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IMPORTANT DAYS

NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
May 01	Maharashtra Day/Maharashtra Divas and Gujarat Foundation Day	-
May 07	65th Border Roads Organisation (BRO) Raising Day	-
May 11	The 26th National Technology Day	"School to Startups - Inspiring Young Minds to Innovate".
May 14	Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDSL) celebrated its 250th Foundation Day	-
May 21	National Anti-Terrorism Day	-
May 30	Hindi Journalism Day	-

INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
May 02	United Nations (UN)'s World Tuna Day	-
May 03	The United Nations (UN)'s 31st World Press Freedom Day	"A Press for the Planet: Journalism is the Face of the Environmental Crisis".
May 03	International Sun Day	-
May 05	World Portuguese Language Day	-



<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
May 08	International Thalassaemia Day	"Empowering Lives, Embracing Progress: Equitable and Accessible Thalassaemia Treatment for All".
May 10	International Day of Argania/International Day of the Argan Tree	-
May 12	International Nurses Day	"Our Nurses. Our Future. The economic power of care".
	International Day of Plant Health	"Plant Health, Safe Trade, and Digital Technology".
May 15	International Day of Families Day	"Families and Climate Change
May 16	7th edition of the UNESCO's International Day of Light	-
May 17	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	"Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development".
May 18	International Day for Women in Maritime	"Safe Horizons: Women in Shaping the Future of Maritime Safety
	27th World AIDS Vaccine Day/HIV Vaccine Awareness Day	-
	International Museum Day	"Museums for Education and Research".





<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
May 20	World Bee Day	"Bee Engaged with Youth".
May 21	The 5th International Tea Day	
	United Nations (UN)'s World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	
May 23	World Turtle Day	"Let's Party".
May 24	The 1st-ever United Nations International Day of the Markhor	
May 25	World Football Day	
May 28	International Day of Action for Women's Health	"Mobilising in Critical Times of Threats and Opportunities".
	World Hunger Day	"Thriving Mothers, Thriving World".
May 29	International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers	"Fit for the Future: Building Better Together".
	The 71st International Everest Day	
May 30	The 1st-ever International Day of Potato	"Harvesting diversity, feeding hope".
May 31	World No-Tobacco Day	"Protecting children from tobacco industry interference".



<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
1st Tuesday of May (7th May 2024)	World Asthma Day	"Asthma Education Empowers".
2nd Saturday in May (11th May, 2024) and e 2nd Saturday of October (12th October, 2024)	World Migratory Bird Day	"Protect Insects, Protect Birds".
May 25-31	International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories	-

SPORTS

Cricket

- Amul becomes official sponsor of Sri Lanka Men's Cricket Team for T20 World Cup 2024
- ICC banned West Indies Cricketer Devon Thomas for a period of 5-years after he admitted to breaching multiple Anti-Corruption Codes
- New Zealand's top-order batsman Colin Munro announced his retirement from International Cricket
- Karnataka Milk Federation's (KMF) Nandini Dairy to Sponsor for Scotland for ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024
- The 17th Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 - Kolkata Knight Riders captained by Shreyas Iyer (Indian cricketer) has won the IPL 2024 by defeating Sunrisers Hyderabad captained by Pat Cummins (Australian cricketer) by 8 wickets in the finals held at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- ICC Player of the Month for April 2024 - ICC Men's Player of the Month: Muhammad Waseem (United Arab Emirates Captain) 1st player from UAE to win the award. ICC Women's Player of the Month: Hayley Matthews (West Indies Captain)



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Badminton

- India is set to host the Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Junior Championships 2025 - The event is held at the Badminton Association of India's (BAI) National Centres of Excellence (NCOE) in Guwahati, Assam.
- 36th edition of Thailand Open Super 500 badminton tournament 2024 - Held in Bangkok, Thailand.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Lee Zii Jia (Malaysia)	Ng Ka Long Angus (Hong Kong, China)
Women's Singles	Supanida Katethong (Thailand)	Han Yue (China)
Men's Doubles	Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty (India)	Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi (China)
Women's Doubles	Jongkolphan Kititharakul and Rawinda Prajongjai (Thailand)	Febriana Dwipuj Kusuma and Amallia Cahaya Pratiwi (Indonesia)
Mixed Doubles	GUO Xin Wa and Chen Fang hui (China)	Dechapol Puavaranukroh and Sapsiree Taerattanachai (Thailand)

Football

- Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) clinched a Record 12th Ligue-1 Title - To mark their 3rd consecutive win under coach Luis Enrique, further solidifying their stature as a powerhouse in French football.
- 36th Spanish League La Liga Title - The Spanish football giants, Real Madrid, have etched another remarkable achievement in their illustrious history by securing the La Liga 2023-24 season title.
- Sunil Chhetri announced his retirement from International Football
- Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has confirmed Australia as the hosts for the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026

Hockey

- Coca-Cola India joins forces with Hockey India for the National Women's Hockey League 2024
- Japan won its 1st Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey Trophy by defeating Pakistan

