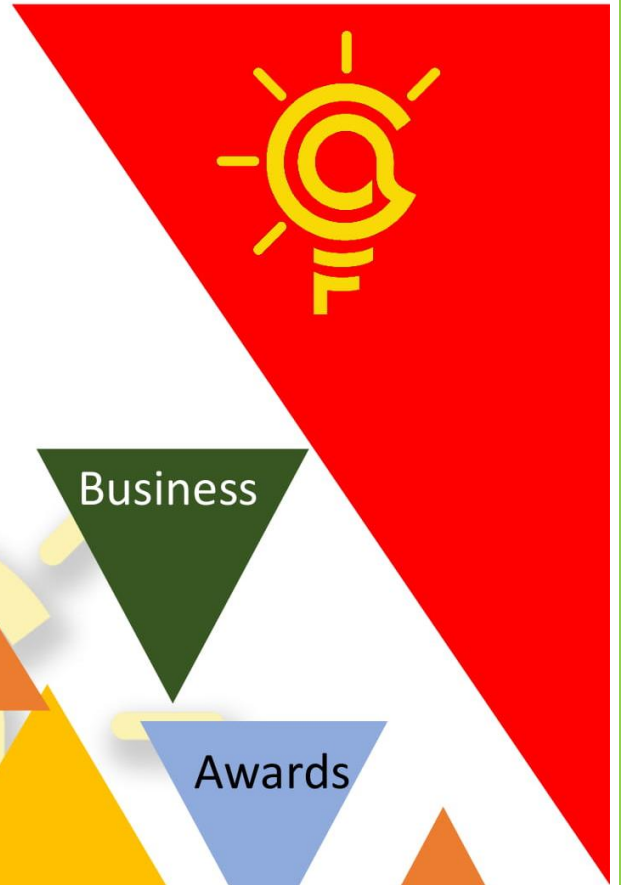


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## IMPORTANT DAYS

### NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

| <u>Date</u>        | <u>Day</u>   | <u>Theme</u> |
|--------------------|--|--------------|
| September 01       | India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) Celebrates its 7th Foundation Day<br>India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) Celebrates its 7th Foundation Day |              |
| September 05       | National Teachers' Day   |              |
| September 11       | National Forest Martyrs Day  |              |
| September 14       | Hindi Diwas/Hindi Day  |              |
| September 15       | National Engineer's Day  |              |
|                    | Doordarshan, India's public service broadcaster has celebrates its 65th anniversary  |              |
| September 25       | Antyodaya Diwas Day  |              |
| September 01 to 07 | National Nutrition Week (NNW)  |              |
| September 17 to 20 | India Water Week (IWW) 2024  |              |

### International Wise

| <u>Date</u>  | <u>Day</u>        | <u>Theme</u>   |
|--------------|-------------------|--|
| September 02 | World Coconut Day | "Coconut for a Circular Economy: Building Partnership for Maximum Value" |



| <u>Date</u>  | <u>Day</u>   | <u>Theme</u>  |
|--------------|--|---|
| September 05 | The United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Charity   | -   |
| September 07 | 5th United Nations International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies                                       | Invest in #CleanAirNow  |
|              | 1st-ever United Nations World Duchenne Awareness Day/World Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Day             | 'Raise your voice for Duchenne  |
|              | 2nd United Nations International Day of Police Cooperation   | Police Integrity, Accountability, and Oversight                               |
| September 08 | United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)'s International Literacy Day | Promoting Multilingual Education: Literacy for Mutual Understanding and Peace |
| September 09 | 5th United Nations International Day to Protect Education from Attack                                  | -   |
| September 13 | International Chocolate Day  | -   |
| September 15 | United Nations International Day of Democracy  | Ensuring Effective Governance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) at all Levels   |
| September 16 | 1st-ever United Nations International Day of Science, Technology, and Innovation for the South         | -   |





| <u>Date</u>  | <u>Day</u>  | <u>Theme</u>   |
|--------------|---|--|
| September 16 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> UN International Day for Interventional Cardiology                                  | -  |
|              | UN International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer/Global Ozone Day/World Ozone Day (WOD) | Montreal Protocol: Advancing Climate Actions   |
| September 17 | World Health Organisation (WHO)'s World Patient Safety Day  | Improving diagnosis for patient safety” and the slogan is “Get it right, make it safe! |
| September 18 | 16th World Bamboo Day   | -  |
| September 19 | International Talk Like a Pirate Day  | -  |
| September 20 | United Nations (UN)'s 1st-ever World Cleanup Day 2024   | -  |
| September 21 | International Day of Peace  | Cultivating a Culture of Peace   |
|              | World Alzheimer's Day   | -  |
| September 22 | World Rose Day/Day for the Welfare of Cancer Patients   | -  |
|              | World Rhino Day   | -  |
| September 23 | United Nations (UN's) International Day of Sign Languages   | Sign up for Sign Language Rights   |
| September 24 | World Bollywood Day   | -  |



| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Day</u>   | <u>Theme</u>   |
|---|--|--|
| September 25  | World Pharmacists Day  | Pharmacists: Meeting global health needs   |
| September 26  | International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons/Nuclear Abolition Day | -  |
|   | World Environmental Health Day   | “Environmental Health: Creating Resilient Communities through Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation”. |
|   | World Contraception Day  | “A choice for all. Freedom to plan, power to choose”.  |
| September 27  | United Nations (UN)’s 44th World Tourism Day   | Tourism and Peace  |
| September 28  | International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI)                        | Artificial Intelligence, E-Governance, and Access to Information   |
|   | World Rabies Day   | Breaking Rabies Boundaries   |
| September 29  | World Heart Day  | Use Heart for Action   |
| September 30  | International Translation Day  | -  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of September (7th September, 2024) | International Vulture Awareness Day (IVAD)   | -  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of September (September 14, 2024)  | World First Aid Day  | First Aid and Sports   |



| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Day</u>                                   | <u>Theme</u>                            |
|---|--|---|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of September<br>(September 21, 2024) | International Coastal Clean-up (ICC) Day     | #SeaTheChange.                          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of September<br>(September 21, 2024) | International Red Panda Day                  |   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of September<br>(22nd September, 2024) | World Rivers Day                             |   |
| Last Thursday of September (26th September 2024)              | The United Nations (UN)'s World Maritime Day | "Navigating the future: safety first!". |

## **SPORTS**

### **Cricket**

- The prestigious Lord's Cricket Ground in London is set to host the final of the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) from June 11 to June 15, 2025
- Former India wicketkeeper Ajay Ratna has been appointed as a selector for the men's cricket team
- England Cricketer Moeen Ali has announced his retirement from international cricket
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced that men's and women's cricket teams will receive equal prize money in all World Cup events
- Dwayne Bravo has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket
- BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket In India) inaugurated the new state of art facilities called the Centre Of Excellence in Bengaluru

### **Badminton**

- India's 17-year-old Anmol Kharb clinched her first international title in women's singles in the Belgian International badminton tournament

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**Football**

- The 133rd Indian Oil Durand Cup 2024 - NorthEast United Football Club (NEUFC) won their 1st-ever Durand Cup title by defeating defending champions Mohun Bagan Super Giant.
- The 4th Intercontinental Cup Men's Football Championship - Syria defeated the defending champions India with a decisive 3-0 score in the final round held at the GMC Balayogi Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad, Telangana,
- 63rd Subroto Cup International Football Tournament - Manipur's TG English School won the trophy by defeating Meghalaya's Myngken Christian Higher Secondary School.

