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Chapter 1: Appointment (National, International)

(National)

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Person</u>
Appointed as Chairperson of Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.	Sushil Kumar Singh (IRSME) (Updated 4 June)
Becomes brand ambassador for Greenday's 'Better Nutrition'	PV Sindhu (Updated 4 June)
Payments and API banking company Cashfree Payments has appointed as an Independent Director of the company	Abhaya Hota (Updated 6 June)
Took charge as vice-chancellor of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)	Rakesh Mohan Joshi (Updated 6 June)
Asirvad Micro Finance Limited, a subsidiary of Manappuram Finance Limited, has appointed as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).	Satish Nair (Updated 7 June)
Appointed CEO of PNB MetLife	Sameer Bansal (Updated 7 June)
Took over the additional charge of Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) under Ministry of Labour & Employment	Kamal Kishore Soan Updated 8 June)
Appointed as Director in Department of Rural Development	Raj Priy Singh (IFoS) (Updated 9 June)
Bisleri Limonata appoints as Brand Ambassador	Aditya Roy Kapur (Updated 10 June)
Takes oath for third consecutive term as Prime Minister of India	Narendra Modi (Updated 10 June)
Appointed as the new Secretary of Competition Commission of India (CCI)	IRS Inder Pal Singh Bindra (Updated 10 June)

About Competition Commission of India (CCI) - CCI was set up under the Competition Act, 2002. - It comes under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. Founded – 14 Oct 2003 Headquarter - New Delhi Chairperson - Ravneet Kaur - Secretary - Inder Pal Singh Bindra	
Became the Indian Navy's first woman helicopter pilot	Anamika B. Rajeev (Updated 11 June)
Took oath as the Chief Minister of the Sikkim About Sikkim Capital - Gangtok Chief Minister - Prem Singh Tamang (2nd time) Governor - Lakshman Prasad Acharya	Prem Singh Tamang (Updated 11 June)
Appointed as the next Chief of the Army Staff	Lt. Gen. Upendra Dwivedi (Updated 12 June)
Telecom industry association COAI has been named Abhijit Kishore as its chairperson	Abhijit Kishore (Updated 12 June)
Appointed as the CM of Odisha About Odisha Capital – Bhubaneswar Chief Minister – Mohan Charan Majhi (replace Naveen Patnaik) Deputy CM - KV Singhdeo and Pravati Parida Governor – Raghubar Das Legislative Assembly Seat - 147	Mohan Charan Majhi (Updated 12 June)
Sworn in as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for the second consecutive term About Andhra Pradesh Capital – Amaravati	N. Chandrababu Naidu (Updated 13 June)

• Chief Minister – N Chandrababu Naidu • Governor – S. Abdul Nazeer • Legislative Assembly Seat - 175	
Become the chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh About Arunachal Pradesh • Capital – Itanagar • Chief Minister – Pema Khandu • Governor – LG (Retd) Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik • Legislative Assembly Seat - 60	Pema Khandu (Updated 13 June)
The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has appointed as its Director General	Jyoti Vij (Updated 14 June)
Sworn in as Pro-Tem Speaker of Sikkim Legislative Assembly About Sikkim • Capital - Gangtok • Chief Minister - Prem Singh Tamang (2nd time) • Governor - Lakshman Prasad Acharya	Sanjeet Kharel (Updated 14 June)
Appointed MD and CEO of SBICAP Ventures Limited	Prem Prabhakar (Updated 14 June)
Reappointed as the National Security Advisor	Ajit Doval (Updated 14 June)
Reappointed as the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India	Dr PK Mishra (Updated 14 June)
Elected as the Chair of Global Wind Energy Council India (GWEC India)	(Updated 18 June)

Private sector Dhanlaxmi Bank has appointed as Managing Director (MD) of the bank About Dhanlaxmi Bank - Established - 14 November 1927 - Headquarters – Thrissur, Kerala - CEO & MD - Ajith Kumar KK	Ajith Kumar KK (Updated 19 June)
Paytm names Ex-SEBI Official as non-executive independent director	Rajeev Agarwal (Updated 19 June)
Appointed as the Director (Enterprise) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).	Sudhakararao Papa (Updated 22 June)
Appoints as CMD of New India Assurance Company	Girija Subramanian (Updated 22 June)
The government has appointed as the new Secretary, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)	Atul Kumar Chaudhary (Updated 23 June)
Appointed Pro-tem speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha	Bhartruhari Mahtab (Updated 24 June)
HDFC ERGO General Insurance elevates as MD and CEO	Anuj Tyagi (Updated 25 June)
Elected as Chairperson of the board of Sa-Dhan, which is an association of microfinance and impact finance institutions	Paul Thomas (Updated 25 June)
Appointed as Director in Department of Consumer Affairs	Mrinal Kr Das (Updated 25 June)
Set to be the next Vice Chief of Army Staff	Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani (Updated 26 June)
Elected as the speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha	Om Birla (Updated 26 June)
Given an extension as Intelligence Bureau chief for one year beyond June 30, 2024	IPS Tapan Kumar Deka (Updated 27 June)

Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company (ABSLAMC) has reappointed as its Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	A Balasubramanian (Updated 27 June)
The India Bullion Jewellers Association (IBJA) has appointed as its Vice President	Aksha Mohit Kamboj (Updated 28 June)
Taken over as the new President of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI)	Kapil Dev (Updated 28 June)
Appointed as Director in Department of Consumer Affairs	Mrinal Kumar Das (Updated 28 June)
Appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of SBI General Insurance Company Limited.	Naveen Chandra Jha (Updated 30 June)

Here is the complete List of Cabinet Ministers 2024

Cabinet Ministers	Portfolio
Shri Raj Nath Singh	Minister of Defence.
Shri Amit Shah	Minister of Home Affairs; and Minister of Cooperation.
Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari	Minister of Road Transport and Highways.
Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda	Minister of Health and Family Welfare; and Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan	Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; and Minister of Rural Development.
Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman	Minister of Finance; and Minister of Corporate Affairs.
Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar	Minister of External Affairs.
Shri Manohar Lal	Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs; and Minister of Power.
Shri H. D. Kumaraswamy	Minister of Heavy Industries; and Minister of Steel.
Shri Piyush Goyal	Minister of Commerce and Industry.
Shri Dharmendra Pradhan	Minister of Education
Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi	Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh	Minister of Panchayati Raj; and Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal	Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
Dr. Virendra Kumar	Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment
Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu	Minister of Civil Aviation.
Shri Pralhad Joshi	Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of New and Renewable Energy.
Shri Jual Oram	Minister of Tribal Affairs.
Shri Giriraj Singh	Minister of Textiles.
Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw	Minister of Railways; Minister of Information and Broadcasting; and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology
Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia	Minister of Communications; and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region.
Shri Bhupender Yadav	Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat	Minister of Culture; and Minister of Tourism.
Smt. Annpurna Devi	Minister of Women and Child Development
Shri Kiren Rijiju	Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; and Minister of Minority Affairs.
Shri Hardeep Singh Puri	Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas
Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya	Minister of Labour and Employment; and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports.
Shri G. Kishan Reddy	Minister of Coal; and Minister of Mines.
Shri Chirag Paswan	Minister of Food Processing Industries.
Shri C R Patil	Minister of Jal Shakti.

MINISTERS OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

Rao Inderjit Singh	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Planning; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture.
Dr. Jitendra Singh	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy; and Minister of State in the Department of Space.
Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Law and Justice; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
Shri Jadhav Prataprao Ganpatrao	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Ayush; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Shri Jayant Chaudhary	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Education.
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Shri Jitin Prasada	Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
Shri Shripad Yesso Naik	Minister of State in the Ministry of Power; and Minister of State in the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
Shri Pankaj Chaudhary	Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance.
Shri Krishan Pal	Minister of State in the Ministry of Cooperation
Shri Ramdas Athawale	Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
Shri Ram Nath Thakur	Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
Shri Nityanand Rai	Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs.
Smt. Anupriya Patel	Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
Shri V. Somanna	Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways.
Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani	Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications.
Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel	Minister of State in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj
Sushri Sobha Karandlaje	Minister of State in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

Shri Kirtivardhan Singh	Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; and Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs.
Shri B. L. Verma	Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
Shri Shantanu Thakur	Minister of State in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
Shri Suresh Gopi	Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism.
Dr. L. Murugan	Minister of State in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
Shri Ajay Tamta	Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar	Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs.
Shri Kamlesh Paswan	Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development
Shri Bhagirath Choudhary	Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
Shri Satish Chandra Dubey	Minister of State in the Ministry of Coal; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Mines.
Shri Sanjay Seth	Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence.
Shri Ravneet Singh	Minister of State in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways.
Shri Durgadas Uikey	Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse	Minister of State in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
Shri Sukanta Majumdar	Minister of State in the Ministry of Education; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.
Smt. Savitri Thakur	Minister of State in the Ministry of Women and Child Development
Shri Tokhan Sahu	Minister of State in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Shri Raj Bhushan Choudhary	Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti
Shri Bhupathi Raju Srinivasa Varma	Minister of State in the Ministry of Heavy Industries; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel.
Shri Harsh Malhotra	Minister of State in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
Smt. Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya	Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Shri Murlidhar Mohol	Minister of State in the Ministry of Cooperation; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
Shri George Kurian	Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
Shri Pabitra Margherita	Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Textiles.

(International)

<u>Organization / Country</u>	<u>Person</u>
Becomes first woman brigadier in Pakistan Army from minority community	Dr Helen Mary Roberts (Updated 4 June)
becomes first woman President of Mexico About Mexico • Capital- Mexico City • Currency – Peso • President- Claudia Sheinbaum • Continent- North America	Claudia Sheinbaum (Updated 4 June)
Elected as Iceland's seventh President	Halla Tomasdottir (Updated 5 June)
Appointed as President of the Asian Association of Hair Restoration Surgeons	Dr Kapil Dua (Updated 17 June)

Secures second term as South African President	Cyril Ramaphosa (Updated 17 June)
Sworn in as Slovakia's president About Slovak Republic (Slovakia) • Capital- Bratislava • Currency- Euro • President - Peter Pellegrini • Prime minister: Robert Fico • Official language - Slovak	Peter Pellegrini (Updated 17 June)
Appoint as the new secretary-general of NATO About North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) • Founded - 1949 • Headquarters - Brussels, Belgium • Secretary General- Mark Rutte • Member countries -32 (32nd Sweden, 31st Finland) • Founding Members - United States, Canada, and ten European countries, including Belgium, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, and the United Kingdom. • NATO is a military alliance between North American and European countries	Mark Rutte (Updated 20 June)

Chapter 2: Awards (National, International)

(National)

<u>Award</u>	<u>Person/Organization</u>	<u>Purpose/ Field</u>
Gudleppa Hallikeri Award 2024	Siddhalinga Pattanashetti	People who have made important contributions to literature, society, or social service are recognized with the

		Gudleppa Hallikeri Award
Dilip Bose award for lifetime achievement	Nar Singh, Rohini Lokhande	Rohini Lokhande who was a member of the national team along with Kiran Bedi, Nirupama Mankad, Susan Das and Udaya Kumar , before she took to coaching at a young age.
The prestigious Annual Hindi Sahitya Bharati Award	Krishna Prakash	The recognition was bestowed during the Sab Me Ram Shashwat Shri Ram multicultural festival in Mumbai.
'Risk Manager of the Year' award	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	RBI was awarded the best risk manager for improving its risk culture and awareness.
V. Shantaram, Lifetime Achievement Award	Subbiah Nallamuthu	Subbiah Nallamuthu is a renowned, award-winning Wildlife filmmaker from Chennai.
The National Award	Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB), sponsored by Canara Bank	For significant enrolment under the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
The prestigious PSU Leadership & Excellence Award 2024	THDC India Limited (THDC)	In the category of 'Leadership in Digital Transformation'
Pen Pinter Prize 2024	Arundhati Roy	For her "unflinching and unswerving" writings.
12th Vishwa Hindi Samman (World Hindi Conference) at a Hindi Samvad	Dr. Usha Thakur	She has translated more than 40 literatures in Hindi and Nepali and strengthened Hindi language. This award is given by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

(International)

