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## **Awards and Honours**

Awardee Name	Award Name	<b>Extra Information</b>
NIMHANS	Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion	The World Health Organization (WHO) has given the prestigious <u>Nelson</u> <u>Mandela Award</u> for Health Promotion for 2024 to the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru.
Siddhalinga Pattanashetti	Gudleppa Hallikeri Award 2024	The Gudleppa Hallikeri Memorial Foundation in Hosaritti (Haveri District) has picked poet and playwright Siddhalinga Pattanashetti to receive the well-known Gudleppa Hallikeri Award for 2024.
C-DOT	UN WSIS Award for Disaster Resilience Technology	The Indian government set up the Center for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) on August 24, 1984. It is one of the best places for study and development in telecommunications.
Nar Singh, Rohini Lokhande	Dilip Bose Lifetime Achievement Award	The Dilip Bose award for lifetime success has been given to coach Nar Singh by the All India Tennis Association (AITA).

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SEBI	Best Conduct of Business Regulator	One news source, The Asian Banker, says that the <u>Securities and</u> <u>Exchange Board of</u> <u>India (SEBI)</u> was recently given the Asia- Pacific "Best Conduct of Business Regulator" prize.
Vellayan Subbiah	EY World Entrepreneur of the Year 2024	This is the fourth time that an Indian business owner has won the prestigious EY World Entrepreneur of the Year 2024 award.
ASTROPHYSICS: David Charbonneau and Sara Seager NANOSCIENCE: Robert Langer, Armand Paul Alivisatos, and Chad Mirkin NEUROSCIENCE: Nancy Kanwisher, Winrich Freiwald, and Doris Tsao	2024 Kavli Prize	The 2024 Kavli Prize winners were announced, honoring great work in neuroscience, astrophysics, and nanoscience. Eight well-known scholars from well-known American colleges were recognized for their groundbreaking work in these areas.
RBI	Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been honored with the prestigious "Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024" by Central Banking, a well-known newspaper with its headquarters in London.

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Subbiah Nallamuthu	V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award	The prestigious 18th V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award was given to the famous wildlife filmmaker Subbiah Nallamuthu for his outstanding services to the fields of non-feature and wildlife documentary filmmaking.
GRSE	Sustainable Governance Champion Award	As part of the Outlook Planet Sustainability Summit & Awards 2024, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd. was given the "Sustainable Governance Champion Award."
Sanjana Thakur	2024 Commonwealth Short Story Prize	The piece "Aishwarya Rai" written by Sanjana Thakur, who hails from Mumbai, has been awarded the Commonwealth Short Story Prize for the year 2024. Through the perspective of a young lady living in Mumbai, her narrative reimagines the concept of adoption while also delving into the concepts of identity and belonging.

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SEVENTEEN	NESCO's First Youth	SEVENTEEN was
	Goodwill Ambassador	inaugurated as
		UNESCO's inaugural
		Goodwill Ambassadors
		for Youth at Paris
		headquarters. They
		pledged 1 million USD
		to the Global Youth
		Grant Scheme,
		emphasizing global
		youth empowerment.

# Appointments

Name	Designation Name	Extra Information
PV Sindhu	Brand Ambassador For Tobacco Control	An event was held by the Indian Government's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to honour World No Tobacco Day 2024.
Sheikh Sabah	Kuwait' Prince	Sheikh Meshal just recently dissolved parliament for up to four years because of the general lack of order in Kuwait's government.
Rakesh Mohan Joshi	Vice-Chancellor of IIFT	The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), a prestigious business school run by the Ministry of Commerce, has named Rakesh Mohan Joshi as its Vice- Chancellor.

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Shri Kamal Kishore	Director General, ESIC	On May 31, Shri Kamal Kishore Soan was given the extra job of Director General of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), which is part of the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
Raj Priy Singh	Director in Department of Rural Development	In 2010, Raj Priy Singh became an officer in the Indian Forest Service (IFoS). Now, he is the Director of the Department of Rural Development in the Ministry of Rural Development.
Sameer Bansal	CEO of PNB MetLife	Sameer Bansal has been named as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of PNB MetLife India Insurance.
Mohan Charan Majhi	Chief Minister of Odisha	The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has formed its first government in the state of Odisha, which is an important event.
Prem Singh Tamang	Sikkim Chief Minister	Prem Singh Tamang, leader of the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM), became the second time in a row the Chief Minister of the Himalayan state on June 10.

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InderPal Singh Bindra	CCI Secretary	An officer in the Indian Revenue Service named InderPal Singh Bindra will soon be in charge of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) as its Secretary.
Chandrababu Naidu	Andhra Pradesh CM	Three years after vowing to enter the Assembly only as Chief Minister, N. Chandrababu Naidu has been sworn in for his fourth term as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.
Upendra Dwivedi	Next Chief Of Army Staff	As of now, Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi is the new Chief of the Army Staff. From the 30th of this month, he will be in charge.
Prem Prabhakar	MD and CEO of SBICAP Ventures Limited	Prem Prabhakar has been named as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of SBICAP Ventures Limited (SVL).
Waker-Uz-Zaman	Bangladesh new Army chief	Officer General Waker- Uz-Zaman was chosen to lead Bangladesh's Army for three years.
Rajeev Agarwal	Paytm - Non-Executive Independent Director	Rajeev Krishnamuralilal Agarwal, who used to be the full-time director

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		of SEBI, has been named as Paytm's non- executive independent director for a five-year term.
Manoj Jain	Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Electronics Limited	A major Indian defense electronics company, <u>Bharat</u> <u>Electronics Limited</u> ( <u>BEL</u> ), has announced that its top leadership will be changing in a big way. As of now, Manoj Jain is the new Chairman and Managing Director of the business.
Atul Kumar Chaudhary	Secretary of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India	The government hired Atul Kumar Chaudhary on June 20 as the new Secretary of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). V. Raghunandan retired on May 31 and left the post open.
Girija Subramanian	CMD of New India Assurance Company	Girija Subramanian has been named head and managing director (CMD) of New India Assurance, India's biggest general insurer, by the government.
Anuj Tyagi	MD and CEO of HDFC ERGO General Insurance	Private general insurer <u>HDFC</u> ERGO General Insurance said that Anuj Tyagi will start as its new

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J.P. Nadda	Leader of The House in	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on July 1, 2024. The head of the
J.I . INAUGA	Rajya Sabha	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and a Union Minister, Jagat Prakash Nadda, has been named Leader of the House in the <u>Rajya Sabha</u> .
Mark Rutte	Next Secretary General of NATO	Mark Rutte, the prime minister of the Netherlands, has been chosen to be the next heads of NATO.
Vikram Misri	India's New Foreign Secretary	VIKRAM MISHRI, who is currently the Deputy National Security Advisor, will become the Foreign Secretary on July 15. This was revealed by the government on June 28. Mr. Misri, who used to be India's ambassador to China, will take over for Vinay Mohan Kwatra as Foreign Secretary.

