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IMPORTANT DAYS
NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
July 01	National Chartered Accountant (CA) Day	Innovating for a sustainable future'
	National Doctors Day	"Healing Hands, Caring Hearts"
July 10	24th National Fish Farmer's Day	-
July 22	National Flag Adoption Day	-
July 23	National Broadcasting Day	-
July 26	25th anniversary of the Kargil Vijay Diwas/Kargil Victory Day	-
July 27	Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) celebrated its 18th Foundation Day	-
July 22-28	The Department of School Education and Literacy is observing Shiksha Saptah	-

International Wise

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
July 02	World UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) Day	-
	World Sports Journalists Day	-

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July 03	International Plastic Bag Free Day	-
July 06	World Zoonoses Day	-
July 07	The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's (UNESCO) World Kiswahili Language Day	"Kiswahili: Education and Culture of Peace".
July 11	United Nations World Population Day	"To Leave No One Behind, Count Everyone".
	United Nations (UN) 1st-ever International Day of Reflection and Commemoration of the 1995 Genocide in Srebrenica	-
July 12	International Malala Day	-
July 15	United Nations (UN) World Youth Skills Day	"Youth Skills for Peace and Development".
July 17	World Day for International Criminal Justice	
July 20	International Chess Day	
	International Moon Day	"Illuminating the Shadows".
July 22	World Brain Day	"Brain Health and Prevention: Protecting Our Future".

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July 25	World Drowning Prevention Day	"Anyone can drown, no one should".
July 28	World Hepatitis Day	"It's time for action", Sub-Theme: "Global hepatitis response: Closing the gap toward the 2030 elimination goals".
July 29	The 14th International Tiger Day/Global Tiger Day	
July 28	World Nature Conservation Day	'Connecting People and Plants, Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation'.
July 30	13th United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Friendship/World Friendship Day	-
	United Nations World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	'Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking'.
1st Saturday of July (July 06)	United Nations (UN) International Day of Cooperatives (Coops Day)	Cooperatives Building a Better Future for All"

SPORTS

Cricket

- ICC Player of the Month June 2024 - ICC Men's Player of the Month: Jasprit Bumrah (India). ICC Women's Player of the Month: Smriti Mandhana (India).



- Mark Wood to replace retired James Anderson in Nottingham Test - England have named one change in their Playing XI for the 2nd Test of the 3-match Test series against West Indies.
- Harmanpreet Kaur surpasses Smriti Mandhana to become India's highest T20I run-getter
- Asian Cricket Council (ACC) has announced that India will host the next edition of the Men's Asia Cup cricket tournament in 2025

Badminton

- The 3rd BWF Saint-Denis Reunion Open 2024 - The event held in Saint-Denis, the capital of the French overseas département of Réunion in the Western Indian Ocean, saw Indian badminton players dominate the tournament.
- Indian Badminton player Ashwini Ponnappa announced her retirement at the Paris Games

Football

- Germany's Thomas Müller (34-year old) announced his retirement from international football

Hockey

- Indian hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh announced the retirement after Paris Olympics 2024

Tennis

- Indian Tennis Legend Rohan Bopanna has announced his retirement after Paris 2024 Olympics

Basketball

- Basketball Federation of India (BFI) has set up the National basketball academy in collaboration with Corvuss American Academy in Mumbai

Chess

- Indian Tennis Legends Leander Paes and Vijay Amritraj have become the 1st Asian men to be inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame

Wrestling

- U-17/U-23 Asian Wrestling Championship 2024 - The Indian Wrestlers won 22 medals (8 gold, 5 silver and 9 bronze) in the Under-17 (U-17) Asian Wrestling Championships 2024 and 23 medals (9 Gold, 10 Silver and 4 Bronze) in the Under -23 (U-23) Asian Wrestling Championships 2024 held in Amman, Jordan.

**Grandprix
Austrian Grand Prix 2024**

Rank	Winner	Country
1	George Russell (Mercedes)	United Kingdom
2	Oscar Piastri (McLaren)	Australia
3	Carlos Sainz Jr (Ferrari)	Spain

Driver Standings (As of 1st July 2024):

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Max Verstappen (Red Bull)	237
2	Lando Norris (McLaren)	156
3	Charles Leclerc (Ferrari)	150

British Grand Prix 2024

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes)	United Kingdom
2	Max Verstappen (Red Bull)	Netherlands
3	Lando Norris (McLaren)	United Kingdom

Hungarian Grand Prix 2024

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Oscar Piastri (McLaren)	Australia
2	Lando Norris (McLaren)	United Kingdom
3	Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes)	United Kingdom

Belgian Grand Prix 2024

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes)	United Kingdom

2	Oscar Piastri (McLaren)	Australia
3	Charles Leclerc (Ferrari)	Monaco
disqualified	George Russell (Mercedes)	United Kingdom

Events

- Gagan Narang appointed as Chef-de-Mission of Indian Contingent for Paris 2024 Olympics
- Assam's Kokrajhar, Jharkhand's Jamshedpur, Kolkata and Shillong is set to host 133rd Durand Cup 2024, held from July 27th-August 31st
- Indian Squash Players Triumph at Asian Squash Doubles Championship 2024 - Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar defeated Ong Sai Hung and Syafiq Kamal of Malaysia in straight sets to won Men's Doubles Title.
- The 17th edition of the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) European Football Championship 2024, also known as "UEFA Euro 2024/Euro Cup" - Spain won UEFA Euro 2024 by defeating England (2-1) in the finals for the 4th time.
- World Championship of Legends 2024 - Indian Champions team led by Yuvraj Singh won the inaugural edition of the World Championship of Legends 2024 by defeating the Younis Khan-led Pakistan Champions team by 5-wickets during the finals held in Birmingham, England.
- 48th edition of the Copa America - Argentina won Copa America 2024 title by defeating Colombia in the finals held at the Hard Rock Stadium in Florida, USA.
- The 35th International Biology Olympiad (IBO) 2024 - The Indian team won one gold medal and 3 silver medals at the 35th IBO was held at Astana, Kazakhstan.
- India won 2 gold and 3 silver medals at the 54th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) 2024; 1 gold and bronze each and 2 silver medals in the 56th International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO2024)

