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IMPORTANT DAYS**NATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
November 01	The states including Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab along with the UTs of Lakshadweep and Puducherry celebrated their Formation Day.	-
November 07	National Cancer Awareness Day	-
	National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) celebrated its 50th Raising Day	-
	National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) celebrated its 50th Raising Day	-
November 09	Uttarakhand Foundation Day/Uttarakhand Diwas	-
November 11	National Education Day	-
November 14	Children's Day/Bal Diwas	-
November 15	Jharkhand Foundation Day	-
November 16	National Press Day	"Changing Nature of the Press".
November 19	National Integration Day/Quami Ekta Diwas	-
14th to 20th November, 2024	71st edition of the All India Cooperative Week	"Role of Cooperatives in Building Viksit Bharat"



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November 25 to 29	Airports Authority of India (AAI) observed the Aviation Safety Awareness Week 2024	-

INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANT DAYS

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November 02	The United Nations International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (IDEI)	"Safety of Journalists in Crises and Emergencies"
November 05	United Nations (UN's) World Tsunami Awareness Day	"youth and future generations".
November 06	United Nations (UN)'s International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict	-
November 08	13th International Day of Radiology/World Radiography Day	Radiographers: Seeing the Unseen
November 09	World Adoption Day	-
November 10	World Science Day for Peace and Development	"Youth at the Forefront"
November 12	World Pneumonia Day	Every Breath Counts: Stop Pneumonia in Its Track
November 14	United Nations (UN)'s World Diabetes Day	The UN theme for World Diabetes Day 2024-26 is "Diabetes and well-being", The WHO theme for World Diabetes Day 2024 is "Breaking Barriers,



NOVEMBER MONTHLY ONE LINERS



<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>
		Bridging Gaps".
November 16	United Nations (UN)'s International Day for Tolerance	-
November 18	World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence	-
November 19	26th International Men's Day	"Positive Male Role Models".
	The United Nations (UN's) World Toilet Day	"Toilets-A Place for Peace".
November 20	United Nations (UN)'s World Children's Day	"Listen to the Future!"
November 21	27th World Fisheries Day	-
November 21	28th World Television Day	-
November 29	International Jaguar Day	-
	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People	-
November 30	The Day of Remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare	-
November 9 to 15	International Week of Science and Peace	-
November 18 to 24	World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW)	"Educate. Advocate. Act Now".
2 nd week of November from November 11 to 15	World Quality Week (WQW) 2024	'Quality: From Compliance to Performance'.



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3 rd Sunday in November (17th November, 2024)	UN World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	-
3 rd Thursday of November (21st November 2024)	UNESCO's World Philosophy Day	-

SPORTS

Cricket

- Indian wicketkeeper-batter Wriddhiman Saha has announced his retirement from all formats of cricket
- BCCI announced dates for IPL 2025, 2026 and 2027 - The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 will be getting underway on March 14 and the final is slated to be played on May 25.
- Fast bowler Siddarth Kaul has retired from Indian cricket after a 17-year career

Badminton

- Maharashtra State Open Badminton Tournament 2024 - Harshit Mahimkar and Prisha Shah dominated the Maharashtra State Open Badminton Tournament 2024.

Football

- FIFA unveiled NASA-Inspired Trophy for Expanded 2025 Club World Cup

Hockey

- 14th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship - Hockey Association of Odisha secures the title; Hockey Haryana finishes as Runners-up; Uttar Pradesh Hockey claims 3rd place.
- Asian Champions Trophy 2024 - India's Women's Hockey Team retained their title at the Women's Asian Champions Trophy, defeating China 1-0 in the final.

Tennis

- Indian Tennis Star Prajnesh Gunneswaran announced his retirement
- Spanish tennis legend Rafael Nadal retires from professional tennis

Archery

- GT Open 2024 - India's Jyothi Surekha Vennam secured the gold in women's compound archery, defeating Sarah Priels of Belgium with a 147-145 victory.

Boxing

- The inaugural U-19 World Boxing Championships 2024 -Indian boxers won a total of 17 medals at the U-19 World Championships held at the Pueblo Convention Center in Colorado, USA.

Chess

- The 2nd edition of the Chennai Grandmasters 2024- Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram (India) (4.5 points) clinched the Masters title after tying for 1st place with Grandmasters Levon Aronian (Armenia) and Arjun Erigaisi(India) and defeating Aronian in the final of the tiebreak with a 2-0 score.
- Magnus Carlsen, Kateryna Lagno won the Tata Steel Chess India blitz titles - In the Open section, Magnus Carlsen won the Tata Steel Chess India blitz tournament with 13 points, Wesley So secured 2nd place with 11.5 points and Arjun Erigaisi took 3rd with 10.5 points.
- India's Divith Reddy Crowned U-8 World Cadets Chess Championship 2024

Wrestling

- The 37th CISM World Military Wrestling Championship, in Yerevan - Indian wrestler, Reetika Hooda clinched the gold medal in the women's 76 kg category at the World Military Championships, becoming the 2nd Indian woman to win gold at the event.

Grandprix

- Formula 1(F1) Brazilian Grand Prix 2024 - The tournament was held at the Interlagos Circuit in São Paulo, Brazil.

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Max Verstappen (Red Bull)	Netherlands
2	Esteban Ocon (Alpine Renault)	France

3	Pierre Gasly (Alpine Renault)	France
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- Formula 1 (F1) Heineken Silver Las Vegas Grand Prix 2024

Rank	Winner	Country
1	George Russell (Mercedes)	United Kingdom (UK)
2	Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes)	United Kingdom (UK)
3	Carlos Sainz Jr. (Ferrari)	Spain

Events

- 4th LG Cup Horse Polo-2024 Tournament - This event, organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, UT Ladakh at the Polo Stadium in Goshan, Drass.
- India is set to host the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup from January 13-19, 2025 - It will be organised by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and the Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI).
- Billie Jean King Cup title 2024 - Italy claimed their 1st Billie Jean King Cup title in 11 years as Jasmine Paolini wrapped up a 2-0 win over Slovakia in Malaga.
- The 40th edition of the Governor's Gold Cup International Football Tournament - NorthEast United FC won the tournament by defeating Gangtok Himalayan SC.

Others

- Renaming of the 'B' Block at Eden Gardens as the "Jhulan Goswami Stand" - Jhulan Goswami, the former India and Bengal fast bowler, will have a stand named in her honour in the 'B' Block of Eden Gardens in Kolkata, following a proposal by the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB).



