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Centre Notifies Appointment Of Chief Justices Of 8 High Courts

The Central Government, through the Ministry of Law and Justice, notified the appointment of Chief Justices to eight High Courts to fill key judicial positions and ensure the smooth functioning of the judicial system in various states. Union Law Minister (Independent Charge) Arjun Ram Meghwal announced the appointment of Chief Justices to eight High Courts.

Background

The Supreme Court Collegium, in its recommendations regarding the appointment of Chief Justices, originally made proposals on July 11, 2023. However, on September 17, 2023, the Collegium altered some of its earlier recommendations concerning the appointment of Chief Justices to four High Courts.

New Appointments

1. **Justice Manmohan** (presently Acting CJ of Delhi High Court) – Chief Justice of Delhi High Court.
2. **Justice Rajiv Shakdher** (presently Judge of Delhi HC) – Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court.
3. **Justice Suresh Kumar Kait** (Judge of Delhi HC) – Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court.
4. **Justice Indra Prasanna Mukerji** (Judge of Calcutta HC) – Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court.
5. **Justice Nitin Madhukar Jamdar** (Judge of Bombay HC) – Chief Justice of Kerala High Court.
6. **Justice Tashi Rabstan** (Judge of J&K&L HC) – Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir & Ladakh High Court.
7. **Justice KR Shriram** (Judge of Bombay HC) – Chief Justice of Madras High Court.
8. **Justice MS Ramachandra Rao** (presently CJ of HP HC) – Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court.



Global Innovation Index 2024

India has climbed to the 39th position among 133 global economies in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024, as announced by Union Minister Piyush Goyal. India also ranked 1st among 10 economies in the Central and Southern Asian region and led the lower-middle-income economies group. The country was 81st in 2015 and rose to 39th due to its thriving innovation ecosystem, powered by entrepreneurs, startups, and public-private partnerships.

Key Achievements

India ranked 1st in Central & Southern Asia and among lower-middle-income economies, 4th in WIPO's Science & Technology Cluster Rankings, with cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, and Chennai in the global top 100 S&T clusters. India also ranked 7th globally in intangible asset intensity.

Global Performance Overview

"In Central and Southern Asia, India (39th) continues to lead, advancing by one spot. The Islamic Republic of Iran (64th, down by two places) follows, with Kazakhstan (78th) in third place. Uzbekistan (83rd) retains its 4th position within the region."

India's continued rise is part of a broader innovation trend, with China, Turkey, Vietnam, and the Philippines among the fastest climbers in the last decade. Switzerland, Sweden, the US, Singapore, and the UK remain the world's top innovators.

Global rankings:

1. Switzerland (Number 1 in 2023)
2. Sweden (2)
3. United States of America (3)
4. Singapore (5)
5. United Kingdom (4)
6. Republic of Korea (10)
7. Finland (6)
8. Netherlands (Kingdom of the) (7)
9. Germany (8)
10. Denmark (9)
11. China (12)
12. France (11)
13. Japan (13)
14. Canada (15)
15. Israel (14)
16. Estonia (16)
17. Austria (18)
18. Hong Kong, China (17)
19. Ireland (22)
20. Luxembourg (21)

Central and Southern Asia region in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024:

GII Rank	Economy	Income Group Rank	Region Rank
39	India	1	1
64	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	6	2
78	Kazakhstan	25	3
83	Uzbekistan	10	4
88	Pakistan	12	5
90	Sri Lanka	13	6
105	Bangladesh	22	7
106	Kyrgyzstan	23	8
108	Nepal	24	9
111	Tajikistan	27	10

Hurun India Under-35 List 2024

The **Hurun India Under-35 list for 2024** has emerged as a prestigious recognition of India's young entrepreneurial talent, highlighting the achievements of 150 entrepreneurs aged 35 or younger. This comprehensive list spans various industries, from retail giants to innovative tech startups, showcasing the diverse and dynamic nature of India's business landscape.

Prominent Figures: The Faces of Young Indian Entrepreneurship

Ambani Siblings: Continuing a Legacy of Innovation

Among the most notable names on the list are **Isha Ambani** and **Akash Ambani**, scions of the Reliance Industries empire. Their inclusion highlights the growing influence of next-generation leadership in established business houses.

Isha Ambani: Retail Powerhouse

- **Age:** 32 years old
- **Position:** Non-executive director at **Reliance Retail**
- **Significance:** One of the youngest women on the list, representing the future of India's retail sector

Akash Ambani: Telecom Titan

- **Position:** Chairman of **Reliance Jio Infocomm**
- **Ranking:** 32nd position on the list
- **Impact:** Leading Reliance's charge in the telecom and digital services sector

Alakh Pandey: Revolutionizing Education

Alakh Pandey, founder of Physics Wallah, stands out as a prime example of how technology is transforming education in India. His inclusion in the list underscores the growing importance of edtech in the country's entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Women Entrepreneurs: Breaking Barriers and Setting Trends

Youngest Women on the List

1. **Isha Ambani** (32 years old) – Reliance Retail
2. **Parita Parekh** (32 years old) – Toddle (Education technology platform)

Other Notable Women Entrepreneurs

- **Aneri Patel, Aneesha Tiwari, and Anjali Merchant** (33-34 years old): Continuing family businesses
- **Saloni Anand** (34 years old): Traya Health (Hair care sector)
- **Ghazal Alagh** (35 years old): CEO of Mama Earth (Recently went public)

India's Historic Triumph at the 2024 Chess Olympiad

The 2024 Chess Olympiad in **Budapest, Hungary** has etched itself into the annals of Indian sports history. In an unprecedented achievement, India secured **gold medals** in both the men's and women's team categories, marking a watershed moment for chess in the country.