Others

- TCS Signs Title Partnership with Sydney Marathon, Australia's Largest and Most Iconic Race
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Fortune Global 500 Company have partnered with Indian Olympic Association as Principal Sponsor
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced that it has partnered with the National Olympic Committee (NOC) of Saudi Arabia - To host the inaugural Olympic Esports Games 2025 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

BANKING AND FINANCE

Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

- RBI has joined Project Nexus, a multilateral international initiative to Enable Instant Cross-Border Retail Payments
- RBI unveiled draft regulations covering export and import transactions - To rationalise regulations covering export and import transactions to promote ease of doing business, especially for small exporters and importers.
- RBI has joined Project Nexus, a multilateral international initiative - For facilitating instant cross-border retail payments by interlinking domestic Fast Payments Systems (FPSs) through a unified platform.
- RBI has granted final approval to the SabPaisa (SRS Live Technologies Pvt Ltd) - to operate as a Payment Aggregator (PA) under the Payments and Settlement Systems Act of 2007.
- RBI released its 29th Financial Stability Report (FSR) July 2024
- RBI has penalized 5 banks, including Punjab National Bank (PNB) for non-compliance with various RBI directions - RBI imposed a penalty on Gujarat Rajya Karmachari Cooperative Bank, Ahmedabad, Rohika Central Co-operative Bank in Madhubani, Bihar, National Co-operative Bank, Mumbai and Bank Employees' Co-operative Bank in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- RBI expands Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) Norms for Investment via GIFT IFSC
- RBI launched quarterly survey on order books of manufacturing sector
- RBI approved the conversion of Jio Financial Services Ltd from a Non- Banking Financial Company (NBFC) to a Core Investment Company (CIC)
- RBI has established a committee headed by Sunil Mehta, CEO of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) - To review the fee structure for White-Label ATMs (WLAs) and aims to recommend a fair and sustainable model that balances all stakeholders' interests and will evaluate current policies and practices.
- RBI introduced new Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) - To provide more focus on larger UCBs that require more intensive monitoring by optimal utilisation of supervisory resources and will come into effect from 1st April 2025.



- RBI's Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) increased to 445.5 as of March 31, 2024, marking a 12.6% Year-on-Year (Y-o-Y) increase compared to March 2023 across all parameters
- Amazon Pay, Adyen and BillDesk secured the cross-border payment aggregator licence from the RBI
- RBI has selected 5 entities out of 22 applications for the Test Phase under the 5th cohort of Regulatory Sandbox (RS) on the theme ' Neutral'

Public Sector Banks

State Bank of India (SBI)

- SBI launched "MSME-Sahaj", a web-based digital business loan solutions for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) invoice financing
- SBI unveiled 11 New Initiatives on its 69th Foundation Day on July 01
- SBI launched a 444-days Fixed Deposit scheme named "Amrit Vrishti"- It offers a higher interest rate and addresses the requirements of both domestic and Non-Resident Indian (NRI) customers.

Union Bank of India

- Union Bank of India has launched its new "Union Premier" branches - It is designed for Union Bank's high-value customers in the Rural and Semi-Urban (RUSU) markets.

Punjab National Bank (PNB)

- PNB has enhanced insurance coverage and additional benefits for active Indian Army personnel under its flagship program "PNB Rakshak Plus"
- PNB launched 'Safety Ring' to enhance Internet and Mobile Banking Security

Indian Overseas Bank

- Indian Overseas Bank unveiled a upgradation facility on savings scheme, that offer enhanced features to its customers

Bank of Baroda

- Bank of Baroda domestic advances grow 8.51% YoY in Q1 to raise Rs.7,500 cr via debt instruments
- BoB launched a Generative AI-powered Virtual Relationship Manager (VRM) and Credit Line on UPI

Private Sector Banks

Axis Bank

- Axis Bank + Piramal Capital and Housing Finance (Piramal Finance), a NBFC has entered into a co-lending partnership

ICICI Bank

- ICICI Bank launched a pre-paid 'Student Sapphire Forex Card' for Indian students heading abroad for higher education

Federal Bank

- Federal Bank has entered into a strategic Bancassurance partnership with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company

IndusInd Bank

- IndusInd Bank has collaborates with Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS), a high-performance Olympic training facility in Vijayanagar

Insurance News

- Bajaj Allianz Life launched Nifty Alpha 50 Index Fund - A unit-linked insurance plan (ULIP) aims to provide investors with exposure to "high-alpha stocks", the new fund offer (NFO) period for the fund began on July 1 and will end on July 15, 2024.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) launched 'Jeevan Samarth', an agency transformation project
- Ageas Federal Life Insurance launched a 'Golden Years Pension Plan' for Secure Retirement
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has increased its stake in IDFC First Bank from 0.20% to 2.68% of the paid-up capital
- ICICI Prudential Life includes the 'Life Continuity' feature in its popular term insurance product, ICICI Pru iProtect Smart
- Shriram Life launches "Shriram Life Deferred Annuity Plan" for a steady retirement income
- ICICI Lombard introduced 'Elevate': Revolutionizing Health Insurance product integrating AI technology
- LIC has partnered with IDFC First Bank, under Corporate Agency Arrangement - To enhance bancassurance and to provide life insurance coverage to all by 2047.
- TATA AIG general insurance provider in India, has formed a partnership with Mahindra Finance, a non-banking finance company - This collaboration aims to extend the distribution of TATA AIG's non-life insurance products to Mahindra Finance's customers and to deliver customer-centric insurance solutions to meet the diverse needs of individuals and families across various regions.
- ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company has announced a Strategic Bancassurance Partnership with Karnataka Bank - To offer ICICI Lombard's insurance products to Karnataka Bank customers.

