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I want to talk to you about two superpowers that can change your life: perseverance and hard work. These aren't just fancy words you hear in speeches; they're the secret to achieving all your dreams.

Perseverance is all about pushing through even when things get tough. It's not giving up when you face obstacles, failures, or disappointments. It's having the courage to keep moving forward, knowing that every setback is an opportunity to learn and grow. As Nelson Mandela once said, "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

And let's not forget hard work! It's like the fuel that powers your dreams. It's putting in the effort, day in and day out, to make progress towards your goals. As Thomas Edison famously put it, "Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration." So, roll up your sleeves, get ready, and go after what you want with all your heart.

Sure, the road to success might have bumps, potholes, and unexpected challenges, but that's what makes the journey so incredible. Each step you take, each challenge you conquer, makes you stronger and more resilient.

So, my friends, don't be afraid to dream big and work even bigger! Embrace perseverance and hard work as your best buddies on this exciting adventure called life.

Now, go out there and show the world what you're made of! You've got this!

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Itanagar Woman Police Station Achieves ISO

9001:2015 Certification



The Woman Police Station in Itanagar, under Capital Police, has achieved ISO 9001:2015 certification.

This certification is globally recognized for establishing and maintaining a high-quality management system. It signifies the station's commitment to effectively handling crimes against women and children.

The certification process involved a rigorous evaluation of the station's procedures, policies, and practices.

The ISO 9001:2015 certification is an international standard that signifies the implementation of a comprehensive quality management system.

India becomes world's 3rd largest Domestic

Aviation Market



India has become the world's third-largest domestic aviation market after the U.S. and China.

According to data compiled by aviation analytics firm Official Airline Guide (OAG), India is now third in the aviation market after airlines such as IndiGo and Air India have expanded their fleet size to cater to the surge in air passengers.

India's domestic airline capacity doubled in the last 10 years from 7.9 million seats in April 2014 to 15.5 million in April 2024.

India has replaced Brazil, which now stands at the fourth place with 9.7 million airline seats followed by Indonesia in fifth rank with 9.2 million.

Bangladesh Navy signs contract for 'Made in India' 800 tons Ocean Going Tug with India's GRSE



The Bangladesh Navy has signed a deal with the Indian Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) for an 800-tonne ocean-going tug—a major contract to be signed under a \$500-million line of credit.

The deal was inked in Dhaka in the presence of representatives of GRSE and the Bangladesh Navy's directorate general of defence purchases.

It coincided with a four-day visit to Bangladesh by Indian Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, aimed at strengthening bilateral defence relations.

As per GRSE, the ship worth approximately USD 21 million will be delivered to Bangladesh within 24 months. As per officials, the platform would help tow ships at sea, and will also be capable of rescue operations.

Rajasthan CM launches Mukhya Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi



Chief Minister of Rajasthan Bhajan Lal Sharma has launched the state government's Mukhya Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi at the Krishi Upaj Mandi in Tonk.

The chief minister released Rs 650 crore as the first installment to around 65 lakh farmers of the state.

The eligible farmers of the state will receive the benefits under the state scheme along with the Rs 6000 per year paid by the central government under the PM-KISAN scheme.

The Cooperative Department, government of Rajasthan has been designated as the nodal department for the effective implementation of the Mukhya Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme.

**Telangana registers first FIR under New
Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita at Charminar Police
Station**



In Telangana, the first FIR under the new Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, (BNS) which replaces the Indian Penal Code (IPC) from July 1, has been registered at the Charminar police station in Hyderabad.

An FIR under Section 281 of the BNS and sections 80(a) and 177 of the MV Act was registered by the Charminar police at 1 a.m. after they were found riding with improper number plates.

An hour later, the Rajendranagar police registered a case under Section 104 of the BNS following the death of a driver who crashed into the divider on the PVNR Expressway.

**IAF chief inaugurates newly established
weapon systems school**



Indian Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari has inaugurated the newly established Weapon Systems School (WSS) at Air Force Station Begumpet, Hyderabad.

This follows the approval for the creation of a new Weapon System (WS) branch in 2022.

The new branch will have four streams;

Flying stream to operate the weapons and systems in airborne platforms like the Sukhoi-30 MKI and C-130J

Remote stream to operate remotely piloted aircraft

Mission commanders and operators for Surface to Air and Surface-to-Surface weapon systems

**Union Minister Shri G Kishan Reddy launches
NIRMAN Portal**



Union Minister for Coal and Mines, G Kishan Reddy has launched a portal “Noble Initiative for Rewarding Mains Aspirants of National Civil Services Examination (NIRMAN)” in New Delhi.

