

# GK Capsule IBPS CLERK 2024

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## Chapter 1: Appointment (National and International)

### National

#### April

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Person</u>
Union Asset Management Company has appointed as the Chief Executive Officer	Madhu Nair (Updated 1 April)
Assumed charge as the Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau upon the superannuation of Manish Desai.	Sheyphali Sharan (Updated 3 April)
Appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Axis Capital	Atul Mehra (Updated 3 April)
Assumed charge as President of industry chamber ASSOCHAM	Sanjay Nayar (Updated 3 April)
Assumed the role of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. (KRCL)	Santosh Kumar Jha (Updated 4 April)
Future Generali India Insurance Company (FGII) named as Chief Distribution Officer (CDO)	Ramit Goyal (Updated 5 April)
Punjab & Sind Bank has appointed as its Chief Financial Officer	Arnab Goswamy (Updated 5 April)



<b>The National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India Ltd. (NCDFI) elected as the Chairman</b>	Dr. Meenesh Shah (Updated 6 April)
<b>Indian Police Service (IPS) officer has been appointed as Inspector General in Special Protection Group (SPG)</b>	Love Kumar (Updated 6 April)
<b>IT giant Wipro has appointed as its new CEO, following the resignation of Thierry Delaporte</b>	Srinivas Pallia (Updated 8 April)
<b>Appoints as member of 16th Finance Commission</b>	Manoj Panda (Updated 10 April)
<b>Appointed as National women's hockey coach</b>	Harendra Singh (Updated 10 April)
<b>RBL Bank appoints as independent director</b>	Murali Ramakrishnan (Updated 12 April)
<b>Appointed as Member, University Grants Commission (UGC)</b>	Sachidananda Mohanty (Updated 14 April)
<b>Appointed as the Joint Director in Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).</b>	Anurag Kumar (Updated 14 April)
<b>Appointed as head of National Judicial Academy</b>	Justice Aniruddha Bose (Updated 15 April)
<b>Appointed as Secretary, Department of Posts</b>	Vandita Kaul (Updated 16 April)
<b>SPACE India appoints as its Brand Ambassador</b>	Sanjana Sanghi (Updated 16 April)
<b>Fintech major BharatPe has appointed as its chief executive officer</b>	Nalin Negi (Updated 18 April)
<b>Appointed as next Chief of Naval Staff</b>	Dinesh Kumar Tripathi (Updated 19 April)
<b>The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment as the Managing Director &amp; CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank</b>	Ajith Kumar K.K (Updated 21 April)

<b>Appointed as the Director-General of National Security Guard (NSG)</b>	Nalin Prabhat (Updated 21 April)
<b>Appointed as chairman of HDFC Insurance Board</b>	Keki Mistry (Updated 22 April)
<b>Appoints Citroen's new brand ambassador</b>	Mahendra Singh Dhoni (Updated 22 April)
<b>Intel has appointed to head the India region business as its Managing Director (MD)</b>	Santhosh Viswanathan (Updated 22 April)
<b>Appointed as the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU)</b>	Professor Naima Khatoon (Updated 24 April)
<b>RBI Deputy Governor gets One Year tenure extension</b>	T Rabi Sankar (Updated 25 April)
<b>The Board of Axis Bank has approved the re-appointment as MD &amp; CEO of the Bank</b>	Amitabh Chaudhry (Updated 26 April)
<b>Appointed as Director of Ministry of Housing &amp; Urban Affairs (MoHUA).</b>	Sunil Kumar Yadav (IRS) (Updated 27 April)
<b>Named ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 Ambassador</b>	Yuvraj Singh (Updated 27 April)
<b>Took charge as the Presiding Officer of the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT)</b>	Dinesh Kumar (Updated 30 April)

**May**

<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Person</u></b>
<b>IndiGo has named as a chief of transformation</b>	Isidro Pablo Porqueras Orea (Updated 1 May)
<b>Appointed as MD &amp; CEO of Jio Financial Services</b>	Hitesh Sethia (Updated 2 May)
<b>Appointed as Director of the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)</b>	Pratima Singh (IRS) (Updated 2 May)
<b>Assumed the charge of Director General of Akashvani News</b>	Maushumi Chakravarty

	(Updated 3 May)
<b>Reappointed as Chairman of HDFC Bank</b>	Atanu Chakraborty (Updated 4 May)
<b>Raymond has re-appointed as its managing director</b>	Gautam Hari Singhania (Updated 5 May)
<b>Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has appointed as executive director</b>	Carol Furtado (Updated 5 May)
<b>Appoints as head of GST Appellate Tribunal</b>	Sanjaya Kumar Mishra (Updated 5 May)
<b>Appointed as MD &amp; CEO of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank</b>	Sanjeev Nautiyal (Updated 6 May)
<b>UNICEF India has appointed as its new National Ambassador</b>	Kareena Kapoor Khan (Updated 6 May)
<b>Named as Director General of the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE)</b>	Prof. Mohammad Rihan (Updated 6 May)
<b>The Gurgaon administration has announced as its brand ambassador for the election</b>	Yuzvendra Chahal (Updated 7 May)
<b>Visa has appointed as the country manager for India</b>	Sujai Raina (Updated 8 May)
<b>Appointed as Director in the Ministry of Ayush</b>	Subodh Kumar (Updated 8 May)
<b>New chairman of HDFC Life</b>	Keki Mistry (Updated 10 May)
<b>The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed as executive director (ED)</b>	R Lakshmi Kanth Rao (Updated 11 May)
<b>Elected as a director of IFFCO (Indian Farmers Fertilizers Co-op Ltd.) New Delhi.</b>	Vivek Kolhe (Updated 13 May)
<b>Appointed as Chairman of Tata Electronics</b>	N. Chandrasekaran (Updated 14 May)

<b>Assumed charge as Chief of Personnel (CoP) of Indian Navy</b>	Sanjay Bhalla (Updated 14 May)
<b>Elected as the President of Supreme Court Bar Association</b>	Kapil Sibal (Updated 17 May)
<b>Appointed as additional directors in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)</b>	A.Y.V. Krishna and N. Venu Gopal (Updated 18 May)
<b>Whole Time Director on the Board of IDFC FIRST Bank</b>	Pradeep Natarajan (Updated 19 May)
<b>The Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) India has appointed as Chief of Measurement Science and Analytics</b>	Dr. Bikramjit Chaudhuri (Updated 21 May)
<b>Appointed as the Managing Director of Honeywell Automation India Ltd (HAIL)</b>	Atul Pai (Updated 21 May)
<b>Government appoints as Member in Central Electricity Regulatory Commission</b>	Ramesh Babu V (Updated 22 May)
<b>Appointed as Citroen's brand ambassador in India</b>	MS Dhoni (Updated 26 May)
<b>DRDO chairman gets one year extension</b>	Samir V. Kamat (Updated 28 May)
<b>Appoints as new CEO of Sony India</b>	Gaurav Banerjee (Updated 29 May)
<b>Appointed as Secretary to Lokpal till 30th June</b>  <b>Appointed as Chairman of Staff Selection Commission (SSC)</b>	Rakesh Ranjan (Updated 30 May)
<b>The board of National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) has recommended for the post of managing director and chief executive officer of the state-owned bad bank</b>	P Santhosh (Updated 30 May)
<b>Appoints brand ambassador of Muthoot Pappachan Group</b>	Shah Rukh Khan (Updated 31 May)



<b>New Chairman of the Board of Directors of ICICI Prudential.</b>	Sandeep Batra (Updated 31 May)
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**June**

<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Person</u></b>
<b>Becomes brand ambassador for Greenday's 'Better Nutrition'</b>	PV Sindhu (Updated 4 June)
<b>Took charge as vice-chancellor of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)</b>	Rakesh Mohan Joshi (Updated 6 June)
<b>Appointed CEO of PNB MetLife</b>	Sameer Bansal (Updated 7 June)
<b>Took over the additional charge of Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) under Ministry of Labour &amp; Employment</b>	Kamal Kishore Soan Updated 8 June)
<b>Appointed as Director in Department of Rural Development</b>	Raj Priy Singh (IFoS) (Updated 9 June)
<b>Bisleri Limonata appoints as Brand Ambassador</b>	Aditya Roy Kapur (Updated 10 June)
<b>Appointed as the new Secretary of Competition Commission of India (CCI)</b>	IRS Inder Pal Singh Bindra (Updated 10 June)
<b>Became the Indian Navy's first woman helicopter pilot</b>	Anamika B. Rajeev (Updated 11 June)
<b>Appointed as the next Chief of the Army Staff</b>	Lt. Gen. Upendra Dwivedi (Updated 12 June)
<b>The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has appointed as its Director General</b>	Jyoti Vij (Updated 14 June)
<b>Appointed MD and CEO of SBICAP Ventures Limited</b>	Prem Prabhakar (Updated 14 June)
<b>Reappointed as the National Security Advisor</b>	Ajit Doval (Updated 14 June)

<b>Reappointed as the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India</b>	Dr PK Mishra (Updated 14 June)
<b>Elected as the Chair of Global Wind Energy Council India (GWEC India)</b>	(Updated 18 June)
<b>Paytm names Ex-SEBI Official as non-executive independent director</b>	Rajeev Agarwal (Updated 19 June)
<b>Appointed as the Director (Enterprise) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).</b>	Sudhakararao Papa (Updated 22 June)
<b>Appoints as CMD of New India Assurance Company</b>	Girija Subramanian (Updated 22 June)
<b>The government has appointed as the new Secretary, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)</b>	Atul Kumar Chaudhary (Updated 23 June)
<b>Appointed Pro-tem speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha</b>	Bhartruhari Mahtab (Updated 24 June)
<b>HDFC ERGO General Insurance elevates as MD and CEO</b>	Anuj Tyagi (Updated 25 June)
<b>Appointed as Director in Department of Consumer Affairs</b>	Mrinal Kr Das (Updated 25 June)
<b>Set to be the next Vice Chief of Army Staff</b>	Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani (Updated 26 June)
<b>Elected as the speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha</b>	Om Birla (Updated 26 June)
<b>Given an extension as Intelligence Bureau chief for one year beyond June 30, 2024</b>	IPS Tapan Kumar Deka (Updated 27 June)
<b>Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company (ABSLAMC) has reappointed as its Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)</b>	A Balasubramanian (Updated 27 June)

<b>The India Bullion Jewellers Association (IBJA) has appointed as its Vice President</b>	Aksha Mohit Kamboj (Updated 28 June)
<b>Taken over as the new President of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI)</b>	Kapil Dev (Updated 28 June)
<b>Appointed as Director in Department of Consumer Affairs</b>	Mrinal Kumar Das (Updated 28 June)
<b>Appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD &amp; CEO) of SBI General Insurance Company Limited.</b>	Naveen Chandra Jha (Updated 30 June)

**July**

<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Person</u></b>
<b>Appointed as the new chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)</b>	Ravi Agrawal (Updated 2 July)
<b>IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited has named as its new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)</b>	Rushabh Gandhi (Updated 2 July)
<b>Appointed as the additional National Security Adviser (NSA)</b>	Rajinder Khanna (Updated 4 July)
<b>Named as Deputy NSA</b>	TV Ravichandran (Updated 4 July)
<b>Appointed as Chairperson of the National Medical Commission</b>	B.N. Gangadhar (Updated 4 July)
<b>Government extends tenure as CMD of India Trade Promotion Organization.</b>	Pradeep Singh Kharola (Updated 7 July)
<b>Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has re-designated its chairman as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO)</b>	Siddhartha Mohanty (Updated 8 July)
<b>Bandhan Bank appoints as interim MD &amp; CEO</b>	Ratan Kr Kesh (Updated 8 July)

<b>The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the re-appointment as the managing director and chief executive officer of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank (Utkarsh SFB)</b>	Govind Singh (Updated 9 July)
<b>Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) board approved the proposal to reappoint as its Chairman and Managing Director</b>	Satyanarayan Goel (Updated 10 July)
<b>Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) board approved the proposal to appoint as its Joint Managing Director</b>	Rohit Bajaj (Updated 10 July)
<b>Appointed India men's cricket head coach</b>	Gautam Gambhir (Updated 10 July)
<b>The News Broadcasters &amp; Digital Association (NBDA) has unanimously elected as its president</b>	Rajat Sharma (Updated 12 July)
<b>Took charge as the Foreign secretary</b>	Vikram Misri (Updated 16 July)
<b>President Droupadi Murmu has appointed as Judges of the Supreme Court.</b>	Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and R. Mahadevan (Updated 17 July)
<b>South Indian Bank names as Whole-time Director</b>	Dolphy Jose (Updated 18 July)
<b>ESAF Small Finance Bank has received Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) nod for re-appointment as its Managing Director &amp; CEO for another three years</b>	K Paul Thomas (Updated 18 July)
<b>UPSC Chairperson resigns five years before term ends</b>	Manoj Soni (Updated 20 July)
<b>Re-elected for second term as PwC India Chairperson</b>	Sanjeev Krishan (Updated 22 July)
<b>Star India opener has been appointed the brand ambassador for MotoGP in India</b>	Shikhar Dhawan (Updated 23 July)
<b>Becomes first woman officer to be deployed at Siachen Glacier</b>	Capt. Supreetha (Updated 23 July)

<b>Appointed as the Managing Director &amp; Chief Executive Officer of Federal Bank</b>	KVS Manian (Updated 23 July)
<b>Elected new president of ICAI for 2024-25</b>	Bibhuti Bhusan Nayak (Updated 24 July)
<b>Re-elected as International Olympic Committee Member</b>	Nita Ambani (Updated 25 July)
<b>Elected as the youngest president in the history of the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA)</b>	Ajinkya Naik (Updated 26 July)
<b>Appointed festival director for the International Film Festival of India (IFFI)</b>	Shekhar Kapur (Updated 26 July)
<b>Taken over as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL), a Mini Ratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Information &amp; Broadcasting</b>	D.K. Murali (Updated 27 July)
<b>Appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)</b>	Manoj Mittal (Updated 30 July)
<b>Appointed as the Chairperson of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)</b>	Preeti Sudan (Updated 31 July)

**August**

<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Person</u></b>
<b>Appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of National Housing Bank (NHB)</b>	Sanjay Shukla (Updated 1 August)
<b>The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed as MD &amp; CEO of Unity Small Finance Bank Limited (Unity Bank) for two years</b>	Inderjit Camotra (Updated 3 August)
<b>Takes over additional charge of Director General, BSF</b>	Daljit Singh Chawdhary (Updated 5 August)
<b>Took over as the 22nd Director General of the Assam Rifles known by the sobriquet of "Sentinels of the North-East"</b>	Lieutenant General Vikas Lakhera (Updated 7 August)



<b>Government appoints as Member in Central Electricity Regulatory Commission</b>	Harish Dudani (Updated 8 August)
<b>Appointed Additional Secretary in PM's Office</b>	Amit Singh Negi (Updated 8 August)
<b>Appointed as Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI)</b>	Challa Sreenivasulu Setty (Updated 8 August)
<b>Capital market regulator SEBI approved appointment as the Managing Director and CEO of MCX</b>	Praveena Rai (Updated 10 August)
<b>Appointed as the new Chairman &amp; Managing Director of NHPC Limited</b>	Raj Kumar Chaudhary (Updated 13 August)
<b>Assumed charge as Secretary of the Ministry of Steel</b>	Sandeep Poundrik (Updated 15 August)
<b>Appointed as the new head coach of the junior men's hockey team</b>	Goalkeeper PR Sreejesh (Updated 16 August)
<b>RBI appoints as MD &amp; CEO of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank</b>	Sukumaran Nair (Updated 19 August)
<b>President of information technology (IT) industry body National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)</b>	Rajesh Nambiar (Updated 22 August)
<b>Named brand ambassador for GRM Basmati Rice</b>	Salman Khan (Updated 22 August)
<b>Assumed charge as Secretary to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)</b>	Deepti Gaur Mukherjee (Updated 23 August)
<b>Appointed as the chairperson of the industry body Nasscom</b>	Sindhu Gangadharan (Updated 28 August)
<b>Appointed as the Additional Director General (ADG) of the ITBP</b>	Sanjeev Raina (Updated 28 August)
<b>Elected as the new chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC)</b>	Jay Shah (Updated 28 August)

<b>Appointed as the Director General (DG) of the National Security Guard (NSG)</b>	Senior IPS officer B Srinivasan (Updated 29 August)
<b>Named new Chairman and CEO of Railway Board</b>	Satish Kumar (Updated 29 August)

**September**

<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Person</u></b>
<b>Takes over as DG of Project Seabird</b>	Rajesh Dhankhar (Updated 1 September)
<b>Takes over as Cabinet Secretary</b>	TV Somanathan (Updated 1 September)
<b>Appointed the interim Chairman and Managing Director of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) for three months</b>	Rajneesh Narang (Updated 3 September)
<b>Took over as the Chairman of the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the nation's largest oil firm</b>	V Satish Kumar (Updated 3 September)
<b>Took over as Deputy Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force in New Delhi</b>	Air Marshal Tejinder Singh (Updated 3 September)
<b>Took charge as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Central Air Command</b>	Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit (Updated 4 September)
<b>Appointed Managing Director of NABCONS (NABARD Consultancy Services), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development</b>	Y Haragopal (Updated 4 September)
<b>The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) recommends for SBI MD post</b>	Rama Mohan Rao Amara (Updated 4 September)
<b>Appointed as Managing Director for the Philips Indian subcontinent</b>	Bharath Sesha (Updated 4 September)
<b>Federal Bank has approved the appointment of Managing Director and CEO of the bank</b>	Krishnan Venkat Subramanian (Updated 5 September)
<b>Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved for the appointment</b>	Nehal Vora (Updated 5 September)

