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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.

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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

NSE Indices launches India's first EV index to facilitate



Index provider NSE Indices launched a **new thematic index called Nifty EV & New Age Automotive index.**

The 33-stock index will track the performance of companies which form a part of the electric vehicle (EV) ecosystem or are involved in the development of new-age automotive vehicles or related technology.

Bajaj Auto, Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra and Maruti Suzuki are the top four components of the index.

BFI agrees to become a member of World Boxing



The **Boxing Federation of India (BFI)** has agreed to **become a member of World Boxing**, the International Federation established to ensure boxing remains at the heart of the Olympic Movement.

The membership application has been approved by the BFI's General Assembly, and will be ratified by World Boxing's Executive Board.

World Boxing was launched in April 2023 and aims to ensure that boxing remains at the heart of the Olympic movement.

The BFI president, Ajay Singh, recently met with World Boxing's President and Secretary General to discuss ways in which India can support the International Federation in growing its member base in Asia where FBI is one of the largest National Federation.

Krishn Kanhai unveils 'The Golden Krishna'

Exhibition in Dubai



Renowned Indian artist Krishn Kanhai unveiled his latest collection, "The Golden Krishna," in a grand opening ceremony.

The exhibition showcases Kanhai's exquisite new works centered around Lord Krishna.

The centerpiece of the exhibition is a breathtaking life-sized, three-dimensional painting of Tirupati Balaji, meticulously crafted with 24-karat gold and measuring an impressive 5 feet by 8 feet.

This masterpiece exemplifies Kanhai's signature style, which has captivated art lovers worldwide. Kanhai, a Padma Shri recipient, has held exhibitions in major cities like Hong Kong, London and countries like the Philippines and the United States.

Now, Dubai enthusiasts have the opportunity to experience his unique blend of artistry that captures the divine essence of Krishna.

SC reconstitutes committee on gender sensitisation



The Supreme Court has reconstituted its **Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee**.

In exercise of powers conferred by Clause 4(2) of the Gender Sensitisation and Sexual Harassment of Women at the Supreme Court of India (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Regulations, 2013 and all enabling provisions in this behalf, Hon'ble Chief Justice of India has been pleased to re-constitute the Supreme Court Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee.

The 12-member committee is headed by top court judge Hima Kohli, who is the chairperson.

The panel also comprises Justice B V Nagarathna, Additional Registrar Sukhda Pritam and senior advocates Meenakshi Arora and Mahalakshmi Pavani.

Centre launches new mobile Number Series for Service, Transactional Calls



The **Centre** has **introduced a new numbering series, 160xxxxxxx**, for making service or transactional calls, to help citizens easily identify legitimate calls and curb unsolicited voice calls from telemarketers using 10-digit mobile numbers.

Currently, 140xxxxxxx series has been allocated to telemarketers for making promotional/service/transactional voice calls.

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) said in a statement that since the 140xx series is being used extensively for promotional calls, “consumers normally do not respond to such calls, and many important service/transactional calls are missed”.

Volvo to issue world’s first EV battery passport ahead of EU rules



Volvo Cars has launched the **world’s first EV battery passport recording the origins of raw materials, components**, recycled content and carbon footprint for its flagship EX90 SUV, which is about to start production.

The passport was developed by Volvo (VOLCARb.ST) which is owned by China’s Geely (GEELY.UL), in partnership with UK startup Circular.

Battery passports will be mandatory for electric vehicles (EVs) sold in the European Union from February 2027 showing the composition of batteries, including the origin of key materials, their carbon footprint and recycled content.

IIT Dharwad Unveils Innovative Fire Rescue

Drone



A team of teachers and students of the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Dharwad**, led by Sudheer Siddapureddy and Ameer Mulla, has **developed a fire rescue assistant drone**.

The project was completed with funding from TiHAN Foundation, IIT Hyderabad (NMICPS, Government of India).

The unveiling and demonstration of the fire rescue assistant drone was held during the two-day workshop on Drone Design and Autonomous Navigation in Fire Rescue (DDANFR 2024) held at IIT Dharwad.

PM launches 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'

Campaign



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the '**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**' campaign to commemorate the World Environment Day.

PM Modi planted a peepal tree sapling at Buddha Jayanti Park in Delhi. He was accompanied by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and Delhi's Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena.