Tennis

- 81st edition of the Italian Open 2024 - It is a prestigious ATP Masters 1000 and WTA 1000 event was held in Rome, Italy.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Alexander Zverev (Germany)	Nicolás Jarry (Chile)
Women's Singles	Iga Świątek (Poland)	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)
Men's Doubles	Marcel Granollers (Spain) and Horacio Zeballos (Argentina)	Marcelo Arévalo (El Salvador) and Mate Pavić (Croatia)
Women's Doubles	Sara Errani and Jasmine Paolini (Italy)	Coco Gauff (United States) and Erin Routliffe (New Zealand)

Chess

- The 5-time World Champion & World No.1 Magnus Carlsen emerged as the winner of the 2024 Superbet Poland Rapid & Blitz
- Tamil Nadu's P.Shyam Nikhil becomes India's 85th Chess Grand Master (GM)

Grandprix French MotoGP 2024

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Jorge Martin (Pramac Ducati)	Spain
2	Marc Marquez (Gresini Ducati)	Spain
3	Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati Lenovo)	Italy

Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2024

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Max Verstappen (Red Bull)	Netherlands
2	Lando Norris (McLaren-Mercedes)	United Kingdom
3	Charles Leclerc (Ferrari)	Monaco

Events

- Indian Javelin Thrower Neeraj Chopra finished 2nd at the Doha Diamond League 2024
- World Para Athletics Championships 2024 - Indian para-athlete Deepthi Jeevanji won gold medal in the women's T20 400m event at the World Para Athletics Championships 2024 to set a new world record time of 55.07 seconds.
- Tripura's Dipa Karmakar became the 1st Indian gymnast to win a gold medal in the women's vault apparatus at the Asian Senior Championships

BANKING AND FINANCE

RBI

- RBI cancels Certificate of Registration (CoR) of New Delhi-based NBFC Acemoney (India) Ltd Over Irregular Lending Practices
- RBI updated the "Guidance Note on Operational Risk Management and Operational Resilience" to extend it to NBFC
- A Digital Payment Service Provider, Worldline ePayments India has received the RBI approval to operate as an online Payment Aggregator
- RBI lifting restrictions on Bajaj Finance's 'eCOM' and 'Insta EMI Card' products
- RBI announced 8% interest on Floating Rate Savings Bond (FRSB) 2034
- Neobanking Startup, Fi has secured a Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

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- GetVantage has secured Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) licence from RBI
- RBI revised guidelines for Banks' Capital Market Exposure in T+1 Settlement - RBI has updated the guidelines for custodian banks regarding the issuance of Irrevocable Payment Commitments (IPCs).
- RBI eases FEMA (Foreign Exchange Management Act) regulations to facilitate foreign investment in derivatives - To facilitate margin management for trading in permitted derivatives and will be applicable for transactions taking place in/outside India.
- RBI accepts only Rs.10,513 crore offers for buy Government Securities (G-Secs/GS) buyback
- Food tech major Zomato's subsidiary Zomato Payment Pvt Ltd (ZPPL) has voluntarily surrender its RBI license to operate as an online payment aggregator
- Quant Money Managers Ltd has received RBI approval to acquire its stake up to 9.98% of the paid-up share capital/voting rights in RBL Bank by May 12, 2025
- RBI is to conduct Rs.75,000 crore 4-day variable rate repo auction
- The central bank of South Africa, South African Reserve Bank has imposed a financial penalty of 10 million rand (Rs 4.5 crore) on South Africa's SBI branch
- RBI imposed a penalty of Rs.3.1 lakh on Hero FinCorp for not adhering to fair practices code provisions
- RBI launched 3 initiative PRAVAAH Portal, Retail Direct App and Fintech Repository for enhanced public access - These 3 initiatives named, Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation and Authorisation (PRAVAAH) portal, RBI Retail Direct Mobile Application and a Fintech Repository.
- RBI imposed restrictions on Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (EARCL) and ECL Finance Company Ltd (ECL) on material supervisory concerns
- RBI issues framework for self-regulatory organisations (SRO) in the fintech sector (SRO-FT)
- European Banks seek RBI approval for 3rd-party Transaction Model to overcome the impasse
- RBI to facilitate Opening of rupee accounts outside India to internationalise the Indian Rupee (INR)
- RBI has moved 100 Metric Tonnes/1 Lakh kg of gold stored in the UK to its domestic vaults in FY24, which marks a significant shift in gold storage



Public Sector Banks

State Bank of India (SBI)

- SBI Becomes the 1st Bank as Trading-cum-Clearing Member (TCM) of India International Bullion Exchange IFSC Limited (IIBX)

Bank of Baroda

- RBI has lifted restrictions on Bank of Baroda (BoB)'s mobile app "BoB World" with immediate effect

Union Bank of India

- Union Bank of India has modernised its risk management systems by implementing SAS solutions

Private Sector Banks

ICICI Bank

- ICICI Bank joined the league of India's top 5 companies by market capitalization surpassing Rs.8 Trillion