Dominant Performances in the Final Round

Both Indian teams showcased their prowess in the decisive final round:

- **Men's Team:** Achieved a commanding 3.5-0.5 victory over Slovenia
- **Women's Team:** Mirrored the men's success with a 3.5-0.5 win against Azerbaijan

This dual triumph places India in an elite group, joining only **China** and the former **Soviet Union** as nations to have won gold in both categories in a single Olympiad edition.

Men's Team: A Golden First

Breaking New Ground

The men's team's gold medal represents a significant leap forward from their previous achievements:

- **Bronze medals** in 2014 and 2022
- **First-ever gold medal** in 2024

Young Talents Shine

India's victory was spearheaded by a group of prodigious young players:

- **D Gukesh** (18 years old): World Championship challenger
- **Arjun Erigaisi** (21 years old): Delivered crucial wins
- **R Praggnanandhaa** (19 years old): Regained form in the final round
- **Vidit Gujrathi** (29 years old): Secured a draw on the fourth board

The performance of these young stars underscores India's bright future in chess.

Women's Team: Making History

First-Ever Gold Medal

The women's team's triumph is particularly significant:

- **First gold medal** in the Chess Olympiad
- Improvement from **bronze medal** in 2022 (Chennai)

Key Players in the Final Round

- **D Harika** (33 years old): Displayed technical mastery on the top board
- **Divya Deshmukh** (18 years old): Outclassed opponent Givhar Beydullayeva, securing individual gold on the third board
- **Vantika Agrawal**: Emerged victorious
- **R Vaishali**: Held her ground with a draw

Best Tourism Villages Competition-2024

The Ministry of Tourism in Government of India announced the winners of the Best Tourism Villages Competition 2024 on the occasion of World Tourism Day 2024. This award competition was the 2nd edition since its launching.

Best Tourism Villages Competition-2024 Winner

S.No	Name	State	Categories
1.	Dhudmars	Chattisgarh	Adventure Tourism
2.	Aru	J & K	
3.	Kuthlur	Karnataka	
4.	Jakhol	Uttarakhand	
5.	Baranagar	West Bengal	Agri Tourism
6.	Kumarakom	Kerala	
7.	Karde	Maharashtra	
8.	Hansali	Punjab	
9.	Supi	Uttra khand	
10.	Chitrakote	Chattisgarh	Community Based Tourism
11.	Minicoy	Lakshadweep	
12.	Island	Mizoram	
13.	Sialsuk	Rajasthan	
14.	Deomali	Tripura	
15.	Sualkuchi	Assam	Craft
16.	Maniabandha	Odisha	
17.	Pranpur	Madhya Pradesh	
18.	Umden	Meghalaya	
19.	Nirmal	Telangana	
20.	Hafeshwar	Gujarat	Heritage
21.	Andro	Manipur	
22.	Mawphlang	Meghalaya	
23.	Keeladi	Tamil Nadu	
24.	Pura Mahadev	Uttar Pradesh	
25.	Dudhani	Dadra Nagar Haveli	Responsible Tourism
26.	Kadalundi	Kerala	
27.	Tar Village	Ladakh	
28.	Sabarvani	Madhya Pradesh	
29.	Ladpura Khas	Madhya Pradesh	

S.No	Name	State	Categories
30.	Bandora	Goa	Spiritual And Wellness
31.	Rikhiapeeth	Jharkhand	
32.	Melkalingam	Tamil Nadu	
33.	Patti	Telangana	
34.	Somasila	Andhra Pradesh	
35.	Harshil	Uttrakhand	Vibrant Village
36.	Gunji	Uttrakhand	

National Affairs

- The Union Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **Bhupendra Yadav**, led the country in this year's **Clean the Beach Campaign** on the occasion of the **International Coastal Clean-up Day on 21 September 2024**. The minister participated in an event to clean the beach at Juhu in Mumbai. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal** inaugurated **Invest India's new office in Singapore**. The office will serve as a **dedicated point of contact for companies from the region looking to invest in India**, fostering collaboration across sectors. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The foundation stone for India's first of its kind **CO2-to-Methanol pilot plant** with an overall **capacity of 1.4 Tons Per Day (TPD)** was unveiled virtually by **Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India**, at **Thermax Limited premises in Pune, Maharashtra**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Under a transformative collaboration with the **United States, India is set to launch its inaugural national security semiconductor fabrication plant**, designed to produce chips for military applications and critical telecommunications. ([Click here to read article](#))
- In a significant move to safeguard India's critical power infrastructure, **Union minister Manohar Lal** inaugurated the **Computer Security Incident Response Team Power (CSIRT-Power) at Northern Regional Power Committee in New Delhi**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- President **Droupadi Murmu** will inaugurate the **16th Assembly of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI)** on September 24, 2024, in New Delhi. This significant event marks the beginning of crucial discussions centered on the evolving role of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) in promoting transparency and accountability. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Central Silk Board (CSB)** marked a significant milestone with the celebration of its **Platinum Jubilee** in Mysuru. The event, commemorating 75 years of dedicated service to India's silk industry, was graced by numerous dignitaries and witnessed several important launches and releases. ([Click here to read article](#))