In alignment with the vision “Mission Karmayogi” of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this is a unique CSR scheme by Coal India Limited for meritorious youth of its operating districts who have qualified the Preliminary round of UPSC examination (for Civil Services & Forest Service) in 2024.

The scheme is aimed towards providing support of Rs 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) to the Preliminary examination qualified candidates with annual family income less than 8 lakhs and belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, female or third gender; who are permanent residents of any of the 39 operational districts of CIL.

**India to host UNESCO World Heritage
Committee session in New Delhi**



India will host 46th session of UNESCO World Heritage Committee session at the Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from July 21-31.

The 45th session of the committee was held at Riyadh in Saudi Arabia.

The event will be attended by over 2,500 delegates from State Parties, advisory bodies, senior diplomats, heritage experts, scholars, and researchers from 195 countries.

NITI Aayog to launch Sampurnata Abhiyan



NITI Aayog has launched Sampoonata Abhiyan Campaign to achieve saturation of six key indicators in Aspirational Districts and Aspirational Blocks across the country.

This is a three-month campaign running from June 4 to September 30.

It seeks to achieve saturation in each of the six identified indicators in the 112 Aspirational Districts and 500 Aspirational Blocks under the Aspirational Districts Programme and Aspirational Blocks Programme.

NITI Aayog, in collaboration with the relevant Central Ministries and Departments, as well as the Governments of States and Union Territories, will work together to ensure the effective and rapid development of these Districts and Blocks.

Amit Shah addressed “Sahkar Se Samridhhi” conference



Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah addressed “Sahkar Se Samridhhi” conference on the occasion of 102nd International Day of Cooperatives in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

The Ministry of Cooperation organized ‘Sahkar se Samridhhi’ conference on this day to mark the celebration of International Day of Cooperatives 2024.

The International Day of Cooperatives is an annual celebration of the cooperative movement around the world. It has been observed on the first Saturday of July (6 July) ever since 1923 by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA).

The theme for the 102nd International Cooperative Day is- “Cooperatives Build a Better Future for All.”

Bajaj launches world’s first CNG motorbike



Pune headquartered Bajaj Auto has launched the world’s first CNG powered motorcycle.

Priced between Rs 95,000 and Rs 1,10,000, the bike will be available across the country in a phased manner.

Union minister of Road Transport Nitin Gadkari who unveiled the bike talked about the Centre's commitment to green and clean technology.

India's automobile industry is the third largest in the world. "Our automobile industry contributes around Rs 3 lakh crore in terms of GST and employs around 4 crore people.

Called Freedom, the CNG powered bike has a 2-kg CNG cylinder and a 2-litre petrol tank. The bike, which has a 125 cc engine, has the longest seat length and state of the art technology.

NCPCR declares mica mines in Jharkhand

'child labour free'



The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) declared the mica mines of Jharkhand 'child labour-free' at an event in Koderma, Jharkhand.

NCPCR chairperson Priyank Kanoongo announced that this is the first-ever successful endeavour to cleanse a supply chain of child labour in mica mining.

The widespread use of child labour in mica mining led to an initiative from the government in collaboration with civil society to stop the use of child labour in mica mining and rehabilitation of the child labour freed from mining.

A Child labour-free mica initiative was launched 20 years ago with the participation of the state government, district administration, village panchayats, civil society and the central government. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights was later involved in the initiative after its creation.

Govt makes ISI mark mandatory for stainless steel, aluminium utensils



The government has mandated conformity to the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for

stainless steel and aluminium utensils to enhance kitchen safety, quality and efficiency.

According to an order issued by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the ISI mark will be compulsory for such utensils.

Recently, the BIS has developed a range of standards covering essential kitchen items.

This move will enhance consumer confidence and drive manufacturers towards adopting best practices.

This development follows the BIS' recent formulation of comprehensive standards for kitchen items, including IS 14756:2022 for stainless steel and IS 1660:2024 for aluminium utensils.

BSF organizes “Grow with the Trees” plantation drive in Srinagar



Border Security Forces (BSF) in association with SBI Bank has organized a “Grow with the

Trees” plantation drive at BSF Headquarters in Srinagar.

The initiative is expected to not only help create a more sustainable environment but also foster a sense of community and teamwork among the participants.

The aim of the plantation is to make the campus here greener and to reduce the impact caused by global warming on the planet.

India ranks fifth in GenAI innovations, China leads



India ranks fifth in Generative AI (GenAI) innovations, trailing behind China, the US, Republic of Korea, and Japan.

India has filed 1,350 patents related to Generative AI from 2014 to 2023.