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## **Banking & Finance**

## State Bank of India Market Cap Crosses ₹8 Lakh Crore Milestone

State Bank of India (SBI) reached a big milestone when its market capitalization went over ₹8 lakh crore.

This was made possible by a huge rise in the price of its shares. This accomplishment shows how well the bank has been doing and shows that investors are confident in the banking industry as the market is doing well.

#### The rise in SBI's stock price and market value

During trade, SBI's shares went up almost 10%, which made the company's market value go over ₹8 lakh crore for the first time.

The rise in stock prices was caused by a recovery in the market as a whole. Benchmark indices hit all-time highs as people felt good about the election results.

#### **Impressive Measures of Performance**

The tremendous growth of SBI's stock, which has increased by more than 50% in the last six months, is proof of its great success.

Also, the bank's year-over-year net profit growth of 24% in Q4 and 3% rise in net interest income were better than what analysts had expected.

The quality of SBI's assets has also gotten better, as shown by the fact that the gross NPA ratio has gone down to 2.24%.

## Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank Gets National Award for APY Implementation

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) gave Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB), a regional rural bank backed by Canara Bank, a national award for a lot of people signing up for the Atal Pension Yojana (APY).

#### Who was given this award?

The award was given to Shreekant M. Bhandiwad, Chairman of KVGB, on June 21 in New Delhi by Vivek Joshi, Secretary, of Department of Financial Services, Government of India, and Deepak Mohanty, Chairman of PFRDA.

APY gives workers in the private sector a safety net by guaranteeing a pension after 60 years.

# ICICI Bank M-Cap Tops \$100 bn; Becomes Only Sixth Indian Co to Hit Milestone

The market value (m-cap) of ICICI Bank passed \$100 billion for the first time on June 25. It was only the sixth company to do so.

Along with Reliance Industries, Tata Consultancy Services, HDFC Bank, and Bharti Airtel, the private sector lender is now part of the group.

The four other companies named in the United States that are worth more than \$100 billion on the stock market.

#### ICICI Bank's success comes after Infosys

In the past, Infosys had also reached the goal. Following a record high of Rs 1,207, ICICI Bank shares last finished at Rs 1,199, up 2.5%, putting the value of the company at Rs 8.44 trillion (\$100 billion).

ICICI Bank's share price has gone up almost 29% in the past year, more than the 27% rise in the NSE Nifty 50 and the 20% rise in the Bank Nifty.

The first quarter of FY25 data from ICICI Bank will be released by the bank's board of directors on July 27, 2024.

ICICI Bank's standalone net profit rose to 10,707.5 crore in the last quarter, which finished on March 31.

This is up 17.4 percent from Rs 9,121.9 crore in the same quarter last year. In the January-March quarter, it made Rs 19,092.8 crore in net interest income, up from Rs 17,666.8 crore the previous year.

There was also a dividend of Rs 10 per stock share with a face value of Rs 2.

## NPCI International and Reserve Bank of Peru Forge Landmark Partnership for UPI Payments

NPCI International and the Reserve Bank of Peru have teamed up to create a real-time payments system in Peru that works like UPI. This is a first for South America. Using India's well-known Unified Payment Interface (UPI) technology, this partnership aims to change Peru's financial scene in a way that encourages economic growth and financial inclusion.

#### A Look at the Partnership

The Central Reserve Bank of Peru (BCRP) and NPCI International have announced a groundbreaking agreement to build a real-time payments system in Peru that works like UPI.

This strategic partnership makes Peru the first country in South America to use UPI technology, which will make the country's banking system more efficient and easy for everyone to use.

#### Goals for the future

The goal of the partnership between NPCI International and the BCRP is to strengthen Peru's banking system so that digital payments can help the economy grow.

Together, they want to encourage people to have access to financial services, cut costs, and be open about things, while also being flexible enough to adapt to new technologies and market needs.

# SBI Distributes Rs 6,959 Crore Dividend to Government

The Indian government got a dividend of Rs 6,959 crore from the State Bank of India (SBI) for the financial year 2023–24. This is a big financial move.

The payment went up from Rs 11.30 per share last year to Rs 13.70 per share this year. The dividend check was given to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman by SBI Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara. Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi was also there. For the year, SBI had a record combined net profit of Rs 67,085 crore, up from Rs 55,648 crore the year before.

#### **Presentation of Dividends**

The dividend check was given to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman by SBI Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara, who was with Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi. The Finance Ministry confirmed getting it in a letter on X.

# Arka Fincap Expands Financial Solutions with IRDAI License

The IRDAI has given Arka Fincap Limited, a unit of Kirloskar Oil Engines Limited, a Corporate Agency License.

This is a big step forward. With this permission, Arka can start selling insurance, which will add to the range of financial services it already offers and better meet the needs of all its customers.

#### **Chance for diversification**

Arka Fincap can now offer a wider range of products by entering the insurance market to take advantage of new possibilities while staying true to its core value of putting the customer first.

Giving customers the tools they need for long-term growth

Vimal Bhandari, Executive Vice Chairman & CEO, is excited about the achievement and says it shows how committed the company is to new ideas and long-term growth.

The company hopes to achieve long-term growth that benefits all parties by adding insurance options.

## **Indian Affairs**

## India's Environment Performance in 2024

India is ranked 176th out of 180 countries in the Environmental Performance Index (EPI) for 2024.

This is a little better than the previous year's ranking, but it still puts it among the world's worst offenders.

The measure, which was made by Yale and Columbia universities, shows how badly India is doing in important areas like biodiversity, air quality, and greenhouse gas emissions.

