

# Weekly One Liners 16th to 22nd of September 2024

## Emmy Awards 2024, Complete List of Winners

The **76th Primetime Emmy Awards ceremony**, held at the **Peacock Theater** in Los Angeles on September 16, 2024, marked a significant event in the television industry. This prestigious award show, honouring excellence in primetime television programming, rolled out the red carpet for the second time in just one year, creating a buzz of excitement among TV enthusiasts and industry professionals alike.

Major Winners and Highlights

### Outstanding Drama Series: Shōgun Dominates

Here is the full list of Emmy Awards 2024 Winners

The night's biggest winner was FX's sensational **Japan-set historical drama series Shōgun**, which claimed the coveted title of **Outstanding Drama Series**. This triumph was just the beginning of Shōgun's impressive run, as the show went on to secure a total of four major awards:

1. **Outstanding Drama Series**
2. **Best Lead Actor in a Drama Series:** Hiroyuki Sanada
3. **Best Lead Actress in a Drama Series:** Anna Sawai
4. **Best Directing for a Drama Series:** Frederick E. O. Toye

The sweeping success of Shōgun underscores the growing appreciation for international storytelling and period dramas in mainstream American television.

Category	Winner
Outstanding Drama Series	Shogun
Outstanding Comedy Series	Hacks
Outstanding Limited or Anthology Series	Baby Reindeer
Lead Actor, Drama	Hiroyuki Sanada, Shogun
Lead Actress, Drama	Anna Sawai, Shogun
Lead Actor, Comedy	Jeremy Allen White, The Bear
Lead Actress, Comedy	Jean Smart, Hacks
Lead Actor, Limited Series or Movie	Richard Gadd, Baby Reindeer
Lead Actress, Limited Series or Movie	Jodie Foster, True Detective: Night Country
Supporting Actor, Drama	Billy Crudup, The Morning Show
Supporting Actress, Drama	Elizabeth Debicki, The Crown
Supporting Actor, Comedy	Ebon Moss-Bachrach, The Bear
Supporting Actress, Comedy	Liza Colon-Zayas, The Bear
Supporting Actor, Limited Series or Movie	Lamorne Morris, Fargo
Supporting Actress, Limited Series or Movie	Jessica Gunning, Baby Reindeer
Outstanding Reality or Competition Program	Traitors
Best Scripted Variety Series	Last Week Tonight With John Oliver
Outstanding Writing for a Variety Special	Alex Edelman, Just for Us
Outstanding Directing for Limited Series or Movie	Steven Zaillian, Ripley
Outstanding Writing, Comedy	Hacks
Outstanding Talk Show	The Daily Show
Outstanding Writing for a Drama Series	Will Smith, Slow Horses
Best Writing, Limited Series	Richard Gadd, Baby Reindeer
Outstanding Directing for Comedy Series	Christopher Storer, The Bear
Best Directing for Drama Series	Frederick E. O. Toye, Shogun

**ICC Players of the Month for August 2024**

In a remarkable achievement for Sri Lankan cricket, the **International Cricket Council (ICC)** announced that **Dunith Wellalage** and **Harshitha Samarawickrama** have been named the **ICC Players of the Month for August 2024**. This rare double victory marks a significant milestone for Sri Lanka in international cricket.

**Previous Double Wins**

This is only the second instance in ICC history where players from the same country have won both the men's and women's awards in the same month. The previous occurrence was in June 2024, when India's **Jasprit Bumrah** and **Smriti Mandhana** achieved this feat.

Dunith Wellalage: Rising Star in Men's Cricket

**Triumph Over Strong Contenders**

Wellalage's victory in the men's category came against stiff competition. He edged out South African spinner **Keshav Maharaj** and West Indies fast bowler **Jayden Seales**, who were also shortlisted for the award.

