

# Daily Current Affairs

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## International

### UK joins US and Bahrain in C-SIPA

In a major development for West Asian security cooperation, the United States, Bahrain, and the United Kingdom have announced an expansion of their strategic partnership through the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement (C-SIPA).

C-SIPA was initially established between the US and Bahrain in 2023.

This initiative will focus on developing and sharing critical hydrographic, aeronautical, and topographic data among partner nations.

### Burkina Faso's military junta dissolves the government.

Burkina Faso's military junta issued a decree dismissing Prime Minister Apollinaire Joachim Kyelem de Tambela and announced the dissolution of the national government.

The country is one of several West African nations where the military has recently taken over, capitalising on popular discontent with previous democratically elected governments over security issues.

## Important Days

### Armed Forces Flag Day: 7<sup>th</sup> December

Since 1949, 7<sup>th</sup> December has been observed as the Armed Forces Flag Day to honour the martyrs and the men in uniform of the nation.

Armed Forces Flag Day is about saluting the valour, determination, and sacrifices of the nation's courageous soldiers.

### UN declares December 21<sup>st</sup> as World Meditation Day.

The UN General Assembly has declared December 21<sup>st</sup> as World Meditation Day, co-sponsored by India and supported by countries like Liechtenstein, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Mexico, and Andorra.

This date coincides with the winter solstice, a significant day in Indian culture tied to agricultural traditions and astronomical observations.

### International Civil Aviation Day: 7<sup>th</sup> December.

International Civil Aviation Day is observed every year on December 7<sup>th</sup> to honour the transformative impact of civil aviation on global development.

The day emphasizes the importance of international air travel in fostering global connectivity, economic progress, and cultural exchange.

The theme for International Civil Aviation Day 2024 is "Safe Skies. Sustainable Future".

## National

### NMDFC and DICCI sign MoU to empower marginalised communities through entrepreneurship.

The National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), under the Ministry of Minority Affairs, signed a memorandum of understanding with the Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DICCI) in New Delhi to empower marginalized communities through entrepreneurship.

Under this MoU, financial assistance will be provided to the people belonging to the minorities and marginalized communities.

The partnership between NMDFC and DICCI is expected to serve as a model for collaborative efforts in empowering the marginalized sections of society.

### Nationwide 100-day TB eradication campaign launched.

Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J.P. Nadda launched the nationwide 100-day TB eradication campaign from Panchkula.

He said the TB eradication program will prove to be a milestone in making the country tuberculosis-free by 2025.

TB patients are receiving the benefits of the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, and are being given 1,000 rupees per month.

The campaign will focus on detecting TB cases, reducing delays in treatment, and improving treatment outcomes, especially in high-risk groups.

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### **India sends 2,200 metric tonnes of rice to Myanmar as part of humanitarian assistance.**

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In line with India's 'Act East' and 'Neighbourhood First' policies, India reaffirms its commitment to humanitarian assistance to the people of Myanmar.

Myanmar has become the world's deadliest country for landmine casualties, with a staggering 1,052 civilian casualties recorded in 2023 alone, surpassing all other nations.

### **Business and Economy**

### **Foreign Investors return to Indian Markets, pump Rs 24,454 crore in December's first week.**

After heavy withdrawals in the past two months, foreign investors have made a comeback to Indian equities with an investment of over 24,000 crore rupees in the first week of December.

As per the depositories data, the foreign portfolio investors or FPIs, pumped in 24,454 crore rupees into Indian equities markets.

The overseas investors pulled out 21,612 crore rupees in November and 94,017 crore rupees in October. Interestingly, September had marked a nine-month high for FPI inflows, with a net investment of 57,724 crore rupees.

### **India's UPI succeeded in increasing financial inclusion.**

The report titled 'Open Banking and Digital Payments: Implications for Credit Access' by

IIM and ISB, UPI has enabled underserved groups, including subprime and new-to-credit borrowers to access formal credit for the first time.

Since UPI's launch in 2016, it has transformed financial access in India, enabling 300 million individuals and 50 million merchants to perform seamless digital transactions.

### **Sports**

### **World Chess Championship: The 10th game between D Gukesh, and Ding Liren ends in a draw.**

In the World Chess Championship, the tenth game between Indian Grandmaster Dommaraju Gukesh and defending champion Ding Liren of China ended in a draw in Singapore.

If the match remains tied after 14 rounds, faster time control games will determine the winner. The 32-year-old Liren won the opening game, while the 18-year-old Gukesh emerged victorious in the third game.

### **Junior Women's Hockey Asia Cup kicks off in Muscat, Oman**

The Junior Women's Hockey Asia Cup will kick off today in Muscat, Oman with ten teams participating in the continental showpiece. The Junior Asia Cup is a qualifying event for the FIH Junior World Cup 2025 in Chile.

The top five teams from the competition will qualify for next year's World Cup.

This will be the eighth edition of the Women's Hockey Junior Asia Cup.