chief: President Draupadi Murmu
- Indian Army Founded: 26 January 1950
- Malawi Capital: Lilongwe;

- Malawi Currency: Malawian Kwacha.
- United Nations General Assembly Secretary-General: António Guterres
- United Nations General Assembly Founded: 1945;
- United Nations General Assembly Headquarters: New York, United States.
- Infosys Headquarters: Bengaluru;
- Infosys CEO: Salil Parekh (2 Jan 2018–);
- Infosys Founded: 2 July 1981, Pune.
- National Commission for Indian Medical Systems Chairperson: Vaidya Jayant Yeshwant Deopujari
- National Commission for Indian Medical Systems Formation: 07 October 2020; 3 years ago
- National Commission for Indian Medical Systems Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi, India
- UGC Founded: November 1956
- UGC Chairman: Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar
- WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- WHO Founded: 7 April 1948.
- Arunachal Pradesh Capital: Itanagar;
- Arunachal Pradesh Governor: Lt Gen (Retd) K T Parnaik.
- NCRB was founded in: 11 March 1986
- NCRB's Agency executive: Vivek Gogia, IPS, Director
- NCRB's Headquarters: Delhi
- NCRB's Jurisdiction: Government of India
- NCRB's Key document: Creation of NCRB (Notification)
- NCRB's Motto: Empowering Indian Police with Information Technology
- Wipro Founded: December 29, 1945
- Wipro Founder: M.H. Hasham Premji
- Wipro Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka, India
- Wipro Chairman: Rishad Premji.
- Headquarter of DRDO: DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi, India
- DRDO's Agency executive: : Sameer V. Kamat, Chairman, DRDO
- South Africa Capitals: Cape Town, Pretoria, Bloemfontein
- South Africa Currency: Rand
- Swiss National Bank Establishment: June 16, 1907.
- Swiss National Bank Headquarters: Bern and Zurich, Switzerland.
- Swiss National Bank Current President: Thomas Jordan (as of 2023).
- The International Hydrographic Organization Founded: 21 June 1921;
- The International Hydrographic Organization Secretary-General: Mathias Jonas;
- The International Hydrographic Organization HQ: Monaco.
- Tajikistan Capital: Dushanbe
- Tajikistan President: Emomali Rahmon (in office since 1994)
- Tajikistan Prime Minister: Kokhir Rasulzoda
- Bharat Electronics Limited Headquarters: Bengaluru
- Bharat Electronics Limited Founded: 1954, Bengaluru
- Sri Lanka Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- Sri Lanka Currency: Sri Lankan Rupee
- Sri Lanka Official languages: Sinhala, Tamil
- Sri Lanka President: Ranil Wickremesinghe
- Sri Lanka Prime minister: Dinesh Gunawardena
- China Capital: Beijing
- China Premier: Li Qiang
- China President: Xi Jinping
- China Official language: Mandarin
- Chairman, NHAI): Santosh Kumar Yadav, IAS
- NHAI HQ: New Delhi
- National Highways Authority of India (NHA) was constituted by an Act of Parliament in 1988
- Sweden Capital: Stockholm
- Sweden Currency: krona
- Sweden Prime Minister: Ulf Kristersson.
- Bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh: 1 October 1953 (from Madras Presidency)
- Bird of Andhra Pradesh: Rose-ringed parakeet
- Bangladesh Capital: Dhaka
- Bangladesh Currency: Bangladeshi Taka
- Bangladesh Prime minister: Sheikh Hasina
- Bangladesh President: Mohammed Shahabuddin
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Established: 1964
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Headquartered: Geneva, Switzerland
- Sony Pictures CEO: Tony Vinciguerra
- Sony Pictures Headquarters: Culver City, California, United States
- Sony Pictures Founded: 21 December 1987, Delaware, United States
- International Maritime Organization Headquarters: London, United Kingdom;
- International Maritime Organization Founded: 17 March 1958;

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- International Maritime Organization Head: Secretary-General; Arsenio Dominguez.
- International Sugar Organisation Chairman: Sanjeev Chopra
- International Sugar Organisation Headquarters: London, United Kingdom.
- International Sugar Organisation Established: 1968.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Chairman: Uday Kotak
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Establishment: 1985
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- Ladakh Capital: Leh
- Ladakh Lieutenant Governor: Dr. B.D Mishra
- NATO Founded: 4 April 1949, Washington, D.C., United States;
- NATO Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium.
- Capital of Denmark: Copenhagen
- Denmark official language: Danish
- Prime minister of Denmark is Mette Frederiksen
- Capital of Kazakhstan: Astana
- Kazakhstan Prime Minister: Oljas Bektenov,
- Kazakhstan President: Kassym-Jomart Tokayev
- Currency of Kazakhstan: Kazakhstani Tenge
- Official language of Kazakhstan: Kazakh
- Nepal Prime Minister: Pushpa Kamal Dahal
- Nepal President: Ram Chandra Paudel
- Nepal Capital: Kathmandu
- Nepal Currency: Nepalese Rupee
- RBI Governor: Shaktikanta Das
- RBI was founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata
- Subsidiary of RBI: Structured Financial Messaging System
- Founder of RBI: British Raj.