SEBI

- SEBI mandates institutional mechanism for fraud prevention in stock broking
- SEBI issued a new guidelines to enhance Credit Rating Agency (CRA) Operations

- SEBI unveiled an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based chatbot named “SEVA (Sebi’s Virtual Assistant)” - To assist investors in accessing information and responses on various processes.

SIDBI

- Green Climate Fund (GCF) has approved USD 200 million loan and USD 15.6 million grant (total of USD 215.6 million) - For capacity building to Small Industries Development Bank of India’s (SIDBI) Financing Mitigation and Adaptation Projects (FMAP) in Indian Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- SIDBI has entered into a co-lending partnership with C2treds, a strategic initiative by C2FO and UGRO Capital, a data technology NBFC - To facilitate loans to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector at competitive interest rates.

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- Government of India and ADB sign \$170 million loan to strengthen India’s health system preparedness and response capacity to future pandemics
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a \$60 million financing agreement with Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) -To provide housing loans to women in India, to address the shortage of financing in the low-income and affordable housing segment.
- ADB has approved USD 240.5 million in loans to finance rooftop solar systems across India
- ADB released its “Asian Development Outlook (ADO)-July 2024” maintaining the GDP forecast for the Indian economy at 7% for the FY 25

World Bank

- World Bank approved USD 1.5 billion for ‘Second Low-Carbon Energy Programmatic Development Policy Operation’ - To help India to accelerate the development of low-carbon energy.
- World Bank Approves Additional USD 1.5 Billion in Financing to Support India’s Low-Carbon Transition

Others

- DBS Bank India + Receivables Exchange of India Ltd (RXIL) -To launch a pre-shipment financing solution to empower end-to-end supplier financing for the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in India.
- Paytm launched ‘Paytm Health Saathi’ - A health and income protection plan for merchant partners, available on the ‘Paytm for Business’ app, starting at Rs.35 per month.
- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) launched CSR Connect to infuse corporate investment to social development in North East

- Mumbai-based Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd has been renamed as “Sammaan Capital Limited”
- Muthoot Finance is the only Indian NBFC selected for the Financial Action Task Force’s (FATF) Mutual Evaluation Report for year 2023-24
- Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) + TransUnion CIBIL Limited (i.e. Credit Information Bureau (India) Ltd) to launch SEHER
- India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) goes live at Galeries Lafayette, eyes Paris Olympics boost
- French banking major BNP Paribas launched operations at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City - International Financial Services Centre (GIFT-IFSC) by opening a new branch
- NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) signed an agreement with Doha, Qatar-based Qatar National Bank (QNB) - To introduce QR (Quick Response) code-based Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments across Qatar and will be available through QNB’s extensive merchant network, benefiting Indian travelers in Qatar.
- ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund has introduced India’s 1st Exchange-Traded Fund (ETF) focused on the oil and gas sector, named “ICICI Prudential Nifty Oil & Gas ETF”
- Kotak Mahindra Mutual Fund has launched BSE PSU Index Fund - A passive equity scheme that replicates the performance of the BSE PSU Index comprising 56 PSU stocks.
- Paytm launched India’s 1st NFC Card Soundbox - This next-generation payment device combines NFC technology with mobile QR payments, offering an affordable device for card payments to millions of offline merchants.
- Shriram Group has obtained approval from the RBI to enter the Asset Reconstruction (ARC) sector in the financial year 2024-2025 (FY25)
- 11 public sector banks, excluding SBI have charged Rs.2,331 crore from account holders

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

IIT News

- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) has signed an agreement with the IIT Roorkee, Uttarakhand and IIT Mandi, Himachal Pradesh - For developing ‘Cell-Free’ 6G (6th Generation of wireless technology) Access Points (APs).

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

- DRDO has conducted successful trials of the indigenous Light Battle Tank ‘Zorawar’ in Hazira, Gujarat

- DRDO has sanctioned 7 new projects to private entities under Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme - To cater to the various requirements of the Armed Forces and aerospace & defence sectors.
- DRDO successfully conducted the flight test of Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) System

India in Science & Technology

- Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-Space) has granted the authorisation to Azista BST Aerospace Pvt Ltd - To establish a ground station in the Ultra High-Frequency (UHF) frequency bands in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Infosys collaborates with TDC Net to accelerate Digital Transformation - To help them transform from a traditional infrastructure company to a leading customer-centric technology company.

Environment & Energy

- REC Limited (Rural Electrification Corporation) has secured a green loan agreement from Deutsche Bank AG, Gujarat's GIFT City branch in Gandhinagar
- IndianOil Corporation Ltd (IndianOil) has launched Storm-X, a high-octane racing fuel tailored for racing cars
- NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Ltd has set up Green Charcoal Plant In Haryana

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

China

- China unveiled world's 1st Carbon Fiber High-Speed Train

Japan

- Japan issued New Yen Banknotes with 3D Hologram Technology to combat counterfeiting

Laos

- External Affairs Ministry, Jaishankar held a bilateral meeting with Saleumxay Kommasith, foreign minister of Lao PDR

Sri Lanka

- Sri Lanka celebrates Annual Kataragama Esala Festival

Taiwan

- India and Taiwan implements the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) - For organic products to mark the first bilateral agreement for organic products between India and Taiwan.