**Outstanding Performance Against India**

The 31-year-old left-hander secured the award following his exceptional performance in a home **One Day International (ODI) series against India**. Wellalage's all-round brilliance was instrumental in Sri Lanka's **2-0 series victory**. His contributions included:

- Batting performances: Scores of 67 not out, 39, and 2
- Bowling prowess: A total of 7 wickets in the series
- Standout moment: A five-wicket haul (5/27) in the third match

**Sri Lanka's Growing Presence in ICC Awards**

Wellalage's win marks the **fifth time** a Sri Lankan player has claimed the men's monthly award. Previous winners include:

1. Angelo Mathews (May 2022)
2. Prabath Jayasuriya (July 2022)
3. Wanindu Hasaranga (June 2023)
4. Kamindu Mendis (March 2024)

Harshitha Samarawickrama: Trailblazer in Women's Cricket

**Exceptional Tour of Ireland**

Samarawickrama's stellar performances on the tour of Ireland set her apart from other contenders. She narrowly beat out Irish players **Orla Prendergast** and **Gaby Lewis** for the award.

**T20I Brilliance**

In the **Twenty20 International (T20I)** series in Dublin, Samarawickrama showcased her batting prowess:

- Total runs: 151 in two matches
- Impressive strike rate: 169.66
- Highlight: A match-winning 86 not out off 45 balls in the first T20I

**ODI Mastery**

Samarawickrama continued her form in the **One Day International (ODI)** series in Belfast:

- Aggregate runs: 172 in three matches
- Strike rate: 82.69
- Historic achievement: Scored 105 in the second ODI, becoming only the third Sri Lankan woman to score a century in ODIs

**National Affairs**

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi introduced a newborn calf, 'Deepjyoti'**, born at his official residence at **Lok Kalyan Marg, New Delhi**. Sharing a video on X, PM Modi revealed that the calf, with a unique light-like mark on its forehead, inspired the name **'Deepjyoti'**, which translates to **'light of the lamp'**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Honorable Vice President of India Shri. Jagdeep Dhankhar has inaugurated the **"Constitutional Temple – Samvidhan Mandir"** at 433 Industrial Training Institutes across Maharashtra. This programme was organized by the **Maharashtra Skill, Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation Department**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **GST Council** has constituted a **13-member Group of Ministers (GoM)** to review and suggest GST rates on health and life insurance premiums. The report is due by **October 30, 2024**, and **Bihar Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary leads the group**. The decision was made during the **54th GST Council meeting on September 9, 2024**. A final decision will be made in November based on the GoM's recommendations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Typhoon Yagi** recently struck Southeast Asia, the government of India has launched **Operation Sadbhavana**, a humanitarian initiative aimed at providing crucial assistance to affected countries. This operation exemplifies India's commitment to its **Act East Policy** and its role as a **first responder** in providing **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)** to nations in need. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated **India's first Namu Bharat Rapid Rail on September 16, 2024**, which will operate between **Ahmedabad and Bhuj**. Known as the Vande Metro, this new train covers a **360-kilometre distance in 5 hours and 45 minutes**, making stops at nine stations along the route. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Cambodia's Angkor Wat** has been recognized as the **most photogenic UNESCO World Heritage site in Asia** by Times Travel, as announced by **Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet on September 15**. This accolade was revealed through a post on his official Telegram channel, featuring Times of India's list of Asia's top ten most photogenic UNESCO sites. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Union Cabinet** has approved several key proposals with a total outlay **exceeding ₹60,000 crore**, covering areas from agriculture to space exploration. The much-anticipated 'One Nation, One Poll' policy, enabling simultaneous elections across India, also received approval. Additionally, the **PM-AASHA scheme** was revamped with a **₹35,000 crore budget** to ensure Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for farmers. The Cabinet also sanctioned a **₹24,474.53 crore** subsidy on phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilizers for the 2024-25 rabi season. ([Click here to read the article](#))
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- **The Central government** has allocated **Rs 12,554 crore** to various states this year for relief and rehabilitation of those affected by natural disasters. This includes funding from multiple disaster relief and mitigation funds. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The union cabinet chaired by the Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** has approved the **building of the first unit of the Bharatiya Anatriksh Station (BAS)** by extending the scope of Gaganyaan program. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Indian government** has mandated that platform aggregators onboard themselves and their **gig workers onto the e-Shram portal**, an initiative aimed at providing unorganised labour with access to various social security schemes. This step is crucial to ensure workers' access to social welfare benefits and to maintain an accurate registry of beneficiaries. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **President Droupadi Murmu** attended the Safai Mitra Sammelan in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. The Safai Mitra Sammelan was organized as part of the **fortnightly Swachhata Hi Seva—2024 campaign** launched by the government of India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** inaugurated the **Second Edition of the Inclusion Conclave** organized by **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)**, India in New Delhi. **Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports, Ms. Raksha Nikhil Khadse** was also present on the occasion. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Union Cabinet approved the establishment of the **National Centre of Excellence (NCoE)** for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality (AVGC-XR) on September 18, 2024. Designed to mirror the IITs and IIMs, this initiative aims to bolster India's position as a global content hub, enhancing the country's soft power and attracting foreign investments in the media and entertainment sector. The centre will be located in Mumbai as a Section 8 Company under the Companies Act, 2013. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The nuclear power reactor that achieved criticality** is the first of a new series of Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) to be built at **Rajasthan Atomic Power Project in Rawatbhata**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### States in the News