**Hockey**

- Hockey India announced that the upcoming Hockey Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 will be held in Rajgir, Bihar from November 11-20
- The 8th edition of the Hero Asian Champions Trophy - Indian men's hockey team won the Asian Champion Trophy 2024 by defeating China in the finals held at the Moqi Hockey Training Base in Hulunbuir, Inner Mongolia, China.

**Tennis**

- The 144<sup>th</sup> edition of the United States (US) Open Tennis Championships 2024/US Open 2024

| Category        | Winner  | Runner   |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Men's Singles   | Jannik Sinner (Italy)                                     | Taylor Fritz (USA)                                   |
| Women's Singles | Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)                                 | Jessica Pegula (USA)                                 |
| Men's Doubles   | Max Purcell (Australia) and Jordan Thompson (Australia)   | Kevin Krawietz (Germany) and Tim Puetz (Germany)     |
| Women's Doubles | Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia) and Lyudmyla Kichenok (Ukraine) | Zhang Shuai (China) and Kristina Mladenovic (France) |
| Mixed Doubles   | Sara Errani (Italy) and Andrea Vavassori (Italy)          | Taylor Townsend (USA) and Donald Young (USA)         |

**The 1st edition of Hangzhou Open 2024**

| Category | Winner | Runner |
|----------|--------|--------|
|----------|--------|--------|





|               |  |  |
|---------------|--|--|
| Men's Singles | Marin Cilic (Croatia)  | Zhang Zhizhen (China)                                      |
| Men's Doubles | Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan (India) and Vijay Sundar Prashanth (India) | Constantin Frantzen (Germany) and Hendrik Jebens (Germany) |

**Shooting**

- Anuya Prasad won Gold at the World Deaf Shooting Championship in the women's air pistol event category

**Chess**

- 45th FIDE Chess Olympiad Budapest 2024 -Team India won the Gold medal in both the Open and Women's section of the 45th International Chess Federation (FIDE-Fédération Internationale des Échecs) Chess Olympiad held in Hungary, Budapest.

**Grandprix**

- Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2024
  - McLaren's Oscar Piastri, an Australian racing driver won the Formula 1 (F1) Qatar Airways Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2024 held at the Baku City Circuit (BCC) in Baku, Azerbaijan.

| Rank | Winner                           | Country        |
|------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1    | Oscar Piastri (McLaren)          | Australia      |
| 2    | Charles Leclerc (Ferrari)        | Monaco         |
| 3    | George Russell (Mercedes)        | United Kingdom |
| 4    | Lando Norris (McLaren)           | United Kingdom |
| 5    | Max Verstappen (Red Bull Racing) | Netherlands    |

- The 15th edition of Formula 1 (F1) Singapore Airlines Singapore Grand Prix (GP) 2024**

| Rank | Winner                           | Country        |
|------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1    | Lando Norris (McLaren)           | United Kingdom |
| 2    | Max Verstappen (Red Bull Racing) | Netherlands    |
| 3    | Oscar Piastri (McLaren)          | Australia      |



### Events

- Paris Paralympics 2024 - The 17th Summer Paralympic Games is an international multi-sport para sports event governed by the International Paralympic Committee.

#### **Paris 2024 Paralympics medals tally:**

| Rank | Country                    | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|------|----------------------------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1    | People's Republic of China | 94   | 76     | 50     | 220   |
| 2    | Great Britain              | 49   | 44     | 31     | 124   |
| 3    | United States of America   | 36   | 42     | 27     | 105   |
| 4    | Netherlands                | 27   | 17     | 12     | 56    |
| 5    | Brazil                     | 25   | 26     | 38     | 89    |
| 18   | India                      | 7    | 9      | 13     | 29    |

- The WorldSkills Lyon 2024, the 47th edition of this world's largest skills competition in France - China led the tally with 36 gold, 9 silver and 4 bronze medals followed by South Korea with 10 gold, 13 silver and 9 bronze.
- Glasgow to host 2026 Commonwealth Games - The Australian state of Victoria abruptly withdrew as host of the 2026 Games in July 2023, blaming escalating costs.
- India-A clinched the Duleep Trophy in the final against India-C -Aaqib Khan, the seamer impressed with his bowling, claiming the crucial wicket of Ruturaj Gaikwad.
- Gulveer Singh of India broke the National Record in 5000m in Japan

### **BANKING AND FINANCE**

#### **RBI**

- Fintech startup Paysharp Pvt Ltd received the final authorisation from the Reserve Bank Of India (RBI) to act as a Payment Aggregator (PA)
- A cross-border payment solutions provider, PayGlocal gets RBI's nod to operate as online payments aggregator
- RBI imposed a monetary penalty of totalling Rs.2.91 crore on Axis Bank and HDFC Bank for certain deficiencies in statutory and regulatory compliance
- RBI imposed a penalty on Godrej Housing, HUDCO and Aadhar Housing Finance - These 3 Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) are failing to comply with its directives on housing finance companies.
- Ministry of Corporate Affairs in consultation with the RBI notified the NaBFID as a Public Financial Institution (PFI) under the Section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013



### Public Sector Banks

#### State Bank of India (SBI)

- SBI Foundation launched the 3rd Edition of Asha Scholarship Program

#### Canara Bank

- Canara Bank issued \$300 million in 5-year bonds through IFSC banking unit

#### Union Bank of India

- Union Bank of India become the 1st major bank to join Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF)

#### Bank of Baroda (BoB)

- BoB launched three Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered solutions for enhanced customer and employee experience
- BoB in collaboration with EaseMyTrip.com - To launch a co-branded travel debit card named 'Bank of Baroda EaseMyTrip Debit Card' for frequent travelers and those spending on entertainment and lifestyle.

### Private Sector Banks

#### HDFC Bank

- HDFC Bank has introduced GIGA, a new suite of financial products and services designed for gig workers and freelancers in India
- HDFC Bank aims to boost income of 5 lakh farmers by 2025 via Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, Parivartan
- HDFC Bank has launched updates to its SmartWealth app -The bank launched an Instant SIP, which allows users to invest in mutual funds on the same day they identify an opportunity.

#### Axis Bank

- Axis Bank and Mastercard have collaborated to launch Mybiz - Mybiz is a business credit card designed for sole proprietors and Small-and-Medium Enterprises (SME) business owners.

#### Yes Bank

- A Fintech startup, POPtech Growth (POP) has launched India's first multi-brand co branded credit card 'YES BANK POP-CLUB RuPay Credit Card'



### South Indian Bank

- South Indian Bank announced a strategic partnership with Sohan Lal Commodity Management (SLCM) - To deliver 'Unified Collateral Management Solutions' to support farmers and other stakeholders in the agricultural ecosystem.

