

## Weekly One Liners 29th to 03rd of August 2024

### India Ranked 39th in the Travel and Tourism Development Index 2024

The World Economic Forum (WEF) recently released its **Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI) for 2024**, offering a comprehensive evaluation of India's standing in the global tourism landscape. This index is a crucial benchmark for assessing the competitiveness and sustainability of tourism sectors worldwide.

Travel & Tourism Development Index 2024 overall rankings

Rank	Country	Score
1	United States	5.24
2	Spain	5.18
3	Japan	5.09
4	France	5.07
5	Australia	5.00
6	Germany	5.00
7	United Kingdom	4.96
8	China	4.94
9	Italy	4.90
10	Switzerland	4.81
<b>39</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>4.25</b>

This table presents the top 10 countries ranked according to their scores, along with their change in rank, percentage change, and percentage difference from the leader (United States).

Key findings from the 2024 TTDI report include:

- **India's Current Ranking:** India has secured the **39th position among 119 countries in the 2024 TTDI**. This ranking reflects India's overall performance across various indicators that contribute to a robust and sustainable tourism sector.
- **Historical Comparison:** In the previous index published in 2021, India was ranked 54th. This significant jump of 15 places in just three years demonstrates substantial improvements in India's tourism ecosystem.
- **Methodological Adjustment:** It's important to note that the WEF revised its methodology for the TTDI. As a result, India's 2021 rank was retrospectively adjusted to 38th place. This adjustment allows for a more accurate year-on-year comparison, showing that India has maintained a relatively stable position with a slight improvement from 38th to 39th.

### National Affairs

- The capital city of India is poised to unveil a groundbreaking addition to its rich tapestry of historical attractions. On July 29, 2024, the country's **first sunken museum** at the Humayun's Tomb complex, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, will be inaugurated in Delhi. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- External Affairs Minister **S. Jaishankar** unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Tokyo's Edogawa ward, highlighting Gandhi's global legacy and timeless message of **peace and non-violence**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- July 27, 2024, marks the 9th death anniversary of **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam**, a visionary scientist, educator, and the 11th President of India. Renowned as the "Missile Man of India," Dr. Kalam made monumental contributions to aerospace engineering and defense technology, particularly through the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Nita Ambani, IOC member and founder of the **Reliance Foundation**, inaugurated the India House during the Paris 2024 Olympics on July 27. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- During his three days visit to Laos, the External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar unveiled a special commemorative stamp set showcasing Ram Lalla's idol from Ayodhya. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) celebrated its 18<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day at its Prithvi Bhavan Headquarters today on July 27, marking nearly two decades of significant contributions to Earth system sciences. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Ministry of Education** celebrated the 4th anniversary of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 at the Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam (ABSS) 2024, held at the Manekshaw Centre Auditorium in New Delhi. ([Click here to read complete article](#))



- The inaugural ceremony of ‘**One DAE One Subscription**’ (ODOS) took place on July 29, at Tata Memorial Hospital, in Mumbai. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Union Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav, launched the **Ideas4LIFE** portal at the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- A total of **628 tigers** died in India during the past five years due to natural causes and other reasons, including poaching, according to government data. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In 2023, India experienced a notable reduction in average tariffs while increasing the use of **non-tariff measures**. According to the **WTO report**, India’s average tariffs **decreased to 17% from 18.1% in 2022**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- As many as 3,49,633 farmers benefited to the tune of ₹563 crore for the financial year 2022-23 under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In a groundbreaking initiative, Periyar Tiger Reserve (PTR) in Thekkady has installed a wind turbine to power real-time monitoring cameras and Wi-Fi connectivity within its expansive forest. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) has introduced the Electronic Services e-Health Assistance and Tele-consultation (E-SeHAT) module as of July 30, 2024. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- 16-year-old **Jiya Rai** from Mumbai has set a new world record as the youngest and fastest para-swimmer to cross the English Channel. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In a pivotal move towards **empowering women entrepreneurs** and spurring **economic growth**, the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) unveiled the **Women Entrepreneurship Program**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- At the **46th Session** of the **World Heritage Committee** of UNESCO, held in New Delhi from 21 to 31 July 2024, 24 new sites were added to the **UNESCO World Heritage List**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- For the first time, **India** proudly hosted the **46th session of the World Heritage Committee Meeting**, from 21st to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2024, organized at **Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh** announced in the **Rajya Sabha** that the Union Government has introduced a new **Electronic Human Resource Management System (e-HRMS)**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The **Rashtriya Hindi Vigyan Sammelan 2024**, held on **July 30-31**, continued its tradition as a prominent conference aimed at promoting scientific research in Hindi. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The **India International Hospitality Expo (IHE) 2024**, set to take place from **August 3rd to 6th at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida**, Delhi NCR, is on track to become a landmark event in the hospitality sector. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The **GLAM (Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums) Division** of the Union Ministry of Culture has orchestrated a significant three-day event in New Delhi from August 1-3, 2024. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- On August 1, 2024, a seven-judge Bench of the **Supreme Court of India** delivered a landmark judgement that reframed the operation of the **Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) quota** for the first time since reservations were introduced in the Constitution in 1950. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- On August 2, 2024, President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated a significant **two-day Conference of Governors at Rashtrapati Bhavan**, New Delhi. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The **14th India-Vietnam Defence Policy Dialogue** took place in **New Delhi**, focusing on strengthening bilateral defence cooperation. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **National Institute of Technology Calicut (NITC)** has taken a significant leap in data management with the launch of its cutting-edge web portal, ‘**Nivahika**.’ ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### States in the News

