

Hayao Miyazaki Receives Prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award

In a momentous recognition of his contributions to the world of animation and storytelling, **Hayao Miyazaki**, the renowned Japanese film director and co-founder of Studio Ghibli, has been awarded the esteemed **Ramon Magsaysay Award** for 2024. This honor, often referred to as "Asia's Nobel Prize," underscores Miyazaki's profound impact on both the art of animation and global cultural discourse.

#### A Career Defined by Imagination and Impact

Miyazaki's illustrious career spans decades, during which he has created a pantheon of beloved animated films that have captivated audiences worldwide. His works, including:

- "My Neighbor Totoro"
- "Spirited Away"
- "Princess Mononoke"
- "Howl's Moving Castle"
- "Ponyo"
- "The Boy and the Heron"

These films have not only pushed the boundaries of animation as an art form but have also addressed complex themes such as **environmental conservation** and **social harmony**. Miyazaki's unique ability to make these challenging topics accessible and engaging for young audiences has set his work apart in the realm of animation.

The Ramon Magsaysay Award: Recognizing Excellence in Asia

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#### About the Award

The Ramon Magsaysay Award, established in 1957, stands as one of the most prestigious honors in Asia. It was created to commemorate Ramon Magsaysay, the third president of the Philippines, who was known for his integrity in governance and public service.

#### Selection Process and Criteria

The **Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation**, based in Manila, Philippines, carefully selects recipients who have made significant contributions to Asian society. The award recognizes individuals and organizations whose work has had a transformative impact on their communities and beyond.

#### 2024 Recipients

This year's award announcement included four recipients:

- 1. Hayao Miyazaki (Individual)
- 2. Two other individuals (names not provided in the original article)
- 3. One group (details not specified in the original article)

The award ceremony is scheduled to take place in **Manila in November 2024**, where the recipients will be formally honored for their achievements.

#### National Teachers' Awards 2024

On September 5, 2024, India celebrated Teachers' Day with a prestigious ceremony in New Delhi, where **President Droupadi Murmu** conferred the **National Teachers' Award 2024** to 82 exceptional educators from across the country. This annual event, commemorating the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, recognizes the pivotal role of teachers in shaping the nation's future.

SI. No.	Name of the Awardee	Designation	School Name & Address	State / UT of Org
1	Avinasha Sharma	Lecturer	GMSSSS NIT 3 Faridabad	Haryana
2	Sunil Kumar	Lecturer	GSSS Khargat	Himachal Pradesh
3	Pankaj Kumar Goyal	Teacher	GSSS Girls Barnala	Punjab
4	Rajinder Singh	Teacher	Govt. Primary School, Kothe Inder Singh Wale	Punjab
5	Baljinder Singh Brar	Vice Principal	Government Senior Secondary School 4JJ	Rajasthan
6	Hukam Chand Chaudhary	Teacher	Government Senior Secondary School BSF Bikaner	Rajasthan
7	Kusum Lata Gariya	Acting Head Teacher	Government Upper Primary School Veena	Uttarakhand
8	Chandralekha Damodar Mestri	Teacher	Satyawati Soiru Angle Higher Secondary School, Mashem Loliem	Goa
9	Chandreshkumar Bholashankar Borisagar	Acting Head Teacher	Navi Badhada Primary School, Badhada	Gujarat
10	Vinay Shashikant Patel	Principal	R.F. Patel High School, Vadadla	Gujarat