World Environment Day, celebrated on June 5, commemorates the inaugural day of the 1972 Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment.

MeitY in collaboration with UNESCO host
National Workshop on Safe, Trusted, Ethical
AI



Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in collaboration with the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) South Asia Regional Office hosted a Workshop on Safe, Trusted and Ethical Artificial Intelligence in New Delhi.

The workshop aimed to establish a foundation for informed policy development that promotes equitable and sustainable AI adoption nationwide.

India's first astro tourism campaign
'Nakshatra Sabha' organised in Mussoorie



India's first astro tourism campaign "Nakshatra Sabha" was inaugurated at the George Everest peak in Mussoorie.

The venue of the event, George Everest Peak is a major tourist attraction in Mussoorie which offers spectacular views of the snow-clad Himalayan peaks and the Doon Valley.

The state tourism ministry plans to organise a series of Nakshatra Sabhas at popular tourist destinations in the hilly state.

NOTA creates record in MP's Indore Lok
Sabha Seat



NOTA created a record with 2.18 lakh voters in Madhya Pradesh's Indore opting for the 'none of the above' option in the Lok Sabha elections 2024.

Of the total voters, 14.01 per cent opted for 'None of the Above', which was introduced in 2013 following a Supreme Court order.

In the 2019 parliamentary polls, voters in Bihar's Gopalganj had created a record with 51,660 of them, or five per cent, opting for the NOTA option, which is placed as the last option on the electronic voting machine.

Out of 61,31,33,300 votes polled in the 2019 polls, 65,14,558 (1.06 per cent) were polled for NOTA.

Similarly in 2014 parliamentary elections, out of 55,38,02,946 votes polled, 60,02,942 (1.08 per cent) were polled for NOTA.

Haryana Police Secures First Position in Blocking Mobile Numbers Involved In Cyber Crime



Haryana Police has secured the first position in the country in blocking mobile numbers involved in cyber crime.

According to the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal, a total of 5 lakh 46 thousand mobile numbers involved in cyber crime were blocked across the country from 1st January to 31st April this year, out of which 1 lakh 11 thousand 349 mobile numbers were blocked by Haryana Police.

This is the second major achievement of Haryana Police at the national level regarding cyber crime control.

Air India- Vistara merger gets NCLT nod



The **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)** has granted its **approval for the merger of Vistara with Air India** allowing a period of nine months for the dissolution of the former.

Tata Sons Private Limited will hold 73.38% stake in the merged entity, and Singapore Airlines 25.1%. The remaining 1.52% will be

held by SBICAP Trustee Limited on behalf of Air India Employee Settlement Trust.

The anti-competition trusts of India and Singapore have already granted their nod for the integration. Next, the DGCA will have to approve the transfer of Vistara's crew, operations and aircraft to Air India.

Vistara's CEO Vinod Kannan has said that the airline aims to complete the merger by December 2024.

2 more Indian wetlands added to Ramsar List



India has added **two bird sanctuaries from Bihar, Nagi and Nakti**, to the 'Ramsar Sites' list, taking the tally to **82**.

The newest 'Wetlands of International Importance', both man-made reservoirs situated in the Jhajha forest range of Jamui

District in Bihar, were added to Ramsar Sites as part of World Environment Day.

The two catchments feature dry deciduous forests surrounded by hills.

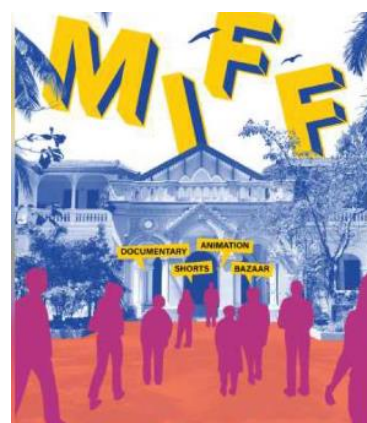
With the two sites, India now equals China in terms of Ramsar Sites. Both countries have 82 recognized waterlogged ecosystems in the country.

The UK with 175 has the highest number of such sites, followed by Mexico, 144.

Bihar now has three Ramsar sites. The first one was Kanwar Lake in Begusarai district, which was declared a Ramsar site in 2020.

