

## International

### “Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2024” paints a bleak picture of Bangladesh

The report, titled “Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2024: Poverty Amid Conflict”, was published jointly by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative of Oxford University recently, and paints a grim picture of Bangladesh’s poverty crisis with around 4.17 crore people living in extreme poverty, with 6.5 per cent of the population facing severely dire conditions. Globally, the report reveals that 110 crore people are living in extreme poverty, with nearly half residing in conflict-affected regions. A staggering 83 per cent of those living in extreme poverty are found in African and South Asian countries.

### Humanitarian assistance to Lebanon and Papua New Guinea

India is sending humanitarian assistance to Lebanon comprising 33 tonnes of medical supplies and a wide range of pharmaceutical products, including cardiovascular medications, NSAIDs (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs), anti-inflammatory agents, antibiotics, and anaesthetics. Also, the first consignment of 12 haemodialysis machines with portable RO units departed from Pipavav for Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, today.

## National

### Supreme Court rules that the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act cannot be superseded by personal laws

The Supreme Court today held that the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act cannot be impeded by personal laws and that marriages

involving children violate the free will to have a life partner of choice.

The Bench comprising Chief Justice, D.Y. Chandrachud and Justices J.B. Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, issued guidelines for the effective implementation of the law on the prevention of child marriages in the country.

### Karmayogi Saptah-National Learning Week

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the Karmayogi Saptah-National Learning Week in New Delhi on October 19. During the week, each Karmayogi will commit to achieving a target of at least four hours of competency-linked learning. The Mission Karmayogi was launched in September 2020 and aimed to promote citizen-centric governance with the help of a robust digital ecosystem. It is a competency-driven capacity-building and human resource management programme designed for Civil Servants.

### National seminar on the Emerging trends and technologies in road and bridge construction

A two-day national seminar on the Emerging trends and technologies in road and bridge construction is being organized at Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, beginning October 19, to enhance the quality of road and bridge construction in the state and ensure the development of timely and sustainable infrastructure with the latest technologies.

### India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2024 concludes.

The India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2024, which was held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, concluded on October 18. The four-day event brought together more than three thousand industry leaders, policymakers, and

tech experts from over 190 countries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the India Mobile Congress on the 15th of October.

### **Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the 16<sup>th</sup> BRICS summit.**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be on a two-day visit to Russia from the 22nd of this month to attend the 16th Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) Summit. The Summit in Kazan is themed on Strengthening Multilateralism for Just Global Development and Security and will provide an important platform for leaders to discuss key global issues

### **Highest-ever women participation in ITU-WTSA**

The International Telecommunication Union – World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly ITU-WTSA in New Delhi, saw the highest-ever women participation in its history marking a significant step toward gender-balanced delegations and leadership roles.

### **Economy/ Business**

### **The number of income taxpayers in India crosses the 10-crore mark**

The number of income taxpayers in India has crossed 10 crores, the latest time series data from the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) showed. Data also revealed that after a gap of one year, tax buoyancy has again crossed 2 and is the second highest in the last 14 years.

### **India's exports increase by 4.86 per cent in the April to September period**

India's exports grew by 4.86 per cent in the April to September period, reaching 393.22 billion dollars, up from 375 billion dollars in

the same period last year, according to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Key drivers of this growth included engineering goods, chemicals, plastics, pharmaceuticals, and textiles. The top five export destinations with positive growth were the Netherlands, UAE, US, Brazil, and Japan.

### **The 58th Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Delhi Fair**

The 58th Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Delhi Fair is underway at the India Expo Centre and Mart in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh from October 16 to 20. The fair is organized twice a year, in Spring and Autumn editions, by the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts. This fair aims to connect international buyers to Indigenous design professionals and wholesalers.

### **Sports.**

### **New Zealand to take on South Africa in the Summit Clash.**

In the Women's T20 Cricket World Cup, New Zealand finally defeated West Indies by 8 runs in the second semi-final at Sharjah in UAE. New Zealand will take on South Africa in the Summit Clash.

### **Virat Kohli's milestone**

Virat Kohli became the fourth Indian batsman to reach nine thousand Test runs in the ongoing match against New Zealand at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium. Kohli is the fourth Indian batsman to achieve this feat after Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, and Sunil Gavaskar. Virat Kohli is the second-highest Test run-getter among active players, following England's Joe Root. In the overall list, he is placed 18th.