- Chief Minister **A. Revanth Reddy** attended a public meeting in **Kalwakurthy** to mark the **death anniversary** of former Union Minister S. Jaipal Reddy. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Uttar Pradesh Assembly** on July 30, passed the **UP Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion (Amendment) Bill, 2024** that enhances punishment for forced conversions. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel** has announced the creation of the **Gujarat State Institution for Transformation (GRIT)**, a state-level think tank modelled after the NITI Aayog. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### International Affairs

- The **UNESCO World Heritage committee** on July 27 decided to register Japan’s controversial **Sado** gold mine as a cultural heritage site. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **TIME magazine** has highlighted three Indian destinations in its prestigious list of ‘**World’s Greatest Places of 2024**.’ ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India will host the **32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE)** in New Delhi from **August 2-7, 2024**, marking a 66-year hiatus since its last hosting in 1958. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- In a momentous decision that celebrates the life and legacy of one of the world's most revered leaders, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has inscribed several iconic South African sites associated with **Nelson Mandela** as **World Heritage Sites**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **India and Vietnam** have **partnered** to develop the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) in **Lothal, Gujarat**, reflecting their deep maritime connections. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **Turkey** blocked access to **Instagram** for its **85 million people**, the country's Information and Communication Technologies Authority announced on August 2. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- On July 31, 2024, a momentous event took place at the World Health Organization (WHO) Headquarters in Geneva. The **Ministry of Ayush**, Government of India, and the World Health Organization signed a crucial **Donor Agreement**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

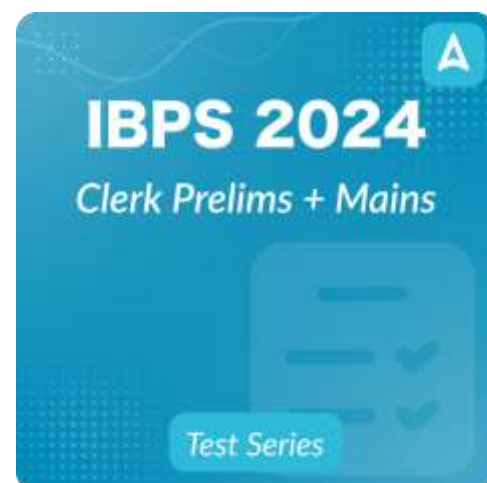
### Books and Authors

- **Sudipta Sengupta**, a name that resonates with groundbreaking achievements in geology and mountaineering, is the subject of a new book titled "**Breaking Rocks and Barriers**". ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Rajya Sabha MP **Parimal Nathwani** on July 31, presented the first copy of his new book '**Call of the Gir**' to Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** in a small family get-together at the PM's residence. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- As of March 31, 2024, digital payments in India experienced a **12.6% year-over-year increase**, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) **Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Karnataka Bank** has announced a strategic **partnership with ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company**, enabling its customers to access a comprehensive range of insurance products. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **UltraTech Cement**, a flagship of the **Aditya Birla Group**, will acquire a **32.72% equity stake in India Cements for ₹3,945 crore**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Aditya Birla Group Chairman**, Mr. Kumar Mangalam Birla on July 30, announced the launch of the **Group's jewellery retail business**, marking the Group's foray into the rapidly expanding **Rs.6.7 lakh crore** Indian jewellery market. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- Three prominent payment companies—**Amazon Pay, Adyen, and Mumbai-based BillDesk**—have secured the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) cross-border payment aggregator license. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has selected **five entities** for the test phase of its **theme-neutral fifth cohort** of the regulatory sandbox, following the **receipt of 22 applications**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Shriram Capital** has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to establish an **Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Government of India is **implementing a ₹2,516 Crore project** for the computerization of functional **Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- On July 29, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) **introduced 'SEVA,' an AI-powered chatbot** designed to assist investors with a range of functions. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Eleven public sector banks**, excluding **State Bank of India (SBI)**, have charged **Rs 2,331 crore** from account holders for their failure to maintain minimum balance in savings banks in **FY2024**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has committed a **\$200 million** (approximately Rs 1,700 crore) loan to improve solid waste management and sanitation in **100 cities** across eight states in India. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI)** recorded a provisional increase of **4.0% in June 2024 compared to June 2023**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **UGRO Capital**, a data-tech **non-banking financial company (NBFC)**, has entered into a co-lending agreement with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to provide timely and affordable credit to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). ([Click here to read complete article](#))



