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## International

### The Future Hospitality Summit

The Future Hospitality Summit will be held in Dubai's Madinat Jumeirah from September 30 to October 2, Under the theme "Invest in Our Future,".

Critical issues shaping the global hospitality landscape, with a particular focus on innovation, sustainability, technology, and investment opportunities will be addressed. The summit will also feature a session titled India 2047:

### Sri Lanka records a rare deflation

Sri Lanka's inflation rate fell to minus 0.5 per cent in September 2024, down from 0.5 per cent in August, marking the first deflation in nearly four decades. In traditional economics, such rapid deflation can be associated with a short-term contraction of economic activity which is not a positive development for Sri Lanka.

### Václav Havel Human Rights Prize

The twelfth Václav Havel Human Rights Prize – which honours outstanding civil society action in defence of human rights – has been awarded to leading Venezuelan political figure and rights defender María Corina Machado.

### International Translation Day on September 30.

On 24 May 2017, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution on the role of language professionals in connecting nations and fostering peace, understanding and development, and declared 30 September as International Translation Day. 30 September celebrates the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator, who is considered the patron saint of translators.

## National

### Eight edition of KAZIND-2024

The eighth edition of India-Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise KAZIND-2024 aimed at enhancing the joint military capability of both sides to undertake counter-terrorism operations, commenced in Uttarakhand on September 29. The Indian Armed Forces, comprising 120 personnel, are represented by a battalion of the KUMAON Regiment of the Indian Army. The focus of KAZIND-2024 will be on operations in the semi-urban and mountainous terrain.

### Legal aid services to marginalized people across the country.

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment inked an agreement with the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) to extend support and provide legal aid services to marginalized people across the country..

### Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh takes charge as the new Indian Air Force chief.

Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh took over the charge as the new Indian Air Force chief in New Delhi today. Earlier, he served as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff since February 2023. Before assuming the charge of Vice Chief of the Air Staff, he was the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Central Air Command. Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh succeeded Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari

### Dadasaheb Phalke Award for Mithun Chakraborty

Actor Mithun Chakraborty will be honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award at the 70th National Film Awards ceremony. The Dadasaheb Phalke selection jury decided for this top award in Indian cinema for Mr

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Chakraborty for his iconic contribution to Indian Cinema.

## **AFSPA extended in hill districts of Manipur**

The Manipur government has extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in the hill districts of the state for another six months. Effective October 1, the provisions of the Act will be extended to the whole State, except 19 police station limits in seven valley districts, thus maintaining the status quo, since three such notifications were passed since March 2023.

The 1958 law gives power to the Army and the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) deployed in “disturbed areas” to arrest or kill anyone acting in contravention of law, and search any premises without a warrant, and grants them protection from prosecution and legal suits without the Central government’s sanction.

## **Business/Economy**

### **BRAP 2024 launched**

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has launched the Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) 2024 to strengthen the Make in India initiative. BRAP intends to establish a seamless business regulatory framework across the country, enhancing the ease of doing business.

### **Cruise Bharat Mission’ launched**

To harness the tremendous potential of the Blue Economy of India, the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways - Sarbananda Sonowal launched the ‘Cruise Bharat Mission’ from the Mumbai port. The Cruise Bharat Mission aims to propel the country’s cruise tourism industry by doubling cruise passenger traffic by 2029.

## **The US is India’s top trading partner for the January-July 2024 period.**

The US is India’s top trading partner in the January-July 2024 period with bilateral goods trade surpassing \$72 billion and Indian exports growing 9.3 per cent to \$48.2 billion.

India’s imports from the US fell from \$25.9 billion to \$24.6 billion, a 5 per cent decline in the first seven months of 2024, per government figures.

## **Sports**

### **India wins the SAFF Under-17 Championship.**

In football, India won the SAFF Under-17 Championship title defeating Bangladesh 2-0 in the final played at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu, Bhutan today. Mohammed Kaif and Nazmul Huda Faysal scored for India.

## **Four new meet records in the Indian Open under-23 athletics meet**

Four new meet records were set on the concluding day of the Indian Open under-23 athletics meet at the Patliputra Sports Complex in Patna on September 30, 2024.

Animesh Kujur bettered his own meet record in 200m to secure his first set of sprint double gold medals, he clocked 20.65, which was better than the 20.87 he posted last year.

Puneet Yadav followed up his 10,000m title with the 5,000m crown. Moumita Mondal, the 100m hurdles champion, bagged her second gold as she won the long jump with an effort of 6.27m.

K.A. Anamika set a new meet record of 5,160 points in the Heptathlon.