<b>as the MD &amp; CEO of Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL)</b>	
<b>Took over the charge as Director General (DG) of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)</b>	Rajwinder Singh Bhatti (Updated 5 September)
<b>The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) has appointed as its new Chairman for 2024-25</b>	Partha Sinha (Updated 6 September)
<b>Named the first Indian ambassador of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Foundation</b>	Ace paddler Sharath Kamal (Updated 7 September)
<b>Appointed new Finance Secretary</b>	Tuhin Kanta Pandey (Updated 10 September)
<b>Assumed office as the State Mission Director of the National Health Mission (NHM)</b>	Vinay Goyal (Updated 11 September)
<b>Takes charge as Chairperson of Commission for Air Quality Management</b>	Rajesh Verma (Updated 11 September)
<b>Unanimously re-elected as the Chairperson of Parliamentary Committee on Official Language</b>	Amit Shah (Updated 11 September)
<b>IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company Limited (IFFCO Tokio) has appointed as its new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)</b>	Subrata Mondal (Updated 11 September)
<b>Appointed as the Chairperson of the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)</b>	RS Sharma (Updated 11 September)
<b>Resigns as Chief Minister of New Delhi</b>	Arvind Kejriwal (Updated 17 September)
<b>Elected as the new Chief Minister-designate in place of Arvind Kejriwal</b>	Atishi (Updated 17 September)
<b>Appointed as the Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)</b>	Amrit Mohan Prasad (Updated 18 September)

<b>India's Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) has appointed as a brand ambassador</b>	Manu Bhaker (Updated 18 September)
<b>Shriram Finance welcomes as Brand Ambassador</b>	Rahul Dravid (Updated 19 September)
<b>Airtel Payments Bank has appointed as its new Chief Compliance Officer</b>	Amar Kumar Kakarlapudi (Updated 20 September)
<b>The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the re-appointment as MD and CEO of IDFC First Bank</b>	V Vaidyanathan (Updated 21 September)
<b>CIFDAQ, a leading blockchain ecosystem firm has appointed as Chief Compliance Officer (CCO)</b>	Muthuswamy Iyer (Updated 22 September)
<b>Appointed as the Whole Time Director (Executive Director) of TamilNad Mercantile Bank for a period of three years</b>	Vincent Menachery Devassy (Updated 22 September)
<b>Appointed as the new director general of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)</b>	Anurag Garg (Updated 22 September)
<b>joined the Telangana Police as a Deputy Superintendent of Police (Special Police)</b>	Nikhat Zareen (Updated 23 September)
<b>Appointed as next Chief of Air Force</b>	Amar Preet Singh (Updated 23 September)
<b>Elected as the new president of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)</b>	Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo (Updated 23 September)
<b>Taken charge as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Federal Bank</b>	KVS Manian (Updated 24 September)
<b>Appointed as the Chief of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)</b>	Alok Ranjan (Updated 25 September)
<b>Appointed as the Chief of Hyderabad-based Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA)</b>	Amit Garg (Updated 25 September)
<b>Appointed as Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court</b>	Justice Manmohan (Updated 27 September)

<b>Appointed as Chief Justice of Meghalaya High Court</b>	Justice Indra Prasanna Mukerji (Updated 27 September)
<b>Appointed as Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court</b>	Justice Rajiv Shakdher (Updated 27 September)
<b>Appointed as Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court</b>	Justice Suresh Kait (Updated 27 September)
<b>Appointed as Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court</b>	Justice Nitin Madhukar Jamdar (Updated 27 September)
<b>Appointed as Chief Justice of the Jammu &amp; Kashmir and Ladakh High Court</b>	Justice Tashi Rabstan (Updated 27 September)
<b>Appointed as Chief Justice of Madras High Court</b>	Justice Shriram Kalpathi Rajendran (Updated 27 September)
<b>Appointed as Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court</b>	Justice M.S. Ramachandra Rao (Updated 27 September)
<b>Reserve Bank of India has approved the reappointment as Non-Executive Chairman of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank</b>	Parveen Kumar Gupta (Updated 28 September)
<b>Reappointed as MD &amp; CEO for IndusInd Bank</b>	Sumant Kathpalia (Updated 28 September)

### International Appointment

#### April

<u>Organization / Country</u>	<u>Person</u>
<b>Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)</b> appointed as the nation's <b>first female prime minister</b> <b>About Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b> - Kinshasa</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b> - Congo franc</li> <li>• <b>President of Congo</b> - Felix Tshisekedi</li> </ul>	Judith Suminwa Tuluka (Updated 3 April)
<b>Sworn in as the president of Egypt for a third term</b> <b>About Egypt</b>	Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi (Updated 4 April)



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b>- Cairo</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b>- Egyptian pound</li> <li>• <b>Continent</b> - Africa, Asia</li> <li>• <b>President</b> - Abdel Fattah El-Sisi</li> </ul>	
<p><b>The World Bank Group has appointed member of the Economic Advisory Panel</b></p> <p><b>About World Bank</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Founded</b> - 1944</li> <li>• <b>Headquarters</b> - Washington Dc</li> <li>• <b>President</b> - Ajay Banga</li> <li>• <b>MD &amp; CFO</b> - Anshula Kant</li> <li>• <b>Chief Economist</b> – Indermit Gill</li> <li>• <b>Executive Director</b> - Rajesh Khullar</li> <li>• <b>Member Countries</b> -189</li> <li>• <b>World Bank Group</b> - 5 (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID)</li> </ul>	<p>Rakesh Mohan</p> <p>(Updated 5 April)</p>
<p><b>Elected President of Slovakia</b></p> <p><b>About Slovak Republic (Slovakia)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b>- Bratislava</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b>- Euro</li> <li>• <b>President</b> - Peter Pellegrini</li> </ul>	<p>Peter Pellegrini</p> <p>(Updated 8 April)</p>
<p><b>Elected youngest PM of Ireland</b></p> <p><b>About Ireland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b> - Dublin</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b> - Euro</li> <li>• <b>Continent</b> - Europe</li> <li>• <b>President</b> - Michael D. Higgins</li> <li>• <b>Prime Minister</b> - Simon Harris</li> </ul>	<p>Simon Harris</p> <p>(Updated 11 April)</p>
<p><b>Re-elected to the Vienna-based International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)</b></p>	<p>Jagjit Pavadia</p> <p>(Updated 13 April)</p>
<p><b>Kuwait's Emir has appointed as the new Prime Minister of Kuwait</b></p> <p><b>About Kuwait</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b> - Kuwait City</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b> -Kuwaiti dinar</li> <li>• <b>Prime Minister</b> - Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad al-Sabah</li> </ul>	<p>Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah al-Ahmad al-Sabah</p> <p>(Updated 17 April)</p>
<p><b>The International Monetary Fund's executive board selected Bulgarian economist to serve as managing director</b></p> <p><b>About International Monetary Fund (IMF)</b></p>	<p>Kristalina Georgieva</p> <p>(Updated 18 April)</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Founded</b> - 1945</li> <li>• <b>Headquarters</b>- Washington, D.C.</li> <li>• <b>Managing Director</b> - Kristalina Georgieva (Bulgaria)</li> <li>• <b>First Deputy MD</b> - Gita Gopinath</li> <li>• <b>Chief Economist</b> - Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas (France)</li> <li>• <b>Member countries</b> - 190 (Andorra)</li> </ul>	
<b>UN Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed as the United Nations resident coordinator in Indonesia</b>	Gita Sabharwal (Updated 24 April)
<b>Indonesia declares president-elect</b>  <b>About Indonesia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b> - Jakarta</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b> - Rupiah</li> <li>• <b>Official language</b> - Indonesian</li> <li>• <b>President</b> - Prabowo Subianto</li> </ul>	Prabowo Subianto (Updated 25 April)

May

<u>Organization / Country</u>	<u>Person</u>
<b>Legislators in the Solomon Islands have elected as their new prime minister</b>	Jeremiah Manele (Updated 3 May)
<b>Won Panama's presidential election</b>  <b>About Panama</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b> - Panama City</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b> - Balboa</li> <li>• <b>Continent</b> - North America</li> <li>• <b>President</b> - José Raúl Mulino</li> </ul>	José Raúl Mulino (Updated 7 May)
<b>Sworn in as Russian President for 5th time</b> <b>About Russia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b> - Moscow</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b> - Rubel</li> <li>• <b>President</b> - Vladimir Putin</li> <li>• <b>Prime Minister</b> - Mikhail Mishustin</li> </ul>	Vladimir Putin (Updated 9 May)
<b>Won Chad's Presidential election</b> <b>About Republic of Chad</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chad</b> is a landlocked country situated in <b>north-central Africa</b>.</li> <li>• It is the fifth largest country in <b>Africa</b> in area.</li> <li>• <b>Capital</b>: N'Djamena</li> </ul>	Idriss Deby (Updated 11 May)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Currency:</b> CFA franc</li> <li>• <b>President:</b> Mahamat Idris Deby Itno</li> </ul>	
<b>Sworn in as Singapore's fourth Prime Minister</b>	Lawrence Wong (Updated 16 May)
<b>Mizuho Financial Group has hired as an external senior advisor for Mizuho Bank India (Mizuho)</b>	Sanjay Nayar (Updated 19 May)
<b>Sworn in as president of Taiwan</b> <b>Capital:</b> Taipei City <b>Currency:</b> Taiwan dollar	Lai Ching-Te (Updated 21 May)
<b>Named as new PM of Chad</b> <b>Capital:</b> N'Djamena <b>Currency:</b> CFA franc	Allamaye Halina (Updated 27 May)
<b>Elected as the president of Lithuania</b> <b>About Lithuania</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital:</b> Vilnius</li> <li>• <b>Official language:</b> Lithuanian</li> <li>• <b>Prime minister:</b> Ingrida Šimonytė</li> <li>• <b>President:</b> Gitanas Nausėda</li> </ul>	Gitanas Nausėda (Updated 28 May)
<b>Appointed as the Chairperson of the Committee A at the 77th World Health Assembly (WHA) by the WHO</b> <b>About World Health Organization (WHO)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Formation</b> - 7 April 1948</li> <li>• <b>Headquarters</b> - Geneva, Switzerland</li> <li>• <b>First President</b> - Andrija Štampar</li> <li>• <b>Director General</b> - Tedros Adhanom (Ethiopia)</li> <li>• <b>Deputy Director General</b> - Soumya Swaminathan (Indian)</li> <li>• <b>Member Countries</b> - 194</li> </ul>	Apurva Chandra (Updated 29 May)

### June

<u>Organization / Country</u>	<u>Person</u>
<b>becomes first woman President of Mexico</b> <b>About Mexico</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital-</b> Mexico City</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b> – Peso</li> <li>• <b>President-</b> Claudia Sheinbaum</li> <li>• <b>Continent-</b> North America</li> </ul>	Claudia Sheinbaum (Updated 4 June)

<b>Elected as Iceland's seventh President</b>  <b>Capital:</b> Reykjavík <b>Currency:</b> Icelandic króna (ISK)	Halla Tomasdottir  (Updated 5 June)
<b>Secures second term as South African President</b>  <b>Capitals:</b> Cape Town, Pretoria, Bloemfontein <b>Currency:</b> Rand (ZAR)	Cyril Ramaphosa  (Updated 17 June)
<b>Sworn in as Slovakia's president</b> <b>About Slovak Republic (Slovakia)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital-</b> Bratislava</li> <li>• <b>Currency-</b> Euro</li> <li>• <b>President -</b> Peter Pellegrini</li> <li>• Prime minister: Robert Fico</li> <li>• <b>Official language -</b> Slovak</li> </ul>	Peter Pellegrini  (Updated 17 June)
<b>Appoint as the new secretary-general of NATO</b> <b>About North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Founded -</b> 1949</li> <li>• <b>Headquarters -</b> Brussels, Belgium</li> <li>• <b>Secretary General-</b> Mark Rutte</li> <li>• <b>Member countries -</b> 32 (32<sup>nd</sup> Sweden, 31<sup>st</sup> Finland)</li> <li>• <b>Founding Members -</b> United States, Canada, and ten European countries, including Belgium, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, and the United Kingdom.</li> <li>• <b>NATO</b> is a military alliance between North American and European countries</li> </ul>	Mark Rutte  (Updated 20 June)

### July

<u>Organization / Country</u>	<u>Person</u>
<b>Elected as new PM of Netherlands</b> <b>About Netherlands</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital-</b> Amsterdam</li> <li>• <b>Currency-</b> Euro</li> </ul>	Dick Schoof  (Updated 4 July)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prime Minister</b> – Dick Schoof</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Appointed as the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom</b></p> <p><b>About United Kingdom (UK)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b> - London</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b> - Pound sterling</li> <li>• <b>Prime Minister</b> – Keir Starmer (replace Rishi Sunak)</li> </ul>	<p>Keir Starmer</p> <p>(Updated 6 July)</p>
<p><b>Elected as the new President of Iran</b></p> <p><b>About Iran</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b> – Tehran</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b> – Rial</li> <li>• <b>President</b> – Masoud Pezeshkian</li> <li>• <b>Supreme Leader</b> - Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei</li> </ul>	<p>Masoud Pezeshkian</p> <p>(Updated 7 July)</p>
<p><b>Appointed as the president of Financial Action Task Force (FATF)</b></p> <p><b>About Financial Action Task Force (FATF)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Founded</b> - 1989</li> <li>• <b>Headquarters</b> - Paris, France</li> <li>• <b>Membership</b> - 40</li> <li>• <b>President</b> - Elisa de Anda Madrazo; Mexico (replace T Raja Kumar; Singapore)</li> </ul>	<p>Elisa de Anda Madrazo</p> <p>(Updated 8 July)</p>
<p><b>Becomes UK's first woman Finance Minister</b></p>	<p>Rachel Reeve</p> <p>(Updated 9 July)</p>
<p><b>Lithuanian President was sworn in for a second five-year term</b></p> <p><b>About Lithuania</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b> - Vilnius</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b> - Euro</li> <li>• <b>Prime minister</b> - Ingrida Šimonytė</li> <li>• <b>President</b> - Gitanas Nausėda</li> </ul>	<p>Gitanas Nausėda</p> <p>(Updated 13 July)</p>
<p><b>Re-elected for 4th term as Rwandan President</b></p> <p><b>About Rwanda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b>- Kigali</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b>- Rwandan Franc</li> <li>• <b>President</b>- Paul Kagame</li> <li>• <b>Prime Minister</b>- Édouard Ngirente</li> <li>• <b>Official languages</b>- Kinyarwanda, French, English, Swahili</li> </ul>	<p>Paul Kagame</p> <p>(Updated 17 July)</p>



<p><b>Secured broad backing for a new term as president of the European Parliament, becoming the first woman to win a second term as head of the EU assembly</b></p> <p><b>About European Union (EU)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Founded: 1 November 1993</li> <li>• <b>Founders:</b> Germany, France, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg</li> <li>• <b>Headquarters - Brussels, Belgium</b></li> <li>• <b>Members Country - 27</b></li> <li>• <b>President of European Council -</b> Antonion Costa</li> <li>• <b>President of Commission -</b> Ursula von der Leyen</li> <li>• <b>President of European Parliament -</b> Roebrt Metsola</li> </ul>	<p>Roberta Metsola</p> <p>(Updated 17 July)</p>
<p><b>Co-Chair of Global CEO Climate Leaders Alliance</b></p>	<p>Sumant Sinha</p> <p>(Updated 18 July)</p>
<p><b>Asian Paralympic Committee appoints as representative for South Asia</b></p> <p><b>About Asian Paralympics Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Formation-</b> 30 October 2002</li> <li>• <b>Headquarters –</b> Dubai, UAE</li> <li>• <b>Members –</b> 45</li> <li>• <b>President –</b> Majid Rashad</li> </ul>	<p>Deepa Malik</p> <p>(Updated 18 July)</p>
<p><b>Appointed as India's next Ambassador to the United States</b></p>	<p>Vinay Mohan Kwatra</p> <p>(Updated 22 July)</p>
<p><b>Sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Estonia for the Estonian Reform Party (Eesti Reformierakond)</b></p> <p><b>About Estonia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital -</b> Tallinn</li> <li>• <b>Currency -</b> Euro</li> <li>• <b>Official language -</b> Estonian</li> <li>• <b>President -</b> Alar Karis</li> <li>• <b>Prime Minister -</b> Kristen Michal</li> </ul>	<p>Kristen Michal</p> <p>(Updated 24 July)</p>
<p><b>Wins third term as President of Venezuela</b></p> <p><b>About Venezuela</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital-</b> Caracas</li> <li>• <b>Currency-</b> Venezuelan bolívar</li> <li>• <b>President-</b> Nicolás Maduro</li> <li>• <b>Official language-</b> Spanish</li> </ul>	<p>Nicolas Maduro</p> <p>(Updated 30 July)</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continent- South America</li> </ul>	
<b>Sworn in as president of Iran</b> <b>About Iran</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital – Tehran</li> <li>Currency – Rial</li> <li>President – Masoud Pezeshkian</li> <li>Supreme Leader - Ayatollah Sayyed Ali Khamenei</li> </ul>	Masoud Pezeshkian  (Updated 31 July)
<b>Appointed in the European Union, that of President of the European Council</b> <b>About European Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Founded: 9 December 1974</li> <li>Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium</li> </ul>	António Luís Santos da Costa  (Updated 1 July)