The country ranks fifth globally in total number of GenAI patents, following China (38,210), the US (6,276), Republic of Korea (4,155), and Japan (3,409).

India has surpassed the UK (714 patents) and Germany (708 patents) in the number of GenAI patents published.

Chinese companies Tencent, Ping an Insurance Group, and Baidu have published the most GenAI patent families in the last decade.

India, Russia to boost bilateral trade to \$100 billion by 2030



India and Russia have announced an initiative to develop strategic areas of economic cooperation to achieve a bilateral trade target of \$100 billion by 2030.

The initiative was announced after the 22nd edition of the annual summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Vladimir Putin in Moscow.

In addition, India and Russia signed a number of MoUs between institutions on climate change, polar research, legal arbitration and pharmaceutical certification and other issues.

Earlier, addressing about 500 members of the Indian diaspora in Russia, Mr. Modi announced that Russia had agreed to India's request to open two new consulates in Kazan and Yekaterinburg to help facilitate services for the growing community.

IIT Kanpur launched UDAAN programme to boost drone startups



The **Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC)** at IIT Kanpur has joined forces with the Centre of Excellence for Capacity Building, Training, and Design of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles at IIT Kanpur (Drone CoE Kanpur), an initiative by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, and the **Drone Federation of India (DFI)** to launch the **UAV/UAS/Drone Acceleration and Networking (UDAAN) Programme**.

This programme promises to be a game-changer for aspiring and promising drone startups in India, providing them with the resources and expertise needed to scale their businesses rapidly.

The UDAAN programme will select 20 startups annually, divided into two cohorts, for an intensive acceleration journey.

These startups will be incubated at SIIC, IIT Kanpur, gaining access to cutting-edge R&D facilities, technical mentorship, financing opportunities, and invaluable industry relationship.

OTHERS

- Chief Minister of Maharashtra Eknath Shinde has raised the upper age limit to 65 years for the “Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin” scheme, under which women will get Rs 1,500 per month.
- The Centre has extended the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) under the Union Urban Development Ministry till March 31, 2025.
- Under the SCM, launched in June 2015, 100 cities were chosen through a competition to be developed as smart cities.
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has partnered with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) as the official Principal Partner for four years, starting from Paris Olympics '24 through Los Angeles Olympics '28.
- Uttar Pradesh Government has launched the ‘Mitra Van’ initiative under the Tree Plantation Jan Abhiyan-2024.
- The aim of the ‘Mitra Van’ initiative is to increase the green cover on the Uttar Pradesh-Nepal border.
- Tata Power Solar Systems Limited has launched the ‘Ghar Ghar Solar’ initiative in Uttar Pradesh aimed at providing every home with clean energy through rooftop solar solutions.
- Adani Ports signs 30-year concession pact to operate Tanzania Port Terminal
- According to the Union minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav, India has become the first country in the world to prepare a checklist of its entire fauna population. - covering 104,561 species. This makes India the global leader in biodiversity documentation and conservations.

बूझो तो जानें

Done with National Affairs? Isn't our own country more interesting than you thought it to be? Here's a little reward for you! Solve this riddle and send us your answers to our Instagram page [yesdaily_official](#) and the best answers will be selected for our special prize. (Answer to the previous riddle: Nirbhaya Case)

On an island where the seas are deep and wide,

A place of history where secrets hide.

Once known as Kala Pani, a dreaded name,

Where prisoners were sent, never the same.

The waters are blue, but tales are grim,

Of a prison that stood, stark and dim.

But today, I welcome with tropical flair,

A blend of nature, peace, and fresh air.

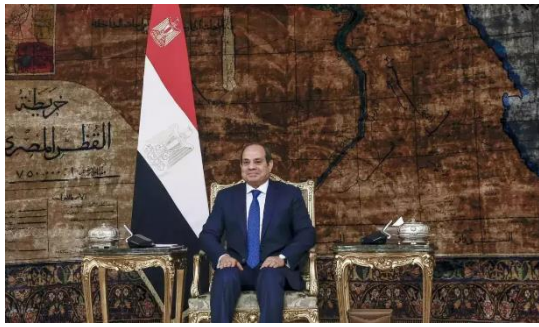
What city am I, where history and beauty pair?

Seek me out



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Japan introduces new 3D Holographic Banknotes



Japan will start issuing new banknotes on the 3rd of July. It is the world's first use of cutting-edge holography that makes the portraits of historic figures appear to rotate in 3D.

This new technology will allow visually impaired people to feel and discern which banknote they are holding.

Tactile marks for the visually impaired will also make them recognizable to touch. By the end of March next year, nearly 7.5 billion new banknotes will have been printed.

