

## International

### Jordan becomes first Leprosy free- nation: WHO.

The World Health Organization WHO has declared Jordan as the first country in the world to eliminate leprosy, marking a significant milestone in global public health efforts. WHO said that Jordan has not reported any autochthonous cases of leprosy for over two decades. The declaration was made after commissioning an independent team to assess this situation. The disease continues to occur in more than 120 countries. More than two lakh new cases are reported every year.

### EU President Ursula announces 10 billion euro fund for flood-hit countries.

The European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen has announced a 10-billion-euro funding package from the European Union (EU) to support central European countries struggling with the worst flooding in decades. Poland has been the hardest hit by the floods, particularly in its southwestern regions. The Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Austria have also been impacted by the flooding, though to a lesser extent.

### Iran launches new research satellite Chamran-1 into orbit.

Iran has launched a new research satellite into orbit, taking another step in advancing its aerospace programme. The primary mission of the Chamran-1 research satellite, which weighs 60kg (132 pounds), is to test hardware and software systems for demonstrating orbital manoeuvring technology in height and phase.

### Dhruvi Patel From US wins Miss India Worldwide 2024.

Dhruvi Patel, a Computer Information System student from the USA, has been declared the winner of Miss India Worldwide 2024, the longest running Indian pageant outside of India. Lisa Abdoelhak from Suriname was declared the first runner-up, while Malvika

Sharma from the Netherlands was adjudged the second runner-up in the same race.

In the Mrs category, SuAnn Mouttet from Trinidad and Tobago was the winner.

In the Teen category, Sierra Suret from Guadeloupe was crowned Miss Teen India Worldwide.

## National

### Health Minister JP Nadda inaugurates inaugural session of FSSAI Global Food Regulators Summit 2024.

Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda has inaugurated the Global Food Regulators Summit in New Delhi. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) under the aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is organizing the 2nd Global Food Regulators Summit as part of World Food India from 19th -21st September 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

This strategic initiative aims to sustain the positive momentum generated by the first summit and address the evolving landscape of global food safety

### Indian Coast Guard inks MoU for marine conservation.

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Habitats Trust and HCL Foundation for marine conservation in New Delhi. The primary objective of this initiative is to implement critical conservation efforts, including the removal of ghost nets, mapping and classifying areas affected by ghost gear, and enhancing understanding to prioritize cleanup efforts. Under this MoU, surveys will be conducted in ecologically sensitive regions to monitor and protect marine biodiversity

## Business and Economy

### Sri Lanka clinches \$12.5 billion bond rework deal.

Sri Lanka has reached a draft deal with creditors to restructure \$12.5 billion of

international bonds, in a major boost to the island nation's fragile recovery just two days before its Presidential election.

Sri Lanka defaulted on its foreign debt for the first time ever in May 2022, engulfed in a severe crisis and buckling under its high debt burden and dwindling foreign exchange reserves.

### **HCL tops TIME's World's Best Companies 2024 list for Indian firms.**

Several Indian companies have been featured on TIME's World's Best Companies of 2024 list. Notable names include HCLTech, Infosys, Wipro, Adani Group, and Reliance Industries. HCLTech ranked highest among Indian firms at 112, followed by Infosys and Wipro at 119 and 134, respectively. Coming to the overall list, US-based tech giant Apple has topped the list globally, followed by Ireland-based tech major Accenture.

The World's Best Companies 2024 ranking assesses top-performing companies globally based on criteria such as employee satisfaction, revenue growth, and sustainability.

### **India achieves high level of technical compliance across all recommendations: FATF**

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF), following the release of its mutual evaluation report of India said the country had achieved a high level of technical compliance across the FATF recommendations and had taken significant steps to implement measures to tackle illicit finance.

Citing the report, Department of Revenue Additional Secretary Vivek Aggarwal told that

India was the only major economy with a federal structure to have been placed in the "regular follow-up" category of the FATF.

### **Manu Bhaker appointed brand ambassador for Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways**

India's Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) has appointed Manu Bhaker, the double Olympic medal winner, as a brand ambassador. Bhaker, the shooting ace won medals in shooting in the recent Summer Olympics held at Paris.

### **Sports**

### **IWF Junior World Championships 2024: Dhanush Loganathan Wins Bronze in Men's 55kg.**

In Weightlifting, India's Dhanush Loganathan has won the bronze medal in the men's 55kg event at the IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships 2024 in Leon, Spain. He lifted a total of 231kg (107 snatch+124kg clean and jerk) for bronze. Dhanush also clinched a bronze medal in the snatch and finished 13th in the clean and jerk.

### **Punjab lifts Hockey Junior Men's National Championship trophy.**

Punjab defeated Uttar Pradesh to claim the 14th Hockey India Junior Men's National Championship 2024 at the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium in Jalandhar. After a 3-3 finish, the match was decided in the shootout, with Punjab winning 4-3 to lift the trophy.