### August

<u>Organization / Country</u>	<u>Person</u>
<b>Appointed head of Bangladesh's interim government</b>	Muhammad Yunus  (Updated 8 August)
<b>Appointed as the PM of Tunisia</b> <b>About Tunisia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital- Tunis</li> <li>Currency- Tunisian dinar (TND)</li> <li>President- Kais Saied</li> <li>Prime Minister - Kamel Madour</li> <li>Official language- Arabic</li> </ul>	Kamel Madouri  (Updated 9 August)
<b>Appoints new caretaker PM of Bulgaria</b> <b>Capital:</b> Sofia <b>Currency:</b> Lev (BGN)	Goritsa Gruncharova-Kozhareva  (Updated 11 August)
<b>Rwanda's President was sworn in for his fourth term</b> <b>About Rwanda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital - Kigali</li> <li>Currency- Rwandan Franc</li> <li>Official languages- Kinyarwanda, French, English, Swahili</li> <li>Prime minister- Édouard Ngirente</li> </ul>	Paul Kagame  (Updated 13 August)
<b>Japanese Prime Minister will step down in September</b> <b>About Japan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital – Tokyo</li> </ul>	Fumio Kishida  (Updated 17 August)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Currency</b> – Yen</li> <li>• <b>Prime Minister</b> - Fumio Kishida</li> </ul>	
<b>Becomes new PM of Thailand</b>  <b>About Thailand</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b>- Bangkok</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b>- Thai Baht</li> <li>• <b>Official language</b>- Thai</li> <li>• <b>King</b>- Maha Vajiralongkorn</li> <li>• <b>Prime Minister</b> - Paetongtarn Shinawatra</li> </ul>	Paetongtarn Shinawatra  (Updated 18 August)
<b>Appointed as Nestle chief executive</b>	Laurent Freixe  (Updated 24 August)

### September

<u>Organization / Country</u>	<u>Person</u>
<b>Leading French cosmetic maker L'Oreal Paris has roped in Bollywood as its new global brand ambassador.</b>	Alia Bhatt (Updated 5 September)
<b>French President Emmanuel Macron appointed as his new prime minister</b>  <b>About France</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b>- Paris</li> <li>• <b>President</b>- Emmanuel Macron</li> <li>• <b>Prime Minister</b>- Michel Barnier</li> <li>• <b>Official language</b>- French</li> </ul>	Michel Barnier  (Updated 8 September)
<b>Became the first Indian president of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)</b> <b>About Olympic Council of Asia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Formation</b> - 16 November 1982</li> <li>• <b>Headquarters</b> - Kuwait City, Kuwait</li> <li>• <b>Membership</b> - 45 National Olympic Committees</li> <li>• <b>President</b> - Raja Randhir Singh</li> </ul>	Raja Randhir Singh  (Updated 10 September)
<b>Re-elected as Algerian President</b> <b>About Algeria</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital</b>- Algiers</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b>-Algerian Dinar</li> <li>• <b>Continent</b> - Africa</li> <li>• <b>President</b> - Abdelmadjid Tebboune</li> </ul>	Abdelmadjid Tebboune  (Updated 10 September)
<b>The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has appointed as India's next ambassador to Republic of Croatia</b>	Arun Goel  (Updated 10 September)

<b>About Croatia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital-</b> Zagreb</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b> - Kuna</li> <li>• <b>Official language-</b> Croatian</li> <li>• <b>Prime minister-</b> Andrej Plenković</li> <li>• <b>President-</b> Zoran Milanović</li> </ul>	
<b>Incumbent International Hockey Federation (FIH) president is set to be elected unopposed as the head of the world body at its 49th Congress in Muscat, Oman</b>	Tayyab Ikram (Updated 15 September)
<b>Appointed as India's next Ambassador to Iceland</b>	R. Ravindra (Updated 16 September)
<b>Jordan's king appoints to serve as PM</b> <b>About Jordan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Capital-</b> Amman</li> <li>• <b>King-</b> Abdullah II</li> <li>• <b>PM of Jordan</b> - Jafar Hassan</li> <li>• <b>Currency-</b> Jordanian Dinar</li> <li>• <b>Official language-</b> Arabic</li> <li>• <b>Continent-</b> Asia</li> </ul>	Jafar Hassan (Updated 17 September)
<b>Became the first Pakistani woman to be nominated to the ICC international panel of development umpires</b> <b>About International Cricket Council (ICC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The International Cricket Council is the global governing body of cricket.</li> <li>• <b>Formation</b> - 15 June 1909</li> <li>• <b>Headquarters</b> - Dubai, UAE</li> <li>• <b>Chairman</b> – Jay Shah (replace Greg Barclay) effect from 1 Dec 2024</li> <li>• <b>Deputy Chairman</b> - Imran Khwaja (Singapore)</li> <li>• <b>CEO</b> - Geoff Allardice (Australia)</li> <li>• <b>General Manager</b> – Wasim Khan</li> <li>• <b>Membership</b> - 108 members</li> </ul>	Saleema Imtiaz (Updated 18 September)
<b>All India Football Federation (AIFF) has appointed as the new head coach of the national senior women's team, replacing former international player Chaoba Devi at the helm of affairs</b>	Santosh Kashyap (Updated 18 September)
<b>Elected as the President of the IAEA's 68th General Conference</b>	Sang Wook Ham

	(Updated 23 September)
<b>Appointed as Sri Lanka's new president</b> <b>About Sri Lanka</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Legislative capital</b> - Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte</li> <li>• <b>Executive and Judicial capital</b> - Colombo</li> <li>• <b>Currency</b> - Sri Lankan rupee</li> <li>• <b>President</b> - Anura Kumara Dissanayake; 9th (replace Ranil Wickremesinghe)</li> <li>• <b>Prime Minister</b> - Dinesh Gunawardena</li> </ul>	Anura Kumara Dissanayake  (Updated 24 September)

### Chiefs and DGS

Department	Chief/DGS
▪ NSA	Ajit kumar Doval Rajinder Khanna (Additional NSA) TV Ravichandran (Deputy NSA) Pawan Kapoor (Deputy NSA)
▪ CDS	Lt. General Anil Chauhan
▪ Army Chief	Lt. Gen. Upendra Dwivedi (30 <sup>th</sup> ) (Vice- Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani)
▪ Naval Chief	Dinesh Kumar Tripathi
▪ Air Chief	Amar Preet Singh
▪ IB	Tapan Kumar Deka
▪ BSF	Daljit Singh Chawdhary
▪ CRPF	Anish Dayal Singh
▪ CISF	Rajwinder Bhatti
▪ ITBP	Rahul Rasgotra
▪ NSG (National Security Guard)	B. Srinivasan
▪ NCB (Narcotics Control Bureau)	Anish Dayal Singh (Additional Charge)
▪ NDRF (National Disaster Response Force)	Piyush Anand
▪ CBI	Praveen Sood



▪ RAW	Ravi Sinha
▪ NIA	Sadanand Vasant
▪ Attorney General	R Venkataramani
▪ SSB	<b>Amrit Mohan Prasad</b>
▪ Inspector General in Special Protection Group (SPG)	Love Kumar

### List of Chairman of Important Organisation

Organisation	Chairman Name
▪ Chief Justice of India	Dr Justice D Y Chandrachud
▪ SIDBI	Manoj Mittal
▪ SEBI	Madhabi Puri Buch
▪ NABARD	K V Shaji
▪ NHRC	Vijaya Bharathi Sayani
▪ NITI Aayog	PM Narendra Modi
▪ ISRO	S Somanath
▪ UIDAI	Amit Agrawal (CEO)
▪ UGC	Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar
▪ DRDO	Dr. Samir V Kamat
▪ Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)	Ravi Agarwal
▪ FICCI (President)	Anish shah (DG-Jyoti Vij)
▪ NTPC	Gurdeep Singh
▪ ONGC	Arun Kumar Singh
▪ Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)	Sanjay Kumar Agarwal
▪ IOC	V. Satish Kumar
▪ GAIL	Sandeep Gupta
▪ HPCL	Mr. Rajneesh Narang
▪ BPCL	G. Krishnakuma
▪ SAIL	Amarendu Prakash

▪ <b>Chief Election Commission of India</b>	Rajiv Kumar ( <b>Election Commissioner:</b> Gyanesh Kumar ,Sukhbir Singh Sandhu)
▪ <b>UPSC chairman</b>	Preeti Sudan
▪ <b>RBI</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Governor:</b> Shaktikanta Das</li> <li>▪ <b>Deputy Governor:</b> Michael Patra</li> <li>▪ <b>Deputy Governor:</b> Swaminathan Janakiraman</li> <li>▪ <b>Deputy Governor:</b> M Rajeshwar Rao</li> <li>▪ <b>Deputy Governor :</b> T Rabi Sankar</li> </ul>
▪ <b>SBI</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>SBI New chairman-</b> Challa Sreenivasulu Setty</li> <li>▪ <b>SBI new chief financial officer (CFO)-</b> Kameshwar Rao Kodavanti</li> <li>▪ <b>SBI Cards&amp; Payment Services MD &amp; CEO-</b> Abhijit Chakravorty</li> <li>▪ <b>SBI General Insurance MD &amp; CEO –</b> Naveen Chandra Jha</li> <li>▪ <b>SBI Mutual Fund MD &amp; CEO-</b> Shamsher Singh</li> <li>▪ <b>SBI MD –</b> Shri Ashwini Kumar Tewari, Shri Vinay M Tonse, Shri Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh</li> </ul>
▪ <b>LIC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Chairperson:</b> Siddhartha Mohanty</li> <li>▪ <b>Government Nominee Director:</b> Dr.M.P.Tangirala</li> <li>▪ <b>Managing Director:</b> Shri R. Doraiswamy</li> <li>▪ <b>Managing Director:</b> Shri. M.Jagannath</li> <li>▪ <b>Managing Director:</b> Shri.Tablesesh Pandey</li> <li>▪ <b>Managing Director:</b> Shri. Sat Pal Bhanoo</li> </ul>

## Chapter 2: Awards (National, International)

**April**

**National**

<b><u>Award</u></b>	<b><u>Person/Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose/ Field</u></b>
<b>India's highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna</b>	Former <b>Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh (posthumously)</b> , <b>PV Narasimha Rao (posthumously)</b> , former Deputy Prime Minister <b>Lal Krishna Advani</b> , former <b>Chief Minister of Bihar Karpoori Thakur (posthumously)</b> , and famous agricultural scientist <b>M.S. Swaminathan (posthumously)</b>	For exceptional service towards any field of <b>human endeavour</b> , without distinction of <b>race, occupation, position, or sex</b>
<b>Player of the Year for 2023</b>	<b>Hardik Singh and Salima Tete</b>  <b>Men and women respectively</b>	The awards saw <b>teams and individuals</b> felicitated for their <b>achievements</b> in the past year.
<b>SKOCH ESG Award 2024 in</b>	<b>REC Limited, a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise</b> under the Ministry of Power and a leading NBFC	The award underscores <b>REC's dedication to sustainable financing</b> , paving the way for a <b>greener future and accelerating</b> the transition to renewable energy.
<b>The 15th CIDC Vishwakarma Awards 2024</b>	<b>SJVN Limited</b>	These awards demonstrate <b>SJVN's</b> commitment to driving positive change through innovative and concrete <b>CSR initiatives</b> .
<b>CIDC Vishwakarma Award by the Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC) in the category of "Construction Health, Safety &amp; Environment"</b>	<b>Engineers India Limited (EIL)</b>	For Rajasthan Refinery Project, <b>Barmer</b> .
<b>"On The Spot Unit Citation"</b>	<b>INS Sharda</b>	For <b>anti-piracy ops</b>

<b>“Medal of Honour” by the Honorary Consular Corps Diplomatique-India (HCCD-India)</b>	Neeraj A Sharma,	<b>The Consular Day 2024</b> event, organized by <b>HCCD-India</b> , was a gathering of distinguished guests, representing elite individuals and the international fraternity.
<b>An honorary doctorate from the prestigious Vels University</b>	Ram Charan	He has given several successful films over the course of his career, including <b>Magadheera, Yevadu and Dhruva, RRR.</b>
<b>The 2023 Indian Company of the Year Award</b>	STT GDC India Earns Frost & Sullivan	<b>STT GDC India</b> is a pioneer data center solutions provider that <b>delivers cutting-edge solutions and services</b> , with a strong emphasis on <b>environmental sustainability and technological innovation.</b>
<b>KISS (Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences) Humanitarian Award 2021</b>	Ratan Tata	In recognition of his commitment to <b>social development and exemplary corporate leadership.</b>
<b>The Achievement Award for Creating Social Development and Impact at the 15<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Vishwakarma Awards</b>	Puravankara Limited	The award recognises <b>Puravankara’s exemplary efforts in driving positive change</b> through its impactful campaigns, particularly its collaboration with the <b>Biome Environmental Trust</b> in <b>rejuvenating heritage wells</b> as part of the <b>“Million Wells for Bengaluru”</b> campaign.
<b>Pt. Lacchu Maharaj Award</b>	Hema Malini and Saira Banu	They belong from the fields of <b>art and culture</b>

**International**

<b><u>Award</u></b>	<b><u>Person/Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose/ Field</u></b>
<b>‘International Culture Award’</b>	Principal of Kalindi College (Delhi University), <b>Professor Meena Charanda</b>	For her remarkable work in the field of <b>education and social service.</b>

<b>Fellowship of American Surgical Association (ASA)</b>	Dr Raghu Ram	Dr Raghu Ram is the third <b>surgeon</b> from <b>South Asia</b> to receive this honour in the <b>144 years' history of the United State's oldest surgical organisation.</b>
<b>'Best Scientific Poster Award' 2024</b>	Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital	This recognition comes in <b>light</b> of their <b>groundbreaking study on 'The efficacy of RevitalVision vision-training software in improving best-corrected vision in stable keratoconus patients post Crosslinking surgery.'</b>
<b>2024 John L "Jack" Swigert, Jr, Award for Space Exploration</b>	Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chandrayaan -3 mission team	This award is given by the <b>US-based non-profit organisation Space Foundation</b> to honour a space agency, company, or consortium of organisations in the realm of <b>space exploration and discovery.</b>
<b>The 2024 John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award</b>	India's Dr Gagandeep Kang	For her achievements in <b>global health research</b>
<b>American President's Volunteer Award 2024</b>	Jain Acharya Lokesh Muni	In recognition of his contribution to the <b>public good and humanity.</b>
<b>"South Asian Person of the Year" award and title by Harvard University</b>	Avantika Vandanapu	For playing <b>Karen Shetty</b> in the <b>musical comedy Mean Girls (2024)</b>
<b>World Economic Forum's Young Global Leaders Community as part of the Class of 2024</b>	Adwaita Nayar	For <b>shaping the future and fostering positive change</b> through their innovative endeavors.
<b>International Fellowship by the Engineering Academy of Japan</b>	Kaushik Rajashekara	This honour recognizes his <b>outstanding contributions to the field of power conversion and the electrification of transportation.</b>

<b>2024 World Press Photo of the Year award</b>	Mohammed Salem	For his image of a <b>Palestinian woman cradling the body</b> of her five-year-old niece in the <b>Gaza Strip</b> .
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Irish Film &amp; Television Awards 2024</b>	Cillian Murphy	The actor secured the coveted <b>Best Actor award</b> for his portrayal of the <b>titular American physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer</b> , which swept up a majority of the award season last year.
<b>The miss Universe Buenos Aires title</b>	Alejandra Rodríguez	<b>Rodríguez</b> was contesting the <b>pageant with 34 other contestants</b> aged between <b>18 to 73 years of age</b> .

MayNational

<u><b>Award</b></u>	<u><b>Person/Organization</b></u>	<u><b>Purpose/ Field</b></u>
<b>'Green Oscar' Whitley Gold Award 2024</b>	Dr Purnima Devi Barman	She was honoured for her <b>conservation effort of the endangered bird, Hargila or Greater Adjutant Stork</b> and its <b>wetland habitat</b> .
<b>The 9th edition of Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2024</b>	Bhavi Mehta	For <b>"The Book Beautiful"</b> by Pradeep Sebastian
<b>INMA Global Media Awards 2024</b>	OTTplay	Gold for <b>Best Product Iteration</b> and Silver in Best Use of an Event to <b>Build a News Brand</b>
<b>Honored by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)</b>	Genius Box	For its <b>outstanding commitment to quality and branding excellence</b> .
<b>Global Pride of Sindhi Award 2024</b>	Pawan Sindhi	For <b>Outstanding Social Work</b> .
<b>'PSU Samarpan Award' by Gov Connect</b>	Hemant Khatri	For driving the <b>transformation of the shipyard and inspiring countless individual</b> within the industry.



