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Paris Paralympics 2024: Full List of Winners

India concluded its most successful Paralympic campaign ever at the **2024 Paris Paralympics**, securing an unprecedented **29 medals**. This impressive tally included:

- 7 **gold** medals
- 9 **silver** medals
- 13 **bronze** medals

Indian medal winners at Paris 2024 Paralympics

No.	Athlete	Sport	Event	Medal
1	Avani Lekhara	Shooting	Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1	Gold
2	Mona Agarwal	Shooting	Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1	Bronze
3	Preethi Pal	Athletics	Women's 100m T35	Bronze
4	Manish Narwal	Shooting	Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1	Silver
5	Rubina Francis	Shooting	Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1	Bronze
6	Preethi Pal	Athletics	Women's 200m T35	Bronze
7	Nishad Kumar	Athletics	Men's High Jump T47	Silver
8	Yogesh Kathuniya	Athletics	Men's Discus Throw F56	Silver
9	Nitesh Kumar	Badminton	Men's Singles SL3	Gold
10	Thulasimathi Murugesan	Badminton	Women's Singles SU5	Silver
11	Manisha Ramadass	Badminton	Women's Singles SU5	Bronze
12	Suhas Yathiraj	Badminton	Men's Singles SL4	Silver
13	Rakesh Kumar / Sheetal Devi	Archery	Mixed Team Compound Open	Bronze
14	Sumit Antil	Athletics	Javelin Throw F64	Gold
15	Nithya Sre Sivan	Badminton	Women's Singles SH6	Bronze
16	Deepthi Jeevanji	Athletics	Women's 400m T20	Bronze
17	Mariyappan Thangavelu	Athletics	Men's High Jump T63	Bronze
18	Sharad Kumar	Athletics	Men's High Jump T63	Silver
19	Ajeet Singh	Athletics	Men's Javelin Throw F46	Silver
20	Sundar Singh Gurjar	Athletics	Men's Javelin Throw F46	Bronze
21	Sachin Khilari	Athletics	Men's Shot Put F46	Silver
22	Harvinder Singh	Archery	Men's Individual Recurve Open	Gold
23	Dharambir	Athletics	Men's Club Throw F51	Gold
24	Parnav Soorma	Athletics	Men's Club Throw F51	Silver
25	Kapil Parmar	Judo	Men's -60kg J1	Bronze
26	Praveen Kumar	Athletics	Men's High Jump T64	Gold
27	Hokato Hotozhe Sema	Athletics	Men's Shot Put F57	Bronze
28	Simran	Athletics	Women's 200m T12	Bronze
29	Navdeep Singh	Athletics	Men's Javelin Throw F41	Gold

India's medals at Paris 2024 Paralympics sport-by-sport

Sport	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Archery	1	0	1	2
Athletics	4	6	7	17
Badminton	1	2	2	5
Judo	0	0	1	1
Shooting	1	1	2	4
TOTAL	7	9	13	29

Paris 2024 Paralympics medals tally

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	People's Republic of China	94	76	50	220
2	Great Britain	49	44	31	124
3	United States of America	36	42	27	105
4	Netherlands	27	17	12	56
5	Brazil	25	26	38	89
18	India	7	9	13	29

Swachh Vayu Survekshan 2024

In a significant recognition of efforts to combat air pollution, the **Union Environment Ministry** has presented the **"National Clean Air City" Awards** during the **Swachh Vayu Survekshan 2024**. This event, held as part of a national workshop celebrating the **"International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies"** in Jaipur on Saturday, showcased the remarkable strides made by various Indian cities in improving their air quality.

Top Performers: A City-wise Breakdown

The awards were categorized based on population size, acknowledging the unique challenges and achievements of cities across different scales.

Major Cities (Population over 10 lakh)

- Surat, Gujarat:** Emerged as the top major city in India for air quality improvements
- Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh:** Secured the second position
- Agra, Uttar Pradesh:** Ranked third among large cities

Medium-sized Cities (Population between 3 lakh and 10 lakh)

- Firozabad, Uttar Pradesh**
- Amravati, Maharashtra**
- Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh**

These cities were recognized for their significant efforts in implementing air quality improvement measures.

Smaller Cities (Population under 3 lakh)

- Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh**
- Nalgonda, Telangana**
- Nalagarh, Himachal Pradesh**

The inclusion of smaller cities in the awards highlights the importance of air quality management across all urban scales in India.

US Open 2024, Complete list of Winners

The 2024 US Open, held from August 19 to September 8 at **Flushing Meadows**, Queens, New York City, concluded with groundbreaking victories in both the men's and women's singles categories. **Jannik Sinner** of Italy and **Aryna Sabalenka** of Belarus emerged as champions, each claiming their first US Open title and adding to their growing list of Grand Slam achievements.