### Insurance News

- Star Health and Allied Insurance Company launched India's 1st Braille insurance policy named 'Special Care Gold'
- Max Life Insurance Company has entered into a bancassurance partnership with CSB Bank
- LIC appoints Infosys for NextGen Digital Platform - It will develop as part of its DIVE (Digital Innovation and Value Enhancement) programme.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- SEBI reduced bonus shares allotment time to 'T+2' effective from 1st October, 2024
- SEBI imposed Rs.1 crore fine on Jai Anmol Ambani in Reliance Home Finance case

### Others

- RBL Bank aims to grow its credit card portfolio at 12-15%, slower than the industry average

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### IIT News

- IIT Delhi expands Global Footprint and inaugurated its new campus in Abu Dhabi
- The United States + IIT Madras Research Park - Partnered to work in four broad areas, solar, green hydrogen, electric vehicles and batteries and green buildings.
- National Health Authority (NHA) + IIT Kanpur signed a MoU to develop a digital public goods for Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the healthcare sector
- Dassault Aviation announced the establishment of a new subsidiary to military Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) operations in India
- DRDO + IIT Delhi has developed Light Weight Bullet Proof Jackets named ABHED (Advanced Ballistics for High Energy Defeat)

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### Space News

- Iran launched 'Chamran-1' research satellite and put into a 550 km orbit by the Qaem-100 satellite carrier
- Iran unveiled all new and powerful suicide drone 'Shahed-136B'
- Indian Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla of the Indian Air Force (IAF) will Pilot of Axiom-4 Mission to the International Space Station (ISS) in 2025

### Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)

- DRDO and the Indian Navy conducted the 2nd Consecutive Flight Test of VLSRSAM Off Odisha Coast
- The 11th Engineers Conclave, jointly organised by DRDO and Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE) in Hyderabad

### India in Science & Technology

- Drone Destination has launched 'Drone Hub', an e-commerce platform for drone-related products
- India launched an Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) called Agni-4 from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur, Odisha
- PDRL, an innovator in drone technology has launched an advanced SaaS platform "BhuMeet".

### Environment & Energy

- Tata Power-DDL + Nissin Electric Co Ltd, Kyoto (Japan) - To commence a Demonstration Project to supply electricity from India's First Micro Substation with Power Voltage Transformer (PVT) to ensure stable power for areas without a power grid.
- Lockheed Martin + Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) -To set up a Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility in India to support both the Indian Air Force's (IAF) fleet of 12 C-130Js and global C-130J fleets.
- Tata Steel UK Ltd has signed a 500 million Pounds Grant Funding Agreement with the United Kingdom (UK) Government -For its 1.25 billion Pounds green steel project at Port Talbot steelworks in Wales, the UK.
- Banks and Financial Institutions to invest Rs.32.5 Trillion in Renewable Energy by 2030
- Rubber Research Institute of India (RRII) + Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) signed a MoU - To enhance the research on using Rubber Process Oils marketed by IOCL in different tyre and non-tyre rubber products.



- Tata Steel has commissioned India's largest blast furnace in Kalinganagar, Odisha

## **INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **Australia**

- The 19th India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission Meeting -Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry led the Indian delegation to Adelaide and met Senator Don Farrel, Minister of Trade and Tourism, Australia.

### **China**

- India's exports to China dropped sharply by 22.44% to \$1 billion in August due to a slowdown in China, while overall exports fell 9% to \$34.7 billion

### **Japan**

- The 2nd India-Japan Finance Dialogue held in Tokyo - The Japanese delegation included the representatives from Ministry of Finance and Financial Services Agency.

### **Kenya**

- India and Kenya holds 3rd Joint Defence Cooperation Committee meeting - The 3rd edition of Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting between India and Kenya was held in New Delhi to discuss a wide range of avenues for defence cooperation in areas like military cooperation, training, defence industries, R&D.

### **Nepal**

- Nepal has become the 101st country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as a full member

### **Phillipines**

- The 5th India-Philippines Joint Defence Cooperation Committee meeting held in Manila

### **Singapore**

- India and Singapore signed 4 key agreements on semiconductors, digital technology, health care and skill development during PM Modi's 2-day visit to Singapore

### **Saudi Arabia**

- India and Saudi Arabia hold 6th meeting of Joint Committee on Defence Cooperation in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.



### United States

- India and the US have committed to deepening their bilateral cooperation across the energy value chain
- India in collaboration with the United States - To launch its inaugural national security semiconductor fabrication plant, designed to produce chips for military applications and critical telecommunications.

### Summit/Event

- India and UNESCO to Co-Organize 2024 Chief Science Advisers Roundtable (CSAR) in Paris
- BRICS Labour and Employment Ministerial Meeting held under the Russian Presidency in the city of Sochi, Russia
- PM Modi virtually inaugurated the 2nd edition of the International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH-2024) in New Delhi
- India participated in the G20 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting held in Brazil
- PM Modi attends the 6th Quad Leaders' Summit in Wilmington, Delaware
- 79th session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly -The UNGA provides world leaders from the current 193 member states with a forum where they can discuss, debate and make recommendations on subjects pertaining to international peace and security, including development, disarmament, human rights and international law.
- PM Modi inaugurated the 4th Global Renewable Energy Investors Meet and Expo (RE-INVEST) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- The 2nd Global Food Regulators Summit (GFRS 2024) held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi
- The 2-day Sharjah Investment Forum (SIF) 2024 held at the prestigious Al Jawaher Reception and Convention Centre
- India to host World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES) from February 5 to 9, 2025
- Special Session of G7 (Group of 7) Ministers meeting on Culture was held in Naples, Italy
- The 1st G20 ministerial meeting under the Brazilian presidency begins with the countries' foreign ministers at Marina da Glória, in Rio de Janeiro
- Piyush Goyal participates in the 12th East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting (EAS EMM) in Lao PDR
- PM Modi attends the 6th Quad Leaders' Summit in Wilmington, Delaware





- The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) of India, assumed the chairmanship of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) for 2024-2027 term
- PM Modi addresses 79th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Session in New York
- India and other countries seeking reform of the UN Security Council met in various formats along the fringes of the 79th session of the UNGA
- India attends 1st in-person IPEF Supply Chain Council and Crisis Response Network Meeting at Washington DC followed by Crisis Response Network Meeting
- The 6th Session of India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee (JTC) held in New Delhi
- India to Host the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) in Delhi
- Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal co-chaired the India-Bhutan Commerce Secretary Level meeting in Thimphu

#### Exercise

- The 20th edition of the India-United States of America (USA) Joint Military Exercise 'YUDH ABHYAS' commences in Rajasthan
- The 21st edition of Varuna (Varuna-23) naval exercise between the Indian and French Navies was held in two phases
- The 5th edition of the bilateral military exercise Al NAJAH between the Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman
- The 8th India-Kazakhstan joint military exercise KAZIND-2024 is held at the Surya Foreign Training Node, Auli, Uttarakhand

#### Others

- USA-based Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) + International Solar Alliance (ISA), announced the establishment of a multi-donor trust fund named 'MIGA-ISA Solar Facility'
- Algeria joined BRICS New Development Bank (NDB), as announced by the bank's president, Dilma Rousseff during the 9th annual meeting in Cape Town
- India elected to the 15-member steering committee of the GlobE Network
- The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) + United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - To enhance the collection and sharing of critical climate and weather data in Latin America and the Caribbean.





## **NATIONAL AFFAIRS**

### **President Droupadi Murmu News**

- Murmu unveiled the new flag and insignia of the Supreme Court of India to commemorate its 75 years of establishment
- President Murmu has sanctioned the 23rd Law Commission of India (LCI) for a 3-year term from September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2027
- President Droupadi Murmu graced the Safai Mitra Sammelan in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
- Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the 1st edition of Bharatiya Kala Mahotsav at Rashtrapati Nilayam, Secunderabad

### **Prime Minister; Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space; All important policy issues; and All other portfolios not allocated to any Minister : Shri Narendra Modi (Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh)**

- PM Modi inaugurated SEMICON India 2024 at India Export Mart Limited (IEML) at India Expo Mart in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the inauguration of Tuticorin International Container Terminal
- PM Modi virtually flags off 6 new Vande Bharat trains in Odisha, Bihar
- PM Modi dedicated 3 'PARAM Rudra' Supercomputers worth Rs.130 crore to the nation via video conferencing.
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated a High-Performance Computing (HPC) system tailored for weather and climate research, acquired by the Ministry of Earth Science
- Officers of the Prime Minister's Office, led by Principal Secretary Dr. PK Mishra have participated in the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' movement for "Collectively working towards a sustainable future.

