

INTERNATIONAL

Germany now allows Ukraine to strike targets inside Russia with German Weapons

Germany has announced that Ukrainian forces can use German-sent weapons against military targets inside Russia, following a similar decision from the US.

POK foreign territory, admits Pakistan government in Islamabad HC

The Pakistani government has recently admitted before Islamabad High Court that Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) is a foreign territory.

US rolls out migration order that aims to shut down asylum requests

US President Joe Biden has unveiled plans to enact an immediate significant restrictions on migrants seeking asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border.

N.Korea sends 600 more trash-filled balloons over border to South Korea

North Korea has sent around 600 more trash-filled balloons containing everything from cigarette butts to plastic across the border. The balloons are landing in South Korea's northern provinces.

Australia opens its military to non-citizen residents from Five Eyes

The Australian military will begin recruiting some noncitizens in a bid to boost troop numbers. Only people from other members of the Five Eyes intelligence-sharing partnership who hold Australian permanent residency will be eligible.

Slovenia to recognize a Palestinian state

Slovenia has become the latest European country to formally recognize Palestinian statehood, after the country's parliament approved the move with a majority vote. Spain, Norway and Ireland have recently recognized a Palestinian state.

India, S.Korea, US, Japan, EU launch Biopharmaceutical Alliance

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

UN Includes Israel and Hamas In Its Annual Report On violations of children's rights

The United Nations has included Israel and Hamas in its annual "list of shame," part of a report documenting violations against children in armed conflicts. This is the first time both entities have appeared on this list.

Pakistan and China Agree to Upgrade CPEC

Pakistan PM and Chinese President have agreed on the upgradation of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) which connects Gwadar Port in Pakistan's Balochistan with China's Xinjiang province, is the flagship project of China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Voting for EU Parliament Elections completes

Voting for the European Union Parliament was completed. Over 400 million people are eligible to vote for the 720 members of the European Parliament across 27 countries.

Venezuela signs gold deal with Turkey

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has signed an agreement with Turkey to extract gold in his country's south where large areas have been devastated by illegal mines.

UNSC adopts a cease-fire resolution aimed at ending Israel-Hamas war in Gaza

The U.N. Security Council has approved its first resolution endorsing a cease-fire plan aimed at ending the eight-month Israel-Hamas war in Gaza. The resolution was approved with 14 of the 15 Security Council members voting in favor and Russia abstaining.

Japan-India Maritime Exercise Commences

Japan-India maritime exercise (Jimex 24) commenced at Yokosuka in Japan. During the exercise, the navies of both countries will jointly hone their war fighting skills at sea and enhance their interoperability.

Russia & Belarus start Second Phase of Tactical Nuclear Weapon Exercises

Russian and Belarusian armed forces have started the second phase of tactical nuclear weapon exercises. The exercises are aimed at maintaining the readiness of personnel and equipment of units for the combat use of non-strategic nuclear weapons of two countries.

Around 40 Indians Killed, 50 Injured In Kuwait Apartment Fire

The External Affairs Ministry has said that around 40 Indians are understood to have died and over 50 were injured in the fire incident in a Labour housing facility in the Mangaf area of Kuwait.

Armenia To come out of Collective Security Treaty Organization

Armenia's Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan has announced that his country would pull out of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO). He accused members of the alliance of siding with Azerbaijan which launched a military campaign in September to seize control of the Nagorno-Karabakh region.

Indian PM Attends G7 Outreach Summit

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has participated in the G7 Outreach Summit that was held in Apulia, Italy. The focus of the Summit was on artificial intelligence, energy, Africa, and the Mediterranean.

UNHCR says record 120 million People Displaced Globally

The UNHCR has said that a record-breaking 120 million people were living in a forcibly displaced status globally between the beginning of 2023 to May 2024.

India Sends Humanitarian Aid To Papua New Guinea

India has dispatched 19 tonnes of Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief supplies to Papua New Guinea's Enga province, which was impacted by a devastating landslide.

US, Ukraine Sign Long-Term Security Agreement

The US and Ukraine have signed an agreement laying out Washington's long-term security relationship with Kyiv on the sidelines of the G7 summit in Italy. The agreement broadly regulates cooperation between the two countries at all possible levels, including about military equipment, training, and manoeuvres.

G-7 Nations Pledge Support to Specific Infrastructure Projects

The joint statement of Group of Seven (G7) nations has pledged support to specific infrastructure projects like the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC).

India opts out from Swiss peace summit document on Ukraine

India has abstained from signing the joint communique on peace in Ukraine during a summit hosted by Switzerland. The decision came as Russia chose not to attend the summit.

U.S. approves \$360 million weapons sale to Taiwan

The US has approved a new \$360 million weapons sale to Taiwan, which includes 291 Altius-600M systems, 720 Switchblade drones known as extended-range loitering munitions.

Thailand senate passes marriage equality bill

Thailand's Senate has passed the final reading of a marriage equality law, paving the way for it to become the first country in Southeast Asia to recognise same-sex couples.

EU Environment Ministers Approve Nature Restoration Law to Rehabilitate Ecosystems

The European Union Environment Ministers have approved a much-fought-over conservation law to restore at least 20 per cent of the bloc's land and sea areas by 2030 and all ecosystems in need of restoration by 2050.

North Korea and Russia Sign Mutual Defense Pact, Strengthen Military Cooperation

North Korea and Russia have signed an agreement to strengthen their military cooperation, including a mutual defence pledge in case of an attack. This is Putin's first visit to North Korea in 24 years.

African Vaccine Manufacturing Accelerator programme launched to boost vaccine production

French President Emmanuel Macron has joined several African leaders to launch \$1.1bn "African Vaccine Manufacturing Accelerator" at an event in Paris to accelerate vaccine production in Africa. The new project will provide financial incentives to boost local vaccine manufacturing in the African continent.

Russian President Signs Deals with Vietnam

Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a series of deals with his Vietnamese counterpart To Lam during a state visit that comes as Moscow is seeking to bolster ties in Asia to offset growing international isolation over its military actions in Ukraine.

Joe Biden bans U.S. sales of Kaspersky software over Russia ties

The US administration has announced plans to bar the sale of antivirus software made by Russia's Kaspersky Lab in the United States, citing the firm's large U.S. customers, including critical infrastructure providers and state and local governments.

Saudi says over 1,300 Deaths During Hajj Due To Intense Heat

Saudi Arabia has stated that more than 1,300 people died during the annual Hajj pilgrimage which took place during intense heat and that most of them who died did not have official permits.

Sri Lankan President support for separate state of Palestine

President Ranil Wickremesinghe has reiterated Sri Lanka's unwavering support for a separate Palestinian state to be established within five years.

USA Designates Kenya as Major Non-NATO Ally

The United States of America has designated Kenya as its Major Non-NATO Ally, MNNA. The MNNA status is

a designation under US law that provides foreign partners with certain benefits in the areas of defence trade and security cooperation.

U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy declares gun violence a public health emergency

The U.S. Surgeon General has declared gun violence a public health crisis, driven by the fast-growing number of injuries and deaths involving firearms in the country.

Paraguay Becomes 100th Full Member of The ISA

Paraguay has become the 100th country to join as full member of the International Solar Alliance. The Indian External Affairs Ministry said that Paraguay handed over the Instrument of Ratification, in New Delhi.

At Least 22 People Killed in Deadly Clashes In Kenya

At least 22 people were killed in the demonstrations that turned violent in Kenya as protesters speaking out against new tax proposal clashed with the police.

Amid Nationwide Protests, Kenya's President William Ruto Withdraws Finance Bill

Kenya's President William Ruto has said the finance bill would be withdrawn that sparked nationwide deadly protests. The President declined to sign a highly contentious bill and has sent it back to parliament for amendments.

South Korea, US, & Japan Launch First Trilateral Multi-Domain Exercise Freedom Edge

South Korea, the US and Japan have begun their first trilateral multi-domain exercise named "Freedom Edge". The three-day exercise got underway in South Korea's southern island of Jeju.

Astronaut Sunita Williams' Scheduled Return To Earth Delayed

Indian-origin astronaut Sunita Williams' scheduled return to Earth has been delayed once again after the spacecraft in which she travelled to space, the Boeing Starliner, faced a series of technical glitches.

India Chaired 'Colombo Process' At Permanent Representative Level Meeting In Geneva

India presided over its first meeting as Chair of the 'Colombo Process' at the Permanent Representative Level Meeting in Geneva, at the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) Headquarters.

NATIONAL

BJP Led NDA wins Absolute Majority in LS Elections

The BJP- led NDA has won absolute majority in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections by winning 292 seats. Results of all 543 Lok Sabha seats have been declared. The BJP alone has won 240 seats. The I.N.D.I.A bloc has bagged 233 seats.

India Created World Record With 64.2 Crore Voters Participating in Lok Sabha Polls

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said that India has created a world record with 64.2 crore voters participating in the 18th Lok Sabha Polls.

FSSAI Issues Directive Mandating All FBOs To Remove Any Claim Of 100% Fruit Juices From Labels

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has issued a directive mandating all Food Business Operators (FBOs) to remove any claim of 100 percent fruit juices from the labels and advertisements of reconstituted fruit juices with an immediate effect.

In a first since 2017, monsoon sets in simultaneously over Kerala and Northeast

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has said that the Southwest monsoon has set in over Kerala on

May 30, two days before normal and a day before the forecast date of May 31. In an unusual turn, the monsoon also simultaneously set in over Northeastern India.

Chandrashekhkar Gaurinath is new Director of Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research

Chandrashekhkar Gaurinath Karhadkar, who served as the Director, Reactor Group, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai, has assumed office as the new Director of the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR), Kalpakkam.

Heatwave grips several States in North India, so far 61 killed

With a heatwave spreading several parts of the country, at least 61 deaths from suspected heatstroke have been confirmed from multiple States on May 31.

