

### International

#### Sanctions on Iran's Energy Trade Following Missile Attacks on Israel

The United States has announced sanctions targeting Iran's energy trade in light of the missile attacks launched by the country against Israel.

The US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has said that the US is taking measures to disrupt the flow of revenue that Iran uses to fund its nuclear program.

#### India and Lao PDR Sign Six Agreements

India and Lao PDR signed six MoUs and agreements in the fields including defence cooperation, customs, audio-visual, and preservation of heritage.

India has also decided to provide financial assistance of one million US dollars to a project aimed at improving nutrition security in Laos with food fortification through the India-UN Development Partnership Fund.

### Important Days

#### World Migratory Bird Day: 12<sup>th</sup> October

World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated twice a year on 11<sup>th</sup> May and 12<sup>th</sup> October to reflect the seasonal bird migrations in different parts of the world.

The 2024 theme, 'Insects for Birds,' highlights the importance of insects for migratory birds and calls for immediate action to protect the rapidly declining populations of insects.

#### World Arthritis Day: 12<sup>th</sup> October

World Arthritis Day is observed on 12<sup>th</sup> October every year.

The objective of the day is to create awareness among the people about rheumatic musculoskeletal disorders and their prevention.

This year's theme is 'Informed choices, better outcomes.'

#### International Day of the Girl Child: 11<sup>th</sup> October

Since 2012, the United Nations marks 11<sup>th</sup> October as the 'International Day of the Girl Child.'

The year's theme, 'Girls' vision for the future,' conveys both the need for urgent action and persistent hope, driven by the power of girls' voices and vision for the future.

### Awards

#### Japanese Atomic Bomb Survivors' Group Nihon Hidankyo Wins Nobel Peace Prize 2024

Nihon Hidankyo, a Japanese group of atomic bomb survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, has won the Nobel Peace Prize 2024. The group, also known as Hibakusha, was recognised for its tireless efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons and for demonstrating through witness testimony that nuclear weapons must never be used again. The award was announced at the Norwegian Nobel Institute in Oslo.

Iranian human rights activist Narges Mohammadi won the prize in 2023 for her work fighting against the oppression of women in Iran.

### National

#### Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy Releases Guidelines for PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana

Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has notified scheme guidelines for the implementation of innovative projects under PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana.

Under the scheme component 'Innovative Projects,' five hundred crore rupees has been earmarked to encourage advancements in rooftop solar technologies, business models, and integration techniques.

The Ministry said the National Institute of Solar Energy will serve as the scheme implementation agency for the Innovative Projects component. The selected projects will receive financial assistance of up to 60 percent of the project cost or 30 crore rupees, whichever is lower.

## India Digital Agri Conference 2024 Held

The India Digital Agri Conference 2024 was organized in New Delhi on Friday to explore the transformative potential of digital agriculture.

The Agriculture Ministry said that the conference aimed to foster knowledge exchange, showcase cutting-edge innovations and encourage cross-sector collaboration.

## Business and Economy

### Noel Tata appointed Chairperson of Tata Trusts

Noel Tata has been unanimously appointed the Chairperson of Tata Trust, the philanthropic arm of the Tata Group.

Noel Tata, Ratan Tata's half-brother, serves on the boards of several listed companies, including Tata Steel and Voltas.

The decision to appoint Noel Tata as the chairperson was made with Ratan Tata's philosophy of 'moving on' in mind.

## Sports

### Tanvi Sharma Loses to China's Xu Wen Jing in Women's Singles U-19 Category

In badminton, India's Tanvi Sharma lost to China's Xu Wen Jing, 13-21, 21-19, 15-21 in the Women's Singles Under 19 category. Meanwhile, Aalisha Naik was defeated by China's Dai Qin Yi in the quarterfinals, 18-21, 19-21.

### Harmanpreet Kaur Sets New National Record in 76 kg Women's Category at IWLF National Weightlifting Championships

In IWLF National Weightlifting Championships, Harmanpreet Kaur set a new national record in the 76 kg Senior section of the women category at Rainbow Khelo India Residential Academy, Nagrota Bagwan in Himachal Pradesh. Harmanpreet lifted 127 kilograms in clean and jerk and 223 kilograms in total.

In the total category, G. Ravishankar also set a new national record with a combined lift of 311 kg, surpassing the previous record of 304 kg held by Ramkaran Prajapati in the Junior section.