Existing banknotes will remain valid after the introduction of the new banknotes.



Now Indian travellers or NRIs in UAE will be able to make Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments through QR code through Point-of-Sale machines.

NPCI International Payments Ltd. (NIPL), in partnership with Network International, a leading digital commerce enabler across the Middle East and Africa, has facilitated the acceptance of QR-code-based Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments across point-of-sale (POS) terminals in the UAE.

This initiative aims to provide seamless transaction experiences for Indian tourists in the UAE.

NPCI international partners with Network International to expand UPI acceptance in UAE

Belarus joins SCO 10th member



The 24th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) was held in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev hosted the summit meeting.

The Eurasian country of Belarus was admitted as the 10th full member of the SCO.

The Indian Prime Minister skipped the meeting, and India was represented by the External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar.

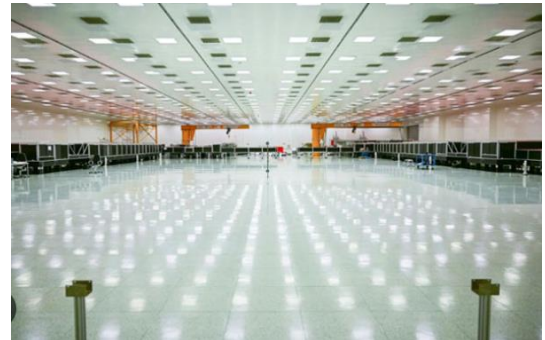
About Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)

- **Founded** – 15 June 2001
- **Headquarters** – Beijing, China
- **Member Countries** – 10 (Iran, China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Belarus)
- The founding members (5) of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) were China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan. India and Pakistan officially

joined this organization in 2017. Iran joined in 2023.

USA to host NATO summit in Washington

DC



USA will host the 3-day NATO summit in Washington DC.

The three-day NATO summit to be held here from July 9 to 11 will be the first to include Sweden as a member of the alliance.

Sweden officially joined the alliance in March.

The summit is likely to show a strong demonstration of America and its allies' support for Ukraine and make significant new announcements to increase military, political and financial support for the war-torn European country.

The historic summit would also mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), which is now a strong military alliance of 32 countries.

The five members were elected by a secret ballot in the UN General Assembly for a 2-year term starting on January 1, 2025, until December 31, 2026.

In the Latin American and Caribbean States, Panama got 183 votes while in the Western European and other States, Denmark got 184 votes and Greece 182.

BANKING & FINANCIAL

RBI announces SAARC Currency Swap Framework for 2024-27



The Reserve Bank of India has put in place a revised framework on currency swap arrangements for countries within the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) grouping for the time period 2024 to 2027.

Under the Framework for 2024-27, a separate INR Swap Window has been introduced with various concessions for swap support in Indian Rupee.

The total corpus of the Rupee support is ₹250 billion (Rs 25,000 crore).

The central bank will continue offering swap arrangements in US dollars and euros under a separate dollar/euro swap window with an overall corpus of \$2 billion.

Under the currency swap framework, the RBI would strike bilateral swap agreements with central banks of SAARC countries.

The SAARC currency swap facility, which was first operationalised in November 2012, is intended to provide a backstop line of funding for short-term foreign exchange liquidity requirements or balance of payments crises suffered by SAARC countries till longer-term arrangements are made.

World Bank approves 2nd Round of 1.5 bn dollars in financing to help India Accelerate Development of Low-Carbon Energy



The World Bank has approved a second round of 1.5 billion dollars in financing to help India accelerate the development of low-carbon energy.

The financing is extended to promote a market for green hydrogen, electrolyzers, and increased renewable energy penetration.

In June 2023, the World Bank approved the 1.5 billion dollars for the First Low-Carbon Energy Programmatic Development Policy Operation.

The fresh funding is expected to help India expand its green hydrogen production and boost the mobilisation of finance for low-carbon investments.

The development comes in the backdrop of India's ambitious National Green Hydrogen Mission and energy transition targets.

SEBI raised Basic Demat Account Limit to Rs 10 Lakhs

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has increased the limit for the Basic Service Demat Account (BSDA) to Rs 10 lakhs from the current Rs 2 lakhs to encourage small investors to participate in the securities market.

The new guidelines will be effective from September 1, 2024, per the SEBI's circular.

This move is expected to support the growth of demat accounts, although the rate of increase may be gradual.

RBI, ASEAN countries to create instant cross-border retail payments platform

The Reserve Bank of India and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries have decided to create a platform to facilitate instant cross-border retail payments.

