

## International

### SpaceX's Polaris Dawn crew returns to Earth.

SpaceX's Polaris Dawn crew returned to Earth after five days in orbit, following a historic mission featuring the world's first commercial spacewalk. The four-member civilian team led by billionaire Jared Isaacman, travelled further into space than any humans for more than fifty years. Scott Poteet, a retired US Air Force pilot, and SpaceX employees Sarah Gillis and Anna Menon were also on the crew.

The crew aboard the International Space Station, have conducted a wide range of scientific experiments and technological demonstrations.

### Switzerland is world's best country in 2024: US News & World Report.

Switzerland has been ranked as the number one country in the world by US News and World Report in its 'Best Countries Ranking 2024'. Switzerland is followed by Japan, the United States of America, Canada and Australia. The survey ranks 89 countries on the basis of their global perception using 10 differentially weighted sub-rankings such as adventure, agility, heritage, entrepreneurship, quality of life, cultural purpose and more.

India ranked at number 33 on the list this year, dropping three spots from its place on the list in 2023.

### Cameroon's Philemon Yang assumed Presidency of 79th UNGA session.

Cameroon's former Prime Minister Philemon Yang has assumed the Presidency of the 79th United Nations General Assembly session. Earlier, on June 6, 2024, Mr Philemon Yang was elected President of the 79th General Assembly at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

## National

### India launches Operation Sadbhav to provide humanitarian assistance.

India has launched Operation Sadbhav to provide humanitarian assistance to typhoon

Yagi-affected countries – Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam. India sent urgent relief material to Myanmar, Laos, and Vietnam to assist them in dealing with the impact of the major typhoon. These countries are reeling under massive floods after Asia's most powerful storm this year hit the three countries.

10 tonnes of aid, including dry ration, clothing and medicines, were dispatched to Myanmar onboard the Indian naval ship INS Satpura. A military transport aircraft of the Indian Air Force is carrying 35 tonnes of aid to Vietnam and 10 tonnes of relief materials to Laos.

### Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal announces to resign from CM's post.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has announced that he will resign from the post after two days. He said, in the next couple of days, a meeting of the Aam Aadmi Party MLAs will be held to decide a new Chief Minister. The Supreme Court had recently granted him bail in the Delhi excise policy case.

He is a former anti-corruption crusader whose decade-old Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) quickly rose to mainstream politics. He has served as Delhi's chief minister since 2015.

### Fourth edition of Global Bio-India 2024 successfully concludes.

The fourth edition of Global Bio-India 2024 successfully concluded in New Delhi. The three-day event was themed on the potential and opportunities in 'Biotech Innovation' and 'Bio-manufacturing' and their impact on the bio economy. In Global Bio India, the country's biotech startups unveiled 11 products that showcased the country's emerging talent in biosciences. The event was organised by the Ministry of Science and Technology between 12 and 14 of this month in New Delhi.

## **Under Operation CHAKRA III: CBI dismantles virtual asset and bullion supported cybercrime network.**

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), in coordination with the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), busted a virtual assets and bullion supported transnational cybercrime network that targeted foreign victims, after simultaneous raids at seven locations in Mumbai and Kolkata. The federal crime investigation agency, as part of ongoing 'Operation CHAKRA-III' dismantled a sophisticated cyber-crime network supported by virtual assets and bullion that had been targeting victims since 2022.

The operation CHAKRA-III initiated by CBI to combat and dismantle organised cyber enabled financial crime networks through a globally coordinated law enforcement response leveraging INTERPOL channels has shown encouraging results with arrests of several crime syndicates and seizure of crypto assets.

## **Doordarshan completes 65 glorious years on Sept 15.**

Doordarshan completed 65 glorious years. Established on 15th September 1959, Doordarshan marked the beginning of India's broadcasting era. The then President, Rajendra Prasad, inaugurated the first broadcast on that day. Until 1975, it was a part of All India Radio. On 1st April 1976, it transformed into a separate department in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and later came under Prasar Bharati. Over the years, Doordarshan has grown into a network operating 35 satellite channels, of which six are All India channels and 22 are Regional Channels (24x7).