### **Ministry News**

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

- The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), accorded the Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for 10 capital acquisition proposals worth Rs.1,44,716 crore
- Rajnath Singh inaugurated the India Defence Aviation Exposition (Expo) (IDAX-24) in Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- Rajnath Singh flagged-in a 1st-of-its-kind Open Water Swimming Expedition to the 21 Islands of the Andaman & Nicobar archipelago
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Inaugurates Sainik School in Jaipur, Rajasthan



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

- Amit Shah addressed the Official Language Diamond Jubilee (75 years) Celebrations and the 4th Akhil Bharatiya Rajbhasha Sammelan
- Home Ministry cancelled the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) licence of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)

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

- Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the Oxygen Bird Park (Amrit Mahotsav Park) on the Nagpur-Hyderabad National highway 44 in Nagpur

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

- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) celebrated its 8th Foundation Day on 6th September
- Finance Ministry notifies a new rules for compounding under Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA)
- Finance Ministry launched 'National Pension System Vatsalya (NPS Vatsalya)', a savings-cum-pension scheme for minors
- Nirmala Sitharaman will embark on an official visit to Uzbekistan

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

- Subrahmanyam Jaishankar + Ministry of Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia + Daniela Mariana Sezonov, Ambassador of Romania to India - Jointly released the India-Romania joint commemorative stamps in New Delhi, celebrating 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and Romania.

**Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Minister of Rural Development:****Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh)**

- Shivraj Singh launched a Rs.750 crore 'Agri Fund for Start Ups and Rural Enterprises (AgriSURE)' and Agri investment Portal named 'KrishiNivesh'
- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana completed 5 Years of successful implementation
- Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare released the 3rd Advance Estimates of 2023-24 of Area and Production of various Horticultural Crops



- Additional Secretary of Ministry of Rural Development Charanjit Singh signed a MoU with SAKSHI, a non-profit organization - To tackle gender-based violence through legal aid and advocacy.

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

- Manohar Lal unveiled Computer Security Incident Response Team Power (CSIRT-Power) to fortify power sector against cyber threats

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

- Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma, MoS for Steel inaugurated the comprehensive event MMMM 2024

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

- Piyush Goyal launched Trade Connect ePlatform - To enhance international trade opportunities for Indian exporters, particularly Medium, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in New Delhi.
- Piyush Goyal launched the 'Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry (BHASKAR-Rising Sun) Portal' in New Delhi
- Piyush Goyal along with 13 other IPEF Ministers virtually attended the third Ministerial meeting focused on IPEF Pillar II, III, and IV

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

- MoS, Dr. Sukanta Majumdar inaugurates Safai Mitra Suraksha Shivar at The English and Foreign Languages University Hyderabad

**Minister of Panchayati Raj; Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying: Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh (Munger, Bihar)**

- Rajiv Ranjan Singh launched the "Rangeen Machhli" mobile app - As launched at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA) in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.



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- Rajiv launched "Amrit Catla", a genetically improved variety of Catla (Labeo catla) at the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA) in Bhubaneswar
- Rajiv launched the Rangeen Machhli mobile app at ICAR-CIFA in Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- Rajiv Ranjan Singh inaugurated the 2-day National Symposium of CLFMA of India in Goa

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

- Sonowal launched the 'Cruise Bharat Mission' from Mumbai on October 1, 2024

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

- Virendra Kumar inaugurates 'Samajik Adhikarita Shivirs' at 75 locations across the country
- The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment and the National Legal Services Authority launched SARTHIE 1.0 - To empower disadvantaged communities like Scheduled Castes, Transgenders, and Nomadic Tribes.

**Minister of Civil Aviation:**

**Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu (Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh)**

- Civil Aviation Minister inaugurated the Digi Yatra facility for 9 airports at Visakhapatnam International Airport, Andhra Pradesh
- Kinjarapu inaugurated the 2nd Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation (APMC) at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi

**Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Minister of New and Renewable Energy: Shri Pralhad Joshi (Dharwad, Karnataka)**

- National Test House (NTH) under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs + Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), a statutory body under the Ministry of Power signed a MoU - To strengthen the Standards & Labelling Program, promoting energy efficiency across India.
- Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) constitutes committee for formulating framework on Repairability Index in Mobile and Electronics Sector





**Minister of Textiles: Shri Giriraj Singh (Begusarai, Bihar)**

- Giriraj Singh launched 'VisioNxt' Trend Insight and Forecasting lab, Giriraj Singh unveiled the Commemorative coin of the denomination Rs.75 - To celebrate the Platinum Jubilee (75th Anniversary) of the Central Silk Board (CSB) in Mysuru.

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

- Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw unveiled the prototype version of the Vande Bharat sleeper coach at BEML's facility
- S. Krishnan, Secretary of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) launched the 'Vishvasya' Blockchain Technology Stack
- S Krishnan, Secretary of the MeitY launched the 2nd Cohort of the Startup Accelerator of MeitY for Product Innovation, Development, and Growth (SAMRIDH) scheme
- Khel Utsav 2024 organized by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- MeitY launched the Phase III of capacity-building initiatives under Digital India vision
- Ashwini Vaishnaw instituted a new section as part of 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024 will be held in Goa from 20th-28th November 2024.

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

- Jyotiraditya M Scindia inaugurates the Department of Posts Officers' Conclave 2024
- Scindia visits Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), Bengaluru and inaugurated the 5G O-RAN (Open Radio Access Network) Testing lab

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

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav celebrates the two years of Project Cheetah

**Minister of Culture; and Minister of Tourism: Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Jodhpur, Rajasthan)**

- Ministry of Tourism participated in the PATA Travel Mart 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand

**Minister of Women and Child Development: Smt. Annpurna Devi (Kodarma, Jharkhand)**

- Annpurna Devi Yadav launched the Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024/ Nutrition Month 24





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

- Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (MPA) launched 6 initiatives as part of the 100-day achievements of the MPA in New Delhi

**Minister of Labour and Employment; and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports: Dr.  
Mansukh Mandaviya (Porbandar, Gujarat)**

- Mandaviya announced India's bid for the 2030 Youth Olympics during the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) 44th General Assembly
- Mandaviya inaugurated the 2nd Edition of Inclusion Conclave
- Labour Ministry partnered with Amazon to ignite job opportunities for youth via the National Career Service (NCS) portal

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

- GoI has announced the launch of a Special Campaign 4.0 from 2nd- 31st October 2024 with a focus on Swachhata and reducing pendency in the Government

**Minister of Jal Shakti: Shri C R Patil (Navsari, Gujarat)**

- The 12th meeting of the Empowered Task Force (ETF) on Ganga Rejuvenation was chaired by Minister of Jal Shakti C. R. Paatil

**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)**

- Jitendra Singh inaugurated the 4th edition of Global Bio-India at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi
- Jitendra Singh virtually launched a web-portal for monitoring progress of Special Campaign 4.0 for Swachhata and reducing pendency
- The Department of Science and technology (DST) in India with the collaboration with the British Council - To launch the initiative of "A Women in Space Leadership" (WiSLP) as a part of the UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI).





**Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Law and Justice; and  
Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs: Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal  
(Bikaner, Rajasthan)**

- The Central Government, through the Ministry of Law and Justice, notified the appointment of Chief Justices to eight High Courts

**Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Ayush; and Minister of State  
in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: Shri Jadhav Prataprao Ganpatrao  
(Buldhana, Maharashtra)**

- Prataprao Ganpatrao Jadhav launched the 2nd edition of the 'Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 2.0' in New Delhi

**State News  
Andhra Pradesh**

- The 19th edition of the Divya Kala Mela was inaugurated in Visakhapatnam - To showcase products from 100 Divyang artisans across 20 states.

**Goa**

- Bisleri partnered with Goa for Improved Waste Management in Mormugao, Vasco

**Madhya Pradesh**

- 50 Jan Aushadhi Kendras inaugurated in Madhya Pradesh

**Maharashtra**

- Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde inaugurated the 27th National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) in Mumbai
- India unveiled the 1st CO<sub>2</sub>-to-Methanol Pilot Plant in Pune, Maharashtra
- Maharashtra govt approved a proposal to name Pune airport as Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj Pune International Airport

**Mizoram**

- Mizoram launched 'Bana Kaih' (the Hand Holding Scheme) to support farmers and entrepreneurs

**Odisha**

- Modi launched the scheme of "Subhadra", a flagship initiative of Odisha designed to benefit the one crore women in the state





- Mankidia community becomes 6th Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) to get Habitat Rights over forests in Odisha

### **Rajasthan**

- Tata Power inked a MoU with Rajasthan - For an investment plan of Rs.1.2 lakh crore in Power Distribution, Transmission, and Renewables.

### **Tamil Nadu**

- US-based Ohmium International signed a MoU with Tamil Nadu to invest Rs.400 crore -To set up a manufacturing facility in the state for the upcoming project in neighbouring Chengalpattu district.
- Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin laid the foundation stone for Tata Motors' manufacturing plant in Ranipet district

### **Tripura**

- Government of India, Government of Tripura and National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) + All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF) signed s Memorandum of Settlement - Memorandum of Settlement was signed in the presence of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah.
- Tripura CM Manik Saha, laid the foundation for the Asian Development Bank (ADB)-funded Rs.530 crore water supply project in Udaipur

### **Uttarakhand**

- Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami approved the Uttarakhand Public (Government) and Private Property Damage Recovery (Ordinance) Act 2024

### **Union Territory News**

#### **Andaman and Nicobar**

- Amit Shah has announced that Port Blair, the Capital city of Andaman and Nicobar Islands will be renamed as 'Sri Vijaya Puram'

#### **Jammu and Kashmir**

- The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Jammu and Kashmir launched 'Vote Ka Tyohar' Theme Song - To encourage voter participation in the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Elections.







### Union Cabinet News

- Union Cabinet has approved health coverage for all senior citizens aged 70 years and above, regardless of income, under the AB PM-JAY
- Union Cabinet approved the Ministry of Power's proposal to modify the scheme of budgetary support for Enabling Infrastructure for Hydro Electric Projects (HEP) -With an outlay of Rs.12,461 crore, the scheme will be implemented from FY25 to FY32, targeting the development of hydro power projects and infrastructure in remote areas.
- Union Cabinet approved has approved the proposal of Ministry of Heavy Industries for implementation of the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme - With an outlay of Rs.10,900 crore over two years to accelerate Electric Vehicle (EV) adoption, provide incentives for EV purchase, and enhance EV infrastructure, promoting sustainable mobility and reducing environmental pollution.
- Union Cabinet approved the "PM-eBus Sewa-Payment Security Mechanism (PSM) scheme" -With an outlay of Rs.3,435.33 crore for the procurement and operation of over 38,000 electric buses (e-Buses) by Public Transport Authorities from FY 2024-25 (FY25) to FY 2028-29 (FY29).
- Union Cabinet approved the proposal of Dept. of Rural Development for the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-IV (PMGSYIV) -For the Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-25 to 2028-29, with a total outlay of Rs.70,125 crore.
- Union Cabinet has approved Mission Mausam -It is an initiative with an outlay of Rs.2,000 crore over two years.
- Union Cabinet has approved the building of the 1st unit of the Bharatiya Anatriksh Station (BAS) by extending the scope of the Gaganyaan program - With a net additional funding of Rs.11,170 crore in the already approved programme, the total funding for the Gaganyaan Programme with the revised scope has been enhanced to Rs.20,193 crore.
- Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the two umbrella schemes of the DBT, merged as one scheme 'Biotechnology Research Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (Bio- RIDE)' - It was approved with a new component called Biomanufacturing and Biofoundry.
- Union Cabinet has approved Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan with a total outlay of Rs.79,156 crore
- Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of schemes of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) - To provide remunerative prices to farmers and to control price instability of essential commodities for consumers.





- Union Cabinet has approved the mission to the moon, named Chandrayaan-4 - To develop and demonstrate the technologies to come back to Earth after successfully landing on the Moon and also collect moon samples and analyse them on Earth.
- Union Cabinet has approved the development of the Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV) - To establish and operate the Bharatiya Antariksh Station and towards developing capability for Indian Crewed Landing on the Moon by 2040.
- Union Cabinet has accepted the recommendations of the High-Level Committee on Simultaneous Elections under the chairmanship of former President Ram Nath Kovind

### NITI Aayog

- NICDC Logistics Data Services Limited (NLDSL) + NITI Aayog-Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and Startup India - Jointly launched the Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) Logixtics Hackathon 2.0 and Track Your Transport (TYT) Application (App), which is powered by the ULIP to simplify logistics.

### Others

- Under the National One Health Mission, a comprehensive mock drill named "Vishanu Yuddh Abhyas" (Virus War Exercise) was held in Ajmer district, Rajasthan
- Interest equalisation scheme for exporters extended till September 30
- National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India + Sankala Foundation supported by the NITI Aayog + Ministry of Health & Family Welfare - Jointly organised a national conference on 'Universal Access to Healthcare: Digital Solutions' at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi.
- The central government will launch the Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR) programme
- Spices Board launched a 'Cards App' to boost cardamom production
- EaseMyTrip launched ScanMyTrip, a first-of-its-kind travel platform on ONDC
- Adani Airports Holdings Limited (AAHL) launched an application 'Aviio' for the future Airport ecosystem
- Food Corporation of India (FCI) launched 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign with key focus on 'Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskaar Swachhata'
- Swachh Bharat Mission marks its 10th anniversary - This year's Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2024 campaign embraces the theme 'Swabhav Swachhata-Sanskaar Swachhata'.
- The Indian government has directed platform aggregators to register their gig workers on the e-Shram portal





- India is set to become the 3rd-largest Economy by 2030-31
- Atal Pension Yojana (APY) Subscribers at 69 Million, Corpus at Rs.35,149 crore
- India's 1st Fashion Forecasting Initiative 'VisioNxt' launched by the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)
- Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) under MeitY + SISA Information Security Pvt Ltd - Jointly launched the Certified Security Professional for Artificial Intelligence (CSPA) program, the 1st of its kind ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) accredited Artificial Intelligence (AI) security certification.
- The Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan has chosen Mana village in the Joshimath block of Chamoli district for implementation
- Make in India celebrates 10th Anniversary, A Decade of Transformation and Growth
- Wabtec Locomotive Pvt Ltd, a joint venture between Indian Railways and Wabtec, will start exporting Evolution Series ES43ACmi locomotives to Africa in 2025
- The Government setup a Special Team to address Grievances related to MCA21 Portal - It was the key platform for submitting various filings under the companies and limited liability partnership laws. There have been some issues faced by the stakeholders in using the portal.
- CSIR-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (CSIR-NIScPR) signed an MoU with the Gurugram University