Yes Bank

- YES Bank has partnered with ANQ to launch two innovative Credit Cards, Pi and Phi to blend traditional banking with fintech solutions

YES Bank ANQ Pi Credit Card	YES Bank ANQ Phi Credit Card
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Digital-Only Convenience: Seamless credit transactions on UPI for domestic purchases. → No Joining Fees: Easy access without any upfront charges. → Reward Points: Earn 8 reward points on UPI transactions above Rs 2000, coupled with RuPay Platinum Benefits. → Enhanced Rewards: More rewards on UPI spending, making each transaction more valuable. → EMI Conversion: Convert purchases into EMIs for greater flexibility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Domestic and International Usage: Physical card usable for both domestic and international transactions. → No Joining Fees: Access without initial costs. → Multi-Reward Benefits: Rewards for dining, travel, and other categories. → Additional Perks: Fuel surcharge waivers, international lounge access, and more. → High Reward Potential: Earn up to 24 reward points on selected categories for spends of Rs 200.

- Yes Bank partnered with EBANX for payment processing in India for the global digital economy
- Yes Bank launched YES Grandeur for India's emerging affluent segment - This banking program launched in the form of Savings Account and Debit cards targets those with an Average Monthly Balance (AMB) of Rs.5 lakh or a Net Relationship Value (NRV) of Rs.20 lakh.

HDFC Bank

- HDFC Bank + Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), under National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) - To support social sector startups with grants worth Rs.19.6 crore in FY24 (FY 2023-24) under the 7th "HDFC Bank Parivartan Start-up Grants Programme".
- HDFC Bank launched India's 1st virtual credit card "PIXEL" - To allow users to design their cards with personalised benefits and offers.
- HDFC Bank secured USD 500 million from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) - To support underserved women borrowers to empower women by promoting financial inclusion, income generation and socio-economic growth.
- HDFC Bank divested its entire 3.20% stake in Protean eGov Technologies, amounting to 12,94,326 shares for Rs.150 crore

IndusInd Bank

- NBFC Poonawalla Fincorp + IndusInd Bank - Jointly launched the co-branded, Poonawalla Fincorp IndusInd Bank eLITE RuPay Credit Card.

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- Asian Development Bank allocated USD 2.6 Billion Sovereign Lending to India in 2023

Insurance News

- HDFC Life introduced a 'No Jhanjhat Life Insurance Fatafat' campaign - This campaign aims to simplify and expedite life insurance purchases through its online platform.



- Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company introduced Promise4Growth, a new Unit Linked Insurance Plan (ULIP)
- LIC has received the approval from SEBI for additional 3 years to comply with the Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) norms
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has introduced a new corporate governance regulations for insurers
- IRDAI introduced flexibility in procedural norms on expense of management, share transfer through two separate Master Circulars - Master Circular on Expenses of Management (EOM) and Commission Regulations 2024: Master Circular on Registration, Capital Structure, Transfer of Shares and Amalgamation, of Insurers, 2024:
- TATA AIG General Insurance launched Surety insurance bonds to support infrastructure development - To support the government's ambitious agenda on infrastructure development, which has been allocated 3.3% of the GDP in FY 2024.
- Shriram General Insurance partnered with SAS Viya to drive technology modernisation
- IRDAI revamped health insurance norms - In a significant move towards the empowerment of policyholders and bolstering inclusive health insurance, the IRDAI has announced a major revamp of regulatory norms.
- IRDAI mandates Shorter Audit Tenures to boost Governance in Insurance Sector

SEBI

- SEBI implements Stricter Norms to combat Employee Misconduct
- SEBI panel proposed changes to the Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) framework
- SEBI imposed a Rs.11.90 crore fine on 19 entities for the 'pump and dump' scheme involving Superior Finlease Ltd
- SEBI launched the beta version of its calculator for settlement proceedings

SIDBI

- SIDBI + EaseMyTrip + Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB) jointly conduct homestay entrepreneurship training programme
- SIDBI signed a MoU with Airbus Helicopters - For financing the purchase of Airbus helicopters in India