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11	Madhav Prasad Patel	Teacher	Govt. Middle School Lidhora	Madhya Pradesh
12	Sunita Godha	Teacher	Govt. High School, Khajuria Sarang	Madhya Pradesh
13	K Sharda	Teacher	Govt. Upper Primary School Khedamara	Chhattisgarh
14	Narasimha Murthy H K	Teacher	Daffodils English School, Sanjaynagar-19	Karnataka
15	Dwiti Chandra Sahu	Teacher	Govt. High School Billesu	Odisha
16	Santosh Kumar Kar	Teacher	Jaya Durga High School, Narla Road	Odisha
17	Ashis Kumar Roy	Teacher	Sri Nara Singha Vidyapith, Atharakhai	West Bengal
18	Prasanta Kumar Marik	Head Teacher	Shalbagan G S F P School, 1 No. Gurdaha	West Bengal
19	Dr Urfana Amin	Master	BHSS Soura	Jammu and Kashmir
20	Ravi Kant Dwivedi	Head Teacher	Primary School Bhagesar	Uttar Pradesh
21	Shyam Prakash Maurya	Teacher	Upper Primary School Malhupur	Uttar Pradesh
22	Dr. Minakshi Kumari	Teacher	Shiv Ganga Girls Plus 2 High School Madhubani	Bihar
23	Sikendra Kumar Suman	Acting Head Teacher	New Primary School Tarahani	Bihar
24	K Suma	Teacher	GMS Dugnadab	A & N Islands
25	Sunita Gupta	Lecturer	Jawah <mark>ar Nav</mark> odaya Vidyalaya, Dhamangawn	Madhya Pradesh
26	Charu Sharma	Principal	Dr. Raje <mark>ndra</mark> Prasad Kendriya Vidyalaya, New Delhi	Delhi
27	Ashok Sengupta	Teacher	PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No.1 Jalahalli West, Kamagondannahalli	Karnataka
28	H N Girish	Lecturer	Government PU College for Girls NN0045 Hunsur, Mysuru	Karnataka
29	Narayanaswamy R	Head Teacher	Government High School Bashettihalli	Karnataka
30	Jyoti Panka	Teacher	PM SHRI Government Higher Secondary School Longding	Arunachal Pradesh
31	Lephizo Apon	Teacher	GHSS Dimapur, United Colony Ward-20	Nagaland
32	Nandita Chongtham	Teacher	Sagolband Rishikul Upper Primary School, Sagolband	Manipur
33	Yankila Lama	Teacher	Modern Senior Secondary School, Arithang	Sikkim
34	Joseph Vanlalhruaia Sailo	Lecturer	Synod Higher Secondary School, Tuithiang Veng Aizawl	Mizoram
35	Everlasting Pyngrope	Principal	Myngken Christian Higher Secondary School, Bhoirymbong	Meghalaya
36	Dr Nani Gopal Debnath	Teacher	Netaji Subhas Vidyaniketan, Netaji Choumuhani	Tripura
37	Dipen Khanikar	Teacher	Chi Chia Bokuloni Girls High School, No3	Assam
38	Dr Asha Rani	Post Graduate Teacher	Plus 2 High School Chandankiyari, Bokaro	Jharkhand
39	Jinu George	Teacher	S.D.V.B.H.S.S, Alappuzha	Kerala
40	K Sivaprasad	Teacher	VPAUPS Kundur kunnu, Thachanattukara	Kerala
41	Midde Srinivasa Rao	Teacher	S.P.S Municipal High School Plus, Gudivada	Andhra Pradesh





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42	Suresh Kunati	Teacher	ZP High School Urandur	Andhra Pradesh
43	Prabhakar Reddy Pesara	Teacher	ZPSS Thirumalayapalem	Telangana
44	Thaduri Sampath Kumar	Teacher	ZPHS Dammannapet	Telangana
45	Pallavi Sharma	Principal	Mamta Modern Sr. Sec. School, Vikaspuri	Delhi
46	Charu Maini	Principal	DAV Public School Sector 48-49, Gurugram	Haryana
47	Gopinath R	Teacher	Panchayat Union Middle School – Rajakuppam	Tamil Nadu
48	Muralidharan Ramiya Sethuraman	Vocational Teacher	TVS Higher Secondary School, Madurai	Tamil Nadu
49	Mantaiah Chinni Bedke	Teacher	Z.P. Upper Primary Digital School Jajavandi	Maharashtra
50	Sagar Chittaranjan Bagade	Teacher	Sou S.M. Lohia High School & Junior College, Kolhapur	Maharashtra

# Dept. of Higher Education Awardees:

SI. No.	Name of the Awardee	Designation	Name & Address of the Institute	State / UT of Org
1	Prof. Anitha Suseelan	Head	School of Architecture at Christ University, Bangalore	Karnataka
2	Prof. Birinchi Kumar Sarma	Professor	Inst <mark>itute of A</mark> gricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu U <mark>nivers</mark> ity, Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh
3	Dr. C. Jaya Sankar Babu	Associate Professor	Department of Hindi, Puducherry University	Puducherry
4	Dr. A. Gandhimathi	Lecturer	Department of English, Polytechnic College, Salem	Tamil Nadu
5	Prof. Kapil Ahuja	Professor	Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Indore	Madhya Pradesh
6	Prof. S.R. Keshava	Professor	Department of Economics, Bangalore University	Karnataka
7	Dr. Nandavaram Mrudula Babu	Associate Prof <mark>ess</mark> or & Head	Department of Telugu, Govt. Degree College for Women, Hyderabad	Telangana
8	Prof. Nidhi Jain	Professor	Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	New Delhi
9	Prof. Nilabh Tiwari	Head	Department of Education, Central Sanskrit University	New Delhi
10	Prof. Parmar Ranjitkumar Khimjibhai	Head	Department of Electrical Engineering, Government Polytechnic, Junagadh	Gujarat
11	Prof. Shahanaz Ayub	Associate Professor	Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, Bundelkhand Institute of Engineering, Jhansi	Uttar Pradesh
12	Prof. Shilpagauri Prasad	Associate Professor	Department of English, PDEA's Prof. Ramkrishna More Arts, Commerce and Science College, Pune	Maharashtra
13	Dr. Shimi S.L.	Associate Professor	Electrical Engineering Department, Punjab Engineering College	Chandigarh
14	Prof. A.S. Smiline Girija	Head	Department of Microbiology, Saveetha Dental College and Hospitals, SIMATS, Saveetha University, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
15	Prof. Srinivas Hotha	Professor	Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Pune	Maharashtra
16	Prof. Vinay Sharma	Professor	Department of Management Studies & Joint Professor with the Department of Design, IIT Roorkee	Uttarakhand