<u>Award</u>	<u>Person/Organization</u>	<u>Purpose/ Field</u>
Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion for 2024 by the World Health Organization (WHO)	The National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS)	In recognition of India's efforts in inclusive healthcare
UN's WSIS 2024 "Champion" Award	Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)	For the project " Mobile-Enabled Disaster Resilience through Cell Broadcast emergency Alerting ", recognised under AI, C-7, E-environment , in the category of 'Benefits in all aspects of life - E-environment'.
EY World Entrepreneur of The Year 2024	Vellayan Subbiah	He is an Executive Vice-Chairman of Tube Investments of India (TII) and Chairman of Cholamandalam (Chola) Investment and Finance Co. Ltd.
'Best Conduct of Business Regulator' award in Asia Pacific by The Asian Banker	SEBI	For its role in enhancing the regulatory framework for securities markets in India.
The 2024 Databricks Retail and CPG Partner of the Year	Tredence	Tredence has been selected from over 2,500 consulting and system integrator partners for this award, reflecting the company's exceptional expertise in leveraging the Databricks Data Intelligence Platform to deliver unmatched value to retailers and CPG companies.
South Africa's prestigious 'Nelson'	Vinod Ganatra	For his contribution to films

Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award'		
The prestigious Golden Conch award at 18th MIFF 2024	The Indian film ' The Golden Thread ', directed by Nistha Jain	For the Best Documentary at MIFF 2024
"Award for Transformative Education Excellence" at Mind Mingle's Indo-Norway International Education Summit and Awards 2024	Doon School Srinagar	This recognition celebrates the school's outstanding contributions to education, particularly under the leadership of its Chairman, Showkat Hussain Khan.
The 2024 Commonwealth Short Story Prize	 Sanjana Thakur	For her story " Aishwarya Rai "

Award Winner at the 18th MIFF 2024

International Competition Award Section

Golden Conch Award for the Best Documentary

- Golden Thread documentary film directed by Nistha Jain.
- The award carries a cash prize of Rs 10 lakhs, a citation and a Golden Conch as a trophy.

Best International Short Fiction Film

- Sour Milk, directed by Vera Pirogova of Estonia.
- The award carries a Silver Conch as a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakhs.

Best International Animation Film

- Zima', directed by Tomek Popakul, Kasumi Ozeki of Poland.
- The award carries a Silver Conch as a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakhs.

Pramod Pati Award For Most Innovative / Experimental Film (Director)

- 'The Old Young Crow', directed by Liam Lopinto of Japan.
- The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh and a trophy.

Special Jury Mention

- 'Lovely Jackson', directed by Matt Waldeck of the United States of America.
- The winner gets a trophy and a cash prize of Rs one Lakh.

National Competition Awards Section

Best Indian Documentary Film (above 60 minutes)

- '6-A Akash Ganga' directed by Nirmal Chander Dandriyal.
- The award carries a silver conch as a trophy and a cash prize of Rs 5 lakhs.

Best Indian Short Fiction Film (up to 30 minutes duration)

- 'Salt' directed by Barkha Prashant Naik.
- The award a silver conch as a trophy and a cash prize of Rs 3 lakhs.

Best Indian Animation Film

- 'Nirjara', directed by Gaurav Pati.
- The award consists of a silver conch trophy and a cash prize of Rs 3 lakhs.

Special Jury Mention

- 'A Coconut Tree' directed by Joshy Benedict.

Sponsored Awards Section**Dadasaheb Phalke Chitranagari Award for Best Debut Director**

- Sreemoyee Singh
- The winner is given a trophy and prize money of Rs 1 lakh.

FIPRESCI International Critic Jury Award

- Sreemoyee Singh for her film 'And, Towards Happy Alleys'.

IDPA Award for Best Student Film

- 'Chanchisoa (Expectation)' directed by Elvachisa Ch Sangma and Dipankar Das.
- The award winner gets a trophy and Rs one lakh as a cash prize.

Special Award Section**Best short film made on "India in Amrit Kaal" (up to 15 min.)**

- Life in Loom, directed by Edmond Ranson.
- The award winner gets prize money of Rs one lakh, a trophy and a certificate.

Technical Award Section**Best Cinematographer**

- 'Babin Dulal' (Nepal) for the film 'Dhorpatan: No Winter Holidays' and Suraj Thakur (India) for the film 'Entangled.'
- The award carries a cash prize of Rs three lakhs, a trophy and a certificate.

Best Editor

- Vignesh Kumulai for the film 'Karparaa' and Irene Dhar Mallik for the film 'From the Shadows.'
- The award winner gets a prize money of Rs three lakhs, a trophy and a certificate.

Best Sound Designer

- Niraj Gera for the film 'The Golden Thread' and Abhijit Sarkar for the film 'Dhara Ka Tem.'
- The award winner gets a prize money of Rs three lakhs, a trophy and a certificate

Chapter 3: Government Scheme/ campaign

SCHEME	PURPOSE
Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina (MMNM) (Assam)	To promote girl education and to end child marriage in the state
Central Sector Scheme "National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme" (NFIES)	The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of Ministry of Home Affairs for Central Sector Scheme "National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme (NFIES)" with a total financial outlay of Rs. 2254.43 crore during the period from 2024-25 to 2028-29.

New Inter State Transmission System (ISTS) schemes	To evacuate 9 GW of RE power from Rajasthan and Karnataka.
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Chapter 4: Summit/ Conference

Summit/Conference	Location	About
The 21st edition of the Asia Pacific premier defence meet, Shangri La Dialogue or the Asian Security Summit	Singapore	The Dialogue brings together security practitioners, including defence ministers, senior officials and non-governmental stakeholders , to discuss the most pressing security challenges in the Asia-Pacific , engage in bilateral discussions , and identify fresh approaches .
The 81st annual general meeting of the International Airport Transport Association (IATA)	Delhi	IndiGo will host the 81st annual general meeting of the International Airport Transport Association (IATA) in Delhi in June 2025.
The three-day 3rd Indian Analytical Congress	Dehradun	The conference aims to provide a platform for analytical scientists, technologists, academics, and students to exchange ideas and discuss the latest developments in this field .
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in collaboration with the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) South Asia Regional Office hosted a Workshop	New Delhi	The workshop aimed to establish a foundation for informed policy development that promotes equitable and sustainable AI adoption nationwide .
The first Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Clean Economy Investor Forum meeting	Singapore	The meeting was held along with the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Ministerial meeting. The Indian delegation was led by Sunil Barthwal , Secretary of the Department of Commerce.
BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) Foreign meeting	Russian city of Nizhny Novgorod	The two-day meeting chaired by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov comes ahead of the BRICS Summit slated to be held this October .
G7 Outreach Summit	Apulia, Italy	India has been invited as an outreach country. On the sidelines of his visit, Modi is also expected to hold bilateral meetings and discussions with

		the leaders of the G7, the outreach countries, and international organizations.
The two-day India-IORA Cruise Tourism Conference	New Delhi	Officials and experts from the Indian Ocean Rim Association, IORA Member States including Bangladesh, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Seychelles and Tanzania participated in the Conference.
The world's premier defense and security expo Eurosatory 2024	Paris	The event will feature more than 40 national pavilions, showcasing new equipment and innovative solutions. Additionally, a dedicated zone for helicopters will display models such as the Eurocopter Tiger, NH90 Caïman, H160M Guepard, H135, Apache, Black Hawk, and Chinook.
The second edition of the global conference on financial resilience	Mumbai	RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das emphasized the transformative potential of advanced and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and big data analytics in financial institutions.
The Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), and the International Dairy Federation (IDF) are jointly organised the first IDF Regional Dairy Conference Asia Pacific-2024	Kochi	Themed ' Farmer-centric innovations in dairying ', the event featured insightful deliberations bringing together leaders and experts from the global dairy sector.
The annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)	Astana	To focus on the regional security situation and ways to boost connectivity and trade.

Chapter 5: Partnership/ Agreement

Partnership/ Agreement	Aim
Finnish telecom gearmaker Nokia has signed an agreement with the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV)	For carrying out joint research related to 5G/6G communications in the transportation and logistics sector.

Zupee has partnered with Gurugram Cyber Police	For the 11th edition of the Cyber Security Summer Internship Program, titled 'Cyber Warriors'.
Axis Bank and Bajaj Allianz General Insurance have entered a strategic bancassurance partnership	To boost insurance penetration and financial inclusion in the country.
NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) and the Reserve Bank of Peru have announced a partnership	To enable UPI-like real-time payments system in the Latin American country.
Muthoot Microfin has entered into a strategic co-lending partnership with the State Bank of India (SBI)	Under the agreement, Muthoot Microfin and SBI will co-lend to members of Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) who are engaged in agricultural and allied activities as well as other income-generating enterprises.
Fintech firm PhonePe has partnered with ride-hailing platform PickMe	To enable UPI-based payments for Indian travellers in Sri Lanka.
Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and Sansad TV signed an agreement	To make Indian art and culture more accessible to the people
The World Bank will lend support to the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC)	To achieve sustainable waste management in the city
Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Ltd. (Kotak Life) has partnered with Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd (Mahindra Finance)	To offer life insurance solutions to customers
Samsung has partnered with Paytm parent One97 Communications Ltd	To integrate travel and entertainment services to Samsung Wallet in India
Namdev Finvest, a Jaipur based NBFC, has entered into strategic alliance with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance	To offer comprehensive financial solutions, including insurance and NBFC services, to its customers
The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), in collaboration with the Australian Government	To discuss the learnings from the Australia-India Critical Agriculture Skills Pilot Project.

India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has partnered with Ria Money Transfer	To provide convenient and affordable doorstep financial services to customers in remote areas across the country
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Chapter 6: Ranking Index

Index	Index released by	India's Rank	1st Rank
The Container Port Performance Index 2023 (CPPI 2023)	World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence.	19th	China's Yangshan Port
Kantar BrandZ Most Valuable Global Brands report	-	46th IT bellwether Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)	Apple
Global Gender Gap Index 2024	-	129th	Iceland
Environment Performance Index 2024	The Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy and the Columbia Center for International Earth Science Information Network.	176th	Estonia
The most expensive city in the country for expatriates	HR consultancy Mercer	-	Mumbai
The Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2023	Kroll	-	Virat Kohli
The Global Energy Transition Index	The World Economic Forum (WEF)	63rd	Sweden
India's most valuable brand	Brand Finance's report	-	Tata Group (Value of \$28.6 billion)

Chapter 7: Mergers and Acquisitions

Merger Company	About
Kotak Mahindra Bank gets RBI nod for Zurich Insurance's 70% acquisition of Kotak General	For a total consideration of approximately Rs 5,560 crore.
The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has granted its approval for the merger of Vistara with Air India	Tata Sons Private Limited will hold 73.38% stake in the merged entity, and Singapore Airlines 25.1% . The remaining 1.52% will be held by SBICAP Trustee Limited on behalf of Air India Employee Settlement Trust.
The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved Mitsubishi Corporation's acquisition of a certain equity stake of TVS Certified Private Limited and TVS Vehicle Mobility Solution Private Limited.	The Acquirer is a global integrated business enterprise that develops and operates businesses with offices and subsidiaries in 90 countries and regions and around 1,700 group companies around the world and operate across industries including natural gas, industrial materials, petroleum & chemicals, mineral resources and industrial infrastructure.
The Bank of India has acquired a 6.125 per cent stake in the incorporated Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. (IFSC) listed in the GIFT SEZ in Gujarat	The acquisition of a 6.125 per cent stake in CCIL IFSC for ₹6.125 crore showcases our strategic commitment towards the growth of GIFT City IFSC and its emergence as a global financial services provider.
Adani Group's Ambuja Cements will acquire Hyderabad-based Penna Cement Industries Ltd (PCIL) at an enterprise value of Rs 10,422 crore.	The acquisition, Ambuja Cements said, would add 14 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) to its capacity, taking the total capacity of Adani group's cement business (ACC-Ambuja consolidated) to 89 mtpa.
Zurich Insurance Company Limited (Zurich) has successful completion of majority stake acquisition in Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited (Kotak General) from Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMB) following the receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals.	Zurich has acquired a 70 percent stake in Kotak General for a total consideration of ₹5,560 crore (\$670 million) , through a combination of fresh growth capital and share purchase.