Others

- Former BharatPe COO Dhruv Dhanraj Bahl launched his maiden fund, Eternal Capital VC Fund with a substantial corpus of Rs.240 crore, including a greenshoe option
- A division of the Pine Labs Group, Setu launched Sesame, India's first Large Language Model (LLM) for the Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) sector
- Fintech firm Zeta launched UPI-linked Digital Credit Service for banks
- Thomas Cook India launched a new digital service, TCPay -A user-friendly digital service designed to simplify and enhance the remittance process, sending money abroad involved tedious paperwork and limited operating hours.
- CBDT released new functionality in Annual Information Statement (AIS) for taxpayers- To display the status of the information confirmation process in real-time.
- Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation for April 2024 is 13-month high of 1.26% on an annual basis as against 0.53% in March
- Hero MotoCorp joined the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) Network to revolutionize 2-wheeler industry
- PhonePe has partnered with Sri Lanka's LankaPay, owned by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka -To facilitate Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions for its users in Sri Lanka.
- Razorpay has announced a new employee health insurance policy -The policy will allow staff to include siblings in addition to live-in partners, LGBTQIA+ partners and parents.
- Bank of Maharashtra emerged as the top performer among Public Sector Banks in terms of business growth during the Fiscal Year 2023-24 (FY24)
- HSBC and State Bank of India (SBI) have invested ₹6.125 crore each to acquire 6.125% stakes in Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (CCIL) IFSC
- Fusion MicroFinance secured a \$25 million loan from US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) -To expand business operations and empower rural women entrepreneurs, aiming to advance financial inclusion.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) signed a Core Banking deal with Kuwait's Burgan Bank
- International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has constituted an expert committee to position GIFT-IFSC in Gandhinagar, Gujarat as "Global Commodity Trading Hub"
- PhonePe launched a secured lending products in its platform by partnering with banks, non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and other fintech firms



- Jio Financial Services launched 'JioFinance' app in beta mode to advance digital banking
- Indian government has increased the maximum limit of retirement and death gratuity from Rs.20 lakh to Rs.25 lakh

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

IIT News

- Mindgrove launched India's 1st commercial System on Chip (SoC) for Internet of Things (IoT) devices
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has partnered with the IIT-Bombay -To develop India's 1st Quantum Diamond Microchip Imager.
- Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) signed a MoU with IIT Hyderabad to collaborate on research and training

Space News

- China launched Chang'e-6 Lunar Probe Carrying Pakistan's ICUBE-Q Mission
- China Send Chang'e-6 probe to collect Moon's Far Side Sample
- X-Ray Imaging and Spectroscopy Mission (XRISM), an X-ray space telescope mission of Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- New Shepard rocket system built by Blue Origin's NS-25 mission lifted off with 6 crew members Including One Indian

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

- DRDO successfully flight-tested a long range Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system -The test was conducted from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Chandipur in Balasore, Odisha using a ground mobile launcher.
- DRDO successfully conducted the flight-test of RudraM-II air-to-surface Missile from Su-30 MK-I off the Odisha Coast

India in Science & Technology

- Bengaluru-based Flying Wedge Defence and Aerospace Technologies Pvt Ltd launched its Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV)-Flying Wedge Defence 200B (FWD-200B)
- Infosys received ISO 42001:2023 Certification for Artificial Intelligence Management System (AIMS)



- ISRO tested a liquid rocket engine, 'AM PS4 Engine', produced using Additive Manufacturing technology, commonly known as 3D printing -It was tested at the ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.
- Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center (IN-SPACe) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with GalaxEye Space
- Google has launched Google Wallet, a secure and private digital wallet for all Android users in India to store cards, passes, tickets, keys or IDs
- TCS launched Global AI Centre of Excellence in Paris, France
- ISRO unveiled a comprehensive strategy for its next Mars mission "Mangalyaan-2"
- L&T Technology Services (LTTS) announced the inauguration of Simulation Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Airbus at its Bengaluru campus
- Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has launched the Pharma Research in AyurGyan And Techno Innovation (PRAGATI-2024)
- AgniKul Cosmos Pvt Ltd launched Agnibaan SOrTeD (SubOrbital Technological Demonstrator)

Environment & Energy

- Adani Green Energy Ltd secured USD400 Million finance for its solar projects in Gujarat and Rajasthan
- REC (Rural Electrification Corporation) Limited has received a No Objection Certificate from the RBI
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has incorporated a wholly owned subsidiary in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in GIFT City, Gujarat
- Coal India, NMDC and ONGC Videsh seek overseas critical mineral assets
- MG Motor India and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) joined hands to enhance EV charging infrastructure across India
- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has entered into a technology licensing agreement with Norway based Nel Hydrogen Electrolyser AS -For accelerating its investments to make electrolyzers, particularly for production of green hydrogen.
- Reliance Industries to begin construction on India's 1st Multimodal Logistics Park at Mappedu near Chennai, a project worth Rs.1,424 crore.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Bangladesh

- India- Bangladesh bilateral meeting was held Virtually -To Discuss the Road-Map for Implementation of Capacity Building Programs for Civil Servants of Bangladesh.

Bhutan

- The 5th Joint Group of Customs (JGC) meeting between India and Bhutan was held in Leh, Ladakh

Ghana

- The 4th session of India-Ghana Joint Trade Committee (JTC) held in Accra, Ghana

Indonesia

- The 7th India-Indonesia Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) Meeting held in New Delhi

Iran

- India and Iran signed a long-term contract of 10 years to operate the Shahid Beheshti Port Terminal at Chabahar Port, Iran

Maldives

- Maldives launched India's RuPay Service to enhance bilateral ties with India

Namibia

- NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) has signed a pact with the Bank of Namibia, the central bank of the Republic of Namibia -o develop a Unified Payments Interface (UPI)-like instant payment system for Namibia.