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1	Smt. Kadia Darshanaben Jishneshkumar	ITI, Dashrath	Gujarat
2	Shri Radhakrishnan PK	Govt. ITI, Kozhikode	Kerala
3	Shri Muhammad Akbar M	Govt. ITI, Koyilandy	Kerala
4	Shri Prashant Dixit	Govt. Divisional ITI, Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
5	Shri Tinku	Govt. ITI, Pusa	New Delhi
6	Shri Vivek Chandaliya	Govt. ITI, Kolhapur	Maharashtra
7	Ms. Natasha Oreste Carvalho	Govt. ITI, Mapusa	Goa
8	Smt. Premlata Rahangdale	Govt. Divisional ITI, Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
9	Shri Shivalingaiah K.J.	Govt. ITI, Mysuru	Karnataka
10	Shri Utpal Saikia	North East Skill Centre, Guwahati	Assam
11	Shri Vijay Ganapati Chari	Govt. ITI, Cacora	Goa
12	Ms. Sarita Devi	Gov <mark>t. ITI,</mark> Shamshi	Himachal Pradesh
13	Shri Jitendra Jangir	NSTI, Patna	Bihar
14	Smt. B Pauvlin Priya	NSTI, Chennai	Tamil Nadu
15	Dr. Jyoti Jain	MSME, Firozabad	Uttar Pradesh
16	Smt. Vanamala Swapna	National Institute for MSME, Hyderabad	Telangana

# **National Affairs**

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), a key player in driving financial inclusion across India, proudly marked its 7th Foundation Day on September 2, 2024. Since its nationwide launch in 2018 by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the IPPB has been instrumental in transforming India's financial landscape by providing accessible, affordable, and trusted digital banking services to underserved and unbanked families at their doorstep. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Economic Times World Leaders Forum in New Delhi, where he highlighted India's economic growth, governance, and global ambitions. (<u>Click Here To Read The Article</u>)
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a commemorative postage stamp celebrating 75 years of the Supreme Court of India during the inaugural session of the District Judges Conference at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The event was attended by Supreme Court Chief Justice Dr. D.Y. Chandrachud, Minister of Law & Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal, and other dignitaries. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- The 7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah was launched today at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, marking a significant step towards enhancing nutrition awareness and

well-being across the nation. The event featured prominent figures such as Union Minister Smt. Annpurna Devi, Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel, and Gujarat's Minister of Women and Child Development Smt. Bhanuben Babariya, alongside senior officials from both the Government of India and the State Government of Gujarat. (Click Here To Read The Article)

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- In a significant event marking the evolution of India's judiciary, President Droupadi Murmu unveiled the new flag and insignia of the Supreme Court of India during the two-day National Conference of District Judiciary held in New Delhi. The ceremony, attended by members of the judiciary from across the nation, symbolized the rich cultural and legal heritage of India, encapsulated in the newly designed symbols of the highest court. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- In a historic move that underscores India's commitment to becoming a global hub for semiconductor manufacturing, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the proposal of Kaynes Semicon Pvt Ltd to establish a semiconductor manufacturing unit in Sanand, Gujarat. The meeting, held in New Delhi on 2 September 2024, marks a significant milestone in India's Semiconductor Mission, which was launched in 2022 to boost the country's semiconductor capabilities. (Click Here To Read The Article)



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- Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval to seven comprehensive schemes. These initiatives, with a total outlay of Rs 14,235.30 Crore, aim to revolutionize various aspects of agriculture in India. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- Under the National One Health Mission (NOHM), a comprehensive mock drill named "Vishanu Yuddh Abhyas" (Virus War Exercise) was held in Ajmer district, Rajasthan, from August 27 to August 31, 2024. This exercise aimed to assess the pandemic preparedness of the National Joint Outbreak Response Team (NJORT), which includes experts from human health, animal husbandry, and wildlife sectors. The drill simulated a zoonotic disease outbreak to evaluate the readiness and response of the teams involved. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- President Droupadi Murmu has approved the formation of the 23rd Law Commission of India for a three-year term, effective from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2027. This commission will consist of a full-time chairperson, four members, and additional ex-officio and part-time members. Its primary mandate is to review and recommend legal reforms to enhance the Indian legal system. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- The Vishvasya-Blockchain Technology Stack was launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to provide Blockchain-as-a-Service (BaaS) with a geographically distributed infrastructure. This initiative aims to support permissioned blockchain applications and promote transparent, secure, and trusted digital service delivery in India. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- On September 3, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi . embarked on a significant diplomatic journey by arriving in Bandar Seri Begawan, the capital of Brunei. This visit marks a historic milestone as it is the first time an Indian Prime Minister has visited Brunei since the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two nations on May 10, 1984. The visit is part of a broader two-nation tour that includes Singapore, spanning from September 3 to 5, 2024. (Click Here To Read The Article)