United States

- Historic Cultural Property Agreement signed between India and the USA

Summit/Event

- Hungary took over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU) from Belgium, for 6 months (July- December 2024)
- India hosted the “Global IndiaAI Summit” on July 3rd to 4th July at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- 6th meeting of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) Ministerial Council held in New Delhi
- Narendra Modi inaugurated the 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee be held in New Delhi
- Laos is gears up to host 57th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in Vientiane
- The 1st Secretary-level meeting between Defence Ministries of India & Democratic Republic of Congo is held in New Delhi
- The 12th Joint Defence Cooperation Committee meeting between India and UAE held in Abu Dhabi to strengthen bilateral defence & security ties
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to lead Indian delegation to BRICS Parliamentary Forum in St. Petersburg, Russia
- 7th India-Japan Medical Product Regulatory Symposium held at New Delhi
- India leads Global Maritime Discourse at International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council Session in London
- India to host the 2nd Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation on September 11 and 12
- The 45th Scientific Assembly of the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) commenced in Busan, South Korea
- India hosted the World Heritage Young Professionals Forum 2024 in New Delhi
- India Prepares to Sign Headquarters Agreement with Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA)
- India has elected as vice-chair of the Supply Chain Council (SCC) under the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF)
- India hosted the 2nd Edition of Colombo Security Conclave Seminar on “Exchange of Information on Legislations, Cyber Policies and Incident Mitigation” at NFSU Gujarat

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Exercise

- The 13th India-Thailand joint military exercise 'MAITREE' is taking place at Fort Vachirapakan in Tak province of Thailand
- The 16th edition of the India-Mongolia Joint Military Exercise 'Nomadic Elephant 2024' is held at the Foreign Training Node in Umroi, Meghalaya
- The 21st edition of Exercise 'Khaan Quest(KQ24)', a multinational peacekeeping exercise - Held at the Five Hills Training Area in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia to enhance global peacekeeping capabilities and foster international military collaboration.

Others

- India has assumed the chairmanship of the Colombo Process for 2024-26 for the 1st time since the forum's inception in 2003
- Bangladesh has officially become the 5th full member of Colombo Security Conclave (CSC)
- World Health Organization (WHO) has launched MeDevIS (Medical Devices Information System) platform for Medical Device Information
- World's 1st 3D-Printed Electric Abra Begins Trial Voyage In Dubai
- Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire) become the 53rd Party to the 1992 United Nations Water Convention which is also known as the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lake
- Startup incubator T-Hub and Malaysia's Beyond4 have signed a MoU - To work together to promote cross-border collaboration, investment facilitation, business expansion support and innovation.
- China, Australia and India have lead in Forest Area Gains, as per the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Report

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

President Droupadi Murmu News

- President of India, Droupadi Murmu has appointed new Governors in 10 States and 1 Union Territory

State/UT	New Governor	Succeeded by
Puducherry (Lieutenant Governor)	Kuniyil Kailashnathan	C.P. Radhakrishnan (Additional Charge)
Sikkim	Om Prakash Mathur	Lakshman Prasad Acharya
Meghalaya	C.H. Vijayashankar	Phagu Chauhan
Jharkhand	Santosh Kumar Gangwar	C.P. Radhakrishnan



Telangana	Jishnu Dev Varma	C.P. Radhakrishnan (Additional Charge)
Chhattisgarh	Ramen Deka	Bishwabhusan Harichandan
Rajasthan	Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde	Kalraj Mishra
Punjab	Gulab Chand Kataria (also appointed as Administrator of the UT of Chandigarh)	Banwarilal Purohit
Maharashtra	C.P. Radhakrishnan	Ramesh Bais
Manipur (Additional charge)	Lakshman Prasad Acharya	Anusuiya Uikye
Assam		Gulab Chand Kataria

Ministry News

Ministry of Defence: Shri Rajnath Singh (Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh)

- MoS for Ministry of Defence, Sanjay Seth launched the 2nd edition of the “GRSE Accelerated Innovation Nurturing Scheme” (GAINS 2024) in Kolkata, West Bengal
- The Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence has notified the 5th Positive Indigenisation List (PIL) comprising 346 items
- Ministry of Defence signed a MoU with National Stock Exchange (NSE) for a period of 5 years - To facilitate capital market access to Micr
- .Ministry of Defence has signed a MoU with Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) under the Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS) - To establish 3 state-of-the-art testing facilities in Uttar Pradesh (UP).

Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Cooperation: Shri Amit Shah (Gandhinagar, Gujarat)

- Ministry of Home Affairs declared June 25 as ‘Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas (Constitution Murder Day)’
- Amit Shah inaugurated the Pradhan Mantri (PM) College of Excellence’ in all 55 districts of the state from Indore, Madhya Pradesh

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways: Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari (Nagpur, Maharashtra)

- Nitin Gadkari launched Bajaj Auto's new bike "Freedom", the world's first CNG motorcycle

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; and Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers: Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda (Rajya Sabha- Gujarat)

- Nadda directed food regulator FSSAI to waive a registration fee of Rs.100 for street food vendors

Ministry of Finance & Corporate Affairs: Smt Nirmala Sitharaman (Rajya Sabha- Karnataka)

- Finance Ministry notifies 7.1% as interest rate for Special Deposit Scheme (SDS) in July-September
- Finance Minister announced the second phase of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) Urban-a housing-for-all scheme

Ministry of External Affairs: Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar (Rajya Sabha- Gujarat)

- Subrahmanyam Jaishankar was on a 2-day official visit to the Republic of Mauritius

Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs; Minister of Power: Shri Manohar Lal Khattar (Constituency- Karnal, Haryana)

- MoHUA has extended the deadline for the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) till 31st March 2025

Minister of Heavy Industries; Minister of Steel: Shri H. D. Kumaraswamy (Mandya, Karnataka)