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Nepal

- Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, Girish Chandra Murmu signed a MoU with Toyam Raya, Auditor General of Nepal -To enhance collaboration and exchange of expertise in the field of auditing between Supreme Auditing Institutions (SAIs) of India and Nepal.

New Zealand

- The 11th Joint Trade Committee meeting between India and New Zealand held in New Delhi

Papua New Guinea

- India announced USD 1 million Immediate Relief Aid for Landslide-Hit Papua New Guinea - It was announced through the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC).

Sri Lanka

- Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) signed a 20-year agreement with Sri Lanka for Wind Power Stations
- Indian Spiritual guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar received the 1st stamp released to commemorate the completion of 200 years of Indian-Origin Tamils in Sri Lanka
- Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) exported its 1st-ever parcel of XP100, India's 1st superior 100-octane premium fuel to Sri Lanka

Ukraine

- Ukraine introduce an AI-generated spokesperson, named Victoria Shi for its Foreign Ministry

United Arab Emirates

- Ministry of Tourism, Government of India participates in the Arabian Travel Mart 2024 is being held in Dubai
- Dubai launched the 'Long-Term Dubai Gaming Visa' initiative

United Kingdom

- India and the UK reaffirm their commitment to concluding a mutually beneficial Free Trade Agreement (FTA) - To review the progress on the 2030 Roadmap during their annual Strategic Dialogue in London, established in 2021 to enhance cooperation in various sectors.

- Bilateral trade between India and the UK has seen a substantial increase, reaching USD 20.36 billion in 2022-23, up from USD 17.5 billion in 2021-22, underscoring the importance of the FTA in facilitating further economic growth.

Summit/Event

- India to host 46th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM 46) in Kochi
- India launches the World Castor Sustainability Forum (WCSF)
- The 4th ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) Joint Committee meeting held in Putrajaya, Malaysia
- The 12th India-Mongolia Joint Working Group meeting is being held in Ulaanbaatar
- India-Kenya hold bilateral meeting to enhance collaboration in governance personnel administration
- South Korea and the UK will co-host the 2nd Global AI Summit in Seoul
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- 10th World Water Forum Opens in Bali, Indonesia - Theme: "Water for Shared Prosperity".
- The 77th World Health Assembly is being held in Geneva, Switzerland - **Theme:** "All for Health, Health for All".
- India has taken over the chairmanship of the Colombo Process for the term (2024-2026) for the first time since its inception 2003
- India hosted the 46th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM-46) and the 26th Committee on Environmental Protection (CEP-26) in Kochi, Kerala

Exercise

- 7th India-France joint military "Exercise SHAKTI 2024" commenced at Umroi, a fully developed and modern Foreign Training Node in Meghalaya
- Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent has joined a 16-day Multi-nation Mega Military Exercise 'Red Flag 24' in Alaska, United States

Others

- International Organization for Migration (IOM) released the "World Migration Report 2024"
- India's contribution of USD 500,000 to the U.N. Counter Terrorism Trust Fund (CTTF)
- European Union adopts first law tackling violence against women
- European Council has approved the world's first major Artificial Intelligence law
- Spain officially became the 99th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)

- World's highest observatory inaugurated in Chile by the University of Tokyo
- Nepal's 32-years old Purnima Shrestha has become the 1st woman in the world to climb Mount Everest thrice in a Single Season

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Ministry News

Ministry of External Affairs: Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

- Ministry of External Affairs + Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) + CSC eGovernance Services India Ltd, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) has signed a MoU - To provide the eMigrate services through Common Services Centres (CSCs) in India.

Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Textiles: Shri Piyush Goyal

- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) organised the "ONDC Startup Mahotsav", a 1st of its kind event held at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi

Ministry of Education, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

- Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship signed a MoU with Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd - To initiate two Pilot Projects under the Drone Didi Yojana in the National Skill Training Institute (NSTI) of Hyderabad, Telangana and Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- National Skill Development Corporation (NSDL) + AVPL International signed a MoU - To establish 70 Skills and Incubation Hubs across India, focusing on the fields of drone technology, the Internet of Things (IoT), agriculture and allied sectors, enhancing vocational training and skill development in the country.

Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Mines: Shri Prahlad Joshi

- The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs has celebrated Swachhata Pakhwada from 16th to 30th April 2024
- The Mining Sector Registers Record Production in FY 2023-24 at an increment of 7.5% over FY 2022-23

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying: Shri Parshottam Rupala

- Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) + United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India signed a MoU - To enhance the Digitalization of Vaccine Cold Chain Management, Capacity Building and Communication Planning at UNDP Country office in New Delhi.

Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports: Shri Anurag Singh Thakur

- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) organised the first-of-its-kind "Telecom Design Collaboration Sprint" - To foster deep-tech innovation among startups and academic institutions.