Cabinet Ministers of India 2024 in PM Modi 3.0

Cabinet Ministers of India 2024-Portfolios Announced

The Modi government has announced Cabinet Ministers of India 2024 with 71 ministers who took oath along with the Prime Minister.

Minister	Portfolio
<p>Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi</p>	<p>Prime Minister and also in-charge of: Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space; All important policy issues; and All other portfolios not allocated to any Minister.</p>

Cabinet Ministers of India 2024

S.no	Minister	Portfolio
1.	Shri Raj Nath Singh	Minister of Defence.
2.	Shri Amit Shah	Minister of Home Affairs; and Minister of Cooperation.
3.	Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari	Minister of Road Transport and Highways.
4.	Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda	Minister of Health and Family Welfare; and Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
5.	Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan	Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; and Minister of Rural Development.
6.	Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman	Minister of Finance; and Minister of Corporate Affairs.
7.	Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar	Minister of External Affairs.
8.	Shri Manohar Lal	Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs; and Minister of Power.
9.	Shri H. D. Kumaraswamy	Minister of Heavy Industries; and Minister of Steel.
10.	Shri Piyush Goyal	Minister of Commerce and Industry.
11.	Shri Dharmendra Pradhan	Minister of Education.

S.no	Minister	Portfolio
12.	Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi	Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
13.	Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh	Minister of Panchayati Raj; and Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
14.	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal	Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
15.	Dr. Virendra Kumar	Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment.
16.	Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu	Minister of Civil Aviation.
17.	Shri Pralhad Joshi	Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of New and Renewable Energy.
18.	Shri Jual Oram	Minister of Tribal Affairs.
19.	Shri Giriraj Singh	Minister of Textiles.
20.	Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw	Minister of Railways; Minister of Information and Broadcasting; and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology.
21.	Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia	Minister of Communications; and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region.
22.	Shri Bhupender Yadav	Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
23.	Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat	Minister of Culture; and Minister of Tourism.
24.	Smt. Annpurna Devi	Minister of Women and Child Development
25.	Shri Kiren Rijiju	Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; and Minister of Minority Affairs.
26.	Shri Hardeep Singh Puri	Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas
27.	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya	Minister of Labour and Employment; and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports.
28.	Shri G. Kishan Reddy	Minister of Coal; and Minister of Mines.
29.	Shri Chirag Paswan	Minister of Food Processing Industries.
30.	Shri C R Patil	Minister of Jal Shakti.

Cabinet Ministers of State (Independent Charge)

S.no	Minister	Portfolio
1.	Rao Inderjit Singh	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Planning; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture.
2.	Dr. Jitendra Singh	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy; and Minister of State in the Department of Space.
3.	Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Law and Justice; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
4.	Shri Jadhav Prataprao Ganpatrao	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Ayush; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
5.	Shri Jayant Chaudhary	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Education.

Cabinet Ministers of State

S.no	Minister	Portfolio
1.	Shri Jitin Prasada	Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
2.	Shri Shripad Yesso Naik	Minister of State in the Ministry of Power; and Minister of State in the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
3.	Shri Pankaj Chaudhary	Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance.
4.	Shri Krishan Pal	Minister of State in the Ministry of Cooperation.
5.	Shri Ramdas Athawale	Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
6.	Shri Ram Nath Thakur	Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
7.	Shri Nityanand Rai	Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs.
8.	Smt. Anupriya Patel	Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
9.	Shri V. Somanna	Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways.
10.	Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani	Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications.
11.	Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel	Minister of State in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
12.	Sushri Shobha Karandlaje	Minister of State in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
13.	Shri Kirtivardhan Singh	Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; and Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs.
14.	Shri B. L. Verma	Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
15.	Shri Shantanu Thakur	Minister of State in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
16.	Shri Suresh Gopi	Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism.
17.	Dr. L. Murugan	Minister of State in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
18.	Shri Ajay Tamta	Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
19.	Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar	Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs.
20.	Shri Kamlesh Paswan	Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development.
21.	Shri Bhagirath Choudhary	Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
22.	Shri Satish Chandra Dubey	Minister of State in the Ministry of Coal; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Mines.
23.	Shri Sanjay Seth	Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence.
24.	Shri Ravneet Singh	Minister of State in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways.
25.	Shri Durgadas Uikey	Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
26.	Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse	Minister of State in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
27.	Shri Sukanta Majumdar	Minister of State in the Ministry of Education; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.
28.	Smt. Savitri Thakur	Minister of State in the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
29.	Shri Tokhan Sahu	Minister of State in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
30.	Shri Raj Bhushan Choudhary	Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

S.no	Minister	Portfolio
31.	Shri Bhupathi Raju Srinivasa Varma	Minister of State in the Ministry of Heavy Industries; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel.
32.	Shri Harsh Malhotra	Minister of State in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
33.	Smt. Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya	Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
34.	Shri Murlidhar Mohol	Minister of State in the Ministry of Cooperation; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
35.	Shri George Kurian	Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
36.	Shri Pabitra Margherita	Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Textiles.

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