Ministry of Jal Shakti announces Mass Communication Internship Programme

The Ministry of Jal Shakti has announced a Mass Communication Internship Programme for students pursuing higher studies in this field in the country.

India to take part in U.S.'s Red Flag air and RIMPAC naval exercises

Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Indian Navy are taking part in two mega multinational war games named 'Red Flag' & Ex RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific) hosted by their U.S. counterparts. The IAF has deployed Rafale fighter jets for the two-week multinational air exercise "Red Flag".

In a first in Indian subcontinent, dog undergoes non-invasive heart surgery at Delhi hospital

A dog with a complex heart condition has successfully undergone a minimally invasive heart surgery at a hospital in Delhi with veterinarians claiming it to be the first such procedure to be carried out by private practitioners in the Indian subcontinent.

Reliance Foundation and INCOIS partner to empower coastal communities

Reliance Foundation and the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to empower the inhabitants of coastal areas.

India participates in ITU's WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event and 'AI for Good' Global Summit

India's Additional Secretary (Telecom) Niraj Verma has led a delegation at ITU Geneva, for the WSIS+20 (World Summit on the Information Society) Forum High-Level Event 2024 and 'AI for Good' Global Summit from 27 to 31 May 2024.

MeitY In Collaboration with UNESCO Hosted National Workshop On Safe, Trusted, Ethical AI

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in collaboration with the UNESCO South Asia Regional Office has hosted a Workshop on Safe, Trusted and Ethical Artificial Intelligence in New Delhi.

NHAI Invites Bids To Develop And Implement GNSS-Based Electronic Toll Collection System

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has invited global expression of interest from companies to develop and implement GNSS-based electronic toll collection system in the country.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi Elected as Leader Of Lok Sabha

NDA Parliamentary Party has unanimously elected Narendra Modi as its leader. Mr. Modi has also been elected as the leader of BJP in Lok Sabha, and BJP parliamentary party.

Lok Sabha Secretariat Develops "Prerana Sthal"

Lok Sabha Secretariat is developing "Prerana Sthal" in the Parliament House Complex and all the statues of great leaders and freedom fighters of the country are being installed in this.

CCI tightens grip on Big Tech with new regulations

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has proposed new regulations to monitor the settlements, and commitments of industry giants. The CCI's draft regulations have introduced a comprehensive framework, for the appointment of independent agencies to oversee the implementation of the Commission's orders.

Portfolios Announced for New Union Council of Ministers

Portfolios have been announced for the new Union Council of Ministers. Apart from being the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi is also in-charge of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space

List of Council of Ministers

Minister of Defence: Rajnath Singh

Minister of Home Affairs; and

Minister of Cooperation: Amit Shah

Finance Minister and

Minister of Corporate Affairs: Nirmala Sitharaman

Minister of External Affairs: S Jaishankar

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways: Nitin Gadkari

Ministry of Commerce and Industry: Piyush Goyal

Minister of Education: Dharmendra Pradhan

Minister of Health and Family Welfare; and

Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers: J P Prakash Nadda

Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; and Minister

of Rural Development: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Minister of Railways; Information and Broadcasting; and

Electronics and Information Technology: Ashwini Vaishnaw

Centre Releases 17th Instalment of PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Worth ₹20,000 Crore

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has signed the first file authorising the release of the 17th instalment of PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi. This will benefit nine crore 30 lakh farmers by distributing around twenty thousand crore rupees.

Cabinet Approves Construction Of Additional Houses Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

The Central government will provide assistance to three crore additional rural and urban households for the construction of houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

UGC Allows Higher Education Institutions to Admit Students Twice A Year From Next Academic Year

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has decided to allow higher education institutions to admit students twice a year, starting from the next academic year. Admissions will now be open in January and February and July and August.

Sagar Defence Engineering bags DRDO, Navy contract for development of underwater-launched UAV

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), along with the Navy, has awarded a contract to the Pune-based defence manufacturing firm, Sagar Defence Engineering, to develop an underwater-launched unmanned aerial vehicle (ULUAV).

Indian Railways Enter Its Name into Limca Book Of Records

Indian Railways has entered its name into Limca Book of Records for most people at a public service event at multiple venues. Ministry of Railways had organized an event on 26 February this year which was attended by over 40 lakh 19 thousand people at over two thousand venues.

Jal Shakti Ministry launches portal to monitor the Ganga
The Union Jal Shakti Ministry has launched an e-flow ecological monitoring system Environmental flows (E-flows) Monitoring System that allows real-time monitoring of river quality. The has been developed by the National Mission for Clean Ganga, an arm of the Jal Shakti Ministry.

India to host its first multinational air exercise Tarang Shakti in August

The Indian Air Force's first multinational air exercise, Tarang Shakti-2024, will be held in August, and is likely to see the participation of ten countries, in addition to a few others acting as observers. The exercise will be held in two phases.

Alia Bhatt launches her debut children's book

Bollywood Actor and entrepreneur Alia Bhatt has ventured into the world of children's literature by launching her first picture book, Ed Finds A Home. Ed Finds A Home is just the beginning of a new series of books from the universe of Ed-a-Mamma.

Supreme Court To Organise Special Lok Adalat From July 29 To August 3

The Supreme Court of India will organise a special Lok Adalat from July 29 to August 3 to facilitate amicable settlement of pending cases. The special Lok Adalat will be organised in the 75th year of the establishment of the apex court.

Army Hospital Launches First-Of-Its-Kind Skin Bank Facility For Armed Forces In Delhi

Army's Research and Referral Hospital in New Delhi has opened a state-of-the-art skin bank facility, a first-of-its-kind to be established within the Armed Forces Medical Services.

Chief of Defence Staff Releases Joint Doctrine For Cyberspace Operations

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan has released the Joint Doctrine for Cyberspace Operations during the Chiefs of Staff Committee meeting held in New Delhi. The Joint Doctrine is a keystone publication that will guide Commanders in conducting Cyberspace Operations in complex military operating environment.

Supreme Court Issues Notice To NTA, Centre On NEET-UG 2024 Pleas

The Supreme Court of India has issued notices to the National Testing Agency (NTA) and the Central government over pleas alleging paper leaks and malpractices in the conduct of NEET-UG 2024 examination.

PM Modi inaugurates new Nalanda University campus in Bihar

PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the new campus of Nalanda University, an international University, close to the site of the ancient ruins of Nalanda in Rajgir, Bihar. The educational institute was established through the Nalanda University Act in 2010 and it started functioning in 2014.

UP tops list of complaints with National Commission for Women

The highest number of complaints received by the National Commission for Women (NCW) so far this year has been from Uttar Pradesh followed by Delhi and then Maharashtra. Of the total 12,648 complaints received by the NCW till now in 2024, 6,492 were from Uttar Pradesh.

Post Office Act, 2023 Officially Comes Into Effect

The Post Office Act, 2023 has officially come into effect as the Act replaced the Indian Post Office Act, 1898. As per the provisions of the Act, the government can intercept an article transmitted through India Post on specified grounds, including security of the state and public order.

Centre Calls For Proposals On '5G Intelligent Village' And 'Quantum Encryption Algorithm'

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has announced two proposals namely 5G Intelligent Village and

Quantum Encryption Algorithm (QEA) aimed at catalysing innovation and technological advancement in the telecom sector. Both proposals shall be funded under the Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) scheme of the DoT.

Centre approves ₹2,254 crore to upgrade National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme (NFIES)

With the three new criminal laws set to come into effect from July 1, 2024, the Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for the National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme (NFIES) with a total financial outlay of ₹2,254.43 crore from 2024-25 to 2028-29.

Indian Railways conducts trial run on world's highest arch rail bridge in J&K

The Indian Railways has successfully conducted a trial run of an eight-coach MEMU train on the world's highest railway bridge, Chenab Bridge in Jammu and Kashmir, paving the way for the start of rail service on the route from Reasi to Baramulla in Kashmir.

EC starts work on polls in Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, Maharashtra, Jharkhand

The Election Commission (EC) has kicked off preparations for holding Assembly elections in Haryana, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Jammu and Kashmir by updating electoral rolls in these States.

BIS Introduces Two New Standards To Enhance Safety Of Electrical Vehicles

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has introduced two new standards, IS 18590: 2024 and IS 18606: 2024, to enhance the safety of electric vehicles (EVs).

Indian Army Signed MoU with MCTE and SAMEER

Military College of Telecommunication Engineering (MCTE), Indian Army and Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research (SAMEER) has signed a MoU to advance collaboration in 'Next Generation Wireless Technologies for Indian Army'.

Russia approves draft logistics agreement to be signed with India

In a move aimed at bolstering military cooperation, the Russian government has approved a draft logistics agreement with India. The agreement will simplify military-to-military exchanges for exercises, training, port calls and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) efforts.

ISRO Successfully Conducts 3rd and final 'Pushpak' Reusable Launch Vehicle Landing Experiment

ISRO has said that the third and final landing experiment of its Reusable Launch Vehicle 'Pushpak' was successfully tested. The landing experiment was conducted at the Aeronautical Test Range in Chitradurga, Karnataka.

India hosted the 64th ISO Council Meeting From June 25

India hosted the 64th International Sugar Organisation, ISO Council Meeting from June 25 in New Delhi. Delegates from more than 30 countries and representatives of many international organisations participated in the three-day Meeting to deliberate on critical issues of the sugar and biofuel sector.

Newly Elected Members of 18th Lok Sabha Take Oath

The oath-taking of several newly elected MPs was held on the first day of the first session of the 18th Lok Sabha. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is the leader of the Lok Sabha, was the first to take oath as a member of the House. Pro-tem Speaker Bhartruhari Mahtab has administered the oath to Mr Modi.