Ministry of State (Independent Charge) for Statistics and Programme Implementation, Ministry of Planning: Rao Indrerjit Singh

- National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released its 22nd quarterly Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for January-March 2024

State News Chhattisgarh

- SAIL-Bhilai To Install a 15 MW Floating Solar Plant in Chhattisgarh

Gujarat

- Gujarat's traditional artisans of Kutch Ajrak awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag

Manipur

- Manipur launched "School on Wheels" initiative to educate students in relief camps

Uttar Pradesh

- Ministry of Home Affairs has granted No Objection Certificate to change the names of 8 railway stations in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh



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Uttarakhand

- Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board + Astro-Tourism Company, Starscapes
- Uttarakhand government has launched the "Pirul Lao-Paisa Pao" campaign to combat the forest fires and forest devastation

Union Cabinet News

- Union Cabinet approved India AI mission at an outlay of Rs.10,372 crore

Others

- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-Advanced Materials and Processes Research Institute (AMPRI) + Knowledge and Awareness Mapping Platform (KAMP) - To conduct the Scientific Excursion at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- Titagarh to Roll Out India's First Private Sleeper Vande Bharat Trains By Late 2025
- National Archives of India (NAI) Acquires Invaluable Collection of private papers and original correspondences belonging to the late Shri Rafi Ahmad Kidwai
- Doordarshan's DD Kisan launched its AI anchors, AI Krish and AI Bhoomi
- Madhya Pradesh's Jyoti Ratre becomes India's Oldest Indian Woman to conquer Mount Everest
- Agricultural Drone Technology, Thanos Technologies and Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) - To facilitate the aerial spraying of fertilizers using drones over farmland over 10 lakh acres of farmland encompassing regions in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.
- Indian Mountaineer Satyadeep Gupta achieves historic double dual ascent
- Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy inaugurated the month-long Summer Fiesta 2024 at the National Bal Bhavan, New Delhi

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

- Gross GST revenue hit a record high in April 2024 at Rs.2.10 lakh crore
- UPI transactions has reached a record of Rs 18.28 lakh crore in April 2024
- Max Estates and New York Life Insurance have signed a MoU - New York Life Insurance, a mutual life insurance firm in the US will invest Rs.388 crore for a 49% equity stake in two commercial projects in Delhi and Noida by Max Estates' SPV.
- UGRO Capital to acquire Fintech firm MyShubhLife for Rs.45 crore
- Bharti Enterprises sells 38.50 lakh shares of ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company for Rs.663 crore through open market transactions



- Hinduja Group firm IndusInd International Holdings Ltd (IIHL) has received the approval from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) for the acquisition of Reliance Capital
- Moody's Ratings has projected that India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to grow at 6.6% in FY25 (2024-25) and 6.2% in FY26 (2025-26)
- Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) has secured an order worth Rs.250 crore from Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL)
- Majority shareholders and non-convertible debenture (NCD) holders of IDFC First Bank approved an amalgamation of IDFC with lender
- India's 1st Trade Receivables electronic Discounting System (TReDS) exchange platform, Receivables Exchange of India Limited (RXIL) crosses Rs.1 lakh crore in MSME Invoice Financing
- EaseMyTrip signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) to join the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) - To position EaseMyTrip into committing to this transformative initiative by ONDC.
- Tata Motors' subsidiaries, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles (TMPV) and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility (TPEM) + Bajaj Finance - To offer an innovative financing programme for their authorised passenger and electric vehicle dealers.
- Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services has received the Certificate of Registration (Corporate Agency License) from IRDAI
- Net Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flows into India decline to 62.17% to \$10.58 billion in FY24 from \$27.98 billion as compared FY23
- Google invests USD 350 million in Walmart-owned Flipkart as part of a \$1 billion funding round
- The Walt Disney Company has sold its 30% minority stake in Tata Play to Tata Group, valuing the company at approximately USD1 billion
- Fintech start-up BharatX acquires healthcare finance start-up Zenifi
- NSE Indices Limited, a subsidiary of National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) launched India's 1st Electric Vehicle Index named "Nifty EV and New Age Automotive Index"

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RANKING

National Ranking

- Uttar Pradesh tops in Transmission Line Addition - According to the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the leading state in terms of the addition of transmission lines by state transmission utilities in FY24.

International Ranking

- The 22nd edition of the World Press Freedom Index 2024 - This report was released by the Reporters Without Borders (RSF-Reporters sans frontières in French).

Rank	Country	Global Score
1	Norway	91.89
2	Denmark	89.6
3	Sweden	88.32
4	Netherlands	87.73
5	Finland	86.55
159	India	31.28

India's performance across these 5 indicators of the index:

Rank	Category	Global Score
159	Political Context	21.58
157	Economic Context	31.67
143	Legislative Framework	40.87
156	Social Context	33.33
162	Security	28.97

- International Energy Analytics Agency Ember released the "Global Electricity Review 2024" - India surpassed Japan to become the world's third-largest producer of solar power, generating 113 Terawatt-hour (TWh) compared to Japan's 110 Terawatt-hour (TWh).