- Kumaraswamy, Ministry of Steel launched the Steel Importing Monitoring System (SIMS) 2.0 portal -A dedicated portal providing advanced information about steel imports.
- Ministry of Heavy Industries announced the extension of the duration of Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme (EMPS) 2024 by 2 months till September 30th 2024 with an enhancement outlay of Rs.778 crore

Minister of Commerce and Industry: Shri Piyush Goyal (Mumbai North, Maharashtra)

- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) + National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) signed a MoU - For the development of framework and assessment of logistics cost in India.
- Piyush Goyal announced concessions in licensing fees

.Minister of Education: Shri Dharmendra Pradhan (Sambalpur, Odisha)

- Dharmendra Pradhan launched the National Apprenticeship and Training Scheme (NATS) 2.0 Portal in New Delhi

- Ministry of Education celebrated the 4th anniversary of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 at the Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam (ABSS) 2024

Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises: Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi (Gaya, Bihar)

- Ministry of Rural Development + Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises signed a Statement of Intent (Sol) - To support and formalise the Self Help Group (SHG) women-led rural enterprises through the flagship schemes of MoMSME.

Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways: Shri Sarbananda Sonowal (Dibrugarh, Assam)

- Sarbananda Sonowal approved India's 1st Integrated Agri-Export Facility Project at Mumbai's Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNP)

Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment: Dr. Virendra Kumar (Tikamgarh, MP)

- Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPWD) under the MoSJE signed 2 significant MoUs

Minister of Railways; Minister of Information and Broadcasting; and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology: Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw (Rajya Sabha-Odisha)

- Ashwini Vaishnaw Inaugurates India's 500th Community Radio Station, Apna Radio 90.0 FM at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) in Aizawl

Minister of Communications; and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region: Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia (Guna, MP)

- Jyotiraditya unveiled the theme of the 8th India Mobile Congress (IMC) i.e. 'The Future is Now'
- Ministry of Communications has approved the merger of Department of Telecommunications' (DoT's) 3 training institutes -
 - The 3 training institutes include, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh- based National Telecommunications Institute for Policy Research, Innovation and Training (NTIPRIT); Ghitorni, New Delhi-based National Institute of Communication Finance (NICF); and New Delhi-based Wireless Monitoring Training & Development Centre (WMTDC) into single administrative entity, 'National Communications Academy (NCA)' with immediate effect.



**Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change: Shri Bhupender Yadav
(Alwar, Rajasthan)**

- Bhupender Yadav launched the 'Ideas4LiFE' initiative at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi in New Delhi

**Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; and Minister of Minority Affairs: Shri Kiren Rijiju
(Arunachal West)**

- Haj Committee is now under the Minority Affairs Ministry by replacing the Ministry of External Affairs

**Minister of Coal; and Minister of Mines: Shri G. Kishan Reddy
(Secunderabad, Telangana)**

- G. Kishan Reddy launched "Noble Initiative for Rewarding Mains Aspirants of National Civil Services Examination (NIRMAN)" portal
- Kishan Reddy inaugurated the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) Gallery at Shastri Bhawan
- Kishan Reddy launched Mineral Exploration Hackathon and National District Mineral Foundation (DMF) Portal in Hyderabad, Telangana
- Ministry of Minority Affairs has organised the "Lok Samvardhan Parv"

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Planning; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture: Rao Inderjit Singh (Gurgaon, Haryana)

- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has launched the eSankhyiki portal (<https://esankhyiki.mospi.gov.in/>)

**Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy; and Minister of State in the Department of Space: Dr. Jitendra Singh
(Udhampur, J&K)**

- Ministry of Earth Sciences organized a high-level workshop for BIMSTEC countries in Noida
- Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Asia's 1st health research-related "Pre-clinical Network Facility" in Faridabad, Haryana

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Education: Shri Jayant Chaudhary (Rajya Sabha-UP)

- Jayant Chaudhary has launched an enhanced 'Model Skill Loan Scheme' -For skill development courses with an increased maximum loan limit to Rs.7.5 lakh from Rs.1.5 lakh.

State News

Andhra Pradesh

- Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu launched the distribution of Rs.4,408 crore under the 'NTR Bharosa pension scheme'
- Andhra Pradesh's Geological Links with Gondwana Supercontinent - Scientists from Hyderabad's National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) have revealed a historic collision between India and East Antarctica over a billion years ago.

Gujarat

- Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel launched the 'Shramik Basera' Scheme - To provide temporary accommodation to about 15,000 construction workers for a daily rent of Rs.5 per day.

Himachal Pradesh

- Himachal cabinet approved a plan to Rationalise Provisions of Zero Electricity Bill

Haryana

- Haryana Cabinet approved the launch of the 'IT Saksham Yuva Scheme'

Jharkhand

- Jharkhand's Mica Mines declared Child Labour-Free by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) at an event in Koderma, Jharkhand

Karnataka

- Bengaluru to host 13th edition of nanotech event in August 2024 from 1-3

Kerala

- Government of Kerala and IBM to jointly host international GenAI conclave in Kochi

Madhya Pradesh

- Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav launched 'Lokpath Mobile App' for public

Maharashtra

- Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde launched a new scheme for 'Ladka Bhau Yojana', a part of the 'Mukhya Mantri Yuva Karya Prashikshan Yojana'
- Maharashtra CM announced the 'Ladla Bhai Yojana' for boys and 'Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana' for girls in the state

Meghalaya

- Meghalaya Government launched its own Over-The-Top (OTT) platform 'Hello Meghalaya' at the Lariti International Center

Tamilnadu

- Ministry of Defence signed a MoU with Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited (TIDCO) -To establish 3 state-of-the-art advanced testing facilities in Chennai, Tamil Nadu under the Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS).