18th Mumbai International Film Festival to

be held from June 15-21



The **18th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF)** will be held in **Mumbai from June 15 to 21**.

The film gala, which showcases non-feature films (documentary, short Fiction and animation) will be at the FD-NFDC Complex in Mumbai.

Besides, MIFF screenings will also be held in Delhi at Sirifort Auditorium, Chennai at Tagore Film Centre, Pune at NFAI auditorium and Kolkata at SRFTI Auditorium.

The 2024 edition will open with the screening of National Geographic's documentary "Billy & Molly: An Otter Love Story".

The organisers received a record number of 1018 films from 38 countries and across 65 languages for the latest edition.

Priyanka Jarkiholi youngest tribal woman to win in Loksabha



Priyanka Jarkiholi from Chikkodi became **the youngest tribal woman to enter Parliament from an unreserved seat in Karnataka** since Independence.

Priyanka Jarkiholi has defeated incumbent MP and BJP leader Annasaheb Jolle.

Priyanka became the first Jarkiholi to ever win a Lok Sabha election.

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.

Modi clears PM-Kisan 17th instalment



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has signed the release of **the 17th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN Nidhi) scheme.**

The move will benefit more than 93 million farmers by disbursing more than Rs 20,000 crore.

The 16th Installment of the PM KISAN scheme was released on 28th February 2024.

What is PM-KISAN Nidhi?

PM-KISAN Nidhi is a central government scheme launched in December 2018 to support the income of farmers by providing an annual financial assistance of Rs 6,000.

The money is given in three equal instalments of Rs 2,000 every four months directly into the beneficiaries' bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer.

More than 93 million farmers had received Rs 2000 as the 16th instalment of PM Kisan Yojana.

List of Cabinet Ministers of India 2024



LIST OF CABINET MINISTERS 2024



The **18th Lok Sabha General Elections** recently ended, and the results were announced on June 4, 2024.

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA), led by Narendra Modi, won enough seats to form the government.

On June 9, 2024, Narendra Modi made history by becoming India's Prime Minister for the third time in a row, a feat last achieved by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

Along with Modi, 30 cabinet ministers, 5 ministers with independent charge, and 36 ministers of state took the oath, forming the Modi 3.0 government.

Shri Narendra Modi- Prime Minister and also in-charge of: **Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space; All important policy issues; and All other portfolios not allocated to any Minister.**

Nokia CEO Pekka Lundmark makes world's first 'immersive' phone call



Nokia CEO Pekka Lundmark made a phone call using a **new technology called "immersive audio and video"** that improves the quality of a call with three-dimensional sound, making interactions more lifelike.

The call was held with Stefan Lindstrom, Finland's Ambassador of Digitalization and New Technologies.

Current smartphone calls are monophonic which compresses audio elements together and sound flatter and less detailed, but the new technology will bring 3D audio where a caller will hear everything as if they were there with the other person.

Nokia made the call using a regular smartphone over a public 5G network.

The technology is part of the upcoming 5G Advanced standard and Nokia aims to get licensing opportunities with the technology which would likely take a few years to be available widely.

A vast majority of smartphones have at least two microphones with which this technology can be implemented by transmitting in real time the spatial characteristics of a call.

[Wipro launches Lab45 AI platform to boost efficiency across biz functions](#)



Wipro has launched its Lab45 artificial intelligence (AI) platform, which leverages generative AI (GenAI), machine learning (ML), and deep learning technologies to help companies increase efficiencies, transform business functions, and enable industry-specific solutions.

Lab45 is Wipro's innovation lab, and the Lab45 AI platform is available to all Wipro employees and clients.

The Lab45 AI platform runs on a software-as-a-service (SaaS) model and supports various state-of-the-art large language models (LLMs) from leading providers as well as custom deep-learning and other models.

[TCS ranks 46, Infosys at 74 in Kantar's most valuable brand report](#)

IT bellwether Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) is the most valuable Indian brand, ranked 46th globally, followed by Infosys at number 74, according to Kantar BrandZ Most Valuable Global Brands report.

TCS' brand value grew by 7% in a year to \$44.79 billion, the report said.

The brand value of Infosys, which found itself among the 100 most valuable brands in the world for the third consecutive year, is pegged at \$24.68 billion.