<b>Global Excellence Award 2024</b>	Chandrakant Satija	For being the “ <b>Most Trusted Admission Consultant in Vidarbha Region</b> ”.
<b>Zero waste to landfill (ZWL) accolade by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII-ITC) Centre of Excellence.</b>	Thiruvananthapuram International Airport	The award confirms the <b>airport's implementation</b> of leading waste management practices.

### International

<u><b>Award</b></u>	<u><b>Person/Organization</b></u>	<u><b>Purpose/ Field</b></u>
<b>Goldman Environmental Prize 2024</b>	Alok Shukla	For his efforts to save the forests of <b>Hasdeo Aranya in Chhattisgarh</b>
<b>The title of Grandmaster by the International Chess Federation (FIDE)</b>	Vaishali Ramesh Babu	<b>Vaishali</b> is the third <b>Indian female Grandmaster</b> , joining <b>Koneru Humpy</b> and <b>Harika Dronavalli</b> .
<b>UNESCO awarded its World Press Freedom Prize</b>	Palestinian journalists awarded 2024 Guillermo Cano	For <b>covering the war in Gaza</b> .
<b>'Best Employer' 2023 by Kincentric</b>	DBS Bank India	The award <b>acknowledges organizations with exceptional employee experiences</b> and a strong culture of engagement.
<b>The 2024 Pulitzer Prize winners Fiction</b>	Night Watch by Jayne Anne Phillips	For his Fiction
<b>Honorary degrees from Canada's prestigious McGill University</b>	Dr Soumya Swaminathan	In <b>2017</b> , <b>Swaminathan</b> joined the <b>World Health Organisation (WHO)</b> as <b>Deputy Director General (Programmes)</b> , and, in <b>March 2019</b> , was named its first <b>Chief Scientist</b> , a role she filled through the Covid-19 pandemic until late 2022.
<b>The ATD BEST Award 2024</b>	NTPC	<b>NTPC</b> gets <b>third</b> rank
<b>International Booker Prize 2024</b>	Jenny Erpenbeck's 'Kairos'	For “ <b>Kairos</b> ,” the story of a tangled love affair during the

		final years of <b>East Germany's</b> existence
<b>Shaw Prize in Astronomy for 2024</b>	Srinivas R. Kulkarni	<b>Kulkarni</b> , who serves as the <b>George Ellery Hale Professor of Astronomy and Planetary Science at Caltech.</b>
<b>The Amal Clooney Women's Empowerment Award by the King of the United Kingdom, Charles III</b>	E -Rickshaw driver Arti	<b>Arti</b> arrived at <b>Buckingham Palace in a Pink E-rickshaw</b> , which she received under the <b>Mission Shakti</b> scheme of the <b>UP government.</b>
<b>77<sup>th</sup> Cannes Film Festival</b>	Chidanand Naik and Anasuya Sengupta	Chidanand Naik's film ' <b>Sunflowers Were the First to Know</b> ' won the <b>La Cinef Award for Best Short Film</b> , while Anasuya Sengupta became the first Indian to win the <b>Best Actress</b> award for her film <b>Shameless</b>
<b>First ever Grand Prix Award at the 77<sup>th</sup> Cannes Film Festival.</b>	Payal Kapadia Scripts History; All We Imagine as Light	<b>Her Malayalam-Hindi film All We Imagine as Light stars Kani Kusruti and Divya Prabha</b> as nurses working in Mumbai. The movie also stars Chhaya Kadam and Hridhu Haroon.
<b>'The Economic Times HR World Future Ready Organization Award 2024-25'</b>	NHPC	In recognition for its <b>future preparedness</b> in the areas of upskilling of its employees, <b>ESG interventions, DE&amp;I initiatives, constant technological upgradations, Employee Engagement processes, robust Corporate Governance strategies</b> etc. which establishes it as a trusted brand amongst all its stakeholders
<b>UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award 2023</b>	Major Radhika Sen	For her outstanding <b>service and efforts to empower local communities, especially women and girls,</b>

		during her tour of duty from March 2023 to April 2024.
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**June****National**

<b><u>Award</u></b>	<b><u>Person/Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose/ Field</u></b>
<b>Gudleppa Hallikeri Award 2024</b>	Siddhalinga Pattanashetti	People who have made important contributions to <b>literature, society, or social service</b> are recognized with the <b>Gudleppa Hallikeri Award</b>
<b>Dilip Bose award for lifetime achievement</b>	Nar Singh, Rohini Lokhande	Rohini Lokhande who was a member of the national team along with Kiran Bedi, Nirupama Mankad, <b>Susan Das and Udaya Kumar</b> , before she took to coaching at a young age.
<b>The prestigious Annual Hindi Sahitya Bharati Award</b>	Krishna Prakash	The recognition was bestowed during the <b>Sab Me Ram Shashwat Shri Ram multicultural festival in Mumbai.</b>
<b>'Risk Manager of the Year' award</b>	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	<b>RBI</b> was awarded the best <b>risk manager for improving its risk culture and awareness.</b>
<b>V. Shantaram, Lifetime Achievement Award</b>	Subbiah Nallamuthu	Subbiah Nallamuthu is a renowned, award-winning <b>Wildlife filmmaker</b> from Chennai.
<b>The National Award</b>	Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB), sponsored by Canara Bank	For <b>significant enrolment under the Atal Pension Yojana (APY)</b> by the <b>Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).</b>
<b>The prestigious PSU Leadership &amp; Excellence Award 2024</b>	THDC India Limited (THDC)	In the category of <b>'Leadership in Digital Transformation'</b>
<b>Pen Pinter Prize 2024</b>	Arundhati Roy	For her <b>"unflinching and unswerving" writings.</b>

<b>12<sup>th</sup> Vishwa Hindi Samman (World Hindi Conference) at a Hindi Samvad</b>	Dr. Usha Thakur	She has translated more than <b>40 literatures in Hindi and Nepali</b> and strengthened Hindi language. This award is given by <b>the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.</b>
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**International**

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

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

**July****National**

<b><u>Award</u></b>	<b><u>Person/Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose/ Field</u></b>
<b>Atal Pension Yojana Annual Award for FY24</b>	Bank of India	In recognition of its <b>outstanding performance in various aspects of banking and financial inclusion</b>
<b>Padma Bhushan</b>	Foxconn Chairman Young Liu	<b>Foxconn, headquartered in Taiwan, is the world's largest contract manufacturer, assembling about 70 per cent of all iPhones.</b>
<b>Spice Award 2024</b>	Agri-entrepreneur Sopna Kallingal	For her initiatives in <b>enterprise diversification</b> and integrated crop management strategies, promoting a <b>sustainable spice-based cropping system</b>
<b>Dr. C. Narayana Reddy National Literary Award</b>	Sivashankari	In recognition of her contribution to the field of <b>literature.</b>

<b>The Best Agriculture State Award for 2024</b>	Maharashtra	For its innovative <b>agricultural and rural initiatives</b>
<b>The prestigious Agriculture Leadership Awards 2024</b>	Nagaland	For its <b>outstanding work in introducing innovative programmes and policies for horticulture development</b> , which has positively touched the lives of large number of farmers and the rural people in the State.
<b>The prestigious CSR Leadership Award 2024 at the Agriculture Leadership Conclave</b>	Parijat Industries India Pvt. Ltd.	The award, presented by the <b>National Awards Committee</b> chaired by Former Chief Justice of India, <b>Justice P. Sathasivam</b> , recognizes Parijat Industries' significant contributions to rural communities and farmers through a range of impactful projects.
<b>The Global CSR, Sustainability, and ESG Awards 2024</b> <b>"Best Child and Women Development Initiatives of the Year 2024".</b>	Sobha Group's CSR wing, Sri Kurumba Educational and Charitable	-
<b>International Excellence Award</b>	CA Arpit Jagdish Kabra	This accolade recognises his outstanding contribution to <b>forensic investigation and his unwavering dedication to social impact initiatives.</b>
<b>The International Tennis Hall of Fame</b>	Leander Paes and Vijay Amritraj	Leander Paes, aged 51, was <b>inducted under the player category, a testament</b> to his extraordinary career spanning three decades. <b>Vijay Amritraj</b> was inducted under the contributor category, <b>acknowledging his significant impact on tennis both on and off the court.</b>

**International**



<u><b>Award</b></u>	<u><b>Person/Organization</b></u>	<u><b>Purpose/ Field</b></u>
<b>The “Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur” (Knight of the Legion of Honour), the highest civilian award of France.</b>	Roshni Nadar Malhotra	The award recognizes her contributions to the <b>business world, her endeavor</b> to promote <b>economic ties between France and India</b> , as well as her commitment to <b>social and environmental causes</b>
<b>Russia’s Highest Civilian Honor (Order of St Andrew the Apostle the First)</b>	Prime Minister Narendra Modi	For his significant role in enhancing the <b>strategic partnership and friendly relations between Russia and India</b>
<b>Golden sand master award with a gold medal at international sand sculpture championship</b>	Sudarsan Pattnaik	Patnaik only participant from <b>India has created 12 feet high sand Ratha (chariot) of Mahaprabhu Jagannath</b> with his devotee and poet <b>Balaram Das</b>
<b>COSPAR Harrie Massey Award 2024 at the 45<sup>th</sup> COSPAR Scientific Assembly opening ceremony</b>	Indian astrophysicist Prahlad Chandra Agrawal	The award recognises <b>outstanding contributions to the development of space research</b> , in which a leadership role is of particular importance.
<b>The second edition of the Oxford Bookstore Art Book Prize</b>	Madhu Khanna	For her book, “ <b>Tantra on the Edge</b> ”
<b>The second edition of the Oxford Bookstore Art Book Prize</b>	Madhu Khanna	For his outstanding services to the <b>Olympic Movement</b> , will be officially handed over to him during the <b>142<sup>nd</sup> IOC Session in Paris on August 10.</b>
<b>Customised Gold Coins by Paris’ Grevin Museum</b>	Shah Rukh Khan	The Dunki actor has his wax statues in several wax museums across the globe including the US, the UK, Germany, France, Czech Republic, Thailand, India, Singapore and Australia.
<b>Inducted as a Fellow of Royal Society of Chemistry, London</b>	CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology scientist Dr. S. Sridhar	<b>Dr. Sridhar</b> has developed and transferred several <b>technologies for chemical &amp; allied industries, besides</b>

		<b>contributing immensely to societal welfare.</b>
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**August****National**

<b><u>Award</u></b>	<b><u>Person/Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose/ Field</u></b>
<b>The V Venkayya Epigraphy Award for 2024.</b>	V. Vedachalam	<b>Dr. Vedachalam</b> , who has written and <b>co-written more than 25 books</b> on subjects such as epigraphy, numismatics, temple art, religion, and society.
<b>Accreditation Certification as "UTKRISHT"</b>	The National Institute for MSME (NI-MSME), an Organisation of the Ministry of MSME GoI	In recognition of <b>excellent services in the field of promotion and development of MSMEs.</b>
<b>The prestigious title of Best Airport at the India Travel Awards</b>	Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA)	The airport received recognition at the <b>Passenger Terminal EXPO 2024 in Frankfurt, Germany</b> for emerging on top among all other airports across <b>South Asia and India.</b>
<b>The 24th International Mother Teresa Awards Social work awards</b>	Murli Panjabi	For recognized <b>exceptional individuals</b> who have made significant contributions in various fields including education, science, culture, sports, social work, medicine, industry, and politics in India

**International**

<b><u>Award</u></b>	<b><u>Person/Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose/ Field</u></b>
<b>'Global Water Tech Award 2024' in the 'organisation' category</b>	The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)	For its initiatives in <b>environmental conservation</b>
<b>Awarded Prestigious United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC), Special Consultative Status</b>	KIIT DU	Recognizing the <b>University's substantial contributions</b> to the <b>Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</b>

<b>The Companion of the Order of Fiji, the highest honour of Fiji</b>	President Droupadi Murmu	President Droupadi Murmu was accorded a <b>ceremonial guard of honour</b> by the <b>Fiji Military Force</b> upon her arrival in Suva.
<b>The highest civilian award of Timor Leste – Grand Collar of Order of Timor Leste</b>	President Droupadi Murmu	-
<b>The Olympic Order Award by International Olympic Committee</b>	Abhinav Bindra	For recognizing <b>exceptional contributions to the Olympic Movement</b> .
<b>Hilal-e-Imtiaz Award</b>	Arshad Nadeem	<b>Hilal-e-Imtiaz</b> is the second-highest civilian award given by the <b>Government of Pakistan</b> and <b>Nadeem</b> will get this award following his brilliant performance in the final of the competition.

**September****National**

<b><u>Award</u></b>	<b><u>Person/Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose/ Field</u></b>
<b>2024 Ramon Magsaysay Award</b>	Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki	For his significant contributions to <b>environmental protection and the promotion of peace through animation</b>
<b>32nd Ekalabya Puraskar</b>	Pratyasa Ray	Ray secured <b>six medals—four gold, one silver and a bronze—</b> in the <b>Khelo India University Games in Guwahati in swimming</b> .

**International**

<b><u>Award</u></b>	<b><u>Person/Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose/ Field</u></b>
<b>Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Gold Award 2024</b>	Kerala Tourism	For its online contest ' <b>Holiday Heist</b> ' in the <b>Digital Marketing Campaign category</b> , at a function in Bangkok

<b>Olympic Order in gold</b>	French President Emmanuel Macron	In recognition of his unstinting support for the success of the <b>Olympic Games Paris 2024</b> and his attachment to the <b>Olympic ideal dear to Pierre de Coubertin</b>
<b>Singapore Literature Prize</b>	An Indian-origin lecturer at Nanyang Technological University, <b>Prasanthi Ram</b>	<b>For English fiction with her debut short story collection, Nine Yard Sarees</b>
<b>The FIDE 100 Awards</b>	Magnus Carlsen and Judit Polgar	<b>Carlsen</b> , ranked world number one, is a part of the <b>Norway team in the ongoing Chess Olympiad 2024.</b>  <b>Polgar</b> , on the other hand, announced retirement from <b>competitive chess in 2014.</b>
<b>Miss India Worldwide 2024</b>	Dhruvi Patel	<b>Dhruvi Patel, a Computer Information System student from the USA</b>
<b>Miss Universe India 2024</b>	Rhea Singha	-

### **Goldman Environmental Prize 2024**

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Region</b>
Marcel Gomes	Brazil	South and Central America
Murrawah Maroochy Johnson	Australia	Islands & Island Nations
Alok Shukla	India	Asia
Teresa Vicente	Spain	Europe
Andrea Vidaurre	United States of America	North America
Nonhle Mbuthuma and Sinegugu Zukulu	South Africa	Africa

### **Pulitzers Winner 2024**

- Columbia University of the United States of America announced the 2024 Pulitzer Prize winners.
- The awards, considered the most prestigious in the fields of journalism and arts, were conferred by Columbia University on the recommendation of the Pulitzer Prize BoardBook, Drama, and Music Category

<b>Category</b>	<b>Winner</b>
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Fiction	Night Watch by Jayne Anne Phillips
Poetry	Tripas: Poems by Brandon Som
Drama	Primary Trust by Eboni Booth
Memoir and Autobiography	Liliana's Invincible Summer: A Sister's Search for Justice by Cristina Rivera Garza
History	No Right to an Honest Living: The Struggles of Boston's Black Workers in the Civil War Era by Jacqueline Jones
Biography	King: A Life by Jonathan Eig by Martin Luther King Jr Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom by Ilyon Woo
Music	Adagio (For Wadada Leo Smith) by Tyshawn Sorey
General Nonfiction	A Day in the Life of Abed Salama: Anatomy of a Jerusalem Tragedy by Nathan Thrall

### Journalism Category

Category	Winner
Public Service	Pro Publica (Joshua Kaplan, Justin Elliott, Brett Murphy, Alex Mierjeski, and Kirsten Berg)
Editorial Writing	David E. Hoffman (The Washington Post)
Breaking News Photography	Photography Staff of Reuters
Investigative Reporting	Hannah Dreier (The New York Times)
International Reporting	Staff of The New York Times
Audio Reporting	Staff of the Invisible Institute and USG Audio
Feature Photography	Photography Staff of Associated Press