- **Union Minister of Textiles, Shri Giriraj Singh**, alongside Union Minister of State for External Affairs & Textiles, Pabitra Margherita, launched the India-specific fashion trend book **“Paridhi 24x25,”** a bilingual web portal of VisioNxt, and an AI Taxonomy e-book. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah**, celebrated across India in 2024, marks a significant milestone in the country’s ongoing battle against malnutrition. This monthlong campaign, an integral part of India’s mission to eradicate nutritional deficiencies, has brought renewed energy and focus to the national discourse on health and nutrition. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar** stressed the importance of producing substantial results in research and development (R&D), underscoring that **contributions must go beyond mere cosmetic efforts**. Addressing the **83rd CSIR Foundation Day** celebrations in New Delhi. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Minister of Communications, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia** visited **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) Bengaluru Campus** and inaugurated the **5G O-RAN (Open Radio Access Network) Testing lab**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- India has been elected to the fifteen-member steering committee of the Global Operational Network of **Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities (GlobE Network)** during a plenary session in Beijing, as announced by the **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)** on September 26, 2024. This election follows a multi-stage voting process and underscores India’s commitment to addressing international corruption and financial crime. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually launched **three PARAM Rudra supercomputers** on September 26, 2024, emphasizing the importance of technological advancements for empowering the underprivileged. Developed indigenously under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) at a **cost of ₹130 crore each**, these high-performance computing systems are strategically deployed in Pune, Delhi, and Kolkata. With a total investment of ₹850 crore in the project, these supercomputers aim to facilitate pioneering scientific research across various disciplines. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Maharashtra government** approved a proposal to name **Pune airport as Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj Pune International Airport**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Chief Minister Lalduhoma** officially launched the state’s **new flagship initiative, the Hand Holding Scheme (Bana Kaih)**, during a ceremony held at Vanapa Hall. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **The Kolkata trams**, which have operated since the late 19th century, are a testament to the city’s rich transportation history. The Kolkata tram is set to be **discontinued soon due to congestion**. However, **one route will still be operational**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Recently, the **Mankidia community became the 6th particularly vulnerable tribal group (PVTG)** PVTG to get **habitat rights over forests in Odisha**. The Mankidia are a semi-nomadic community known for their traditional skill of rope making, trapping and eating monkeys. ([Click here to read article](#))

International Affairs

- **Anura Kumara Dissanayake** has emerged as **Sri Lanka’s newly elected president**, securing 42% of the vote in the country’s first election since the 2022 economic collapse. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **China will hold joint naval and air drills with Russia in the Sea of Japan and the Sea of Okhotsk** along with the two countries carrying out a joint maritime patrol in the Pacific. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Amid the growing tension in the Middle-East, Iran for the first time has showcased the **Shahed 136B drone and Jihad ballistic missile**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** has taken a significant step to support Pakistan’s struggling economy by approving a new **\$7 billion loan**. This decision, announced on Wednesday, comes more than two months after initial negotiations between the IMF and Pakistani authorities reached a staff-level agreement. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Dassault Aviation**, the renowned French aircraft manufacturer famous for its **Rafale fighter planes**, has taken a significant step towards expanding its presence in the Indian market. On Wednesday, the company announced the establishment of a new subsidiary dedicated exclusively to military **Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO)** operations in India. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Thailand the third place in Asia**, after Taiwan and Nepal, to allow same-sex marriage. The bill grants full legal, financial and medical rights for marriage partners of any gender. Thailand’s **landmark marriage equality bill was officially written into law allowing same-sex couples to legally wed**. ([Click here to read article](#))

States in the News

- **Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha** launched the **‘Mukhyamantri Nagar Unnayan Prakalp,’** a **Rs 530 crore water supply project** funded by the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**, aiming to upgrade drinking water infrastructure in 12 cities. The project, expected to be completed in three years, will address water needs for over 75,000 families across the state. ([Click here to read article](#))

- The iconic **Shah Alam Stadium**, one of Malaysia's premier sports venues with a seating capacity of **80,372**, met its demise as concerns over its safety rendered it unfit for use. **Established in 1994**, the stadium not only served as the backdrop for exhilarating football matches but also hosted globally renowned concerts. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Shigeru Ishiba**, former defence minister, is poised to become **Japan's next prime minister** after winning the **Liberal Democratic Party's (LDP) leadership vote**. Ishiba will succeed Fumio Kishida, who stepped down following scandals that damaged his tenure. With the LDP holding a majority in the lower house, Ishiba's path to the role is effectively secured. He edged out economic security minister Sanae Takaichi by a narrow margin of **21 votes** in the leadership race. ([Click here to read article](#))