- **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** and **Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha** jointly inaugurated the newly built **Sidheshwari Temple at Barkathal in Tripura** on September 16, 2024. Yogi Adityanath also laid the foundation stone for the Ved Vidyalaya at Chitta Dham, Barakathal, Mohanpur, West Tripura. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a significant development for the state of Uttarakhand, **Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami** expressed his profound gratitude to the Governor for approving the **Uttarakhand Public (Government) and Private Property Damage Recovery (Ordinance) Act 2024**. This groundbreaking legislation represents a crucial step towards addressing the financial implications of civil unrest and riots in the state. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Kerala has once again secured first position** in the **State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2024**, marking the second consecutive year that the southern state has claimed the spot. The report was released in the inaugural session of FSSAI Global Food Regulators Summit 2024. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** laid the foundation stone for the **PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel Park (PM MITRA)** in Maharashtra's Amravati. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**International Affairs**

- Iran launched its **Chamran-1 research satellite** into orbit on Saturday, its **second successful satellite** launch this year, taking another step in advancing its aerospace programme reported by the state media. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Typhoon Bebinca** strikes many countries, as it looks dangerous, it has already struck in the **Philippines, Japan and will hit Shanghai** city in China soon. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Jordan's King Abdullah II** has accepted the resignation of **Prime Minister Bisher al-Khasawneh** following last week's parliamentary elections. **Al-Khasawneh**, a seasoned diplomat who had been in office since October 2020, resigned in accordance with the constitutional norm after legislative elections. Jafar Hassan, a technocrat and former planning minister who was serving as the king's head of office, has been appointed as the new prime minister. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has officially recognized Jordan as the first country globally to eliminate leprosy, marking a significant milestone in public health. **WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus** praised this achievement, emphasizing the collective efforts to stop transmission and reduce the stigma associated with leprosy. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Nepal** marked a significant milestone in its democratic journey by celebrating the **ninth anniversary** of the declaration of its constitution. The nation erupted in jubilant festivities, with the capital city of Kathmandu at the epicenter of the celebrations. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**Agreements/MoUs Signed**

- **India and the European Union (EU)** agreed to enhance cooperation in sustainable water management at the **6th EU-India Water Forum** held on the sidelines of the 8th India Water Week, in New Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Rashtrapati Nilayam in collaboration with the **Ministry of Development of North-East Region** and the **Ministry of Culture** will host the **first edition of Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav** from September 29 to October 6, 2024. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**Books and Authors**

- **Thiru. R.N. Ravi**, the Honorable Governor of Tamil Nadu, presided over the release of a groundbreaking book titled **"Sri Rama in Tamilagam – An Inseparable Bond"**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