### **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

- Gross GST revenue collection in July 2024 at Rs.1,74,962 crore
- World Bank upgraded India's growth estimate to 7% from 6.6% for Financial Year 2024-25 (FY25)
- KFin Technologies launches mPower Wealth platform - It is an advanced, omnichannel wealth management solution designed to address the needs of wealth managers, family offices, banks, and external asset managers.
- NBFC firm Caspian Impact Investments will merge with another non-bank company BlackSoil Capital
- Finance Ministry to Sell 6.78% Stake in GIC Re for Rs 4,700 Crore via an offer-for-sale
- Crypto trading platform, CoinSwitch launched a specialised crypto investment services for High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNIs) and institutions
- Airtel Finance launched Fixed Deposit Service with an Interest Rate of up to 9.1%
- Quality Council of India (QCI) approved the National Test House (NTH), North Region, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh as a Certification Body for Type certification of drones
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has announced a partnership with Mansfield Building Society to digitally transform its operations in the UK





- Tata Electronics has signed a pact with ASMPT Singapore- To establish semiconductor assembly equipment infrastructure and solutions for its chip packaging units in Assam and Karnataka.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the merger of Tata Motors Finance Limited (TMFL) with and into Tata Capital Limited (TCL)
- Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) launched an app to help consumers shop on the network
- ONGC Videsh + Oil India and Khanij Bidesh India (KABIL) signed a (MoU with International Resources Holding RSC (IRH), UAE - To collaborate globally on the Critical Mineral supply chain.
- Retail Inflation increased to 3.65% in August 2024 from 3.6% in July 2024
- Sovereign gold bonds glitter as retail investments zoom 63% y-o-y till September 2024
- Hindalco to invest Rs.2450 crore in copper projects in Gujarat and e-waste recycling plant at Dahej
- Windfall Tax on Crude Petroleum Slashed to Zero
- Advance tax collection up 22% so far in FY25, the Income Tax Department's direct tax mop-up topped 45% of Budget Estimate for the period April 1 to September 17
- According to the 'Asian Development Outlook (ADO) update of September' India's growth forecast for the FY25 has been projected at 7% and FY26 at 7.2%
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) received a provisional registration from the International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA)
- Amazon Web Services (AWS) India + National Health Authority (NHA) + Government e-Marketplace (GeM) + Public Sector Bank Alliance (PSBA) - To adopt the AWS technology to build scalable, cloud-based solutions.
- Zoho enters ONDC network with Vikra app, unveils low-code IoT solution
- Zaggie Prepaid gains after board nod to acquire 26% stake in Mobileware Tech for the total consideration of Rs.15.6 crore
- Infosys and Polestar Enter Strategic Collaboration by opening Technology Hub in Bengaluru
- Tech Mahindra and University of Auckland partnered for AI and Quantum Research - The MoU aims to promote innovation in AI, Machine Learning and quantum computing.
- Bharat Biotech + Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Telangana + Society for Advancement of Human Endeavor (SAHE) - To restore the historic stepwells at Ammapalli Temple and Salar Jung Museum in Telangana as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative.



- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) raised India's FY25 growth forecast to 6.7% up from 6.6%
- US remains top trading partner, export destination for India in January-July 2024
- New IRDAI rules: Life insurance policyholders to get higher early-exit payouts from October 1
- Asian Development Bank will invest \$25 million in a certified climate bond issue by Vivriti Capital Limited (VCL)
- RBI directs banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) gold loan providers to review policies and practices

## **RANKING**

### **National Ranking**

- Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan have shown the highest Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growth among the 10 largest states for FY24
- Madhya Pradesh topped overall for having AYUSH doctors facility in the Primary Health-care Centers (PHCs) in all over India
- JSW MG Motor ranked highest in dealer satisfaction, reported by the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) survey
- Hurun India Under-35 List 2024 - The Hurun India Under-35 list for 2024 has emerged as a prestigious recognition of India's young entrepreneurial talent, highlighting the achievements of 150 entrepreneurs aged 35 or younger.

### **International Ranking**

- The New York-based Magazine, TIME released the 2nd edition of "TIME 100 Most Influential People in AI 2024" - To recognize the 100 most influential people shaping the rapidly evolving field of Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- India Surpasses China in Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) Emerging Markets Investable Market Index (EM IMI) with a weightage of 22.27%
- The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) topped in the LinkedIn Global MBA Ranking 2024
- The 9th edition of U.S. News & World Report's Annual Best Countries Ranking 2024

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|------|-------------|---------------|
| 1    | Switzerland | 100.0         |
| 2    | Japan       | 96.6          |
| 3    | The USA     | 94.2          |
| 4    | Canada      | 94.1          |
| 5    | Australia   | 92.1          |
| 33   | India       | 46.4          |

- India has achieved Tier 1 status in the 5th edition of Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI 2024) - The report was released by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- India becomes the 6th largest market in the MSCI All Country World Investable Market Index (ACWI IMI), surpassing China
- India overtakes Japan as Asia’s 3rd most powerful nation, as per the 2024 edition of Asia Power Index (API)
- The International Institute for Management Development (IMD) World Talent Ranking 2024 - Switzerland ranked 1st, followed by Singapore and India finds itself ranked 58th globally, with a talent score of 40.47. The IMD World Talent Ranking 2024 shows the overall ranking for 67 economies.

**Global Innovation Index 2024**

| Rank | Country                  | Score | Region Rank 2024 | Income Group Rank 2024 |
|------|--------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------------|
| 1.   | Switzerland              | 67.5  | 1                | 1                      |
| 2.   | Sweden                   | 64.5  | 2                | 2                      |
| 3.   | United States of America | 62.4  | 1                | 3                      |
| 4.   | Singapore                | 61.2  | 1                | 4                      |
| 5.   | United Kingdom           | 61    | 3                | 5                      |
| 6.   | South Korea              | 60.9  | 2                | 6                      |
| 7.   | Finland                  | 59.4  | 4                | 7                      |
| 8.   | Netherlands              | 58.8  | 5                | 8                      |



| Rank | Country | Score | Region Rank 2024 | Income Group Rank 2024 |
|------|---------|-------|------------------|------------------------|
| 9.   | Germany | 58.1  | 6                | 9                      |
| 10.  | Denmark | 57.1  | 7                | 10                     |

## AWARDS

### National Awards

- Dr. Dasari Radhika of RINL received the prestigious 'Gender Diversity' National award at the Indian Steel Association (ISA) Steel Conclave 2024
- Swachh Vayu Survekshan (SVS) Awards 2024 - The award presented to the best-performing National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) cities in India, at an event hosted by the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB) in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

| Category 1 (population over 10 Lakhs) | Category 2 (population between 3 and 10 Lakhs) | Category 3 (population under 3 Lakhs)        |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1st-Surat (Gujarat)                   | 1st-Firozabad (Uttar Pradesh)                  | 1st-Raebareli (Uttar Pradesh)                |
| 2nd-Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh)         | 2nd-Amravati (Maharashtra)                     | 2nd-Nalgonda (Telangana)                     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Agra (Uttar Pradesh) | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh)        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -Nalagarh (Himachal Pradesh) |