### 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

**National Film Awards 2024**



## Feature Film Awards

Award	Film	Awardee(s)	Language
<b>Best Direction</b>	Uunchai	Sooraj R. Barjatya	Hindi
<b>Best Actor</b>	Kantara	Rishab Shetty	Kannada
<b>Best Actress</b>	Thiruchitrambalam / Kutch Express	Nithya Menen / Manasi Parekh	Tamil / Gujarati
<b>Best Supporting Actor</b>	Fouja	Pavan Malhotra	Haryanvi
<b>Best Supporting Actress</b>	Uunchai	Neena Gupta	Hindi
<b>Best Feature Film</b>	Aattam	Production: Joy Movie Productions LLP Director: Anand Ekarshi	Malayalam
<b>Best Debut Film</b>	Fouja	Director: Pramod Kumar	Haryanvi
<b>Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment</b>	Kantara	Production: Hombale Films Director: Rishab Shetty	Kannada
<b>Best Feature Film Promoting National, Social, and Environmental Values</b>	Kutch Express	Production: Soul Sutra LLP Direction: Viral Shah	Gujarati
<b>Special Mentions</b>		Manoj Bajpayee in Gulmohar, Sanjoy Salil Chowdhury for Kalikhan	
<b>Best Action Direction</b>	KGF: Chapter 2		
<b>Best Choreography</b>	Tiruchitrabalam		
<b>Best Lyrics</b>	Fouja		
<b>Best Music Director</b>		Pritam (Songs), AR Rahman (Background Score)	
<b>Best Makeup</b>	Aparajito		
<b>Best Costumes</b>	Kutch Express		
<b>Best Production Design</b>	Aparajito		
<b>Best Editing</b>	Aattam		
<b>Best Sound Design</b>	Ponniyin Selvan – Part 1		
<b>Best Screenplay</b>	Aattam		

<b>Best Dialogues</b>	Gulmohar	
<b>Best Cinematography</b>	Ponniyin Selvan – Part 1	
<b>Best Female Playback</b>	Saudi Velakka	Bombay Jayashri
<b>Best Male Playback</b>	Brahmastra	Arijit Singh
<b>Best Child Artist</b>	Mallikappuram	Sreepath

### language-Specific Feature Film Awards

<b>Award</b>	<b>Film</b>
Best Telugu Film	Karthikeya 2
Best Tamil Film	Ponniyin Selvan – Part 1
Best Punjabi Film	Baaghi Di Dhee
Best Odia Film	Daman
Best Malayalam Film	Saudi Velakka
Best Marathi Film	Vaalvi
Best Kannada Film	KGF: Chapter 2
Best Hindi Film	Gulmohar
Best Tiwa Film	Sikaisal
Best Bengali Film	Kaberi Antardhan
Best Assamese Film	Emuthi Puthi

### Non-Feature Film Awards

<b>Award</b>	<b>Film</b>	<b>Awardee(s)</b>
<b>Best Non-Feature Film Promoting Social and Environmental Values</b>	Kutch Express	
<b>Best Critic</b>	Deepak Dua	
<b>Best Book on Cinema</b>	Kishore Kumar: The Ultimate Biography	
<b>Best Non-Feature Film</b>	Ayena	
<b>Best Debut Film</b>	Madhyantara	

<b>Best Biographical/Historical/Compilation Film</b>	Aanakhi Ek Mohenjo Daro	
<b>Best Arts/Culture Film</b>	Ranga Vibhoga / Varsa	
<b>Best Script</b>	Mono No Aware	
<b>Best Narrator</b>	Murmurs of the Jungle	
<b>Best Music Direction</b>	Fursat	
<b>Best Editing</b>	Madhyantara	
<b>Best Sound Design</b>	Yaan	
<b>Best Cinematography</b>	Mono No Aware	
<b>Best Direction (Non-Feature Film)</b>	From the Shadow	Miriam Chandy Menacherry
<b>Best Short Film</b>	Xunyota	
<b>Best Animated Film</b>	The Coconut Tree	
<b>Best Non-Feature Film Promoting Social and Environmental Values</b>	On the Brink Season 2 – Gharial	
<b>Best Documentary</b>	Murmurs of the Jungle	

### **Mother Teresa International Awards Celebrated in Dubai**

- The 24th International Mother Teresa Awards Ceremony took place at the Millennium Plaza Dubai, commemorating the 114th birth anniversary of the revered humanitarian.
- The awards, established after Mother Teresa's passing in 1997, recognized exceptional individuals who have made significant contributions in various fields including education, science, culture, sports, social work, medicine, industry, and politics in India.
- This year's ceremony featured a diverse group of awardees from different countries and sectors. Notable recipients included the late João Bernardo Vieira II, from Guinea-Bissau, Sidharth Srivastava and Namit Bajoria from the industry sector, and Mohammed Mahtabur Rahman, Chairman of NRB Bank Limited.
- The arts were represented by Irka Bochenko, while education saw MP Rozario honored, among others.
- Social work awards went to Murli Panjabi receiving an award as a promising musician and child prodigy and Sureandar Singh Khandari from the UAE. The ceremony also recognized young talent, with Ahmed al Hashemi

### **96th Osacar 2024 winners**

<b>Best Picture</b>	Oppenheimer
<b>Best Actress</b>	Emma Stone, "Poor Things"
<b>Best Director</b>	Christopher Nolan, "Oppenheimer"
<b>Best Actor</b>	Cillian Murphy, "Oppenheimer"
<b>Best Song</b>	"What Was I Made For?" from "Barbie"
<b>Best Score</b>	Oppenheimer
<b>Best Sound</b>	The Zone of Interest
<b>Best Short Film (Live Action)</b>	The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar
<b>Best Cinematography</b>	Oppenheimer
<b>Best Documentary Feature</b>	20 Days in Mariupol
<b>Best: Documentary (Short Subject)</b>	The Last Repair Shop
<b>Best Film Editing</b>	Oppenheimer
<b>Best Visual Effects</b>	Godzilla Minus One
<b>Best Supporting Actor</b>	Robert Downey Jr., "Oppenheimer"
<b>Best International Feature</b>	The Zone of Interest
<b>Best Costume Design</b>	Poor Things
<b>Best Production Design</b>	Poor Things
<b>Best Makeup and Hairstyling</b>	Poor Things
<b>Best Adapted Screenplay</b>	American Fiction
<b>Best Original Screenplay</b>	Anatomy of a Fall
<b>Best Animated Feature</b>	The Boy and the Heron
<b>Best Animated Short</b>	War Is Over!
<b>Best Supporting Actress</b>	Da'Vine Joy Randolph, "The Holdovers"

## 24 writers honoured with Sahitya Akademi Award for 2023

- **Twenty-four writers** has received the **Sahitya Akademi Award for 2023**.
- The award ceremony coincided with the 70th anniversary celebrations of the National Academy of Letters at the Sahityotsav.
- The awards were given for literary works including nine books of poetry, six novels, five of short stories, three essays, and one literary study.
- Sanjeev for his novel "Mujhe Pehchaano" and Gaur for her book "Requiem in Raga Janki" received the prestigious award.
- Sadiqua Nawab Saher received the award for her book "Rajdev Ki Amrai" in Urdu, while Swarnjit Savi was awarded for his book of poetry "Mann Di Chip" in Punjabi.
- Other recipients of the awards in poetry include Vijay Verma (Dogri), Vinod Joshi (Gujarati), Manshoor Banihali (Kashmiri), Sorokkhaibam Gambhini (Manipuri), Ashutosh Parida (Odia), Gaje Singh Rajpurohit (Rajasthani), Arun Ranjan Mishra (Sanskrit) and Vinod Asudani (Sindhi).
- Apart from Gaur, Sanjeev and Saher, writers such as Swapnamay Chakrabarti (Bengali), Krushnat Khot (Marathi), and Rajasekaran Devibharathi (Tamil) have been awarded for their novels.
- For short stories, Pranavjyoti Deka (Assamese), Nandeswar Daiman (Bodo), Prakash S Parienkar (Konkani), Taraceen Baskey (Turia Chand Baskey) (Santali) and T Patanjali Sastry (Telugu) got the award.
- Lakshmisha Tolpadi (Kannada), Basukinath Jha (Maithili) and Judhabir Rana (Nepali) received the prize for their essays, while EV Ramakrishnan was awarded for his literary study in Malayalam.

### Filmfare Awards 2024

Category	Winner
Best Film	12th Fail
Best Director	Vidhu Vinod Chopra (12th Fail)
Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male)	Ranbir Kapoor (Animal)
Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female)	Alia Bhatt (Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani)
Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Male)	Vicky Kaushal (Dunki)
Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Female)	Shabana Azmi (Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani)
Best Playback Singer (Male)	Bhupinder Babbal (Arjan Vailly – Animal)
Best Playback Singer (Female)	Shilpa Rao (Besharam Rang – Pathaan)
Best Actress (Critics')	Rani Mukerji (Mrs Chatterjee vs. Norway), Shefali Shah (Three of Us)
Best Lyrics	Amitabh Bhattacharya ("Tere Vaaste" – Zara Hatke Zara Bachke)
Best Music Album	Animal (Pritam, Vishal Mishra, Manan Bhardwaj, Shreyas Puranik, Jaani, Bhupinder Babbal, Ashim Kemson, Harshvardhan Rameshwar, Gurinder Seagal)
Best Debut Director	Tarun Dudeja (Dhak Dhak)
Best Debut Male	Aditya Rawal (Faraaz)
Best Debut Female	Alizeh Agnihotri (Farrey)
Best Screenplay	Vidhu Vinod Chopra (12th Fail)
Best Dialogue	Ishita Moitra (Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani)
Best Background Score	Harshavardhan Rameshwar (Animal)
Best Cinematography	Avinash Arun Dhaware (Three of Us)
Best Production Design	Subrata Chakraborty, Amit Ray (Sam Bahadur)
Best Costume Design	Sachin Lovelekar, Divvyaa Gambhir, Nidhhi Gambhir (Sam Bahadur)
Best Sound Design	Kunal Sharma (Mpse) (Sam Bahadur) Sync Cinema (Animal)
Best Editing	Jaskunwar Singh Kohli- Vidhu Vinod Chopra (12th Fail)

<b>Best Action</b>	Spiro Razatos, Anl Arasu, Craig Macrae, Yannick Ben, Kecha Khamphakdee, Sunil Rodrigues (Jawan)
<b>Best VFX</b>	Red Chillies VFX (Jawan)
<b>Best Choreography</b>	Ganesh Acharya ("What Jhumka?" – Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani)
<b>Lifetime Achievement Award</b>	David Dhawan

### Republic day awards 2024

<b>People's choice</b>	<b>Marching Contingent</b>
<b>Best Marching Contingent among the three services</b>	Rajputana Rifles Regimental Marching Contingent
<b>Best Marching Contingent among CAPF/other auxiliary forces</b>	CRPF Woman Marching Contingent
<b>Best three Tableaux (States/UTs)</b>	First - Gujrat (Dhordo : A Global Icon Of Gujarat's Border Tourism) Second - Uttar Pradesh (Viksit Bharat Samradh Virasat) Third – Andhra Pradesh (Transforming School Education in Andhra Pradesh – Making Students Globally Competitive)
<b>Best Tableau (Central Ministries/Departments)</b>	Vibrant Villages (Ministry of Home Affairs)

<b>Judge's choice</b>	<b>Marching contingent</b>
<b>Best Marching Contingent among the three services</b>	Sikh Regiment Contingent
<b>Best Marching Contingent among CAPF/other auxiliary forces</b>	Delhi Police Women Marching Contingent



<b>Best three Tableaux (States/UTs)</b>	First – Odisha (Woman Empowerment in Viksit Bharat) Second – Gujarat (Dhordo : A Global Icon Of Gujarat's Border Tourism) Third – Tamil Nadu (Kudavolai System in ancient Tamil Nadu – Mother of Democracy)
<b>Best Tableau (Ministries/Departments)</b>	Ministry of Culture – (Bharat : Mother of Democracy)
<b>Special Prize</b>	Central Public Works Department (Central Vista -Viksit Bharat Ka Pratibimb)
<b>Special memento</b>	'Vande Bharatam' – Dance Group

### Padma Awards 2024

#### Padma Vibhushan Awards 2024

Awardee Name	Field	State
Ms. Vyjayantimala Bali	Art	Tamil Nadu
Shri Konidela Chiranjeevi	Art	Andhra Pradesh
Shri M Venkaiah Naidu	Public Affairs	Andhra Pradesh
Shri Bindeshwar Pathak	Social Work	Bihar
Ms. Padma Subrahmanyam	Art	Tamil Nadu

#### Padma Bhushan Awards 2024

S.No.	Awardee Name	Field	State/Country
1.	Ms. M Fathima Beevi	Public Affairs	Kerala
2.	Shri Hormusji N Cama	Literature & Education	Maharashtra
3.	Shri Mithun Chakraborty	Art	West Bengal
4.	Shri Sitaram Jindal	Trade & Industry	Karnataka
5.	Shri Young Liu	Trade & Industry	Taiwan
6.	Shri Ashwin Balachand Mehta	Medicine	Maharashtra
7.	Shri Satyabrata Mookherjee	Public Affairs	West Bengal
8.	Shri Ram Naik	Public Affairs	Maharashtra
9.	Shri Tejas Madhusudan Patel	Medicine	Gujarat

10.	Shri Olanchery Rajagopal	Public Affairs	Kerala
11.	Shri Dattatray Ambadas Mayaloo alias Rajdutt	Art	Maharashtra
12.	Shri Togdan Rinpoche	Others – Spiritualism	Ladakh
13.	Shri Pyarelal Sharma	Art	Maharashtra
14.	Shri Chandreshwar Prasad Thakur	Medicine	Bihar
15.	Ms. Usha Uthup	Art	West Bengal
16.	Shri Vijaykanth	Art	Tamil Nadu
17.	Shri Kundan Vyas	Literature & Education – Journalism	Maharashtra

## Padma Shri Awards 2024

SN	Name	Field	State/Country
1	Shri Khalil Ahamad	Art	Uttar Pradesh
2	Shri Badrappan M	Art	Tamil Nadu
3	Shri Kaluram Bamaniya	Art	Madhya Pradesh
4	Ms. Rezwana Choudhury Bannya	Art	Bangladesh
5	Ms. Naseem Bano	Art	Uttar Pradesh
6	Shri Ramlal Bareth	Art	Chhattisgarh
7	Ms. Gita Roy Barman	Art	West Bengal
8	Ms. Parbati Baruah	Social Work	Assam
9	Shri Sarbeswar Basumatary	Others – Agriculture	Assam
10	Shri Som Datt Battu	Art	Himachal Pradesh
11	Ms. Takdira Begum	Art	West Bengal
12	Shri Sathyanarayana Beleri	Others – Agriculture	Kerala
13	Shri Drona Bhuyan	Art	Assam
14	Shri Ashok Kumar Biswas	Art	Bihar
15	Shri Rohan Machanda Bopanna	Sports	Karnataka
16	Ms. Smriti Rekha Chakma	Art	Tripura
17	Shri Narayan Chakraborty	Science & Engineering	West Bengal
18	Shri A Velu Ananda Chari	Art	Telangana

19	Shri Ram Chet Chaudhary	Science & Engineering	Uttar Pradesh
20	Ms. K Chellammal	Others – Agriculture	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
21	Ms. Joshna Chinappa	Sports	Tamil Nadu
22	Ms. Charlotte Chopin	Others – Yoga	France
23	Shri Raghuveer Choudhary	Literature & Education	Gujarat
24	Shri Joe D Cruz	Literature & Education	Tamil Nadu
25	Shri Ghulam Nabi Dar	Art	Jammu & Kashmir
26	Shri Chitta Ranjan Debbarma	Others – Spiritualism	Tripura
27	Shri Uday Vishwanath Deshpande	Sports	Maharashtra
28	Ms. Prema Dhanraj	Medicine	Karnataka
29	Shri Radha Krishan Dhiman	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh
30	Shri Manohar Krishana Dole	Medicine	Maharashtra
31	Shri Pierre Sylvain Filliozat	Literature & Education	France
32	Shri Mahabir Singh Guddu	Art	Haryana
33	Ms. Anupama Hoskere	Art	Karnataka
34	Shri Yazdi Maneksha Italia	Medicine	Gujarat
35	Shri Rajaram Jain	Literature & Education	Uttar Pradesh
36	Shri Jankilal	Art	Rajasthan
37	Shri Ratan Kahar	Art	West Bengal
38	Shri Yashwant Singh Kathoch	Literature & Education	Uttarakhand
39	Shri Zahir I Kazi	Literature & Education	Maharashtra
40	Shri Gaurav Khanna	Sports	Uttar Pradesh
41	Shri Surendra Kishore	Literature & Education – Journalism	Bihar
42	Shri Dasari Kondappa	Art	Telangana
43	Shri Sridhar Makam Krishnamurthy	Literature & Education	Karnataka
44	Ms. Yanung Jamoh Lego	Others – Agriculture	Arunachal Pradesh
45	Shri Jordan Lepcha	Art	Sikkim
46	Shri Satendra Singh Lohia	Sports	Madhya Pradesh
47	Shri Binod Maharana	Art	Odisha
48	Ms. Purnima Mahato	Sports	Jharkhand