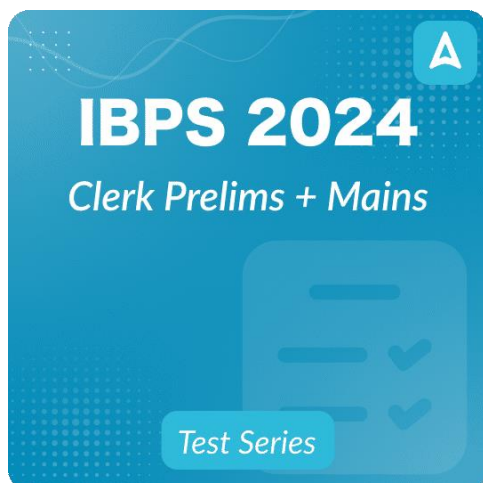
**Banking/Economy/Business News**

- India's private sector bank **HDFC** looks to increase the income of **5 lakh marginal farmers** who earn less than 60,000 annually by 2025, as part of **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)**, Parivartan. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has selected Infosys to develop its **next-generation digital platform** as part of its **DIVE** (Digital Innovation and Value Enhancement) programme. This new platform will serve as an integrated end-to-end solution, enhancing customer services, business lifecycle management, and operational activities for sales intermediaries, while also offering a digital front-end for branch employees. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India has now become the sixth largest market in the **MSCI All Country World Investable Market Index (ACWI IMI)**, surpassing China and narrowly behind France. As of August 2024, India's weight in the index stands at 2.35%, surpassing China's 2.24%, with France just 3 basis points ahead of India. India is also now the largest emerging market (EM) in the MSCI ACWI IMI for the first time. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** is on track to become the **third largest economy** by fiscal **2030-31**, driven by a **robust projected annual growth rate of 6.7%**, the **credit rating agency S&P Global** said in its report called **India forward Emerging Perspectives**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The government has **scrapped the windfall tax on domestically produced crude oil** with effect from September 18. The windfall tax on domestically produced crude oil will be zero, the government said in a notification. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India's wholesale price index (WPI)-based inflation** fell to a four-month low of 1.31% in August, down from **2.04% in July**. This decline is primarily attributed to reduced prices of manufactured products and food items. According to data from the Commerce Ministry, food price inflation **decreased to 3.11% in August from 3.45% in July**. Key factors include lower prices in cereals (8.44%), paddy (9.12%), and pulses (18.57%), although onion prices remained high at 65.75%. Conversely, potato prices surged by 77.96%, and fruit prices increased by 16.7% in August. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **VisioNxt**, launched by the **National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)**, is a fashion forecasting initiative aimed at fostering global competition and elevating Indian culture and design. Combining Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Emotional Intelligence (EI), it provides trend insights tailored to India's socio-economic and cultural diversity. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Paisabazaar**, India's leading online marketplace for consumer credit and free credit score platform, has partnered with **YES BANK**, India's sixth largest private sector bank, to unveil their co-branded credit card – **YES BANK Paisabazaar PaisaSave Credit Card**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Appointments/Resignations

- According Government sources, A Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer from Odisha cadre, **Amrit Mohan** was appointed as the **Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's exports to **China contracted by 22.44% to \$1 billion** in August, while overall exports declined 9% to \$34.7 billion, driven by muted demand, geopolitical issues, and logistics challenges amid a massive slowdown in China. Despite the contraction, China remains India's fifth-largest export market, although the country continues to heavily rely on imports from China, which increased **15.5% year-on-year to \$10.8 billion** in the same period. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's exports fell **9.3% in August to \$34.7 billion**, with the trade deficit hitting a **10-month high of \$29.7 billion as imports surged to \$64.4 billion**. Factors such as softening oil prices, reduced demand from China, and global recession contributed to the slowdown in exports. Imports grew 3%, driven by a sharp increase in gold inflows ahead of the festive season and reduced import duties on gold. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Anurag Garg**, a 1993-batch IPS officer from the Himachal Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as the **Director General of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)** by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC). Currently serving as Additional DG in the Border Security Force (BSF), Garg's tenure as NCB DG will last until May 23, 2026, or until further orders. ([Click here to read the article](#))