- Bengaluru-based insurtech startup **Covrzy** has recently achieved a significant milestone by obtaining a direct broking (general) license from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India has been elected as the **Vice-Chair of the Supply Chain Council** under the **Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that nearly **98% of ₹2,000 banknotes** have been withdrawn from circulation as of **July 31, 2024**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- In **July 2024**, India's **Goods and Services Tax (GST)** collections rose by **10.3% to ₹1,82,075 crore**, marking a significant increase from **₹1,65,105 crore in July 2023**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- In July, UPI (Unified Payments Interface) transaction values exceeded **Rs 20 lakh crore** for the third straight month, according to data released by the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) on August 1**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- In a display of growth, **India's space technology** sector has reached new frontiers, securing a record-breaking **\$126 million** in funding for 2023. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **RBL Bank** has announced integration of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) services on **RuPay Credit Cards** it sells. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (**IRDAI**) has **fined HDFC Life Insurance Rs 2 crore** for breaching regulatory norms. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd** has teamed up with **GOQii** to launch the **Kotak – GOQii Smart Vital Plus smartwatch**, revolutionising the way customers make payments. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Appointments/Resignations

- **Manoj Mittal** has taken charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Small Industries Development Bank of India (Sidbi), following his appointment by the Government of India. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Venezuela's National Electoral Council (CNE)** announced on July 29, that **Nicolas Maduro** has won the presidential election once again and will govern the country from **2025 to 2031**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Rohan Bopanna**, one of India's most accomplished tennis players, has announced his retirement from representing India in international competitions following his exit from the **Paris 2024 Olympics**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- Indian badminton veteran **Ashwini Ponnappa** bid an emotional farewell to her Olympic career on July 30, 2024, at the **Paris Games**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Former Union Health Secretary **Preeti Sudan** is set to assume the role of **Chairperson of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)** on August 1, 2024. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Former Union Minister **Santosh Kumar Gangwar** was on July 31 sworn in as the **12th Governor of Jharkhand**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **National Housing Bank** announced that **Sanjay Shukla** has officially taken on the role of **managing director (MD) as of July 30, 2024**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has re-approved the appointments of **Inderjit Camotra and Govind Singh** as **MDs and CEOs**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Dr. Grinson George** has assumed the role of **Director at the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Defence News

- **INS Tabar**, a frontline frigate of the **Indian Navy**, arrived in **Saint Petersburg** to participate in the **328th Russian Navy Day celebrations**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** unveiled its new '**Suvidha Software Version 1.0**' during the inaugural '**Annual Operational Sea Training Conference**' held in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**, on July 30, 2024. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **India** will host its **first multinational air exercise, 'Tarang Shakti 2024'**, in **two phases** starting on the 6th of next month in **Sular, Tamil Nadu**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Lieutenant General Sadhna Saxena Nair** has become the first woman to be appointed the **Director General of Medical Services**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Indian Navy's frontline frigate, **INS Tabar**, arrived in **St. Petersburg, Russia**, on July 25, 2024, to participate in the **328th Russian Navy Day Parade celebrations**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Awards and Recognitions

- In a ceremony to mark the **International Meet** of leading medical celebrities, professionals and Medicos from all over the country and abroad, **Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh** was conferred the prestigious "**Lifetime Achievement Award**". ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Central Water Commission (CWC) has been honored with the **GEEF Global WaterTech Award** in the category '**Water Department of the Year**' at the **Global Water Tech Summit - 2024**, held by the Global Energy and Environment Foundation (GEEF) in New Delhi. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- Indian students have secured **two gold and three silver medals** at the **54th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2024** held between **July 21 and July 29** in Isfahan, Iran. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The year **2024** marks a significant milestone in the field of Indian epigraphy as **V. Vedachalam**, a renowned Tamil epigrapher and historian, receives the prestigious **V Venkayya Epigraphy Award**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Google and Alphabet CEO **Sundar Pichai** and his wife **Anjali Pichai** were **honored** by their alma mater, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Summits and Conferences News

- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** chaired the 9th Governing Council Meeting of **NITI Aayog** on July 28. The Meeting was held at the **Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre**, New Delhi. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Foreign ministers from **Australia, India, Japan** and the **United States** said on July 29, they were seriously concerned about intimidating and dangerous manoeuvres in the **South China Sea** and pledged to bolster maritime security in the region. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

### Ranks and Reports

- **Parle**, the biscuit brand owned by Parle Products, continues to be India's top FMCG brand. According to the latest edition of Brand Footprint, Kantar **World panel's annual ranking** of the **most chosen consumer brands in India**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India has solidified its position as a global leader in mineral production, with impressive rankings across several key minerals. The country stands as the **2<sup>nd</sup> largest Aluminium producer**, the **3<sup>rd</sup> largest lime producer**, and the **4<sup>th</sup> largest iron ore producer** in the world. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- India held onto its position as the **world's eighth-largest exporter** of agricultural products in 2023, despite a decline in exports from **\$55 billion in 2022 to \$51 billion**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Sports News

- **Lewis Hamilton** clinched victory at the 2024 Formula 1 Rolex **Belgian Grand Prix** under dramatic circumstances after his Mercedes team-mate George Russell, who initially crossed the finish line first, was disqualified due to a technical infringement. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- As the 2024 Paris Olympics kick off, India's athletes are ready to shine on the global stage with a strong ambition to win medals. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- As of July 28, 2024, the Olympic medal standings reflect an intense competition among nations. **Australia has taken an early lead, securing the top spot with three gold medals**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Asian Cricket Council (ACC)** has announced that **India** will host the next edition of the **Men's Asia Cup** cricket tournament in 2025. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In a remarkable display of skill and precision, **Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh** has secured a bronze medal in the **10m Air Pistol Mixed Team event at the Paris Olympics**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
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- As of July 28, 2024, the Olympic medal standings reflect an intense competition among nations. **Australia has taken an early lead, securing the top spot with three gold medals**. Following closely behind are the People's Republic of China and the United States of America. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Basketball Federation of India (BFI)** has set up the **National basketball academy** in collaboration with **Corvuss American Academy** in Mumbai. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
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- The **Asian Cricket Council (ACC)** is poised for a significant leadership change as **Mohsin Naqvi**, the current chairman of the **Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)**, is expected to assume the role of ACC president later this year. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- As the 2024 Paris Olympics kick off, India's athletes are ready to shine on the global stage with a strong ambition to win medals. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In a thrilling display of marksmanship, **28-year-old Swapnil Kusale** has secured India's third medal at the **Paris Olympics**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **China's Liu Yukun** won a gold medal, helping China stay at the top of the medal table. **France is in second place, and Japan is in third**. This is the **33rd Summer Olympics**. It started on Friday and will end on August 11. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- In a remarkable achievement, **Lieutenant Colonel Kabilan Sai Ashok**, a serving Indian Army Officer, has become the **youngest Olympic referee in boxing from India** at the **Paris Olympics 2024**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Schemes and Committees News

- Union **Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan** has launched the National Apprenticeship and Training Scheme (NATS) 2.0 portal and disbursed **Rs. 100 crore** in stipends to apprentices via **Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In a significant push towards sustainable energy, **Chief Minister Pramod Sawant** has launched the 'Goem Vinamulya Vij Yevjan' scheme, aligning it with the Prime Minister's Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

### Science and Technology News

- **SpaceX and NASA** said on July 26, they plan to launch the **space agency's Crew-9 mission** to the International Space Station (ISS) no earlier than Aug. 18. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India has announced the selection of **two astronauts**, Group **Captain Shubhanshu Shukla** and Group **Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair**, for the upcoming **Axiom-4 mission** to the International Space Station (ISS). ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Important Days News

- International Tiger Day stands as a beacon of hope for one of the world's most magnificent creatures. This global initiative focuses on **protecting the natural habitats** of tigers and **raising public awareness** about their conservation. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **International Day of Friendship** is observed annually on **July 30<sup>th</sup>**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **30<sup>th</sup> of July** marks the annual **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons**, a crucial observance that brings global attention to the ongoing fight against human trafficking. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Nature Conservation Day 2024** is observed on **Sunday, July 28**. **World Nature Conservation Day**, observed annually, serves as a powerful reminder of our collective responsibility towards the environment. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Ranger Day**, observed annually on **July 31<sup>st</sup>**, is a global commemoration dedicated to honouring the brave individuals who tirelessly work to protect wildlife and natural habitats. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **National Mountain Climbing Day**, observed annually on **August 1<sup>st</sup>**, is a day dedicated to honouring the spirit of adventure and the remarkable achievements of mountaineers. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