Placed 10th on the Environmental Performance Index 2024 list,

- Estonia got a score of 75.3.
- Score for Luxembourg: 75.0
- Score for Germany: 74.6
- Score for Finland: 73.7
- Score: 72.7 for the UK
- Sweden got 70.5 points,
- Norway got 70.0 points,
- Austria got 69.0 points.
- Score for Switzerland: 68.0
- Score for Denmark: 67.9

# Delhi Airport Launches India's First Self-Service Mechanism For Check-in Luggage

The Delhi International Airport Ltd started a self-service system on June 17 so that people could drop off their bags, get tags, and print their boarding passes without having to wait for someone else to do it.

#### Setting up a self-service bag drop (SSBD)

About 50 Self-Service Bag Drop (SSBD) units have been set up at Delhi's IGI Airport for people to use in Terminals 1 and 3.

These units are shared by Air India, IndiGo, and Air India Express.

#### How does this system work?

With this new system, passengers can get their luggage tags and connect them at CUSS kiosks when they arrive.

After the passengers put their bags on the SBD conveyor belt, the system starts the app for that airline on the SBD machine with a single click.

The DIAL also said that when a passenger agrees to the dangerous goods self-declaration form with just one click, the SBD system checks all the important criteria and business rules set by the airlines.

# India Set to be the 6th Country to have its own Deep Sea Mission

With the commencement of its ambitious Deep Sea Mission, India is going to become the sixth country to embark on such a ground-breaking project, joining an elite group of nations that are already at the forefront of their respective fields.

During a recent meeting in New Delhi, Dr. Jitendra Singh, who is the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Earth Sciences, PMO, Atomic Energy, Space, Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions, expressed his pride and happiness over the progress that has been made about this mission.

How to Achieve a Blue Economy That Is Resilient

Dr. Jitendra Singh, who was in charge of presiding over a conference to review the 100-day Action Plan of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, underlined the significance of concentrating on the development of a resilient blue economy to empower individuals whose livelihoods are based on the ocean and the energy it provides.

He brought attention to the fact that the Deep Sea Mission is not restricted to the investigation of minerals alone; rather, it involves the growth of ocean sciences, the exploration of flora and fauna, and the conservation of marine biodiversity.

# Supreme Court Reconstitutes Gender Sensitisation Committee

In line with the Gender Sensitization and Sexual Harassment Regulations of 2013, the Supreme Court of India has once again set up its Gender Sensitization and Internal Complaints Committee.

The Chief Justice of India started the process of reorganizing, and Justice Hima Kohli is now the Chairperson. Justice BV Nagarathna is now a Member, and Dr. Sukhda Pritam is now the Member Secretary.

#### **Details about membership**

There are lawyers on the group from the Supreme Court Bar Association, the Supreme Court Advocate-on-Record Association, and the Supreme Court Bar Clerks' Association, among others.

Members also include lawyers and academics like Shruti Pandey, Jaideep Gupta, Dr. Leni Chaudhuri, and Dr. Menaka Guruswamy, who were chosen by the Chief Justice of India.

#### Leadership That Lasts

Do right. Hima Kohli, who has been in charge of the committee before, is still the Chairperson.

This makes sure that the Supreme Court Gender Sensitization and Internal Complaints Committee has a stable leader.

# India is the World's Second Largest Emitter of Nitrous Oxide

India is the second biggest source of nitrous oxide (N2O) in the world. N2O is a greenhouse gas that warms the air much more than carbon dioxide. Nearly 11% of these man-made emissions around the world in 2020 came from India.

China had the most, at 16%. A study of N2O emissions around the world, which came out in the journal Earth System Science Data on June 12, says that fertilizer use is the main source of these emissions.

#### **Details and a Report**

The study said that the amount of N2O in the air, which is the third most important greenhouse gas, is rising faster than the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) thought it would.

In 2022, the concentration hit 336 parts per billion, which is 25% more than it was before industrialization and a lot faster than the IPCC thought it would rise.

Over the past ten years, world carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels and changes in land use have stayed pretty stable. On the other hand, global N2O emissions keep going up, mostly because of food production.

The five countries that put out the most manmade N2O in 2020 were China (16.7%), India (10.9%), the US (5.7%), Brazil (5.3%), and Russia (4.6%).

# South India's First Leopard Safari Opens at Bannerghatta

It was just opened by Eshwar Khandre, the Environment Minister, at the Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) in Bengaluru as South India's first and largest leopard tour. This big event marks a turning point in India's work to protect wildlife and boost wildlife tourism.

The safari takes place on a 20-hectare area that follows the strict rules set by the Central Zoo Authority for safety and to look like an environment.

#### The Safari's history and features

It took 4.5 crore to build the leopard safari, which is meant to look like the leopards' natural environment, with rolling hills, rocky outcrops, and woods that lose some of their leaves in the fall.

The enclosure is sealed with a 4.5-meter-tall chain-link mesh and MS sheets that are raised at a  $30^{\circ}$  angle. It's set up this way so that both the leopards and the tour guests are safe.

#### Leopards and people who live in safari areas

The BBP is home to many leopards, and eight of them are set free for the first time. This safe place lets people get close to these beautiful animals, which helps spread the word about leopard protection and teaches people how to do it.

This is also backed up by the park's plan to take care of saved leopard cubs and help them get used to safari life before moving them to a place closer to where they belong in the wild.

# India Created World Record with 64.2 crore People Voting in Lok Sabha Poll

India set a new world record by having 64.2 crore votes, including 31.2 crore women, take part in the Lok Sabha Election 2024.

CEO Rajiv Kumar said that the number of voters is 1.5 times the total number of votes in the G7 countries, which are the US, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and Canada.

It is also the world record for the most women voters (31.2 crore), who went to the polls for the Lok Sabha.

He also said that there were only 39 recounts in this race, compared to 540 recounts in the 2019 General race.

Mr. Kumar said that more than 68 thousand monitoring teams and 1.5 crore poll workers and security guards were part in the election. He also said that, with a turnout of 58.58 percent generally and 51.05 percent in the Valley, Jammu and Kashmir had its best turnout in forty years.

#### India and the World

This year, polls are planned in more than 80 countries, and some of them are already over. There are some of the richest and strongest, as well as the most crowded, authoritarian, and weak countries on this list. A lot of these votes would see how far democracy can go, while others would just be rubber-stamping exercises.