TCS is ranked 16th in the top 20 business technology and services platforms, and Infosys at 20th.

[Assam Govt. launches scheme to promote Girl education & end child marriage](#)

The Assam government has launched a new scheme Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina (MMNM) to promote girl education and to end child marriage in the state.

This was announced by the Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma after the Assam government cabinet approved the scheme.

The scheme is likely to cost the state government Rs 1500 crore for the next five years.

The state government has allocated Rs 300 crore for the first year.

PM Modi to participate in G7 outreach

Summit at Apulia, Italy

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the G7 Outreach Summit in Apulia, Italy.

India has been invited as an outreach country. On the sidelines of his visit, Modi is also expected to hold bilateral meetings and discussions with the leaders of the G7, the outreach countries, and international organizations.

The G7 consists of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

During the discussions at the outreach session, the focus would be on artificial intelligence, energy, Africa, and the Mediterranean.

This will be India's 11th participation in the G7 Summit and Prime Minister Modi's fifth consecutive participation at the summit.

Madhya Pradesh launched PM Shri Tourism

Air Service

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has inaugurated the intra-state air service facility 'PM Shri Tourism Air Service'.

He inaugurated the first flight under the service from the Bhopal airport.

The service operated by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board (MPTB) with two aircraft will connect eight cities across the State — Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Khajuraho, Ujjain, Rewa, and Singrauli.

According to an official statement, the new venture has been started on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis with a private firm named Jet Serv Aviation Private Limited (Flyola).

A 50% discount has been offered for 30 days from launch to promote the service. The trip from Bhopal to Indore will take 55 minutes

UP govt to turn Ranipur Tiger Reserve into

eco-tourism hub

The Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh will transform the Ranipur Tiger Reserve in Chitrakoot into a premier eco-tourism destination.

The plan includes allocating an estimated Rs 38 lakh for upgrading tourist facilities within the reserve and enhancing infrastructure in the surrounding buffer zone.

To facilitate these efforts, directives have been issued by the office of the Deputy Director of the Ranipur Tiger Reserve/Divisional Officer in Chitrakoot.

Spanning over a 230 sq km area, Ranipur Tiger Reserve is the fourth tiger reserve in Uttar Pradesh and the 53rd nationwide.

The primary focus of tourist amenities, currently under development in the Ranipur Tiger Reserve, is the luxury tent area. This space aims to allow visitors to immerse themselves in the unparalleled beauty of nature while enjoying top-notch amenities.

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- Adani Ports signs 30-year concession pact to operate Tanzania Port Terminal
- India's largest skill-based Ludo platform, **Zupee** has **partnered with Gurugram Cyber Police for the 11th edition of the Cyber Security Summer Internship Program, titled 'Cyber Warriors'**.
- **Tata Motors** has announced the formation of a wholly-owned subsidiary for its commercial vehicle business. The owned subsidiary will be called TML Commercial Vehicle Ltd (TMLCVL).
- **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)** and **Sansad TV** signed an agreement to make Indian art and culture more accessible to the people.
- **Cloud major Oracle** will support the training of two lakh students in India in cloud computing, data science, artificial intelligence (AI), and other emerging technologies.
- The **World Bank** will lend support to the **Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC)** to achieve sustainable waste management in the city.

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: Gautam Buddha)

In a city where power and monuments stand tall,
A night in December cast a shadow over all.
It was the 16th day, in the year 2012,
When darkness fell, and evil did dwell.

A bus on the roads, seemed like any other,
But inside, horror unfolded, tearing apart a daughter.
Six men were monsters, their cruelty knew no bounds,
In that moving trap, no solace was found.

The nation awoke, their anger a fire,
Protests erupted, voices soared higher.
In courts and streets, her name echoed loud,
A symbol of change, of which the country was proud.

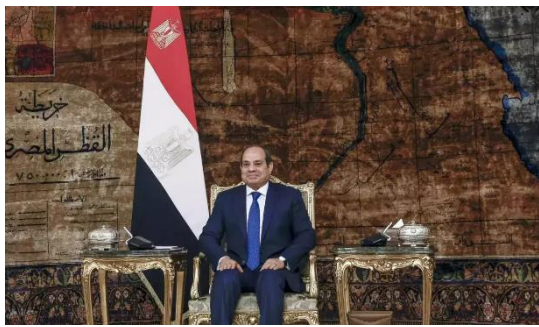
A case that reshaped the laws of the land,
Brought reforms, made the government stand.
A tale of tragedy, yet a catalyst for change,
What case am I, that history will never estrange?