Telangana

- Telangana CM, Anumula Revanth Reddy launched 'Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhayahastam' scheme
- Telangana launched the "Project Swasthya Nagaram", a unique model for TB-free municipalities

Uttar Pradesh

- Tata Power Solar Systems Ltd (TPSSL) has launched 'Ghar Ghar Solar, Tata Power ke Sang' initiative in Varanasi
- Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath launched 'Mitra Van' (Friendship Forest) initiative along borders
- Uttar Pradesh CM Adityanath inaugurated the Uttar Pradesh Mango Festival at the Awadh Shilp Gram in Lucknow

Uttarakhand

- Uttarakhand's eSwasthya Dham Portal Integrates with Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission
- Uttarakhand Forest Department opens Its 1st-ever Bird Gallery at the Nature Education Centre, Jolly Grant in Dehradun
- July 16, marks the official beginning of Sawan accompanied by the vibrant Harela festival celebrated across Uttarakhand

Union Territory News

Delhi

- Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) introduced Airport Check-In Services for International Flights at New Delhi and Shivaji Stadium metro stations on the Airport Express Line

Union Cabinet News

- Narendra Modi-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Government reconstituted 8 Cabinet Committees of the Union Cabinet - Of the total 8 committees, 6 of them were headed by the PM and the remaining one will be headed by the Home Minister and other by the Defence Minister.

NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)

- NITI Aayog launched the 'Sampoornata Abhiyan', a 3-month campaign (4th July 2024-30th September 2024)

- NITI Aayog released SDG India Index 2023-24 - India's composite score improved to 71, reflecting advancements across key sectors like poverty eradication, economic growth, climate action, and biodiversity conservation.
- NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has signed a Joint Letter of Intent (JLoI) with World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), one of the specialized agency of UN
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 9th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, New Delhi

Others

- TAFE Motors and Germany's Deutz sign pact for engine manufacturing in India
- Centre issues Scheme Guidelines for funding of testing facilities, infrastructure and institutional support
- Government notifies additional provisions in Telecom Act
- The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) + M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) signed a MoU - To enhance livelihood opportunities among rural, tribal and farming communities in India.
- NABARD launched Rs.750 crore an agri fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises (Agri-SURE) fund to boost Agri Startups
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) Towers at the INS Secretariat in Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai
- Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) launched a target-oriented research plan named 'One Scientist-One Product'
- Gol has released the 1st tranche of USD 2.5 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)
- All-India Institute of Ayurveda hosted the 'Saushrutam 2024' in New Delhi
- Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Syngenta Foundation India (SFI), and Syngenta India Pvt Ltd have signed a MoU
- National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) + Netflix India have signed a MoU -To launch "The Voicebox", an upskilling program for voice-over artists in India.
- Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) signed a MoU with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru -For the establishment of the 'BIS Standardization Chair Professor' at the IISc.
- Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) releases National Time Release Study (NTRS) 2024 Report

Current Affairs

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- C-CAMP signed a MoU with M S Swaminathan Research Foundation to launch Rural Agriculture Innovation Programme-RAIN
- Government set up a 7 PM Mega Integrated Textile Region. Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks with world class infrastructure in Greenfield/Brownfield sites
- Centre clears Urban Flood Management Projects worth Rs.2,514.36 cr of 5 States
- The Hans Foundation + National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), has launched the Mobile Therapy Buses initiative
- India's 1st Sunken Museum at Humayun's Tomb Complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site will be inaugurated in Delhi
- The Department of Atomic Energy inaugurated the 'One DAE One Subscription' took place on July 29, at Tata Memorial Hospital in Mumbai
- The National Centre for Good Governance + Indian Institute of Management, Visakhapatnam -To commence 5-Day Training Programme on Digital Governance at IIM, Visakhapatnam.
- Government of India is implementing the Project for Computerization of functional PACS with a total financial outlay of Rs.2,516 crore
- Government implements a scheme of Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Children (CCPWC) under Nirbhaya Fund

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

- Gross GST revenue collection in June 2024 at Rs.1.74 lakh crore
- Integra Essentia (transferee company) has announced its merger with G G Engineering (transferor company)
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) released 'World Economic Outlook (WEO) Update, July 2024: The Global Economy in a Sticky Spot'
- Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) had signed an agreement to sell its water purifier business in India to A.O. Smith, a global water technology company
- Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) has projected a 7% annual median Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth for India in the FY25
- LTIMindtree announces contract extension with Absa Bank -Global technology consulting and digital solutions company, LTIMindtree, has announced a multi-million-dollar contract extension with Absa Bank, an African financial services group.
- ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL), a subsidiary of ONGC has acquired Norwegian firm Equinor's stake in Azerbaijan's offshore Azeri Chirag Gunashli (ACG) oil field and an associated oil pipeline for \$60 million
- ACKO acquires healthtech company OneCare to build a comprehensive healthcare ecosystem

- UltraTech Signed Agreement with India Cements Limited (ICL) to Buy Additional 32.72% Stake for Rs.3,954 crore for Rs.3,954 crore
- CCI has approved the proposed amalgamation of Mangalore Chemicals & Fertilizers (MCFL) with Paradeep Phosphates Ltd (PPL) and the acquisition of MCFL's equity shares by Zuari Maroc Phosphates Pvt Ltd (ZMPPL)
- Fintech major CRED has launched a unified money management dashboard, CRED Money for users to manage bank accounts
- Mankind Pharma acquires 100% stake in Bharat Serums and Vaccines (BSV) from Advent International for Rs.13,600 crore
- Torrent Pharmaceuticals set to acquire KKR's stake in JB Chemicals

RANKING

International Ranking

- India ranked 5th in GenAI Innovations and China Leads

Rank	Country	Total Patents (from 2014 to 2023)
1	China	38,210 patents
2	United States	6,276 patents
3	Republic of Korea	4,155 patents
4	Japan	3,409 patents
5	India	1,350 patents

- Hong Kong and Singapore and Zurich is the Most Expensive Cities to live in the World -According to Mercer's cost-of-living data report, these 3 cities have maintained their positions in Mercer's rankings from the previous year.