Winners List of the 2024 US Open

Event	Winner (Nationalities)	Runners-UP (Nationalities)
Men's Single	Jannik Sinner (Italy)	Taylor Fritz (USA)
Women's Single	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)	Jessica Pegula (USA)
Men's Double	Max Purcell and Jordan Thompson (Both Australian)	Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz (Both from Germany)
Women's Double	Lyudmyla Kichenok (Ukraine) and Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia)	Kristina Mladenovic (France) and Zhang Shuai (China)
Mixed Doubles	Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori (Both from Italy)	Donald Young and Taylor Townsend (Both American)

National Florence Nightingale Awards 2024

On September 11, 2024, the **President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu**, presided over a distinguished ceremony at **Rashtrapati Bhavan** to present the **National Florence Nightingale Awards** for the year 2024. This prestigious event recognized outstanding contributions in the field of nursing, highlighting the crucial role that nursing professionals play in the healthcare system.

Background of the Awards

Origin and Purpose

The **National Florence Nightingale Awards** were established by the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India**. These awards serve a dual purpose:

1. To recognize the exceptional services provided by nursing personnel across the country.
2. To honor the legacy of **Florence Nightingale**, the pioneering British nurse who set the standards for modern nursing practices.

Significance in the Indian Healthcare System

These awards hold immense importance in India's healthcare landscape:

- They motivate nursing professionals to strive for excellence in their field.
- The awards raise awareness about the critical role of nurses in healthcare delivery.
- They help in setting benchmarks for quality nursing care across different regions of India.

The 2024 Award Ceremony

Venue and Presiding Dignitary

The ceremony took place at the prestigious **Rashtrapati Bhavan**, the official residence of the President of India. The event was graced by the presence of **President Droupadi Murmu**, underscoring the national importance of these awards.

Categories of Awards

The 2024 National Florence Nightingale Awards were presented in three main categories:

1. **ANM (Auxiliary Nurse Midwife)**: Recognizing grassroots-level healthcare workers.
2. **LHV (Lady Health Visitor)**: Honoring supervisory nursing personnel.
3. **Nurse**: Acknowledging registered nurses across various specializations.

The Awardees

This year's awards celebrated the diverse contributions of nursing professionals from across India. The recipients represented various states and union territories, reflecting the nationwide impact of nursing excellence.

Table of Awardees

S.No.	Category	Name	State/UT
1	ANM	Smt. Sheela Mondal	Andaman & Nicobar
2	ANM	Ms. Iken Lollen	Arunachal Pradesh
3	ANM	Ms. Vidjeyacoumary V	Puducherry
4	ANM	Ms. Januka Pandey	Sikkim
5	ANM	Smt. Anindita Pramanik	West Bengal
6	LHV	Ms. Brahmacharimayum Amusana Devi	Manipur
7	Nurse	Maj Gen Ignatius Delos Flora	Delhi
8	Nurse	Ms. Prem Rose Suri	Delhi
9	Nurse	Dr. Tabasum Irshad Handoo	Jammu & Kashmir
10	Nurse	Dr. Nagarajaiah	Karnataka
11	Nurse	Ms. Shamshad Beegum Attalada	Lakshadweep
12	Nurse	Ms. Asha Wamanrao Bawane	Maharashtra
13	Nurse	Ms. H Mankimi	Mizoram
14	Nurse	Ms. Sanjukta Sethi	Odisha
15	Nurse	Mr. Radhey Lal Sharma	Rajasthan

TIME's World's Best Companies 2024

TIME magazine's **World's Best Companies of 2024** list has brought significant recognition to Indian businesses, highlighting their growing influence on the global stage. This prestigious ranking, which includes 1000 companies worldwide, features **22 Indian-born enterprises** this year, showcasing the country's expanding corporate footprint and economic prowess.

TIME World's Best Companies of 2024

Rank	Company Name	Headquarters	Overall Score	Industry
1	Apple	United States	97.75	IT, Electronics, Hardware & Equipment
2	Accenture	Ireland	97.70	Professional Services
3	Microsoft	United States	97.65	IT, Electronics, Hardware & Equipment
4	BMW Group	Germany	97.41	Automotive Industry & Suppliers
5	Amazon	United States	96.47	Technology, Media & Services
6	Electricite de France	France	96.22	Utilities
7	American Express	United States	96.08	Banking & Financial Services
8	Meta Platforms	United States	96.04	Technology, Media & Services
9	Siemens	Germany	95.96	Conglomerate
10	JPMorgan Chase	United States	95.93	Banking & Financial Services

Below is a tabular representation of all Indian companies featured in TIME's World's Best Companies 2024 list:

Company Name	Global Rank	Score
HCLTech	112	91.75
Infosys	119	91.55
Wipro	134	91.29
Mahindra Group	187	90.57
Axis Bank	504	86.72
State Bank of India	518	86.56
ICICI Bank	525	86.43
Larsen & Toubro	549	86.12
Kotak Mahindra Bank	551	86.10
ITC Limited	586	85.60
Hero MotoCorp	597	85.50
Reliance Industries	646	84.87
Motherson Group	697	84.19
Adani Group	736	83.72
NTPC Limited	752	83.45
Yes Bank	783	82.64
Bank of Baroda	850	80.96
Godrej & Boyce	921	78.30
Bajaj Group	952	76.39
Cipla	957	76.04
Bharat Electronics Limited	987	73.69
MRF	993	72.98