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)**, under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, held a bilateral meeting with the **Bhutan Food and Drug Authority (BFDA)** during the **Global Food Regulators Summit at Bharat Mandapam**. The meeting focused on implementing the "**Agreement**" signed on March 21, 2024, during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bhutan. ([Click here to read article](#))
- In a significant move towards global climate action and sustainable economic growth, the **United States** and **India** have announced a groundbreaking partnership aimed at boosting clean energy manufacturing. This initiative, unveiled following a meeting between **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** and **US President Joe Biden** in Greenville, Delaware, marks a new chapter in the bilateral relationship between the two nations. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with the **Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAPA)** of **Brazil**. This collaboration aims to **strengthen food safety measures and promote bilateral cooperation in the sector**. ([Click here to read article](#))

- The **Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA)** licence of the **International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)** was cancelled by the Union Home Ministry for alleged rule violations. The **ICA, established in 1895**, is an apex body representing cooperatives worldwide and has over 1 billion members. ([Click here to read article](#))
- A memorandum of understanding was signed between **Rubber Research Institute of India (RRII)** and **Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)** to **enhance the research on using Rubber Process Oils** marketed by IOCL in different tyre and non-tyre rubber products. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Tech Mahindra** has signed an **MoU** with the **University of Auckland (UoA)** to promote innovation in AI, machine learning (ML), and quantum computing. The collaboration will target sectors like healthcare, banking, financial services, insurance, and government, enhancing industry-academic partnerships to boost graduate employability. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **Union Labour Ministry** and **Amazon** have signed an **MoU to leverage the National Career Service (NCS)** portal for boosting job opportunities in India. The agreement, signed by **Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya** and **Minister of State Shobha Karandlaje**, aims to expand job accessibility for the country's youth by providing diverse employment services through the **NCS platform**. The partnership highlights the role of advanced technologies like AI in upgrading the portal to offer a more user-friendly experience for job seekers and employers alike. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)** has partnered with the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** to enhance the collection and sharing of critical climate and weather data in **Latin America and the Caribbean**. This collaboration aims to support climate adaptation efforts and improve regional climate coordination. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Amazon India** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the Ministry of Labour and Employment to leverage the **National Career Service (NCS) portal**, aiming to connect job seekers with career opportunities that match their skills and qualifications. This partnership will help Amazon India and its staffing agencies post job openings, source candidates from the NCS portal, and provide better access to job opportunities across India. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **India and Uzbekistan** have signed a **Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT)** aimed at boosting investor confidence and enhancing economic cooperation between the two nations. The treaty was formalized by **Indian Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** and **Uzbekistan's Deputy Prime Minister Khodjayev Jamshid Abdukhakimovich in Tashkent**. This BIT assures protection for investors from both countries, providing a minimum standard of treatment and non-discrimination while facilitating dispute resolution through arbitration. ([Click here to read article](#))

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Books and Authors

- In **Khaki Mein Sthitapragya**, former **DGP of Uttarakhand, Anil Raturi**, compiles select memories and experiences from his nearly three and a half decades of service in the Indian Police Service. ([Click here to read article](#))

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Tata Steel** has successfully commissioned **India's largest blast furnace** at its **Kalinganagar facility in Odisha**, marking a significant milestone for the steel sector. With a total investment of **Rs 27,000 crore**, this Phase II expansion will increase the plant's capacity from 3 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) to 8 MTPA. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**, in its September 2024 Asian Development Outlook, projects **India's GDP growth at 7% for FY2024 and 7.2% for FY2025**. The report attributes this sustained growth to the government's fiscal consolidation efforts and resilience amidst global geopolitical challenges. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Moody's** has revised its forecast for India's GDP growth in **calendar year (CY) 2024, raising it to 7.1% from its earlier projection of 6.8% made in June**. This upgrade highlights India's key role in driving growth in the Asia-Pacific region, which is expected to outperform global economies in the coming years. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Axis Bank**, a leading private sector bank in India, has **partnered with Mastercard**, a global payments technology firm, to **launch the MyBiz credit card**, specifically designed for sole proprietors and small business owners. This **premium World Mastercard®** offers a comprehensive suite of business and travel benefits tailored to meet the diverse needs of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). ([Click here to read article](#))
- Bank of Baroda, in collaboration with EaseMyTrip.com, has introduced the **Bank of Baroda EaseMyTrip Co-branded Travel Debit Card**, aiming to cater to frequent travelers and those with a penchant for entertainment and lifestyle. This initiative marks the first co-branded travel debit card launched by a public sector bank in India, reflecting the growing trend towards customized financial products. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has implemented new guidelines requiring retail investors to use the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** to block funds when applying for public issues of debt securities amounting up to **₹5 lakh**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs **Nirmala Sitharaman** represented India at the **9th Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Board** of Governors meeting held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, on September 25-26, 2024. During her visit, she also engaged in discussions with **Uzbekistan's President Shavkat Mirziyoyev** on the sidelines of the meeting. ([Click here to read article](#))