The platform is expected to go live by 2026.

RBI said it has joined the Project Nexus, a multilateral international initiative to enable instant cross-border retail payments by interlinking domestic fast payments systems (FPSs).

Nexus, conceptualized by the Innovation Hub of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), aims to connect FPSs of four ASEAN countries (Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand); and India, who would be the founding members and first mover countries of this platform.

Gol and ADB sign \$170 million loan to strengthen pandemic preparedness and response

The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a \$170 million policy-based loan to consolidate and strengthen India's health system preparedness and response capacity to future pandemics.

The programme builds on ADBs partnership with the Government of India to strengthen its health system and adopt transformative solutions.

The programme will be anchored in major government's plans and initiatives including the National Health Policy 2017; Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), the National One Health Mission, and the government's efforts to strengthen human resources for health (HRH).

Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd's name has been changed to Sammaan Capital Ltd, following its transformation into a board-run and diversely-held financial institution, from being a promoter-led and promoter-driven lender.

This includes the Certificate of Incorporation from the Registrar of Companies and the Certificate of Registration as an NBFC-ICC (Investment and Credit Company) from the Reserve Bank of India.

OTHERS

- Truecaller, the world's leading global communications platform, has partnered with HDFC ERGO, India's leading general insurance company to launch Fraud Insurance.
- This initiative aims to provide enhanced protection to consumers against digital communication fraud in India.

**Indiabulls Housing Finance renamed as
Sammaan Capital**

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Dr Helen Mary Roberts, serving in the Pakistan Army Medical Corps, has **made history by becoming the first woman from Christian and minority community to achieve the rank of brigadier in the Muslim-majority country.**

Claudia Sheinbaum secured a sweeping win to become Mexico's first female president.

Businesswoman and investor, **Halla Tomasdottir** has been elected as Iceland's seventh President.

Asirvad Micro Finance Limited, a subsidiary of Manappuram Finance Limited, has appointed **Satish Nair as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).**

Kamal Kishore Soan took over the **additional charge of Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)** under Ministry of Labour & Employment.

Bisleri International has announced **Aditya Roy Kapur** as the new brand ambassador for Bisleri Limonata.

Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi took oath for a **third straight term as the head of a coalition government** after

two full tenures in which the BJP enjoyed a majority on its own.

IRS Inder Pal Singh Bindra has been appointed as the **new Secretary of Competition Commission of India (CCI).**

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) supremo Prem Singh Tamang took oath as the Chief Minister of the Himalayan state for the second consecutive term.

Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi has been appointed as the **next Chief of the Army Staff**. He will take charge from 30th June.

Telecom industry association COAI has been named **Vodafone Idea's COO Abhijit Kishore** as its chairperson.

The Bharatiya Janata Party has picked four-time MLA **Mohan Charan Majhi** as the new **chief minister of Odisha.**

The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) National president **N. Chandrababu Naidu** was sworn in as **Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh** for the second consecutive term.

2025 to be **International Year of Quantum Science and Technology**: UN

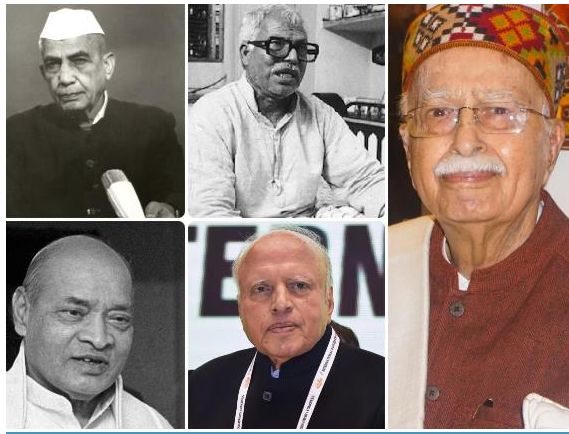
Pema Khandu has become the **chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh for the third term in a row.**

The **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)** has appointed **Jyoti Vij** as its **Director General.**

Ajit Doval has been reappointed as the **National Security Advisor** and **Dr PK Mishra** as the **Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister** with effect from June 10.

AWARDS

**NIMHANS awarded Nelson Mandela Award
for Health Promotion for 2024**



The **National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS)** in Bengaluru has been awarded the **Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion for 2024** by the **World Health Organization (WHO)**.

The institute is an Institute of National Importance under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya congratulated the institute, highlighting that it is a recognition of India's efforts in inclusive healthcare.

The Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion, established by WHO in 2019, recognizes individuals, institutions, governmental or non-governmental organizations that have demonstrated

remarkable contributions to health promotion.