## Two bird Sanctuaries of Bihar added to Ramsar List

The number of Ramsar Sites in India has grown to 82 with the addition of two bird reserves from Bihar.

These are called Nagi and Nakti. On June 5, which is World Environment Day, two new "Wetlands of International Importance" were added to the Ramsar List. They are man-made lakes in the Jhajha forest area of the Jamui District in Bihar.

#### Why Nagi and Nakti Bird Sanctuary Is Important

In the Jhajha forest area of Jamui, these two new wetlands are man-made lakes. The Secretary of the Department of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (DEFCC) of Bihar said, "Their catchments are made up of dry deciduous forests surrounded by hills."

## India's First Biosphere in a Tiger Reserve

People who care about the earth, Jai Dhar Gupta and Vijay Dhasmana The Rajaji Raghati Biosphere (RRB), which is in the Rajaji National Park in Uttarakhand and is India's first biosphere, was made in a tiger reserve.

#### **About Biosphere**

The biome is in Uttarakhand's Rajaji National Park. It looks out over the rocky, white Raghati riverbed, which is in the foothills of the Shivalik range.

The biosphere is a 35-acre private forest project that aims to find and bring back to life rare and endangered species of local trees while keeping the area safe from mining and poachers. Before it was set aside for RRB, the land was empty and in bad shape.

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# Om Birla Becomes First Lok Sabha Speaker in 20 Years to be Re-elected as MP

It was an amazing accomplishment for Om Birla, who is currently the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, to win the spot in Kota on June 4, 2024.

Birla was re-elected to the Lower House of Parliament with a huge majority of 41,139 votes. She is the first presiding officer to do so in 20 years.

#### Putting an end to a 20-year drought

In the 11th Lok Sabha, from 1996 to 1998, P.A. Sangma was Speaker and also won reelection to the Lower House.

He was the last Speaker to do so. At that time, Sangma was a member of the Congress party. In the 1998 Lok Sabha election, he was re-elected from Tura in Meghalaya.

# MoD Signs MoUs to Expand SPARSH Service Centers

By forming relationships with four well-known banks, the Ministry of Defense (MoD) has taken a big step toward improving services for pensioners.

The goal of these Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) is to set up SPARSH service centers across 1,128 branches across the country by using the System for Pension Administration (RAKSHA).

A web-based method called SPARSH makes it easier to process pensions and send money directly to the bank accounts of defense pensioners.

#### Improving access for pensioners

The MoUs with Bank of India, Canara Bank, Central Bank of India, and Utkarsh Small Finance Bank are a smart move to connect pensioners in the last mile, especially those who live in remote places that don't have good technology.

These SPARSH service centers will be important hubs for retirees, helping them with things like updating their profiles, filing grievances, digital annual identification, data verification, and getting access to detailed pension information.

# School Education Department Signs MoU with National Book Trust to Create Institutional Framework for Rashtriya E-Pustakalaya

The Department of School Education and the National Book Trust signed an MoU to set up the institutions that will support the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya Digital Library Platform. K. Sanjay Murthy, Secretary of the Department of Higher Education, said that the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so fans can get their books whenever they want.

He also said that Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya would solve the problem of many states not having a library in the last mile.

#### An online library platform

In the next two to three years, the digital library plans to give over 10,000 books in more than 100 languages, solving the "last mile" problem for many states.

There are now more than 1,000 books offered in 23 languages.

#### What Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya wants to do

The Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya will have more than 1,000 non-academic books from more than 40 companies, written in 22 languages besides English.

The platform will be available on Android and iOS devices and geared toward four age groups: 3 to 8, 8 to 11, 11 to 14, and 14 to 18.

This is in line with NEP 2020 standards. The library will have books from a variety of genres, which will help people understand and respect other cultures.

The project, which aims to close the digital gap, will ensure that books can be accessed anytime and anywhere, encouraging young people to develop good reading habits.

The MoU means that both countries will work together to make India a better place to learn.

## India to host 2025 FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup

The International Hockey Federation's Executive Board chose India to hold the first-ever Junior World Cup in December 2024.

The FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup was last held in 2023 in Malaysia, and Germany won it.

The FIH Hockey Junior World Cup will have 24 teams for the first time.

## **State-related Affairs**

# Pench Tiger Reserve launches first advanced AI System for forest fire

An innovative artificial intelligence system has been implemented at the Pench Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra for early detection of forest fires. In addition to having a viewing range of fifteen kilometers, this cutting-edge device is equipped with a high resolution camera. The hill that the tower is situated on is located near the settlement of Kirringisarra. There was funding for a portion of the project provided by Solar Industries India Ltd., Nagpur, and the government of Maharashtra.

# Haryana Government's Rs 10,000-Crore Project to Combat Air Pollution

T V S N Prasad, the chief secretary of <u>Haryana</u>, announced the start of a Rs 10,000-crore project to clean up the state's air. The World Bank will pay for the project.

The National Capital Region (NCR) will be the first place where the Haryana Clean Air Project for Sustainable Development is put into action.

#### Improving the infrastructure for monitoring air quality

The first part of the project is to improve Haryana's systems for tracking air quality. Setting up a state-of-the-art lab and updating old ones are both parts of this.

A separate unit for program management will also be in charge of execution, and training programs will be set up for people who have a stake in managing air quality.

## **International Affairs**

# Volvo to Issue World's First EV Battery Passport Ahead of EU Rules

Volvo Cars is releasing the world's first EV battery passport, which carefully tracks the raw materials, parts, recycled content, and carbon footprint of its upcoming top EX90 SUV, even before EU rules become law.

A QR code on the inside of the driver's door lets Volvo drivers get to a simplified version of the passport.

What the EV Battery Passport Does

Volvo and the UK-based startup Circulor worked together to make the EV battery passport. Circulor uses blockchain technology to map companies' supply lines.



Circular's work on battery passports began before the first suggestion for a New Battery Regulation from the European Commission in 2020. For EVs sold in the EU after February 2027, the EU says that these kinds of passports must be offered.

# Pakistan Launches New Military Operation Azm-e-Istehkam

The leaders of Pakistan have started Operation Azm-e-Istehkam, which is also called "Resolve for Stability," to fight the growing violence and terrorism that are mostly caused by their wars with Afghanistan.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif took a close look at the country's anti-terrorism plans, and focused on what was learned from the National Action Plan, which was made after the terrible attack on the Peshawar Army Public School in 2014. This operation comes after that.