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RBI

- RBI designates 10-year Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrBs) under Fully Accessible Route (FAR) for investment by non-residents
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced amendments to the Master Directions on Know Your Customer (KYC)
- RBI has designated State Bank of India (SBI), HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) for 2024 marking them as 'too big to fail'
- RBI introduced an operational framework for the reclassification of investments made by a Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI)
- RBI has granted an extension to the banks and Automated Teller Machine operators to implement the cassette swap mechanism for money replenishment in ATMs till March 31, 2025
- RBI announced an increase in the transaction limit for (Unified Payment Interface) UPI123Pay and the UPI Lite wallet limit - The maximum transaction limit for UPI 123Pay has been increased from Rs.5,000 to Rs.10,000, allowing users to conduct higher-value transactions.
- RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan J red-flagged diversion of funds by some micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)
- Newgen Software Technologies has received Rs.32 crore purchase order from the RBI for implementing Regulatory Application Management System - For the implementation and maintenance of the Regulatory Application Management System (RAMS).

Public Sector Banks

State Bank of India (SBI)

- SBI has launched the 'SBI Innovation Hub' in partnership with APIX at the Singapore Fintech Festival - To drive financial innovation and digital transformation and promote financial inclusion.
- SBI raises Rs.10,000 crore via infra bonds
- SBI introduced a customised vehicle loan product for Uber's fleet partners to support the growth of the ride-hailing industry
- Muthoot Microfin and SBI launch loan disbursements under co-lending partnership
- SBI launched a nation-wide drive to reactivate inoperative accounts, including Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) accounts

Punjab & Sind Bank

- Punjab & Sind Bank has launched e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) facility in partnership with National e-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL)

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)

- IOB has introduced an online Re-KYC service to streamline its clients' Know Your Customer (KYC) update process

Union Bank of India

- Finance Minister launched 5 Nari Shakti branches of Union Bank of India for women entrepreneurs

Punjab National Bank (PNB)

- PNB has joined the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF) - To adopt global standards for measuring and disclosing GHG emissions in line with RBI's draft climate risk guidelines, reinforcing its commitment to sustainability and climate action.

Private Sector Banks

- IDFC First Bank (Infrastructure Development Finance Company)
- IDFC FIRST Bank + La Hulpe(Belgium)-based Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) - To launch India's 1st real-time tracking for international money transfers, accessible via its mobile app and internet banking.

Karnataka Bank

- Karnataka Bank has launched 2 financial products, "KBL Peak" and "KBL Genius"

IndusInd Bank

- IndusInd Bank and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) formalised a partnership through a Statement of Intent (SoI) - To enhance disaster resilience and climate risk management through the initiative 'Disaster Resilient Communities and Climate Risk-Informed Efficient Administrative Systems'.

RBL Bank

- RBL Bank to stop issuance of co-branded credit cards with Bajaj Finance

Insurance News

- The University of Hyderabad has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the MicroInsurance Innovation Hub (MIIH)-
- To collaborate on a range of initiatives aimed at advancing the field of microinsurance.
- Galaxy Health Insurance Company has launched its 1st product, 'Galaxy Promise' targeting families seeking affordable health coverage
- Canara HSBC Life Insurance has launched OmniGen AI, a generative AI-powered solution to revolutionize risk evaluation in underwriting
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- SEBI has proposed new regulations to revise regulations for securitised debt instruments (SDIs)
- Unifi Asset Management has received final approval from SEBI to launch its mutual fund operations

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- Government of India and ADB signed a USD 98 million loan to promote plant health management in India's horticulture

Others

- IIFL Finance grows its gold loan portfolio by Rs.2,000 cr about a month after RBI lifted lending ban
- Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Custom (CBIC) has set a timeline of 1 year to complete investigation into matters related to tax evasion by exporters/importers
- National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) launched its official mobile app, NSEIndia and expanded its website to support a total of 12 languages
- International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank provide a USD 400 million loan to Bajaj Finance
- Deutsche Bank invests in India growth strategy with Rs. 5,113 crore (€571 million) capital increase
- Department of Posts issues a Commemorative Stamp on Pujya Dada Bhagwan
- The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) + National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) + Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
- Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, Chairman of CBIC inaugurated the GST&Customs Pavilion at the 43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2024 in New Delhi

- GIFT International Fintech Institute (GIFT IFI) and the GIFT International Fintech Innovation Hub (GIFT IFIH) launched in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)
- Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has launched a compliance-cum-awareness campaign for assessment year 2024-25
- India's digital payments provider Paytm rolls out auto top-up feature for UPI LITE transactions
- Angel One Asset Management Company has received SEBI's approval to act as the asset management company

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

IIT News

- IIT Madras Pravartak Technologies Foundation + SWAYAM Plus initiative of the Union Education Ministry = To launch a training program in the semiconductor industry for students and graduates.
- Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) has signed an agreement with the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee)- For the development of "Millimeter Wave Transceiver for 5G Rural Connectivity".
- IIT Madras + Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)- To establish a Centre of Excellence for research in 'Fluid and Thermal Sciences'.
- IIT Ropar Develops Patented Mechanical Knee Rehab Device, Revolutionizing Post-Surgical Therapy with Affordable, Off-Grid Solution
- Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru developed a new language system to unlock potential of nanoporous materials
- DRDO Industry Academia-Centre of Excellence (DIA-CoE) + IIT Delhi demonstrated quantum communications technologies in New Delhi
- IIT Madras + Thales announced the top six teams developing eco-friendly technology from the fourth cohort of the Carbon Zero Challenge (CZC 4.0)

Space News

- Japan launched 'LignoSat', the world's first wooden satellite into space from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, the USA
- Zimbabwe launched its 2nd satellite, ZIMSAT-2 on the Soyuz-2.1b spacecraft from Vostochny Cosmodrome, in Amur Oblast, Russia
- NASA and Microsoft have partnered to create Earth Copilot, an AI-powered chatbot that simplifies access to NASA's complex geospatial data

- SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket launched India's Geosynchronous Satellite (GSAT)-N2/(GSAT 20) from the Space Launch Complex 40 (SLC-40)= The satellite was launched at the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, the USA.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- Indigenous Development of Silicon Carbide Wafers and GaN HEMT based MMIC Technology up to X-band Applications
- DRDO hands over Authority Holding Sealed Particulars of P-7 Parachute System to Directorate General of Quality Assurance
- DRDO conducted a maiden flight-test of Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha
- DRDO has completed the Flight Tests of Guided Pinaka Weapon System as part of Provisional Staff Qualitative Requirements (PSQR) Validation Trials
- DRDO successfully conducted the flight trial of India's first long-range hypersonic missile off the coast of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha

India in Science & Technology

- IndiGo received the Centre's approval to renew the wet lease of 11 Airbus A320 aircraft
- HCLTech will establish a new AI/Cloud Native Lab in Singapore, expanding its global network of AI facilities
- India's 1st Mars and Moon analog mission at Leh in Ladakh to simulate life in an interplanetary habitat has been inaugurated
- Chipmaker Nvidia and SoftBank Corp, the telecommunications arm of SoftBank Group, have piloted the world's 1st artificial intelligence and 5G telecoms network
- ISRO signed an Implementation Agreement with Australian Space Agency for Gaganyaan mission
- Hyderabad-based space tech company TakeMe2Space (TM2Space) is set to launch MOI-TD (My Orbital Infrastructure-Technology Demonstrator)
- Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) CMD, DK Sunil, is in Russia to sign a deal-For licence manufacturing of 240 AL-31FP Aero Engines for Su-30MKI fighter jets in service with the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- India has successfully testing the K-4 nuclear-capable ballistic missile

Environment & Energy

- Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad signed a MoU for academic collaboration-The MoU facilitates the conduct of customized Management Development Programmes for the newly promoted executives of SAIL, among others.
- NTPC and ONGC have formed a 50:50 Joint Venture Company (JVC) through their green subsidiaries, NTPC Green Energy Ltd and ONGC Green Energy Ltd-To accelerate renewable energy efforts across solar, wind, green hydrogen, and sustainable fuels.
- Energy tech start-up chargeMOD + Hindustan Petroleum Corporation-As part of this collaboration, chargeMOD's app will now allow EV drivers to seamlessly access all HPCL EV charging stations across India.
- GAIL (India) has signed a 10-year Sales and Purchase Agreement (SPA) with ADNOC Gas-For the delivery of up to 0.52 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of liquified natural gas (LNG) from 2026.
- Tata Power Company has entered into a strategic partnership with Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC)-To collaborate and develop at least 5,000 MW of clean energy generation capacity in Bhutan. It will develop a mix of hydropower (4,500 MW) and solar projects (500 MW) in Bhutan
- Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI) signed a MoU with H2Global Stiftung-To establish a collaborative framework to promote Green Hydrogen initiatives.
- Tata Power signed a MoU with Asian Development Bank (ADB) for USD 4.25 Billion to Finance Key Clean Energy Power Projects

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Australia

- The India - Australia Joint Working Group Meeting held on Cooperation in field of Public Administration and Governance Reforms
- Australian Parliament bans social media ban for children under-16s with world-first law
- Digital transformation solutions company UST has signed a MoU with Western Sydney University (WSU) in Australia-To collaborate on advancing agri-tech solutions for agri industry needs and nurture a generation of industry leaders through mentoring programmes.

Brazil

- Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva launched the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

Canada

- The Government of Canada announced the termination of its Student Direct Stream (SDS)

Gabon

- The voters of Gabon have approved a new constitution in a referendum with preliminary results indicating that 91.8% of participants supported the proposed changes

Greece

- India, Greece explore stronger maritime ties=This came up during a meeting between Sarbananda Sonowal, Ministry for Ports, Shipping and Inland Waterways and Christos Stylianides, the Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy of Greece.

Indonesia

- Bali Celebrates Balinese Hindu festival Ngusaba Goreng

Japan

- The 2nd India-Japan Joint Service Staff Talks (JSST) conclude in New Delhi

Kazakhstan

- IREL (India) Limited + Kazakhstan's Ust-Kamenogorsk Titanium and Magnesium Plant JSC (UKTMP JSC) have inked a joint venture agreement=To establish IREUK Titanium Limited, aimed at producing titanium slag in Odisha, India.

Malaysia

- The India-Malaysia Joint Working Group Meeting held on Cooperation in field of Public Administration and Governance Reforms

Sri Lanka

- Indian & Sri Lankan Coast Guards hold 7th Annual High Level Meeting in Colombo=To combat transnational maritime crime & promote regional cooperation.

Tanzania

- The 3rd edition of Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting between India and Tanzania took place in Goa

United States

- The 21st edition of India-US Military Cooperation Group (MCG) meeting was conducted at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- The 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) witnessed the vibrant launch of 18th edition of Film Bazaar, South Asia's premier film market
- The Association of Indian American Minorities (AIAM), a newly launched non-governmental organization, was inaugurated

United Kingdom

- India and U.K. signed a Statement of Intent (Sol) on electric propulsion systems for future Indian naval ships

Summit/Event

- The 352nd Governing Body meeting of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) is being held at Geneva in Switzerland
- India launched updated National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) at COP 16 to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Colombia
- Asian Buddhist Summit 2024-The summit was organised by India's Ministry of Culture and the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) in New Delhi, India.
- Hyderabad to host the 16th edition of the International Poultry Expo-The Indian Poultry Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA) will organise a 3-day poultry expo in Hyderabad.
- The 8th International Ancient Arts Festival and Symposium - The event was hosted in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Centre, Rays of Wisdom Society and received support from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.
- The 25th Meeting of the South Asian Telecommunication Regulators' Council (SATRC-25) was held at New Delhi
- India to host IIAS Annual Conference 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- The International Conference on Communication and Dissemination of Traditional Knowledge held at Gurugram University, Haryana
- The UAE has announced the establishment of the Global Energy Efficiency Alliance at COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan

- Delhi hosted the inaugural edition of South Asia's largest maritime thought leadership summit "The Sagarmanthan: The Great Oceans Dialogue"
- PM Narendra Modi addressed the session of the G 20 Summit on Sustainable Development and Energy Transition
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated ICA Global Cooperative Conference 2024 and launched the UN International Year of Cooperatives 2025 in New Delhi
- The Embassy of India in Brussels hosted the 2nd edition of the Indian Seafood and Wine Tasting Event
- 6th meeting of ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement Joint Committee held in New Delhi
- The 12th Edition of the International Tourism Mart (ITM) kicked off in Kaziranga, Assam

Exercise

- The 9th edition of India-Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise "GARUD SHAKTI 24" took place in Cijantung, Jakarta, Indonesia
- The 15th edition of India- US joint Special Forces Exercise "VAJRA PRAHAR" held at the Orchard Combat Training Centre in Idaho, USA
- India and France have been elected as President and Co-President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for a 2-year term from 2024 to 2026
- The 5th Edition of Vietnam Indian Bilateral Army Exercise "VINBAX 2024" commenced at Ambala, Haryana
- The 3rd edition of joint military Exercise "AUSTRAHIND" commenced at Foreign Training Node, Pune in Maharashtra