**Siddhalinga Pattanashetti wins Gudleppa
Hallikeri Award 2024**



Poet and playwright **Siddhalinga Pattanashetti** has been chosen for the prestigious **Gudleppa Hallikeri Award for 2024** by the Gudleppa Hallikeri Memorial Foundation, Hosaritti (Haveri District).

Pattanashetti will be the 19th recipient of the award. The award comprises a purse of ₹25,000 and a memento.

**C-DOT wins UN's WSIS 2024 PRIZE
Champion Award**



Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), the premier Telecom R&D centre of the GoI, awarded UN's **WSIS 2024 "Champion" Award** for the project **"Mobile-Enabled Disaster Resilience through Cell Broadcast emergency Alerting"**, recognised under AI, C-7, E-environemnt, in the category of 'Benefits in all aspects of life – E-environment'.

Nethra Gururaj selected for 2024 Oscar Academy Gold Rising Program



Nethra Gururaj, a dynamic cinematographer from Bengaluru, has been **selected for the prestigious 2024 Oscar Academy Gold Rising Program**.

This honour places her among the most promising young filmmakers and cinematographers globally, highlighting her significant achievements and potential.

Nethra Gururaj, currently based in Los Angeles, has a diverse portfolio that includes short films, feature films, documentaries, music videos, and experimental pieces.

OTHERS

Vellayan Subbiah was named the **EY World Entrepreneur of The Year 2024** at an award ceremony held in Monaco's Salle des Etoiles.

Krishna Prakash, renowned as the head of Mumbai Police's elite counter-terrorism unit, Force One, has been honored with the **prestigious Annual Hindi Sahitya Bharati Award**.

SEBI has been given **'Best Conduct of Business Regulator'** award in Asia Pacific by The Asian Banker for its role in enhancing the regulatory framework for securities markets in India.

SPORTS

Real Madrid's Historic 15th Champions League Title



Real Madrid etched their name in the history books once again by securing a record-extending 15th UEFA Champions League title.

The Spanish giants showcased their trademark resilience and clinical edge, overcoming a valiant Borussia Dortmund side with a 2-0 victory.

With this triumph, Real Madrid extended their remarkable run of success in Europe, securing their sixth Champions League title in 11 seasons.

This feat matches the legendary team that initiated Real's love affair with the European Cup, having won the first five editions from 1956 and another in 1966.

Arm wrestling set to be included in upcoming Asian Youth Para Games



The Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) announced the inclusion of arm wrestling as an official sport in the upcoming Asian Youth Para Games.

The Games will take place in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in September-October 2025.

UP to organize 2025 edition of MotoGP Bharat in Noida



MotoGP India will be held in Buddha Circuit, **Greater Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar from 2025 to 2029.**

The Uttar Pradesh government will sign a contract with Dorna Sports and its Indian partner, Fairstreet Sports, to organize the MotoGP event in Noida.

To organize the event through its Invest UP department, the state government will raise crore.

Sumit Nagpal wins his 6th ATP Challenger

Tennis Title



The **Indian men's tennis player Sumit Nagpal** won the **men's singles title at the Heilbronn Neckarcup 2024 ATP Challenger Tennis** tournament in Germany.

It was the sixth ATP Challenger title for India's top-ranked men's tennis singles player.

In the final, Sumit Nagpal defeated Alexander Ritschard of Switzerland in three sets 6-1, 6(5)-7(7), 6-3.

This win will improve the ATP ranking of Sumit Nagpal making him eligible for the 2024 Summer Paris Olympics.

The ATP Challenger Tour Tennis Tournament is organised by the apex men's professional tennis organisation, the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP).

Puja Tomar becomes first Indian to win in UFC



Puja Tomar made history as **the first Indian to win a fight in the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC)**, defeating Brazil's Rayanne dos Santos at UFC Louisville 2024.

Hailing from Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh, Puja had already broken new ground last year by becoming the first Indian woman to secure a UFC contract.

In her debut fight in the women's strawweight division, she triumphed by split decision with scores of 30-27, 27-30, and 29-28.

**Max Verstappen won Canadian Grand Prix
2024**

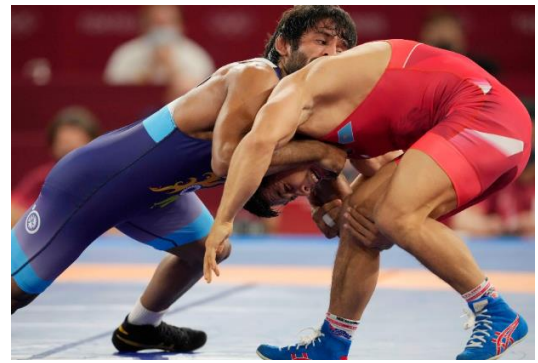


Dutch-Belgian racing driver Max Verstappen of Red Bull has won the Canadian Grand Prix 2024.