#### The goals of Operation Azm-e-Istehkam

The main goal of Operation Azm-e-Istehkam is to make the country safer by fighting threats from inside and stopping armed fighters from leaving Afghanistan.

Sharif's office says that the action will "intensify" attacks on terrorists. It will use economic and social strategies to make people happy and stop the spread of radical ideas.

The plan also wants to protect law enforcement agencies legally, which will help with prosecutions and handling cases linked to terrorism.

# Paraguay Becomes 100th Member of International Solar Alliance as 100th Member

Paraguay is now the 100th full member of the <u>International Solar Alliance (ISA)</u>. This is a big step forward in working together on solar energy around the world.

Hi, I'm Ambassador Fleming Raul Duarte from Paraguay. I gave you the Instrument of Ratification when we met in New Delhi. Shri Abhishek Singh is the Joint Secretary (ED & MER) and Head of Depository.

#### **Background and Goals of the ISA**

The ISA was started by India and France at COP21 in 2015, and its goal is to speed up the use of solar energy around the world to help with climate action.

Its headquarters are in India, and its mission is to remove barriers in technology, finance, and ability that stop the global spread of solar energy.

#### Leadership and Projects in India

While India was president, the ISA worked on important projects all over the world.

For example, infrastructure in Malawi and Fiji was made solar-powered, and buildings were built in Seychelles and Kiribati that use solar power. India supports clean energy options by sharing technology, building up people's skills, and making bilateral agreements within the ISA structure.

# G7 Agrees \$50bn Loan for Ukraine Using Russian Assets

The G7 has decided to use Russian assets that have been frozen to get Ukraine a \$50 billion loan to help it defend itself against a <u>Russian</u> invasion.

President Vladimir Putin called it theft, while US President Joe Biden said it was a strong stand against Russia.

President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine and President Biden signed a 10-year security deal in Italy at the G7 meeting.

Ukraine will get military and training help as part of this deal, but US troops will not be sent there. Its goals are to improve Ukraine's defenses and make sure that its economy and energy supply are safe.

# European Commission Excludes Tanzania From Conservation Grant

A big decision has been made by the European Commission (EC) about Tanzania's ability to get a conservation grant through its NaturAfrica program.

Conservation attempts in East Africa will be affected by this decision, especially the Eastern Rift Savannahs and Watersheds (ERiSaWa) part of the project.

- Notes on NaturAfrica
- The EC funds the NaturAfrica program, which works to protect biodiversity and encourage long-term growth in important African areas.
- Key Landscapes for Conservation and Development (KLCDs) are the places it aims to protect and grow.
- NaturAfrica works to protect the environment, help people in the area make a living, and make sure that important environments are well managed.

# UN declares 2025 'International Year of Quantum' and Technology

To get more people interested in and behind quantum science, the UN has named 2025 the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology.

The decision, which was brought up by Ghana, stresses the importance of using quantum technologies for sustainable development in areas like medicine, renewable energy, financial inclusion, and safe communication.

A quantum computer will be built in Brisbane by PsiQuantum.

# Denmark Set to Impose World's First Carbon Tax on Gassy Cattle

To make history, Denmark will be the first country to tax farmers who raise animals starting in 2030. The goal of this project is to reduce the methane emissions that come from cows, sheep, and pigs, which are major causes of global warming. Denmark wants to cut its greenhouse gas emissions by 70% from what they were in 1990 by the year 2030.

#### The first country to charge a tax on carbon

Denmark is going to be the first country to put a carbon tax on methane emissions from animals. This is because methane is a very strong greenhouse gas. This innovative plan aims to cut greenhouse gas pollution by a lot and encourage other countries to do the same. Denmark's farming minister, Jacob Jensen, said, "We are writing a new chapter in Danish agricultural history" to emphasize how important the deal was. The plan includes big funds for the green transition in agriculture, which are meant to show that the country is serious about using sustainable farming methods.

### **Foreign Relations**

## India Participates in the Summit on Peace in Ukraine

India was represented at the Summit on Peace in Ukraine, held in Burgenstock, Switzerland, on June 15 and 16, 2024, by Shri Pavan Kapoor, Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs.

India went to both the opening and closing plenary sessions of the Summit, but it did not agree with any documents or communiques that came out of them.

This shows that India has always taken a strong, independent stance in favor of using dialogue and diplomacy to end the war peacefully.

#### India's Promise to Find a Peaceful Solution

India's presence at the Summit and in earlier meetings between the NSA and Political Directors based on Ukraine's Peace Formula shows its dedication to a long-lasting and peaceful solution.

India wants the sides to the conflict to engage in honest and useful talks. They stress that dialogue and diplomacy are very important for making peace last.

# 64th International Sugar Organisation Council Meeting in New Delhi

The 64th meeting of the International Sugar Organization (ISO) Council began on June 25, 2024, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

More than 30 countries' delegates and leaders from other international groups were there. The meeting, which will take place from June 25th to June 27th, 2024, is meant to talk about problems in the biofuels and sugar industries.

#### India as the head of ISO

At the 63rd ISO Council meeting in London, India was chosen to be Chairman of the International Sugar Council for 2024.

India is holding the 64th meeting as the current chairman. Sanjeev Chopra, Secretary of the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Government of India, is in charge of the meeting.

#### The Global Sugar Industry and India's Place in It

110 countries, according to the ISO, make sugar from sugarcane or sugar beets. Sugarcane makes up 80% of the world's sugar.

The top five producers are in order: Brazil, India, the EU, China, and the USA. India is the biggest consumer of sugar and the second-biggest producer of it.

It makes up about 15% of the world's sugar usage and 20% of its production. India is also the third biggest maker of ethanol, a biofuel made from sugarcane molasses, after the United States and Brazil. India's top three states for growing sugarcane are Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Karnataka.

### **Business News**

# Oracle Partners with Tamil Nadu to Empower Youth with IT Skills

Oracle and the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation have formed a partnership to improve the information technology (IT) abilities of the younger generation in the state through the Naan Mudhalvan program.

Over 200,000 students will have the opportunity to participate in employment-related possibilities as a result of this program, which intends to give training and certification in cutting-edge technologies such as blockchain, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and cloud computing.