National Affairs

- **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya**, India's Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, announced India's bid for the 2030 Youth Olympics during his speech at the of the **Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)44th General Assembly** on September 8, 2024. India will compete against Peru, Colombia, Mexico, Thailand, Mongolia, Russia, Ukraine, and Bosnia and Herzegovina for hosting rights. This bid is seen as a precursor to India's ambition to host the 2036 Olympics. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The Ministry of Steel organized the event called "Greening steel : Pathway to Sustainability" on 10th September in New Delhi. In this event members from different ministries, academia, think tank, field specialists have participated to discuss the agenda of the meeting. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- In a momentous event at **Nirvachan Sadan**, the **Election Commission of India (ECI)** celebrated the achievements of two remarkable Paralympic archers while simultaneously enlisting their support to inspire voters across the nation. **Ms. Sheetal Devi** and **Shri Rakesh Kumar**, fresh from their bronze medal victory in Archery at the **Paris Summer Paralympics 2024**, were honored for their sporting prowess and appointed as **national icons for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)**. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi commemorated the **132nd anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's** landmark speech at the **World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago**, delivered in **1893**. Modi highlighted that Vivekananda's address introduced India's timeless message of **unity, peace, and brotherhood** to the global audience. He praised the enduring impact of Vivekananda's words, noting their continued inspiration across generations. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

- In a significant development for India's ornamental fisheries sector, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, **Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh Alias Lalan Singh**, unveiled the "Rangeen Machhli" mobile application. The launch event took place at the prestigious **ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA)** in **Bhubaneswar**, marking a new era in the dissemination of knowledge and resources for ornamental fish enthusiasts and professionals alike. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- India has been announced as the exclusive partner for the **European Hydrogen Week**, set to take place in November 2024. This announcement was made on the second day of the **International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH-2024)**, held at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**. The partnership underscores India's commitment to aligning with EU green regulations to enhance its export potential in the green hydrogen sector. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- On September 11, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the **2nd International Conference on Green Hydrogen**, which is being held at **Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from September 11-13, 2024**. The conference aims to position India as a leader in the global green hydrogen ecosystem by discussing recent technological advances and fostering strategic investments and partnerships to accelerate green hydrogen adoption. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal**, launched the 'Jan Sunwai portal', which is an **online platform of the Department of commerce**, designed to streamline communication between **stakeholders and authorities**. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **Union Home Minister of India Shri. Amit Shah** inaugurated 2 days National Security Strategies Conference 2024 in the capital of India at **New Delhi**. This conference will hold talks on various aspects of security and its challenges. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **Union Minister Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia**, Hon'ble Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), has officially launched the website for the **Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav**. The launch, held at **Sanchar Bhawan in New Delhi**, highlights the government's dedication to showcasing Northeast India's cultural and economic richness on both national and international platforms. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** inaugurated the **Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre** in **Bharivaisi, Campierganj Range** of the Gorakhpur Forest Division. This groundbreaking facility marks a significant milestone in wildlife conservation as the **world's first** dedicated conservation and breeding center for the **Asian King Vulture**, also known as the red-headed vulture. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **Shri Piyush Goyal**, as he inaugurated the **Akurli bridge on the Western Express Highway in Mumbai** on 10th September, and he stated that this will not just benefit North Mumbai but will benefit the entire city. He is also Member of Parliament from Mumbai North. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- Recent horrific incident in West Bengal hospital which shook the nation, aftermath of this case West Bengal cabinet proposes to set up a **POCSO (Protection of children from sexual offenses) Fast track special court** to fast track the cases related to these cases. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The Union Cabinet has approved the **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana – IV (PMGSY-IV)** for the financial years **2024-25 to 2028-29**, with a total outlay of **₹70,125 crore**. This initiative aims to construct 62,500 kilometers of roads to connect 25,000 previously unconnected habitations, enhancing accessibility and promoting socio-economic development in remote rural areas. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **The governor of Maharashtra Shri. C. P. Radhakrishnan** has announced in the event that Maharashtra state will establish the tribal university for the development of tribal students and for their better future. This university will be established in the **Nashik district of Maharashtra**. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

International Affairs

- French President **Emmanuel Macron** has made a significant political decision by appointing **Michel Barnier**, the former EU Brexit negotiator, as France's new Prime Minister on September 5, 2024. This appointment comes after an extended period of political uncertainty and marks a crucial moment in France's ongoing efforts to form a stable government. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune** has been re-elected for a second term with 95% of the vote, according to the **country's electoral authority, ANIE**. The official results indicate that Tebboune received 94.65% of the vote, while his opponents, **Abdelaali Hassani Cherif** and **Youcef Aouchiche**, garnered **3% and 2%** respectively. Voter turnout was reported at 48%, with more than 24 million Algerians registered to vote. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **Israel's Tower Semiconductor** and **India's Adani Group** are set to invest **839.47 billion rupees (\$10 billion)** in a semiconductor manufacturing project in Maharashtra. The initiative highlights India's push to become a global hub for chip production, despite previous challenges such as Foxconn's withdrawal from a \$19.5 billion joint venture with Vedanta and stalled plans by ISMC to invest \$3 billion. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