49	Ms. Uma Maheshwari D	Art	Andhra Pradesh
50	Shri Dukhu Majhi	Social Work	West Bengal
51	Shri Ram Kumar Mallick	Art	Bihar
52	Shri Hemchand Manjhi	Medicine	Chhattisgarh
53	Shri Chandrashekhar Mahadeorao Meshram	Medicine	Maharashtra
54	Shri Surendra Mohan Mishra (Posthumous)	Art	Uttar Pradesh
55	Shri Ali Mohammed & Shri Ghani Mohammed* (Duo)	Art	Rajasthan
56	Ms. Kalpana Morparia	Trade & Industry	Maharashtra
57	Ms. Chami Murmu	Social Work	Jharkhand
58	Shri Sasindran Muthuvel	Public Affairs	Papua New Guinea
59	Ms. G Nachiyar	Medicine	Tamil Nadu
60	Ms. Kiran Nadar	Art	Delhi
61	Shri Pakaravur Chithran Namboodiripad (Posthumous)	Literature & Education	Kerala
62	Shri Narayanan E P	Art	Kerala
63	Shri Shailesh Nayak	Science & Engineering	Delhi
64	Shri Harish Nayak (Posthumous)	Literature & Education	Gujarat
65	Shri Fred Negrit	Literature & Education	France
66	Shri Hari Om	Science & Engineering	Haryana
67	Shri Bhagabat Padhan	Art	Odisha
68	Shri Sanatan Rudra Pal	Art	West Bengal
69	Shri Shankar Baba Pundlikrao Papalkar	Social Work	Maharashtra
70	Shri Radhe Shyam Pareek	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh
71	Shri Dayal Mavjibhai Parmar	Medicine	Gujarat
72	Shri Binod Kumar Pasayat	Art	Odisha
73	Ms. Silbi Passah	Art	Meghalaya
74	Ms. Shanti Devi Paswan & Shri Shivan Paswan* (Duo)	Art	Bihar
75	Shri Sanjay Anant Patil	Others – Agriculture	Goa

76	Shri Muni Narayana Prasad	Literature & Education	Kerala
77	Shri K S Rajanna	Social Work	Karnataka
78	Shri Chandrashekar Channapatna Rajannachar	Medicine	Karnataka
79	Shri Bhagwatilal Rajpurohit	Literature & Education	Madhya Pradesh
80	Shri Romalo Ram	Art	Jammu & Kashmir
81	Shri Navjivan Rastogi	Literature & Education	Uttar Pradesh
82	Ms. Nirmal Rishi	Art	Punjab
83	Shri Pran Sabharwal	Art	Punjab
84	Shri Gaddam Sammaiah	Art	Telangana
85	Shri Sangthankima	Social Work	Mizoram
86	Shri Machihan Sasa	Art	Manipur
87	Shri Omprakash Sharma	Art	Madhya Pradesh
88	Shri Eklabya Sharma	Science & Engineering	West Bengal
89	Shri Ram Chander Sihag	Science & Engineering	Haryana
90	Shri Harbinder Singh	Sports	Delhi
91	Shri Gurvinder Singh	Social Work	Haryana
92	Shri Godawari Singh	Art	Uttar Pradesh
93	Shri Ravi Prakash Singh	Science & Engineering	Mexico
94	Shri Seshampatti T Sivalingam	Art	Tamil Nadu
95	Shri Somanna	Social Work	Karnataka
96	Shri Kethavath Somlal	Literature & Education	Telangana
97	Ms. Shashi Soni	Trade & Industry	Karnataka
98	Ms. Urmila Srivastava	Art	Uttar Pradesh
99	Shri Nepal Chandra Sutradhar (Posthumous)	Art	West Bengal
100	Shri Gopinath Swain	Art	Odisha
101	Shri Laxman Bhatt Tailang	Art	Rajasthan
102	Ms. Maya Tandon	Social Work	Rajasthan
103	Ms. Aswathi Thirunal Gouri Lakshmi Bayi Thampuratty	Literature & Education	Kerala

104	Shri Jagdish Labhshanker Trivedi	Art	Gujarat
105	Ms. Sano Vamuzo	Social Work	Nagaland
106	Shri Balakrishnan Sadanam Puthiya Veetil	Art	Kerala
107	Shri Kurella Vittalacharya	Literature & Education	Telangana
108	Shri Kiran Vyas	Others – Yoga	France
109	Shri Jageshwar Yadav	Social Work	Chhattisgarh
110	Shri Babu Ram Yadav	Art	Uttar Pradesh

### Chapter 3: Government Scheme/ campaign

#### June

SCHEME	PURPOSE
<b>Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina (MMNM)</b> (Assam)	To promote <b>girl education</b> and to <b>end child marriage</b> in the state
<b>Central Sector Scheme “National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme” (NFIES)</b>	The <b>Union Cabinet</b> has approved the proposal of <b>Ministry of Home Affairs</b> for <b>Central Sector Scheme “National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme (NFIES)”</b> with a total financial outlay of Rs. 2254.43 crore during the period from 2024-25 to 2028-29.
<b>New Inter State Transmission System (ISTS) schemes</b>	To evacuate <b>9 GW of RE power</b> from <b>Rajasthan and Karnataka</b> .

#### July

SCHEME	PURPOSE
<b>“GRSE Accelerated Innovation Nurturing Scheme (GAINS 2024) of Garden Reach Shipbuilders &amp; Engineers Limited (GRSE)</b>	It is an innovative scheme which seeks solution to the problems related to <b>the shipyards</b> and <b>promotes technology development</b> using the <b>start-ups</b> created and nurtured in the country.
<b>The IT Saksham Yuva Scheme 2024</b> (Haryana)	The scheme has been designed in accordance with the <b>‘Mission 60,000’</b> announced while presenting the 2024-25 budget proposals aiming to give employment to at least <b>60,000 young individuals from poor families</b> .
<b>The Mukhyamantri Yuva Karya Prashikshan Yojana (Chief Minister Youth Work Training Scheme)</b> (Maharashtra)	To provide <b>valuable internship opportunities</b> , <b>equipping young individuals with essential skills</b> and enhancing their employability in a competitive job market.



<b>'Model Skill Loan Scheme'</b> <b>(New Delhi)</b>	The scheme aims to empower the country's <b>future-ready workforce</b> . Under the scheme, <b>education and upskilling</b> opportunities will be provided to <b>25 thousand youth across the country</b> .
<b>Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme (YAMS) at an outlay of Rs 470.50 crore from NDRF</b>	It will be implemented in <b>315</b> most disaster-prone districts of the country for training of <b>1300 trained Aapda Mitra Volunteers as Master Trainers</b> and <b>2.37 lakh</b> volunteers exclusively from <b>NCC, NSS, NYKS and BS&amp;G (Bharat Scouts &amp; Guides)</b> in disaster preparedness and response.
<b>'Goem Vinamulya Vij Yevjan' Scheme</b> <b>(Goa)</b>	<b>'Goem Vinamulya Vij Yevjan'</b> scheme is in alignment with the <b>Prime Minister's Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana</b> .  It aims to increase <b>solar rooftop potential and empower residential homes</b> to generate their own electricity.

### August

SCHEME	PURPOSE
<b>Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) 2.0</b>	It aims to facilitate the construction of one crore houses in urban areas for the <b>urban poor and middle-class families</b> .
<b>'Nijut Moina Scheme'</b> <b>(Assam)</b>	An initiative aimed at <b>eradicating child marriages by empowering female students and promoting education over early marriage</b> .
<b>'Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyam Vikas Abhiyan Yojana'</b> <b>(Uttar Pradesh)</b>	To <b>boost employment</b> opportunities for the state's youth.
<b>'Ladki Bahin Yojana'</b> <b>(Maharashtra)</b>	This initiative aims to provide <b>₹1500 every month to more than one crore women across the state</b> .
<b>Subhadra scheme</b> <b>(Odisha)</b>	The Scheme has been approved for implementation from the <b>financial year 2024-25 to financial year 2028-29</b> . An outlay of <b>₹55,825 crore</b> has been made for this initiative.
<b>The Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana</b>	To promote <b>research and scholarship</b> in <b>stamps</b> amongst the country's students.
<b>Unified Pension System (UPS)</b>	The <b>Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi</b> , has approved the Unified Pension System (UPS) for its employees. The new scheme will replace the existing <b>National Pension System (NPS)</b> .
<b>Vigyan Dhara scheme</b>	The primary goal of the <b>'Vigyan Dhara'</b> initiative is to enhance the country's <b>Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) ecosystem</b>
<b>'Sustainability in Spice Sector through Progressive, Innovative and Collaborative Interventions for Export Development (SPICED)'</b>	Its primary objective is to enhance <b>value addition, drive innovation, and promote sustainability</b> in the spice sector.



<b>Mukhya Mantri Sukh Shiksha Yojana</b> <b>(Himachal Pradesh)</b>	The scheme aims to provide <b>financial support to identified socially and economically vulnerable women</b> and parents of disabled children so as to enable the <b>education and well-being of their children.</b>
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### September

SCHEME	PURPOSE
<b>Brindavan Gram' scheme</b> <b>(Madhya Pradesh)</b>	The selected <b>gram panchayats</b> will be named – ' <b>Brindavan Gram</b> '. <b>Madhya Pradesh</b> has a total of <b>313 blocks</b> , and one <b>gram panchayat</b> will be selected from each <b>block</b> . <b>Gaushalas (cow sheds)</b> will be established and milk production will be promoted.
<b>"PM-eBus Sewa-Payment Security Mechanism (PSM) scheme"</b>	For the <b>procurement and operation of e-buses by Public Transport Authorities (PTAs)</b> with an outlay of <b>Rs. 3,435.33 crore</b>
<b>'PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme'</b>	For promotion of <b>electric mobility in the country.</b>
<b>SUBHADRA' Scheme</b> <b>(Odisha)</b>	Under the <b>SUBHADRA</b> scheme, all eligible beneficiaries between the age of <b>21-60 years would receive Rs. 50,000/- over 5 years between 2024-25 to 2028-29</b> . An amount of <b>Rs 10,000/- per annum</b> in two equal installments will be credited directly to the beneficiary's <b>Aadhaar-enabled and DBT-enabled bank account</b> .
<b>The NPS Vatsalya scheme for minors</b>	<b>Nirmala Sitharaman</b> announced the <b>NPS Vatsalya scheme in her 2024-25 union budget speech</b> .  The event was attended by schoolchildren and was held simultaneously in <b>75 locations</b> across the country. She also distributed the <b>Permanent Retirement Account Number (PRAN)</b> cards to new minor subscribers.
<b>Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PMJUGA)</b>	To improve the <b>socio-economic condition</b> of the country's tribal majority villages and aspirational districts
<b>the continuation of the Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme</b>	The <b>PM-AASHA scheme consolidates the Price Support Scheme (PSS) and Price Stabilization Fund (PSF)</b> into a unified program to enhance its effectiveness.
<b>The two umbrella schemes of Department of Biotechnology (DBT), merged as one scheme-'Biotechnology Research Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (Bio-RIDE)' with a new component namely Biomanufacturing and Biofoundry</b>	<b>Bio-RIDE scheme</b> is designed to foster <b>innovation, promote bio-entrepreneurship, and strengthen India's position as a global leader in biomanufacturing and biotechnology</b> . It aims to <b>accelerate research, enhance product development, and bridge the gap between academic research and industrial applications</b>

<b>Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats scheme</b>	The centrally sponsored scheme includes critical components such as <b>Project Tiger, Project Elephant</b> and Development of <b>Wildlife Habitat</b> .
<b>A financial assistance and support programme, 'Bana Kaih' (Mizoram)</b>	This scheme aims to provide financial assistance to farmers <b>growing ginger, turmeric, Mizo chilli, and broomsticks</b> . These crops will be purchased through farmer societies established in villages.
<b>The Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY scheme</b>	The scheme provides <b>health coverage of Rs 5 lakh per family</b> annually for secondary and tertiary care to <b>over 55 crore individuals</b> .
<b>A Women in Space Leadership Programme (WiSLP)</b>	A Women in Space Leadership Programme (WiSLP) was launched by the <b>Department of Science and Technology (DST)</b> in collaboration with the <b>British Council</b> as <b>part of the UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI)</b> .  The initiative focuses on <b>supporting institutions in strengthening gender-inclusive practices to foster women's leadership in space science</b> .
<b>The CM-SATH scheme (Tripura)</b>	To boost the <b>educational prospects of the state's brightest students</b> .

## Chapter 4: Summit/ Conference

**April**

<b>Summit/Conference</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>About</b>
<b>The three-day an International Sanskrit Conference</b>	Delhi	The prime objective of the <b>international conference</b> was to strengthen the <b>Nepal-Indian relations</b> and promote <b>Sanskrit education</b> in <b>Nepal and India</b> .
<b>The Secretaries of the Security Councils of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)</b>	Astana, Kazakhstan	The <b>Indian National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval</b> led the Indian delegation at the meeting of the Secretaries of the Security Councils of the <b>Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)</b> .
<b>The World Future Energy Summit (WFES)</b>	UAE, Abu Dhabi	Taking place from <b>April 16 to 18</b> at the <b>Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC)</b> , <b>WFES</b> is the world's leading business event for <b>future energy, clean technology and sustainability</b> , with a packed programme of events, activations, discussions and forums.
<b>Tri-Service Conference 'Parivartan Chintan'</b>	New Delhi	It is the first-ever conference of the Heads of all <b>Tri-Services Institutions</b> , the <b>Department of Military Affairs, Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff</b> and the three Services.

<b>Clean Economy Investor Forum</b>	Singapore	The <b>IPEF provides a platform</b> for countries in the region to collaborate on advancing <b>resilient, sustainable, and inclusive economic growth</b> . <b>Further, it aims to contribute to cooperation, stability and prosperity in the region.</b>
<b>An international humanitarian conference for Sudan and neighbouring countries</b>	Paris	To raise funds for the people of <b>Sudan who have been caught in a war between Sudan's army</b> and the rebel paramilitary force Rapid Support Forces.
<b>The International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure's 6th edition</b>	New Delhi	The conference's theme is " <b>Investing today for a more resilient tomorrow</b> ".  <b>Prime Minister Narendra Modi</b> expressed the importance of investing in <b>infrastructure</b> that can withstand <b>disasters for a better tomorrow</b> .
<b>The first International Rainbow Tourism Conference</b>	Nepal	This one-day event marks a significant leap forward in <b>fostering diversity and inclusivity within Nepal's tourism industry</b> , positioning the country as a welcoming destination for the sexual minority community in <b>South Asia</b> .  The conference's main objective is to position <b>Nepal as an LGBT-friendly tourism destination</b> .

**May**

<b>Summit/Conference</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>About</b>
<b>The 46th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM 46) and the 26th Meeting of the Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP 26)</b>	India	The meeting is organized by the <b>Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)</b> through the <b>National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR)</b> , these meetings aim to facilitate <b>global discussions on environmental conservation and scientific cooperation in Antarctica</b> .
<b>The World Hydrogen Summit and Exhibition 2024.</b>	Rotterdam, Netherlands	<b>India</b> has set up its maiden pavilion at the <b>World Hydrogen Summit and Exhibition 2024</b> .  <b>The World Hydrogen Summit 2024</b> was held in <b>Rotterdam, Netherlands</b> . The Summit was attended by <b>15,000 delegates</b> from around the world.
<b>The second edition of India, Australia, Indonesia Trilateral Maritime Security Workshop (TMSW)</b>	Kochi, India.	The theme of the workshop was ' <b>Indian Ocean Region: Collaborative Efforts to Enhance Regional Maritime Security</b> '.
<b>'India's Progressive Path in the Administration of Criminal Justice System'</b>	Guwahati, Assam	The aim of the conference was <b>to create awareness about the recent changes made by the government in repealing British-era criminal</b>

		law and the enactment of new laws related to the criminal justice system in the country.
Cyber Security Conclave	New Delhi	During this conclave, important strategies for <b>cyber security</b> were discussed. It was organized with joint efforts by <b>CSC and United Service Institution</b> .
Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) organized a summit	New Delhi	To enhance <b>India's cold chain and logistics sector</b>
India assumed the Chair of Colombo Process for 2024-26	India	<b>Colombo Process</b> is a <b>Regional Consultative Process of migrant worker</b> origin countries from <b>South and South East Asia</b> .
Ministry of Mines organized a workshop on Granite and Marble mining	Bengaluru	<b>V L Kantha Rao</b> addressed the inaugural session of workshop. <b>Additional Chief Secretary &amp; Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka, Dr. Shalini Rajneesh</b> delivered the keynote address on the occasion.
Became Chief Guest for Supply Chain Conference 2024	Sourav Ganguly	The conference will host 400+ delegates, focusing on <b>"India Tomorrow: Economic Supremacy"</b> to <b>enhance India's economy</b> .

### June

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 <b>security practitioners, including defence ministers, senior officials and non-governmental stakeholders</b> , to discuss the most pressing security challenges in the <b>Asia-Pacific</b> , engage in <b>bilateral discussions</b> , and <b>identify fresh approaches</b> .
The 81st annual general meeting of the International Airport Transport Association (IATA)	Delhi	<b>IndiGo</b> will host the 81st annual general meeting of the <b>International Airport Transport Association (IATA)</b> in <b>Delhi</b> in <b>June 2025</b> .
The three-day 3rd Indian Analytical Congress	Dehradun	The conference aims to provide a platform for <b>analytical scientists, technologists, academics</b> , and students to exchange <b>ideas and discuss the latest developments in this field</b> .
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 <b>foundation for informed policy development that promotes equitable and sustainable AI adoption nationwide</b> .