- The Ministry of Women and Child Development has been honored with the National Award for e-Governance 2024 (Gold) for its digital initiative, Poshan Tracker. This tool, part of Mission Poshan 2.0, enables real-time monitoring of children's growth, focusing on those aged 0-6 years. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- India is setting ambitious goals to significantly increase its presence in the global alcoholic beverage market, targeting exports worth US\$ 952.9 million (Rs. 8,000 crore) in the coming years. As part of the 'Make in India' initiative, the government, supported by the Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), seeks to elevate India from its current 40th position in global alcoholic beverage exports. The aim is to achieve US\$ 1 billion in export revenue. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- Union Minister of Textiles, Shri Giriraj Singh, unveiled the 'VisioNxt Fashion Forecasting Initiative' developed by the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT). This launch event, which also saw the introduction of a bilingual web portal and the India-specific Fashion Trend Book 'Paridhi 24×25', marks a pivotal moment in India's fashion and textile sector. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- In celebration of the birth anniversary of Hockey Legend Major Dhyan Chand and in alignment with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports' National Sports Day 2024, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting organized "Khel Utsav 2024" from August 27 to August 30, 2024. The event took place at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium and Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi. (Click Here To Read The Article

#### States in the News

- The University of Manipur, in collaboration with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), successfully hosted a two-day 'Training Programme on Human Rights in India' on 30th August 2024 at the Court Hall, Manipur University. The event saw participation from over 100 legal experts, academicians, human rights defenders, and students. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- The Uttar Pradesh government is set to make a significant investment of approximately Rs 33,500 crore (around \$4 **billion)** to spur growth in the **Information Technology (IT)** and IT-enabled Services (ITeS) sectors over the next five years. The plan aims for a tenfold increase in these sectors by developing technology hubs across five major cities: Noida, Lucknow, Kanpur, Varanasi, and Prayagraj (Allahabad). (Click Here To Read The Article)
- The West Bengal Assembly has unanimously passed the 'Aparajita Woman and Child Bill (West Bengal Criminal Laws and Amendment) 2024', marking a significant development in the state's legal framework against sexual crimes. This bill introduces the death penalty for individuals convicted of rape if their actions result in the victim's death or leave her in a vegetative state. With this move, West Bengal becomes the first state to amend central laws dealing with rape, gang-rape, and sexual crimes against children. (Click Here To Read The Article)

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- The Madhya Pradesh government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, has approved a groundbreaking scheme named 'Brindavan Gram'. This initiative, formally announced on Janmashtami (August 26), aims to transform selected gram panchayats into model villages, focusing on cow protection and rural development. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- The Uttar Pradesh government has announced the construction of a Vedic-3D museum at Sampurnanand Sanskrit University in Varanasi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's parliamentary constituency. This state-of-the-art museum will focus on Indian astrology, astronomy, and Vedic literature. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath made the announcement during his visit to the university, highlighting its role in showcasing the evolution of Vedic literature, including the 16 Sanskars, 64 arts, and 18 Vidya Sthans, as well as the contributions of Indian sages. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- The Rajasthan State Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, has approved a significant policy shift by mandating a 33% reservation for women in the police force. This decision, made on September 4, 2024, aligns with the BJP's 2023 Assembly election manifesto promise to enhance female representation within law enforcement. The amendment to the Rajasthan Police Subordinate Service Rules, 1989, will soon be formalized through a notification by the Personnel department. (Click Here To **Read The Article**)

#### International Affairs

- Super Typhoon Yagi, the most powerful storm to hit Asia in over a decade, has caused significant disruption across Southeast Asia. After devastating the northern Philippines, the typhoon made landfall in southern China's Hainan province, leading to mass evacuations and widespread damage. Yagi is expected to continue its path towards Vietnam and Laos, impacting northern regions with severe weather conditions. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- The British government has announced plans to erect a national memorial for Queen Elizabeth II in St James's Park, London. This site was chosen due to its historical significance and its close connection to the late monarch, who passed away on September 8, 2022, after over seven decades on the throne. (Click Here To Read The Article)

## **Agreements/MoUs Signed**

Bisleri International Pvt. Ltd. has partnered with the Government of Goa to improve waste management in Mormugao, Vasco. This collaboration was solidified during the Green Goa Summit 2024, where a Letter of Intent (LOI) was exchanged between Bisleri and the Goa State Pollution Control Board, with the presence of Chief Minister Dr. **Pramod Sawant.** The partnership aims to enhance plastic waste management under Bisleri's CSR initiative, 'Bottles for Change,' focusing on sustainable development and environmental stewardship. (Click Here To Read The Article)

- The 2024 Chief Science Advisers' Roundtable (CSAR) is scheduled for September 6, 2024, at UNESCO's headquarters in Paris. This event is a collaborative effort between the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India and UNESCO's Natural Sciences Sector. Originally launched during India's G20 Presidency in 2023, CSAR aims to enhance global science advisory mechanisms. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- India and Singapore have signed multiple agreements aimed at enhancing cooperation in semiconductors, healthcare, and digital economies, elevating their ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his visit to Singapore, emphasized the importance of collaboration for regional peace, stability, and prosperity, while describing Singapore as an "inspiration" for India's development. (Click Here To Read **The Article**)
- In a significant move towards enhancing international cooperation in public sector auditing, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the UAE Accountability Authority. This agreement marks a new chapter in the bilateral relations between India and the United Arab Emirates, focusing on strengthening their respective audit institutions and promoting good governance. (Click Here To Read The Article)