Others

- Republic of Armenia became the 104th full member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)
- NASSCOM + Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) signed a MoU - This strategic collaboration will provide opportunities for NASSCOM member companies to actively engage in Dubai's fintech and innovation ecosystem, fostering partnerships with organizations driving innovation in financial technology and related domains.
- India gets re-elected to UN Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) for 2025-2026

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

President Draupadi Murmu News

- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Swami Vivekananda Vidya Mandir school at Zanda Chowk in Silvassa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli
- Murmu Inaugurated the 125th Birth Anniversary Celebration of Utkal Keshari Dr Harekrushna Mahtab in New Delhi
- President Murmu addressed Parliament to commemorate Constitution Day's 75th anniversary

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 Narendra Modi inaugurated the 1st Bodoland Mohotsav in Delhi

Ministry News

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

- The Ministry of Defence signed a contract with M/s Cochin Shipyard Limited - For Short Refit and Dry Docking (SRDD) of INS Vikramaditya at an overall cost of Rs.1207.5 crore.

Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Cooperation:

Shri Amit Shah (Gandhinagar, Gujarat)

- Amit Shah chaired the 32nd meeting of the 'Kendriya Hindi Samiti' in New Delhi
- A High-Level Committee, under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister approves 3 projects of Rs.725.62 crore
- Ministry of Home Affairs has approved the first all-women battalion of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- Amit Shah addressed the 91st General Council meeting of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) in New Delhi
- A high-level committee, headed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah has approved Rs.1,000 crore

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

- National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) + All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) signed a MoU - To provide internship opportunities to Under Graduate (UG)/ Post Graduate (PG) students.

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

- Jagat Prakash Nadda launched the Scheme for Strengthening the Medical Device Industry with a total outlay of Rs.500 Crore

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

- Finance Ministry has unveiled a performance-linked incentive (PLI) scheme
- The 15th Finance Commission (XV FC) Grants during Financial Year 2024–25 for Rural Local Bodies of Karnataka Released
- Finance Ministry gives 'in-principle' nod for 'Consolidation of IFCI Group'
- The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) signed a MoU with Executive Search Leaders at the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) - The MoUs were signed with six leading executive search firms: Korn Ferry, ABC Consultants, EMA Partners Limited, DHR Global, Sheffield Haworth, and Vahura.

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

- Visit of External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar to Australia
- Jaishankar opens Indian Embassy's New Chancery in Rome, Italy

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

- Shivraj Singh Chouhan virtually addressed the inaugural session of the Global Soil Conference 2024 held in New Delhi
- Celebrating Awaas Diwas 2024: 8th Anniversary of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G)
- Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 3rd edition of the national campaign "Nayi Chetna-Pahal Badlaav Ki" in New Delhi

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

- Manohar Lal launched 'EV as a Service' programme of Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL) at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium
- Manohar Lal chaired the Conference of Power Ministers of States and UTs in New Delhi
- A national workshop was organised by the MoHUA + National Housing Bank (NHB), on Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban 2.0-Interest Subsidy Scheme (ISS) vertical and signing of MoUs -he workshop provided a platform to the participants from various sectors to deliberate and strategize on the implementation of PMAY-U 2.0, discuss its modalities and identify ways to strengthen the affordable housing initiative.
- Manohar Lal flagged-off the fleet of green hydrogen buses of NTPC at Leh

**Minister of Commerce and Industry: Shri Piyush Goyal (Mumbai North, Maharashtra)
Piyush Goyal concluded his visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

- Piyush Goyal launched Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) India's 70th year celebrations
- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) + WinZO, India's largest social gaming platform signed a MoU - build a robust ecosystem of over 2,000 startups, innovators, and students, providing them with mentorship, industry insights, and access to global opportunities.
- Piyush Goyal inaugurated the CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) and Regulatory Affairs Portal

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

- Union Minister for Education + Minister of Labour and Employment, Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya=Jointly launched the World Bank's report titled "Jobs at Your Doorstep: A Jobs Diagnostics for Young People in 6 States" in New Delhi.
- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare signs MoU with Banaras Hindu University (BHU) and Ministry of Education = To provide support to the Institute of Medical Sciences, BHU on the lines of the new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) set up under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).
- Dharmendra Pradhan launched The TeacherApp - The app developed by Bharti Airtel Foundation, to equip teachers with future-ready skills to meet the evolving demands of 21st-century classrooms.

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

- Jitan Ram Manjhi inaugurated the “MSME Pavilion” at the 43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF) in New Delhi

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

- The Union government will develop 100 ‘climate-resilient coastal fishermen villages’ across the country

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

- Dr. Virendra Kumar has inaugurated the ‘Shilp Samagam Mela 2024’ at the Dilli Haat, New Delhi
- The Department of Justice launched the ‘Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Samman’ campaign

Minister of Civil Aviation: Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu (Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh)

- The Centre has begun formulating the draft for the “UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) 2.0” scheme

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

- Joshi launched Phase-II of the retail sale of Bharat Atta and Bharat Rice
- India launched the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) in January 2023
- The National Consumer Helpline (NCH) was revamped under the NCH 2.0 initiative

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

- Ministry of Textiles approved 12 research projects worth Rs.13.3 crore under the National Technical Textiles Mission

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

- The UNESCO South Asia Regional Office + MeitY + Ikigai Law as the implementing partner- To organize a stakeholder consultation on Safety and Ethics in Artificial Intelligence (AI) at UNESCO House, New Delhi.
- The launch of the 'Sanraksha' mobile application by Indian Railways aims to enhance the safety and security of passengers

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

- The Ministry of Tourism is participate in the World Travel Market (WTM) in London
- Gajendra Singh inaugurated the exhibition 'Shunyata : Emptiness' at the National Museum in New Delhi

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

- Annpurna Devi launched a National Campaign "Bal Vivah Mukta Bharat" to promote a child marriage-free India

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

- The 5th Anniversary of Web portal of National Youth Parliament Scheme (NYPS)

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

- Ministry of Labour & Employment and Cygnus Ujala Group signed a MoU-The MoU highlights a joint commitment to leveraging the National Career Service (NCS) portal for boosting job opportunities.
- Ministry of Labour and Employment and TeamLease EdTech sign MoU=To enhance employment opportunities for National Career Service (NCS) registered job seekers.
- Mandaviya launched a 'Know Your Medicine (KYM)' app-A nationwide appeal to strengthen the fight against doping in sports, urging athletes, coaches, and the entire sporting community to embrace the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).
- Mansukh Mandaviya announced 'Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue', a reimaged National Youth Festival 2025