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Ruchira Kamboj, India's first woman

Permanent Representative to UN, retires



India's first woman Permanent Representative to the United Nations, **Ruchira Kamboj** retired after 35 years of service, during which she **served as Indian envoy in Bhutan, South Africa and UNESCO.**

Kamboj, a 1987-batch IFS officer.

Kamboj, who was the All India women's topper of the 1987 Civil Services batch and the topper of the 1987 Foreign Service batch, formally assumed the position of Permanent Representative/ Ambassador of India to New York, on August 2, 2022.

21st Shangri La Dialogue Ends in Singapore



The **21st edition of the Asia Pacific** premier defence meet, **Shangri La Dialogue or the Asian Security Summit, concluded in Singapore.**

The Shangri La Dialogue was held at the Shangri La Hotel in Singapore. It was attended by over a hundred delegates from Asia Pacific regions and from other parts of the world.

The Dialogue brings together security practitioners, including defence ministers, senior officials and non-governmental stakeholders, to discuss the most pressing security challenges in the Asia-Pacific, engage in bilateral discussions, and identify fresh approaches.

Netherlands emerges as India's 3rd largest export destination in 2023-24



The **Netherlands** has emerged as **India's third largest export destination after the US and UAE during 2023-24**, even as the country's merchandise shipments dipped by over 3 per cent, according to the commerce ministry data.

The main commodities which registered healthy exports growth in the Netherlands include petroleum products, electrical goods, chemicals and pharma.

India's trade surplus with the Netherlands has increased to USD 17.4 billion in the last fiscal from USD 13 billion in 2022-23.

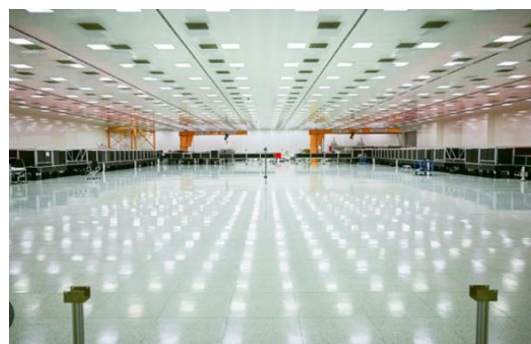
The Netherlands has taken over major destinations such as the UK, Hong Kong, Bangladesh and Germany.

India's exports to the Netherlands rose by about 3.5 per cent to USD 22.36 billion in 2023-24 as against USD 21.61 billion in 2022-23.

In 2023-24, the bilateral trade between the two countries marginally dipped to USD 27.34 billion as against USD 27.58 billion in 2022-23.

The Netherlands is among the top trading partners of India in Europe, after Germany, Switzerland, the UK and Belgium.

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

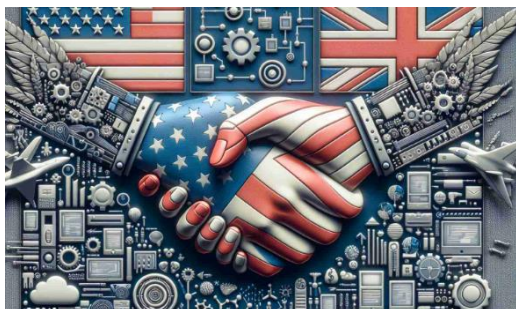


A **Russian cosmonaut** became the **first person to spend a cumulative 1,000 days in space**.

Oleg Kononenko, 59, reached the record while on his current mission aboard the International Space Station (ISS).

Kononenko's current mission to the ISS began September 15, 2023, and is planned to **end September 23, 2024**, which will bring in his total number of days spent in orbit to 1,110.

**Pakistan, Panama, Somalia, Greece elected
as UNSC non-permanent members**



Pakistan, Somalia, Denmark, Greece and Panama were elected as **non-permanent members of the UN Security Council** for a two-year term beginning 2025.

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 two seats for African and Asia-Pacific States, Somalia got 179 votes and Pakistan 182.