States in the News

- The government of Telangana has taken a significant step towards establishing itself as a global AI hub by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **World Trade Centres' Association** for the creation of a **World Trade Centre (WTC)** within the proposed **AI City** near Hyderabad. This strategic move underscores Telangana's commitment to fostering innovation, attracting global investments, and positioning itself at the forefront of artificial intelligence and emerging technologies. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

- In a solemn and significant ceremony held today at the **Office of the President, Sheetal Niwas, Ashok Raj Sigdel** was officially sworn in as the **45th Chief of the Army Staff (CoAS)** of the **Nepali Army**. This momentous occasion marks a new chapter in Nepal's military leadership and underscores the nation's commitment to its armed forces. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- Nepal has become the **101st** country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as a full member. The Ministry of External Affairs said that Nepal handed over its **Instrument of Ratification to the ISA in New Delhi** on 9th September. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- Mexico became the world's first country to **allow voters to elect judges at all levels** after protesters invaded the upper house and suspended debate on the issue. The reform was approved with 86 votes in favor and 41 against, garnering the two-thirds majority needed to amend the constitution. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **United States of America's president Joe Biden** will host leaders from QUAD members of other countries like India, Japan and Australia in Wilmington, Delaware on 21st September in the USA. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The United Nations General Assembly provides an opportunity to member states a unique forum for multilateral discussions on international issues, this year **79th session of UNGA started on 10th September**. **Philemon Yang from Cameroon is the new president of UNGA this year.** ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- Algeria has been officially authorized to join the **BRICS New Development Bank (NDB)**, as announced by the **bank's president, Dilma Rousseff**, during the **ninth annual meeting in Cape Town**. The NDB, established by the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) in 2015, aims to support infrastructure and sustainable development projects in emerging economies and developing nations. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **India and the UAE** have signed a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for civil nuclear cooperation during **Sheikh Khalid bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan's** visit to New Delhi. The deal, involving the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and the Emirates Nuclear Energy Company (ENEC), marks a historic step in bilateral relations and reflects a commitment to peaceful nuclear energy utilization. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)** took a significant step forward in their strategic partnership by signing **five groundbreaking agreements**. These deals, covering crucial areas such as **nuclear energy, fossil fuels, and food security**, were formalized during a high-level meeting between **Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan** and **Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi** in New Delhi. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

- **Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC)** and **ExxonMobil** have announced a landmark partnership to develop the world's largest low-carbon hydrogen facility. This ambitious project, set to be located in **Baytown, Texas**, marks a significant milestone in the race to lead sustainable energy production and combat climate change. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- This week **Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Khaled**, on his official state visit to India. He met the **Prime Minister of India Shri. Narendra Modi** and held talks on the different points for the betterment of country development and future of both countries. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The **National Health Authority (NHA)** and **IIT Kanpur** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the presence of Union Health Secretary Shri Apurva Chandra on 11th September. The partnership aims to revolutionize Artificial Intelligence in health research with an innovative data platform. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

Books and Authors

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, **Shri Amit Shah**, presided over a significant event in Mumbai, Maharashtra, marking the release of the **'200 Not Out'** documentary chronicling the illustrious journey of **Mumbai Samachar**, Asia's oldest newspaper. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

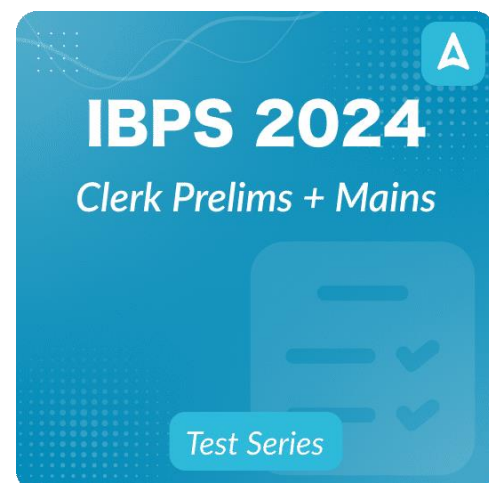
Banking/Economy/Business News

- The **State Bank of India (SBI) Foundation** has unveiled the third edition of its flagship initiative, the **SBI Asha Scholarship Programme**. This ambitious program aims to support **10,000 talented students** from underprivileged backgrounds across India, offering substantial financial assistance to help them pursue their educational dreams. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has levied penalties on three **Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)** for failing to comply with its directives on housing finance companies. The penalties are as follows: Godrej Housing Finance Limited and Aadhar Housing Finance Limited were each fined Rs 5 lakh, while **Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO)** faced a penalty of Rs 3.5 lakh. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- Private sector lender RBL Bank has launched a new credit card in collaboration with Indian Oil Corporation, named **'Xtra Credit Card,'** as part of its strategy to moderately grow its credit card portfolio and enhance customer engagement. The move comes amid scrutiny from the RBI over the rapid growth of the riskier unsecured credit segment. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The Labour Bureau, an office of the Ministry of Labour & Employment, releases the **Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) monthly**. The CPI-IW for July 2024 has increased by 1.3 points to 142.7. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