### Defence News

- **The Kalvari Submarine Escape Training Facility (VINETRA)** was commissioned by **Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar**, the **Flag Officer Commanding-in-chief**, Eastern Naval Command, at **INS Satavahana, Visakhapatnam**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Navika Sagar Parikrama II**, led by **Indian Navy officers Lt Cdr Roopa A and Lt Cdr Dilna K**, is set to continue India's rich sailing tradition with a historic all-women expedition to circumnavigate the **globe aboard INSV Tarini**. This voyage celebrates maritime skill and gender equality, showcasing the Indian Navy's commitment to preserving maritime heritage and promoting seamanship. Both officers have been training rigorously for three years, accumulating thousands of nautical miles, and were mentored by **Cdr Abhilash Tomy (Retd.)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Government of India has launched **Operation Sadbhav** to provide humanitarian relief/assistance to countries affected by **Typhoon Yagi**. This will Express Solidarity with Storm-Hit Nations, **India Dispatches of Aid to Myanmar, Vietnam and Laos**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The poem "**National War Memorial**" is to appreciate the spirit behind it. The chapter titled '**Veer Abdul Hameed**' honors the Braveheart CQMH (Company Quarter Master Havildar). Abdul Hameed who made the supreme sacrifice fighting for the country during the **India-Pakistan war of 1965**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh**, flagged-in, in New Delhi, a **first-of-its-kind Open Water Swimming Expedition** to the **21 Islands of the Andaman & Nicobar archipelago** named after the **Param Vir Chakra (PVC) Awardees**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Awards and Recognitions

- On 14th September 2024, during Hindi Diwas Celebrations at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, the Secretary of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (**DARPG**), **Mr. V. Srinivas**, was awarded the **Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar by the Hon'ble Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian Women Dubai Awards 2024 took place in Dubai, honoring the achievements of **Indian women who have contributed in various fields of excellence across the UAE**. This event celebrated empowerment, resilience, and unity, showcasing the impact of women who are shaping the community. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- At the **South Indian International Movie Awards (SIIMA) 2024**, **Aishwarya Rai Bachhan** stood out as she received the Best Actress (critics) Award for her role in **Maniratnam's** epic "**Ponniyin Selvan 2**". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Dhruvi Patel**, a Computer Information System student from the USA, has been declared the **winner of Miss India Worldwide 2024**, the longest running Indian pageant outside of India. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Summits and Conferences News

- India participated in the **G20 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting in Cuiabá, Brazil**. Led by Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, **Ram Nath Thakur**, the Indian delegation engaged in bilateral discussions with several global partners to enhance agricultural cooperation and address market access issues. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** is set to host the **2nd Formal Meeting of the COP9** (Conference of Parties) Bureau and the **3rd Formal Meeting of the Fund Approval Committee under the UNESCO** (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) **International Convention against Doping in Sport** on September 17-18, 2024, in **New Delhi**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- At the **4th RE-Invest Summit**, hosted by the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)** and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), leading renewable energy (RE) developers, manufacturing companies, banks, and financial institutions pledged close to **\$386 billion (Rs 32.45 trillion)** to develop **RE projects by 2030**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS)**, **Ministry of Jal Shakti**, organized the **International WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Conference** during the 8th India Water Week from 17th-19th September 2024 in New Delhi. The conference, with the theme 'Sustaining Rural Water Supply', focused on knowledge exchange, innovations, and best practices to tackle global WASH challenges, especially **Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Sharjah Investment Forum (SIF) 2024** has concluded, marking a significant milestone in the realm of global business and technology. Held at the prestigious **Al Jawaher Reception and Convention Centre**, this two-day event drew an impressive crowd of over **5,000 attendees**, including a diverse array of high-profile officials, entrepreneurs, and industry leaders from around the world. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **Ministry of Food Processing Industries** is all set to host the **third edition of World Food India 2024**, from September 19 to 22, at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**. **Aimed at becoming the largest event for the food processing and allied sectors in India**, this prestigious gathering will bring together industry leaders from across the globe. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **second edition of the Global Food Regulators Summit** was inaugurated on September 20, 2024, in **New Delhi**, marking a significant milestone in international cooperation for food safety and regulation. This high-profile event, organized alongside the **3rd World Food India 2024**, brings together food regulators and experts from around the world to discuss critical issues in food safety and standards. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Ranks and Reports