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.

**India launches Biopharmaceutical Alliance
with US, Japan, & South Korea**



India, South Korea, Japan, the US, and the European Union has launched an **alliance to put joint efforts to build a resilient supply chain** in the biopharmaceutical sector.

The announcement was made at the inaugural meeting of the Biopharmaceutical Alliance, held in San Diego, California, during the Bio International Convention 2024, the world's largest biopharmaceutical exhibition.

The participants emphasized the importance of a reliable and sustainable supply chain and agreed to coordinate the respective countries' bio policies, regulations, and research and development support measures.

The alliance was launched in response to the drug supply shortages experienced during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Portugal to use golden visa scheme to help migrants



Portugal to adapt its **golden visa scheme** to allow wealthy foreigners seeking residency rights to **invest in affordable housing for locals or accommodation for migrants**.

The scheme – called a “solidarity visa” – would complement an existing programme, which since 2012 has offered non-EU nationals who invest in Portugal the right to live in the country.

The golden visa scheme has attracted more 7.3 billion euros (\$7.94 billion) of funds since its launch.

Visakhapatnam Port ranks in Top 20 of World Bank CPPI



State-owned Visakhapatnam Port has broken into the **top 20 rankings in the Container Port Performance Index 2023 (CPPI 2023)**, developed by the World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence.

Visakhapatnam Port was ranked 19 in the Index, higher than Mundra Port (ranked 27) run by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ).

Visakha Container Terminal Pvt Ltd, a wholly owned unit of J M Baxi Ports & Logistics, runs a 1.35 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) capacity terminal at Visakhapatnam Port on the country’s eastern coast.

Its primary aim is to identify areas for enhancement for the benefit of multiple stakeholders in the global trading system and supply chains, from ports to shipping lines, national governments, and consumers.

The Index covered ports that had a minimum of 24 valid port calls within the 12-month period of the study.

Global Gender Gap Index 2024: India at 129th; topped by Iceland



India slipped two places on the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap index to 129th place as Iceland retained its top position in the rankings.

In South Asia, **India was ranked fifth** after Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bhutan while Pakistan was ranked last.

In the world, Sudan was ranked last on the index of 146 countries while Pakistan fell three places to 145th.

India was among the economies with the lowest levels of economic parity, with Bangladesh, Sudan, Iran, Pakistan, and Morocco as all of them registered less than 30 per cent gender parity in estimated earned income.

India showed the best gender parity in terms of enrolment in secondary education and

ranked 65th globally on political empowerment of women.

Armenia to leave Russia-led security bloc



Armenia will leave a Russia-led security bloc, Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan confirmed for the first time, accusing members of the Collective Security Treaty Organisation of having planned a war against his country with Azerbaijan.

The CSTO, headquartered in Moscow, also includes Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Belarus.

Ties between Russia and Armenia, host to various Russian military facilities, have become increasingly rancorous since Azerbaijan retook its breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh in September last year by force despite the presence there of Russian peacekeepers.

The CSTO did not intervene and Azerbaijan's military action prompted a mass exodus of the

region's more than 100,000 ethnic Armenian population to Armenia.

Kathmandu to host International Tourism

Fair



Kathmandu, Nepal will host an **international tourism fair** aimed at **promoting global**

tourism, sustainable development, and cultural exchange.

The event beginning 15 June will feature tourism entrepreneurs from 16 countries.

Countries participating in the fair include Nepal, India, Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, the Maldives, the USA, the Netherlands, Sri Lanka, China, Thailand, Dubai, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Bhutan.

The fair will showcase over 150 stalls from various countries, fostering international cooperation and sustainable tourism initiatives.

BANKING & FINANCIAL

India's fiscal deficit in FY24 improved to 5.6% of GDP: Govt data



India's Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue for March 2024 reached ₹1.78 lakh crore (1,78,484 crore), the second-highest collection ever, according to the data released by the Ministry of Finance.

SEBI launches 'Saarthi 2.0' mobile app for investors



The market regulator **SEBI** has unveiled its latest **mobile app**, '**Saa ₹thi 2.0**', designed to help investors manage their personal finances.

The app is packed with tools to make complex financial concepts easier to understand.