FIFA Men's Rankings Released

Rank	Country	Points
1	Argentina	1901.48
2	France	1854.91
3	Spain	1835.67
4	England	1812.26
5	Brazil	1785.61
6	Belgium	1772.44

7	Netherlands	1758.51
8	Portugal	1741.43
9	Colombia	1727.32
10	Italy	1714.29

➤ **Henley Passports Index July 2024**

Rank	Country	Access to Nations
1	Singapore	195
2	France, Italy, Germany, Spain and Japan	192
3	Austria, Finland, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, South Korea and Sweden	191
82	India , Senegal and Tajikistan	58
101	Iraq	31
102	Syria	28
103	Afghanistan	26

- 3 Indian Destinations Listed in TIME's 'World's Greatest Places of 2024' - TIME's The World's Greatest Places of 2024 featured 3 Indian destinations namely the Museum of Solutions in Mumbai, Maharashtra; Manam Chocolate, a chocolate factory in Hyderabad, Telangana and Naar, a restaurant in Himachal Pradesh.

AWARDS

National Awards

- Writer, critic and feminist activist P. Geetha has been awarded the 1st K.Saraswathi Amma Award
- President Droupadi Murmu conferred 36 Peacetime Gallantry Awards (10 Kirti Chakras and 26 Shaurya Chakras)
- Maharashtra won Best Agriculture State Award for 2024
- Tamil writer Sivashankari selected for Dr. C. Narayana Reddy National Literary Award
- Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF) initiative has been awarded the prestigious 2024 Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity
- Nagaland crowned the Best State in Horticulture: Agriculture Leadership Awards 2024



- INS Delhi won the Best Ship of Eastern Fleet 2024
- All India Football Federation (AIFF) announced the winners of AIFF annual awards 2023-24 -Lallianzuala Chhangte, an Indian Men's Football Player from Mizoram, was named the AIFF Men's Footballer of the year for the 2nd consecutive time.
- Sobha Group's CSR wing, Sri Kurumba Educational and Charitable Trust has been honoured with the "Best Child and Women Development Initiatives of the Year 2024"
- Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has awarded the Taxnet 2.0 project to Bharti Airtel Ltd -To provide advanced network connectivity, facility management services, and video conferencing services to the Income Tax Department (ITD).
- Madhya Pradesh tops in Prime Minister (PM) SVANidhi Scheme as "Best Performing State"
- Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) has received the best technology award
- Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC), Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh presented the prestigious 'Rajbhasha Gaurav Samman'
- 10th National Community Radio Awards -Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Ashwini Vaishnaw, announced the winners of the 10th National Community Radio Awards.
- Tamil Epigrapher V. Vedachalam honoured with the prestigious V.Venkayya Epigraphy Award

International Awards

- HCLTech Chairperson Roshni Nadar Malhotra awarded the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour) by France
- PM Narendra Modi has become the 1st Indian to honoured with the Russia's highest civilian award, the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle
- Student team from Kumaraguru Institutions, Coimbatore have honoured with 4 awards at Monaco Energy Boat Challenge 2024
- Retired Tamil Nadu Professor K. Chockalingam honoured with the prestigious Hans von Hentig Award
- Indian Sand Artist Sudarsan Pattnaik of Odisha won Golden Sand Master Award at the International Championship held in St. Petersburg, Russia
- Shah Rukh Khan becomes 1st Bollywood actor to be honoured with Customised Gold Coin by Grevin Museum Paris
- French Government has honoured the Indian Curator and Author Rahaab Allana with 'Officier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres' (Officer of the Order of Arts and Letters)
- The Global Energy & Environment Foundation (GEEF) Global WaterTech Award 2024

APPOINTMENTS**National Appointments**

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
The 1988-batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer, Ravi Agrawal	New Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)	Nitin Gupta
Charulatha S Kar and Arnab Kumar Chowdhury	Newly appointed Executive Directors of the RBI.	-
Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani	New Vice Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army	General Upendra Dwivedi
Naveen Chandra Jha	MD& CEO of SBI General Insurance Company	Kishore Kumar Poludasu
Sujata Saunik	Maharashtra's 1st female Chief Secretary	Nitin Kareer
Justice Sheel Nagu	66th Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court	Ravi Shankar Jha
Hemant Soren	13th Chief Minister of Jharkhand	Champai Soren
Dhirendra K Ojha	Principal-Spokesperson of the Central Govt	Sheyphali B Sharan
Ratan Kumar Kesh	Interim MD& CEO of Bandhan Bank	Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi	15th Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court	Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra
Siddhartha Mohanty	Re-designated as the MD& CEO of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)	-
Former India Opener, Gautam Gambhir	Head Coach of the India Cricket Team (Senior Men)	Rahul Dravid
Former Chief Scientist of	Principal Advisor at the	-

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
WHO, Dr. Soumya Swaminathan	Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme	
Mr. Deepak Amitabh and Dr. Mahabaleshwara MS	Newly appointed Independent Directors on the board of Tourism Finance Corporation of India Ltd (TFCIL)	-
Govind Singh	Re-appointed as the MD& CEO of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank	-
Rajat Sharma	President of the News Broadcasters & Digital Association (NBDA)	-
Gurinder Singh Sehmbey	CEO of Kissandhan Agri Financial Services	-
Robert Jerard Ravi, the Deputy Director General (Standards Research & Innovation-SRI) at the Dept. of Telecommunications	Took additional charge as the Chairman and MD of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL)	Pravin Kumar Purwar
Former Executive Director of IDBI Bank, Arun Kumar Bansal	MD and CEO of Paytm Payments Bank	Surinder Chawla
Chairman and CEO of Renewable energy solutions provider ReNew Energy Global PLC (ReNew), Sumant Sinha	Co-chair of Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders	-
Pranav Mishra	As the Head of Distribution at Kotak Mahindra Bank	-