Chapter 8: Loan

Organization/Bank	Loan Amount	To which country	Purpose
Leaders of the Group of Seven (G7)	\$50 billion	Ukraine	To support Ukraine against Russia

Chapter 9: App/Website/Portal

App/ Website/Portal	Company / Department	Purpose
'Saarthi 2.0' mobile app	SEBI	The market regulator SEBI has unveiled its latest mobile app, ' Saa ₹thi 2.0 ', designed to help investors manage their personal finances.
Mobile App "NCRB Sankalan of Criminal Laws"	NCRB	To serve as a comprehensive guide providing complete information about the new criminal laws at one place
Sangyaan App	Railway Protection Force (RPF)	It is designed and developed by the Tech Team of RPF to provide in-depth information on three new Criminal Acts: The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) 2023.

Chapter 10: Important MoU

MoU	Between Which Countries
Signed an MoU to establish an institutional framework for Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya, a pioneering digital library platform.	The Department of School Education, Ministry of Education with the National Book Trust
Signed an MoU to collaborate in financing of infrastructure projects.	Punjab National Bank (PNB) , a leading public sector bank with India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL)

Signed MoU to onboard them as System for Pension Administration Raksha (SPARSH) Service Centres	Defence Accounts Department, Ministry of Defence with Bank of India, Canara Bank, Central Bank of India and Utkarsh Small Finance Bank in New Delhi
Signed MoU to enhance digital payment services for users of the eMigrate portal.	The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the State Bank of India (SBI)
Signed MoU for collaboration in cyber security to enhance India's cyber-resilience in the financial sector	Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) and Mastercard India
Signed a MoU to leverage Artificial Intelligence (AI) based solutions for improvement in the availability of road signs on National Highways.	National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) with Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi, a Technical University established by Government of National Capital Territory (NCT),
Entered into a MoU to facilitate financing solutions for construction equipment businesses.	Action Construction Equipment Ltd. (ACE) with Bank of Baroda

Chapter 11: GDP Forecasting (Last Update 30 June 2024)

Organization	FY24 (2023-24)	FY25 (2024-25)
Fitch	8.2%	7.2%
HSBC Bank		
RBI forecasted	7.6%	7.2%
Moody	7.7%	6.6%
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	7.6%	7% 7.2% (FY26)
World Bank	7.5%	6.6% 6.7%(FY26) 6.8% (FY27)
World Economic Outlook released by International Monetary Fund (IMF)	7.8%	6.8%
FICCI	7.6%	6.8%

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	7.8%	6.6%
UNCTAD	6.7% (2023)	6.5% (2024)
Goldman Sachs	6.9%(CY 2024)	6.8%
CRISIL	7.6%	6.8%
UN (United Nation)	6.9%	6.6%
Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	7.6%	8%
India Ratings & Research (Ind-Ra)	6.7%	7.1%
Economy Survey	7.3%	
National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)	8%	7.5%
Standard & Poor's (S&P)		6.8%
ICRA	7.6%	6.5%
State Bank of India (SBI)	7.4%	8%
Morgan Stanley	6.8%(2024)	
CARE Ratings	8.2%	7%
Normura		
DBS	8.2%	7% 6.8%(FY26)
National Statistical Office (NSO)	8.2%	6.4%
Standard Chartered		7%

Chapter 12: Current Affairs (National)

NSE Indices launches India's first EV index to facilitate

- Index provider NSE Indices launched a **new thematic index** called **Nifty EV & New Age Automotive index**.
- The 33-stock index will track the performance of companies which form a part of the electric vehicle (EV) ecosystem or are involved in the development of new-age automotive vehicles or related technology.
- Bajaj Auto, Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra and Maruti Suzuki are the top four components of the index.

BFI agrees to become a member of World Boxing

- The **Boxing Federation of India (BFI)** has agreed to **become a member of World Boxing**, the International Federation established to ensure boxing remains at the heart of the Olympic Movement.
- The membership application has been approved by the BFI's General Assembly, and will be ratified by World Boxing's Executive Board.

Adani Ports signs 30-year concession pact to operate Tanzania Port Terminal

- Marking its third foray into international ports, **Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ)** will **operate and manage Container Terminal 2 at the Dar es Salaam Port, Tanzania**, through its subsidiary Adani International Ports Holdings Pte Ltd.
- The concession agreement for 30 years has been signed with the Tanzania Ports Authority.

Krishn Kanhai unveils 'The Golden Krishna' Exhibition in Dubai

- **Renowned Indian artist Krishn Kanhai** unveiled his latest collection, **"The Golden Krishna,"** in a grand opening ceremony.
- The exhibition showcases Kanhai's exquisite new works centered around Lord Krishna.
- The centerpiece of the exhibition is a breathtaking life-sized, three-dimensional painting of Tirupati Balaji, meticulously crafted with 24-karat gold and measuring an impressive 5 feet by 8 feet.

Kerala Introduces Artificial Intelligence Learning in School Textbooks

- **Kerala** has introduced **Artificial Intelligence (AI) learning in the Information & Communication Technology (ICT) textbook** for Class 7 students.
- This initiative aims to familiarize over 4 lakh students with AI in the upcoming academic year, marking a significant step towards enhancing technological education in the state.

Centre launches new mobile Number Series for Service, Transactional Calls

- The **Centre** has **introduced a new numbering series, 160xxxxxxx**, for making service or transactional calls, to help citizens easily identify legitimate calls and curb unsolicited voice calls from telemarketers using 10-digit mobile numbers.
- **Currently, 140xxxxxxx series has been allocated to telemarketers for making promotional/service/transactional voice calls.**
- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) said in a statement that since the 140xx series is being used extensively for promotional calls, "consumers normally do not respond to such calls, and many important service/transactional calls are missed".

Tata Motors form subsidiary for Commercial Vehicle

- **Tata Motors** has announced **the formation of a wholly-owned subsidiary for its commercial vehicle business.** The owned subsidiary will be called **TML Commercial Vehicle Ltd (TMLCVL).**
- TMLCVL is proposed to be incorporated with a paid-up capital of ₹10,00,000 comprising of 5,00,000 equity shares of face value of ₹2 each fully paid-up cash.

Volvo to issue world's first EV battery passport ahead of EU rules

- **Volvo Cars** has launched the **world's first EV battery passport recording the origins of raw materials, components,** recycled content and carbon footprint for its flagship EX90 SUV, which is about to start production.

- The passport was developed by Volvo (VOLCARb.ST) which is owned by China's Geely (GEELY.UL), in partnership with UK startup Circular.
- Battery passports will be mandatory for electric vehicles (EVs) sold in the European Union from February 2027 showing the composition of batteries, including the origin of key materials, their carbon footprint and recycled content.

IIT Dharwad Unveils Innovative Fire Rescue Drone

- A team of teachers and students of the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Dharwad**, led by Sudheer Siddapureddy and Ameer Mulla, has **developed a fire rescue assistant drone**.
- The project was completed with funding from TiHAN Foundation, IIT Hyderabad (NMICPS, Government of India).
- The unveiling and demonstration of the fire rescue assistant drone was held during the two-day workshop on Drone Design and Autonomous Navigation in Fire Rescue (DDANFR 2024) held at IIT Dharwad.

PM launches 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' Campaign

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has launched the '**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**' **campaign** to commemorate the World Environment Day.
- The theme for this year's celebration is "Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience," focusing on the urgent need to restore and conserve our land resources.

CBIC Chairperson inaugurates GST Bhawan at Rohtak

- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) **chairman Sanjay Kumar Agarwal** inaugurated the **GST Bhawan**, an official complex of CGST Rohtak Commissionerate at Rohtak, Haryana.
- The newly inaugurated GST Bhawan is easily accessible to help GST taxpayers and is at the centre of connectivity to the main districts of Haryana.

GRSE to build Research Vessel for DRDO in ₹500 crore deal

- **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)**, a leading Indian shipyard, has **emerged victorious in the bidding process for a new research vessel** for the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- This significant win marks another milestone for GRSE and signifies its expertise in constructing specialized vessels.

India's first astro tourism campaign 'Nakshatra Sabha' organised in Mussoorie

- **India's first astro tourism campaign "Nakshatra Sabha"** was inaugurated at the George Everest peak in **Mussoorie**.
- The venue of the event, George Everest Peak is a major tourist attraction in Mussoorie which offers spectacular views of the snow-clad Himalayan peaks and the Doon Valley.

NOTA creates record in MP's Indore Lok Sabha Seat

- **NOTA created a record with 2.18 lakh voters in Madhya Pradesh's Indore** opting for the 'none of the above' option in the Lok Sabha elections 2024.

- Of the total voters, 14.01 per cent opted for 'None of the Above', which was introduced in 2013 following a Supreme Court order.

Haryana Police Secures First Position in Blocking Mobile Numbers Involved In Cyber Crime

- **Haryana Police** has secured the **first position in the country in blocking mobile numbers involved in cyber crime**.
- According to the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal, a total of 5 lakh 46 thousand mobile numbers involved in cyber crime were blocked across the country from 1st January to 31st April this year, out of which 1 lakh 11 thousand 349 mobile numbers were blocked by Haryana Police.

2 more Indian wetlands added to Ramsar List

- **India** has added **two bird sanctuaries from Bihar, Nagi and Nakti, to the 'Ramsar Sites' list, taking the tally to 82.**
- The newest 'Wetlands of International Importance', both man-made reservoirs situated in the Jhajha forest range of Jamui District in Bihar, were added to Ramsar Sites as part of World Environment Day.

18th Mumbai International Film Festival to be held from June 15-21

- The **18th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF)** will be held in **Mumbai from June 15 to 21.**
- The film gala, which **showcases non-feature films** (documentary, short Fiction and animation) will be at the FD-NFDC Complex in Mumbai.
- The 2024 edition will open with the screening of National Geographic's documentary "Billy & Molly: An Otter Love Story".

Priyanka Jarkiholi youngest tribal woman to win in Lok Sabha

- **Priyanka Jarkiholi** from Chikkodi became **the youngest tribal woman to enter Parliament from an unreserved seat in Karnataka** since Independence.
- Priyanka Jarkiholi has defeated incumbent MP and BJP leader Annasaheb Jolle.
- Priyanka became the first Jarkiholi to ever win a Lok Sabha election.
- She is the daughter of Satish Jarkiholi, minister of the Public Works Department, Karnataka.

IIT Kanpur launched UDAAN programme to boost drone startups

- The **Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC)** at **IIT Kanpur** has joined forces with the Centre of Excellence for Capacity Building, Training, and Design of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles at **IIT Kanpur** (Drone CoE Kanpur), an initiative by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, and **the Drone Federation of India (DFI) to launch the UAV/UAS/Drone Acceleration and Networking (UDAAN) Programme.**
- This programme promises to be a game-changer for aspiring and promising drone startups in India, providing them with the resources and expertise needed to scale their businesses rapidly.

Modi clears PM-Kisan 17th instalment

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has signed the release of **the 17th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN Nidhi) scheme**.
- The move will benefit more than 93 million farmers by disbursing more than Rs 20,000 crore.

Centre releases ₹1.39 lakh crore to States

- The **Union Government** released **over ₹1.39 lakh crore to the States** under the devolution mechanism.
- Based on the Finance Commission's formula, 41 per cent of the Centre's tax revenue is given to the States through the devolution mechanism.
- Uttar Pradesh got the highest share with more than ₹25,000 crore, followed by Bihar (₹14,000 crore) and Madhya Pradesh (over ₹10000 crore).

List of Cabinet Ministers of India 2024

- The **18th Lok Sabha General Elections** recently ended, and the results were announced on June 4, 2024.
- Along with Modi, 30 cabinet ministers, 5 ministers with independent charge, and 36 ministers of state took the oath, forming the Modi 3.0 government.
- **Shri Narendra Modi**- Prime Minister and also in-charge of: **Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space; All important policy issues; and All other portfolios not allocated to any Minister.**

Nokia CEO Pekka Lundmark makes world's first 'immersive' phone call

- **Nokia CEO Pekka Lundmark** made a phone call using a **new technology called "immersive audio and video"** that improves the quality of a call with three-dimensional sound, making interactions more lifelike.
- The call was held with Stefan Lindstrom, Finland's Ambassador of Digitalization and New Technologies.