- **The Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has cleared the proposal of India's giant business group Tata Motors Finance Limited merger into the **Tata Capital Limited** marking a significant consolidation into Tata group financial services. The merger will be carried out through a scheme of arrangement to be submitted to the **National Company Law Tribunal**. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has revised its forecast for India's GDP growth in **FY2024-25 upward to 7%**, a 20 basis point increase from the **previous estimate of 6.8%**. This revision reflects the IMF's updated World Economic Outlook report, driven by enhanced consumption prospects, particularly in rural areas. India's economic growth is projected to remain robust, solidifying its position as the fastest-growing major economy among emerging markets. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- Union Bank of India has made a significant move by becoming the first major bank to sign on to the **Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF)**. This decision reflects a growing global focus on managing climate risk and aligns with the recent draft guidelines on climate risk disclosures issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **India's Consumer Price Index (CPI)**-based retail inflation rose marginally to **3.65% in August from 3.6% in July**, remaining below the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) medium-term target of 4% for the second time in nearly five years. This slight increase is attributed to a high base effect from the previous year. The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) also saw a modest rise, reaching **4.83% in July compared to 4.72% in June**. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **Adani Airports Holdings Limited (AAHL)** launched an application 'Aviio' for the future Airport ecosystem, which generally provides real time information like waiting times, gate change, baggage updates etc, this will enhance airport operations. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has increased the transaction limits for tax payments using **UPI (Unified Payment Interface)**, by allowing people to send **5 lakh in a single transaction**. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced that India's forex reserves jumped USD 5.248 billion to a new all-time high of **USD 689.235 billion till 6th September, 2024**. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **Moeen Ali**, the versatile England all-rounder, has officially announced his **retirement from international cricket**. This decision comes in the wake of his omission from the upcoming **white-ball series against Australia**, signaling the end of an era for English cricket. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The Indian government has appointed **Tuhin Kanta Pandey**, a 1987-batch IAS officer from the Odisha cadre, as the **new Finance Secretary**. This decision was made on September 7, 2024, following the **appointment of T.V. Somanathan** as the **Cabinet Secretary**, which created a vacancy for the finance role. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **Arun Goel** has been appointed as **India's next Ambassador to Croatia**, succeeding Raj Kumar Srivastava. The Ministry of External Affairs announced his new role on September 7, 2024. Goel, a retired 1985-batch IAS officer from the Punjab cadre, previously served as the Election Commissioner of India from November 21, 2022, to March 9, 2024. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **Dr. Vinay Goyal** has officially assumed the role of **State Mission Director** for the **National Health Mission (NHM)**. He succeeds K. Jeevan Babu, who has moved to the **Kerala Water Authority as Managing Director**. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)** has announced the appointment of **RS Sharma** as its **Non-Executive Chairperson**. Sharma, who has previously served as the Director General and Mission Director of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), Chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), and CEO of the National Health Authority, will now lead ONDC into its next phase of growth and innovation. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **The Ministry of external affairs (MEA)** has appointed **Mr. R. Ravindran** as the **next ambassador to Iceland**. He was a bureaucrat and served at many organizations and places. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

Appointments/Resignations

- On **September 8, 2024**, a landmark moment in Asian sports history unfolded as **Randhir Singh**, a veteran sports administrator, was elected as the **president of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)**. This momentous event took place during the **44th General Assembly** of the continental body in **New Delhi**, marking the first time an Indian has ascended to this prestigious position. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))



Defence News

- The **20th edition** of the India-USA Joint Military Exercise, **YUDH ABHYAS-2024**, commenced on September 9, 2024, at the **Foreign Training Node in Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan**. This annual exercise, alternating between India and the USA since 2004, is set to run until September 22, 2024, showcasing a remarkable increase in scale and sophistication compared to previous iterations. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **Indian Army and Indian Air Force** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya in Vadodara**. This collaboration aims to enhance the logistics capabilities of personnel and align with national development plans such as the **PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan 2021** and the **National Logistics Policy 2022**. The agreement was formalized in New Delhi in the presence of Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh and Railways Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- On **September 9, 2024**, the **Cochin Shipyard** marked a significant milestone in India's naval defense capabilities by launching two new vessels: **Malpe**: The fourth ship in the Mahe Class and **Mulki**: The fifth ship in the Mahe Class.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy successfully conducted a flight test of the **Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM)** from the **Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur, Odisha**, on September 12, 2024, at around 3 PM. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The Indian Army contingent has departed for the fifth edition of the **India-Oman joint military exercise, Al Najah**, which will take place from September 13 to 26, 2024, at the **Rabkoot Training Area in Salalah, Oman**. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the **India Defence Aviation Exposition (IDAX-24)** at Jodhpur on September 12, 2024. This major event coincides with **Exercise Tarang Shakti-24**, one of the largest multinational air exercises hosted by the Indian Air Force. The IDAX-24, running from September 12-14, showcases significant advancements and contributions of the Indian aviation industry. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the preliminary automotive trials of the **Indian Light Tank, Zorawar**, on September 13, 2024. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- **Prasanthi Ram (32)**, who was an Indian origin lecturer from the University of Nanyang technological University won the Singapore literature prize for English fiction for her short story -'Nine Yard Sarees' and it was her debut work which was published at the end of year 2023. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)**, the corporate entity of **Visakhapatnam Steel Plant**, has once again achieved excellence in energy efficiency and conservation by winning the prestigious National Energy Leader Award from the **Confederation of Indian Industry – Green Business Centre (CII-GBC)**. This marks the sixth consecutive year that RINL has received this accolade, demonstrating its steadfast commitment to sustainable energy practices. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