The 'Saa ₹thi 2.0' app comes with a user-friendly interface and includes:

- Financial calculators
- Educational modules
- Investor support
- Video content

This launch comes amid a surge in trading scams in India. About 7,000 cyber-related complaints are registered daily on India's National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP)

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India's fiscal deficit stood at Rs 16.54 lakh crore in FY24 as against the budgetary target of Rs 17.86 lakh crore. With this, the fiscal gap has reached 95.3 per cent of the budgetary target, data from the Comptroller General of Accounts showed.

According to the provisional estimate of the National Statistical Organization (NSO), the Indian Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 8.2 per cent in the financial year 2023-24.

Foreign brokerage Goldman Sachs has upped India GDP growth forecast by 20 basis points to 6.9 per cent this calendar year from an earlier projection of 6.7 per cent.

The **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** of the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has

decided to keep the repo rate unchanged at 6.5%.

The **World Bank** revised India's FY25 growth forecast upward to 6.6% from 6.4% projected in January, on the back of strong public investment accompanied by private capex and rise in private consumption.

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

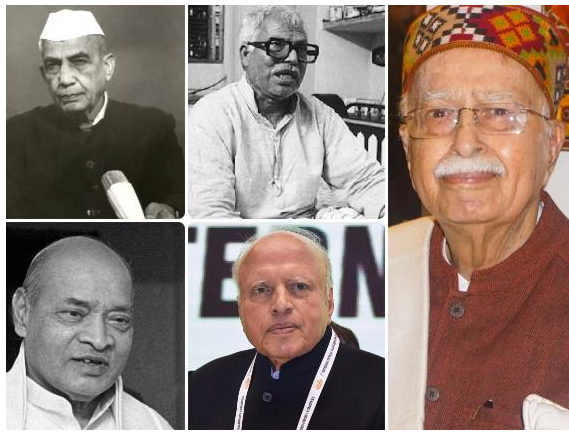
Pema Khandu has become the **chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh for the third term in a row**.

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-environment, 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**

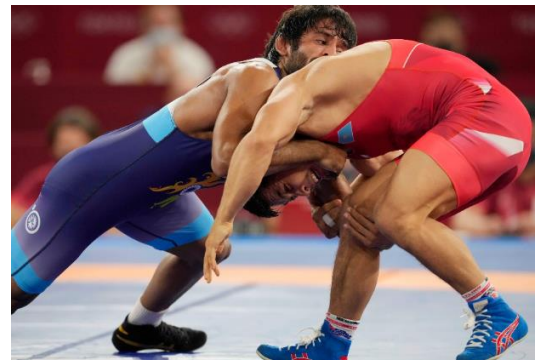


Dutch-Belgian racing driver Max Verstappen of Red Bull has won the Canadian Grand Prix 2024.

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.

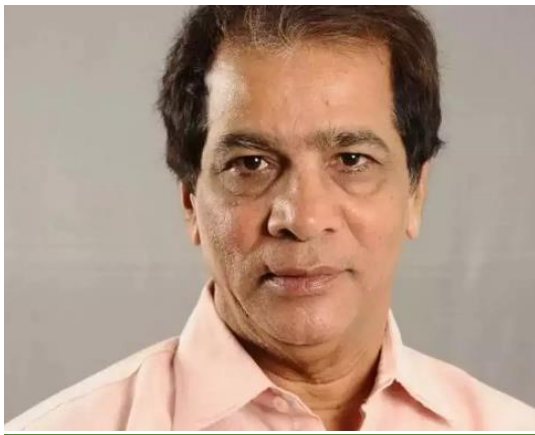
OTHERS

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.
- 2nd June – International Sex Worker’s Day.
- 4th June – International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.
- 5th June – World Environment Day . **Theme 2024** – Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience .
- 7th June – World Food Safety Day . Theme 2024 – **Food Safety: Prepare for the Unexpected.**
- 8th June – World Oceans Day . Theme 2024 – **Awaken New Depths**
- 8th June – World Brain Tumor Day . Theme 2024 – Brain Health and Prevention
- 9th June – World Accreditation Day .
- 12th June – World Day against Child Labour . Theme 2024 – **Let’s Act on Our Commitments: End Child Labour**
- 14th June - World Blood Donor Day . Theme 2024 – **20 years of celebrating giving: thank you blood donors.**

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