- World's top 50 Wealthiest Cities Report 2024 - Released by the Henley& Partners and New World Wealth in collaboration with New World Wealth to identifies the wealthiest cities based on the presence of High Net Worth Individuals (HNWIs).
- Cristiano Ronaldo topped Forbes' list of highest-paid athletes for the 4th time in his career in 2024

Rank	Name	Earning
1	Cristiano Ronaldo (Soccer)	\$260 million
2	Jon Rahm (Golf)	\$218 million
3	Lionel Messi (Soccer)	\$135 million
4	LeBron James (Basketball)	\$128.2 million
5	Giannis Antetokounmpo (Basketball)	\$111 million
6	Kylian Mbappé (Soccer)	\$110 million
7	Neymar (Soccer)	\$108 million
8	Karim Benzema (Soccer)	\$106 million
9	Steph Curry (Basketball)	\$102 million
10	Lamar Jackson (Football)	\$100.5 million

- Indian School of Business (ISB) was ranked first in India by Financial Times in the Executive Education Custom Ranking 2024
- World Economic Forum (WEF)'s 2nd edition of the Travel & Tourism Development Index (TTDI 2024)

Rank	Country	Score
1	USA	5.24
2	Spain	5.18
3	Japan	5.09
4	France	5.07
5	Australia	5
39	India	4.25

- Oxford Global Cities Index Report 2024 - Delhi emerged as the highest-ranked Indian city, securing the 350th position among the world's 1000 largest cities.
- The 4th edition of TIME's 100 Most Influential Companies 2024 - Three Indian Companies namely Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), Tata Group and Serum Institute of India are featured in the list, published by TIME, the New York based American Magazine.

AWARDS

National Awards

- Dr. Bina Modi honored for Outstanding Contribution to Corporate Social Responsibility
- Puttur-based Edtech startup, Cherrilearn won the 'Elevate Karnataka 2023 Call 2' competition
- Assam Conservationist Dr Purnima Devi Barman wins Whitley Gold Award 2024 aka 'Green Oscar'
- Dr. Soumya Swaminathan honoured with an honorary Doctor of Science degree by Canada's McGill University
- Hindustan Shipyard Limited's CMD Cmde Hemant Khatri honored with the 'PSU Samarpan Award' - For their leadership and contributions at Hindustan Shipyard Limited.
- Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACE) honoured with the Geospatial World Leadership Award 2024- The award was given under the "Enabling Public Policy" category.
- Renowned English Author Ruskin Bond received Sahitya Akademi Fellowship
- Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram International Airport has become the 1st airport in India to achieve Zero Waste to Landfill (ZWL) accolade
- Uttar Pradesh Rickshaw Driver Arti won the UK's Prestigious Amal Clooney Women's Empowerment Award
- NHPC received 'The Economic Times HR World Future Ready Organization Award 2024-25' - For the recognition of NHPC's unwavering commitment to fostering a future-ready workforce and its strategic approach to human resource management.
- The 1st-ever Outlook Planet Sustainability Summit & Awards 2024 for Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) at an event took place in Goa

International Awards

- Palestinian journalist covering Gaza have been named the laureates of the 2024 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize
- Pawan Sindhi awarded the Global Pride of Sindhi Award 2024
- Chandrakant Satija honored with the Global Excellence Award 2024
- Indian-Origin American Scientist Shrinivas Ramchandra Kulkarni has been conferred the prestigious 2024 Shaw Prize in the category of Astronomy
- German author Jenny Erpenback and translator Michael Hofmann won the International Booker Prize 2024 for the book 'Kairos'
- UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan awarded the First-Class Medal of Independence on Ambassador of Paraguay
- India's National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) has been conferred with the prestigious Nelson Mandela Award

APPOINTMENTS

National Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
A 2010-batch Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) Officer, Shashi Bhushan Singh	Secretary of the National Jute Board in Kolkata	-
A Y V Krishna and N Venu Gopal	Additional Directors in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)	-
Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor	Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) Training Command of the Indian Air Force	-
Atanu Chakraborty	Re-appointed as the Part Time Chairman and Independent Director of HDFC Bank	-
Benjamin Ambrose	Chief Information Security Officer of NPCI	-

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Dileep Sanghani	Re-elected as the chairman of the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO)	-
Disney Veteran, Gaurav Banerjee	As the new India CEO of Sony	N.P.Singh
Former Chief Justice of the High Court of Jharkhand, Sanjaya Kumar Mishra	President of the Goods & Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT)	-
Former Flipkart Executive Surojit Chatterjee	Independent Director at Meesho	-
Hitesh Kumar Sethia	MD and CEO of Jio Financial Services	-
Indian Revenue Service (IRS) Officer, Pratima Singh	Director of the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)	-
Jetha Ahir	New Chairman of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)	Bijender Singh
Kapil Sibal	President of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA)	Adish C. Aggarwala
Keki Mistry	Chairman of HDFC Life	Deepak S Parekh
N Chandrasekaran	Chairman of Tata Electronics	Banmali Agrawala
Nemkumar H	Managing Director of IIFL Securities Limited	R. Venkataraman
P. Santhosh	MD and CEO of National Asset Reconstruction	N. Sundar