NCRB Launches Mobile App 'NCRB Sankalan Of Criminal Laws

National Crime Records Bureau, NCRB has launched a Mobile App named "NCRB Sankalan of Criminal Laws" to serve as a comprehensive guide providing complete information about the new criminal laws at one place.

Centre notifies 7-member panel to reform process of NTA-conducted exams

The Ministry of Education has constituted a high-level committee of experts led by former ISRO chief K. Radhakrishnan to ensure transparent, smooth and fair conduct of examinations through the National Testing Agency (NTA).

Uttar Pradesh planning world's 1st conservation centre for Asian King Vultures

Uttar Pradesh will soon open the world's first conservation and breeding centre for Asian king vulture in Maharajganj. The facility aims to improve the population of the species, which has been listed as critically endangered in the International Union for Conservation of Nature's red list since 2007.

Srinagar becomes 4th Indian city to be recognised as a 'World Craft City'

Srinagar has become the fourth Indian city to be recognised as a 'World Craft City' by the World Craft Council (WCC). Jaipur, Malappuram and Mysore are the other Indian cities that have previously been recognised as World Craft Cities.

Rajshahi-Kolkata Cross Border Train Service Set To Resume After 77 Years

The cross-border train service between Rajshahi, Bangladesh and Kolkata, India is set to resume after a 77-year hiatus.

Kozhikode is India's first UNESCO 'City of Literature'

Kerala's Kozhikode, known for its rich cultural heritage, was officially declared as India's first UNESCO 'City of Literature'. In October 2023, Kozhikode had earned a place in the 'Literature' category of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN).

IB Chief Tapan Kumar Deka & NHRC Secretary General Bharat Lal Receives One-Year Extensions

Intelligence Bureau Chief Tapan Kumar Deka has been given a one-year extension until June next year. The tenure of Bharat Lal as Secretary General of the National Human Rights Commission has also been extended for one year beyond June 30th of this year.

Ministry of Coal initiates India's First Ever Pilot project for Underground Coal Gasification in Jharkhand

The Ministry of Coal has initiated India's first-ever pilot project for Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at the Kasta coal block in Jamtara District, Jharkhand.

Defence Ministry signs contract with SpacePixxel Technologies for miniature satellite development

The Ministry of Defence has signed its 350th iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence) contract with SpacePixxel Technologies Pvt Ltd for the design and development of a miniature observation and imaging satellite for the Indian Air Force (IAF).

Minister Manjhi Launches New Schemes on World MSME Day

Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Jitan Ram Manjhi, has launched two new schemes on World MSME Day on June 27th in New Delhi. The scheme, 'MSME TEAM', aims to facilitate five lakh micro and small enterprises for Open Network for Digital Commerce, ONDC. The Yashasvini campaign focuses on mass awareness to formalize women-owned informal micro-enterprises and provide necessary support and assistance.

DRDO Hands Over Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket to Indian Navy

DRDO handed over the Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket (MR-MOCR) to the Indian Navy at a ceremony held in New Delhi. Microwave Obscurant Chaff is a niche technology developed by DRDO's Defence Laboratory in Jodhpur.

India, U.S. in talks for Stryker infantry vehicles and Javelin missiles

India has expressed interest in co-production of the Stryker infantry vehicles, and it is in the early stages of talks with the U.S. on the Stryker and the Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM).

INS Shivalik takes part in RIMPAC naval exercise

Indian Navy's indigenous stealth frigate INS Shivalik, deployed to the South China Sea and the Pacific Ocean, is participating in the 29th edition of the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise, the world's largest international maritime exercise, being held in Hawaii.

BANKING & ECONOMY

Reliance, Tata, Serum Institute in TIME's fourth annual list of the 100 Most Influential Companies

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), along with the Tata Group and Serum Institute of India (SII), have been recognized as some of the world's most influential companies by TIME magazine for 2024.

India moves 100 metric tonnes of gold from U.K. to domestic vaults

India has moved 100 metric tonnes of its gold stored in the U.K. to domestic vaults in FY24. This is one of the biggest movements of gold undertaken by the country since 1991.

Shinhan Bank gets CCI's nod to acquire 11% stake in HDFC Credila

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has cleared South Korea-based Shinhan Bank's proposed acquisition of an 11 per cent stake in HDFC Credila Financial Services.

DBS Bank India, Maruti sign pact for dealer inventory funding

Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. (MSIL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with DBS Bank India Ltd. for dealer inventory funding.

India's Core sector growth rises to 6.2% in April

India's index of eight core sectors grew 6.2 per cent on an annual basis in April after growing 6 per cent in March. The eight sectors had grown 4.6 per cent in April 2023.

GST revenue collection in May 2024 stands at ₹1.73 lakh crore

The gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue for the month of May 2024 stood at ₹1.73 lakh crore. This represents a 10% year-on-year growth, driven by a strong increase in domestic transactions (up 15.3%) and slowing of imports (down 4.3%).

UPI Transactions Scale 14.04 billion Peak in May, 2024

Unified Payment Interface (UPI) transactions have clocked a new high in value in May, 2024 by processing 14.04 billion transactions worth 20.45 trillion rupees.

India receives highest FDI from Singapore in 2023-24

India received the highest FDI from Singapore in 2023-24. Though FDI from Singapore has dipped by 31.55% to \$11.77 billion in 2023-24. Mauritius took the second spot, The US third position. The total FDI declined marginally by one per cent to \$70.95 billion during 2023-24 from \$71.35 billion in 2022-23.

Gautam Adani overtakes Mukesh Ambani to become richest Asian

According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Gautam Adani has retaken the position of richest person in Asia on June 2, after a surge in stock price of the listed companies in his conglomerate helped him overtake Reliance Industries head Mukesh Ambani. Mr. Adani with

a net worth of \$111 billion is now ranked as the 11th richest in the world, ahead of Mr. Ambani whose \$109 billion wealth placed him at No. 12.

State Bank of India's market cap crosses ₹8 lakh crore

The market capitalization of the State Bank of India (SBI) has crossed the ₹8 lakh crore mark on June 3 after the bank's shares surged to a record high of ₹907. SBI is now the third-largest bank in India by market cap.

FPIs withdraw ₹25,586 crore from equities in May on poll jitters

Foreign investors have pulled out a massive ₹25,586 crore from Indian equities in May due to uncertainty surrounding the outcome of general election and outperformance of Chinese markets.

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

According to the Commerce Ministry data, the Netherlands has emerged as India's third largest export destination after the U.S. and UAE during 2023-24, even as the country's merchandise shipments lowered by over 3%.

Sensex undergoes worst single-day retreat in 4 years

In the biggest single-day fall in four years, India's benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty plunged by nearly 6% on June 4 as vote counting trends showed the BJP may not have a clear majority in the Lok Sabha polls.

Infosys CEO Parekh earned ₹66.3 cr in FY24

India's IT giant Infosys CEO and MD Salil Parekh's annual compensation has increased 17% to ₹66.25 crore in FY24.

Capital Small Finance Bank partner ICICI Lombard for Bancassurance Corporate Agency tie-up

Capital Small Finance Bank has announced a Bancassurance Corporate Agency tie-up with ICICI Lombard to enhance its product offerings and provide a diversified range of general insurance products to its customers.

PNB board gives nod to trim 10% stake in Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has got board approval for initiating the process to dilute 10% stake in Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company by listing the insurer through an initial public offer.

Tata Motors Finance to merge with Tata Capital

The Boards of Tata Motors Ltd. (TML), Tata Capital Ltd. (TCL) and Tata Motors Finance Ltd. (TMFL) has approved a merger of TMFL with TCL through an NCLT scheme of arrangement.

Volvo to issue world's first EV battery passport

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

Toyota to recall over 100,000 U.S. vehicles over potential engine stall

Japanese automaker Toyota will recall over 100,000 SUVs and pickup trucks in the U.S. over debris in the engine potentially causing it to stall.

MoD Signs MoUs With Four Banks To Onboard Them As SPARSH Service Centres

The Ministry of Defence has signed MoUs with Bank of India, Canara Bank, Central Bank of India and Utkarsh Small Finance Bank in New Delhi to onboard them as System for Pension Administration Raksha (SPARSH) Service Centres.

IOB opens exclusive branch for start-ups in Chennai

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has opened its maiden, exclusive start-up branch in Chennai aimed at providing

bespoke financial services and robust support to budding entrepreneurs and emerging enterprises. The Indian Overseas Bank has launched 'IOB Startup Current Account' and credit scheme 'IOB Pragati' for financing startups.

European Central Bank cuts interest rate by 25 bps

The European Central Bank cut its benchmark rate to 3.75% from a record high of 4% at a meeting of the bank's 26-member rate-setting council in Frankfurt.

RBI Keeps Repo Rate Unchanged At 6.5%

The RBI decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.50 per cent. The standing deposit facility (SDF) rate remains at 6.25 per cent and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate at 6.75 percent. The RBI raised the growth projection to 7.2% from an earlier estimate of 7% for the current financial year.

RBI Proposes UPI Lite wallet is to be integrated with the e-mandate framework

The RBI has proposed to bring an auto-replenishment facility for UPI Lite wallet. It plans to bring UPI Lite within the e-mandate framework. If the balance in the UPI wallet goes below a threshold amount set by the customer, the fund will move from his/her account to the wallet without additional authentication or pre-debit notification.

India's Foreign Exchange Reserves Jumps 4.8 Billion Dollars At Lifetime High Of Over 651 Billion Dollars

India's foreign exchange reserves have surged by 4.83 billion dollars to touch a new lifetime high of 651.5 billion dollars in the week ended 31st May.

RBI Forms Committee For Setting Up Digital Payments Intelligence Platform

The RBI has constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of former MD and CEO of National Payments Corporation of India, Mr. A P Hota to set up a Digital Payments Intelligence Platform to mitigate payment fraud risks.