## **Books and Authors**

In a world grappling with the urgent need for sustainable energy solutions, a new literary work has emerged to challenge our perceptions and inspire change. "From Oil to Lithium: Navigating the Future of Energy", penned by renowned energy expert Kuldeep Gupta, offers readers a compelling narrative that intertwines personal experience with global energy challenges. (Click Here To Read The Article)

#### Banking/Economy/Business News

- In August 2024, India's GST collections reached ₹1.75 lakh crore, marking a 10% year-on-year growth compared to ₹1.59 lakh crore in August 2023. This increase reflects robust domestic consumption and higher imports. The central government collected **₹30,862 crore**, while states collected ₹38,411 crore before adjustments. IGST on imports and inter-state sales amounted to ₹93,621 crore. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has made history as the first Indian company to exceed ₹10 lakh crore in annual revenue. This milestone was revealed during RIL's Annual General Meeting (AGM) by Chairman Mukesh Ambani. For the financial year 2023-24, Reliance achieved a record consolidated turnover of ₹10,00,122 crore (USD 119.9 billion), with a net profit of ₹79,020 crore (USD 9.5 billion). (Click Here To Read The Article)

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- The World Bank has revised its growth forecast for the Indian economy, increasing it to 7% for the fiscal year 2024-25, up from the earlier estimate of 6.6%. This adjustment comes despite a slowdown to 6.7% in the April-June quarter, attributed to reduced government spending during national elections. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Rajasthan have reported the highest growth in real Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) for FY24 among the ten largest states based on their GSDP, according to recent data from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). The services sector, which contributes significantly to the Gross Value Added (GVA) of large states, has played a crucial role in this economic expansion. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- The Union Ministry of Finance plans to divest a 6.78% stake in General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re) through an offer-for-sale (OFS) to raise approximately Rs 4,700 crore. This will be the first stake sale since GIC Re's listing in 2017. The sale will commence on Wednesday for non-retail investors, with retail investors and GIC employees able to bid on Thursday. (Click Here To Read **The Article**)
- POP, a fintech startup founded by former Flipkart employees, has introduced India's first multi-brand cobranded credit card in partnership with RuPay and Yes Bank. This innovative card, known as the YEB BANK POP-CLUB RuPay credit card, integrates major brands like Zomato, Blinkit, Cult, Rapido, Cleartrip, and Pharmeasy to address key daily spending areas, including e-commerce, groceries, food and beverages, travel, and health and fitness. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- HDFC Bank has introduced GIGA, a new suite of financial products and services specifically designed for gig workers and freelancers in India. The initiative aims to cater to an estimated 30-50 million gig workers across various job sectors, from white-collar to pink-collar roles. (Click Here **To Read The Article**)
- Star Health and Allied Insurance, a prominent health insurance provider in India, has taken a groundbreaking step towards inclusivity by introducing an insurance policy in Braille. This initiative marks a significant milestone in empowering visually impaired individuals, allowing them to access crucial health insurance information independently. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- Kotak General Insurance has undergone a transformative • rebranding, emerging as Zurich Kotak General Insurance. This change comes on the heels of a major acquisition that sees the global insurance giant, Zurich Insurance Group, taking a commanding 70% stake in the company. This move not only reshapes the competitive landscape of India's general insurance market but also signals a new chapter in foreign investment in the country's financial services sector. (Click Here To Read The Article)

Paysharp, an emerging startup from Tamil Nadu, has achieved a major milestone. On August 30, 2024, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) granted Paysharp its final authorization, cementing the company's position in India's dynamic payment system ecosystem. (Click Here To Read The Article)

# **Appointments/Resignations**

- Air Marshal Tejinder Singh assumed the role of Deputy Chief of the Air Staff (DCAS) of the Indian Air Force at Air Headquarters (Vayu Bhawan) on Sunday. He began his tenure by paying tribute to the fallen heroes at the National War Memorial in New Delhi. (Click Here To Read The Article
- Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Vayu Sena Medal, Vishisht Seva Medal, assumed the appointment of Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Central Air Command on September 1. Air Marshal Dixit was commissioned into the fighter stream of IAF on December 6, 1986. The Air Officer is an experimental test pilot and a qualified flying instructor with more than 3300 hours of flying experience on a variety of aircraft in the IAF inventory. (Click Here To Read The Article )
- Dutch multinational conglomerate Philips has appointed • Bharath Sesha as the Managing Director for India, effective September 1. Sesha will lead the company's growth strategy in India, focusing on enhancing customer satisfaction and driving operational excellence, particularly in the healthcare sector. He succeeds Daniel Mazon, who has transitioned to a global role at Philips' headquarters in the Netherlands. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- French cosmetics giant L'Oreal Paris has made a significant announcement, revealing that it has signed Alia Bhatt, one of Bollywood's most prominent actresses, as its newest global brand ambassador. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- During the 11th day of the Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) se<mark>ason five</mark> at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, a significant announcement echoed through the table tennis community. Sharath Kamal, India's ace paddler, was named the first Indian ambassador of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Foundation. (Click Here To **Read The Article**)
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) made a significant announcement on Tuesday, reshaping the landscape of Indian cricket's selection process. Former India wicketkeeper Ajay Ratra has been appointed as a selector for the men's cricket team, marking a new era in the national team's selection committee. (Click Here To **Read The Article**)
- The Uttar Pradesh government has announced new appointments to the state women's commission. Babita Chauhan has been appointed as Chairperson, while Aparna Yadav and Charu Chaudhary have been designated as Vice-Chairpersons. The tenure for these positions is set for one year, or until further decisions by the UP government. (Click Here To Read The Article)