Overview of the Program

Oracle's Naan Mudhalvan program, which is being run in conjunction with the state of Tamil Nadu, has the objective of providing more than 200,000 students with the knowledge and abilities necessary to become proficient in cloud computing, data science, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and blockchain.

As an addition to the training that will be provided by instructors and academicians directly on campuses, digital modules that are accessible through Oracle MyLearn will also be utilized.

# Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Gets Rs 50,000 Crore Tender for Combat Helicopters

The Indian government recently gave Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), a well-known aircraft and defense company, a one-of-a-kind deal worth about Rs 50,000 crore. An Indian company has never been given such a large order for helicopters all at once. Light Combat Helicopters (LCH), also called "Prachand," will be bought with the money. **Buying things and contract details** 

- The Single Vendor Contract (SVC) method was used to handle this tender, and it will only go to HAL.
- The company will now make a technical and business offer, which will be thought over with the defense minister until everyone agrees on it.

# Nokia and Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya Collaborate on 5G/6G Research

Nokia and Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV), a Finnish telecom giant, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to work together to look into improvements in 5G and 6G communications, focusing on the logistics and transportation sectors.

The agreement, which was signed by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Chancellor of GSV, will use Nokia's experience in telecommunications to improve different parts of logistics and transportation.

#### **Focus Areas for Research**

Nokia and GSV will work together on a number of important issues, including:

Transportation Use Cases: Looking into how 5G and 6G can be used in land, air, and sea travel.

Standards Development: Helping to make telecommunications business standards for the transportation field.

Smart Factory and Automation: Looking into how modern communication technologies can be used to make automation and smart factory solutions possible.

AI and GenAI Labs are looking into how to use artificial intelligence (AI) and generative AI (GenAI) together in shipping and transportation.

#### **Industry-Driven Working Together**

The partnership shows that GSV is committed to education and study that are driven by business needs. GSV wants to encourage creativity and help build a technologically advanced transportation and logistics ecosystem in India by working closely with Nokia and other important players in the industry.

#### The Network as Code Platform from Nokia

Nokia's network as code platform, developer portals, and digital twins will also be used as part of the collaboration to improve processes in the transportation and logistics sectors. As part of this project, fibre detection, AI, and planning for optical networks will also be looked into.

#### Ranks

## Gautam Adani Reclaims the Title of Asia's Richest Person

Gautam Adani, chairman of the Adani Group, has surpassed Mukesh Ambani, head of Reliance Industries, to become Asia's richest person again.

This is a big change. After the stock prices of the public companies in Adani's apples-toairport conglomerate went up, this goal was reached.

#### Rankings of wealth and market value

The Bloomberg Billionaires Index says that Mr. Adani is the 11th richest person in the world, with a net worth of an amazing \$111 billion.

On the other hand, Mr. Ambani is the 12th richest person in the world with \$109 billion.

#### A big part of this change was the rise in Adani Group's market value.

All Adani Group companies' shares went up by up to 14% on Friday after the U.S. brokerage firm Jefferies said they were positive.

The company was positive about the group's plans to spend \$90 billion on capital over the next ten years, which could mean a rush to grow.

Because of this, the market value of all 10 Adani Group companies went up by an amazing ₹84,064 crore, hitting an amazing ₹17.51 lakh crore at the end of trading on Friday.

# Mumbai Retains Top Spot as India's Most Expensive City for Expats: Mercer Report

Mumbai is still India's most expensive city for expats, according to Mercer's 2024 Cost of Living Survey, which came out on June 17.

It jumped to 136th in the world and 21st in Asia. New Delhi comes in at number 30 in Asia, showing a big change in how prices work in different Indian towns.

Even though India is having problems with its economy, it is still strong and offers affordable benefits for hiring talent from around the world.

The study shows that prices of housing and consumer goods have gone up in different ways in different major Indian cities.

Delhi has seen the biggest increase. Mumbai is the most expensive place to get around and take care of yourself, but Kolkata is the cheapest place to get basic things.

Hong Kong is still the most expensive place for expats in the world, showing how different cost-of-living trends are happening around the world.

# Visakhapatnam Port Ranks in Top 20 of World Bank CPPI

In the 2023 Container Port Performance Index, Visakhapatnam Port moves up from 20th to 19th place, passing Mundra Port.

It is run by J M Baxi Ports & Logistics and has a high-capacity port that makes it work well. **Index A Brief Look** 

The World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence put together the Container Port Performance Index 2023, which looks at how efficient ports are around the world by focusing on the amount of time ships spend in port.

The 19th spot goes to Visakhapatnam Port, which is run by J M Baxi Ports & Logistics and is more efficient than Mundra Port.

The Visakha Container Terminal Pvt Ltd, which is part of J M Baxi Ports & Logistics, is very efficient in terms of things like moves per crane hour, return time, and berth idle time.

## 2024 Global Peace Index

Since 2006, the Global Gender Gap Index has been one of the most important ways that people around the world try to keep track of gender imbalance.

This index looks at how far 146 countries have come in gaining equal rights for women and is updated every year. In four important areas, it looks at economic participation and chance, education level, health and survival, and political power.

There is still a long way to go before every country has fully equal rights for men and women, but many are getting there.

With 93.5% of the gap between men and women closed, Iceland is in first place. The Netherlands, Finland, and Norway are also very close behind. Greater progress has been made in some places, like Europe and North America. For instance, North Africa and the Middle East get the worst grades.

# India Surpasses Hong Kong to Reclaim Fourth Spot in Global Equity Market

India's stock market has once again surpassed Hong Kong's, making it the fourth biggest in the world by market capitalization. India's market value has risen to \$5.2 trillion, thanks to a 10% rise after the elections.

It is now worth more than Hong Kong, which has lost 5.4% of its value since its peak this year and is now worth \$5.17 trillion. This is a big change in the global market rankings, which shows how strong India's economy is and how confident investors are in the country. **How India's Market Works** 

• India's rise is due to a growing number of individual investors, strong corporate earnings, and positive policy changes that have made the country an even better place to spend.

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• With a forward P/E ratio of 20x and a price-to-book ratio of 3x, the country's stock market shows that it has a lot of room to grow even though the world is unsure.