Verstappen's triumph at the Canadian Grand Prix 2024 marked his 60th Formula 1 win and his sixth victory in nine races this season.

McLaren's Lando Norris secured an impressive second-place finish, while Mercedes's George Russell clinched the third spot, achieving the team's first Grand Prix podium finish for the 2024 Formula 1 season.

**World Athletics signs 5-year broadcasting
services deal with Tata Communications**



World Athletics has signed five-year global broadcasting deal with Tata Communications, making the Indian telecom major a key partner for marquee events starting with the Tokyo World Championships.

The agreement aims to enhance innovation and audience engagement.

Tata Communications will be the host broadcaster for World Athletics Series events, delivering immersive coverage and custom live content across continents.

Shruti Vora becomes first Indian Rider to
Win 3-Star Grand Prix event



In Equestrian, Shruti Vora scripts history as she becomes **the first Indian rider to win a three-star Grand Prix event.**

Shruti along with her astride Magnanimous, scored 67.761 points in the CDI-3 event in FEI Dressage World Cup held in Lipica, Slovenia.

She finished ahead of Moldova's Tatiana Antonenco, who scored 66.552 points.

Veteran rider Shruti Vora has also represented India in Dressage World Championship 2022 and in the Asian Games of 2010 and 2014.



The Indian men's recurve team has won a historic gold medal at the **Archery World Cup Stage-1** by defeating the world-champion South Korean team for the first time ever.

The gold medal **ended a 14-year gold medal drought at the men's recurve team** event at the Archery World Cup.

The Indian men's recurve team of Dhiraj Bommadevara, Tarundeep Rai and Pravin Jadhav defeated the World no.1 ranked South Korean team in the final.

The Indian team defeated South Korea's team consisting of World and Asian Games champions Lee Wooseok and Olympic champions Kim Je Deok and Kim Woojin 5-1 (57-57, 57-55, 55-53) to win a gold medal after 14 years.

OTHERS

Indian athlete Nayana James clinched the gold medal in the women's long jump

event at the Taiwan Athletics Open 2024 in Chinese Taipei.

The International Cricket Council has announced a record prize purse of USD 11.25 million (approx INR 93.5 crore) for the 2024 T20 World Cup with the winners pocketing at least USD 2.45 million (approx INR 20.36 crore).

Indian shooter Sarabjot Singh won the gold medal in the **men's 10m air pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2024 in Munich, Germany.**

Women's 50m rifle 3-positions specialist **Sift Kaur Samra** won a **bronze medal in the**

International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol in Munich.

Kumud Saini won the sole **gold medal for India at the Archery Asia Cup 2024 Stage 3**, being held in Suwon, South Korea.

Iga Swiatek won her third **consecutive French Open championship** and fourth in five years by **defeating Jasmine Paolini** 6-2, 6-1 in the final at Roland Garros.

Saurabh Sharma, an athlete from Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur district, has **won two gold medals in the ongoing World Para Athlete Grand Prix** in the Nottwil city of Switzerland.

DEFENCE

Japan-India Maritime Exercise commences at Yokosuka



The **8th edition of the Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX-24)** has started at Yokosuka, Japan.

The JIMEX-24 exercise is being hosted by the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF). The Japanese Navy is called the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force.

During the exercise, navies of both the countries will jointly hone their war fighting skills at sea and enhance their interoperability.

The Indian Navy's indigenously built Stealth Frigate INS Shivalik is participating in the JIMEX -24 exercise. The JMSDF is represented by its Guided Missile Destroyer JS Yugiri.

JIMEX is a bilateral naval exercise between the navies of the two countries. It was started in

2012 in Japan. The 7th JIMEX -23 was hosted by the Indian Navy off Visakhapatnam in July 2023.

Army launches integrated generator monitoring, control system 'Vidyut Rakshak'



The Vice Chief of the Indian Army, **Upendra Dwivedi** has launched **Vidyut Rakshak**, a new Internet of Things (IoT)-enabled integrated generator tracking, protection, and control system.

This was developed by Maj Rajprasad R S and was recently displayed during "Exercise Bharat Shakti," which is a big step forward in the Indian Army's "Year of Tech Absorption."