Appointments/Resignations

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has launched a dedicated **Foreign Portfolio Investor Outreach Cell** as part of the Alternative Investment Fund and Foreign Portfolio Investors Department (AFD). ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)** has ushered in a new era of leadership with the election of **Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo** as its president. This significant event took place during a General Body meeting held at the Constitution Club on Saturday, marking a pivotal moment in the organization's history. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **KVS Manian** has officially taken charge as the **Managing Director and CEO of Federal Bank**, effective September 23, 2024. He succeeds Shyam Srinivasan, who retired after successfully leading the bank since 2010. Manian joins Federal Bank following a distinguished career at **Kotak Mahindra Bank**, where he worked for over 25 years and played a key role in its transformation from a non-banking financial company to one of India's leading private sector banks. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage, aimed at assisting countries ravaged by **climate-driven disasters**, has appointed **Ibrahima Cheikh Diong**, a Senegalese finance specialist and dual U.S. citizen, as its first director. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Senior IPS officers Alok Ranjan** and **Amit Garg** have been appointed as the heads of the **National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)** and the **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA)**, respectively. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India** fined **Jai Anmol Ambani** ₹1 crore for irregularities in Reliance Home Finance, alleging he approved ₹40 crore in unsecured loans. Sebi asserted he **misrepresented his involvement** in the company's operations. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet has approved a significant change in leadership for India's aeronautical sector. **Jitendra J Jadhav**, a Distinguished Scientist with nearly four decades of experience in aircraft design and development, has been appointed as the new **Director General of the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA)**. This appointment, effective from September 11, 2024, marks a new chapter in India's pursuit of aeronautical excellence. ([Click here to read article](#))
- On September 25, 2024, the Comptroller and Auditor General (**CAG**) of India, **Girish Chandra Murmu**, officially took over the chairmanship of the Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (**ASOSAI**) for the term **2024-2027**. This significant transition was highlighted during the **16th Assembly of ASOSAI**, which has expanded its membership to include **48 Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) across Asia**. ([Click here to read article](#))

- NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) astronaut and Indian Origin Sunita Williams has officially taken **command of the International Space Station (ISS)** as part of her extended mission aboard the orbiting laboratory. She is set to take command for the second time for ISS. ([Click here to read article](#))

Defence News

- **The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)**, in collaboration with the **Southern Command of the Indian Army**, is organized a **two-day national symposium**, 'Exercise AIKYA', on **disaster management**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** inaugurated the **Sainik School in Jaipur, Rajasthan** on September 23, 2024, as part of the **Government's plan to establish 100 new Sainik Schools** in partnership mode across India. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh** inaugurated the **41st edition of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Commanders' Conference** in New Delhi on September 24, 2024. This three-day conference serves as a crucial platform for ICG Commanders to engage in meaningful discussions on strategic, operational, and administrative matters amid evolving geopolitical landscapes and maritime security complexities. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Russia and China** started naval **exercises in the Sea of Japan**. The exercises will include anti-aircraft and anti-submarine weapons. This exercise aims to **deepen the strategic cooperation level between the Chinese and Russian militaries** and enhance their ability to jointly deal with security threats. ([Click here to read article](#))
- India's **Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)**, along with researchers of **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi** has developed **Light Weight Bullet Proof Jackets** named **ABHED (Advanced Ballistics for High Energy Defeat)**. ([Click here to read article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- **Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan**, is set to host the prestigious 25th edition of the **International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards** from March 7 to 9, 2025, at the **JECC Sitapura**. The announcement was made during a formal agreement signing ceremony at the **iconic Albert Hall**, attended by **Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari**. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by Rajasthan Tourism Commissioner VP Singh and IIFA Vice President Suresh Iyer, marking the beginning of preparations for this grand event. ([Click here to read article](#))

- **Emerging swimmer Pratyasa Ray** has been selected for the **32nd Ekalabya Puraskar for 2024** for her achievements in swimming. A proud moment for **Odisha's sporting fraternity**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Rhea Singha, a 19-year-old model from Gujarat**, was crowned **Miss Universe India 2024** in Jaipur. She will represent India at the **global Miss Universe competition in Mexico**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Renowned Bollywood producer **Vinod Bachchan** received the prestigious **Global Prestige Award at the House of Lords, UK Parliament**, recognizing his significant contributions to the Indian film industry. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Visionary industrialist and leader Shri Deepak C Mehta**, Chairman and Managing Director of Deepak Nitrite Limited, has been conferred the prestigious **Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indian Chemical Council (ICC) at the 59th ICC Annual Awards Function in Mumbai**. ([Click here to read article](#))

Summits and Conferences News

- The Indian government will host the inaugural **World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES)** from February 5 to 9, 2025, to boost the **country's media and entertainment industry** and enhance its global influence. This will be the first global summit covering the entire media and entertainment spectrum. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the sixth **Quad Leaders' Summit** in Wilmington, Delaware on **21 September 2024**, hosted by the **President of the United States of America, Joseph R. Biden**, Prime Minister of Australia Mr. Anthony Albanese and Prime Minister of Japan Fumio Kishida also participated. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The Indian Navy hosted the fifth edition of the **Goa Maritime Symposium (GMS) 2024** from 23-24 September under the aegis of the Naval War College, Goa. Conducted in the newly inaugurated Chola building, this year's theme was **"Common Maritime Security Challenges in the IOR – Progressing Lines of Effort to Mitigate Dynamic Threats such as Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing and Other Illegal Maritime Activities."** ([Click here to read article](#))
- **External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar** participated in the **first-ever Joint Ministerial Meeting of the L.69 and C-10 groupings of nations** on the sidelines of the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. ([Click here to read article](#))