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

- Ministry of Coal Launches Mine Opening Permission Module on Single Window Clearance System (SWCS) Portal
- Mines Ministry signed a MoU with International Energy Agency (IEA) on Cooperation in the Area of Critical Minerals

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)

- The 24th Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Quarterly Bulletin (July to September 2024)

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 launched the Nation-wide Digital Life Certificate Campaign 3.0 for Digital Empowerment of Pensioners
- Dr. Jitendra Singh announced soft launch of India's First Indigenous Antibiotic, Nafithromycin to Combat Drug Resistance

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)

- Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has reconstituted the Central Apprenticeship Council (CAC) for a 3-year term

State News Andhra Pradesh

- Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu visited Edupuram in Srikakulam district to launch the Deepam 2.0 scheme for women
- The World Bank and Asian Development Bank have granted a Rs.13,500 crore loan for the development of Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh

Bihar

- Sultanganj railway station in Bihar's Bhagalpur district is set to be renamed in honor of the revered Hindu shrine, Ajgaibinath Dham
- National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) + Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA) have signed the State Support Agreement (SSA) and Shareholder Agreement (SHA) - For the establishment of an Integrated

Manufacturing Cluster (IMC) in Gaya, a node under the Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC).

- PM Modi's visit to Bihar and laid foundation stones of various projects for the development in the region

Chhattisgarh

- Bhupender Yadav announced the notification of the Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh as the 56th Tiger Reserve in India
- Dhudmaras, a village in Chhattisgarh's Bastar district gaining international acclaim and has been named one of the best tourism villages by the UNWTO

Gujarat

- Amit Shah unveiled Gujarat's largest waste-to-energy project in Ahmedabad
- Australia's University of Wollongong opens India campus in Gujarat's Gujarat International Finance Tech (GIFT) City Gandhinagar
- Gujarat launched a Cottage and Rural Industries Policy 2024-29
- Gujarat's Gharchola Handicraft Gets Geographical Indication (GI) tag Recognition by the Union government

Haryana

- India's 1st Constitution Museum was inaugurated at O.P. Jindal Global University in Sonapat, Haryana

Himachal Pradesh

- Durgesh Aranya Zoological Park in Himachal Pradesh will be the 1st zoo in India to receive certification from the IGBC

Karnataka

- Bengaluru inaugurated its 1st digital population clock at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC)
- Karnataka signed a MoUs with tech giants to skill 1 lakh professionals
- Karnataka + Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) S Somanath, released the Draft Space Tech Policy 2024-2029

Madhya Pradesh

- Gwalior unveiled India's 1st Self-Sufficient Gaushala with a State-of-the-Art CBG Plant

Manipur

- Ningol Chakkouba, a major festival of Manipur's Meitei community

Odisha

- Odisha-based startup Bon V Aero has launched a fully autonomous logistics drone service called Air Orca
- The 18th PBD Convention will be organized from 08-10 January 2025 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, in collaboration with Odisha
- Odisha in partnership with ICRISAT launched a 'Compendium of Regenerative Agriculture' to promote regenerative agriculture
- Odisha's 24 Coastal Villages recognised as 'Tsunami Ready' by UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

Tamil Nadu

- Chennai-Vladivostok maritime corridor becomes operational
- Hyundai Motor India has signed a power purchase and shareholder agreement with Fourth Partner Energy Ltd (FPEL) -To establish two renewable energy plants in Tamil Nadu.

Telangana

- Japanese auto components major Denso collaborates with Hyderabad's well known start-up incubator T-Hub - To engage with automotive start-ups for advanced mobility solutions.
- Telangana government inks MoUs for Rs.5,260 crore investments in Pharma City

Tripura

- Tripura government and Tata Technologies have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) - To upgrade all 19 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in the State with the aim of improving the employability of ITI graduates.

Uttar Pradesh

- Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved a major semiconductor manufacturing project led by Vama Sundri Investment, a subsidiary of HCL Tech, in partnership with Foxconn
- National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) + Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA) -

- The Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC) initiative took a significant step forward with the signing of the State Support Agreement (SSA) and Shareholder Agreement (SHA) between the NICDC and UPSIDA to develop key clusters in Agra and Prayagraj.
- Tata Power signs Rs.550 crore deal with Noida International Airport to supply renewable energy to the airport operator

Uttarakhand

- Gol and ADB signed a \$200 million loan to upgrade water supply, sanitation, urban mobility, and other urban services in Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhama inaugurated the Jauljibi Mela in Pithoragarh, calling it an "invaluable heritage"

Union Territory News

Delhi

- Delhi government launched a portal for old-age pension scheme

Union Cabinet News

- Union Cabinet has approved 'PM Vidyalaxmi' scheme, a new Central Sector Scheme (CSS)- To provide financial assistance to meritorious students, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder anyone from pursuing higher studies.
- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved an equity infusion of Rs.10,700 crore for the Food Corporation of India (FCI)
- CCEA has approved the Permanent Account Number 2.0 (PAN 2.0) Project of the Income Tax (IT) Department with a budget outlay of Rs.1,435 crore
- CCEA has approved the investment proposal worth Rs.1,750 crore for construction of Tato-I Hydro Electric Project (HEP) in Shi Yomi district of Arunachal Pradesh
- CCEA has approved the investment proposal worth Rs.1,939 crore for the construction of Heo HEP in Shi Yomi district of Arunachal Pradesh
- The Union Cabinet has approved the launch of the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)
- The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) under the NITI Aayog
- The Union Cabinet has approved the One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)

National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog)

- NITI Aayog organised Symposium on 'Green Transition in States' NITI Aayog launched Accelerating Sustainable State Energy Transition (ASSET) platform -This initiative was launched in collaboration with the Ministry of Power and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog unveiled 4th cohort of Community Innovator Fellows (CIFs) supported by Capgemini, India