## Global Gender Gap Report 2024

This highlights the modest progress that has been made in gender parity around the world; the gap has only shrunk by 68.5%.

Based on the current rate of progress, it will take 134 years to achieve full parity.

Iceland is in first place 93.5% of the time.

India has fallen to 129th place, with a margin of 64.1% narrowed.

Obstacles to overcome: Both educational and political empowerment are on the decline. Large disparity in literacy (17.2%).

There are only 13.6% of women who are represented in Parliament.

# QS World University Rankings 2025 Announced

The long-awaited QS World University Rankings 2025 are out, and they include 1,500 universities from 105 different higher education systems.

This year's ranking is the biggest one ever, which shows how committed people around the world are to academic success and new ideas.

#### Universities at the Top

The top spots in the lists are held by well-known schools that have stayed at the top of higher education for a long time.

Rank	University	Location	Overall Score
1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	Cambridge, United States	100
2	Imperial College London	London, United Kingdom	98.5
3	University of Oxford	Oxford, United Kingdom	96.9
4	Harvard University	Cambridge, United States	96.8
5	University of Cambridge	Cambridge, United Kingdom	96.7
6	Stanford University	Stanford, United States	96.1
7	ETH Zurich	Zürich, Switzerland	93.9
8	National University of Singapore (NUS)	Singapore	93.7

The QS World University Rankings 2025 lists these 10 universities as the best in the world:

9		UCL	London, United Kingdom	91.6
10	0	California Institute of Technology (Caltech)	Pasadena, United States	90.9

# **Top-Ranked Universities-India**

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Rank	University	Location	Overall Score
118	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)	Mumbai, India	56.3
=150	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD)	New Delhi, India	52.1
211	Indian Institute of Science	Bangalore, India	45.0
=222	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT-KGP)	Kharagpur, India	43.7
=227	Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM)	Chennai, India	43.5
263	Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK)	Kanpur, India	39.3
=328	University of Delhi	New Delhi, India	33.8
335	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IITR)	Roorkee, India	33.4
=344	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IITG)	Guwahati, India	32.9
383	Anna University	Chennai, India	30.6

# India becomes the world's third-largest domestic airline market

With a domestic capacity of 1.55 crore airline seats, India has surpassed Brazil to become the world's third-largest domestic airline market. This month, India's domestic airline capacity increased by 11.2%.

IndiGo, a low-cost carrier, has been the driving force behind this rise, tripling its market share to 62% since 2014. The route between Mumbai and Delhi is currently the ninth busiest route in the world.

With a mere 80 lakh domestic seats, India had the lowest market in the world in 2014.

# Mumbai, Delhi Luxury Real Estate Among Top 5 Globally: Knight Frank

Knight Frank's new study, "Prime Global Cities Index January–March 2024," says that Mumbai and Delhi have become the best places in the world to buy a luxury home.



House prices went up a lot in both cities, putting them in the top five places in the world for prime residential price growth.

#### **Key points**

- During the January–March 2024 quarter, Mumbai's prime home prices rose 11.5% year-overyear (YoY). This put the city third in the world, up from sixth during the same time period in 2023.
- The house prices in the National Capital Region (NCR) of Delhi went up 10.5% year over year, moving it from sixteenth place to fifth.
- Bengaluru, on the other hand, fell from 16th to 17th in the ranks, even though home prices rose 4.8% year over year.

Prices went up 26.2% in Manila, which was at the top of the measure. They went up 12.5% in Tokyo, which was next. Tokyo has grown a lot because mortgage rates are low and more foreign investment is coming in.

# Virat Kohli Reclaims Top Spot as India's Most Valued Celebrity Brand

The Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2023 from the global consulting company Kroll says that cricket player Virat Kohli is once again India's most valuable celebrity brand, with a value of \$227.9 million.

His brand value was \$176.9 million in 2022, so this is a 30% increase.

#### More Popular Than Bollywood Stars

Ranveer Singh, a Bollywood star, came in second with a brand value of \$203.1 million, which was less than Kohli's impressive value.

In 2017, the cricket star passed Shah Rukh Khan as the most famous person in the world. Since then, his brand value has gone up by 58%.

## **Defence News**

# Army Launches Integrated Generator Monitoring, Control System 'Vidyut Rakshak'

The <u>Indian Army</u> came up with a new tech-based idea called an integrated generator tracking, protection, and control system.

It was released on June 5. "Vidyut Rakshak," which was made by the Army Design Bureau (ADB), was introduced by Lt. Gen. Upendra Dwivedi, who is the Vice Chief of the Army. Vidyut Rakshak is an integrated monitoring, protection, and control device for generators that works with the Internet of Things.

The Internet of Things (IoT) is a group of devices that can talk to each other and share information with the cloud and other IoT devices.

"The new technology can be used on all generators currently owned by the Indian Army, no matter what kind, make, rating, or age they are."

In addition to keeping an eye on the generator's settings, it can predict and stop faults, automate manual tasks through an easy-to-use interface, and save people's time.

# Eighth Edition of Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX 24)

The Indian Navy's Stealth Frigate INS Shivalik took part in the 8th version of the Japan-India Maritime Exercise, which started in Yokosuka, Japan.

The Guided Missile Destroyer JS Yugiri is representing the JMSDF, and helicopters from both forces are also taking part.

The exercise brings people together and shows that everyone in the Indo-Pacific area is still committed to maritime security.

## **Science related Affairs**

# Nvidia Unveils Rubin AI Chip Platform: Transforming AI Landscape

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang made a historic announcement: the company's next-generation AI chip platform, Rubin, will be available in 2026. The GPUs, CPUs, and networking units that make up the Rubin family are expected to completely change how AI works.

Notably, Nvidia is planning a big switch to releasing new products every year in order to keep up with AI progress and keep its market control.

#### Strengthening Nvidia's position as a market leader

With a huge 80% share of the AI chip market, Nvidia solidifies its position as a major player in the creation of AI.

Nvidia's decision to release chips once a year, as shown by the Rubin platform, shows their dedication to new ideas and being the market leader. This way of doing things is likely to lead to more creativity and use in many AI areas.

# Russian cosmonaut becomes 1st person to spend 1,000 cumulative days in space

This is the first time in history that a cosmonaut from the Roscosmos State company has been in space for 1,000 days straight.

He is currently working at the International Space Station.

