



CEAT Cricket Awards 2024

The **CEAT Cricket Awards**, one of the most prestigious accolades in the cricketing world, held its 26th edition on August 21, 2024, in Mumbai. These awards, initiated in **1995-96** and sponsored by the RP Goenka Group company CEAT Tyres, honor exceptional performances of cricketers globally. The 2024 ceremony recognized outstanding achievements during the 2023-24 cricketing season, showcasing the best talents across various formats of the game.

Major Awards and Recipients

International Cricketer of the Year

Rohit Sharma, the captain of the Indian men's cricket team, was bestowed with the coveted **CEAT International Cricketer of the Year Award**. This recognition came on the back of his exemplary performance in the 2023-24 season, during which:

- Sharma amassed approximately 1800 runs in international cricket.
- He scored 597 runs in the 13th ICC Men's ODI Cricket World Cup.
- Under his leadership, India reached the World Cup final, ultimately finishing as runners-up to Australia.

Sharma's consistent performance and leadership skills were key factors in his selection for this prestigious award.

ODI Batter of the Year

Virat Kohli received the award for the Best ODI Batter of the Year, following a phenomenal season in One Day Internationals. His achievements include:

- Scoring 1377 runs in the 2023-24 season.
- Accumulating six centuries and eight fifties.
- Leading the run charts in the 2023 ODI World Cup with 765 runs at an astounding average of 95.62.
- Surpassing Sachin Tendulkar's record by scoring his 50th ODI century.

Kohli's exceptional form and milestone achievements made him the clear choice for this award.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Rahul Dravid, former Indian cricket captain and current coach of the Indian men's cricket team. Known as "The Wall" for his impeccable defensive technique, Dravid's recent coaching success includes:

• Leading India to victory in the 9th ICC Men's T20 World Cup in Barbados.

• Guiding the team to a triumph over South Africa in the final. This award recognizes Dravid's immense contribution to Indian cricket, both as a player and a coach.

Other Notable Awards

Test Cricket

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- Test Batter of the Year: Yashashvi Jaiswal
- Test Bowler of the Year: Ravichandran Ashwin

ODI Cricket

ODI Bowler of the Year: Mohammad Shami

T20 Cricket

- T20 Batter of the Year: Phil Salt (England)
- T20 Bowler of the Year: Tim Southee (New Zealand)

Domestic Cricket

Domestic Cricketer of the Year: Sai Kishore (Left-arm spinner from Tamil Nadu)

Women's Cricket

- Women's Batter of the Year: Smriti Mandhana
- Women's Bowler of the Year: Deepti Sharma

Special Recognitions

Several players and administrators received special mementos for their unique achievements:

- Harmanpreet Kaur: For captaining the most matches in Women's T20I history.
- Shreyas Iyer: For outstanding leadership in the TATA IPL.
- **Shafali Verma**: For scoring the fastest double century in Women's Test Match cricket.
- Jay Shah: Awarded for excellence in sports administration as the BCCI Secretary.

Key Takeaways From PM Modi Ukraine Visit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has wrapped up **his trip to Ukraine.** Modi became the first Indian prime minister to make a state visit to Ukraine since the two countries established relations over three decades ago.

P.M Modi's Ukraine visit

In his Ukraine visit some key outcomes to be noted, such as:

Homage to Mahatma Gandhi's statue

Modi and Volodymyr Zelenskyy held wide-ranging talks at **Mariinskyi Palace**, the official residence of the Ukrainian President, paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi's statue at 'Oasis of Peace' park in Kyiv.



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Honored the memory of the children

P.M Modi honoured the memory of the children that have been killed by the Russia-Ukraine war at the Martyrologist Exposition on children at the **National Museum of History of Ukraine.**

Focusing on the development of a strategic partnership

"Following the visit, we also agreed on a **joint statement** focusing on the development of a strategic partnership, bilateral trade, and continued military-technical cooperation," said the Ukrainian President, whose country is at **war with Russia**.

Joint India-Ukraine statement

PM Modi's office in the joint **India-Ukraine statement** said both leaders reiterated their readiness for further cooperation in upholding principles of international law, including the UN Charter, such as respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty of states. "They agreed on the desirability of closer bilateral dialogue in this regard," the joint statement said.