Sebi proposes steps to open credit default swap market for mutual funds

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has proposed allowing mutual funds (MFs) to buy and sell credit default swaps (CDS) in a wider range of schemes.

PNB plans to open representative office in Dubai

As part of its plan to expand its global footprint, Punjab National Bank plans to open a representative office in Dubai.

Environment-tech start-ups fundings take upward trajectory: Tracxn

According to data platform Tracxn, Indian environment-technology start-ups funding has jumped from \$225 million in 2018 to \$1.5 billion in 2023. This jump marks a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 140 per cent.

Urban-Rural Consumption Expenditure Differential Falls To 71% In 2022-23

The Survey on Household Consumption Expenditure by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has found that Rural India's average monthly capital expenditure stood 71 percent lower than Urban India in the period from August 2022 to July 2023.

Centre Releases Over ₹One Lakh 39 thousand Cr In Tax Devolution To Support State Finances

The Centre has announced the release of a significant instalment of one crore thirty thousand 750 crore rupees in tax devolution to states. The release includes both the regular allocation for June and an additional instalment, is aimed at bolstering state government capacity to accelerate development and capital expenditure.

Equity Mutual Funds Inflows Surge 83% To Nearly ₹34,700 Crore In May

According to data from the Association of Mutual Funds of India, the equity mutual funds experienced a remarkable surge in inflows, reaching a record high of 34,697 crore rupees in May, 2024.

New business premium of life insurers rose 15% in May to ₹27,034 crore

Life insurers has reported a more than 15% increase year on year in New Business Premium to ₹27,034.15 crore for May on the back of demand for the cover from both individual and corporate consumers.

SBI Central Board approves fund raising of \$3 bn

The Executive Committee of the Central Board of State Bank India (SBI), has approved long-term fund raising in single/multiple tranches of up to \$3 billion by the bank in the current financial year.

SBI launches SME digital business loans

State Bank of India (SBI) has announced the introduction of 'SME Digital Business Loans' for the MSME sector. The bank said it would now offer SMEs a digital loan with an end-to-end sanction turnaround time of up to 45 minutes.

Bank of India acquires over 6 pc stake in CCIL IFSC

The Bank of India has acquired a 6.125 per cent stake in the recently incorporated Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. (IFSC) listed in the GIFT SEZ in Gujarat.

Pixxel, Sarvam AI, Niramai among 10 Indian startups in WEF's Tech Pioneers list

Ten Indian startups including Pixxel, Niramai and Sarvam AI have made to the World Economic Forum's Technology Pioneers 2024 list.

India To Remain World's Fastest-Growing Economy With 6.7% Growth Over Next Three Years: World Bank

According to a recent World Bank report, India to remain the World's fastest-growing economy, with a steady growth rate of 6.7 percent over the next three fiscal years. It retained its growth forecast for India at 6.6 per cent for the financial year 2024-25.

US Apex Bank Federal Reserve Keeps Interest Rate Unchanged

The US banking regulator Federal Reserve has kept the benchmark interest rates remain unchanged between 5.25 per cent and 5.50 per cent for the seventh straight meeting.

IMF Approves Second Review of Sri Lanka Programme

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved the second review of Sri Lanka's \$2.9 billion bailout, but the global lender warned the economy remains vulnerable despite signs of recovery.

April industrial output growth records at 4.97%

India's industrial output growth slowed to a three-month low of 4.97% in April, from an upgraded 5.4% pace in March.

IRDAI mandates policy loan on life insurance savings products

Insurance regulator IRDAI has made policy loan facility mandatory in all life insurance savings products as a measure enabling policyholders to meet liquidity requirements.

Moody says, Indian banks well placed to ride on economic growth

Moody's Ratings said that the credit quality in India's financial system has improved in the recent years with record-high profitability of over ₹3 trillion in FY24, low delinquencies and domestic-oriented funding underpinning stable credit ratings.

Velocity launches Vani AI an interactive calling solution for financial institutions

Velocity, India's leading cash flow-based financing platform has rolled out a GenAI powered solution Vani AI, designed to revolutionize customer service interactions for the financial services sector.

Four Indian companies on the list of the 100 most valuable global brands this year 'BrandZ' report

Four Indian companies namely TCS, HDFC Bank, Airtel and Infosys have secured positions on the list of the 100 most valuable global brands this year 'BrandZ' report. For the third year running, Apple topped the list as the world's most valuable brand.

Ambuja Cements to acquire Penna Cement for ₹10,422 crore

Adani Group owned Ambuja Cements Ltd had signed a binding agreement for acquisition of 100% shares of Penna Cement Industries Ltd. (PCIL) from its existing promoter group – namely P. Pratap Reddy and family at an enterprise value of ₹10,422 crore

May wholesale inflation increases to 15-month high on food prices

Inflation in India's wholesale prices accelerated to a 15-month high of 2.61% in May, more than double April's pace.

Exports grew 9%, but trade gap widened to 7-month high in May

India's goods exports grew 9.1% to \$38.13 billion in May, while imports rose 7.7% to \$61.91 billion. The merchandise trade deficit surged to a seven-month high of \$23.78 billion in May.

Mumbai, Delhi luxury real estate among top 5 globally: Knight Frank

According to the Knight Frank's Prime Global Cities Index January-March 2024, Mumbai and Delhi were among the top five global cities that recorded an increase in their average annual house prices. Mumbai city ranked third spot globally, after Manila and Tokyo.

LIC increases holding in Dr. Reddy's

Life Insurance Corporation of India's holding in Dr. Reddy's Laboratories has crossed 5% with the institutional investor purchasing more than 1.08 lakh shares of the drugmaker.

NPS asset surge with 28% YoY growth

The overall National Pension System (NPS) assets under management (AUM) grew robust 28 per cent at ₹12.28 lakh crore.

India has Over 40 Quantum Technology Start-Ups In Two Years

Union Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh said that India has produced over 40 Quantum Technology start-ups in two years, few of them with global potential.

Essar plans ₹30,000 crore investment for green hydrogen plant in Gujarat

The Essar Group plans to invest ₹30,000 crore over the next four years in setting up a green hydrogen plant at Jamnagar in Gujarat.

Fitch expects India's growth estimates for FY25 to 7.2%

Fitch Ratings has raised India's growth forecast for current fiscal to 7.2 per cent, from 7 per cent projected in March, citing a recovery in consumer spending and increased investment.

Digi Yatra could be expanded to hotels, rail travel and public places: CEO

Digi Yatra, the facial-recognition technology based check-in service at airports could be implemented at hotels and public places such as historical monuments.

SBI expects 14-15% credit growth in current fiscal

SBI chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara has stated that the bank is expecting 14-15% loan growth during the fiscal year 2024-25.

IFC to fund Brookfield's solar power project in Rajasthan

The International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, has committed to invest \$105m in Brookfield Asset Management's 550MW solar power project in Bikaner, Rajasthan.

Ministry of External Affairs, SBI sign MoU for digital payment services on eMigrate portal

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the State Bank of India (SBI) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to integrate SBI's payment gateway, SBLePay, with the eMigrate portal.

Nvidia becomes world's most valuable company

Nvidia on June 18 to become the world's most valuable publicly traded company in the latest sign of the might of artificial intelligence. The company shares jumped 3.4% giving it a market capitalisation of about \$3.3 trillion, slightly ahead of Microsoft and Apple.

Net direct tax collection rose 21% by June 17

India's Direct tax collections are off to a brisk start in the first quarter of this year, with net taxes rising 21% to almost ₹4.63 lakh crore by June 17, from ₹3.82 lakh crore over the same period a year ago.

Indian fintech's digitally disbursed loans worth ₹1,46,517 cr. in FY23-24: FACE

According to FACE data, fintech and digital lending firms in India have processed and sanctioned over 10 crore loans and carried out disbursements of ₹1,46,517 crore during FY23-24.

India's Sensex, Nifty climb to lifetime highs

Benchmark Sensex had closed above the 77,000 level for the first time, and broader Nifty scaled a fresh peak as key equity indices stayed on the record-breaking run powered by a rally in index majors ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and Infosys.

Cabinet clears MSP hikes for 14 kharif crops

The Union Cabinet has approved minimum support price, MSP hikes for all 14 kharif season crops. It gave its nod to raise the minimum support price (MSP) for paddy by 5.35% to ₹2,300 per quintal for the upcoming 2024-25 kharif marketing season.

Dhanlaxmi Bank appoints Ajith Kumar as MD & CEO

Private sector Dhanlaxmi Bank has appointed Ajith Kumar KK as Managing Director (MD) of the bank. He will take charge on June 20.

Indians' funds in Swiss banks down by 70%

As per annual data from Switzerland's central bank, funds parked by Indian individuals and firms in Swiss banks, including through local branches and other financial institutions, fell sharply by 70% in 2023 to a four-year low of 1.04 billion Swiss Francs (₹9,771 crore).

PFC, JICA line up to fund ₹76,220-cr. Vadhavan Port project

Power Finance Corporation, Rural Electrification Corporation and Japan International Cooperation Agency have shown interest to fund the ₹76,220-crore Vadhavan Port project which was approved by the Union Cabinet.

Vodafone sells 18% stake in Indus Towers for ₹15,300 crore

British telecom company Vodafone has sold an 18% stake in Indus Towers for ₹1.7 billion (about ₹15,300 crore). Bharti Airtel raised its stake in Indus Towers as it bought about 2.695 crore shares of the company.

FIU imposes ₹18.82 crore penalty on crypto exchange Binance

Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) has imposed a fine of ₹18.82 crore (\$2.25 million) on the crypto exchange Binance for operating in violation of anti-money laundering regulations.