<b>The first Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Clean Economy Investor Forum meeting</b>	Singapore	The meeting was held along with the <b>Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Ministerial</b> meeting. The <b>Indian delegation was led by Sunil Barthwal</b> , Secretary of the <b>Department of Commerce</b> .
<b>BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) Foreign meeting</b>	Russian city of Nizhny Novgorod	The two-day meeting chaired by <b>Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov</b> comes ahead of the <b>BRICS Summit</b> slated to be held this <b>October</b> .
<b>G7 Outreach Summit</b>	Apulia, Italy	India has been invited as an outreach country. On the sidelines of his visit, <b>Modi</b> is also expected to hold <b>bilateral meetings and discussions with the leaders of the G7</b> , the outreach countries, and international organizations.
<b>The two-day India-IORA Cruise Tourism Conference</b>	New Delhi	<b>Officials and experts from the Indian Ocean Rim Association, IORA Member States</b> including <b>Bangladesh, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Seychelles and Tanzania</b> participated in the Conference.
<b>The world's premier defense and security expo Eurosatory 2024</b>	Paris	The event will feature more than <b>40 national pavilions, showcasing new equipment and innovative solutions</b> . Additionally, a dedicated zone for helicopters will display models such as the <b>Eurocopter Tiger, NH90 Caïman, H160M Guepard, H135, Apache, Black Hawk, and Chinook</b> .
<b>The second edition of the global conference on financial resilience</b>	Mumbai	<b>RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das</b> emphasized the transformative potential of advanced and emerging technologies such as <b>artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and big data analytics in financial institutions</b> .
<b>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</b>	Kochi	Themed ' <b>Farmer-centric innovations in dairying</b> ', the event featured insightful deliberations bringing together leaders and experts from the global dairy sector.
<b>The annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)</b>	Astana	To focus on the <b>regional security situation and ways to boost connectivity and trade</b> .

### July

Summit/Conference	Location	About
<b>"Sahkar Se Samriddhi" conference</b>	Gandhinagar, Gujarat	The Ministry of Cooperation organized ' <b>Sahkar se Samriddhi</b> ' conference on this day to mark the



		celebration of <b>International Day of Cooperatives 2024</b> .  The theme for the <b>102nd International Cooperative Day</b> is- <b>"Cooperatives Build a Better Future for All."</b>
<b>The 3-day NATO summit</b>	Washington DC	The summit is likely to show a <b>strong demonstration of America</b> and its allies' support for Ukraine and make significant new announcements to increase <b>military, political and financial support</b> for the war-torn <b>European country</b> .
<b>The tenth BRICS Parliamentary Forum (PF)</b>	St. Petersburg, Russia	The overall theme of the <b>Tenth BRICS Parliamentary Forum</b> is <b>'The Role of Parliaments in Strengthening Multilateralism for Equitable Global Development and Security.'</b>  <b>Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla</b> will lead an <b>Indian Parliamentary Delegation (IPD)</b>
<b>The BIMSTEC Foreign Ministers' Retreat</b>	New Delhi	External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar held a trilateral meeting with his counterparts from <b>Thailand and Myanmar</b> . Their discussions focused on connectivity projects crucial for the future of <b>BIMSTEC</b> .
<b>The 7th India-Japan Medical Product Regulatory Symposium</b>	New Delhi	The event was conducted in accordance with the <b>Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC)</b> between <b>India and Japan</b> , aimed at fostering collaboration in <b>medical product regulations</b> .
<b>A global conference on space research kicked off</b>	South Korea's Busan city	To foster <b>international scientific research in space</b> .
<b>The Annual Conference of the International Cricket Council (ICC)</b>	Sri Lanka	This year's conference, themed <b>"Capitalizing on the Olympic Opportunity,"</b> will discuss topics such as <b>'Diversity and Inclusion,' 'environmental sustainability and the sport,'</b> and <b>'Cricket's triumphant return at LA28.</b>
<b>The 7th Apex Level Meeting of Narco-Coordination Center (NCORD)</b>	New Delhi	On this occasion, the <b>Home Minister</b> launched <b>National Narcotics Helpline 'MANAS' (Madak Padarth Nishedh Asuchna Kendra)</b> and virtually inaugurated <b>Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Zonal Office</b> at Srinagar.
<b>The 4th Annual Meeting of the Bay of Bengal Initiative</b>	Naypyitaw, Myanmar	For <b>Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation BIMSTEC Security Chiefs</b> in <b>Naypyitaw, Myanmar</b>
<b>The meeting of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center</b>	Bangkok, Thailand	<b>India</b> has assumed the <b>chairmanship of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center for 2024-25</b> at the meeting of the <b>Asian Disaster Preparedness Center</b> held in <b>Bangkok, Thailand</b> .

### August

Summit/Conference	Location	About
The 32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists	New Delhi	Theme 2024 - <b>Transformation Towards Sustainable Agri-Food Systems</b>
The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation – BIMSTEC Business Summit	New Delhi	<b>BIMSTEC Business Summit</b> will bring together more than <b>300 key stake holders</b> from across the <b>Bay of Bengal region</b> to <b>facilitate economic collaboration</b> and explore ways ahead in focus areas such as trade facilitation, regional connectivity.
The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024	New Delhi	The theme for GSS-24 is “ <b>Charting the Next Digital Wave: Emerging Technologies, Innovation, and International Standards.</b> ”
The 3rd Voice of Global South Summit	In a virtual format	Theme 2024 - <b>An Empowered Global South for a Sustainable Future</b>
The 19th CII India Africa Business Conclave	New Delhi	The theme of the 19th CII India Africa Business Conclave is - <b>Creating One Future.</b>
A review meeting on Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) and an inter-state coordination meeting	Raipur, Chhattisgarh	The central government is committed to eradicating <b>Left-Wing Extremism (Naxalism)</b> from the country before <b>March 2026.</b>
The meeting of the 44th edition of PRAGATI	New Delhi	In the meeting, <b>seven significant projects</b> were reviewed including <b>two projects relating to road connectivity</b> , <b>two rail projects</b> and <b>one project</b> each of the Coal, Power and Water Resources sectors.
The inaugural World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES)	Goa	To <b>bolster India's media and entertainment industry</b> and extend its global influence.

### September

Summit/Conference	Location	About
The inaugural World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES)	Goa	To <b>bolster India's media and entertainment industry</b> and extend its global influence.
The National Conference of District Judiciary	New Delhi	The two-day Conference, organized by the <b>Supreme Court of India</b> , hosts five working sessions to deliberate and discuss the issues related to the <b>District Judiciary</b> such as <b>Infrastructure and Human Resources, Inclusive Courtrooms for all, Judicial Security and Judicial Wellness, Case Management and Judicial Training.</b>



<b>The 19th Internet Governance Forum (IGF)</b>	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	The forum aims to reach <b>consensus among governments, private sector, and non-profit organizations on policies</b> for stronger internet governance worldwide.
<b>The second edition of the International Conference on Green Hydrogen</b>	New Delhi	The goal of this three-day event is to deepen our understanding of <b>the green hydrogen landscape and foster connections with global scientific communities and industries.</b>
<b>The 4th Global RE-INVEST Renewable Energy Investors Meet and Expo</b>	Gandhinagar	A three-day flagship event of the <b>Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy</b> , at <b>Mahatma Mandir</b> will bring together key players in the <b>renewable energy sector.</b>
<b>The first Global Cooperative Conference</b>	New Delhi	This five-day conference will focus on <b>exploring innovative solutions, technologies, and best practices for the cooperative movement.</b>
<b>The first India -GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) Joint Ministerial Meeting for Strategic Dialogue</b>	Riyadh, the Saudi Arabian capital	<b>The first India-GCC Joint Ministerial Meeting</b> for Strategic Dialogue was co-chaired by <b>Indian External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar</b> and <b>Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Qatar. Qatar holds the Presidency of the GCC.</b>
<b>The 2nd Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation 2024</b>	New Delhi	Highlighting the importance of the conference, Shri Naidu said <b>"It will focus on unlocking this potential, building robust partnerships, and addressing critical challenges such as infrastructure development, market gaps, sustainability, and workforce shortages.</b>
<b>The fourth RE Invest Global Industrial Meet</b>	Gandhinagar	<b>The 4th RE-INVEST Global Renewable Energy Meet &amp; Expo</b> has been organized by the <b>Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).</b> The meet will highlight India's impressive progress in renewable energy manufacturing and deployment.
<b>The fourth edition of Global Bio-India 2024</b>	New Delhi	The three-day event was themed on the potential and opportunities in <b>'Biotech Innovation' and 'Bio-manufacturing'</b> and their impact on the bio economy.  Theme 2024 - <b>Biotech Innovation' and 'Bio-manufacturing</b>
<b>The 2nd Formal Meeting of the COP9 Bureau and the 3rd Formal Meeting of the Fund Approval Committee under the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport</b>	New Delhi	As <b>Vice-Chairperson of the COP9 Bureau, India</b> has taken the lead in organizing these high-level gatherings, which will bring together key decision-makers and <b>dignitaries from across the world.</b>
<b>The second edition of the Global Food Regulators Summit 2024</b>	New Delhi	The summit brings together <b>countries' food regulators to exchange information on aspects of food regulation and safety requirements.</b> It also

		provides an opportunity to promote cooperation between the <b>food regulators of various countries.</b>
<b>The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare conducted a bilateral meeting with the Bhutan Food and Drug Authority (BFDA) on the sidelines of the Global Food Regulators Summit</b>	Bharat Mandapam	The meeting focused on the implementation protocol of the <b>"Agreement"</b> signed between <b>India and BFDA on 21 March 2024</b> , during the visit of <b>PM Narendra Modi.</b>
<b>The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), in collaboration with the Institute for What Works to Advance Gender Equality (IWWAGE) successfully hosted the National Conclave on Gender Mainstreaming</b>	New Delhi	The conclave focused on <b>strengthening gender-responsive community institutions and discussed strategies</b> for advancing gender integration within the <b>DAY-NRLM framework.</b>
<b>The first in-Person meeting of the Supply Chain Council of the Indo-Pacific Economic Forum (IPEF)</b>	Washington DC	These formal meetings were preceded by Panel discussions on various topics related to <b>supply chain resilience with special focus on the United States initiatives including the creation of dedicated Supply Chain Centre</b> and development of the tool like <b>SCALE</b> . While the <b>US is the Chair, India is the vice Chair</b> of the Supply Chain Council.
<b>The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA)</b>	Delhi	The <b>Department of Telecommunications (DoT)</b> has launched a series of <b>WTSA 2024</b> outreach sessions in major cities, including <b>Delhi, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad</b> , to engage students and foster discussions on the future of global communications.
<b>A daylong conference for the Directors of Small Finance Banks</b>	Bengaluru.	The theme of the conference was <b>'Governance in SFBs - Driving Sustainable Growth and Stability'</b>

## Chapter 5: Ranking Index

Index	Index released by	India's Rank	1 <sup>st</sup> Rank
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<b>Henley Passport Index for 2024</b>	Henley and partners	India's passport ranking has slipped one place from last year, moving from 84th to 85th position.	France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Japan, and Singapore
<b>Transparency International's corruption perception index</b>	Transparency International (TI)	India slipped 8 places to 93rd in CPI, as India's rank in 2022 was 85th.	New Zealand
<b>Brand Guardianship Index 2024</b>	Brand Finance.	Mukesh Ambani has been ranked first among all the Indians and second globally	
<b>The International IP Index for 2024</b>	12th edition of the US Chamber of Commerce's Global Innovation Policy Center's International IP Index.	42nd	<b>United States</b>
<b>The United Nations Human Development Index</b>		134	<b>Switzerland</b>
<b>World's most polluted capital city</b>	Swiss organization IQAir		<b>New Delhi</b>
<b>The 2024 World Happiness Report</b>	UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Gallup, and the Oxford Wellbeing Research Centre.	126	<b>Finland</b>
<b>Hurun Global Rich List 2024.</b>	The Hurun Research Institute	Mumbai	<b>New York</b>
<b>Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2024</b>	The Hurun Research Institute	3rd	<b>US and China</b>

<b>World Cybercrime Index</b>	Journal PLoS ONE	10th	<b>Russia</b>
<b>Busiest Airports in World 2023</b>	The Airports Council International (ACI) World	10th Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport	<b>The Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport in the United States</b>
<b>World's Best Hospitals 2024' rankings.</b>	Newsweek, in collaboration with Statista Inc.	-	<b>Medanta – The Medicity, Gurugram</b>
<b>Largest military spender in the world in 2023</b>	Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) report	4th	<b>United States</b>
<b>World Press Freedom Index 2023</b>	Reporters Without Borders	161	<b>Norway</b>
<b>Largest solar power generator in 2023</b>	The 5th “Global Electricity Review” report published by the United Kingdom-based global think tank Ember	3rd	<b>China</b>
<b>Forbes' list of highest-paid athletes</b>	Forbes	-	<b>Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo</b>
<b>World Economic Forum's Travel &amp; Tourism Development Index</b>	The index, prepared in collaboration with the University of Surrey	39th	<b>US</b>
<b>Oxford Economics Global Cities Index 2024</b>		Delhi 350th	<b>New York</b>
<b>The Container Port Performance Index 2023 (CPPI 2023)</b>	World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence.	19th	<b>China's Yangshan Port</b>
<b>Kantar BrandZ Most Valuable Global Brands report</b>	-	46th	<b>Apple</b>

		IT bellwether Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)	
<b>Global Gender Gap Index 2024</b>	-	129th	<b>Iceland</b>
<b>Environment Performance Index 2024</b>	The Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy and the Columbia Center for International Earth Science Information Network.	176th	<b>Estonia</b>
<b>The most expensive city in the country for expatriates</b>	HR consultancy Mercer	-	<b>Mumbai</b>
<b>The Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2023</b>	Kroll	-	<b>Virat Kohli</b>
<b>The Global Energy Transition Index</b>	The World Economic Forum (WEF)	63rd	<b>Sweden</b>
<b>India's most valuable brand</b>	Brand Finance's report	-	<b>Tata Group</b> (Value of \$28.6 billion)
<b>Generative AI (GenAI) innovations</b>	-	5th	China (38,210),
<b>SDG India Index 2023-24</b>	NITI Aayog	-	Kerala
<b>India's most influential celebrity brands</b>	Consultancy firm Kroll	-	Virat Kohli USD 227.9 million
<b>World's 10 largest coal mines</b>	WorldAtlas.com	Gevra and Kusbunda 2 & 4th	China
<b>Global Passport Index</b>	The International Air Transport Association (IATA)	82nd	Singapore
<b>A new report by the Food and Agriculture</b>	Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)	3 <sup>rd</sup> (2,66,000 hectares of forest area)	China (Forest area gain of 1,937,000 hectares)

Organisation (FAO)			
The Travel and Tourism Development Index 2024 report	World Economic Forum	39th	US
Global agriculture exports in 2023	World Trade Organization	8th (\$51 billion)	EU (\$836 billion)
The 2024 Fortune Global 500 List	-	86th Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)	Walmart (US)
India's most 'attractive employer brand,'	Randstad Employer Brand Research (REBR) 2024	-	Microsoft
India Most Valuable Family Businesses List' 2024	Barclays Private Clients Hurun India	-	The Ambani family (Rs 25.75 trillion)
The wealthiest central bank in the world 2024	The Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI)	12th Reserve Bank of India	Federal Reserve System USA
India's most influential woman 2024	Barclays Private Clients Hurun India	-	Roshni Nadar Malhotra, chairperson of HCL Technologies
The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Ranking 2024	Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan	-	Indian Institute of Technology Madras
"Strongest food brand in the world"	Brand Strength Index (BSI)	-	Amul (91 out of 100)
Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2024	Global Finance	Shaktikanta Das "A+"	Denmark's Christian Kettel Thomsen and Switzerland's Thomas Jordan "A+"
Prime Global Cities Index	Knight Frank	Mumbai	Manila

<b>The 2024 Hurun India Rich List</b>	Hurun Research Institute	-	Gautam Adani Rs 11.6 lakh crore
<b>2024 Hurun India Rich List</b>	Hurun Research Institute	-	Gautam Adani (Rs 11.6 lakh crore)
<b>The MSCI All Country World Investable Market Index (ACWI IMI)</b>	-	6th	China
<b>LinkedIn Top Startups India List 2024</b>	-	-	Quick commerce platform Zepto
<b>The Asian Power Index Report 2024</b>	Australian think tank Lowy Institute	3rd	The United States of America
<b>2024 Global Innovation Index (GII)</b>	The World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)	39th	Switzerland

## Chapter 6: Partnership/ Agreement

April

<b>Partnership/ Agreement</b>	<b>Aim</b>
<b>Indian Oil Corporation and Panasonic Group company Panasonic Energy Co.</b>	To <b>manufacture cylindrical lithium-ion cells</b> in <b>India</b>
<b>The Bengaluru-based Mahindra Aerostructures has signed a \$100-million multi-year contract with an Airbus group entity</b>	Under the contract, <b>Mahindra Aerostructures</b> will supply close to <b>2,300 varieties of metallic components</b> to <b>Airbus Atlantic</b> in <b>France</b> from its manufacturing base in <b>India</b> .
<b>Press Trust of India (PTI) has joined Meta's Third-Party Fact-Checking Partnership (3PFC) programme</b>	To <b>identify, review and rate content</b> as misinformation across <b>Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp</b> .
<b>Mumbai-based public sector bank Central Bank of India has partnered with Veeva Solutions, India's digital lending platform</b>	To commence supply <b>chain financing (SCF) operations</b>



Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Ltd. (Star Health Insurance), India's leading retail health insurance provider, joins hand with PhonePe	Under the agreement, <b>Star Health's Comprehensive Health Insurance Policy</b> will be available on the <b>PhonePe</b> app with a monthly and annual payment option, with coverage up to <b>Rs.1 crore</b> .
Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has partnered with a fintech Union Life Private Limited	To use the <b>latter's technology platform KarmaLife</b> for a pilot to provide micro loans to <b>gig workers</b> .
The Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), a government enterprise, has signed the Master Shipyard Repair Agreement (MSRA) with the United States Navy	This will facilitate repair of <b>US Naval vessels</b> under <b>Military Sealift Command in Cochin Shipyard</b> .
Air India and Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) have signed a pact	To develop the <b>Bengaluru airport</b> as an aviation <b>hub</b> , encompassing the construction of a <b>dedicated domestic lounge</b> , expansion of <b>international services</b> , and establishment of a <b>maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) facility</b> .
J& K Bank has partnered with Paymart India Pvt Ltd	To introduce a <b>Virtual ATM (VATM) facility</b> .
The European Union (EU) and India join hands	For <b>startups working in Battery Recycling Technologies for Electric Vehicles (EVs)</b> for a matchmaking event
ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company has partnered with Policybazaar	To offer <b>products on the platform</b> .
Fintech firm PhonePe has partnered with Nepal's digital wallet service eSewa and the Hotel Association of Nepal (HAN) Pokhara	To promote <b>digital payments through UPI on the Himalayan country's payment processor Fonepay Network</b>
The private lender Karnataka Bank has partnered with FISDOM	To offer <b>3-in-1 accounts (savings, demat, and trading)</b> through its mobile banking app, <b>KBL Mobile Plus</b> .
Public sector lender Bank of India and Indian Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGC) have signed a pact	To provide <b>mortgage guarantee-backed home loan</b> products in the affordable <b>housing segment</b> .
CleanMax, a leading renewable energy company, has partnered with tech giant Apple	To accelerate the adoption of <b>renewable energy solutions across India</b> .