Others

- Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) develops eco-friendly fish feed from black soldier fly larvae
- Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) has signed an agreement with CSIR-Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute (CEERI), Pilani
- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) has signed an agreement with the C R Rao AIMSCS - For the development of " Side Channel Leakage Capture Infrastructure and Analysis (SCLCIA) Solution".
- C-DOT and Linearized Amplifier Technologies and Services Pvt Ltd and Vedang Radio Tech. Pvt Ltd. signed an agreement - For Millimeter wave Power Amplifiers Chips IP Core Development and Demonstration for 5G FR2.
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) launched new chapters in Florida and Zurich, expands global presence
- The 58th Executive Committee meeting of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) approved various vital projects
- The Department of Posts releases a special postage stamp on the 150th Birth Anniversary of Birsa Munda, a legendary tribal leader and freedom fighter
- Central Electricity Authority approved the Uniform Protection Protocol for users of the Indian Grid for implementation on Pan India basis
- Bharat National Cyber Security Exercise (Bharat NCX 2024) is a landmark initiative launched-To enhance India's cyber defense capabilities and prepare professionals for evolving cybersecurity challenges.
- National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) + Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India (RSSDI) signed a MoU=To advance quality and consistency of diabetes care in India through the use of robust clinical and digital health standards.
- Government extends subsidies for sale of cargo category of electric three-wheelers (e-3Ws of L5 category) under the PM E-DRIVE

- India unveiled Artificial Intelligence (AI) Data Bank to propel innovation and strengthen national security
- Govt launched Bhu-Neer portal, a centralized platform for managing groundwater withdrawal permits
- Ministry of Textiles + Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC) is organise the "Geographical Indication (GI) and Beyond-2024" in New Delhi
- A 2-day agri-export training and exposure visits to agro-processing and export industries in Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) + Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) signed a MoU - To promote commerce-based skill courses for students across the country.
- National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) + Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI) signed a MoU-This collaboration aims to enhance the quality and reliability of temporary site testing laboratories for civil engineering projects.
- India signed the Final Act of the Riyadh Design Law Treaty (DLT) =By signing the Final Act of the Riyadh Design Law Treaty, India builds on its progress and reaffirms its commitment to fostering inclusive growth and ensuring equitable access to intellectual property protection.
- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has established a strategy cell in Coimbatore=For helping businesses, especially in the manufacturing sector, develop sustainable growth strategies and become global players.
- Gyan-Kumbh 2024 Auroville's Transformative Ideas unveiled
- Veranda Learning Solutions + National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) + Institute of Accountants and Bookkeepers, UK signed a MoU-To roll out the Certified International Accounting Professional program in India.



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BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

- Gross GST revenue collection in October 2024 at Rs.1,87,346 crore
- India's UPI hit a new record in October 2024, with a total of 16.58 billion transactions amounting to Rs.23.50 lakh crore
- Government e Marketplace (GeM) launched 170 Seed Categories on the portal
- Cairn Oil & Gas has become the 1st oil and gas producer in India to join the United Nations Environment Programme's Oil & Gas Methane Partnership (OGMP) 2.0
- Bandhan Group enters Information Technology services with the acquisition of Genisys Group
- L&T to acquire 21% stake in cloud services provider E2E Networks for Rs.1,407 crore
- Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL) has acquired Tree of Life Resorts brand as it expands presence in experiential leisure segment
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has signed a multi-year agreement with Air France-KLM
- Bharti Telecom buys 1.2% stake in Airtel from family's investment firm
- Computer Age Management Services Limited (CAMS) and KFin Technologies Ltd announced the formation of a 50:50 joint venture company
- Gaming company Nazara Technologies announced today its integration with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)
- Comviva has announced its collaboration with Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- Women Entrepreneurship Platform partners with Urban Company to Empower Women Salon and Beauty Parlor Owners
- The Indian School of Business (ISB) has unveiled a refreshed logo
- The Competition Commission of India (Commission) imposed a penalty of Rs.213.14 crore on Meta for abusing its dominant position
- Morgan Stanley released its '2025 India Economics Outlook'
- Food delivery giant Zomato has launched 'District', a new lifestyle app that consolidates dining, entertainment, and ticketing services
- Tata Electronics has acquired a 60% stake in Pegatron's iPhone plant in Tamil Nadu, forming a joint venture to strengthen Tata's role as an Apple supplier
- Religare Broking Ltd signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with FPSB India, becoming an Authorised Corporate Partner (ACP)
- ICAI launched CA GPT platform featuring 5,000 listed companies for the fiscal year 2023-24
- Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of additional securities of DMI Finance Private Limited by MUFG Bank



- CCI approves the proposed acquisition of shares in Rebel Foods Private Limited by Jongsong Investments Pte. Ltd.
- CCI approved the acquisition of standard unsecured personal loans portfolio of Standard Chartered Bank, India Branch by Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited
- CCI approves transaction involving subscription of shares of Flipkart Private Limited by Shoreline International Holdings LLC
- approves the acquisition of Fosroc Top One Limited, Fosroc Top Two Limited, and Fosroc Supply FZE by Starcin Holding France SAS (Starcin)

RANKING

National Ranking

- According to Mercom India Research Karnataka remained the top State for cumulative installations in solar open access capacity
- Reliance Industries topped in the 2024 Wizikey News Score ranking

International Ranking

October 2024 Henley Passport Index

- **Released By:** Henley & Partners, a United Kingdom-based immigration consultancy.

Rank	Country	Visa-Free Access
1st	Singapore	195
2nd	France	192
2nd	Germany	192
2nd	Italy	192
2nd	Japan	192
2nd	Spain	192
3rd	Austria	191
3rd	Denmark	191
3rd	Finland	191
3rd	Ireland	191
83	India	58

- Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) released the 16th edition of the 'QS World University Ranking Asia 2025'

Top 5 in QS World University Rankings -Asia 2025

Rank	Name of the University	Country	Overall Score
1	Peking University	Beijing, China	100
2	University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong	99.7
3	National University of Singapore (NUS)	Singapore	98.9
4	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore	98.3
5	Fudan University	Shanghai, China	97.2

Indian Institutes in top 100

Rank	Name of the University	State	Overall Score
44	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	New Delhi (Delhi)	75.4
48	IIT Bombay	Mumbai (Maharashtra)	73.1
56	IIT Madras	Chennai (Tamil Nadu)	69.6
60	IIT Kharagpur	Kharagpur (West Bengal)	68.8
62	Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore	Bengaluru (Karnataka)	68.4
67	IIT Kanpur	Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh)	66.7
81	University of Delhi	New Delhi	61.9

- The 11th edition of the Hurun India Philanthropy list

Top 10 on Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024

Rank	Name	Donation	Name of the Company
1	Shiv Nadar & family	Rs.2,153 crore	Shiv Nadar Foundation
2	Mukesh Ambani & family	Rs.407 crore	Reliance Foundation
3	Bajaj family	Rs.352 crore	Bajaj Group Trust
4	Kumar Mangalam Birla	Rs.334 crore	Aditya Birla Capital Foundation
5	Gautam Adani & family	Rs.330 crore	Adani Foundation
6	Nandan Nilekani	Rs.307 crore	Nilekani Philanthropies
7	Krishna Chivukula	Rs.228 crore	ASHA Foundation
8	Anil Agarwal & family	Rs.187 crore	Anil Agarwal Foundation
9	Susmita & Subroto Bagchi	Rs.179 crore	Mindtree
10	Rohini Nilekani	Rs.154 crore	Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies

- Hindalco ranked world's most sustainable aluminium company
- Digital engineering firm Mastek ranks in Information Services Group's (ISG)'s Top 15 Global Tech Services Providers for Q3 2024
- World Intellectual Property Indicators (WIPI) 2024
- -India ranks 6th globally for patents with 64,480 applications, with resident filings accounting for over half of all submissions (55.2%), a first for the country.

Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025

Rank	Country	Overall Score
4	Denmark	78.37
5	The Netherlands	69.60

Rank	Country	Overall Score
6	The United Kingdom (UK)	69.29
7	The Philippines	68.41
10	India	67.99

Network Readiness Index 2024

Country	NRI Ranking	Technology	People	Governance	Impact
India	49	34	29	88	40
United States of America	1	1	2	9	11
Singapore	2	6	3	8	5
Finland	3	11	9	4	1
Sweden	4	7	15	6	2
Republic of Korea	5	10	1	22	13

AWARDS

National Awards

- Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying distributes Rajbhasha Awards; 2nd Edition of 'Surabhi' Magazine Unveiled
- GAIL (India) Limited has won the SAP ACE Award 2024 for Best Financial Transformation for the 2nd consecutive year
- Lulu Mall Thiruvananthapuram wins Indian Green Building Council award
- Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad honored with Indira Gandhi Peace Prize Award 2023
- National Gopal Ratna Awards (NGRA) 2024=The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying declared the winners of the NGRA, one of the highest National Awards in the field of livestock and dairy sector for the year 2024.
- IFFCO's Awasthi 2nd Indian after Kurien to receive Rochdale Pioneers Award by International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)

Current Affairs

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International Awards

- Veteran Australian filmmaker Phillip Noyce to be honored with the prestigious Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award
- Curtain Raiser of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2024 held in New Delhi
- British author Samantha Harvey won the 2024 Booker Prize award
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi conferred with Dominica's highest National Award "Dominica Award of Honour"
- The Infosys Science Foundation (ISF) has announced the winners of the Infosys Prize 2024 for researchers under 40

Category	Winner	Details
Economics	Arun Chandrasekhar, Professor in the Department of Economics at Stanford University	For his contribution to the study of social and economic networks.
Engineering and Computer Science	Shyam Gollakota, Professor, School of Computer Science and Engineering, University of Washington	For his research and technology translation spanning multiple engineering domains.
Humanities and Social Sciences	Mahmood Kooria	For his contributions to the study of maritime Islam from a global perspective, with a focus on Kerala in the pre-modern and early modern eras.
Life Sciences	Siddhesh Kamat, an Associate Professor in the Department of Biology at the IISER, Pune	For his discoveries concerning bioactive lipids, their receptors, and their metabolic and signalling pathways.
Mathematical Sciences	Neena Gupta, Professor in the Theoretical Statistics and Mathematics Unit at the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata	For her work on the Zariski Cancellation Problem.
Physical Sciences	Vedika Khemani, Associate Professor in the Physics	For her contribution to theoretical and experimental non-equilibrium

Category	Winner	Details
	Department at Stanford University	quantum matter, most notably the discovery of time-crystals.

- RINL bags 3 prestigious 'Gold awards' at the International Convention on Quality Control Circles (ICQCC-2024)
- GMR Hyderabad International Airport was honored at the 'Airport Excellence Awards' during the Saudi Airport Exhibition 2024 for its digital innovations
- The 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)-The 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) held at the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, Goa.

Category	Winners
Golden Peacock (Best Film)	<i>Toxic</i> (Lithuania)-A coming-of-age narrative by Saulė Bliuvaitė.
Silver Peacock (Best Director)	Bogdan Muresanu's <i>The New Year That Never Came</i> (Romania)-Recognized for outstanding storytelling.
Silver Peacock (Best Actor-Male)	Clément Faveau's <i>Holy Cow</i> (France)-For portraying a transformative journey.
Silver Peacock (Best Actor – Female)	Vesta Matulytė & Ieva Rupeikaitė's <i>Toxic</i> (Lithuania)-Jointly awarded for exceptional performances.
Special Jury Award	Louise Courvoisier's <i>Holy Cow</i> (France)-Honored for creative excellence.
Best Debut Feature Film	<i>Familiar Touch</i> by Sarah Friedland (USA)-Celebrated for a remarkable debut.
Best Debut Director (Indian Feature)	Navjyot Bandiwadekar's <i>Gharat Ganpati</i> (India)-For outstanding storytelling in Marathi cinema.
ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal	<i>Crossing</i> by Levan Akin (Georgia)-Recognized for promoting peace, tolerance, and non-violence.
Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement	Phillip Noyce (Australia)-Honored for contributions to cinema.
Best Web Series (OTT)	<i>Lampan's Sony Liv</i> (India)-Directed by Nipun Dharmadhikari.
Indian Film Personality of the Year	Vikrant Massey (India)-Recognized for his contributions to Indian cinema.

- Nigeria conferred its highest national honor of Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON) on PM Narendra Modi during his 1st official visit to the country
- Denmark's Maria Victoria Kjaer Theilvig has been crowned Miss Universe 2024
- Coal India Limited (CIL) received the prestigious Green World Environment Award 2024 in the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) category



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi conferred with Dominica's and Guyana's highest National Award
- Indian Chemical Council (ICC) honored with 2024 OPCW-The Hague Award

APPOINTMENTS

National Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Air Marshal Ajay Kumar Arora	Air Officer-in-Charge Maintenance of the Indian Air Force	-
Arvinder Singh Sahney	Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL)	V Satish Kumar
Dr. Jaiteerth Raghavendra Joshi	Chief of BrahMos Aerospace	-
Hemant Soren	Jharkhand's 14th Chief Minister	-
Itaru Otani	Chairman of Yamaha Motor India Group	-
Justice D. Krishnakumar	Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court	Justice Siddharth Mridul
Justice Sanjiv Khanna	51st Chief Justice of India	Justice Dhananjaya Yeshwant (DY) Chandrachud
K Sanjay Murthy, a 1989-batch Himachal Pradesh cadre IAS officer	15th Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India	Girish Chandra Murmu (1st Lt. Governor of J&K)
Mara Kocho, Chief Engineer (Elect.) at Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL)	MD of the North Eastern Handicraft and Handloom Development Corporation (NEHHDC)	-