NSE launches Nifty India Tourism Index

NSE's index services subsidiary, NSE Indices has launched a new thematic index called Nifty India Tourism which will track the performance of stocks in Nifty 500 index representing the travel and tourism theme.

India, Cambodia discuss investment treaty, UPI collaboration to promote trade, tourism

India and South East Asian nation Cambodia are negotiating collaboration in Unified Payment Interface-based (UPI) digital payment to promote trade and tourism.

RBI Governor Addresses Second Edition Of Global Conference On Financial Resilience

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has inaugurated the second edition of the global conference on financial resilience organised by the College of Supervisors (CoS) of the Reserve Bank of India.

Ola Electric gets Sebi's nod for IPO

Electric two-wheeler company Ola Electric Mobility's proposed ₹5,500 crore IPO has received the go-ahead from Sebi.

CERT-In signs MoU Mastercard India for collaboration in cyber security

Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has joined hands with Mastercard to promote cooperation and information sharing in the area of Cyber security related to the financial sector.

GST Council To Roll Out Pan-India Biometric Authentication To Check Fake Invoicing

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that there is going to be a rollout of biometric-based Aadhaar authentication on an all-India basis. This will help the government combat fraudulent input tax credit claims made through fake invoices.

India's FDI inflow declines 43%, ranks 15th in UNCTAD

According to a report by UNCTAD, India slipped seven ranks to 15 in the World Investment Ranking in 2023 as foreign direct investment inflows fell 43 percent to \$28 billion.

Sri Lanka Survived Two Tough Years of Economic Crisis Due To India's Financial Support

Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe has expressed gratitude for India's financial support that helped the island nation survive two tough years of economic crisis.

India ranks sixth globally in deeptech startup ecosystems: NASSCOM

According to a recent Nasscom-Zinnov study, India is home to over 3,600 startups in the deeptech space, ranking sixth in the global deeptech ecosystem.

India has 3rd-largest domestic airline market

India is the third-largest domestic airline market in the world. Its domestic airline capacity doubling in a decade from 7.9 million in April 2014 to 15.5 million in April 2024. The US (86.1 million) and China (67.8 million) are holding the top two positions.

India home to 67 unicorns, 46 gazelles, 106 cheetahs

The Hurun Research Institute released the ASK Private Wealth Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2024 which stated that India is currently home to 67 unicorns, 46 gazelles, and 106 cheetahs, as against 68 unicorns, 51 gazelles, and 96 cheetahs in the 2023 index.

Gaurav Banerjee appointed as new MD & CEO of Sony Pictures Networks India

Sony Pictures Networks India has announced the appointment of former Disney executive Gaurav Banerjee as its Managing Director and CEO, effective on or before August 26, pending regulatory approvals.

BlinkX Launches India's First Gen AI Lab in the Stock Broking industry

BlinkX, the digital stockbroking arm of JM Financial, has launched BlinkX Gen AI Lab, claimed to be one of the first in the stockbroking industry.

India's current account turns surplus after 10 quarters in Q4 at \$5.7 billion

As per RBI, India's current account balance recorded a surplus of \$5.7 billion (0.6% GDP) in Q4 FY24 against a deficit of \$1.3 billion (0.2% GDP) a year ago.

India's external debt rises \$39.7 bn YoY to \$663.8 bn

According to RBI, India's external debt at the end of March 2024 was placed at \$663.8 billion, an increase of \$39.7 billion from its level at end-March 2023.

Net claims of non-residents in India decline \$6.4 bn during Q4

As per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), net claims of non-residents on India declined by \$6.4 billion during Q4FY24 to \$361.7 billion as at end-March 2024.

Sri Lanka Finalizes Restructuring Agreement for Bilateral External Debt

Island nation Sri Lanka has reached a final restructuring agreement for \$5.8 billion with its bilateral lenders' official creditor committee headed by India, Japan, and France.

ICICI Bank introduces 'SmartLock' safety measure on iMobile Pay

ICICI Bank has launched 'SmartLock', a new safety measure that will enable customers to lock/unlock multiple banking services without any help from a customer care executive through phone or e-mail.

Adani to invest ₹1.3 lakh cr in FY25 across portfolio companies

Adani group is planning to invest about ₹1.3 lakh crore across its portfolio companies this fiscal as it doubles down on its \$100 billion investment guidance over the next 7-10 years to grow businesses.

Repcobank sets credit growth target of ₹21,750 crore for FY25

Chennai-headquartered Repcobank Ltd (RBL) has set itself a credit growth target of ₹21,750 crore for FY25, said its Managing Director O.M. Gokul.

To combat climate change, Denmark to implement 'burp tax' on livestock

Denmark will tax livestock farmers for the greenhouse gases emitted by their cows, sheep and pigs from 2030, the first country in the world to do so as it targets a major source of methane emissions.

Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders granted a 'Navratna' status

Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders has been granted "Navratna" status by the Department of Public Enterprises. It has become the country's 18th PSU to have been accorded this status.

SBI raises ₹10,000 crore through infrastructure bond issuance

State Bank of India (SBI) had raised ₹10,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.36% through its fifth infrastructure bond issuance.

Flipkart launches UPI app super.money

Ecommerce giant Flipkart has launched Unified Payments Interface (UPI) app super.money to widen the group's fintech ambitions.

FATF adds Monaco, Venezuela to money laundering 'grey list'

Global money laundering body FATF has added Monaco and Venezuela on its grey list with countries under special scrutiny. The FATF removed Jamaica and Türkiye from the grey list, while North Korea and Iran continue to be in the black list.

FATF Adopts 'Mutual Evaluation Report Of India'

India has been placed in the 'regular follow up category' in the "Mutual Evaluation Report of India" by Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

RBI raises WMA limits of States/UTs by 28% to ₹60,118 crore

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limits of State governments and Union territories to ₹60,118 crore from ₹47,010 crore.

India's Core Sector Grew By 6.3% In May, 2024

According to the data released by the ministry of commerce and industry, India's core sector grew by 6.3 per cent in May, this year as compared to the same period last year.

Bangladesh Receives 1.15 billion Dollars From IMF

Bangladesh has received 1.15 billion dollars from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), marking the third tranche of a 4.7 billion dollars loan package.

RBI unveils revised Currency Swap Arrangement for SAARC countries

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) with the concurrence of the Government of India has decided to put in place a revised Framework on Currency Swap Arrangement for SAARC countries for the period 2024 to 2027.

Interest equalisation scheme extended for MSME exporters

The Department of Commerce has extended the Interest Equalisation Scheme for pre- and post-shipment rupee export credit for Micro, Small and Medium-scale (MSME) exporters till August 31.

AWARDS

NIMHANS honoured with Nelson Mandela Award For Health Promotion For 2024

The National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) in Bengaluru has been awarded the Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion for 2024 by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Short film Mehroon bagged two laurels at the KASHISH International Film Festival

The short film Mehroon has bagged two laurels at the KASHISH International Film Festival in Mumbai. Director Abu Sohel Khondekar, a transwoman and a queer filmmaker, won the KASHISH QDrishti Film Grant 2023 to make the film.

Vellayan Subbiah named the EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2024

Vellayan Subbiah, Executive Vice-Chairman of Tube Investments of India (TII) and Chairman of Cholamandalam (Chola) Investment and Finance Co. Ltd., was named the EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2024 at an award ceremony held in Monaco's Salle des Etoiles.

I&B Ministry Announces 3rd Edition Of Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has announced the third edition of Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS). Under the AYDMS, thirty-three awards or Sammans will be given out under three categories this year.

The Sammans will be awarded under the Print, Television, and Radio categories in twenty-two Indian languages and English.

Shantaram, Lifetime Achievement Award For 2024 Will Be Given To Subbiah Nallamuthu

Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting L Murugan announced at Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF 2024) that the most coveted, V. Shantaram, Lifetime Achievement Award for this year will be given to Subbiah Nallamuthu, a renowned, award-winning Wildlife filmmaker from Chennai.

Vinod Ganatra win 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award'

Vinod Ganatra, a well-known film-maker and editor from Gujarat has become the first Indian to be conferred the prestigious 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award' of South Africa for his contribution to films.

Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank gets national award for APY implementation

Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB), a regional rural bank sponsored by Canara Bank, has been honoured with a national award by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) for significant enrolment under the Atal Pension Yojana (APY).

Somalia's Bilan Wins 2024 One World Media Press Freedom Award

Somalia's all-women news team named "Bilan", has won the prestigious 2024 One World Media Press Freedom Award, thereby becoming the first Somali media team to receive this honour.

India's Arundhati Roy wins 2024 PEN Pinter Prize

Indian author Arundhati Roy has been awarded this year's PEN Pinter Prize. Roy is a Booker Prize-winning author and has written about human rights issues in India as well as war and capitalism globally.

RBI wins risk manager of the year award 2024

The Reserve Bank of India has been awarded the Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024 by the London-based publishing house Central Banking. It was awarded the best risk manager for improving its risk culture and awareness.

Sahitya Akademi announces Yuva Puraskar, Bal Sahitya Puraskar winners for 2024

The Sahitya Akademi has announced the names of 23 writers, including English writer K. Vaishali and Hindi author Gaurav Pandey, who will receive the prestigious Yuva Puraskar across as many languages. The National Academy of Letters also announced the names of 24 winners of the Bal Sahitya Puraskar for 2024.

IIIT-Delhi wins joint second prize in Trinity Challenge's second competition

A project by the Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi (IIIT-Delhi), has won the joint second prize in Trinity Challenge's second competition, on tackling the escalating threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The Trinity Challenge is a charity supporting the creation of data-driven solutions to help protect against global health threats.

Dr Usha Thakur Awarded 12th Vishwa Hindi Samman In Hindi Samvad Event

Dr Usha Thakur was awarded 12th Vishwa Hindi Samman in an Hindi Samvad event organised by Embassy of India in Nepal recognising her contribution in development of Hindi literature. She has translated more than 40 literatures in Hindi and Nepali and strengthened Hindi language.