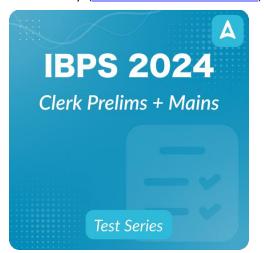




Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) has announced a crucial step in its leadership transition. The company has received the green light from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for the appointment of Nehal Vora as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO). This approval, conveyed through a SEBI letter dated August 29, 2024, marks a pivotal moment in CDSL's corporate governance and strategic direction. (Click Here To Read The Article)

#### **Defence News**

- A successful test launch of the Agni-4 Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) was carried out from the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, Odisha, on September 6, 2024. The missile, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), validated all operational and technical parameters during the test. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- The 21st edition of Varuna (Varuna-23) naval exercise between the Indian and French Navies was held in two phases in 2023. India-France Bilateral Naval Exercise Varuna is a key strategic exercise, initiated in 1993 and named 'Varuna' in 2001. Phase II took place in the Arabian Sea and involved joint operations using guided missile frigates, tankers, Maritime Patrol Aircraft, and helicopters. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- The 5th Defence Cooperation Dialogue between India and • the Maldives was held in New Delhi on September 6, 2024. The Indian delegation was led by **Defence Secretary Shri** Giridhar Aramane, while the Maldivian delegation was headed by General Ibrahim Hilmy, Chief of Defence Force, Maldives National Defence Force. The meeting provided a platform to advance bilateral defence cooperation, focusing on the implementation of ongoing projects and fostering stability in the Indian Ocean region. (Click Here To **Read The Article**)
- Since 1967, International Literacy Day (ILD) has been observed annually on September 8th across the globe. This day serves as a crucial reminder to policymakers, practitioners, and the public about the critical importance of literacy in creating a more literate, just, peaceful, and sustainable society. (Click Here To Read The Article)



#### Awards and Recognitions

- President Emmanuel Macron of France was awarded the **Olympic Order in gold.** This prestigious distinction was bestowed upon him by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in recognition of his unwavering support for the Olympic Games Paris 2024. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- India celebrated Teachers' Day with a prestigious ceremony in New Delhi, where President Droupadi Murmu conferred the National Teachers' Award 2024 to 82 exceptional educators from across the country. This annual event, commemorating the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, recognizes the pivotal role of teachers in shaping the nation's future. (Click Here To Read The Article)

# Summits and Conferences News

- On September 4-5, 2024, a significant event took place in the military landscape of India. The first Joint Commander's Conference of the Armed Forces was held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, marking a new era in the coordination and integration of India's military forces. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- Indian Coast Guard participated in the 20th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM) held in Incheon, South Korea. This important gathering, which took place from September 2-6, 2024, brought together coast guard agencies from across Asia to discuss crucial maritime issues and strengthen collaborative efforts. (Click Here To Read The Article
- As a precursor to International Literacy Day 2024, the Ministry of Education, Government of India, will host an International Conference titled "Spectrum of Literacy" on September 7, 2024. This virtual conference will be organized by CIET, NCERT, New Delhi, and will bring together global and national experts, educators, policymakers, and literacy advocates to explore the multifaceted dimensions of literacy in today's world. (Click Here To Read The Article)

## **Ranks and Reports**

- Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, and Arunachal Pradesh are among . the least literate states, facing challenges such as inadequate infrastructure, socio-economic issues, and geographical barriers. Understanding these challenges is essential for crafting effective solutions to enhance education and foster equitable development throughout the country. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- The release of the TIME100 Most Influential People in AI 2024 List has once again highlighted India's significant contributions to the rapidly evolving field of artificial intelligence. Leading the pack of Indian influencers is Sundar Pichai, the CEO of Google and Alphabet. (Click Here To Read The Article)