- **Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)**, authored by **EAC-PM member Sanjeev Sanyal**, highlights the relative economic performance of Indian states from 1960-61 to 2023-24. Titled "**Relative Economic Performance of Indian States: 1960-61 to 2023-24**," the paper reveals that West Bengal, once holding the third-largest share of the **national GDP at 10.5% in 1960-61**, has seen a consistent decline, now accounting for only **5.6% of India's GDP in 2023-24**. The report notes that maritime states have generally outperformed others, with the exception of West Bengal. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a remarkable achievement for the nation's digital landscape, **India** has secured **Tier 1 status** in the **Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) 2024**, published by the **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**. This prestigious recognition places India among the world's top cybersecurity performers, showcasing the country's commitment to robust digital safety practices on a global scale. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Sports News

- An olympic champion, **Neeraj Chopra** finished **second in the Diamond League (DL) final** by throwing the **throw of 87.86m in Brussels**. He just missed first place by just 0.01m to **Andersen Peters**. Neeraj Chopra finished the 2024 season with silver in the last competition. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Oscar Piastri of McLaren** secured his first Formula 1 victory at the **Azerbaijan Grand Prix**, marking a significant milestone in his career. The race, held at the **Baku City Circuit**, concluded under a **virtual safety car** due to a late crash, adding an element of drama to the final moments. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **WorldSkills 2024** competition in Lyon, France, witnessed a remarkable performance by the Indian contingent, showcasing the country's growing prowess in various skill domains on the international stage. With an impressive haul of **4 Bronze medals** and **12 Medallions of Excellence**, India has firmly established itself as a rising force in the global skills arena. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Saleema Intiaz** has made history by becoming the **first Pakistani woman** to be nominated to the **ICC International Panel of Development Umpires**, according to an announcement by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's Men's Hockey Team **clinched the 5th Title of Asian Champions Trophy** in **2024**, by winning a goal from Jugraj Singh, India beat China 1-0 in the final game of the tournament. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has announced that **men's and women's cricket teams will receive equal prize money in all World Cup events**, starting with the 2024 Women's T20 World Cup. Set to take place next month in the UAE, this tournament will make cricket the **first major team sport to offer equal prize money across genders**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Glasgow**, which hosted the event 10 years ago, will do so again, though some sports will need to be dropped as the Commonwealth Games Federation aims to reduce costs. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW)** appointed **Manu Bhaker**, the **double Olympic medal winner**, as a **brand ambassador**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **14th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2024** concluded with an exhilarating finale on September 19, 2024, at the **Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium in Jalandhar, Punjab**. This prestigious event, organized by **Hockey India**, showcased the nation's top young talent in a fierce competition that spanned from September 9 to September 19, 2024. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a momentous achievement for Indian cricket, **Jasprit Bumrah** has become the **10th Indian bowler** to reach the illustrious milestone of **400 international wickets**. This feat was accomplished during the **first Test against Bangladesh** at **Chennai**, further cementing Bumrah's status as one of India's premier fast bowlers. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Magnus Carlsen** and **Judit Polgar** were **felicitated with the best male and female player awards**, respectively at the **FIDE 100 Awards ceremony in Hungary**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Renowned **Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen** has reported for duty as **Deputy Superintendent of Police** after handing over her joining report to the **Director General of Police Jitender**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Schemes and Committees News