Rajasthan Govt to Invest ₹100 Cr. for Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit

- **Rajasthan state government** will develop the **Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit with an investment of Rs 100 crore**.
- This announcement was made during the inauguration of the Maharana Pratap Jayanti celebration in Udaipur, where the 484th birthday of the legendary Maharana Pratap of Mewar was celebrated on 9 June 2024 (according to the Hindu calendar).

Wipro launches Lab45 AI platform to boost efficiency across biz functions

- **Wipro** has launched its **Lab45 artificial intelligence (AI) platform**, which leverages generative AI (GenAI), machine learning (ML), and deep learning technologies to help companies increase efficiencies, transform business functions, and enable industry-specific solutions.
- Lab45 is Wipro's innovation lab, and the Lab45 AI platform is available to all Wipro employees and clients.

Madhya Pradesh launched PM Shri Tourism Air Service

- **Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav** has inaugurated the intra-state **air service facility 'PM Shri Tourism Air Service'**.
- The service operated by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board (MPTB) with two aircraft will connect eight cities across the State — Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Khajuraho, Ujjain, Rewa, and Singrauli.

UP govt to turn Ranipur Tiger Reserve into eco-tourism hub

- **The Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh** will transform the **Ranipur Tiger Reserve in Chitrakoot into a premier eco-tourism destination**.
- The plan includes allocating an estimated Rs 38 lakh for upgrading tourist facilities within the reserve and enhancing infrastructure in the surrounding buffer zone.
- To facilitate these efforts, directives have been issued by the office of the Deputy Director of the Ranipur Tiger Reserve/Divisional Officer in Chitrakoot.
- Spanning over a 230 sq km area, Ranipur Tiger Reserve is the fourth tiger reserve in Uttar Pradesh and the 53rd nationwide.

Oracle to support the training of two lakh students in India

- **Cloud major Oracle** will **support the training of two lakh students in India in cloud computing, data science, artificial intelligence (AI), and other emerging technologies**.
- Teachers and academicians will deliver the training as part of the curriculum on campus. Specific modules will be offered as a digital learning experience through Oracle MyLearn.
- The company and Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation have launched a specialised programme under the state's massive skill enhancement initiative, Naan Mudhalvan, to provide employment-linked training to students in the state.

WHO Recognises 3rd Indian Institute for Traditional Medicine Research

- The **World Health Organisation (WHO)** has **designated National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH) in Hyderabad**, under the Ministry of Ayush, as a WHO Collaborating Centre (CC) **for traditional medicine research**.
- NIIMH, Hyderabad is a unit under the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) which will now work as a WHO centre for 'Fundamental and Literary Research in Traditional Medicine'.

VP Dhankhar inaugurated Prerna Sthal to honor Indian icons

- **Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar** has inaugurated the **Prerna Sthal**.
- It is a dedicated area in the Parliament complex for statues of freedom fighters and other icons of the country.

Punjab Police launched 'Mission Nishchay'

- **Punjab Police in association with the Border Security Force (BSF)** and Village Defence Committees (VDCs) have **launched a 'Mission Nishchay'** in Fazilka district.
- It is a one-week drive against drugs in Fazilka district.

- They will reach out to residents of as many as 42 villages along the India-Pakistan border to gather actionable intelligence about the demand and supply of drugs.

Assam CM inaugurates Janata Bhawan Solar Project

- **Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma** has inaugurated the **Janata Bhawan Solar Project in Guwahati**.
- This project features a 2.5-MW power generation capacity with a grid-connected rooftop and ground-mounted solar PV system.

IFC to invest \$105 million in Brookfield's Bikaner Solar Power project

- The **International Finance Corporation (IFC)** has agreed to invest **\$105 million (around Rs 871 crore)** in the **non-convertible debentures of Brookfield's Bikaner Solar Power project in Rajasthan**.
- IFC is a company of the World Bank Group which provides finance to the private sector companies.

PM Modi to lead yoga day celebrations from Srinagar on June 21

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will lead the **main International Yoga Day event in Srinagar on June 21**, as India gears up to celebrate the ancient practice of yoga on a global scale.
- This year's theme, "Yoga for Self and Society," highlights the importance of incorporating yoga into every aspect of life for individual and community well-being.

PM Modi inaugurated New Campus of Nalanda University at Rajgir

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the **new campus of Nalanda University at Rajgir in Nalanda district**.
- Nalanda University is conceived as a collaboration between India and East Asia Summit (EAS) countries.
- Equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure the University campus is spread over 450 acres.
- Based on the theme of environmental conservation the campus has been made as a 'Net Zero' Green Campus.

Union Cabinet approves development of Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi

- The **Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi** has approved the **proposal of Airports Authority of India (AAI) for development of Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi** including Construction of New Terminal Building, Apron Extension, Runway Extension, Parallel Taxi Track & Allied works.
- The estimated financial outgo will be Rs. 2869.65 Crore for enhancing the passenger handling capacity of the airport to 9.9 million passengers per annum (MPPA) from the existing 3.9 MPPA.

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PM Modi unveils 1,500 crore Multiple Development Projects in J&K

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has **inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 84 major developmental projects** worth more than Rs 1500 crore in **Jammu and Kashmir**.
- Additionally, the Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for projects like the improvement of the Chenani-Patnitop-Nashri Section, the development of Industrial Estates and the construction of six Government Degree Colleges.

Avian Influenza Outbreak and Response Simulation Exercise held at Bhopal

- The Department of Animal Husbandry, in partnership with the World Bank has organised an Avian Influenza Outbreak and Response Simulation Exercise in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- This workshop comes at a crucial time as we face unusual outbreaks of Avian Influenza in Kerala and witness a global trend of spillovers to non-poultry species, including cattle.

Cabinet approves Rs 76,000-Crore All-Weather Vadhavan Port in Maharashtra

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Cabinet** has **approved the development of greenfield deep draft port at Vadhavan in Maharashtra** for Rs 76,200 crore.
- The port will have nine container terminals, each 1000 meters long, four multipurpose berths, including the coastal berth, four liquid cargo berths, a Ro-Ro berth, and a Coast Guard berth.

Karnataka Governor inaugurates National Yoga Olympiad 2024 in Mysuru

- **Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot** has inaugurated the **National Yoga Olympiad in Mysuru**.
- The National Youth Festival in January last year that a massive yoga event was organised in the state to set a new Guinness World Record.

Times Of India No. 1 news brand in country

- **Times of India** is the **most trusted major news media brand in India**, according to a 47-country survey conducted by Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism (RISJ), Oxford University.
- The survey, released as part of Digital News Report 2024, an annual publication by the institute, found TOI had a trust score of 71. TOI had also topped the survey in 2021 and 2022.

Government increases MSP for Kharif crops for marketing season 2024-25

- The **Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)**, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has **approved the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Kharif crops for the marketing season 2024-25.**
- The highest absolute increase in MSP over the previous year has been recommended for oilseeds and pulses viz. nigerseed (Rs.983/- per quintal) followed by sesamum (Rs.632/- per quintal) and tur/arhar (Rs.550/- per quintal).

Crops	MSP 2024-25 (Rs. Per Quintal)	Cost of production 2024-25 (Rs. Per Quintal)	MSP 2023-24 (Rs. Per Quintal)	Increase in MSP as compared to 23-24 (Rs. Per Quintal)
Paddy Common	2300	1533	2183	117
Paddy Grade A	2320	-	2203	117
Jowar (Hybrid)	3371	2247	3180	191
Jowar (Maldand)	3421	-	3225	196
Bajra	2625	1485	2500	125
Ragi	4290	2860	3846	444
Maize	2225	1447	2090	135
Tur/Arhar	7550	4761	7000	550
Moong	8682	5788	8558	124
Urad	7400	4883	6950	450
Groundnut	6783	4522	6377	406
Sunflower seed	7280	4853	6760	520
Soyabean (Yellow)	4892	3261	4600	292
Sesamum	9267	6178	8635	632
Nigerseed	8717	5811	7734	983
Cotton (Medium Staple)	7121	4747	6620	501
Cotton (Long Staple)	7521	-	7020	501

"Billy and Molly: An Otter Love Story" to Open Mumbai Film Festival

- **National Geographic's documentary, Billy and Molly: An Otter Love Story**, will kick off the screenings at the **18th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) in Mumbai.**

- MIFF is scheduled to be held from 15th June 2024 to 21st June 2024 in Mumbai.
- The opening film will be screened simultaneously in Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Pune on 15th June.

Museum in memory of Gujarat earthquake victims listed for UNESCO's Prix Versailles Award

- UNESCO has shortlisted **seven most beautiful museums for the prestigious Prix Versailles Award, including the Smritivan Earthquake Memorial Museum of Bhuj.**
- The Smritivan Earthquake Memorial Museum in Bhuj has been listed among the 7 most beautiful museums in the world under the prestigious Prix Versailles Award, which is announced annually at UNESCO for architecture and design.

Amit Shah inaugurates 'Fast Track Immigration Trusted Traveller Programme' at Delhi Airport

- **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** has inaugurated the '**Fast Track Immigration – Trusted Traveller Programme (FTI-TTP)**' at Terminal 3 of Indira Gandhi International Airport.
- The FTI-TTP aims to **simplify** and secure international travel by developing world-class immigration facilities through an expedited pathway for international travellers screened via automated e-Gates.
- This facility would be **available free of charge** for all passengers.

BIS introduces new standards to enhance Safety and Quality of Electric Vehicles in India

- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has introduced two new standards, IS 18590: 2024 and IS 18606: 2024, aimed at enhancing the safety of electric vehicles in the L, M, and N categories.
- These standards focus on the critical component of electric vehicles—the powertrain—ensuring it meets stringent safety requirements.

MP govt approves the establishment of One PM College of Excellence in all districts

- In **Madhya Pradesh**, the **Prime Minister College of Excellence** will be inaugurated **ceremonially in all 55 districts of the state on July 1.**
- Under the National Education Policy, the Madhya Pradesh government has approved the establishment of one Prime Minister College of Excellence in all the districts of the state.

Indian Army opened Khalubar War Memorial to tourists in Ladakh

- **In Ladakh**, as a tribute to the heroes of the **Kargil War**, the **Indian Army has opened the Khalubar War Memorial to tourists.**
- This opening ceremony was part of the 'Forever in Operations' Division's Pre-Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations as this year, the country will celebrate the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas on 26 July.

India's first pilot project for Underground Coal Gasification in Jharkhand

- The Ministry of Coal via Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) has initiated India's first pilot project for Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at the Kasta coal block in Jamtara District, Jharkhand.
- This first ever groundbreaking initiative aims to revolutionize the coal industry by using in-situ coal gasification to convert it into valuable gases such as methane, hydrogen, carbon monoxide, and carbon dioxide.

UP to establish world's first Asian King Vulture Conservation & Breeding Centre in Maharajganj

- Uttar Pradesh government will establish the world's first conservation and breeding centre for Asian king vultures or red-headed vultures in Maharajganj.
- The facility will improve the population of critically endangered species listed in the International Union for Conservation of Nature's red list since 2007.
- The centre is named Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre.

JP Nadda launches National STOP Diarrhoea Campaign 2024

- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda has launched the National STOP Diarrhoea Campaign 2024 at a function in New Delhi.
- He launched the campaign by distributing oral rehydration salts (ORS) and zinc tablets to children in presence of Minister of States for Health Anupriya Patel and Patraprao Jadhav.

Jitendra Singh launches 'One Week One Theme' Campaign

- Dr. Jitendra Singh has launched "One Week One Theme" (OWOT) campaign showcasing recent success stories of India in different streams of science and technology.
- 'One week One Theme' is the brainchild of Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh. 'OWOT' is built on the legacy and success of the 'One Week One Lab' (OWOL) initiative started last year.

Srinagar gets tag of 'World Craft City', fourth from country

- Srinagar has become the fourth Indian city to be recognised as a 'World Craft City' by the World Craft Council (WCC), three years after it was designated as part of the UNESCO Creative City Network (UCCN) for crafts and folk arts.
- Jaipur, Malappuram and Mysore are the other Indian cities that have previously been recognised as World Craft Cities.

&T win deals for 185 MW solar plant in Bihar

- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has secured a major order for setting up a grid-connected 185 megawatt (MW) solar PV plant along with a 254 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Kajra in Lakhisarai district of Bihar.
- The project cost is estimated to be in the range of ₹2,500-5,000 crore.
- The BESS, with a capacity of 254 MWh will enable storing solar energy during low-demand periods and discharging when the demand peaks.