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## **Sports News**

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- Rubina Francis etched her name in Paralympic history on • August 31, with a **bronze medal in Paris**. She rose on the occasion and clinched a bronze in the women's 10m air pistol SH1 event. Para-athletes never have an easy journey, as they have to fight against all odds and show grit and resilience to reach the top, which was also the case with Rubina. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- At Paris Paralympics 2024, Indian Para Athlete Preethi Pal secured yet another medal for India, clinching a Bronze medal in the Women's 200 meters - T35 Final. She won the medal with a personal best timing of 30.01 seconds. With this win, she became the first track and field Indian Woman Para Athlete to win two medals at the Paralympics. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- India's Nishad Kumar secured a silver medal in the men's **T47 high jump** final at the **Paris Paralympics** on September 2. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- India's Yogesh Kathuniya won the silver medal in the men's discus throw F56 event at the Paris 2024 Paralympics on September 2. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- In a moment of sporting glory, Indian para-shuttler Nitesh **Kumar** achieved a monumental victory by clinching the gold medal in the men's singles SL3 event at the Paris Paralympic Games 2024. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- In a historic step towards developing **sports infrastructure** in Bihar, Hockey India announced that the upcoming Hockey Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 will be held in Raigir from November 11 to 20. The tournament will take place at the newly constructed Rajgir Hockey Stadium, where India will defend their title against teams from China, Malaysia, Japan, Thailand, and Korea. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- Guwahati-based NorthEast United Football Club etched their names in Indian football history by clinching their maiden Durand Cup title. In a thrilling final that went to a penalty shootout, they defeated the defending champions, Mohun Bagan Super Giant (MBSG), 4-3. The match took place at the iconic Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata on August 31, 2024. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- Indian duo of Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar claimed the **bronze medal** in the mixed team compound archery competition at the Paralympics 2024 on September 2nd. Their victory was secured with a nail-biting 156-155 win over Italy's Eleonora Sarti and Matteo Bonacina, marking only the second time that India has won a medal in archery at the Paralympics. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- Indian para-badminton star Suhas Lalinakere Yathiraj added yet another accolade to his remarkable career by winning the silver medal in the men's singles SL4 category at the Paris 2024 Paralympics. (Click Here To Read The Article

- In a remarkable display of skill and perseverance, Indian para-badminton players Thulasimathi Murugesan and Manisha Ramadass clinched silver and bronze medals, respectively, in the women's singles SU5 class at the Paris 2024 Paralympics. Their outstanding performances not only showcased their exceptional talent but also marked a historic moment for Indian badminton. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- The prestigious Lord's Cricket Ground in London is set to make history by hosting the final of the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) from June 11 to June 15, 2025. This event marks the first time that the iconic venue, often referred to as the "Home of Cricket." will host the climax of cricket's most revered format. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- In a remarkable display of skill and determination, Sharad Kumar and Mariyappan Thangavelu secured silver and bronze medals respectively in the men's high jump T63 event. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- Deepthi Jeevanji, the 20-year-old world champion sprinter • from India, has secured a bronze medal in the women's 400m T20 event at the 2024 Paris Paralympics. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- Sumit Antil etched his name in the annals of Indian sports history at the Paris 2024 Paralympics. The 26-year-old para-athlete not only claimed the gold medal in the men's iavelin throw F64 class but also became the first Indian male para-athlete to successfully defend his Paralympic title. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- In a gripping final at the second World Deaf Shooting Championship in Hannover, Germany, teenage shooter Anuya Prasad from Jaipur secured the gold medal in the women's air pistol event. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- In a remarkable display of skill and precision, Harvinder Singh etched his name in the annals of Indian sports history by securing India's first-ever Paralympic gold medal in archery at the Paris 2024 Paralympics. This achievement comes three years after his groundbreaking bronze medal at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics, further solidifying his status as a trailblazer in Indian para-archery. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- The Paris 2024 Paralympics witnessed a remarkable performance by India's Sachin Sarjerao Khilari, who secured a silver medal in the men's shot put F46 event. This achievement not only adds to India's growing medal tally but also highlights the nation's emerging prowess in para-athletics. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- Dharambir, the 35-year-old athlete from Sonepat, etched his name in Paralympic history with a spectacular performance. Complementing Dharambir's gold was Pranav Soorma, who secured the silver medal. (Click Here **To Read The Article**)

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- Kapil Parmar has etched his name in the annals of Paralympic history by securing India's first-ever medal in judo at the Paralympic Games. Parmar's bronze medal victory in the men's 60kg (J1) category marks a significant milestone in the country's para-sports journey. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- In a stunning display of perseverance and skill, India's Hokato Hotozhe Sema has clinched the bronze medal in the men's shot put F57 class at the Paris 2024 Paralympics. This achievement not only marks a personal milestone for Sema but also contributes to India's growing success in para-athletics on the global stage. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- Indian para-athlete Praveen Kumar has etched his name in the annals of Paralympic history with his spectacular gold medal win in the men's high jump T64 final at the Paris Paralympics 2024. This victory not only marks a personal milestone for Kumar but also adds to India's growing success in para-athletics on the global stage. (Click Here To Read The Article)