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
	Company Ltd (NARCL)	
R Lakshmi Kanth Rao	Executive Director of RBI	-
R Shankar Raman	President of Larsen& Toubro (L&T)	-
Ramesh Babu V	Member of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission	-
RBI approved the appointment of Pradeep Natarajan	As whole time Executive Director of IDFC First Bank	-
Rushabh Gandhi	MD and CEO of IndiaFirst Life Insurance	R M Vishakha
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Sandeep Batra	Chairman of the Board of Directors of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company	M S Ramachandran
Sanjeev Nautiyal	MD& CEO of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank	-
Sanjiv Puri, CMD of ITC Limited	President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	R.Dinesh, Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solution
Sharat Sinha	CEO of Airtel Business	-
Vice Admiral Sanjay Bhalla	Chief of Personnel of the Indian Navy	Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
Vinay Firake	Chief Executive Officer for Wipro's Asia Pacific, India, Middle East, and Africa (APMEA) Strategic Market Unit	Anis Chenchah

International Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
15th National Assembly of Viet Nam has elected General, To Lam	President of Vietnam	Vo Van Thuong
Allamaye Halina	Prime Minister of Chad	Succes Masra
Chad's military ruler, Mahamat Idris Deby Itno	President of Chad	-
David Salvagnini	NASA's 1st Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer	-
Dr William Lai Ching-te	16th President of Taiwan	Tsai Ing-wen
Former Minister of Public Security, José Raúl Mulino	President of the Republic of Panama	Laurentino Cortizo Cohen
Head of France's veterinary services, Dr.Emmanuelle Soubeyran	8th Director General of World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)	Dr.Monique Eloit
Jeremiah Manele	Prime Minister of Solomon Islands	Manasseh Sogavare
John Ramsay Swinney	7th first Minister of Scotland	Humza Haroon Yousaf
John Slaven	Vice-Chairman of the International Aluminium Institute	-
Mikhail Vladimirovich Mishustin	Reappointed as the Prime Minister of Russia	-
Vladimir Putin	For the 5th term as President of Russia	-

Brand Ambassadors

Name	Brand Ambassador
Kareena Kapoor Khan	National Ambassador of UNICEF India
Pakistan Cricketer, Shahid Afridi	Tournament ambassador for the International Cricket Council (ICC) Men's T20 World Cup 2024
Bollywood Actor Shah Rukh Khan	Brand Ambassador of the Muthoot Pappachan Group (MPG)

OBITUARY

- Renowned Journalist, Publisher and Editor of the Daily Hindi Milap Vinay Vir passed away at the age of 72
- Playback Singer Uma Ramanan passed away at the age of 72
- Renowned American Novelist and Filmmaker Paul Auster passed away at the age of 77
- Veteran Politician and Former Union Minister and BJP MP V Sreenivasa Prasad passed away at the age of 76
- Titanic, Lord of the Rings actor Bernard Hill passed away at the age of 79
- Urdu litterateur Salam Bin Razzaq passed away at the age of 83
- Renowned Punjabi Poet & Padma Shri Awardee Surjit Patar passed away at the age of 79
- Pioneering Pig Kidney Transplant Recipient Richard Slayman passed away at the age of 62
- Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi passed away at the age of 72
- Canadian Writer & Nobel Laureate in Literature Alice Laidlaw Munro passed away at the age of 92
- Former Gujarat Governor & Veteran Congress Leader Kamla Beniwal passed away at the age of 97
- Renowned Indian Banker and Former Chairman of ICICI Bank, Narayanan Vaghul passed away at the age of 88
- Renowned Author, Storyteller & Padma Shri Awardee Malti Joshi passed away at the age of 90

- Iran's 8th President Ebrahim Raisi died in a helicopter crash in northwestern Iran (Iran-Azerbaijan border)

DEFENCE

- Indian Army and Punit Balan Group have jointly developed a India's 1st Constitution Park in Pune, Maharashtra
- Keel laying ceremony for the first Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) was held at the Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL), Goa
- Chief of Defence of Staff General Anil Chauhan to chair Parivartan Chintan-II, a 2-day conference on jointness & integration of Armed Forces
- Lieutenant General DS Rana embarks on an official visit to Tanzania
- Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted the maiden air drop test of BHISHM portable cubes, World's 1st air-lifted portable hospital in Agra, Uttar Pradesh
- Indian Army is set to receive from Russian Iгла-S Air Defence Systems
- The Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan attended 'Exercise Cyber Suraksha 2024' - To highlight the critical importance of enhancing India's cyber defence capabilities.
- INS Delhi, INS Shakti, INS Kiltan deployed Manila, Philippines as part of the operational deployment of the Eastern Fleet to the South China Sea
- Cochin Shipyard received a EUR 60 million order for hybrid Service Operation Vessels (SOVs) from UK-based offshore renewable operator North Star Shipping
- Indian Army + Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) for demonstration trials of Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus technology - This collaboration underscores the Army's commitment to innovation and environmental stewardship.



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