PERSONS IN NEWS (National and International)

Ursula von der Leyen

EU leaders have nominated current European Commission head Ursula von der Leyen for a second five-year term in the bloc's top job at a summit in Brussels. Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas was picked as the EU's next foreign affairs chief.

Mark Rutte

The North Atlantic Council decided to appoint outgoing Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte as the next Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Rutte will assume his duties as NATO's Secretary General on 1st October. Rutte has gained the support of all 32 member countries.

Peter Pellegrini

Peter Pellegrini was sworn in as the President of Slovakia. He become Slovakia's sixth president since it gained independence after the disintegration of Czechoslovakia in 1993.

Julian Assange

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has been freed from prison in the United Kingdom and is expected to travel home to Australia after he agreed to plead guilty to a single charge of breaching the espionage law in the United States.

Bruhat Soma

Bruhat Soma, a seventh-grade Indian American student from Florida, has claimed victory at the 2024 Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Halla Tomasdottir

Halla Tomasdottir, a businesswoman and investor, has won the Iceland's Presidential election, topping a crowded field of candidates in which the top three finishers were women.

Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid

Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Meshal al-Ahmad al-Sabah has issued a decree nominating Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid al-Sabah as crown prince. Sheikh Sabah was Prime minister from 2019 to 2022.

Claudia Sheinbaum

Claudia Sheinbaum has been elected as Mexico's first female president, in a historic landslide win. Ms Sheinbaum will replace her mentor, outgoing President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, on 1 October.

Ruchira Kamboj

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

Sunita Williams

Indian-American astronaut Sunita Williams has created history, as she became the first woman to pilot a new spacecraft on its inaugural crewed test flight to space. She launched aboard the Boeing's Starliner capsule.

Narendra Modi

Narendra Modi has been sworn in as Prime Minister of India for the third consecutive term. President Droupadi Murmu has administered the Oath of Office and Secrecy to Mr Modi along with the members of the new Council of Ministers at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

N.Chandrababu Naidu

Telugu Desam Party (TDP) national President N. Chandrababu Naidu was sworn in as Chief Minister of residual Andhra Pradesh for the second time. Governor S. Abdul Nazeer has administered the oath of office to Mr. Naidu.

Mohan Charan Majhi

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA Mohan Charan Majhi was sworn in as the 16th Chief Minister of Odisha. Governor Raghuraj Das has administered the oath of office to Mr. Majhi. He is the third tribal Chief Minister after late Hemanand Biswal and Giridhar Gamang since Odisha became a separate State in 1936.

Prem Singh Tamang

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) leader Prem Singh Tamang taken oath as the Chief Minister of the Himalayan State for a second straight term on June 10.

Pema Khandu

BJP leader Pema Khandu was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh for the third time in a row. He was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor Lt Gen (retired) KT Parnaik.

Sub-Lt Anamika Rajeev

Sub Lieutenant Anamika B. Rajeev has become the Indian Navy's first woman helicopter pilot. She also received the prestigious "Golden Wings" at the passing-out parade at a naval air station in Tamil Nadu's Arakkonam.

Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi

Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi has been appointed as the next Chief of the Army Staff. He will take charge from 30th of this month. The present Chief of the Army Staff, General Manoj C Pande will demit office on 30th June.

Bhartruhari Mahtab

President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Bhartruhari Mahtab, seven-term MP from Cuttack, as the pro tem Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha. As the pro tem Speaker, Mahtab will preside over the first meeting of the Lower House of Parliament after the general elections.

Pradeep Singh Kharola

India Trade Promotion Organisation Chairman and MD Pradeep Singh Kharola has been given additional charge of NTA's Director General.

JP Nadda

Union Minister JP Nadda was appointed as Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha. He succeeds Piyush Goyal, who is now a member of the Lok Sabha from Maharashtra's North Mumbai. While, PM Narendra Modi is the Leader of the House in Lok Sabha.

Virat Kohli

As per Kroll's ninth edition of Celebrity Brand Valuation Study, 'Brands, Business, Bollywood, Virat Kohli has reclaimed the top spot with a brand value of \$227.9 million.

Cyril Ramaphosa

Cyril Ramaphosa was sworn in for a second term as South Africa's President in a ceremony in the administrative capital, Pretoria, with help from a coalition of parties for the first time in its 30-year rule.

Annurag Batra

Annurag Batra, founder of exchange4media and Chairman of BW Businessworld, has been elected a member of the International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Om Birla

Om Birla, a three-time BJP MP, was elected the Lok Sabha Speaker for the second time after he defeated INDIA bloc's candidate K Suresh via voice vote in a rare contest.

Siddhesh Sakore

Siddhesh Sakore, a farmer and the founder of AGRO RANGERS, from Maharashtra, has been named Land Hero by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). The UNCCD announced the names of 10 Land Heroes in a programme in Bonn, Germany.

Nikesh Arora

American multinational cybersecurity company Palo Alto Networks Inc.'s CEO Nikesh Arora was one of the highest paid CEOs in terms of disclosed executive compensation in the fiscal year of 2023, earning \$151,425,203. He is the highest paid Indian-American CEO in the list.

Vikram Misri

The Central Government has announced that Deputy National Security Advisor Vikram Misri will take charge as the Foreign Secretary on July 15, 2024. Mr. Misri, who is a former Indian ambassador to China, will succeed current Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra.

Ravi Agrawal

Ravi Agrawal, a 1988-batch IRS officer, has been appointed as the new chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). The CBDT is headed by a chairman and can have six members who are in the rank of special secretary.

Sreenivasulu Setty

Financial Services Institution Bureau (FSIB) has selected Challa Sreenivasulu Setty as the next chairman of State Bank of India (SBI). Currently, Sreenivasulu Setty is the senior most Managing Director, and has worked for 35 years at the bank.

Harsh Pati Singhania

Harsh Pati Singhania, Chairman and Managing Director of JK Paper Ltd, has been elected as First Vice-Chair of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Paris, France.

Ajit Doval

Ajit Doval has been reappointed as the National Security Advisor and Dr PK Mishra as the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister with effect from June 10. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointments.

Srinivas Hegde

Srinivas Hegde, who was the mission director of India's first moon mission Chandrayaan-1, passed away. Hegde, who was with the ISRO for more than three decades, was associated with several landmark missions undertaken by the space agency.

Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare

Former Odisha Governor Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare passed away. He was a senior Congress leader from Maharashtra and a former Rajya Sabha member for three terms.

Saulos Chilima

Malawi's Vice President and nine others were killed in a plane crash, the country's President Lazarus Chakwera said.

Rajeev Taranath

Rajeev Taranath, Sarod maestro of international repute has passed away. He was a disciple of Ali Akbar Khan. He was honoured with Central Sangeet Natak Academy award, the state Sangeet Vidwan award.

AJT Johnsingh

Renowned wildlife field biologists and pioneers of wildlife conservation in the Country, A.J.T. Johnsingh passed away. His pioneering work in elephants in the early 1980s was instrumental for the Government of India to formulate Project Elephant.

Ramoji Rao

Prominent media baron Cherukuri Ramoji Rao, chairman of Ramoji Group and Padma Vibhushan awardee, passed away. He established a massive business empire, including Margadarsi Chit Funds, Eenadu Telugu daily, ETV network of television channels & the world's largest film production facility – Ramoji Film City (RFC).

Bill Anders

William Anders, the former U.S. astronaut who took the historic "Earthrise" photo from space over 55 years ago, died.

Frank Duckworth

Frank Duckworth, one of the inventors of the Duckworth-Lewis (later Duckworth-Lewis-Stern) method to determine results in rain-affected cricket matches, died at the age of 84.

Muchkund Dubey

Former Foreign Secretary Muchkund Dubey, who steered India's foreign affairs establishment towards the end of the Cold War and the post-Cold War phase in the early 1990s, passed away.

C.V. Chandrasekhar

Legendary Bharatanatyam dancer C.V. Chandrasekhar passed away. In 2011, he was honoured with the Padma Bhushan by the Government of India.

David Johnson

Former Indian team cricketer David Johnson, fell to his death from the fourth-floor balcony of his flat at an apartment, in Kothanur. He represented India in two Test matches and was an active in the Karnataka Premier League.

SPORTS

Nishant Dev Becomes first Indian Male Boxer To Qualify For 2024 Paris Olympic Games

Nishant Dev became the first Indian male to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games after defeating Moldova's Vasile Cebotari in a 5-0 decision in the men's 71 kg category quarterfinal at the World Boxing Qualifiers.

Boxing Federation of India Agrees To Become A Member Of World Boxing

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

Tanvi Sharma Won Women's Singles Title of Bonn International Badminton Tournament

India's Tanvi Sharma won the women's singles title of the Bonn International Badminton Tournament, in Germany. She defeated Wang Pei Yu of Taiwan in straight sets, 21-19, 22-20.

DP Manu clinched the gold medal in men's javelin throw

In men's Javelin throw, Manu clinched the gold medal with the best effort of 81.58 metres. In the women's 100 metre hurdles, Nithya Ramraj bagged the silver medal with a timing of 13.23 seconds.

Football: Real Madrid wins Champions League for the 15th time

Spanish giant Real Madrid has defeated Borussia Dortmund in the UEFA Champions League 2023-24 to win its record-extending 15th European crown and sixth in 10 years, at the Wembley Stadium.

India's Arjun Erigaisi becomes World No. 4 in live FIDE rating list

India's Arjun Erigaisi has continued to climb in the FIDE world live ratings as he now went above Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi to become the new World No. 4 after beating France's Loic Travadon in the French Team Chess Championship 2024.

