

International

World Justice Project: Pakistan Ranked 140 out of 142

Pakistan was ranked 140 among 142 countries in the World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index regarding order and security, making it the third worst country in the world. Mali and Nigeria are the only countries ranked lower than Pakistan in terms of law and security.

Denmark has secured the first rank, followed by Norway, Finland, Sweden, and Germany in terms of law and order.

India stands at 79 out of 142 countries.

India, US engage in process to check illegal migration

India and US are engaged in a process to deter illegal migration as part of India-US cooperation on migration and mobility.

The latest deportation of Indian nationals by a chartered flight is a result of this cooperation.

This is being done to create more avenues for legal migration from India to the US.

Important Days

Infantry Day: 27th October.

Infantry Day is being observed across the country on 27th October to acknowledge the contributions of Infantry, the largest fighting arm of the Indian Army.

This day has a unique significance, as on this day in 1947, Infantrymen from the Indian Army became the first troops to land at Srinagar airport, forcing the invaders backed by Pakistan to withdraw.

National

Over 20.74 Lakh New Workers Enrol under ESI Scheme in August, 2024

Over 20 lakh 74 thousand new workers have been enrolled under the Employees' State Insurance Scheme in August, 2024.

The year-on-year analysis shows a growth of 6.80 percent in net registrations compared to August last year.

Out of 20.74 lakh, 9.89 lakh employees, which is around 47.68 percent, belong to the age group of up to 25 years. Gender-wise analysis of the payroll data indicates that net enrolment of female members has been 4.14 lakh in August.

Business and Economy

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das ranks top central banker by US magazine

Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das was ranked the top central banker by the US-based Global Finance magazine yesterday. This is the second consecutive year that he has been ranked as the top central banker globally.

ICICI Bank Q2 net profit rises 14.5%.

Private sector lender ICICI Bank posted a 14.5% growth in its standalone profit to ₹11,746 crore for the second quarter ended September 2024.

The bank reported an interest income of ₹40,537 crore during the quarter compared to ₹34,920 crore in the year-ago period. The net interest income (NII) improved by 9.5% to ₹20,048 crore from ₹18,308 crore in the second quarter of the previous year.

The bank witnessed improvement with gross non-performing assets (NPAs) declining to 1.97% of the gross loans by the end of September 2024 against 2.48% a year ago.

Sports

Akanksha Salunkhe wins Women's Singles Title at International Women's Open of Couzeix 2024.

In squash, India's Akanksha Salunkhe clinched the women's singles title at the 2nd International Women's Open of Couzeix 2024 in France.

Akanksha defeated Yasshmita Jadish Kumar of the USA, sweeping the match in straight sets, 11-7, 11-7, 11-6.

**Yashaswini Ghorpade and Krittwika Roy
Reach Women's Doubles Final at WTT
Feeder Cagliari in Italy**

In Table Tennis, India's Yashaswini Ghorpade and Krittwika Roy have stormed into the Women's doubles final of the WTT feeder Cagliari in Italy. The Indian duo defeated the German pair of Sophia Klee and Franziska Schreiner, 3-1 in the semi-final.

Ghorpade and Roy, seeded second, will now take on Kim Haeun and Yoo Siwoo of South Korea.

**Abhishek wins Bronze at Under-23
Wrestling World Championship.**

In wrestling, India's Abhishek clinched the bronze medal at the Under 23 Wrestling World Championship 2024 in Tirana, Albania. He defeated Mykyta Abramov of Ukraine, 3-NIL in the Men's 61 Kg Freestyle category. Bashir Magomedov bagged the gold, Ruslan Asif Abdullayev of Azerbaijan won the silver, while Ebrahim Mahdi Khari shared the bronze with Abhishek.

**India beat New Zealand to secure bronze
medal at Sultan of Johor Cup.**

India beat New Zealand 3-2 in a shootout to secure the bronze medal at the Sultan of Johor Cup junior men's hockey tournament in Malaysia.

After the match ended in a 2-2 stalemate in regulation time, Indian goalkeeper Bikramjit Singh made three excellent saves, while strikers Gurjot Singh, Manmeet Singh, and Sourabh Anand Kushwaha scored in the shootout.

**New Zealand won a 3-match series beating
India by 113 runs in 2nd test.**

New Zealand triumphed over India by a margin of 113 runs on the third day of the second Test match at the Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Pune.

Chasing a target of 359 runs set by New Zealand, India was all out for 245 in their second innings on day three. With this victory, the visitors have won the three-match series.