- In addition, the BESS will also help smooth the fluctuations in generation, frequency regulation and voltage support. It comes with a black start capability to the grid that will facilitate quick re-energization after an outage.

Kerala's Kozhikode becomes India's first UNESCO 'City of Literature'

- **Kozhikode in north Kerala**, known for its rich cultural heritage, was officially **declared as India's first UNESCO 'City of Literature'**.
- The state government also announced that from coming year, June 23 will be celebrated as the 'City of Literature' Day of Kozhikode.
- In October 2023, Kozhikode had earned a place in the 'Literature' category of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN).

Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders get Navratna status as 18th PSU

- **Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders** has been granted "**Navratna**" status by the **Department of Public Enterprises**. It is now the **18th PSU** in the country to receive this status.
- A Navratna company can undertake investments worth up to Rs. 1,000 crores, without needing approval from the central government.
- It is also allowed to form Joint Ventures, and alliances and establish subsidiaries abroad. Some notable Navratnas are Engineers India, CONCOR, Bharat Electronics, Hindustan Aeronautics, RCF, NALCO, NMDC, RVNL, IRCON and IREDA.

Union Territory of Ladakh achieves full functional Literacy ULLAS

- **Ladakh has become the first administrative unit** to achieve **full functional literacy under the ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram** (New India Literacy Program).
- Lieutenant Governor Dr. BD Mishra made this announcement during a celebration at Sindhu Sanskritik Kendra in Leh.

Tata Sons to Build ₹650 Crore 'Museum of Temples' in Ayodhya

- The **Uttar Pradesh Cabinet** has approved **Tata Sons'** proposal to build a **'museum of temples' in Ayodhya**, a project worth Rs 650 crore to be funded through Tata's corporate social responsibility fund.
- Additionally, the state cabinet has also sanctioned Rs 100 crore for further development works in Ayodhya and endorsed the initiation of helicopter services in Lucknow, Prayagraj, and Kapilvastu.

DRDO hands over Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket to Indian Navy

- The **Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket (MR-MOCR)** developed by the **Jodhpur Laboratory of the Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** was formally handed over to the **Indian Navy** in New Delhi.
- The Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket (MR-MOCR) developed by the DRDO will enhance the Indian Navy's defensive capability.

MicrobioTx launches India's first Hyper-Personalised Probiotic

- **MicrobioTx**, a Bengaluru-based gut health startup, introduced Personal Probiotics, **India's first prebiotic and probiotic blend handcrafted based on individual gut profile**, and **GutChat**, a free gut health-focused chatbot for gut health enthusiasts.
- Personal probiotics are hand-crafted based on the results of a unique, patent-protected and clinically proven gut microbiome test.

Bioplastic Park to be set up in UP Lakhimpur Kheri district

- The **Uttar Pradesh government** has decided to set up a bioplastic park in the state to deal with **the problem of environmental pollution caused by the petroleum derivative based plastic products in the state**.
- The bioplastic park to be developed on 1000 hectares of land will be constructed in Kumbhi village, Gola Gokarnnath tehsil, Lakhimpur Kheri district.
- The project will be developed with an estimated cost of Rs 2000 crore.
- The state government has made the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) the nodal agency for the development of the bioplastic park.

MoE launches nationwide campaign on Tobacco Free Educational Institutions

- The Ministry of Education (MoE) under the **National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP)** has initiated a nationwide campaign focused on **Tobacco Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI)**.
- Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education has developed a "ToFEI Implementation Manual" for schools and launched it on World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) which was observed on 31st May, 2024.

Central Railway installs first-ever Floating Solar Plant in Nashik Lake

- In a first for the Indian Railways, **the Central Railway (CR)** has installed a **floating solar power plant of 10MWp capacity in the Igatpuri Lake in Nashik, Maharashtra**.
- Stepping towards its ultimate goal of zero carbon emission by 2030, the CR has already commissioned 12.05 MWp (MegaWatt peak) solar plants on railway stations' rooftops and buildings, adding 4 MWp last year.

Deputy NSA Vikram Misri to be new Foreign Secretary

- **Deputy National Security Advisor Vikram Misri** will take charge as the **Foreign Secretary on July 15**.
- Mr. Misri, who is a former Indian ambassador to China, will succeed current Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra.

Chapter 13: Current Affairs (International)

Ruchira Kamboj, India's first woman Permanent Representative to UN, retires

- India's first woman Permanent Representative to the United Nations, **Ruchira Kamboj retired** after 35 years of service, during which she **served as Indian envoy in Bhutan, South Africa and UNESCO**.

- Kamboj, who was the All India women's topper of the 1987 Civil Services batch and the topper of the 1987 Foreign Service batch, formally assumed the position of Permanent Representative/ Ambassador of India to New York, on August 2, 2022.

Netherlands emerges as India's 3rd largest export destination in 2023-24

- The **Netherlands** has emerged as **India's third largest export destination after the US and UAE during 2023-24**, even as the country's merchandise shipments dipped by over 3 per cent, according to the commerce ministry data.
- The main commodities which registered healthy exports growth in the Netherlands include petroleum products, electrical goods, chemicals and pharma.
- India's trade surplus with the Netherlands has increased to USD 17.4 billion in the last fiscal from USD 13 billion in 2022-23.

Russian cosmonaut becomes 1st person to spend 1,000 cumulative days in space

- A **Russian cosmonaut** became the **first person to spend a cumulative 1,000 days in space**.
- Oleg Kononenko, 59, reached the record while on his current mission aboard the International Space Station (ISS).
- **Kononenko's current mission to the ISS began September 15, 2023**, and is planned to **end September 23, 2024**, which will bring in his total number of days spent in orbit to 1,110.
- This is not the first record set by Kononenko. In February 2024, he surpassed the record of 878 days set by his colleague Gennady Padalka for longest amount of time in space.

Pakistan, Panama, Somalia, Greece elected as UNSC non-permanent members

- **Pakistan, Somalia, Denmark, Greece and Panama** were elected as **non-permanent members of the UN Security Council** for a two-year term beginning 2025.
- The five members were elected by a secret ballot in the UN General Assembly for a 2-year term starting on January 1, 2025, until December 31, 2026.
- In the two seats for African and Asia-Pacific States, Somalia got 179 votes and Pakistan 182.

India launches Biopharmaceutical Alliance with US, Japan, & South Korea

- **India, South Korea, Japan, the US, and the European Union** has launched an **alliance to put joint efforts to build a resilient supply chain** in the biopharmaceutical sector.
- The announcement was made at the inaugural meeting of the Biopharmaceutical Alliance, held in San Diego, California, during the Bio International Convention 2024, the world's largest biopharmaceutical exhibition.

Portugal to use golden visa scheme to help migrants

- **Portugal** to adapt its **golden visa scheme** to allow wealthy foreigners seeking residency rights **to invest in affordable housing for locals or accommodation for migrants.**
- The scheme - called a "solidarity visa" - would complement an existing programme, which since 2012 has offered non-EU nationals who invest in Portugal the right to live in the country.

2025 to be International Year of Quantum Science and Technology: UN

- The **United Nations General Assembly** has declared **2025 the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology.**
- The 193-member United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to this effect on 7 June 2024. Earlier, the United Nations had declared 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives, International Year of Peace and Trust and International Year of Glacier Preservation.

Armenia to leave Russia-led security bloc

- Armenia will leave a Russia-led security bloc, Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan confirmed for the first time, accusing members of the Collective Security Treaty Organisation of having planned a war against his country with Azerbaijan.
- The CSTO, headquartered in Moscow, also includes Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Belarus.

Kathmandu to host International Tourism Fair

- **Kathmandu, Nepal** will host an **international tourism fair** aimed at **promoting global tourism, sustainable development, and cultural exchange.**
- The event beginning 15 June will feature tourism entrepreneurs from 16 countries.
- Countries participating in the fair include Nepal, India, Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, the Maldives, the USA, the Netherlands, Sri Lanka, China, Thailand, Dubai, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Bhutan.

Ukraine launches World's first Unmanned Systems Forces

- **Ukraine** has established the **world's first stand-alone military branch solely dedicated to unmanned systems**, known as the **Unmanned Systems Forces (USF).**
- The USF was officially launched by the Ukrainian Armed Forces and the Ministry of Defence (MoD) in Kyiv, Ukraine.

4,300 millionaires may leave India this year: Henley Private Wealth Migration Report 2024

- The **Henley Private Wealth Migration Report 2024** has revealed that India is set to experience a **significant net loss of 4,300 millionaires this year.**
- While this represents a decrease from the 5,100 who left in 2023, India remains one of the top countries for high-net-worth individual (HNWI) departures globally.

- The United Arab Emirates continues to be a favored destination for Indian millionaires. The UAE is expected to attract a record net inflow of 6,700 wealthy migrants in 2024, bolstered by its zero-income tax policy, golden visa programs, luxurious lifestyle, and strategic location.
- Other top destinations for migrating millionaires include the United States, Singapore, Canada, and Australia.

Paraguay becomes 100th member of International Solar Alliance

- **Paraguay has become the 100th country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as a full member.**
- The South American nation officially handed over its Instrument of Ratification to the ISA in New Delhi.
- The ISA, co-founded by India and France during the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris, aims to promote solar energy deployment worldwide.

Turkey removed from Money Laundering Grey List

- **Turkey has been removed from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) 'grey list' after recent evaluations of the country's progress on money laundering and terrorist financing.**
- Turkey was placed on the FATF grey list in 2021 due to concerns about money laundering and terrorist financing in the country.

Chapter 14: Banking & Financial

India's fiscal deficit in FY24 improved to 5.6% of GDP: Govt data

- **India's fiscal deficit stood at Rs 16.54 lakh crore in FY24 as against the budgetary target of Rs 17.86 lakh crore.** With this, the fiscal gap has reached 95.3 per cent of the budgetary target, data from the Comptroller General of Accounts showed.
- The central government's fiscal deficit stood at 5.6 per cent of GDP in FY24, below the revised estimate of 5.8 per cent.
- The centre's net tax receipts for FY24 were higher than projected at Rs 23.27 lakh crore, and 100.1 per cent of the year's target.

RBI imposes monetary penalty on SBM Bank (India)

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 88.70 lakh on SBM Bank (India) for non-compliance with certain regulatory norms.**

Canara Bank gives approval to dilute 14.50% stake in insurance unit

- **Canara Bank has granted an approval for initiating the process of diluting its 14.50 per cent stake in its subsidiary Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company Ltd.**
- The bank has accorded approval for initiating the process of diluting 14.50 per cent stake of the Bank in its subsidiary Canara HSBC Life Insurance by listing the company in Stock Exchanges (BSE/NSE) through initial public offer (IPO).

Axis Bank and Mastercard Introduce NFC Soundbox

- **Axis Bank** has **partnered with Mastercard to launch NFC Soundbox**.
- The new soundbox will act as an all-in-one solution that will allow the users to accept Bharat QR, UPI, Tap & Pay and Tap + Pin payments.
- This device aligns with the Bank's asset lite strategy to provide products/solutions of superior quality at an affordable price.

GST collection rises 10% to Rs 1.73 lakh crore in May

- The **gross Goods and Services Tax (GST)** revenue for the **month of May 2024 stood at ₹1.73 lakh crore**.
- In the month of May, 2024, the Central Government settled ₹38,519 crore to CGST and ₹32,733 crore to SGST from the net IGST collected of ₹67,204 crore.
- This translates to a total revenue of ₹70,928 crore for CGST and ₹72,999 crore for SGST in May, 2024, after regular settlement.

Adani One launches two variants of co-branded credit cards with ICICI Bank

- **Adani One**, the digital platform of the Adani Group, and **ICICI Bank** has launched **two variants of co-branded credit cards** in collaboration with card network Visa.
- Available in two variants – **Adani One ICICI Bank Signature Credit Card** and **Adani One ICICI Bank Platinum Credit Card** – the credit cards will offer a reward programme to its customers.
- Cardholders can get up to 7 per cent Adani reward points on spends within the Adani Group ecosystem.
- This includes services such as the Adani One app, which can be used for booking flights, hotels, trains, buses, and cabs, along with spends across Adani-managed airports, Adani CNG pumps, Adani Electricity bills, and train bookings.