Summits and Conferences News

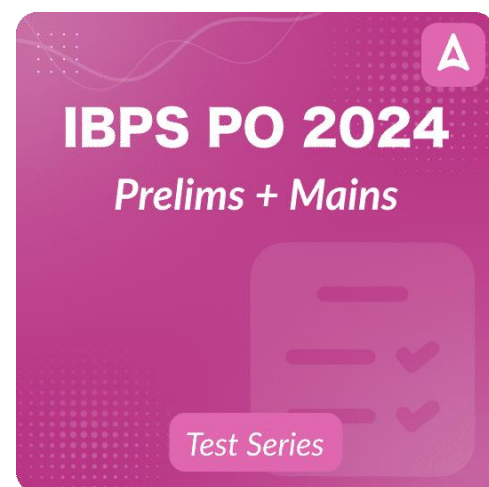
- India's aviation sector has experienced significant growth, evolving into one of the **largest and most dynamic markets in the world**. With the **2nd Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation** scheduled from September 11-12, 2024, in **New Delhi**, India is set to reinforce its leadership in aviation. The conference, **co-hosted by ICAO and the Ministry of Civil Aviation**, will focus on exploring new opportunities for growth, infrastructure, and collaboration, especially in regional connectivity. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu**, inaugurated the **2nd Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation (APMC)** at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 11th September. Along with him, the Union Minister for State also attended the event. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- India took part in the **BRICS Literature Forum 2024**, which began in **Kazan, Russia on 11th September 2024**. The event, inaugurated by **Kazan Mayor Ilsur Metshin**, focused on the theme **"World Literature in the New Reality: Dialogue of Traditions, National Values, and Cultures."** ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The third edition of the **INDUS-X Summit, held on 9-10 September 2024 in California**, marked significant progress in advancing a joint defence innovation ecosystem between India and the **USA**. **Co-organised by the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)** and Stanford University, the event focused on deepening defence collaboration through innovation, joint research, and investment. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- TIME Magazine’s ‘**TIME100 Most Influential People in AI 2024**’ list celebrates **15 Indian or Indian-origin individuals**, showcasing their contributions to the AI landscape. Key figures include Sundar Pichai (CEO, Google), Satya Nadella (CEO, Microsoft), Ashwini Vaishnaw (Indian Information Technology Minister), Nandan Nilekani (Infosys co-founder), and Bollywood actor Anil Kapoor. Kapoor’s inclusion follows his legal victory in 2023, protecting his image from unauthorized AI use. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, has been ranked No. 1 globally for Networking in LinkedIn’s Global MBA Ranking 2024, while securing the **51st position** among the **top 100 MBA programmes worldwide**. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- India has overtaken China in the Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) **Emerging Markets Investable Market Index (EM IMI)** with a **weightage of 22.27%**, surpassing China’s 21.58%. This shift reflects India’s strong market performance and favorable macroeconomic conditions, contrasted with China’s economic challenges. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- As Indians roam all around the world, recent data came out as **Sri Lanka** is also one of the top travel destinations for **Indians in 2024**. India maintained the top spot for **Sri Lanka in the first 8 months of this year**. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- In a new survey which is called “Best countries for 2024” it is found that Switzerland was crowned as the best country in the world. Switzerland achieved this fate in the third year successively. This survey has included 89 countries for the results. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **Cristiano Ronaldo**, the football icon, has once again proven his unparalleled global appeal by achieving a remarkable milestone in the world of social media. His ability to captivate audiences extends far beyond the football pitch, making him a beloved figure even among those who don’t actively follow the sport. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **India has jumped to Tier 1** in the **Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) 2024**, released by the **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**, when it comes to role-modeling as part of the country’s cybersecurity commitments and resulting impacts. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