- The **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)**, under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, is set to launch a groundbreaking digital platform named **Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry (BHASKAR)** under the Startup India program. This initiative aims to strengthen India's startup ecosystem by centralizing and streamlining collaboration between key stakeholders like startups, investors, mentors, service providers, and government bodies. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In 1994, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed **September 16** as the **International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer**, commemorating the signing date of the Montreal Protocol in 1987. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Every year on **September 15**, people across the globe unite to commemorate the **International Day of Democracy**. Established by the **United Nations General Assembly** in 2007, this day serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of democratic principles and practices in our societies. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **NPS Vatsalya Scheme**, announced in the Union Budget 2024-25, will be launched by **Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman** on September 18, 2024, in **New Delhi**. This initiative allows parents to invest in pension accounts for their children with flexible contributions starting at Rs. 1,000 annually, offering long-term wealth building through compounding. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Honorable Prime Minister of India Shri. Narendra Modi** launched the scheme of "**Subhadra**", **flagship initiative of the State Government of Odisha** designed to benefit the **one crore women** in the state. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- About 7 crore people have subscribed to the **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)**, accumulating a corpus of **Rs 35,149 crore**, as announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The **APY, launched in 2015**, is a low-cost pension scheme providing a guaranteed minimum pension ranging from Rs 1,000 to Rs 5,000 per month, depending on the contributions made by subscribers. In case of the subscriber's death, the pension is extended to the spouse for life, and upon the demise of both, the nominee receives the entire corpus. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has accepted the recommendations of the High-Level Committee on Simultaneous Elections (One Nation One Election – ONOE) under the chairmanship of former President Shri Ram Nath Kovind. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Union Cabinet has approved several key proposals with a total outlay exceeding ₹60,000 crore, covering areas from agriculture to space exploration. The much-anticipated 'One Nation, One Poll' policy, enabling simultaneous elections across India, also received approval. Additionally, the PM-AASHA scheme was revamped with a ₹35,000 crore budget to ensure Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for farmers. The Cabinet also sanctioned a ₹24,474.53 crore subsidy on phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilizers for the 2024-25 rabi season. ([Click here to read the article](#))
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- In 2014 Honorable Prime Minister of India launched the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, it has a transformative impact in our society. This year it will mark its 10th anniversary and this year Swachhata hi Seva 2024 campaign embraces the theme of 'Swabhav Swachhata – Sanskaar Swachhata'. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman officially launched the NPS Vatsalya scheme in line with the announcement made in the Union Budget 2024. ([Click here to read the article](#))

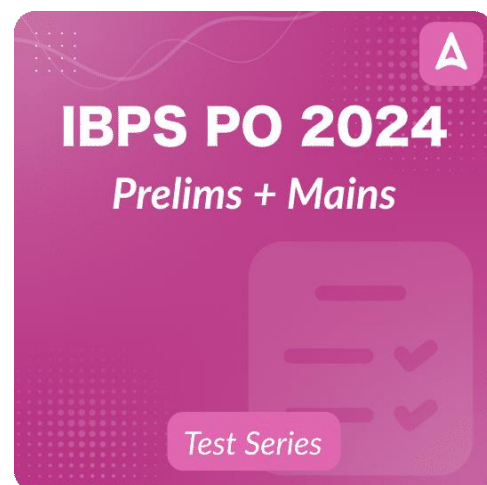
### Science and Technology News

- The Union Cabinet has approved the Chandrayaan-4 mission, which aims to develop technologies for returning to Earth after landing on the moon and collecting lunar samples for analysis. The total cost of the mission is Rs 2104.06 crore, covering spacecraft development, two LVM3 launches, deep space network support, and special tests for validation. The mission will be completed within 36 months, involving significant participation from industry and academia. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the development of Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV), that will be a significant step towards the Government's vision of establishing & operating the Bharatiya Antariksh Station and towards developing capability for Indian Crewed Landing on the Moon by 2040. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- SpaceX's Polaris Dawn mission, concluded on September 15, 2024, with a splashdown in the Gulf of Mexico, is a significant breakthrough in commercial space exploration. Led by billionaire Jared Isaacman, this mission achieved several firsts, including the first private spacewalk and the highest orbital altitude reached since NASA's Apollo era. These milestones mark a new era for private space ventures, pushing boundaries in space technology, exploration, and research. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Important Days News

- India observes National Engineers' Day on September 15th each year to honor the birth anniversary of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, a pioneering figure in engineering. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The establishment of the International Day of Science, Technology and Innovation for the South marks on 16th September a crucial step towards addressing these challenges and reaffirming the global commitment to inclusive development. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The International Day for Interventional Cardiology, observed annually on September 16th, stands as a testament to the remarkable progress in cardiac care. This day is dedicated to raising awareness about the critical field of interventional cardiology and its pivotal role in treating heart diseases through minimally invasive procedures. As cardiovascular diseases continue to be the leading cause of death globally, the importance of this specialized field cannot be overstated. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On September 17, 2024, the world observed World Patient Safety Day, an annual event dedicated to raising awareness about patient safety and promoting collaboration among healthcare stakeholders. This year's theme, "Improving diagnosis for patient safety", accompanied by the slogan "Get it right, make it safe!", underscores the critical importance of accurate and timely diagnoses in ensuring patient safety and enhancing health outcomes. ([Click here to read the article](#))