SBI joins the Rs 8-trillion m-cap league; eyes \$100 billion m-cap

- The **State Bank of India (SBI)** has become the **first public sector bank and the seventh Indian company to cross the Rs 8 trillion market capitalisation (m-cap)**.
- HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank are the only other lenders with m-cap of over Rs 8 trillion.

PNB Board approves 10% stake dilution in Canara HSBC Life Insurance via IPO

- **Punjab National Bank's (PNB)** Board has **approved the initiation of process for divesting 10 per cent shareholding in its associate** company Canara HSBC Life Insurance through an initial public offering (IPO) route.
- Currently, PNB holds 23 per cent stake in Canara HSBC Life Insurance.
- Currently, Canara Bank has a 51 per cent stake in the life insurer, while HSBC has a 26 per cent stake in the joint venture.
- **SEBI mulls raising limit for basic service demat account to Rs 10 lakh**
- **Capital markets regulator SEBI** proposed to enhance the threshold for the basic service demat account (BSDA) to **Rs 10 lakh from the current Rs 2 lakh**

in a bid to boost the participation of retail investors in the securities market.

IOB opens an exclusive branch for start-ups in Chennai

- **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)** has inaugurated a new, **exclusive branch on Anna Salai (Mount Road) in Chennai, dedicated entirely to support start-ups.**
- This initiative aims to provide robust financial services and comprehensive support to budding entrepreneurs and emerging enterprises.

SBI General Insurance withdraws Arogya Plus policy with effect from Oct 5

- Private general insurer, **SBI General Insurance Company** has announced the withdrawal of its **Arogya Plus policy with effect from October 5, 2024.**
- As per the regulatory requirement, insurance companies must give 90 days' advance intimation to their customers before withdrawing a policy.
- Policyholders holding the Arogya Plus policy will be given an option to migrate to a comprehensive health insurance policy like Super Health Insurance or to any other individual health insurance product available with the general insurer, including the Standard Product.

RBI keeps Repo Rate unchanged for 8th consecutive time at 6.5%

- The **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has decided to **keep the repo rate unchanged at 6.5%.**
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has voted by a 4:2 majority to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.5% for eight consecutive times.
- The MPC had last changed rates in February 2023.
- The MPC has revised **its GDP growth forecast upwards from the earlier 7% estimate to 7.2% for the financial year 2024-2025.** It has also decided to remain focused on withdrawal of accommodation to ensure that inflation does not accelerate, while supporting growth.
- The second bi-monthly Monetary Policy Committee meeting of fiscal year 2024-25 was held on June 5 to 7, 2024. The next meeting of the MPC is scheduled for 6-8 August 2024.

Moody's maintains stable outlooks on three Indian public sector banks

- **Moody's Ratings (Moody's)** affirmed the **Baa3 ratings on three Indian public sector banks - Bank of Baroda (BOB), Canara Bank, and Punjab National Bank (PNB).**
- The rating agency maintained stable outlooks on the long-term ratings of all three banks.
- Moody's also believes that India's strong operating environment will continue to support their credit fundamentals over the next 12-18 months.
- BOB's, Canara's and PNB's NPL ratios respectively declined to 2.9 per cent, 4.2 per cent and 5.7 per cent as of 31 March 2024 from 3.8 per cent, 5.4 per cent and

8.7 per cent a year earlier, supported by lower bad loans (or slippage) as well as stronger recoveries and higher write-offs.

RBI permits automatic replenishment of UPI Lite wallet

- The Reserve Bank of India has proposed a facility to allow customers to automatically replenish their UPI Lite wallets to promote small-value digital payments.
- Currently, the UPI Lite has a daily limit of ₹2,000, while the upper limit for a single payment is ₹500.
- UPI Lite is a simplified version of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI). It acts as an on-device wallet for small-value transactions.

SBI launches 'SME Digital Business Loans

- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched 'SME Digital Business Loans', offering end-to-end sanction turnaround time of up to 45 minutes for SMEs (small and medium enterprises).
- SME Digital Business Loans leverages technology and an ecosystem of APIs (application programming interface) to streamline the lending process.

ICICI Pru Life activates WhatsApp, Digital Rupee for premium payment

- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has begun accepting premium payments through the RBI's Central Bank Digital Currency, popularly known as digital rupee.
- The company will also provide customers the option to make premium payments through WhatsApp.

India's Wholesale Prices Accelerate to 15-Month High of 2.61% in May

- India's wholesale inflation, measured by the wholesale price index (WPI), surged to a 15-month high of 2.61% in May from 1.26% in April, driven by an adverse base effect and a sharp increase in food prices.
- The inflation rate for food items reached 9.82%, contrasting with -3.61% in May 2023.

RBI Policy (7 June 2024)

Repo Rate	6.50%
Reverse Repo Rate	3.35%
Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate	6.75%
Bank Rate	6.75%
Cash reserve Ratio (CRR)	4.50%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)	18%

Retail inflation eases to 12-month low of 4.75% in May

- **India's retail inflation eased** to the lowest in a year **at 4.75 percent in May 2024**, data released by the statistics and programme implementation ministry.
- The Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation in April was at 4.83 percent.

Industrial production declines to a three-month low of 5% in April

- **The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in India slowed to 5 per cent in April**, a three-month low, as against 5.4 per cent in March, according to Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- The IIP growth rate was recorded at 4.6 per cent in April 2023.

HDFC Bank raises FD rates by 20 basis points

- The largest private sector lender **HDFC Bank** has **hiked retail fixed deposit rates by upto 20 bps** across various buckets with effect from June 10.
- The move comes even if the Reserve Bank of India decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged in the June review of monetary policy.

FIU imposes over Rs 1.66 crore fine on Axis Bank for failing to detect fraud NSG account

- The **Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU)** has **fined Axis Bank over Rs 1.66 crore** for failure to detect and report suspicious transactions involving a fraudulent account created in the name of the NSG counter-terrorist force.
- The agency's order under the PMLA found Axis Bank employees complicit in a large-scale fraud.

Indian Bank organizes MSME credit camp

- **Indian Bank** has organized a **credit camp for the MSME sector in Chennai**.
- The event was chaired by MD & CEO of the Bank SL Jain. During the camp, 440+ sanction tickets amounting to over Rs 500.00 crore (Approx.) were distributed to MSME customers.

ESAF SFB to discontinue business correspondent services of ESMACO

- **ESAF Small Finance Bank (ESAF SFB)** has **decided to discontinue the services of business correspondent ESAF Swasraya Multi State Agro Co-operative Society Limited (ESMACO)** to reduce concentration risks and absorb its 5,000 plus employees on the rolls of the lender.

ICICI Prudential Life offers Lifetime 15% Discount for Women on iProtect Smart Term Plan

- **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** offered a **15% lifetime discount** for women on all premiums for its best-selling term insurance product, iProtect Smart.
- Furthermore, salaried/working women will be eligible for an additional 15% off the first year's payment, allowing them to create financial stability for themselves and their loved ones.

Federal Bank launches RuPay Wave credit card

- **Federal Bank**, in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has **launched RuPay Wave Credit Card to offer customers UPI-powered transactions on RuPay network**.

Universal Sampo settles ₹8 crore claims under Ayushman Bharat in 4 months

- **Universal Sampo General Insurance Company** has provided cashless claims approval of ₹8.03 crore for over 8,170 hospital admissions under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana in the Union Territory Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.

S&P Global Ratings retains India's growth forecast for FY25 at 6.8%

- The **S&P Global Ratings** retained its growth forecast for India at **6.8 per cent** for **FY25**, citing high interest rates and lower fiscal boost tempering demand in the non-agricultural sectors.
- For **FY26 and FY27**, S&P projected India's economy to **grow at 6.9 per cent and 7 per cent, respectively.**

HDFC Bank launches digital investment platform SmartWealth

- **HDFC Bank** has launched a new **digital investment platform** to take **wealth services** to every Indian and make investments simple and transparent.
- Incorporating cutting-edge technology, the **HDFC Bank SmartWealth** comes loaded with first-ever features that allow investors to make the right investment decisions and plan their financial journey.

ICICI Bank unveils 'SmartLock', a new safety feature for iMobile Pay

- **ICICI Bank** has launched a "**SmartLock**," a novel safety feature that lets users lock and unlock several banking services at once without contacting customer support via phone or email.
- Available on iMobile Pay, it helps customers to lock/unlock access to internet banking, UPI (including payments from other UPI apps linked to the bank account), credit and debit cards, by clicking a button.

India received \$120 billion remittances in 2023: World Bank

- According to the **World Bank report**, **India has received USD 120 billion remittances in 2023.**
- China (USD 50 billion), the Philippines (USD 39 billion), and Pakistan (USD 27 billion) figure in top five countries list of remittances recipients.

SBI raises ₹10,000 crore through infra bonds

- State Bank of India (SBI) has raised ₹10,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.36 per cent through its fifth infrastructure bond issuance.
- The issue attracted an overwhelming response from investors, with bids in excess of ₹19,884 crore, and was oversubscribed by around four times against the base issue size of ₹5,000 crore.

Chapter 15: Committee

Committee	Headed by	Purpose
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Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee	Hima Kohli	In exercise of powers conferred by Clause 4(2) of the Gender Sensitisation and Sexual Harassment of Women at the Supreme Court of India (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Regulations, 2013 and all enabling provisions in this behalf, Hon'ble Chief Justice of India has been pleased to re-constitute the Supreme Court Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee.
Financial market regulator SEBI has formed a committee	Usha Thorat	To review the ownership and economic structure of clearing corporations and suggest measures to ensure that those entities function as resilient, independent, and neutral risk managers.
The Reserve Bank has constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of former MD and CEO of National Payments Corporation of India	A P Hota	To examine various aspects of setting up a digital public infrastructure for Digital Payments Intelligence Platform
The Union Ministry of Education has set up seven members committee	The former chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), K Radhakrishnan	To review and suggest reform in the examination process.

Chapter 16: Defence News

Defence Exercise	Between	About
The 8th edition of the Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX-24)	Japan-India Maritime Exercise	The JIMEX-24 exercise is being hosted by the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF) . The Japanese Navy is called the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force .

The Indian Air Force's first multinational air exercise 'Tarang Shakti-2024'	Australia, France, Germany, Japan, Spain, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.	The Indian Air Force's first multinational air exercise, Tarang Shakti-2024, will be held in August, and is likely to see the participation of ten countries, in addition to a few others acting as observers.
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Army launches integrated generator monitoring, control system 'Vidyut Rakshak'

- The Vice Chief of the Indian Army, **Upendra Dwivedi** has launched **Vidyut Rakshak**, a new Internet of Things (IoT)-enabled integrated generator tracking, protection, and control system.
- This was developed by Maj Rajprasad R S and was recently displayed during "Exercise Bharat Shakti," which is a big step forward in the Indian Army's "Year of Tech Absorption."
- The system aims to save manpower and signifies the Army's commitment to leveraging technology for transformative change. Vidyut Rakshak was showcased during Aero India 2023 and has already been inducted into the Indian Army.

Chapter 17: Sports News

Bernadine Bezuidenhout retires from international cricket

- **New Zealand cricketer Bernadine Bezuidenhout** announced her **retirement from international cricket**.
- The 30-year-old appeared in 4 ODIs, and 7 T20Is for South Africa after that she switched to New Zealand. Bezuidenhout played 16 ODIs and 22 T20Is for the Kiwis in the international cricket.

England's Brydon Carse banned for three months for betting violations

- **England paceman Brydon Carse** has been **banned from all cricket for three months for betting violations**.
- Brydon Carse, who signed an England central contract in October, accepted the charges of placing 303 bets on various cricket matches between 2017 and 2019.

Indian-American Bruhat Soma wins Scripps National Spelling Bee

- **Bruhat Soma**, a 12-year-old Indian-American seventh-grade student from Florida, **has won the Scripps National Spelling Bee** after he spelt 29 words correctly in the tiebreaker, maintaining the dominance of the children from the small ethnic community in the prestigious competition.

India's DP Manu wins gold in javelin throw at Taiwan Athletics Open 2024

- **DP Manu** from India won the gold medal in Javelin throw at **the Taiwan Athletics Open 2024**, achieving a distance of 81.58 meters.