Sports News

- **Jannik Sinner**, the world’s No. 1 tennis player, clinched his second **Grand Slam title at the U.S. Open**, defeating Taylor Fritz in a thrilling final. This victory marked a remarkable comeback for Sinner, who faced significant challenges leading up to the tournament. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- In a significant development for traditional Indian sports, **Yogasana** has been officially included as a **demonstration sport** in the upcoming **2026 Asian Games**, set to take place in **Aichi-Nagoya, Japan**. This decision marks a pivotal moment in the recognition of yoga as a competitive athletic discipline on the international stage. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The **4th Intercontinental Cup men’s football championship** concluded with a stunning victory for **Syria**, as they defeated the defending champions **India** with a decisive **3-0** score in the final round-robin match. The tournament, held from September 3 to 9, 2024, at the **GMC Balayogi Gachibowli Stadium** in **Hyderabad, Telangana**, showcased Syria’s dominance throughout the competition. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- In a groundbreaking moment for Indian boxing, **Deepali Thapa** etched her name in the annals of sports history by becoming the **first-ever schoolgirl champion** at the **Asian Youth Boxing Championships** held in **Al Ain, UAE** on Sunday. This remarkable achievement not only highlights Thapa’s exceptional talent but also underscores India’s rising prowess in women’s boxing on the international stage. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The **Subroto Cup International Football Tournament**, a premier inter-school football competition, celebrated its 63rd edition in 2024. Manipur’s TG English School emerged victorious with a **4-3 win** in the shootout. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))



Schemes and Committees News

- Launched on September 12, 2019, the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojna (PM-KMY)** has provided social security to land-holding **Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs) across India**. This voluntary and contributory old-age pension scheme offers a fixed monthly pension of Rs. 3,000 to eligible farmers after they turn sixty. Farmers contribute monthly to the pension fund, with matching contributions from the central government. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, **Shri Amit Shah**, has been unanimously **re-elected as the Chairperson** of the **Parliamentary Committee on Official Language**. Following the formation of the new government, the committee held a meeting in New Delhi to reconstitute itself, leading to Shah's re-election. He previously served as the **Chairperson from 2019 to 2024**. Shah expressed gratitude for the unanimous support and discussed his vision for Hindi's role in government and education. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The central government will launch the **Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR)** programme designed to elevate research capabilities in **higher education institutions (HEIs)** by linking top-tier research institutions with those where research capability is limited, creating a collaborative mentorship environment. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The Union Cabinet has extended the benefits of the **Ayushman Bharat PM Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) to all senior citizens aged 70 and above**, irrespective of their income. Announced by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, the scheme will provide free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh per year, benefiting around **6 crore individuals** and **4.5 crore families**. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The **Union Minister Shri Rajeev Ranjan Singh** unveiled a series of initiatives aimed at transforming India's fisheries sector. A key highlight was the launch of the **National Fisheries Development Program (NFD) portal**, which will provide digital identities to fisheries industry workers and enterprises across the value chain. This initiative is under the **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY)**, a sub-scheme of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), enabling fish workers to access benefits like institutional credit, performance grants, and aquaculture insurance. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The **Union Cabinet** of India, under the leadership of **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**, has approved a groundbreaking policy aimed at revolutionizing the country's biotechnology sector. The **BioE3 Policy** (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment) sets the stage for fostering high-performance biomanufacturing, positioning India at the forefront of global biotechnological innovation. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved **'Mission Mausam'** on September 11, 2024, with an outlay of **₹2,000 crore over two years**. The mission, led by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, aims to enhance research and development in atmospheric sciences and improve weather forecasting and management. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated **SEMICON India 2024 at India Expo Mart in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, on September 11, 2024**. The three-day conference, running from September 11 to 13, showcases India's semiconductor strategy and policy with the aim of positioning the country as a global semiconductor hub. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The union cabinet meeting chaired by honorable prime minister Mr. Narendra Modi has approved the proposal of the **Ministry of Power for modification of the scheme of budgetary support for the cost of Enabling Infrastructure for Hydro Electric Projects (HEP)** with a total outlay of Rs.12461 crore. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the **PM-eBus Sewa-Payment Security Mechanism (PSM) scheme with a budget of INR 3,435.33 crore**. This initiative is designed to promote the deployment and operation of electric buses (e-buses) by Public Transport Authorities (PTAs) from **FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29**. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the **PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme** to promote electric mobility in India. The scheme, with an outlay of **Rs 10,900 crore over two years**, aims to expedite EV adoption, improve air quality, and reduce the environmental impact of transportation. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- On September 11, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the **2nd International Conference on Green Hydrogen**, which is being held at **Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from September 11-13, 2024**. The conference aims to position India as a leader in the global green hydrogen ecosystem by discussing recent technological advances and fostering strategic investments and partnerships to accelerate green hydrogen adoption. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

- The **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)**, launched in 2020, is a comprehensive initiative aimed at transforming India's fisheries sector and enhancing the welfare of fishermen. This scheme, under the **Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**, addresses critical issues in fish production, productivity, quality, technology, and infrastructure while strengthening the fisheries value chain. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

Science and Technology News

- In a significant development for the global telecommunications industry, **Counterpoint Research** has reported that India has surpassed the United States to become the **world's second-largest market for 5G smartphones**. This shift underscores India's rapid technological advancement and the growing demand for high-speed connectivity across the nation. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