India is not neutral

"We (India) are not neutral. From the very beginning, we have taken sides. And we have chosen the side of peace. We have come from the land of Buddha where there is no place for war," PM Modi said in his opening remarks during the talks. "We have come from the land of Mahatma Gandhi who had given a message of peace to the entire world," he said.

Expansion and deepen bilateral trade

Both sides agreed to ask the Indian-Ukrainian Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) to explore all possible ways to not only restore bilateral trade and economic relations to pre-conflict levels, but expand and deepen them further. There has been a significant reduction in the annual bilateral trade in goods since 2022 due to the challenges related to the ongoing conflict.

Diplomatic balancing act

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PM Modi's visit to Kyiv is seen in many quarters as a diplomatic balancing act as his trip to Russia triggered anguish among some Western countries. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said PM Modi reiterated the need for "practical engagement" between all stakeholders to develop an innovative solution that will help build broad acceptability and contribute towards peace and stability.

Comprehensive reform of the UN Security Council

Both sides called for a comprehensive reform of the UN Security Council to reflect **contemporary global realities** and to make it more representative, effective and efficient in dealing with issues of **international peace and security**. Ukraine reiterated its support for **India's permanent membership** of a reformed and expanded **UN Security Council**.

National Affairs

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- Nepal will export nearly 1,000 MW of electricity to India, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said after meeting his Nepalese counterpart Arzu Rana Deuba in New Delhi on August 19. (Click here to read complete details)
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has designated Mpox as a public health emergency of international concern, primarily due to its increasing prevalence in Africa. (Click here to read complete details)
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on August 18, released the centenary commemorative coin of Dr. Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi in Chennai. (Click here to read complete details)
- To provide end to end support for promotion of handloom sector and welfare of handloom workers, Ministry of Textiles is implementing the National Handloom Development Programme and Raw Material Supply Scheme across the country. (<u>Click here to read complete details</u>)
- India's first Constitution Museum, named "The Constitution Academy and The Rights & Freedoms Museum," is set to be inaugurated by OP Jindal Global University on November 26, 2024. (Click here to read complete details)
- The Union Minister of Power and Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal, on August 20, launched Portal for Online monitoring of Projects Thermal (PROMPT) in New Delhi. (Click here to read complete details)
- The Union Ministry of Power launched three new online platforms—**PROMPT, DRIPS, and JAL VIDYUT DPR**—to enhance efficiency, transparency, and effectiveness in the power sector. (<u>Click here to read complete details</u>)
- India overtook China as the world's biggest importer of Russian oil in July as Chinese refiners bought less because of lower profit margins from producing fuels, a comparison of import data showed. (Click here to read complete details)
- The Health Ministry has formed a **14-member National Task** Force (NTF) to address the safety and working conditions of medical professionals in India. (<u>Click here to read complete</u> <u>details</u>)
- Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched 'Create in India Challenge-Season One' in New Delhi on August 22 in the run-up to the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit. (Click here to read complete details)

States in the News

- The Rajasthan government has received investment proposals amounting to over **Rs 5.21 lakh crore** (approximately USD 62 billion) in the lead-up to the 'Rising Rajasthan' Investment Summit 2024. (<u>Click here to read complete details</u>)
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated 16 industrial projects in Sri City and signed deals worth Rs 3,683 crore. (Click here to read complete details)



• The Green Strategic Partnership between India and Denmark has led to the creation of the Smart Laboratory on Clean Rivers (SLCR) in Varanasi. (<u>Click here to read complete</u> <u>details</u>)

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- The Kakrapar Atomic Power Station (KAPS) in Gujarat, India, has reached full operational capacity with its second 700 MW nuclear reactor, KAPS-4, which started operating at full power on August 21, 2024. (<u>Click here to read</u> <u>complete details</u>)
- Kaanu, a South Indian Adivasi Knowledge Centre, will be launched at the Tribal Health Resource Centre (THRC) at BR Hills, Karnataka on August 25. (Click here to read complete details)