- Initially, he started with a throw of 78.32 meters, then improved to 80.59 meters in the third attempt.

India bag 7 medals at Taiwan Athletics Open

- In the **Taiwan Athletics Open 2024**, the Indian contingent concluded the campaign with a remarkable medal haul, **bagging seven medals including three golds, three silvers and one bronze medal.**
- In women's Long Jump, Nayana James clinched the gold medal, registering the best jump of 6.43 metres. Sumire Hata of Japan won the silver.
- In Men's 800 metres, India's Ankesh Choudhary bagged the gold, clocking 1 minute 50.63 seconds, while compatriot Somnath Chouhan won the silver medal clocking 1 minute 50.88 seconds. In Men's pole vault, Dev Meena won the silver medal.

Tanvi Sharma bags women's singles title of Bonn International Badminton Tournament

- India's **Tanvi Sharma bagged the women's singles title** at the **Bonn International Badminton Tournament** in Germany.
- The young Indian shuttler defeated Wang Pei Yu of Taiwan in straight sets, 21-19, 22-20.

Dinesh Karthik announces retirement from all forms of cricket

- Days after announcing retirement from the Indian Premier League tournament, ace Indian wicket-keeper batter **Dinesh Karthik announced retirement from all formats of cricket.**
- He last played for Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the IPL 2024 Eliminator on 22 May.

Real Madrid's Historic 15th Champions League Title

- Real Madrid etched their name in the history books once again by securing a record-extending 15th UEFA Champions League title.**
- The Spanish giants showcased their trademark resilience and clinical edge, overcoming a valiant Borussia Dortmund side with a 2-0 victory.

Nayana James win gold medal in long jump at Taiwan Athletics Open 2024

- Indian athlete Nayana James clinched the gold medal in the women's long jump event at the Taiwan Athletics Open 2024 in Chinese Taipei.**
- An Asian Athletics Championships bronze medallist, Nayana recorded a distance of 6.43m for the top step on the podium in rainy conditions at the Taipei Municipal Stadium.
- Nayana beat Japan's Sumire Hata, the reigning Asian champion, for the gold medal. Hata won the silver with a best effort of 6.37m while Yu Jeongmi of the Republic of Korea settled for bronze with 6.14m.

India batter Kedar Jadhav announces retirement

- India and Maharashtra **batter Kedar Jadhav** has announced **his retirement from international cricket**, four years since his last appearance for the national team.

- The 39-year-old, who made his international debut for India in November 2014 during an ODI against Sri Lanka at Ranchi, went on to play 73 one-dayers as well as nine T20Is.

ICC announces 'Highest Ever' Prize Money for T20 World Cup 2024

- The **International Cricket Council** has announced a **record prize purse of USD 11.25 million (approx INR 93.5 crore)** for the 2024 T20 World Cup with the **winners pocketing at least USD 2.45 million (approx INR 20.36 crore)**.
- The runners-up will receive at least USD 1.28 million (Rs 10.36 crore), while the losing semi-finalists walk away with USD 787,500 each.

Armrestling set to be included in upcoming Asian Youth Para Games

- The **Asian Paralympic Committee (APC)** announced the inclusion of **armrestling as an official sport in the upcoming Asian Youth Para Games**.
- The Games will take place in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in September-October 2025.
- The Youth Para Asian Games are an opportunity to introduce, grow and promote a new sport in the region. Previously also, we have had the chance to promote a sport in our programmes and there has been a lot of excitement.

Sarabjot Singh Wins Gold Medal in 10m Air Pistol Event at ISSF WC

- Indian shooter Sarabjot Singh won the gold medal in the **men's 10m air pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2024 in Munich, Germany**.
- He won the first medal for India in the event. Singh scored 242.7 to win the gold medal in the final.

Sift Kaur Samra Bags Bronze Medal In Women's 50m Rifle 3-Position In ISSF Rifle Pistol World Cup

- Women's 50m rifle 3-positions specialist **Sift Kaur Samra** won a **bronze medal in the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol in Munich**.

Kumud Saini won gold medal in 2024 Archery Asia Cup Stage 3

- **Kumud Saini** won the sole **gold medal for India at the Archery Asia Cup 2024 Stage 3**, being held in Suwon, South Korea.
- The Indian archery team finished its campaign in the Asia Cup with five medals - one gold, two silvers and two bronze.

French Open: Iga Świątek wins Women's Singles Title

- **Iga Świątek** won her third **consecutive French Open championship** and fourth in five years by **defeating Jasmine Paolini** 6-2, 6-1 in the final at Roland Garros.
- She became only the third woman in the Open era to clinch three straight French Open titles.
- **Carlos Alcaraz**, emerged victorious in the **men's singles final**. In a gruelling five-set battle against the formidable Alexander Zverev, Alcaraz showcased his resilience and skill, conquering the German with a scoreline of 6-3, 2-6, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2.

UP to organize 2025 edition of MotoGP Bharat in Noida

- **MotoGP India** will be held in Buddha Circuit, **Greater Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar from 2025 to 2029.**
- The Uttar Pradesh government will sign a contract with Dorna Sports and its Indian partner, Fairstreet Sports, to organize the MotoGP event in Noida.
- To organize the event through its Invest UP department, the state government will raise crore.

Sumit Nagpal wins his 6th ATP Challenger Tennis Title

- The **Indian men's tennis player Sumit Nagpal** won the **men's singles title at the Heilbronn Neckarcup 2024 ATP Challenger Tennis** tournament in Germany.
- It was the sixth ATP Challenger title for India's top-ranked men's tennis singles player.
- In the final, Sumit Nagpal defeated Alexander Ritschard of Switzerland in three sets 6-1, 6(5)-7(7), 6-3.
- It is the second-highest-ranking tennis tournament organised by the ATP after the ATP tour.

Saurabh Sharma strikes Twin Gold in World Para Athlete Grand Prix

- **Saurabh Sharma**, an athlete from Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur district, has **won two gold medals in the ongoing World Para Athlete Grand Prix** in the Nottwil city of Switzerland.
- Sharma emerged victorious in 155-metre and 5000-metre races.

Puja Tomar becomes first Indian to win in UFC

- **Puja Tomar** made history as **the first Indian to win a fight in the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC)**, defeating Brazil's Rayanne dos Santos at UFC Louisville 2024.
- Hailing from Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh, Puja had already broken new ground last year by becoming the first Indian woman to secure a UFC contract.
- In her debut fight in the women's strawweight division, she triumphed by split decision with scores of 30-27, 27-30, and 29-28.

Max Verstappen won Canadian Grand Prix 2024

- **Dutch-Belgian racing driver Max Verstappen of Red Bull** has won the **Canadian Grand Prix 2024.**
- Verstappen's triumph at the Canadian Grand Prix 2024 marked his 60th Formula 1 win and his sixth victory in nine races this season.
- The Canadian Grand Prix 2024 is also known as the AWS GRAND PRIX DU CANADA 2024.

India's Sumit Nagal clinches Heilbronn Neckarcup Challenger in Germany

- In tennis, **India's Sumit Nagal** clinched the **Heilbronn Neckarcup Challenger in Germany.**
- He defeated Alexander Ritschard of Switzerland, 6-1, 6-7, 6-3 in the men's singles title clash. This is his 6th ATP Challenger title.

- With this victory, Sumit virtually qualified for the upcoming Paris Olympics. He also achieved an all-time high World Ranking of 77 in the Live ATP ranking.

World Athletics signs 5-year broadcasting services deal with Tata Communications

- **World Athletics** has signed five-year global broadcasting deal with **Tata Communications**, making the Indian telecom major a key partner for marquee events starting with the Tokyo World Championships.
- The agreement aims to enhance innovation and audience engagement.

India's Gulveer Singh clinches Silver Medal in Men's 5000 Metre Race at Portland Track

- In athletics, **India's Gulveer Singh** has clinched the **silver medal in the Men's 5000-metre race at the Portland Track Festival High-Performance Meet in Portland, US.**
- The Asian Games bronze medallist also became the fastest Indian in the men's 5000-metre race.
- Gulveer clocked the national record timing of 13 minutes 18.92 seconds to surpass the previous record of 13 minutes 19.30 seconds, set by Avinash Sable last year.

Shruti Vora becomes first Indian Rider to Win 3-Star Grand Prix event

- In Equestrian, **Shruti Vora** scripts history as she becomes **the first Indian rider to win a three-star Grand Prix event.**
- Shruti along with her astride Magnanimous, scored 67.761 points in the CDI-3 event in FEI Dressage World Cup held in Lipica, Slovenia.

Gudakesh Motie and Chamari Athapaththu named ICC Players of the Month for May

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has revealed the winners of the ICC Player of the Month awards for May 2024.
- **Gudakesh Motie of the West Indies as the ICC Men's Player of the Month for May 2024.**
- In the women's category, **Chamari Athapaththu of Sri Lanka has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for May 2024.**

Divya Deshmukh wins World Junior Girls' Chess Championship

- **India's Divya Deshmukh** has won the **World Junior Girls' Chess Championship** after beating Bulgaria's Beloslava Krasteva in the final round at the Gift City Club in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Top-seeded Divya beat Krasteva in the 10th round with just 26 moves to claim her maiden U-20 title.

Lovlina Borgohain secures Silver Medal in Grand Prix 2024 competition

- Olympic medalist **Indian boxer Lovlina Borgohain** secured a **silver medal in the Grand Prix 2024** competition held in the Czech Republic.
- Lovlina lost 2-3 in her third bout against Li Qian of China.

- Lovlina won her first bout 3-2 against England's Chantal Reid but lost the second bout 0-5 against Cindy Ngamba of the Olympic Refugee team.

Smriti Mandhana becomes second-highest International Run-Getter in Women's Cricket

- **India opener Smriti Mandhana** etched her name into the history book by **becoming the second-highest run-scorer for the nation.**
- With her fighting hundred against South Africa, she went past the 7000-run mark and joined former India star Mithali Raj in the elite list.
- Mandhana played a fighting knock of 117 off 127 deliveries, which took her overall international tally to 7,059 runs.

David Wiese announced retirement from international cricket

- **Namibia's star all-rounder David Wiese** has confirmed his **international cricket retirement** after their loss to England.
- Wiese, who started his international career with South Africa, would switch allegiances and start being a part of the Namibian side from 2021.

Gretchen Walsh breaks world record in 100m butterfly

- **Gretchen Walsh** sets **World Record in 100m Butterfly at 2024 US Olympic Swimming Trials.**
- Walsh clocked 55.18 seconds in the 100-meter women's butterfly.

Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia crowned Australian Open badminton champion

- **Malaysian Lee Zii Jia** outlasted Japan's Kodai Naraoka in the **men's singles final to be crowned Australian Open badminton champion.**
- While Aya Ohori of Japan clinched the women's title.
- It was Lee's 6th career win on the BWF World Tour and came on the back of victory at the Thailand Open.

Neeraj Chopra wins Gold in Paavo Nurmi Games 2024

- Olympic champion **Neeraj Chopra** has **won the gold medal in the men's javelin event at the prestigious Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku, Finland.**
- Neeraj Chopra took the Gold with a best effort of 85.97m, well short of his season-best effort.
- Much to the surprise of the 8-man field, 26-year-old Toni Keranen won silver with a personal best attempt of 84.19m.
- He bettered the likes of Anderson Peters and Keshorn Walcott, who failed to finish in the top 3. 2022 champion Oliver Helander took bronze with a best attempt of 83.96.

Arjun Erigaisi wins Stepan Avagyan Memorial 2024

- India's highest-rated chess player **GM Arjun Erigaisi** continued his top run as he dominated **the 10-player field to win the Stepan Avagyan Memorial 2024 in Jermuk, Armenia, with a round to spare.**
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Trent Boult announces retirement from international cricket

- **New Zealand's left-arm fast bowler Trent Boult** has announced his **retirement from International Cricket**.
- Trent Boult made his international debut for New Zealand in 2011, and he represented the Black Cap (New Zealand team) in all the formats of the games - Test matches, One Day Internationals (ODIs) and T 20 Internationals.

2024 Copa America football tournament begins in USA

- The **48th edition of the Copa America football tournament** kick off in the **United States**.
- This is the second time in the 108-year history of the Copa America Cup that the event is being held outside South America.
- In 2016, the United States hosted the Copa America Cup.