Badminton: An Se-young wins Singapore Open 2024

South Korea's An Se-young has beaten China's Chen Yufei to retain her Singapore Badminton Open women's singles title 2024.

MotoGP 2024: Francesco Bagnaia wins the Italian Grand Prix

Francesco Bagnaia has won the Italian Grand Prix at the Mugello Circuit, while his team mate Enea Bastianini overtook Pramac Racing's Jorge Martin on the final lap to take second place.

Norway Chess 2024: Praggnanandhaa stuns World Champion Ding Liren

India's R Praggnanandhaa has defeated reigning world champion Ding Liren in the armageddon game in round 7 at the Norway Chess tournament.

Sarabjot Singh earn 10m air pistol title at Munich World Cup

Indian shooter Sarabjot Singh won the gold medal in the men's 10m air pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2024 in Munich, Germany.

Sift Kaur Samra Won Bronze Medal In Women's 50m Rifle 3-Position

Women's 50m rifle 3-positions specialist Sift Kaur Samra won a bronze medal in the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol in Munich.

Aman Sehrawat wins Silver Medal At Budapest Ranking Series

In wrestling, India's Aman Sehrawat won the silver medal at the Budapest Ranking Series 2024 in Hungary. Aman lost his final bout to Rei Higuchi of Japan.

French Open: Iga Świątek Wins Women's Singles Title

In the French Open Tennis Women's singles final, World No. 1 Iga Świątek of Poland beat first-time Italy's Jasmine Paolini 6-2, 6-1. She became only the third woman in the Open era to clinch three straight French Open titles.

French Open Tennis: Spain's Carlos Alcaraz wins Men's Singles Title

Spain's Carlos Alcaraz Garfia has won his first-ever French Open Men's singles title at the Roland Garros in Paris. He outclassed Alexander Zverev in the final.

ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup: India Beat Pakistan By 6 Runs

India defeated Pakistan by 6 runs in the ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup at Nassau County International Cricket Stadium.

Sumit Nagal wins Heilbronn Neckarcup Challenger

India's Sumit Nagal has won the Heilbronn Neckarcup Challenger in Germany. He defeated Alexander Ritschard of Switzerland in the men's singles title clash.

Magnus Carlsen & Ju Wenjun wins Norway Chess 2024 titles

Norway's Magnus Carlsen and China's Ju Wenjun have claimed the Norway Chess 2024 titles in both men's and women's category as the final round came to an end.

Chen Yufei & Shi Yu Qi are winners of 2024 INDONESIA OPEN Badminton

Chen Yufei has successfully defended her 2024 Indonesia Open title beating world number one An Seyoung in women's singles final. The men's singles final went the way of Shi Yu Qi who beat Denmark's Anders Antonsen.

Gulveer Singh wins Silver Medal In Men's 5000 Metre Race

India's Gulveer Singh has won the silver medal in the Men's 5000-metre race at the Portland Track Festival High-Performance Meet in Portland, US. He also became the fastest Indian in the men's 5000-metre race.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen wins third straight Canadian Grand Prix

Red Bull's Max Verstappen has won the Canadian Grand Prix for the third straight year. This win is the Red Bull star's 60th Formula 1 victory and sixth in nine races this season.

Brazilian paddler Bruna Alexandre to make history at both Olympics and Paralympics

Table tennis player Bruna Alexandre is set to become the first Brazilian to compete at both the Olympics and Paralympics after she was selected for her country's Olympic team for Paris 2024. She will be just the third athlete ever to compete in both the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

India to host 2025 FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has declared India as the official hosts of the Men's Junior World Cup that will take place in December 2025.

India wins Two Bronze Medals In Singapore National Swimming Championship 2024

India's Likith SP and Dhinidhi Desinghu have won two bronze medals in Singapore National Swimming Championship 2024. Likith SP claimed bronze in men's 100 metre breaststroke. Dhinidhi Desinghu won bronze medal in the women's 200-metre freestyle event.

Equestrian: Shruti Vora Becomes The First Indian Rider To Win 3-Star Grand Prix Event

In Equestrian sport, Shruti Vora has made history as she becomes the first Indian rider to win a three-star Grand Prix event.

R.Ashwin reveals cricketing journey in his autobiography "I Have the Streets: A Kutti Cricket Story"

Veteran India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin in collaboration with author Sidharth Monga, has released his experience-filled cricketing journey in his autobiography titled "I Have the Streets: A Kutti Cricket Story".

Divya Deshmukh Wins FIDE World Junior Girls' Chess Championship 2024

India's Divya Deshmukh has won the 2024 FIDE's World Junior Girls' Chess Championship after beating Bulgaria's Beloslava Krasteva in the final round at the Gift City Club in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Euro Cup 2024 Started On June 15

The 2024 season of the European Football Championship, also known as Euro Cup 2024, was kick-started in Germany on June 15. A total of 24 teams will be vying for the cup.

Indian women's table tennis team clinches bronze medal at BRICS Games In Kazan, Russia

India has clinched their first medal at the ongoing BRICS Games in Kazan, Russia with the women's table tennis team comprising Poymantee Baisya, Moumita Dutta and Yashini Sivasankar clinching a bronze medal.

Australian Open: Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia & Aya Ohori are winners

Malaysian Lee Zii Jia defeated Japan's Kodai Naraoka in the men's singles final to be crowned Australian Open badminton champion, while Aya Ohori of Japan clinched the women's title.

Golf: Bryson DeChambeau wins U.S. Open

Bryson DeChambeau has won the U.S. Open for the second time with another memorable finish on the 18th hole at Pinehurst No. 2.

Tennis: Sumit Nagal loses Challenger final in Perugia

India's Sumit Nagal fell just short of clinching back-to-back titles on the ATP Challenger Tour as he lost to Luciano Darderi in the final in Perugia.

Motorsport: Ferrari wins 24 Hours of Le Mans for second year in a row

Ferrari won the 24 Hours of Le Mans for the second year in a row after a tight and tense battle with Toyota to the finish in the 92nd edition of the endurance race.

Boxing: Lovlina wins silver in Grand Prix

India's Lovlina Borgohain has lost to China's Li Qian to settle for a silver medal in the women's 75kg contest at the Grand Prix Usti nad Labem in the Czech Republic.

Arjun Erigaisi wins Stepan Avagyan Memorial tournament 2024

India's highest-rated chess player GM Arjun Erigaisi has won the Stepan Avagyan Memorial 2024 in Jermuk, Armenia, with a round to spare. Arjun beat Russia's Volodar Murzin.

AIFF removes Igor Stimac as Indian men's team head coach

The All Indian Football Federation (AIFF) has removed Igor Stimac as the head coach of the Indian men's football team following a disappointing FIFA World Cup 2026 qualifiers campaign.

Neeraj Chopra wins gold at World Athletics Continental Gold Tour In Finland

India's star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has won the Gold medal in the men's javelin throw competition at the World Athletics Continental Gold Tour at the Paavo Nurmi Stadium in Turku, Finland.

Paris Olympics 2024: Shubhankar, Gaganjeet qualify for men's golf

Indian Golfers Shubhankar Sharma and Gaganjeet Bhullar are set to represent India at the Paris Olympics, as per the final men's list of qualified players released by the International Golf Federation (IGF).

Australia's Pat Cummins takes first hat-trick of T20 World Cup 2024

Australia fast bowler Pat Cummins has taken a hat-trick against Bangladesh in the Super Eight game of the T20 World Cup 2024 in Antigua. It was the first hat-trick of this World Cup and the seventh overall in the tournament's history.

World Athletics meet: Shaili Singh wins silver medal, Eldhose Paul wins bronze

India's long jumper Shaili Singh has won silver medal at the JBL Jump Fest, a World Athletics Continental Tour (Bronze level) meeting in Kosice, Slovakia. Shaili finished second amongst six athletes with a best attempt of 6.43m, which came in the fifth round.

Sumit Nagal secured his spot for 2024 Paris Olympics in men's singles event

Indian tennis star Sumit Nagal has secured his spot in the men's singles event at the upcoming 2024 Paris Olympics, marking his second appearance at this prestigious competition.

Sreeja Akula becomes first Indian to win WTT Contender singles title

Sreeja Akula became the first Indian paddler to win a WTT Contender singles title as she beat World No. 504 Ding Yijie of China in the final in Lagos, Nigeria. She along with Archana Kamath, defeated compatriots Diya Chitale and Yashaswini Ghorpade to clinch the women's doubles crown as well.

Odisha extends Hockey India sponsorship by three years till 2036

The state government of Odisha announced an extension of its support to Hockey India by another three years till 2036.

Tommy Paul wins Queen's Club tennis final

Tommy Paul has won his third ATP Tour title and first on grass at the Queen's Club Championships, overcoming Lorenzo Musetti 6-1, 7-6(8) in the final.

Max Verstappen wins Spanish Grand Prix 2024

Red Bull's Max Verstappen has won the Spanish Formula One Grand Prix for the third year in a row after McLaren's pole-sitter Lando Norris lost out at the start and finished 2.2 seconds behind.

Tennis: Sinner wins first title on grass at Halle Open

Italy's Jannik Sinner has won his first grasscourt title by beating Hubert Hurkacz 7-6(8), 7-6(2) in the Halle Open final.

Anush Agarwalla To Represent India In Dressage At Paris Olympics

The Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) has selected Anush Agarwalla to represent the country in the dressage event at the upcoming Paris Olympics.

Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championships: India wins 11 medals, including four Gold

India concluded their campaign at the Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championships in Amman, Jordan, on a resounding note. The young Indian contingent have won a total of 11 medals, including four gold, two silver, and five bronze medals.

India enters Into Final Of Men's T20 World Cup

India entered into the final of Men's T20 World Cup after defeating England by 68 runs in the semi-final in Guyana.