## **Business and Economy**

## **ICF, maker of Vande Bharat trains, wins The Hindu businessline's Changemaker of the Year award.**

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had presented The Hindu Business line's

Changemaker of the Year award to the Integral Coach Factory (ICF), the manufacturer of the Vande Bharat trains for redefining travel for Indians.

Teacher, inventor, entrepreneur and mentor Ashok Jhunjhunwala, under whose stewardship the IIT Madras Research Park developed dozens of cutting-edge technologies and spawned several start-ups, was crowned Iconic Changemaker of the year.

Chess prodigy Dommaraju Gukesh, who is also the youngest chess world championship challenger, was awarded the Businessline's Young Changemaker award.

## **HDFC Bank aims to boost income of 5 lakh marginal farmers by 2025 under 'Parivartan'**

As part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative, Parivartan, private sector lender HDFC Bank looks to increase the income of 5 lakh marginal farmers earning less than Rs 60,000 annually by 2025. With a CSR expenditure of over Rs 5,100 crore over the last decade, Parivartan has consistently aimed to empower individuals by creating sustainable livelihoods, fostering sustainable development, and creating real-life change.

Launched in 2014, HDFC Bank 'Parivartan' was established with the vision to contribute to the socio-economic development of communities across India.

## **GST evasion worth ₹2.02 lakh crore detected in 2023-24.**

As per data from the Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI), the online gaming industry is reckoned to have evaded the highest GST levies last year, even as overall detection of indirect tax evasion surged to almost ₹2.02 lakh crore, double the evasion tracked in FY23.

According to the report, the sectors with the highest evasion were online gaming and BFSI (Banking, Financial Services and Insurance) in services, followed by iron, copper, scrap, and alloys in goods.

## **Indian Bank raises ₹5,000 cr.**

Indian Bank has raised ₹5,000 crore through the issuance of Long-Term Infrastructure Bonds on a private placement basis to meet its credit growth target and for refinancing of infrastructure projects.

The bank received 88 bids amounting to ₹13,680 crore against the total issue size of ₹5,000 crore. The bank accepted bids for ₹5,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.24% p.a.

## **Bank of Baroda unveils 'Phygital' branch**

Bank of Baroda has announced the inauguration of a 'Phygital' branch at Vile Parle, Mumbai, which will seamlessly integrate self-service and assisted service models to meet the diverse requirements of customers. This is the bank's third Phygital branch in India.

Phygital is a term that refers to the combination of physical and digital elements to create a unique, interactive experience for users.

## **NTPC Talcher Kaniha bags '2024 Energy Management Insight Award'**

NTPC Talcher Kaniha has been honoured with the prestigious 2024 Energy Management Insight Award from the Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM). The station earned this recognition for developing a high-quality case

study that shares insights into the process and benefits of establishing an ISO 50001-certified energy management system.

The award is part of the CEM Energy Management Leadership Awards program, which highlights organizations demonstrating excellence in energy management.

## **Sports**

### **Belgian International 2024: Anmol Kharb Clinches Badminton Title.**

India's rising badminton player Anmol Kharb has secured her first senior international title by winning the women's singles event at the Belgian International 2024 in Leuven. She overcame Denmark's Amalie Schulz 24-22, 12-21, 21-10 in the final.

### **F1 Azerbaijan GP: Piastri wins in Baku**

Oscar Piastri has won the Azerbaijan Grand Prix and sent McLaren top of the constructors' standings. Ferrari's pole-sitter Charles Leclerc, who was overtaken by Piastri on the 20th of 51 laps and then battled nose-to-tail before his tyres faded, came second with George Russell inheriting third for Mercedes after the Sainz-Perez collision. Red Bull's Formula One leader Max Verstappen finished fifth, just behind his closest title rival Lando Norris.