The system aims to save manpower and signifies the Army's commitment to leveraging technology for transformative change. Vidyut Rakshak was showcased during Aero India 2023 and has already been inducted into the Indian Army.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

ISRO and Wipro 3D Collaborate on 3D- Printed Rocket Engine



The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** and **Wipro 3D** have successfully manufactured a 3D-printed rocket engine, the PS4, set to power the fourth stage of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).

This groundbreaking achievement, lauded by Dr. V. Narayanan, Director of Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) at ISRO, marks a paradigm shift in space

manufacturing, ushering in the era of additive manufacturing for space exploration.

The PSLV, ISRO's workhorse launch vehicle for earth observation and scientific satellites, relies on its fourth stage, the PS4, for precise orbital placement.

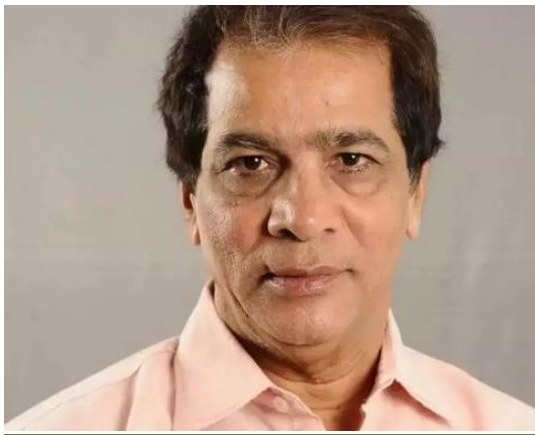
OTHERS

DP Manu from India won the gold medal in Javelin throw at **the Taiwan Athletics Open 2024**, achieving a distance of 81.58 meters.

Days after announcing retirement from the Indian Premier League tournament, ace Indian wicket-keeper batter **Dinesh Karthik** **announced retirement from all formats of cricket.**

OBITUARY

Ramoji Rao, founder of Ramoji Film City and head of ETV Network, dies



Ramoji Rao, head of the ETV Network and founder of Ramoji Film City **passed away** in Hyderabad.

Ramoji Rao headed the Eenadu group of companies, ETV Network, Margadarshi chit fund, and Ramoji Film City (RFC).

In 2016, his remarkable achievements were further recognized with the Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian honour, for his multifaceted contributions to journalism, literature, and education.

Mumbai Cricket Association honorary president Amol Kale passes away during India-Pak match



Amol Kale, aged 47, the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) honorary president, **passed away** following a cardiac in New York.

Kale, along with MCA secretary Ajinkya Naik and apex council member Suraj Samat, had watched India's thrilling win against Pakistan in T20 World Cup from the stadium on June 9.

Sarod maestro Rajeev Taranath passes away



Sarod maestro of international repute **Rajeev Taranath** has **passed away** at the age of 91 in Mysuru.

A disciple of Ali Akbar Khan, the reputed Sarod player Taranath had enthralled the audience across different continents. He has composed

music for many internationally acclaimed Kannada films including Samskara, Kanchana Sita and Kadavu.

He served as the head of the Indian music programme at the World Music department of the California Institute of the Arts.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- 1st June – World Milk Day.
- 1 July National Doctor's Day
- 1 July National Postal Worker Day
- 11 July World Population Day
- 12 July National Simplicity Day
- 12 July Malala Day. The United Nations established Malala Day to recognize the young woman who has been advocating for women's education for years.
- 14 July Bastille Day or French National Day. On this day in 1789, the Bastille was attacked by angry mob, which was a turning point in the French Revolution.
- 15 July World Youth Skills Day.
- 17 July World Day for International Justice.
- 17 July World Emoji Day.
- 18 July International Nelson Mandela Day. This day reminds the contributions of Nelson Mandela to the culture of peace, human right, and freedom.
- 20 July International Chess Day. The International Chess Federation (FIDE) was established on July 20, 1924
- 22 July Pi Approximation Day. It is observed on 22 July every year because of the value of Pi that is $22/7$ while Pi Day is celebrated on 14 March which is similar to the approximate value of 3.14
- 22 July National Mango Day. National Mango Day is celebrated on 22 July. The day is to know about lesser-known facts about the delicious fruit mango.
- 26 July Kargil Vijay Diwas. It is celebrated on 26 July to commemorate the victory of the Indian soldiers over the Pakistani army.
- 28 July World Nature Conservation Day.
- 28 July World Hepatitis Day. The main aim of this day is to spread awareness amongst the people about viral hepatitis disease.
- Fourth Sunday in July. National Parent's Day
- 29 July International Tiger Day. This day is also known as Global Tiger Day.

- 30 July International Friendship Day. This day marks the importance of friends and friendship in life.

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