- As India gears for hosting **World Telecom Standardisation Assembly (W TSA2024)**, Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has set the ball rolling by launching the **W TSA2024 Outreach Sessions**, Scheduled in Delhi, Hyderabad, and Bengaluru. ([Click here to read article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- The **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** recently released its **Mutual Evaluation Report on India**, following an on-site assessment in November 2023. India, which became a FATF member in 2020, was placed in the **“regular follow-up”** category, which is viewed positively given prior objections from some developed countries. The FATF identified key areas for improvement, including the prosecution of money laundering (ML) and terror financing (TF) cases, the protection of the non-profit sector from terrorist abuse, and the implementation of preventive measures. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The IMD’s recent **World Talent Ranking 2024** shows that **Switzerland ranks first**, followed by Singapore; **India finds itself ranked 58th globally**, with a talent score of **40.47**. The IMD World Talent Ranking 2024 shows the **overall ranking for 67 economies**. The economies are ranked from the most to the least competitive, and the change from the Previous year’s rankings are also shown. ([Click here to read article](#))

Sports News

- Commonwealth Heavyweight champion** Sangram Singh has made an unforgettable entrance into the world of **Mixed Martial Arts (MMA)**. The Indian wrestler’s debut at the **Gama International Fighting Championship** in **Tbilisi, Georgia**, has set a new benchmark for Indian fighters in international MMA competitions. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **Singapore Grand Prix** on Sunday, September 22, 2024, witnessed a spectacular display of skill and nerve as **Lando Norris** of McLaren secured his third career victory in Formula 1. This win not only showcased Norris’s growing prowess but also injected fresh excitement into the championship battle. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **Duleep Trophy** final between **India-A and India-C** concluded in dramatic fashion, with India-A emerging victorious by a margin of 132 runs. The match, which seemed destined for a draw that would have crowned India-C as champions, took a sudden turn in the closing stages, showcasing the unpredictable nature of cricket’s longer format. ([Click here to read article](#))

- The partnership between **JK Lakshmi Cement (JKLC)** and **Indian cricket team captain Rohit Sharma** enters its **fifth consecutive year**. Known for his cricketing excellence and leadership, Sharma’s association has strengthened the brand’s image and helped JKLC connect with a wider audience. This renewed collaboration will see him featured in advertising campaigns, brand activations, and promotional activities, enhancing JKLC’s visibility across India. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Bangladesh’s All time great cricketer Shakib Al Hasan** is set to **retire from the Tests and modern T20 format**. Shakib made the decision public during a press conference ahead of the second India-Bangladesh Test in Kanpur. ([Click here to read article](#))
- IBSF (International Billiards and Snooker Foundation) World Men’s 6, 2024 Red Snooker Championship** A veteran **Kamal Chawla wins Gold** after beating a player from Pakistan in the final. Also, India bagged **three bronze medals** also in the event final. The tournament was held in Mongolia. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Dwayne Bravo** has confirmed his **retirement from all cricket** after his final season in the CPL (Caribbean Premier League) was cut short by injury. The West Indies maestro will take up a **new role as Mentor in franchise cricket**. ([Click here to read article](#))

Schemes and Committees News

- The Union Cabinet has approved the **Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PM-JUGA)**, a comprehensive mission aimed at improving the socio-economic conditions of tribal communities in India. This ambitious initiative comes with a total outlay of **Rs. 79,156 crore** to be implemented over a period of **five years**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **Ayushman Bharat PM-Jay Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJ) scheme** introduced by Prime Minister Narendra marked his 6th year anniversary. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha** officially launched the **CM-SATH scheme** to boost the educational prospects of the state’s brightest students. The scheme, **designed to provide financial support to meritorious students for their higher education**, reflects the **state government’s commitment to quality education**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- India has been elected to the **15-member GlobE Steering Committee**, which focuses on combating corruption and asset recovery. This decision was made during a **plenary session in Beijing on September 26, 2024**, following a multistage voting process. As a member of the Steering Committee, India is poised to play a pivotal role in shaping the global anti-corruption agenda, leveraging its experience and expertise in the field. ([Click here to read article](#))

- The Department of Science and technology (DST) in India with the collaboration with the British Council launches the initiative of “**A Women in Space Leadership**” (WiSLP) as a part of the UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI). ([Click here to read article](#))
- On the occasion of **World Tourism Day**, the Ministry of Tourism launched “**Paryatan Mitra**” and “**Paryatan Didi**,” a responsible tourism initiative aimed at improving tourist experiences across India. The initiative focuses on empowering local communities, especially women and youth, to serve as ambassadors and storytellers of their destinations, enhancing hospitality, cleanliness, and sustainability. ([Click here to read article](#))