- The **8th India Water Week (IWW)** will be inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu on **17th September 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**. This four-day international water resources event, conceptualized by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, focuses on the theme **“Partnerships and Cooperation for Inclusive Water Development and Management.”** IWW serves as a platform for global experts, decision-makers, and stakeholders to deliberate on innovative approaches to water management. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Ministry of Jal Shakti organize the **India Water Week 2024** from 17th to 20th September. It is a **4-day conference** and exhibition which is India’s international water resources event. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The inaugural event of the **World cleanup Day** celebrated on **20th September**. To observe World Cleanup Day through activities aimed at **raising awareness of the role clean-up efforts play in sustainable development**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The year 2024 marks a significant milestone in the global pursuit of peace. As we commemorate the **25th anniversary** of the United Nations General Assembly’s adoption of the **Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace**, the world is reminded of the critical importance of fostering harmony and understanding among nations and individuals. Theme: Cultivating a Culture of Peace. The date is fixed as September 21st annually. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Miscellaneous News

- In a significant policy shift, the Indian government has removed the **\$950 per tonne minimum export price (MEP)** on basmati rice. This decision, made in response to falling domestic paddy prices and trade pressures, aims to enhance export opportunities and support farmers’ incomes. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) will now oversee basmati rice exports without a floor price to ensure fair pricing and transparency. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Minister for **MSME, Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi**, inaugurated the **Centre for Rural Enterprise Acceleration through Technology (CREATE) at Leh** via virtual mode. The event was attended by various dignitaries including the Minister of State for MSME, the Lieutenant Governor of UT-Ladakh, the Chairman of KVIC, and other officials from the Ministry of MSME, UT-Ladakh, KVIC, and MGIRI, along with around 200 local artisans. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- In an effort to encourage voter participation in the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Elections, the **Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO)**, J&K, launched the **theme song ‘Vote Ka Tyohar’**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- 43 year old, **Atishi Marlena from Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)** will be the **new Chief Minister of state Delhi**. She will replace the AAP supremo and party chief Arvind Kejriwal. Decision was taken in the meeting of member of legislative assembly. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **19th edition of the Divya Kala Mela** was inaugurated in **Visakhapatnam by the Hon. Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Shri S. Abdul Nazeer**, alongside dignitaries like **Dr. Virendra Kumar**, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, and other MPs. The event provided concessional loans of ₹40 lakh to 10 Divyang beneficiaries under NDFDC schemes and distributed assistive devices with the support of CSR partners such as HPCL, GAIL India, and IOCL. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Static Takeaways

- SpaceX founder and CEO: Elon Musk
- SpaceX Headquarters: Hawthorne, California, USA
- SpaceX Established Year: 2002
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Head: Doreen Bogdan-Martin (Secretary-General)
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Established Year: 1865
- Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Head: Anurag Garg (Director General)
- Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Established Year: 1986
- Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Head: Amrit Mohan (Director General)
- Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Established Year: 1963
- YES BANK Head: Prashant Kumar (Managing Director & CEO)
- YES BANK Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- YES BANK Established Year: 2004
- European Union (EU) Head: Ursula von der Leyen (President of the European Commission)
- European Union (EU) Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium
- European Union (EU) Established Year: 1993 (Maastricht Treaty)

- NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Head: Bill Nelson (Administrator)
- NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Headquarters: Washington, D.C., USA
- NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Established Year: 1958
- International Hockey Federation (FIH) Head: Mohammad Tayyab Ikram (President)
- International Hockey Federation (FIH) Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland
- International Hockey Federation (FIH) Established Year: 1924
- International Cricket Council (ICC) Head: Jay Shah (Chief Executive)
- International Cricket Council (ICC) Chairman: Greg Barclay
- International Cricket Council (ICC) Headquarters: Dubai, UAE
- International Cricket Council (ICC) Established Year: 1909
- Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) Head: Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi (Chairperson)
- Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) Headquarters: New Delhi, India