# **Schemes and Committees News**

- In a significant development for India's agricultural sector, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, launched the AgriSURE Scheme in New Delhi. (<u>Click Here To Read</u> <u>The Article</u>)
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to launch a groundbreaking initiative called "Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari" in Surat, Gujarat. This initiative represents a significant step towards enhancing community involvement in water conservation efforts across India. The launch aligns with the ongoing "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" campaign, reinforcing the Prime Minister's vision of collaborative water management to ensure long-term water security for the nation. (Click Here To Read The Article)

## Science and Technology News

- Google DeepMind's India unit is spearheading an ambitious AI project named Morni (Multimodal Representation for India), aiming to encompass 125 Indic languages and dialects. Speaking at the Global Fintech Fest, Manish Gupta, Director of Google DeepMind India, highlighted that among these languages, 73 had no existing digital corpus. Despite Hindi being spoken by nearly 10% of the global population, its online text representation is just 0.1%. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, has officially inaugurated the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi Abu Dhabi campus. (Click Here To Read The Article)

# **Important Days News**

- National Nutrition Week (NNW) is an annual observance in India, taking place from September 1 to 7. This week-long event is dedicated to raising awareness about the critical role of nutrition in our lives and promoting healthy eating habits among people of all ages. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- World Coconut Day was established in 2009 by the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC), an intergovernmental organization under the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. The APCC, representing 19 coconut-producing countries in the Asia-Pacific region, chose September 2 to commemorate the organization's founding in 1969. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- The International Day of Charity, observed annually on September 5th, serves as a reminder of the transformative power of philanthropic activities in addressing some of the world's most pressing issues. In an era of global challenges, charity stands as a beacon of hope, fostering social bonds and contributing to the creation of inclusive and resilient societies. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- Recognizing the significance of DMD as one of the most common pediatric genetic rare diseases, the United Nations General Assembly has designated September 7th as World Duchenne Awareness Day. This observance will be officially recognized as a United Nations Day starting in 2024. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- United Nations has designated September 7th as the International Day of Clean Air for blue skies. This observance serves as a global call to action, urging governments, corporations, civil society, and individuals to Invest in #CleanAirNow. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- Onam in 2024 is set to begin on September 5 and culminate with the grand Thiruvonam on September 15. The festival falls during the Malayalam month of Chingam, symbolizing prosperity and the end of the monsoon season. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- On September 7, the world observes the International Day of Police Cooperation, recognizing the crucial role of law enforcement in global security. This day highlights the importance of collaboration among police forces worldwide and emphasizes the need for a comprehensive framework to ensure police integrity, accountability, and oversight. (Click Here To Read The Article)
- The first Saturday of September marks International Vulture Awareness Day (IVAD), an annual event dedicated to raising awareness about the world's most imperilled group of birds. This initiative, which began in South Africa and the United Kingdom, has been observed since September 2009. (Click Here To Read The Article)





# **Obituaries News**

 The tennis world mourns the loss of a true legend as Luis Ayala, one of Chile's most celebrated athletes, passed away at the age of 91. The Chilean Tennis Federation made the somber announcement on Wednesday, marking the end of an era in South American tennis history. (Click Here To Read The Article)

#### **Miscellaneous News**

 Siddhartha Aggarwal from Bengaluru has made history by becoming the oldest Indian to swim solo across the English Channel. On August 29, at the age of 49, Aggarwal completed the 42 km swim in 15 hours and six minutes. His remarkable achievement surpasses the previous record set by Srikaanth Viswanathan, who swam the Channel solo at age 46 in 2018. (Click Here To Read The Article)

## **Static Takeaways**

- India Post Payments Bank Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- India Post Payments Bank Established Year: 2018
- India Post Payments Bank MD and CEO: R. Viswesvaran
- Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) Established Year: 1858
- Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) President: Girish Chandra Murmu
- Flipkart Headquarters: Bangalore, India
- Flipkart Established Year: 2007
- Flipkart President: Kalyan Krishnamurthy (CEO)
- HDFC Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, India
- HDFC Bank Established Year: 1994
- HDFC Bank President: Sashidhar Jagdishan (CEO)
- Indian Air Force (IAF) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Indian Air Force (IAF) Established Year: 1932
- Indian Air Force (IAF) Chief: VR Chaudhari
- Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Headquarters: Mumbai, India
- Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Established Year: 1928

- Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) President: Roger Binny (as of 2024)
- Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) Headquarters: Mumbai, India
- Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) Established Year: 1999
- Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) President: Nehal Vora (MD & CEO)
- Maldives Headquarters: Malé
- Maldives President: Mohamed Muizzu
- Maldives Established Year: 1965 (Independence)
- International Olympic Committee (IOC) Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland
- International Olympic Committee (IOC) Established Year: 1894
- International Olympic Committee (IOC) President: Thomas Bach (as of 2024)
- Google Headquarters: Mountain View, California, USA
- Google Established Year: 1998
- Google President: Sundar Pichai (CEO)
- International Coconut Community Headquarters: Jakarta, Indonesia
- International Coconut Community Established Year: 1969
- International Coconut Community President: Uron N.
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- United Nations (UN) Headquarters: New York City, USA
- United Nations (UN) Established Year: 1945
- United Nations (UN) President: Dennis Francis