Science and Technology News

- **ISRO, IN-SPACE, and NSIL** have reached a significant milestone by signing **75 Technology Transfer Agreements (TTAs)** with **non-governmental entities (NGEs)**. On September 20, 2024, five TTAs were signed at IN-SPACE, Bengaluru, with Anabond Ltd., Salvo Industries Pvt. Ltd., Micropack Pvt. Ltd., and Astra Microwave Products Ltd. These TTAs reflect India’s efforts to boost private participation in space technology, expanding the scope for commercial applications and the overall growth of the space industry. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Russian cosmonauts Oleg Kononenko and Nikolai Chub** have set a new record for the longest single mission aboard the **International Space Station (ISS)**, surpassing the previous record held by cosmonauts Sergei Prokopyev, Dmitry Petelin, and NASA astronaut Francisco Rubio, who spent 370 days onboard from September 2022 to September 2023. **Kononenko and Chub arrived at the ISS on September 15, 2023, via the Soyuz MS-24 spacecraft** and are scheduled to return to **Earth on the Soyuz MS-25 on September 23, 2024, totaling 374 days in space.** ([Click here to read article](#))
- In a monumental step for **India’s space program**, **Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla** of the Indian Air Force (IAF) will pilot the Axiom-4 (Ax-4) mission to the International Space Station (ISS) in 2025. ([Click here to read article](#))
- As we commemorate **Google’s 26th anniversary** in 2024, we reflect on the tech giant’s remarkable journey from a simple search engine to a global powerhouse that has fundamentally reshaped our digital landscape. Founded in 1998, Google has become an integral part of our daily lives, offering a vast array of services that span information retrieval, communication, entertainment, and beyond. ([Click here to read article](#))

- Earth is set to welcome a temporary “**mini-moon**” in the form of a small asteroid **named 2024 PT5**, which will orbit our planet from **September 29 to November 25, 2024**. Discovered by **NASA’s Asteroid Terrestrial-Impact Last Alert System (Atlas)** on August 7, 2024, this asteroid measures approximately **33 feet wide** and originates from the **Arjuna asteroid belt**, a region filled with various space rocks. While it cannot be observed with the naked eye or typical telescopes, professional astronomers will be able to capture images of this tiny object moving rapidly across the night sky. ([Click here to read article](#))

Important Days News

- **The UN General Assembly** has proclaimed **23 September** as the **International Day of Sign Languages** in order to **raise awareness of the importance of sign language in the full realization of the human rights of people who are deaf**. The theme of this year’s Sign Language Day 2024 is “**Sign up for Sign Language Rights**”. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **World Rhino Day** is celebrated on **September 22 every year**. This special day provides the opportunity for cause-related organizations, NGO, zoos, and members of the public to celebrate rhinos in their own unique ways. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **World Bollywood Day**, observed annually on **September 24th**, stands as a testament to the rich heritage and global influence of Indian cinema. This day serves as a unique platform for Bollywood enthusiasts and film industry professionals to come together and celebrate the art of cinema and its contributions to culture and society. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Antyodaya Diwas** is an **annual occasion in India commemorating the birth anniversary of Indian leader Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya**. India observes Antyodaya Diwas on **September 25th** to honor Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **World Pharmacist Day** is observed annually on **September 25th**. In 2024, this significant day falls on a Wednesday, providing an opportunity for global recognition of pharmacists’ contributions to healthcare. ([Click here to read article](#))
- In 2013, the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** took a significant step towards global nuclear disarmament by declaring **September 26** as the **International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons**, also known as **Nuclear Abolition Day**. This declaration was formalized through **UNGA Resolution 68/32**. ([Click here to read article](#))