- President Droupadi Murmu conferred the National Florence Nightingale Awards (NFNA) 2024

| Winner            | Category                           | State/UT                  |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sheela Mondal     | Auxiliary Nurses and Midwife (ANM) | Andaman & Nicobar Islands |
| Iken Lollen       | ANM                                | Arunachal Pradesh         |
| Vidjeyacoumary V  | ANM                                | Puducherry                |
| Januka Pandey     | ANM                                | Sikkim                    |
| Anindita Pramanik | ANM                                | West Bengal               |



| Winner                             | Category                   | State/UT        |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Brahmacharimayum Amusana Devi      | Lady Health Visitors (LHV) | Manipur         |
| Major General Ignatius Delos Flora | Nurse                      | Delhi           |
| Prem Rose Suri                     | Nurse                      | Delhi           |
| Dr Tabasum Irshad Handoo           | Nurse                      | Jammu & Kashmir |
| Dr Nagarajaiah                     | Nurse                      | Karnataka       |
| Shamshad Beegum A                  | Nurse                      | Lakshadweep     |
| Asha Wamanrao Bawane               | Nurse                      | Maharashtra     |
| H Mankimi                          | Nurse                      | Mizoram         |
| Sanjukta Sethi                     | Nurse                      | Odisha          |
| Radhey Lal Sharma                  | Nurse                      | Rajasthan       |

- Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) has been awarded the Rajbhasha Kirti Award (Puraskar)

### International Awards

- The 66th edition of Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2024**

| Winner                     | Details  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Hayao Miyazaki (Japan)     | The award recognised his lifelong commitment to the use of art (animation), to illuminate the human condition and his devotion to children as the torchbearers of the imagination.                             |
| Farwiza Farhan (Indonesia) | The award recognised her profound understanding of the vital connection between nature and humanity and her commitment to social justice and responsible citizenship through her work with forest communities. |
| Karma Phuntsho (Bhutan)    | The award recognised his contributions towards harmonizing the richness of Bhutan's past with the diverse predicaments and   |





| Winner                               | Details   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
|                                      | prospects of its present and inspiring young Bhutanese to be proud of their heritage and confident in their future.                       |
| Dr. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Phuong (Vietnam) | The award recognised her spirit of public service which serves as a warning for the world to avoid war at all cost.                       |
| Rural Doctors Movement (Thailand)    | The award recognised the Thai doctors advocating for healthcare in rural areas and their continuing contribution to Thai people's health. |

- Emmanuel Macron, the President of France was presented with the Olympic Order in Gold
- Indian Origin lecturer Prasanthi Ram from the University of Nanyang technological University won the prize for literature in Singapore
- The 76th Primetime Emmy Awards 2024 ceremony held at the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles

| Category  | Winner                                      |
|---|---|
| Outstanding Drama Series                          | Shogun                                      |
| Outstanding Comedy Series                         | Hacks                                       |
| Outstanding Limited or Anthology Series           | Baby Reindeer                               |
| Lead Actor, Drama                                 | Hiroeyuki Sanada, Shogun                    |
| Lead Actress, Drama                               | Anna Sawai, Shogun                          |
| Lead Actor, Comedy                                | Jeremy Allen White, The Bear                |
| Lead Actress, Comedy                              | Jean Smart, Hacks                           |
| Lead Actor, Limited Series or Movie               | Richard Gadd, Baby Reindeer                 |
| Lead Actress, Limited Series or Movie             | Jodie Foster, True Detective: Night Country |
| Supporting Actor, Drama                           | Billy Crudup, The Morning Show              |
| Supporting Actress, Drama                         | Elizabeth Debicki, The Crown                |
| Supporting Actor, Comedy                          | Ebon Moss-Bachrach, The Bear                |
| Supporting Actress, Comedy                        | Liza Colon-Zayas, The Bear                  |
| Supporting Actor, Limited Series or Movie         | Lamorne Morris, Fargo                       |
| Supporting Actress, Limited Series or Movie       | Jessica Gunning, Baby Reindeer              |
| Outstanding Reality or Competition Program        | Traitors                                    |
| Best Scripted Variety Series                      | Last Week Tonight With John Oliver          |
| Outstanding Writing for a Variety Special         | Alex Edelman, Just for Us                   |
| Outstanding Directing for Limited Series or Movie | Steven Zaillian, Ripley                     |





| Category                                | Winner                       |
|---|------------------------------|
| Outstanding Writing, Comedy             | Hacks                        |
| Outstanding Talk Show                   | The Daily Show               |
| Outstanding Writing for a Drama Series  | Will Smith, Slow Horses      |
| Best Writing, Limited Series            | Richard Gadd, Baby Reindeer  |
| Outstanding Directing for Comedy Series | Christopher Storer, The Bear |
| Best Directing for Drama Series         | Frederick E. O. Toye, Shogun |

- Cambodia’s Angkor Wat named the Most Photogenic UNESCO World Heritage Site in Asia by Times Travel
- Indian Women Dubai Awards 2024 - The award honor the achievements of Indian women who have contributed in various fields of excellence across the UAE.
- Rhea Singha from Gujarat has been crowned Miss Universe India 2024 at the pageant held in Jaipur, Rajasthan
- International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) 2024 Awards

| Category                           | Winners List  |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Major Award Winners</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best Film: “Animal” (Directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga)</li> <li>• Best Actor: Shah Rukh Khan for “Jawan”</li> <li>• Best Actress: Rani Mukerji for “Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway”</li> <li>• Best Director: Vidhu Vinod Chopra for “12th Fail”</li> <li>• Best Supporting Actor: Anil Kapoor for “Animal”</li> <li>• Best Supporting Actress: Shabana Azmi for “Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani”</li> <li>• Best Actor in Negative Role: Bobby Deol for “Animal”</li> </ul> |
| <b>Screenplay and Music Awards</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best Story: “Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani”</li> <li>• Best Story (Adapted): “12th Fail”</li> <li>• Best Music: “Animal”</li> <li>• Best Lyrics: Siddharth-Garima for “Satranga” from “Animal”</li> <li>• Best Singer Male: Bhupinder Babbal for “Arjan Valley” from “Animal”</li> <li>• Best Singer Female: Shilpa Rao for “Chaleya”</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Special Recognition Awards</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outstanding Contribution to Indian Cinema: Jayantilal Gada and Hema Malini</li> <li>• Achievement on completing 25 years in cinema: Karan Johar</li> </ul>   |



| IIFA Utsavam 2024 Winners List |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Tamil Cinema</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best Picture: Jailer</li> <li>• Best Actor: Vikram (Ponniyin Selvan: II)</li> <li>• Best Actress: Aishwarya Rai (Ponniyin Selvan: II)</li> <li>• Best Director: Mani Ratnam (Ponniyin Selvan: II)</li> <li>• Best Music Direction: AR Rahman (Ponniyin Selvan: II)</li> <li>• Best Performance in a Negative Role: SJ Suryah (Mark Antony)</li> <li>• Best Performance in a Supporting Role (Male): Jayaram (Ponniyin Selvan: II)</li> <li>• Best Performance in a Supporting Role (Female): Sahasra Shree (Chithha)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Telugu Cinema</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best Actor: Nani (Dasara)</li> <li>• Best Performance in a Negative Role: Shine Tom Chacko (Dasara)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Malayalam Cinema</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best Performance in a Negative Role: Arjun Radhakrishnan (Kannur Squad)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Kannada Cinema</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outstanding Excellence in Kannada Cinema: Rishab Shetty</li> <li>• Best Debut (Female): Aradhana Ram (Kaatera)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Special Awards</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema: Chiranjeevi</li> <li>• Outstanding Contribution to Indian Cinema: Priyadarshan</li> <li>• Woman of the Year in Indian Cinema: Samantha Ruth Prabhu</li> <li>• Golden Legacy Award: Nandamuri Balakrishna</li> </ul>   |