International Affairs

- The ICC has announced the relocation of the Women's T20 World Cup 2024 from Bangladesh to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) due to significant safety concerns. (Click here to read complete details)
- The Environmental Strategic Partnership between India and Denmark has launched a Smart Laboratory on Clean Rivers (SLCR) with initial funding of Rs 16.8 crore from the Jal Shakti Ministry and an additional Rs 5 crore from Denmark. (Click here to read complete details)
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi pledged extensive humanitarian support and handed over four BHISHM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita and Maitri) Cubes to the Ukrainian government. (Click here to read complete details)
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Poland marked a historic moment as it was the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to the country in 45 years. (Click here to read complete details)
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has wrapped up his trip to Ukraine. Modi became the first Indian prime minister to make a state visit to Ukraine since the two countries established relations over three decades ago. (Click here to read complete details)

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The Indian Navy has signed a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with BEML Ltd., a leading defence and heavy engineering manufacturer, on August 20, 2024. (Click here to read complete details)
- Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) signed an important MoU with the Department of Posts working under the Ministry of Communications at KVIC, Rajghat New Delhi office on August 20. (Click here to read complete details)
- The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India and Public Service Department, Prime Minister's Department, Government of Malaysia signed MoU. (Click here to read complete details)

 GAIL (India) Limited and US-based Petron Scientech Inc signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore the development of a 500 Kilo Tonne per Annum (KTA) bioethylene plant in India. (<u>Click here to read complete details</u>)

Books and Authors

- A significant literary event took place in New Delhi with the release of BJP General Secretary Tarun Chugh's book, "Modi's Governance Triumph: Reshaping India's Path to Prosperity". (Click here to read complete details)
- In a significant event celebrating women's empowerment and social entrepreneurship, Dr. Kalpana Sankar's autobiography, "The Scientist Entrepreneur: Empowering Millions of Women", was unveiled at Cathedral Road. (<u>Click</u> <u>here to read complete details</u>)

Banking/Economy/Business News

- China has approved the construction of **11 new nuclear** reactors across five sites, with a total investment of approximately **220 billion yuan (\$31 billion)**. (<u>Click here to</u> read complete details)
- Fintech company Slice has received approval from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for its merger with North East Small Finance Bank. (Click here to read complete details)
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has been recognized as the top central banker globally for the second straight year by the US-based Global Finance magazine. (Click here to read complete details)
- Amul has been named the world's strongest food brand in Brand Finance's Global Food & Drinks Report 2024. (Click here to read complete details)
- Airtel Payments Bank has introduced a new security feature called Face Match, leveraging AI to enhance account protection. (Click here to read complete details)
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) study forecasts a substantial increase in private capital expenditure, projecting it to reach
 ₹2.45 trillion in FY25, up from ₹1.59 trillion in FY24. (Click here to read complete details)
- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has unveiled a new feature called 'UPI Circle' on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform, allowing primary UPI account holders to securely delegate payment responsibilities to trusted secondary users. (Click here to read complete details)
- The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved the merger of Slice, a leading fintech company in India, with North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB). (<u>Click here to read</u> complete details)
- In a recent development, Zomato has approved the acquisition of Paytm's entertainment and ticketing business for ₹2,048 crore in a cash deal. (Click here to read complete details)



PhonePe on August 22, announced the launch of Credit Line on UPI on its platform. Consumers who avail credit lines from their banks can now link these credit lines to UPI on PhonePe and seamlessly make merchant payments. (Click here to read complete details)

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- Flipkart's Supply Chain Operations Academy (SCOA) • exchanged a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) at the Samarth event with the mission to upskill thousands of employable youth across India. (Click here to read complete details)
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has updated its e-mandate framework to include the auto-replenishment of balances in FASTag and the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC). (Click here to read complete details)
- Bandhan Bank, celebrating its Foundation Day, introduced • Avni, a savings account tailored specifically for women. (Click here to read complete details)
- Goldman Sachs has revised India's GDP growth forecasts for 2024 and 2025, anticipating slower expansion due to reduced government expenditure and other economic factors. (Click here to read complete details)

Appointments/Resignations

- Shri Ashok Kumar Singh, IAS took over the charge of Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) under Ministry of Labour & **Employment**, Govt. of India at its Headquarters in New Delhi on August 19. (Click here to read complete details)
- Satya Prakash Sangwan, the vice president of PCI, has been appointed as the Chef de Mission (CDM) for the Indian team. (Click here to read complete details)
- **M** Suresh has been appointed as the interim Chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI). (Click here to read complete details)
- Senior IAS officer Govind Mohan on August 22, will take charge as the new Union Home Secretary from Ajay Kumar Bhalla, who completes his five year tenure at the sensitive post. (Click here to read complete details)