- **World Maritime Day 2024**, celebrated on **26 September 2024**, embraces the theme **“Navigating the Future: Safety First!”** This theme underscores the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) commitment to enhancing maritime safety and security, protecting the marine environment, and ensuring that regulatory developments keep pace with technological advancements. ([Click here to read article](#))
- World Tourism Day is observed annually on **September 27**. In 2024, it will fall on a Friday, providing an excellent opportunity for extended weekend celebrations and activities related to tourism. **Tourism** is a vital industry that plays a crucial role in the global economy. It contributes significantly to the **economic growth** of nations, creates numerous **employment opportunities**, and fosters **cultural connections** among people from diverse backgrounds. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Every year on **September 26**, the world comes together to observe **World Environmental Health Day**. This annual event serves as a powerful reminder of our collective responsibility to safeguard the health of our planet and, by extension, our own well-being. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **World Contraception Day**, observed annually on **September 26**, stands as a beacon of awareness in the realm of reproductive health. This global campaign is dedicated to raising consciousness about **contraception** and promoting informed decision-making in sexual and reproductive health matters. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI)** is an annual observance on **28th September** that highlights the importance of providing equal access to information for all individuals. This day serves as a platform to discuss and promote strategies for enhancing information accessibility, particularly in the digital age. Theme: Artificial Intelligence, E-Governance, and Access to Information. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **World Rabies Day**, observed annually on **September 28th**, marks a global effort to raise awareness about rabies prevention and eradication. The year 2024 marks the 18th observance of this important day, highlighting the ongoing battle against one of the world’s oldest known diseases. This article delves into the theme, history, significance, and practical aspects of World Rabies Day 2024. The 2024 theme, **“Breaking Rabies Boundaries,”** emphasizes the need for progress and moving beyond the status quo in rabies prevention and control. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **World Heart Day**, observed annually on **September 29th**, stands as a global beacon for cardiovascular health awareness. This international event serves as a crucial reminder of the importance of heart health and the ongoing battle against cardiovascular diseases (CVDs), which remain the leading cause of death worldwide. ([Click here to read article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- **Megastar Chiranjeevi** has been officially recognized by **Guinness World Records as the most prolific actor/dancer** in the Indian film industry. Over 45 years, he has performed an astonishing **24,000 dance moves in 537 songs across 156 films**. This honor was conferred on September 20, 2024, during a special event where Chiranjeevi expressed gratitude for the recognition, attributing his success to the art of dance and the collaboration with directors, producers, and choreographers. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **Film Federation of India** has officially announced that filmmaker **Kiran Rao’s “Laapataa Ladies”** has been chosen as **India’s official entry** in the **Best Foreign Film Category** for the **Oscars 2025**. This selection marks a significant milestone for the film and its creators, putting it on the global stage of cinema. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan**, a groundbreaking initiative by the Central Government of India, has chosen **Mana village** in the Joshimath block of Chamoli district for implementation. This selection marks a significant step towards improving the socio-economic conditions of tribal communities in the region. ([Click here to read article](#))
- During Prime Minister **Narendra Modi’s** recent visit to the United States, a landmark event took place that marked a significant victory in India’s ongoing efforts to reclaim its cultural treasures. In a ceremony of great cultural and diplomatic importance, **297 antiquities** were officially handed over to **India by U.S. authorities**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has **gifted US President Joe Biden a silver train** model made by master artisans from Maharashtra and **First Lady Jill Biden a Pashmina shawl** in a papier mache box. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Wabtec Locomotive Private Limited**, a joint venture between **Indian Railways and Wabtec**, is set to enhance its **Marhowra plant’s** capabilities by exporting Evolution Series ES43ACmi locomotives to global customers, particularly in Africa, starting in 2025. This initiative marks the plant’s inaugural venture into manufacturing locomotives for export, underscoring India’s growing prominence in the global locomotive manufacturing sector. ([Click here to read article](#))
- An extraordinary mountaineering achievement, of a team from the **National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS)**, has successfully scaled an unnammed and unclimbed 6383 MSL or 20,942 ft high peak in **Gorichen range of Arunachal Pradesh Himalayas on Tawang-West Kameng region**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Delhi Chief Minister Atishi** has announced a significant increase in the minimum wages for workers in the capital, effective October 1. Unskilled workers will now **earn ₹18,066, semi-skilled workers ₹19,929, and skilled workers ₹21,917 per month**. Atishi emphasized that under **Arvind Kejriwal’s leadership**, Delhi boasts the highest minimum wages in the country, a historic step aimed at preventing the exploitation of the poor. ([Click here to read article](#))

- Union Minister for Road, Transport and Highways **Shri. Nitin Gadkari Ji**, set to inaugurate **Oxygen Bird Park** (Amrit Mahotsav Park) on the Nagpur-Hyderabad National highway 44 in Nagpur, in state of Maharashtra. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Delhi Lieutenant Governor (LG) **Shri. L. G. Saxena** launched the Dust Free Drive across the cities to combat the Air Pollution. This step looks to be important ahead of the tough and harsh air pollution in the winter in the Capital of Country. ([Click here to read article](#))

Static Takeaways

Organization	Head/Chairman/President	Headquarters	Established Year
International Maritime Organization (IMO)	Arsenio Dominguez (Secretary-General)	London, UK	1948
International Monetary Fund	Kristalina Georgieva (Managing Director)	Washington, D.C., USA	1945
Central Silk Board	P. Sivakumar	Bengaluru, India	1948
Asian Development Bank	Masatsugu Asakawa (President)	Mandaluyong, Philippines	1966
United Nations World Tourism Organization	Zurab Pololikashvili (Secretary-General)	Madrid, Spain	1975
Amazon India	Samir Kumar	Bengaluru, India	2013
Uzbekistan	Shavkat Mirziyoyev (President)	Tashkent, Uzbekistan	1991 (Independence)
SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India)	Madhabi Puri Buch (Chairperson)	Mumbai, India	1992
Film Federation of India	Ravi Kottakara (President)	Mumbai, India	1951
International Space Station	Sunita Williams (Commandant)	Low Earth Orbit	1998 (first module launched)
International Billiards and Snooker Foundation	Mubarak Al-Khayarin (President)	Information not available	Information not available
Indian Chemical Council	Rajen K. Mariwala (MD)	Mumbai, India	1938
Indian Coast Guard	Rakesh Pal (Director General)	New Delhi, India	1978
National Disaster Management Authority	Narendra Modi (Chairperson)	New Delhi, India	2005
Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions	Girish Chandra Murmu	Information not available	1979
Kotak Mahindra Bank	Ashok Vaswani (Managing Director & CEO)	Mumbai, India	1985
National Rifle Association of India	Raninder Singh (President)	New Delhi, India	1951
Federal Bank	KVS Manian (Managing Director & CEO)	Aluva, Kerala, India	1931
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank	Jin Liqun (President)	Beijing, China	2016
Axis Bank	Amitabh Chaudhry (Managing Director & CEO)	Mumbai, India	1993
Inter-American Development Bank	Ilan Goldfajn (President)	Washington, D.C., USA	1959
Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)	V. Satish Kumar (Chairman)	New Delhi, India	1959
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India	Apurva Chandra (Chairperson)	New Delhi, India	2006
Central Bureau of Investigation	Praveen Sood (Director)	New Delhi, India	1963