

## International

### President-Elect Donald Trump Announces Plans for Sweeping Tariffs on Key US Trading Partners

US President-elect Donald Trump has announced plans to impose sweeping tariffs on key US trading partners, pledging a 25 percent tariff on goods from Mexico and Canada, and a 10 percent tariff on Chinese imports. Trump stated that the measures, set to be enacted via executive orders on January 20, target illegal drug smuggling, immigration issues, and trade imbalances.

### Israeli Government Approves Ceasefire Deal With Hezbollah in Lebanon

The Israeli Government has approved a ceasefire deal with Hezbollah in Lebanon. The ceasefire deal, which was brokered by the US and France, is expected to halt the war that has killed almost 3,800 people in Lebanon over the last year and left about 16,000 others wounded. The deal requires both Israeli forces and Hezbollah to withdraw from south Lebanon over 60 days, with Hezbollah repositioning north of the Litani River, approximately 30 kilometers from the border.

### India Signs Riyadh Design Law Treaty to Promote Inclusive Growth and Intellectual Property Protection

India has signed the final Act of the Riyadh Design Law Treaty to reaffirm its commitment to fostering inclusive growth and ensuring equitable access to intellectual property protection. The treaty seeks to harmonise the procedural frameworks for industrial design protection, improving the efficiency and accessibility of registration processes across multiple jurisdictions. The Design Law Treaty reduces administrative burdens to promote global creativity in design.

Over the past decade, the design registrations in India have tripled, with domestic filings increasing by 120 percent in the last two years alone.

## International Emmys 2024

The 52nd International Emmy Awards took place in New York City. The event, presented by the International Academy of Television Arts

& Sciences (IATAS), honoured the best television programmes produced and aired outside the USA in 2023. This year, the ceremony was hosted by actor-comedian Vir Das, who became the first Indian to host the International Emmy Awards.

## Winners

1. Best Performance by an Actor: Timothy Spall - The Sixth Commandment (United Kingdom)
2. Best Performance by an Actress: Aokbab-Chutimon Chuengcharoensukying - Hunger (Thailand)
3. Drama Series: Les Gouttes de Dieu (Drops of God) (France)
4. Comedy: División Palermo (Argentina)
5. Documentary: Otto Baxter: Not a F\*\*\*ing Horror Story (United Kingdom)
6. Arts Programming: Pianoforte (Poland)
7. Non-Scripted Entertainment: Restaurant Misverstand (Belgium)
8. Short-Form Series: Punt de no retorn (Point of no Return) (Spain)
9. Sports Documentary: Brawn: The Impossible Formula 1 Story (United Kingdom)
10. Telenovela: La Promesa (The Vow) (Spain)
11. TV Movie / Miniseries: Liebes Kind (Dear Child) (Germany)
12. Kids: Animation: Tabby McTat (United Kingdom)
13. Kids: Factual: La Vida Secreta de tu Mente (The Secret Life of Your Mind) (Mexico)
14. Kids: Live-Action: En af Drengene (One of the Boys) (Denmark)

## Professor Projit Bihari Mukharji Awarded 2024 Pfizer Award

Professor Projit Bihari Mukharji, a distinguished historian at the Ashoka University and Head of the History Department, has been honored with the 2024 Pfizer Award for his acclaimed book "Brown Skins, White Coats: Race Science in India, 1920–66". The award recognizes Mukharji's pioneering research that uncovers the complex intersections of race, science, colonialism and nationalism in India.

The Pfizer Award is an annual award given by the History of Science Society (HSS) to an outstanding book on the history of science that has made a significant contribution to the understanding of the history of science.

## National

### CCEA Approves ₹1,939 Crore for Heo Hydro Electric Project in Arunachal Pradesh

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved an investment of ₹1939 crore rupees for constructing the Heo Hydro Electric Project (HEP) in Shi Yomi District of Arunachal Pradesh. The estimated completion period for the project is 50 months. The project, with an installed capacity of 240 MW, would produce 1000 million units (MU) of energy. The power generated from the project will help improve the power supply position in the state of Arunachal Pradesh and will also help in balancing the national grid.