- Amardeep Singh Bhatia, a 1993-batch IAS officer from the Nagaland cadre, has officially assumed the role of Secretary in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). (Click here to read complete details)
- Ilkay Gundogan, the 33-year-old captain of the German national football team, has officially announced his retirement from international football. (Click here to read complete details)
- Rajesh Nambiar has been appointed as the president-• designate of the National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM). (Click here to read complete details)
- Deepti Gaur Mukherjee, a 1993 batch IAS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre, has taken over as the Secretary of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA). (Click here to read complete details)
- Indian cricket's prolific white-ball opener, Shikhar Dhawan, • has officially announced his retirement from international cricket at the age of 38. (Click here to read complete details)
- Nestlé made public its decision to appoint Laurent Freixe as the new Chief Executive Officer, replacing the outgoing Mark Schneider. (Click here to read complete details)

Defence News

- Army chief General Upendra Dwivedi on August 20, chaired high-level meeting focusing on the ongoing а transformational initiatives by the Indian Army and its contribution towards achieving the objective of Viksit Bharat by 2047. (Click here to read complete details)
- For the first time in recent history, the 51st Fighter Wing at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, is incorporating its recurring wing readiness exercise into Ulchi Freedom Shield 24. (Click here to read complete details)
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah is all set to replace the incumbent Greg Barclay as the new chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC). (Click here to read complete details)

Awards and Recognitions

- The Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) in Hyderabad has once again been recognized as the Best Airport at the prestigious India Travel Awards, marking its third consecutive win in this category. (Click here to read complete details)
- President Droupadi Murmu presided over a distinguished ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi to confer the prestigious 2023 National Geoscience Awards to outstanding individuals and teams in the field of geosciences. (Click here to read complete details)
- The Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) organised its 24th Handicrafts Export Awards Function on August 21, at the Convention Hall. (Click here to read complete details)

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 President Droupadi Murmu presided over the first-ever investiture ceremony for the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar (National Science Awards). (<u>Click here to read complete</u> <u>details</u>)

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 The 11th edition of the Puthiya Thalaimurai Tamilan Awards recently honored outstanding individuals across various fields, recognizing both seasoned professionals and emerging talents. (<u>Click here to read complete details</u>)

Summits and Conferences News

- India and Japan will hold 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue in New Delhi on August 20. On the sidelines of the 2+2 dialogue, a bilateral meeting is scheduled between the Defence Minister and his Japanese counterpart. (<u>Click here to read</u> <u>complete details</u>)
- The European Union (EU) and the external affairs ministry are organising a regional conference in New Delhi to discuss emerging threats in online radicalisation and to jointly counter the exploitation of online spaces by terrorists. (Click here to read complete details)

Ranks and Reports

- According to the latest data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), net foreign direct investment (FDI) in India surged to \$6.9 billion during the April-June quarter of FY25, compared to \$4.7 billion in the same period last year. (<u>Click here to</u> <u>read complete details</u>)
- Mumbai and Delhi are at the second and third positions, respectively, among 44 cities globally in annual price rise of prime residential properties during the June quarter, Knight Frank said in a report. (Click here to read complete details)

Sports News

- The **Paralympic Committee of India** has made a significant announcement regarding the country's representation at the upcoming **2024 Paris Paralympics**. (<u>Click here to read</u> <u>complete details</u>)
- Top-ranked Jannik Sinner and women's No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka each secured their first Cincinnati Open titles with straight-set victories. (<u>Click here to read complete</u> <u>details</u>)
- Neeraj Chopra, India's star javelin thrower, showcased his resilience and skill at the Lausanne Diamond League meet. (Click here to read complete details)
- Neeraj Chopra delivered an impressive performance at the Lausanne Diamond League, securing his second-best javelin throw ever with a season-best distance of 89.49 meters on his final attempt. (Click here to read complete details)
- Diana Pundole, a teacher and mother from Pune, has made history as the first Indian woman to win the national championship in the saloon category at the MRF Indian National Car Racing Championship 2024 held in Chennai. (Click here to read complete details)

Schemes and Committees News

- The Department of Post under the Union Ministry of Communication has launched the Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana to promote research and scholarship in philately among students across India. (Click here to read complete details)
- Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Majhi has unveiled the Subhadra scheme, a significant initiative under the BJP government. (Click here to read complete details)