Important Days News

- The **5th Observance of the UN International Day to Protect Education from Attack** is set to take place on **September 9, 2024**, in Doha, Qatar. This crucial event will be held at the QNCC Auditorium 3, featuring a High-Level Panel led by **Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser**, Chairperson of Education Above All Foundation and UN SDG Advocate. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **National Forest Martyrs Day**, observed annually on **September 11** in India, stands as a solemn tribute to the brave individuals who have sacrificed their lives in the protection of the nation's forests, wildlife, and biodiversity. As we approach the 2024 commemoration, it's crucial to reflect on the significance of this day and its relevance in our ongoing struggle for environmental conservation. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **Hindi Diwas**, observed annually on **September 14th**, stands as a testament to India's rich linguistic diversity and cultural heritage. This day marks the **adoption of Hindi as an official language** of the Indian federal government, a decision made by the Constituent Assembly in 1949. As we approach Hindi Diwas 2024, it's crucial to reflect on the significance of this celebration, its historical roots, and its contemporary relevance in promoting linguistic unity across the nation. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- On the **30th World Ozone Day** event, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (**MoEFCC**), organizes a dialogue on the theme of **"Montreal Protocol : Advancing Climate Action"**. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

Obituaries News

- Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader **Shri. Sitaram Yechury** passed away. He died at the age of 72 at AIMS hospital in New Delhi. From India most of the political leaders have offered condolence to him. He was born in Chennai in 1952 and is a prominent figure in Indian Politics. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- The Quality Council of India (QCI) has provisionally approved **National Test House (NTH), Ghaziabad**, as a certification body for type certification of drones under the Drone Rules 2021. NTH will assess agricultural drones, including **Vimaana Aerospace Technologies' Krishiraj 1.0**, and provide low-cost certification services to support the growing drone sector in India. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- Researchers have identified a new cousin species from a ginger family called **turmeric, Genus Curcuma** at Ungma village in Mokokchung district in the state of Nagaland, this information related research paper published by the botanical survey of India. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **The Home Minister of India Shri. Amit Shah** has announced the decision on renaming the **Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar Islands to Sri Vijaya Puram**. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- **The 9th Ladakh Zaskar Festival 2024** began with remarkable grandeur in the picturesque **village of Sani**, signifying a landmark event for the region. **This year's Zaskar Festival** is especially significant as it marks the first celebration since **Zaskar was officially declared a district**. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))
- Doordarshan, India's esteemed public service broadcaster, marks its **65th anniversary on September 15, 2024**. Established on this date in 1959, Doordarshan has been a pillar of Indian media, fostering unity, culture, and education. From its modest start with experimental broadcasts in Delhi, it has grown into one of the world's largest broadcasting organizations, adapting to technological advancements while upholding its public service mandate. ([Click Here to Read Article](#))

Static Takeaways

- Doordarshan Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Doordarshan Chairman: Navneet Kumar Sehgal
- Doordarshan Established: 1959
- Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administrator: Admiral D.K. Joshi
- Andaman and Nicobar Islands Established: 1956 (as a Union Territory)
- Quality Council of India (QCI) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Quality Council of India (QCI) Chairman: Jaxay Shah

- Quality Council of India (QCI) Established: 1997
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Secretary-General: Doreen Bogdan-Martin
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Established: 1865
- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) President: Sanjiv Puri
- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Established: 1895
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Chairman: Dr. Samir V. Kamat
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Established: 1958
- Cochin Shipyard Headquarters: Kochi, India
- Cochin Shipyard Chairman and Managing Director: Madhu S. Nair
- Cochin Shipyard Established: 1972
- Iceland Capital: Reykjavik
- Iceland President: Halla Tómasdóttir
- Iceland Prime Minister: Bjarni Benediktsson
- Iceland Established: 1944 (as an independent republic)
- Croatia Capital: Zagreb
- Croatia President: Zoran Milanović
- Croatia Prime Minister: Andrej Plenković
- Croatia Established: 1991 (independence)
- Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Headquarters: Kuwait City, Kuwait
- Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) President: Raja Randhir Singh
- Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Established: 1982
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) Headquarters: Mumbai, India
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) Chairman: Ajay Kumar Chaudhary
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) Established: 2008
- Adani Airports Holdings Limited Headquarters: Ahmedabad, India
- Adani Airports Holdings Limited Chairman: Gautam Adani
- Adani Airports Holdings Limited Established: 2020 (as a subsidiary of Adani Group)
- Competition Commission of India (CCI) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Competition Commission of India (CCI) Chairperson: Ravneet Kaur
- Competition Commission of India (CCI) Established: 2003
- Tata Capital Limited Headquarters: Mumbai, India
- Tata Capital Limited Chairman: Rajiv Sabharwal
- Tata Capital Limited Established: 2007
- Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) Chairman and Managing Director: Sanjay Kulshrestha
- Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) Established: 1970
- State Bank of India (SBI) Headquarters: Mumbai, India
- State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman: Challa Sreenivasulu Setty
- State Bank of India (SBI) Established: 1806 (as Bank of Calcutta, later merged into SBI in 1955)