- FarmERP secured the prestigious UAE Technology Excellence Award 2024 for Agritech
- Deepak C Mehta honored with the ICC Lifetime Achievement Award 2023

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## APPOINTMENTS

### National Appointments

| Name   | Designation   | Succeeded by                          |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| A 1991-batch IPS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre, Alok Ranjan                          | New Chief of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)   | Vivek Gogia                           |
| A a 1987 batch IAS officer from the Odisha Cadre, Rajesh Verma                             | Chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) in NCR and Adjoining Areas.                     | Dr M M Kutty                          |
| Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh   | Next Chief of the Air Staff   | Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari |
| Air Marshal Tejinder Singh   | Deputy Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force (IAF)   | Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit            |
| Amit Shah  | Re-elected as the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language in 2024 (established in 1976) | -                                     |
| Aparna Yadav and Charu Chaudhary   | Vice Chairpersons of the UP Women's Commission  | -                                     |
| Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Tuhin Kanta Pandey | As the New Finance Secretary  | T V Somanathan                        |
| Bharath Sesha  | Managing Director for Philips Indian Subcontinent   | Daniel Mazon                          |
| Bhushan Akshikar   | President of the Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI)                                       | -                                     |
| Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) selects Rama Mohan Rao Amara                 | As the MD of State Bank of India (SBI)  | -                                     |



| Name   | Designation   | Succeeded by               |
|--|---|----------------------------|
| Former Director of CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Jitendra J Jadhav | Director General of the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA)             | -                          |
| Former MD of New India Assurance, G.Srinivasan                                   | MD & CEO of Galaxy Health Insurance                                       | -                          |
| Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo   | President of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)               | Raninder Singh             |
| KVS Manian   | MD and CEO of Federal Bank  | Shyam Srinivasan           |
| Nidhi Bhasin   | CEO of Digital Green Trust in 2024  | -                          |
| Partha Sinha   | Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) for 2024-25 | -                          |
| Raja Randhir Singh, a former Indian shooter and veteran sports administrator     | Elected as the President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)             | -                          |
| RS Sharma  | Non-Executive Chairperson of Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)     | -                          |
| Sagar Daryani  | President of the National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI)          | -                          |
| Senior IPS officer from the Odisha Cadre, Amrit Mohan                            | Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)                         | Dalit Singh Choudhary      |
| Shreyams Kumar, the MD of Mathrubhumi  | President of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS)                           | Rakesh Sharma of Aaj Samaj |
| Subrata Mondal   | MD& CEO of IFFCO Tokio General Insurance                                  | H.O. Hari                  |





| Name             | Designation  | Succeeded by    |
|------------------|--|-----------------|
| Sumant Kathpalia | Reappointed as the MD & CEO of IndusInd Bank                   | -               |
| V Satish Kumar   | Additional Charge as Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation (IoCL) | Shrikant Madhav |
| Y Haragopal      | Managing Director of NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS)     | -               |

**International Appointments**

| Name  | Designation   | Succeeded by         |
|---|---|----------------------|
| A retired 1985-batch IAS officer from the Punjab cadre, Arun Goel | India's next Ambassador to Croatia  | Raj Kumar Srivastava |
| Abdelmadjid Tebboune  | Re-elected as the President of Algeria  | -                    |
| Harini Amarasuriya  | Prime Minister of Sri Lanka   | Dinesh Gunawardena   |
| Jordan's King Abdullah II has appointed, Jafar Hassan             | As the Prime Minister of Jordan   | Bisher Khasawneh     |
| Marxist Leader, Anura Kumara Dissanayake                          | 9th President of Sri Lanka  | Ranil Wickremesinghe |
| Michel Barnier  | Prime Minister of France  | -                    |
| Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) announced that, Saleema Imtiaz       | To become the 1st Pakistani woman to be nominated to the ICC International Panel of Development Umpires | -                    |
| R. Ravindran  | Next Ambassador of India to Iceland   | B Shyam              |
| Shigeru Ishiba  | Prime Minister of Japan   | Fumio Kishida        |



**Brand Ambassadors**

| Name   | Brand Ambassador   | Key Points   |
|--|--|--|
| Alia Bhatt                                       | Global Brand Ambassador for L'Oreal Paris  | -  |
| Indian Table Tennis Player Sharath Kamal Achanta | Foundation Ambassador of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Foundation   | He becomes the 1st Indian to be named the ambassador of ITTF Foundation.   |
| Olympic medal winner, Manu Bhaker                | Brand Ambassador for the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. Also Brand Ambassador for the tools company, Golden Bullet | The appointment was announced at the 4th Harnessing of the Nari Shakti for the Development of the Nation event held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, as organised by the Chennai Port Authority (CPA) in collaboration with Kamarajar Port Authority. |

**BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

| Book Name                                   | Author Name   | Published by      |
|---|---|-------------------|
| 'Sri Rama in Tamilagam-An Inseparable Bond' | Husband & Wife duo Dr. D.K.Hari and Dr. D.K.Hema Hari | Rare Publications |

**OBITUARY**

- Former Arunachal Pradesh Minister Medi Ram Dodum passed away at th age of 69
- Actor James Earl Jones passed away at the age of 93
- Communist Party of India Leader Sitaram Yechury passed away at the age of 72

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## DEFENCE

- Indian Coast Guard participated in the 20th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM) held in Incheon, South Korea
- Indian Army and the Indian Air Force have signed a MoU with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) - To enhance the logistics capabilities of the Indian Armed Forces.
- Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) launched 2 indigenously designed and constructed Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water-Crafts (ASW-SWCs)
- Exercise Tarang Shakti-24 (Phase II), one of the largest and India's 1st multinational air exercises hosted by the Indian Air Force (IAF) in Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- Indian Navy commissioned Kalvari Submarine Escape Training Facility, named 'Vinetra' at Indian Naval Ship (INS) Satavahana in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- The 2nd edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference of 2024 is scheduled at New Delhi
- Operation Sadbhavana, India's Humanitarian Response to Typhoon Yagi - Typhoon Yagi recently struck Southeast Asia, the government of India has launched Operation Sadbhavana, a humanitarian initiative aimed at providing crucial assistance to affected countries.
- The Indian Army + Tiranga Mountain Rescue (TMR) signed a MoU at Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS), Delhi Cantt - This partnership highlights a commitment to further enhance the readiness of personnel operating in mountainous terrain besides enhancing the standards of training and rescue operations in high-altitude environments.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) has completes Exercise Eastern Bridge VII with the Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) at the RAFO airbase in Masirah
- Raksha Rajya Mantri, Sanjay Seth chaired the Joint State Representatives and Additional/Deputy Directors General Conference of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) in New Delhi
- Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 41st Indian Coast Guard Commanders' Conference in New Delhi
- The Indian Navy hosted the 5th edition of the Goa Maritime Symposium (GMS) 2024 under the aegis of the Naval War College, Goa
- Kingdom of Morocco's Royal Armed Forces and Tata Advanced Systems sign deal for local production of Wheeled Armoured Platform
- The Indian Army hosted the much-anticipated "Army Sports Conclave"





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