Science and Technology News

 SpaceX's upcoming Polaris Dawn mission is set to make history as the first private spacewalk. Scheduled for launch on August 26, 2024, at 3:38 a.m. EDT (0738 GMT). (<u>Click here</u> to read complete details)

Important Days News

- World Humanitarian Day, observed annually on August 19th, takes on a somber tone in 2024 as the global community faces a grim reality: humanitarian workers are increasingly becoming targets in conflict zones. (<u>Click here</u> to read complete details)
- National Space Day 2024 is scheduled to be celebrated on August 23, 2024. This date holds profound significance as it marks the one-year anniversary of India's successful Chandrayaan-3 mission. (Click here to read complete details)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) established the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition. This day is commemorated annually on August 23rd. (Click here to read complete details)
- The General Assembly, in its resolution A/RES/73/296, designated August 22 as the International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief recognising the importance of providing victims of acts of violence based on religion or belief and members of their families with appropriate support and assistance in accordance with applicable law. (Click here to read complete details)
- The International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism serves as a solemn reminder of the ongoing global challenge posed by terrorism. This day, observed annually on August 21st, aims to honour and support the victims and survivors of terrorist acts while promoting the protection of their human rights and fundamental freedoms. (Click here to read complete details)

Obituaries News

• Director General of the Indian Coast Guard, Rakesh Pal, died of a severe cardiac arrest in Chennai. (<u>Click here to read</u> <u>complete details</u>)

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- The world's oldest person, Spain's Maria Branyas Morera, who was born in the US in 1907 and lived through two world wars, has died at the age of 117, her family said. (<u>Click here</u> to read complete details)
- Former Chief of Army Staff General Sundararajan Padmanabhan, who passed away at his Chennai residence on August 19, was cremated with full military honours at Besant Nagar on August 20. (Click here to read complete details)
- Dr. Girish Sahni, the former director-general of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), passed away on August 19, 2024, at the age of 68. (Click here to read complete details)

Static Takeaways

- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Head: Dr. N. Kalaiselvi (Director General)
- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Established: 1942
- Indian Coast Guard Head: Rakesh Pal
- Indian Coast Guard Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Indian Coast Guard Established: 1977
- SpaceX Head: Elon Musk (CEO)
- SpaceX Headquarters: Hawthorne, California, USA
- SpaceX Established: 2002

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- European Union (EU) President of the European Commission: Ursula von der Leyen
- European Union (EU) Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium
- European Union (EU) Established: 1993 (Maastricht Treaty)
- Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) Head: Rakesh Kumar (Executive Director)
- Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) Established: 1986
- Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Head: Roger Binny (President)
- Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Headquarters: Mumbai, India
- Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Established: 1928
- NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Service Companies) Head: Rajesh Nambiar
- NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Service Companies) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Service Companies) Established: 1988

- Airports Authority of India (AAI) Head: Sanjeev Kumar (Interim Chairman)
- Airports Authority of India (AAI) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Airports Authority of India (AAI) Established: 1995
- PhonePe Head: Sameer Nigam (CEO)
- PhonePe Headquarters: Bengaluru, India
- PhonePe Established: 2015
- Airtel Payments Bank Head: Anubrata Biswas (CEO)
- Airtel Payments Bank Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Airtel Payments Bank Established: 2016
- Amul Head: Tarun Bhatia
- Amul Headquarters: Anand, Gujarat, India
- Amul Established: 1946
- GAIL (India) Limited Head: Sandeep Kumar Gupta (Chairman & MD)
- GAIL (India) Limited Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- GAIL (India) Limited Established: 1984
- Indian Navy Head: Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi (Chief of Naval Staff)
- Indian Navy Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Indian Navy Established: 1950 (reorganized as per the Indian Republic)
- Ukraine President: Volodymyr Zelensky
- Ukraine Prime Minister: Denys Shmyhal
- Ukraine Capital: Kyiv
- Ukraine Currency: Ukrainian Hryvnia (UAH)
- Bangladesh President: Mohammed Shahabuddin
- Bangladesh Capital: Dhaka
- Bangladesh Currency: Bangladeshi Taka (BDT)
- Japan Prime Minister: Fumio Kishida
- Japan Capital: Tokyo

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Japan Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)