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Nand Kishore	MD & CEO of SBI Funds Management	Shamsher Singh
Pankaj Tripathi	Festival Ambassador for the Arunachal Rang Mahotsav 2024	-
Praveena Rai	MD and CEO of the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX)	P S Reddy
Rajesh Kumar Singh, a 1989-batch IAS officer from the Kerala cadre	Defence Secretary of India	Giridhar Aramane, a 1988-batch IAS officer of the Andhra Pradesh cadre

International Appointments

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Alix Didier Fils-Aime	Interim Prime Minister of Haiti	Garry Conille
Donald John Trump of the Republican Party	47th President of the United States of America (USA)	Joe Biden
Duma Gideon Boko of Umbrella for Democratic Change (UDC)	6th President of Botswana	Mokgweetsi Masis
General Abdoulaye Maiga	Prime Minister of Mali	Choguel Kokalla Maiga
Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer from the 1992 batch, Dinesh Bhatia	India's next ambassador to Brazil	-
Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer from the 1998 batch, G.Balasubramanian	High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Maldives	-
Jacqueline d'Arros Hughes	Secretary General of the World Agriculture Forum (WAF)	-

Name	Designation	Succeeded by
Li Quanhai	Re-elected as the President of World Sailing	-
Maia Sandu, a former World Bank economist	Re-elected to a President of Moldova	-
Nandan Kumar Jha	Elected as the President of the International Mind Sports Association (IMSA) in 2024	-
Tayyab Ikram	Re-elected as the President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH)	Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra

Brand Ambassadors

Name	Brand Ambassador	Key Points
Indian Cricketer Harbhajan Singh and Tennis Player Sania Mirza	Brand Ambassadors of the Dubai Sports Council	To enhance Dubai's reputation as a global sports destination.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Book Name	Author Name	Published by
External Affairs Minister Jaishankar launched his new book, "Why Bharat Matters"	-	-

OBITUARY

- Bibek Debroy, a prominent economist and chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council has passed away at the age of 69
- Fashion Icon Rohit Bal passed away at the age of 63
- Renowned folk singer Sharda Sinha, known as 'Bihar Kokila' passed away
- Freedom fighter and prominent member of the Mewar Praja Mandal, Madan Mohan Somtiya passed away at the age of 102 in Rajsamand district, Rajasthan

- Former BJP MP and member of the erstwhile Mewar royal family Mahendra Singh Mewar passed away in Udaipur
- Harinder Singh Sodhi, fondly known as 'Billy' a celebrated figure in Indian polo, passed away at the age of 86
- World-Renowned Mridangam Scholar Varadarao Kamalakara Rao passed away at the age of 88
- Princess Mikasa, the oldest member of Japan's royal family, passed away at the age of 101
- John Prescott, Former Deputy Prime Minister of Britain passed away at the age of 86
- Justice Harjit Singh Bedi, former Supreme Court judge and ex-Chief Justice of Bombay High Court, passed away at the age of 78
- Essar Group Chairman Shashi Ruia passed away at the age of 81
- South African-born poet, memoirist, and former political prisoner Breyten Breytenbach passed away at the age of 85
- UK's John Tinniswood, World's Oldest Man passed away at the age of 112
- Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi, a prominent economic historian and macroeconomist, passed away

Defence

- Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan led a high-ranking Indian military delegation on an official visit to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
- Keel Laying ceremony of Yard 3037 and 3038, the 1st & 2nd Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPV) (ex-GRSE) was held at M/s Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd, Kolkata
- The 3rd edition of the high-level virtual interaction MAHASAGAR was conducted by the Indian Navy
- Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan inaugurated the 2nd edition of the annual Indian Military Heritage Festival (IMHF) in New Delhi
- 1st-ever Space Exercise 'Antariksha Abhyas-2024' hosted by Defence Space Agency in New Delhi
- Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Central Air Command, inaugurated the IAF C-295 Full Motion Simulator (FMS) facility at the Air Force Station Agra
- Defence PSU Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Russia's Rosoboronexport (ROE)- To collaborate on the self-propelled Pantsir air defence missile-gun systems.
- The 4th edition of the Pan-India Coastal Defence Exercise Sea Vigil 24 conducted



- Chief of Defence Staff, General Anil Chauhan chaired the 35th Triservices Commanders' Conference (TSTCC) at Southern Naval Command, Kochi
- Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Professor Abhay Karandikar launched the Operation Dronagiri, a pilot project under National Geospatial Policy 2022
- 'Keel Laying' ceremony of first of the five Fleet Support Ships (FSS) was held at Hindustan Shipyard Limited in Visakhapatnam
- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted a Regional Level Pollution Response Exercise (Re-PREX-24) at Paradip
- A Memorandum of Implementation was signed at the Embassy of India, Tokyo between India and Japan
- The Indian Army conducted the Multilateral Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise, 'Sanyukt Vimochan 2024'
- Induction ceremony of the sixth Missile Cum Ammunition Barge, LSAM 12 (Yard 80) was held at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai
- The Annual Navy Education Society (NES) Conference 2024 took place at Headquarters Goa Naval Area, Vasco-da-Gama, Goa
- The Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini embarked on the second leg of the Navika Sagar Parikrama-II (NSP-II)
- TCS expands partnership with SPARSH (System for Pension Administration- Raksha), India's Pension System for Defence Personnel by 3 years
- The 11th edition of Indian Coast Guard's National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise & Workshop (SAREX-24)=Theme: 'Enhancing Search and Rescue capabilities through Regional collaboration'.
- The Indian Army has launched "Eklavya," an online learning platform aimed at revolutionizing officers' training
- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) organised the 22nd National Maritime Search and Rescue (NMSAR) Board meeting in Kochi, Kerala
- The Indian Navy and the Sri Lankan Navy conducts a Joint Anti-Narcotics Operation in the Arabian Sea
- Induction ceremony for 25T Bollard Pull (BP) Tug Bhishm and Bahubali was held at NSRY (SVP)
- Launching ceremony of 8th ACTCM Barge, LSAM 22 (Yard 132) was held at M/s Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd, Thane

- The 13th edition of Joint Military Exercise AGNI WARRIOR (XAW-2024)-A bilateral exercise held between the Indian Army and Singapore Armed Forces at the Field Firing Ranges, Devlali (Maharashtra)

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