### Education Minister Launches 'TeacherApp' to Support Educators Nationwide

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has unveiled the TeacherApp in New Delhi. The primary aim of the digital platform is to revolutionize education in India by equipping educators with future-ready skills to meet the demands of 21st-century classrooms. It provides over 260 hours of high-quality content, including courses, videos, podcasts, webinars, quizzes, and more, aimed at enhancing teaching practices and boosting student engagement.

The app also offers live expert sessions, providing practical strategies for the classroom, while fostering a community of teachers and sharing impactful stories.

### ISRO Signs Implementation Agreement with Australian Space Agency for Gaganyaan Mission

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Australian Space Agency (ASA) have signed an implementation agreement (IA) for further strengthening cooperation in space activities between Australia and India.

The IA enables cooperation between both space agencies on crew and crew module recovery for Gaganyaan mission.

### India Celebrates National Milk Day on Dr. Verghese Kurien's 103rd Birth Anniversary

National Milk Day is celebrated annually on November 26 in India to honor the significant contributions of milk and the dairy industry to the country's development. The day also marks

the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, known as the "Father of the White Revolution" in India, who was instrumental in making India the world's largest producer of milk. Gujarat, considered the cradle of India's White Revolution, has witnessed significant growth in milk production over the years. The state's milk production increased by 119.63 lakh metric tons in the last 22 years, with an average increase of 10.23 percent. The state contributes 7.49 percent to India's total milk production.

## Business and Economy

### Centre Announces Quantum Startups for All Domains

Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has announced various quantum startups under the National Quantum Mission in New Delhi. Addressing the gathering, the Minister underlined that the selected startups will represent all major domains of quantum technology, like quantum communications, quantum computing, quantum sensing and quantum materials. The Minister also asserted that the initiative is going to boost commercialization and promote sustainable startups.

### IndusInd Bank Partners With UNICEF for Climate Resilience Programme

IndusInd Bank and UNICEF announced a strategic partnership to support the 'Disaster Resilient Communities and Climate Risk-Informed Efficient Administrative Systems' as part of the flagship CSR program of IndusInd Bank. The program aims to enhance government policies and develop climate-informed administrative systems in five select districts across India: Dharashiv (Maharashtra), Begusarai (Bihar), Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu), Baran (Rajasthan), and Bahraich (Uttar Pradesh).

This initiative is a part of the Holistic Rural Development Program (Climate Action portion), a flagship CSR initiative of IndusInd Bank in the Aspirational Districts.

### Amara Raja Infra Sets Up Green Hydrogen Fuelling Station in Leh

Amara Raja Infra has successfully completed setting up India's first green hydrogen fuelling

station in Leh, Ladakh for NTPC. The project will enable emission-free transport in and around Leh, making India among the few countries to take a lead in the green mobility space. With the completion, NTPC will operationalise five hydrogen fuel cell buses in the region.

### **Coal India Receives Green World Awards 2024 in London**

Coal India Limited (CIL) has been conferred with the esteemed Green World Environment Award in the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) category along with the distinguished title of 'Green World Ambassador.' This prestigious international award has been given to CIL for exemplary work in the field of CSR, i.e. Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna for permanent curative treatment of more than 600 thalassemia patients through stem cell transplant also known as bone marrow transplant (BMT). CIL is one of the largest spenders in the country under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

### **Sports**

#### **F1 Announces Agreement With GM for 11th Team in 2026**

Formula One has reached an agreement in principle with General Motors to support GM/Cadillac becoming the sport's 11th team in 2026. Liberty Media-owned F1 said it had maintained a dialogue with General Motors and its partners at TWG Global regarding the viability of an entry following a commercial assessment and decision made by Formula 1 in January.

#### **Syed Modi International 2024 Badminton Tournament Kicks Off in Lucknow**

PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen will be the top Indian players in action at the Syed Modi International 2024 badminton tournament, which began in Lucknow. The Syed Modi India International 2024 is a BWF Super 300 event. All matches will be played at the badminton courts of the Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium, and the tournament will conclude on the 1st of next month.