

## International

### Hamas chief Yahya Sinwar killed

Hamas chief Yahya Sinwar one of the masterminds behind last year's October 7 attacks on Israel, has been killed in a chance encounter with Israeli forces in Rafah in southern Gaza.

### Airstrikes on the Yemeni capital

The warplanes of the US-UK coalition launched 15 airstrikes on the Yemeni capital, Sanaa, and the northern city of Saada. As per the local media, the strikes hit three Houthi military sites in Al-Jiraf, Hafa, and Jarban.

## National

### The constitutional validity of Section 6A of the Citizenship Act for Assam Immigrants upheld

The Supreme Court on October 17, upheld the constitutional validity of Section 6A of the Citizenship Act related to the grant of Indian citizenship to immigrants in Assam by a majority verdict of 4:1.

### Justice Sanjiv Khanna named successor

Chief Justice of India, D.Y. Chandrachud has recommended, to the government, the name of Justice Sanjiv Khanna as the 51st Chief Justice of India. The current Chief Justice is scheduled to retire in November 2024.

### Indian Railways reduces the advanced ticket booking period

Indian Railways has reduced the advanced ticket booking period by half. The passengers will now be able to book train tickets up to 60 days in advance, instead of the previous 120 days ahead of their journey. This change comes into effect from November 1. For foreign tourists, however, the time limit for advance bookings will remain unchanged at 365 days.

### The new Lady Justice statue

The new Lady Justice statue in the Supreme Court judges' library commissioned at the orders of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, has shed its blindfold, with the Constitution now replacing the sword in one hand, symbolising that the law in India is neither blind nor punitive. The new Lady Justice statue is clad in a saree.

### “Scam se Bacho” campaign

To tackle the rising threat of online scams the government and Meta have joined forces for the

“Scam se Bacho” campaign. This initiative by Meta is launched in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, and the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre. It aims to combat the growing menace of scams and cyber fraud.

### Kaziranga National Park hosts the second-highest number of Butterfly species.

The Kaziranga National Park has the second-highest number of butterflies in the country with over 446 butterfly species spotted, in the park. Namdapha National Park in Arunachal Pradesh has the highest number of butterflies.

### The first-ever coal gallery unveiled

The first-ever coal gallery was unveiled at the National Science Centre in New Delhi by Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Minister of State for Coal and Mines Satish Chandra Dubey. The exhibition – ‘Black Diamond – Unveiling the Depths’ – is based on the lifespan of coal and aims to provide information about the discovery of coal, the coal extraction process, techniques used to extract coal, and the mining of minerals.

### Country's first self-powered indoor air quality monitor unveiled

The country's first self-powered indoor air quality monitor, Pavana Chitra, was unveiled by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, at the Thiruvananthapuram International Airport today. Pavana Chitra embodies a powerful fusion of technology, tradition, and art, presenting an off-grid, self-powered indoor air quality monitor powered by indigenous indoor solar cells developed by CSIR-NIIST. It is crafted from locally available materials and designed to mimic the natural process of photosynthesis.

## Economy/ Business

### HDFC Bank inaugurates its first branch in Singapore

HDFC Bank has inaugurated its first branch in Singapore, after being granted a wholesale banking license by the Monetary Authority of Singapore effective 15<sup>th</sup> October.

### SEBI introduces measures to expedite the availability of sale proceeds for FPIs

In a move to increase operational efficiency and respond to concerns raised by Foreign Portfolio

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Investors (FPIs), SEBI has introduced measures to speed up the availability of sale proceeds for FPIs, bringing them on par, in this regard, with domestic institutional investors. FPIs previously reported delays in their access to sale proceeds beyond the standard 'T+1' settlement date.

### **The first-ever rupee-denominated Line of Credit under IDEAS**

India has extended a new Line of Credit for 487.60 crore rupees to the Mauritius government for financing a water pipeline replacement project making it the first-ever rupee-denominated Line of Credit to have been extended by India for project financing to any country under the Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS). The Government of India-supported Line of Credit, will be financed by the State Bank of India at concessional terms.

### **Amendments to income tax rules to simplify the process of claiming credit for TCS collected and TDS deducted for salaried employees**

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has notified amendments to income tax rules to ease the process of claiming credit for TCS collected and TDS deducted for salaried employees and to enable the claiming of TCS credit for minors in the hands of their parents. The Income Tax Act rules have been amended to include any tax

deducted or collected at source to make tax deductions in the case of salaried employees. The rules have also been amended to allow the credit of TCS to a person other than the collectee, such as a parent in the case of a minor collectee, when the minor's income is clubbed with that of the parent.

### **Sports**

#### **Arjun Erigaisi claims the WR Chess Masters Cup**

India's Arjun Erigaisi has won the WR Chess Masters Cup after defeating Maxime Vachier-Lagrave in the finals in London yesterday. He will next compete in the European Chess Club Cup, starting this Sunday in Serbia.

#### **ISSF World Cup Final**

In the ISSF World Cup Final Shooting, India's Vivaan Kapoor claimed the silver medal in the trap event at the ISSF World Cup Final in New Delhi to finish behind gold medal winner Ying Qi of China, while Turkey's Tolga N. Tuncer won the bronze medal. Anantjeet Singh Naruka bagged the bronze medal in the Skeet Final Shotgun event. China stood at the top of the medal tally with a total of 8 medals, which included five gold and three bronze, India stands in 9th place with a total of 4 medals, which included two silver and two bronze.