AFMS Officers won 32 medals at World Medical & Health Games

- **Four Armed Forces Medical Service (AFMS) Officers** have brought laurels to India by **clinching a record 32 Medals in the 43rd World Medical and Health Games held in Saint-Tropez, France**.
- These Officers, namely **Lt Col Sanjeev Malik, Maj Anish George, Capt Stephen Sebastian, and Capt Dania James**, made history by winning 19 Gold Medals, 09 Silver Medals and 04 Bronze Medals in the World's largest sports event for health professionals.

Dhiraj Bommadevara won Bronze at Archery WC, Antalya

- **In the Archery World Cup Stage 3, Dhiraj Bommadevara won the bronze in the men's individual** recurve event as well as in the mixed team event with Bhajan Kaur, in Antalya, Turkey.
- Trailing 0-2 after conceding the opening set, the Indian team produced a flawless round to bring it level and seal a stunning 5-3 (35-38, 40-39, 38-37, 38-38) win over their Mexican opponents Alejandra Valencia and Matias Grande.

Max Verstappen won Spanish GP title

- **Red Bull's Max Verstappen** prevailed in a tense, strategic battle with **McLaren's Lando Norris to win the Spanish Grand Prix**.
- Verstappen's seventh victory in 10 races this year hinged on a decisive opening phase of the race from the Dutchman.

Bajrang Punia suspended by NADA once again

- **Olympic medallist Bajrang Punia**, who was **suspended by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)** earlier, has now again been banned provisionally.
- Bajrang's suspension was revoked by a disciplinary panel because he was not issued a notice of charge. But now, NADA has issued the same and handed the Olympic bronze medallist a suspension.

Sreeja Akula creates history by winning WTT Contender singles title

- **Sreeja Akula of Hyderabad** became the **first Indian table tennis player to win a WTT (World Table Tennis) Contender Women's single title**.

- The USD 80,000 prize money WTT Contender Lagos 2024 was held at the Sir Molade Okoya Thomas Indoor Sports Hall in Lagos, Nigeria.
- Sreeja Akula, defeated the 16-year-old Yijie Ding of China 4-1 (10-12,11-9,11-6,11-8,11-6) in the final of the WTT Contender Lagos 2024 to win her first WTT Contender title.

Women's Singles

- Winner - Sreeja Akula (India)
- Runner Up - Yijie Ding (China)

Men's Singles

- Winner - Dimitrij Ovtcharov (Germany)
- Runner up - Ricardo Walther (Germany)

Women Doubles

- Winner - Sreeja Akula and Archana Kamath (India)
- Runner up - Yashaswini Ghorpade and Diya Chitale (India)

Men's Doubles

- Winner - Harmeet Desai and Manav Thakkar (India)
- Runner up - Olajide Omotayo and Azeez Solanke (Nigeria)

Indian clinches 11 Medals at Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championships in Amman

- **India** concluded their **campaign at the Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championships in Amman, Jordan**, on a resounding note.
- The young Indian contingent clinched a total of 11 medals, including four gold, two silver, and five bronze medals.

Anush Agarwalla selected by EFI to represent India in Dressage at Paris Olympics

- The **Equestrian Federation of India (EFI)** has selected **Anush Agarwalla** to represent the country in the dressage event at the upcoming Paris Olympics.
- EFI selected him over Shruti Vora based on a thorough assessment of their recent performances, where Anush demonstrated a superior average.

India beat South Africa by 7 runs to win ICC T20 World Cup 2024

- **India ended their 13-year wait for an ICC Cricket World Cup** trophy when they beat South Africa by seven runs to lift the **ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024** in a thrilling final at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados.
- **Edition**-9th
- **Host**-US and West Indies
- **Teams**-20

Player of the Tournament	Jasprit Bumrah	
Player of the Match in the Final	Virat Kohli	
Smart Catch of the Match	Suryakumar Yadav	
Category	Player(s)	Performance

Most Runs	Rahmanullah Gurbaz	281 runs
Most Wickets	Arshdeep Singh, Fazalhaq Farooqi	17 wickets each
Highest Score	Nicholas Pooran	98 runs vs AFG
Best Figures	Fazalhaq Farooqi	5 for 9 vs Uganda
Highest Strike Rate	Shai Hope	187.71
Best Economy Rate	Tim Southee	3
Most Sixes	Nicholas Pooran	17 sixes
Most 50+ Scores	Rohit Sharma, Rahmanullah Gurbaz	3 each
Most Catches	Aiden Markram	8 catches

Chapter 18: Book and Author

Book	Author
"The Adventures of Ed-a-Mamma: Ed Finds A Home."	Alia Bhatt debuted as a children's book author
'Gateways to the Sea: Historic Ports and Docks of Mumbai Region'	The Governor of Maharashtra Ramesh Bais

Chapter 19: Important Day

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
1 June	Global Day of Parents	The day was established to highlight the parents' significant role in their children's development and promote their healthy growth and development .
1 June	World Milk Day	This day is dedicated to the dairy industry and the products they sell. It is a day to start a conversation about

		how accessible, affordable, and nutritious milk is around the world.
2 June	International Sex Workers' Day	The International Sex Workers' Day , advocates for improved working conditions and respect for sex workers .
3 June	World Bicycle Day	The theme this year, the designated theme for World Bicycle Day is Promoting Health, Equity, and Sustainability through Cycling .
3 June	World Cyder Day	The Apple Cider Day aims to generate publicity for the wide variety and characteristics of apple cider, to whet people's appetite for apple cider, to provide information about apple cider .
3 June	World Clubfoot Day	According to Ponseti International , clubfoot is the most common "musculoskeletal birth deformity, affecting 2,00,000 newborn children each year, 80 per cent in the developing countries" .
4 June	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	Objective - To raise awareness about the innocent children who went through terrorizing experiences in their lives and what we can do to uphold the rights of children and the victims of aggression .
5 June	World Environment Day	Theme 2024 - Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience
6 June	UN Russian Language Day	This day is dedicated to promoting the study and appreciation of Russian language . It coincides with the birthday of Aleksandr Pushkin , one of the most prominent Russian writers and creators .
7 June	World Food Safety Day	Theme 2024 - Food Safety: Prepare for the Unexpected .
8 June	World Oceans Day	Theme 2024 - Awaken New Depths

8 June	World Brain Tumour Day	Theme 2024 - Brain Health and Prevention
9 June	World Accreditation Day	Theme 2024 - Accreditation: Empowering Tomorrow and Shaping the Future.
11 June	International Day of Play	The Day of Play on 11 June was added to the list of global annual observances recognised by the United Nations, following a successful campaign by Save the Children, the LEGO Group and the LEGO Foundation and other partners, to recognise play as a critical developmental activity for children.
12 June	World Day Against Child Labour	Theme 2024 - Let's Act on Our Commitments: End Child Labour
12 June	International Albinism Awareness Day	Theme 2024 - 10 years of IAAD: A decade of collective progress.
14 June	World Blood Donor Day	Theme 2024 - 20 years of celebrating giving: thank you blood donors.
15 June	World Wind Day	Objective - To raise awareness about the importance of wind energy and its power to alter the globe. It is an effort to promote the use of wind energy as a sustainable and renewable source of energy.
15 June	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	Theme 2024 - Spotlight on Older Persons in Emergencies
16 June	International Day of Family Remittances	Theme 2024- Digital remittances towards financial inclusion and cost reduction.
17 June	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Theme 2024 - United for Land. Our Legacy. Our Future
17 June	Sustainable Gastronomy Day	World Sustainable Gastronomy Day is celebrated on June 18 across the world to draw the attention towards the importance of gastronomy , which is sometimes called the art of food .
18 June	International Day for Countering Hate Speech	In July 2021, the UN General Assembly highlighted global concerns over "the exponential spread and proliferation

		of hate speech” around the world and adopted a resolution on “promoting inter-religious and intercultural dialogue and tolerance in countering hate speech” .
19 June	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	Objective - To raise awareness about the serious issue of sexual violence during wars and conflicts worldwide. It also focuses on finding ways to stop these terrible crimes.
19 June	World Sickle Cell Day	Theme 2024 - Hope Through Progress: Advancing Sickle Cell Care Globally.
20 June	World Refugee Day	Theme 2024 - For a World Where Refugees Are Welcomed
21 June	World Music Day	The day celebrates music in all its forms, encompassing classical, contemporary, traditional, and experimental genres.
21 June	World Hydrography Day	Theme 2024 - Hydrographic Information – Enhancing Safety, Efficiency and Sustainability in Marine Activities
23 June	United Nations Public Service Day	This special day highlights the importance of public service and recognizes the hard work of public servants globally.
23 June	International Olympic Day	Theme 2024 - Let's Move and Celebrate
23 June	International Widow's Day	Objective - To raise awareness about the plight of widows worldwide and advocating for their rights and well-being.
24 June	International Day of Women in Diplomacy	Theme 2024 - Women's Leadership in Multilateral Diplomacy
25 June	International Day of the Seafarer	This special day was created by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to recognize the important role seafarers play in our daily lives and the global economy.
26 June	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	Theme 2024 - The evidence is clear: invest in prevention

26 June	United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	The UN General Assembly proclaimed 26 June the United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture , with a view to the total eradication of torture and the effective functioning of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment .
27 June	Micro Small Medium Enterprise (MSME) Day	Theme 2024 - MSMEs and the SDG .
27 June	International Pineapple Day	This day is dedicated to the tropical fruit pineapple and its nutritional, economic, and cultural benefits .
28 June	National Insurance Awareness Day	This day is dedicated to promoting the importance of insurance and ensuring that people understand the benefits of having adequate insurance coverage .
29 June	National Statistics Day	The day highlights his contributions to the field of statistics and economic planning in the post-independent era .

Chapter 20: Science & Technology

ISRO and Wipro 3D Collaborate on 3D-Printed Rocket Engine

- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** and **Wipro 3D** have successfully manufactured a 3D-printed rocket engine, the PS4, set to power the fourth stage of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).
- This groundbreaking achievement, lauded by Dr. V. Narayanan, Director of Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) at ISRO, marks a paradigm shift in space manufacturing, ushering in the era of additive manufacturing for space exploration.

NASA picks SpaceX to destroy International Space Station

- **NASA had picked SpaceX** to build a vessel to carry the **International Space Station** back through Earth's atmosphere and on to a final resting place in the Pacific Ocean after **it is retired in 2030**.
- Elon Musk's company has been awarded a contract with a potential value of US\$843 million to develop and deliver the spaceship, dubbed the US Deorbit Vehicle.
- Weighing 430,000 kilograms (950,000) pounds, the ISS is by far the largest single structure ever built in space.

Chapter 21: Obituary

Person	About
Eminent wildlife conservation activist, A J T Johnsingh	AJT Johnsingh has authored over 70 scientific papers and more than 80 popular articles on wildlife conservation.
Ramoji Rao, founder of Ramoji Film City and head of ETV Network	Ramoji Rao headed the Eenadu group of companies, ETV Network, Margadarshi chit fund, and Ramoji Film City (RFC).
Mumbai Cricket Association honorary president Amol Kale	Kale , along with MCA secretary Ajinkya Naik and apex council member Suraj Samat , had watched India's thrilling win against Pakistan in T20 World Cup from the stadium on June 9.
Sarod maestro Rajeev Taranath	A disciple of Ali Akbar Khan , the reputed Sarod player Taranath had enthralled the audience across different continents.
Former Kerala footballer TK Chathunni	He was a top-rated defender during the 1960s and 1970s and also played for India during the Merdeka Tournament 1973 in Kuala Lumpur.
Former Odisha Governor Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare	Bhandare was a senior Congress leader from Maharashtra and a former Rajya Sabha member for three terms.
Former Indian pacer David Johnson	He recorded his best match figures of 10 for 152 against Kerela in 1995-96 Ranji Trophy season. His performance in the domestic set-up for Karnataka paved his way to the national side.
Renowned English Statistician, Frank Duckworth	The Duckworth-Lewis method , devised by Duckworth and fellow statistician Tony Lewis , was introduced to determine results in rain-affected cricket matches. Lewis had passed away aged 78 in 2020.

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