#### **Getting This Mission Done**

The current part of his trip to the ISS started on September 15, 2023, when he launched with Nikolai Chub and NASA astronaut Loral O'Hara.

"I fly into space to do what I love, not to set records," he said. The goal I've had since I was a kid has been to become a pilot. I want to keep flying because I have the chance to go into space and live and work in orbit.

## BlinkX opens India's First Gen AI Lab

The digital stockbroking arm of JM Financial, BlinkX, launched BlinkX Gen AI Lab, a new technology project that wants to use AI to make operations run more smoothly and improve the customer experience.

BlinkX by JM Financial is in Mumbai and has more than 10,000 square feet of space. This setting shows a big step forward in financial technology.

#### Goals and New Ideas at BlinkX Gen AI Lab

The lab is run by Soumya Pattanayak, who is the assistant director of MarTech, AI, and Digital Marketing. AI is being used to power cutting edge projects that will change how people connect with and get services.

One of these new ideas is an automated system that can come up with creative comments and customize material for each client in real time based on their portfolio and what's happening in the market.

# ISRO Gives Details on Indo-French TRISHNA Mission

Space agency ISRO has stated that India and France will work together on an infrared earth observation satellite mission called TRISHNA (Thermal Infra-Red Imaging Satellite for High-Resolution Natural Resource Assessment).

This mission will keep an eye on water management and surface temperature around the world.

#### **About This Project**

- The project comes at a time when both India and Europe are experiencing very high temperatures.
- It will collect information about how climate change is affecting the earth by tracking the loss and release of water from plants and land.
- The project will look at the amount and types of water in different parts of the biosphere, as well as how things change, like glaciers melting, and figure out how much water is used on land.
- In terms of heat, ISRO said the satellite would keep an eye on thermal anomalies and spikes, heat released from land, surface energy, urban heat islands, and other world factors.
- The satellite will also look at clouds, dust, and water vapor in the atmosphere around the world.
- It is currently planned to start in 2025, and it should last for 5 years.

### **Book News**

# A Book titled "A Fly on the RBI Wall" Authored by Alpana Killawala

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s marketing department was just starting to take shape when Alpana Killawala started working there.

During her more than 20-year career, Alpana not only saw how the RBI's communication methods changed over time, she also helped make those changes.

Her book, A Fly on the RBI Wall: An Insider's View of the Central Bank, tells a fascinating story about her life and how the bank has changed over the past 25 years.

#### The Beginning

When Alpana joined the RBI, it started a new era for the bank's marketing department. A former executive director said that Alpana was "integral to the evolution of the RBI's communication."

Her story is linked to the bank's efforts to control its public image and internal communications.

## **Sports News**

Name	Tournament & Title	Extra Information
	name	
Real Madrid	15th Champions League Title	The record-setting 15th UEFA Champions League title won by Real Madrid at Wembley Stadium put their name in all-time records.
Iga Świątek	Women's Singles title at the French Open	Iga Swiatek beats Jasmine Paolini to win her third straight French Open women's title.
Sumit Nagpal	6th ATP Challenger Tennis Title	The famous Heilbronn Neckarcup 2024 ATP Challenger Tennis event in Germany was won by Indian tennis star Sumit Nagpal, who made history in the process.
Max Verstappen	Canadian Grand Prix for Third Consecutive Year	Canadian Grand Prix 2024, also called the AWS GRAND PRIX DU CANADA 2024, was a great show of skill and determination.
Gulveer Singh	Silver Medal in Men's 5000 metre race.	Indian runner Gulveer Singh won silver in the men's 5000-meter race

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		at the Portland Track Festival Meet in Portland, US.
Max Verstappen	Spanish Grand Prix 2024	Max Verstappen won the Spanish Grand Prix on Sunday, showing off his impressive skill and plan. This made his lead in the Formula 1 drivers championship even stronger.
India	11 Medals at the U-17 Asian Wrestling Championship 2024	Gold Medals by Women Wrestlers The Indian women's team dominated by securing all four gold medals: Dipanshi – Gold in 46kg Muskan – Gold in 53kg Rajnita – Gold in 61kg Mansi Lather – Gold in 69kg Silver Medals Raja Bala – Silver in 40kg (Women) Samarth Gajanan Mhakave – Silver in 55kg (Men) Bronze Medals by Men Wrestlers Akash – Bronze in 65kg Sachin Kumar – Bronze in 71kg Bikash Kacchap – Bronze in 48kg Tushar Tukaram Patil – Bronze in 60kg Ronak – Bronze in 110kg

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# **Obituary News**

Name	Associated Field
Ramoji Rao	Founder of Eenadu Group & Ramoji Film
	City

## **Important Days**

Days	Date	Themes
World Milk Day	June 01	celebrating the vital role dairy plays in delivering quality nutrition to nourish the world
Global Day of Parents	June 01	
International Sex Workers' Day	June 02	
Telangana Formation Day	June 02	
World Bicycle Day	June 03	
International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	June 04	
International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing	June 05	
World Environment Day	June 05	Land restoration, desertification, and drought resilience
UN Russian Language Day	June 06	

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World Food Safety Day	June 07	
World Brain Tumour Day	June 08	
World Accreditation Day	June 09	Accreditation: Empowering Tomorrow and Shaping the Future
International Archives day	June 09	
World Day Against Child Labour	June 12	'Let's act on our commitments: End Child Labour
International Albinism Awareness Day	June 13	
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	June 15	Spotlight on Older Persons in Emergencies
World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	June 17	United for Land. Our Legacy. Our Future
International Day for Countering Hate Speech	June 18	The Power of Youth for Countering and Addressing Hate Speech
International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	June 19	
World Hydrography Day	June 21	Hydrographic Information – Enhancing Safety, Efficiency and Sustainability in Marine Activities
World Rainforest Day	June 22	Empowering the World in Defense of Our Rainforests
International Olympic Day	June 23	Let's Move and Celebrate

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International Day of Women in Diplomacy	June 24	
International Day of the Seafarer	June 25	
International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	June 26	The Evidence is Clear: Invest in Prevention
National Insurance Awareness Day	June 28	
National Statistics Day	June 29	Use of data for decision- making
International Day of Parliamentarism	June 30	Parliamentary Diplomacy
International Asteroid Day	June 30	