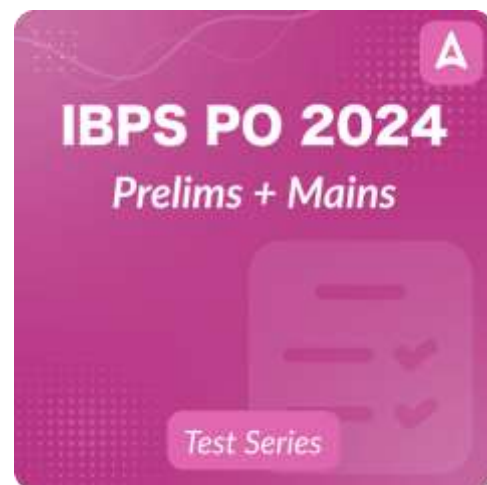
- **World Lung Cancer Day** is observed annually on **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. In 2024, this important day falls on a Thursday, providing an opportunity for healthcare professionals, patients, and advocates. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Wide Web Day**, observed annually on **August 1<sup>st</sup>**, is a global celebration that commemorates the creation of the **World Wide Web (WWW)** and its profound impact on human connectivity. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Breastfeeding Week** is a global healthcare event celebrated annually from **August 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>**. This week-long observance brings together international and local organizations to promote the importance of breastfeeding for both newborns and mothers. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In India, **Friendship Day 2024** will be celebrated on **August 4<sup>th</sup>**, adhering to the tradition of observing it on the first Sunday of August. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Obituaries News

- Hamas's political chief **Ismail Haniyeh** has been **assassinated in Iran's capital, Tehran**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- On **July 31, 2024**, the cricket world lost one of its most respected figures with the death of **Anshuman Gaekwad** at the age of 71. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Miscellaneous News

- In a grand ceremony held in Srinagar, the capital of the **Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir**, **Kashmir City** was awarded the prestigious **Certificate of World Craft City** by the **World Crafts Council International**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **Yuga Yugeen Bharat Museum Event**: The GLAM Division of the Union Ministry of Culture hosted a three-day event in New Delhi to discuss the creation of the **Yuga Yugeen Bharat Museum**.



**Static Takeaways**

- SpaceX CEO: Elon Musk
- SpaceX Headquarters: Hawthorne, California, USA
- SpaceX Established Year: 2002
- NASA Administrator: Bill Nelson
- NASA Headquarters: Washington, D.C., USA
- NASA Established Year: 1958
- Asian Cricket Council (ACC) President: Jay Shah
- Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Headquarters: Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Established Year: 1983
- Basketball Federation of India President: Dr. K. Govindaraj
- Basketball Federation of India Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Basketball Federation of India Established Year: 1950
- Indian Coast Guard Director General: Rakesh Pal
- Indian Coast Guard Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Indian Coast Guard Established Year: 1977
- National Housing Bank (NHB) Managing Director: Sarada Kumar Hota
- National Housing Bank (NHB) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- National Housing Bank (NHB) Established Year: 1988
- Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Chairman: Dr. Manoj Soni
- Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Established Year: 1926
- SIDBI Chairman & Managing Director: Sivasubramanian Ramann
- SIDBI Headquarters: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India
- SIDBI Established Year: 1990
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor: Shaktikanta Das
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Established Year: 1935
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) President: Masatsugu Asakawa
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) Established Year: 1966
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Chairman: Madhabi Puri Buch
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Established Year: 1988
- Karnataka Bank Managing Director & CEO: Sekhar Rao
- Karnataka Bank Headquarters: Mangalore, Karnataka, India
- Karnataka Bank Established Year: 1924
- Vietnam President: Vo Van Thuong
- Vietnam Prime Minister: Pham Minh Chinh
- Vietnam Capital: Hanoi
- Vietnam Independence Year: 1945
- National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) Chairman: A.M. Naik
- National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) Established Year: 2008
- NITI Aayog Chairperson: Narendra Modi (Prime Minister of India)
- NITI Aayog CEO: B.V.R. Subrahmanyam
- NITI Aayog Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- NITI Aayog Established Year: 2015
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Director-General: Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Established Year: 1995