Women's Test Cricket: India Hit 525 For Four On First Day Against South Africa

Shafali Verma hit a record-breaking double century as India took early command against South Africa on Day 1 of the only Test in Chennai. India also broke an 89 year-old record for the most runs scored on a single day in women's Tests 525 precisely.

Team India clinched the ICC Men's T20 cricket World Cup 2024

Rohit Sharma led Team India won the ICC Men's T20 cricket World Cup 2024 defeating South Africa by seven runs in the final at Kensington Oval. Virat Kohli was declared the Player of the Match award. Jaspreet Bumrah was awarded the Player of the Tournament for picking up 15 wickets in eight games.

MISCELLANEOUS

India Sends Humanitarian Assistance To Cuba

India has departed humanitarian assistance to Cuba. A consignment of 90 tonnes of nine 'Made in India' Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) left Mundra port for Cuba.

Pakistan Launches Multi-Mission Communication Satellite PAKSAT MM1

Pakistan's Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) has launched a multi-mission communication satellite named PAKSAT MM1, for faster internet connectivity with the help of China.

WMO, FAO signed an agreement to strengthen collaboration & improve the use of climate services in agriculture

World Meteorological Organization, WMO and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) are strengthening their collaboration to improve the provision and use of climate services in agriculture, increase resilience and climate adaptation.

India to host global airlines IATA Summit in 2025

India will host the world's most premier aviation event, the annual gathering of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), which represents over 330 airlines worldwide in 2025.

QS World University Rankings 2025: IIT Bombay, Delhi in top 150

In the latest QS World University Rankings 2025, IIT Bombay has secured the top spot in India. IIT-Bombay has risen from 149th in 2024 to 118th in the 2025 rankings, marking an improvement of 31 places. Globally, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has maintained its position as the best institute in the world for the 13th consecutive year.

Visakhapatnam Port enters into top 20 rankings of World Bank's CPPI

Visakhapatnam Port gets into the top 20 rankings in World Bank's Container Port Performance Index. It secured 18th place in the World Bank Container Port Performance Index (CPPI).

India participates in the IPEF Clean Economy Investor Forum

India participated in the inaugural Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Clean Economy Investor Forum in Singapore.

'Lal', 'Mursan' & 'Hilsa': Three Mars craters named after Indian physicist Devendra Lal, towns in UP, Bihar

The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has named three newly discovered craters on Mars, situated within the Tharsis volcanic region, after a prominent figure in India's science community and Indian locations. The largest of these craters has been named "Lal Crater" in honour of Professor Devendra Lal. Adjacent to Lal Crater are two smaller craters: "Mursan Crater" and "Hilsa Crater named after a town in Uttar Pradesh & Bihar, India.

India ranks 176 among 180 countries in Environment Performance Index 2024

India, the third largest emitter of greenhouse gases has ranked 176th among 180 countries Environment Performance Index 2024, above Pakistan, Vietnam, Laos, and Myanmar only, in the overall index.

India to become 6th country to have its own Deep Sea Mission

India is planning to launch Deep Sea Mission, with an aim to enhance Ocean Sciences & Blue Economy. With this launch, India is set to be the 6th country to have its own Deep Sea Mission.

India possesses more nuclear weapons than Pakistan: SIPRI

As per Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) report, India possesses more nuclear weapons than Pakistan. India's stored nuclear warheads were 172 in January this year, while the number for Pakistan was 170. Russia and the US together possess almost 90 per cent of all nuclear weapons.

India falls in antibacterial research amid mounting global antimicrobial resistance crisis

According to the World Health Organization, India contributes only 1% to the global antibacterial research and development (R&D) pipeline.

China's Chang'e-6 Probe Begins Return Journey From Moon's Far Side

China's national space agency has announced that its Chang'e-6 probe has lifted off from the far side of the moon, starting its journey back towards Earth.

Zara Shatavari, India's entry to the world's first Miss AI beauty pageant

Zara Shatavari, representing India, was selected from over 1,500 international entries, and is among the top 10 finalists in the inaugural Miss AI Competition. Zara Shatavari was created by Rahul Choudhry, co-founder of an Indian mobile ad agency.

Wartsila launches world's first large-scale 100% hydrogen-ready engine power plant

Finnish Technology group Wartsila has launched the world's first large-scale 100% hydrogen-ready engine power plant.

India Rank 129th in Global Gender Gap Index

According to the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Index, India has slipped two places to the 129th position, while Iceland retained its top spot.

India ranked 63rd on WEF Energy Transition Index

As per the World Economic Forum, India has been ranked 63rd on Global Energy Transition Index. Sweden topped the chart, followed by Denmark, Finland, Switzerland and France in the top five. China was ranked 20th.

UN Women Global Data shows 113 Countries Have Never Had Female Heads Of State

According to the UN Women's Global Data on Women Political Leaders 2024, women are still largely excluded from positions of power and diplomacy. A staggering 113 countries worldwide have never had a woman serve as head of state or government, and only 26 countries are led by women.

China launches Sino-French astrophysics satellite, but debris falls over populated area

A joint Sino-French mission SVOM aimed at studying Gamma-ray bursts resulted in a toxic rocket debris fall over a populated area. The Long March 2C rocket, carrying the Space Variable Objects Monitor (SVOM) satellite, launched from Xichang Satellite Launch Centre.

India Makes Contribution of 1.16 Million Dollars To The UN For Promotion Of Hindi

India has made a contribution of 1.16 million dollars to the United Nations for the promotion of Hindi. This initiative aims to spread greater awareness about global issues among millions of Hindi-speaking people around the world.

Vienna tops the list of 10 best cities to live in the world

According to the Economist Intelligence Unit, EIU's annual Global Liveability Index report, for the third year in a row, Vienna, Austria, has been crowned the world's best city to live in. Pakistan's Karachi, and Bangladesh's capital Dhaka are amongst the least liveable cities in the world.

World first epilepsy device fitted in UK boy's skull

A boy with severe epilepsy has become the first patient in the world to trial a new device named "Picostim neurotransmitter" fitted in his skull to control seizures.

Nine Indian artists invited to join Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences class of 2024

Nine Indian artists have been invited to become members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Among them are notable Indian figures such as actress Shabana Azmi, filmmaker SS Rajamouli, costume designer Rama Rajamouli, choreographer Prem Rakshith of 'Naatu Naatu' fame, producer Ritesh Sidhwani, cinematographer Ravi Varman, and filmmaker Rima Das.

World Milk Day: 1st June

The World Milk Day was observed every year on 1st June. This year's theme will focus on celebrating the vital role dairy plays in delivering quality nutrition to nourish the world.

2025 to be International Year of Quantum Science and Tech, UN says

The United Nations has stated that 2025 will be designated as the 'International Year of Quantum Science and Technology'.

Global Day of Parents: 1st June

The Global Day of Parents is observed every year on 1st June. This day was designated by the General Assembly in 2012.

World Environment Day observed on June 5

The World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5 every year. This year, the theme of World Environment Day is - Land restoration, Desertification and Drought resilience.

World Food Safety Day: 7th June

World Food Safety Day is observed every year on June 7th to raise awareness about the importance of food safety. The theme for World Food Safety Day 2024 is "Food Safety: Prepare for the Unexpected."

World Brain Tumour Day: 8th June

World Brain Tumour Day is observed every June 8 to raise awareness about the deadly disease. The theme for World Brain Tumour Day 2024 is 'Brain Health and Prevention'.

Quality Council Of India Celebrates World Accreditation Day on June 10

Quality Council of India, QCI, has celebrated the World Accreditation Day on June 10 across more than 20 cities in India. The theme for this year's event, "Accreditation: Empowering Tomorrow and Shaping the Future."

World Day Against Child Labour observed on June 12

The World Day Against Child Labour is observed on June 12 every year. The theme of this year is - Let's act on our commitments: End Child Labour.

Global Wind Day: 15th June

Global Wind Day occurs annually on 15 June and is a day for discovering wind, its power and the possibilities it holds to reshape our energy systems.

International Day of Family Remittances: 16th June

International Day of Family Remittances is observed every year on 16th June. The theme of the 2023-2024 #FamilyRemittances campaign is "Digital remittances towards financial inclusion and cost reduction".

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought observed on June 17

The World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is a United Nations observance celebrated each year on 17 June. The theme of this year is - 'United for Land. Our Legacy. Our Future'.

World Sickle Cell Day observed on June 19

World Sickle Cell Day is observed on June 19 every year to raise awareness about sickle cell disease (SCD). The theme for this year's observance is "Hope Through Progress: Advancing Sickle Cell Care Globally."

International Yoga Day 2024 observed on June 21

The 10th International Yoga Day 2024 was celebrated around the world on June 21. The theme for Yoga 2024 is 'Yoga for Self and Society'.

World Rainforest Day: 22nd June

World Rainforest Day is observed annually on June 22nd. The theme for World Rainforest Day 2024 is "Empowering the World in Defense of Our Rainforests."

International Olympic Day: 23rd June

International Olympic Day is observed every year on June 23rd. It marks the founding of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1894. The theme for International Olympic Day 2024 is "Let's Move and Celebrate."

International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking Observed on June 26

The International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking also known as World Drug Day, is observed on June 26th every year. The theme of this year is "The evidence is clear: invest in prevention."

National Statistics Day: 29th June

National Statistics Day is observed every year on June 29th to honor the birth anniversary of Professor P. C Mahalanobis, a renowned statistician and economist. The theme for 2024 National Statistics Day is "Use of data for decision-making".

International Day of the Tropics: 29th June

The International Day of the Tropics is observed every year on June 29th, to recognize the incredible diversity and importance of the world's tropical regions.

World Asteroid Day: 30th June

World Asteroid Day is observed every year on June 30th. It aims to increase public awareness about the potential dangers of asteroids and other near-Earth objects (NEOs).