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Former Chief Secretary of Maharashtra, Manoj Saunik	Chairman of the Maharashtra Real Estate Regulatory Authority (MahaRERA)	Ajoy Mehta
Sanjeev Krishan	Re-elected as the Chairperson of PwC India	-
Manolo Marquez	Head Coach of Indian Men's Football Team	-
Krishnan Venkat Subramanian	MD& CEO of Federal Bank	Shyam Srinivasan
Bibhuti Bhusan Nayak	67th President of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI)	-
Nita Ambani	Re-elected as the International Olympic Committee member from India in 2024	-
Ministry of Home Affairs appointed, IPS officer Hargobinder Singh Dhaliwal	Director General of Police of Andaman and Nicobar Islands	-
Indian Filmmaker, Shekhar Kulbhushan Kapur	Festival Director for the 55th and 56th editions of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI)	-
Manoj Mittal	Chairman and MD of SIDBI	-
Ramkumar Shankar	New President of the Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI)	-

International Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Dick Schoof	Prime Minister of the Netherlands	Mark Rutte
T.V. Ravichandran and Pavan Kapoor	Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA) of India	-
Former Research Analysis and Wing (R&AW) Chief Rajinder Khanna	Additional National Security Adviser (NSA) of India	-
Reformist Masoud Pezeshkian	9th elected President of Iran	Mohammad Mokhber
Elisa de Anda Madrazom of Mexico	President of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)	T.Raja Kumar of Singapore
Khadga Prasad (KP) Sharma Oli	Prime Minister of Nepal	Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda
Paul Kagame	Re-elected as the President of Rwanda	-
Roberta Metsola of European People's Party (EPP)	Re-elected as the President of European Parliament	-
Georges Elhedery	Next Chief Executive of HSBC	Noel Quinn
Ursula von der Leyen	Re-elected as the President of the European Commission	-
Former Foreign Secretary of India, Vinay Kwatra	India's New Ambassador to the U.S.	Taranjit Sandhu
Member and Head of Department of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Rajendra Singh	Chaired of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) from China	-

Nicolas Maduro	Re-elected as the President of Venezuela	-
Mohsin Naqvi, the current Chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)	President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC)	Jay Shah

Brand Ambassadors

Name	Brand Ambassador
Indian Cricketers Riyan Parag and Nitish Kumar Reddy	Brand Ambassador for Puma India
PV Sindhu	Joined the wellness brand Hoop as both an investor and brand ambassador
Eurosport India had appointed Shikhar Dhawan	Brand Ambassador for MotoGP in India
6-time Grand Slam winner and former World No.1 in women's doubles Sania Mirza, 6-time World Champion and Olympic bronze medallist MC Mary Kom and Actor Rannvijay Singha	Brand Ambassadors to Play Sports

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Book Name	Author Name	Published by
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Biography of the former Vice President titled 'Venkaiah Naidu- Life in Service'. → A Photo chronicle, 'Celebrating Bharat- The Mission and Message of Shri M Venkaiah Naidu as 13th Vice-President of India'. → Pictorial biography in Telugu titled 'Mahaneta- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Shri S Nagesh Kumar → Dr I.V. Subba Rao, Former Secretary to the Vice-President of India. → Shri Sanjay Kishore. 	-

Book Name	Author Name	Published by
Life and Journey of Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu'.		
"Manoj Bajpayee: The Definitive Biography"	Journalist Piyush Pandey	-

OBITUARY

- Former Indian Midfielder Bhupinder Singh Rawat passed away at the age of 85
- The renowned Oscar winning American Screenwriter, Robert Towne passed away at the age of 89
- Jon Landau, an Academy Award (Oscar)-winning American film producer passed away at the age of 63
- Veteran Actor Smriti Biswas passed away at teh age of 100
- Subhash Dandekar, Chairman Emeritus of Kokuyo Camlin Limited passed away at the age of 86
- Professor Marthanda Varma Sankaran Valiathan (M.S Valiathan), a renowned cardiologist, passed away at the age of 90
- Kamala Pujari, the renowned organic farmer known for cultivating 100 varieties of rice, passed away at the age of 74 in Cuttack, Odisha
- Sahitya Akademi Awardee & Renowned Marathi litterateur Francis D'Britto passed away at the age of 81
- C.T. Kurien, distinguished economist and former professor of Madras Christian College passed away at the age of 93
- Former Indonesia Vice President Hamzah Haz passed away at the age of 84

DEFENCE

- Indian Army inducted its 1st Indigenous Chip-based 4G base station
- Border Security Force (BSF) and State Bank of India (SBI) organized a "Grow with the Trees" Plantation Drive in Srinagar
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) + National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) signed an agreement worth Rs.839.55 crore
- Innovations for Defence Excellence-Defence Innovation Organisation (iDEX-DIO), a flagship initiative of Ministry of Defence + Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) signed a MoU - For the launch of Medical Innovations and Research Advancement (MIRA).

- Ms Madhu Arora, Member (Tech), Digital Communications Commission, Dept. of Telecom inaugurated the Defence Sector ICT Conclave in New Delhi
- Indian Coast Guard launched 'Suvidha Software Version 1.0' to enhance training protocols
- Indian Army's Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) launched E-SeHAT Tele-Consultancy for Veterans

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