<b>Bharti Airtel signs deal to merge Sri Lankan unit with Dialog Axiata</b>	To merge the operations of its <b>Sri Lankan</b> unit with Dialog, the island nation's largest telecom provider and a subsidiary of <b>Malaysia's Axiata Group Berhad</b> .
<b>Air India has entered into a codeshare partnership with Japan's All Nippon Airways</b>	With the <b>codeshare</b> , effective for travel from <b>May 23</b> , <b>Air India and All Nippons Airways passengers</b> can fly to their desired destination by combining those flights between <b>India and Japan</b> with a single ticket.
<b>Indian Bank has entered into a strategic partnership with Tata Power Solar Systems Ltd. (TPSSL)</b>	To boost <b>solar energy adoption</b> by providing financial support to <b>residential consumers for installations</b> .
<b>C-DOT, the premier Telecom R&amp;D Centre of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Indian Institute of Technology, Jodhpur have signed an agreement</b>	For " <b>Automated Service Management in 5G and Beyond Networks Using AI</b> ".
<b>The Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation Cell (SVEEP) of Kamrup Election District has partnered with Indian Institute of Technology-Guwahati</b>	To develop a innovative <b>3D printed dummy ballot unit</b> .
<b>Tata Motors has tied up with South Indian Bank</b>	To offer <b>financing solutions</b> to its commercial <b>vehicle customers and dealerships</b> .

**May**

<b>Partnership/ Agreement</b>	<b>Aim</b>
<b>NHPC Limited to collaborate with Ocean Sun</b>	For implementation of <b>Floating Solar Energy Technology</b>
<b>NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) has signed an agreement with the Bank of Namibia (BoN)</b>	To support them in developing an <b>instant payment system like Unified Payment Interface (UPI) for Namibia</b> .
<b>India and Nigeria have agreed to an early conclusion of the Local Currency Settlement System Agreement</b>	To strengthen <b>bilateral economic ties</b>
<b>YES Bank has partnered with Bengaluru-based financial services provider ANQ</b>	To unveil two <b>new credit cards</b> designed for <b>Indian consumers</b> .
<b>India and Ghana are working to link their payment systems - Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Ghana Interbank Payment and Settlement Systems (GHIPSS)</b>	To permit users to make <b>instant, low-cost fund transfers</b> on a <b>reciprocal basis</b> .

CCAvenue, the payments platform of fintech firm Infibeam Avenues, will partner with Shivalik Small Finance Bank	To provide <b>merchants registered</b> with it to access to <b>SFB's customer base</b> .
Sri Lanka has sealed a 20-year power deal with Adani Green Energy Ltd of India	<b>Sri Lanka's Cabinet of Ministers</b> have approved the project under which two <b>wind power stations</b> will be developed by <b>Adani</b> , marking a crucial step towards <b>sustainable energy solutions</b> .
South Indian Bank and Northern Arc Capital join hands	To <b>explore and maximise commercial</b> prospects by combining efforts in <b>loan origination, underwriting, disbursement, collection, and reconciliation procedures</b> .
India and Moldova signed an agreement	Allowing holders of <b>diplomatic and official passports</b> from either country to travel to the other without <b>requiring a visa</b> .
India and Iran have signed an agreement	Under which <b>India</b> will operate the strategically important <b>Shahid Beheshti terminal of Chabahar Port of Iran</b> for the next 10 years.
Aurm, an asset protection firm has partnered with Tata AIG General Insurance	To provide <b>comprehensive insurance coverage</b> to its customers for their <b>valuables</b>
PhonePe has partnered with LankaPay	To allow its users to pay using <b>UPI across Sri Lanka</b> .
Energy firm ReNew has signed an initial pact with European bank Societe Generale	For up to <b>\$1 billion financing as debt and advisory solutions</b> over the next three years.
PUMA India has signed a deal with the Athletics Federation of India	To become its <b>official kit sponsor</b> .
Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles (TMPV) and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility (TPEM), subsidiaries of Tata Motors, have joined hands with Bajaj Finance	To extend <b>supply chain finance solutions</b> to its <b>passenger and electric vehicle dealers</b> .
Online food delivery platform Swiggy has partnered with SHIELD, a device-first risk AI platform	To enhance its <b>fraud prevention and detection capabilities</b>
Cisco and Tata Communications has partnered	To launch <b>Webex Calling solution in India with cloud public switched telephone network (PSTN)</b> , aimed at helping enterprises move from on-premises phone systems to a <b>global cloud calling system</b> .
Ghana has signed deals with a Reliance Jio subsidiary, Tech Mahindra and other vendors to build 4G and 5G infrastructure as the African country	To enhance its <b>telecom capabilities</b> .

<b>Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has bagged a deal with Burgan Bank</b>	To modernize the <b>core banking technology</b> of <b>Burgan Bank</b>
<b>Sterlite Technologies Ltd partnered with UK-based Connexin</b>	To help deliver <b>gigabit broadband connectivity</b> in <b>Nottinghamshire</b> .
<b>Wipro has partnered with the Centre for Brain Research (CBR) at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru</b>	To develop a <b>personal care engine</b> to reduce and manage the risk of <b>cardiovascular disease</b> by <b>utilizing AI</b> .
<b>Poonawalla Fincorp Limited collaborated with IndusInd Bank</b>	To launch the co-branded ' <b>IndusInd Bank Poonawalla Fincorp eLITE RuPay Platinum Credit Card</b> ', a card designed to redefine and elevate the banking experience of customers.
<b>Capital Small Finance Bank (CSFB) has forged a bancassurance tie-up with ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Ltd.(ICICI Lombard)</b>	Through this collaboration, <b>CSFB</b> will leverage its <b>network and customer base</b> to distribute <b>ICICI Lombard's suite of general insurance products</b> , including <b>health, motor, home, travel and rural insurance</b> .

### June

<b>Partnership/ Agreement</b>	<b>Aim</b>
<b>Finnish telecom gearmaker Nokia has signed an agreement with the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV)</b>	For carrying out <b>joint research related to 5G/6G communications</b> in the <b>transportation and logistics</b> sector.
<b>Zupee has partnered with Gurugram Cyber Police</b>	For the <b>11th edition of the Cyber Security Summer Internship Program</b> , titled ' <b>Cyber Warriors</b> '.
<b>Axis Bank and Bajaj Allianz General Insurance have entered a strategic bancassurance partnership</b>	To <b>boost insurance penetration and financial inclusion</b> in the country.
<b>NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) and the Reserve Bank of Peru have announced a partnership</b>	To enable <b>UPI-like real-time payments system</b> in the <b>Latin American country</b> .
<b>Muthoot Microfin has entered into a strategic co-lending partnership with the State Bank of India (SBI)</b>	Under the agreement, <b>Muthoot Microfin and SBI</b> will co-lend to members of <b>Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)</b> who are engaged in agricultural and allied activities as well as other <b>income-generating enterprises</b> .
<b>Fintech firm PhonePe has partnered with ride-hailing platform PickMe</b>	To enable <b>UPI-based payments</b> for <b>Indian travellers in Sri Lanka</b> .

<b>Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and Sansad TV signed an agreement</b>	To make <b>Indian art and culture more accessible</b> to the people
<b>The World Bank will lend support to the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC)</b>	To achieve <b>sustainable waste management</b> in the city
<b>Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Ltd. (Kotak Life) has partnered with Mahindra &amp; Mahindra Financial Services Ltd (Mahindra Finance)</b>	To offer <b>life insurance solutions</b> to customers
<b>Samsung has partnered with Paytm parent One97 Communications Ltd</b>	To <b>integrate travel and entertainment services</b> to <b>Samsung Wallet</b> in India
<b>Namdev Finvest, a Jaipur based NBFC, has entered into strategic alliance with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance</b>	To offer comprehensive <b>financial solutions, including insurance and NBFC services</b> , to its customers
<b>The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), in collaboration with the Australian Government</b>	To discuss the learnings from the <b>Australia-India Critical Agriculture Skills Pilot Project</b> .
<b>India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has partnered with Ria Money Transfer</b>	To provide <b>convenient and affordable doorstep financial services</b> to customers in remote areas across the country

### July

<b>Partnership/ Agreement</b>	<b>Aim</b>
<b>The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a USD 60 million nonconvertible debentures financing agreement, disbursing USD 30 million to Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL)</b>	To provide housing loans to <b>women and address the shortage of financing in the low-income and affordable housing segment</b> in India.
<b>Adani Defence &amp; Aerospace - the defence arm of the Adani Group - has signed an agreement with the Thales Group</b>	To manufacture <b>70mm rockets</b> in India
<b>The Bangladesh Navy has signed a deal with the Indian Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)</b>	For an <b>800-tonne ocean-going tug—a major contract to be signed under a \$500-million line of credit</b> .
<b>Truecaller, the world's leading global communications platform, has partnered with HDFC ERGO</b>	This initiative aims to <b>provide enhanced protection to consumers against digital communication fraud</b> in India.

<b>Axis Bank join hands with Piramal Finance under co-lending business</b>	Through this partnership, both the lenders will offer <b>loans to the middle and low-income segment borrowers with focus on rural and semi-urban regions.</b>
<b>Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has partnered with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) as the official Principal Partner</b>	This four-year partnership <b>supports and salutes the sheer grit and determination of Indian athletes, many of whom come from humble backgrounds and remote corners of India.</b>
<b>The Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) has entered into an agreement with the government of Guyana</b>	To provide a line of credit worth <b>\$2.5 million for the installation of a solar photo voltaic power plant</b>
<b>Mutual Recognition Agreement between India and Taiwan</b>	The mutual recognition will ease the export of <b>organic products by avoiding dual certifications; thus, reducing compliance costs, and enhancing trade opportunities in the organic sector.</b>
<b>Federal Bank enter into bancassurance tie-up with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance</b>	This partnership will enable <b>Federal Bank's customers</b> to seamlessly access <b>Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance's products, across the Bank's extensive network in India.</b>
<b>PUMA India has partnered with Indian Olympic Association (IOA) as the official footwear partner</b>	For the <b>Indian contingent heading to the Paris Olympics 2024</b>
<b>State-owned Punjab National Bank has signed a pact with Steel Authority of India</b>	To provide <b>home loan, car loan and education loan</b> to the latter's employees at concessional rates.
<b>India has signed an agreement with the Marshall Islands</b>	To provide an annual grant for four <b>community development projects as part of New Delhi's outreach to Pacific Island states.</b>
<b>Coca-Cola India, in collaboration with agri solutions provider Gram Unnati</b>	The initiative aims to <b>revolutionise sustainable mango cultivation in Karnataka, focusing on the Alphonso and Totapuri varieties.</b>
<b>LIC Partners with IDFC First Bank</b>	To provide <b>life insurance coverage to all by 2047</b>
<b>National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), a public sector enterprise under the aegis of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MoIB), have joined hands with Netflix India</b>	To launch an upskilling program for <b>voice-over artists in India called "The Voicebox"</b>
<b>Non-bank financial company Arka Fincap, a part of Kirloskar Group, has partnered with Central Bank of India</b>	Under the co-lending arrangement, <b>Arka</b> will offer loans to <b>MSMEs</b> at competitive <b>rates and further expand its reach across India.</b>
<b>Allrounder Hardik Pandya has inked an exclusive licensing pact with FanCode Shop, the online merchandise store of Dream Sports-owned FanCode</b>	To launch his <b>performance wear range</b>



<b>The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), signed an agreement with the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) and Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi (IIT Mandi)</b>	<b>Goal for the development of 'Cell-Free' 6G Access Points. Both the IITs are collaborating to develop this technology.</b>
<b>Paytm partners with Axis Bank</b>	<b>To provide payment technology solutions</b>
<b>India and the United States of America have signed a Cultural Property Agreement</b>	<b>To repatriate stolen Indian artifacts from the USA.</b>
<b>IndusInd Bank collaborates with Inspire Institute of Sport</b>	<b>To launch 'Wrestle for Glory'</b>
<b>Karnataka Bank has partnered with ICICI Lombard General Insurance Co Ltd</b>	<b>To offer enhanced insurance solutions and customer benefits to its patrons.</b>
<b>UGRO Capital, a data-tech non-banking financial company (NBFC) has entered into a co-lending partnership with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)</b>	<b>For lending to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).</b>

### August

<b>Partnership/ Agreement</b>	<b>Aim</b>
<b>Tata Power Solar Systems Ltd (TPSSL) has partnered with Bank of India (BOI)</b>	<b>To facilitate easy financing for rooftop solar installations and establishment of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations.</b>
<b>India and Vietnam signed nine agreements</b>	<b>To deepen comprehensive strategic partnership and enhance cooperation in the fields of customs, agriculture, legal, radio and television broadcast, culture and tourism.</b>
<b>The Ministry of Ayush, GoI, and the World Health Organization signed a donor agreement</b>	<b>This agreement outlines the financial terms for implementing the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre (GTMC) activities in Jamnagar, Gujarat.</b>
<b>Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) has partnered with IDBI Bank</b>	<b>To launch a cybersecurity Lab to develop and deploy security solutions in crucial sectors such as healthcare, fintech and aerospace, among others.</b>
<b>India &amp; World Bank sign \$500 million agreement</b>	<b>For the construction of Green National Highway Corridors Project (GNHCP) in an aggregate length of 781 km for the states of Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.</b>
<b>HDFC securities, the leading stock broking company, and a wholly owned subsidiary of</b>	<b>For democratising global investing for Indians and NRIs.</b>



HDFC Bank, announced a strategic tie-up with Vested Finance	
Capital Small Finance Bank Limited (CSFB), and Edelweiss Life Insurance have entered into a bancassurance tie-up	This strategic partnership will enable <b>CSFB's customer base to access Edelweiss Life Insurance's life insurance products suite</b> , thereby meeting their need for financial security.
Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya in collaboration with Airbus	Begins its <b>first executive training program</b> for aviation sector
Chola MS General Insurance Company, a joint venture between the Murugappa Group and Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Company Limited of Japan, has partnered with Mahindra Finance	This collaboration will provide <b>motor and other non-life insurance solutions</b> to over <b>10 million customers of Mahindra Finance</b> .
India and New Zealand sign customs co-operation arrangement	To <b>ease trade</b> between the two countries
The West Bengal government and UNICEF have joined hands	For promoting the <b>involvement of fathers in encouraging new mothers to breastfeed their babies till six months of age</b> .
Pine Labs-owned Setu partners Axis Bank	For <b>UPI-focused payments</b> platform
The Ministry of External Affairs and ISRO's commercial arm NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) signed an agreement	To grant assistance for <b>launching the Nepal-built Munal satellite</b> .
Indian Railways and the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) have joined forces	To advance the ' <b>One India – One Ticket</b> ' initiative, <b>aimed at enhancing the passenger experience</b> for those traveling on mainline railways and Namoo Bharat trains.
Gentari Green Mobility India (Gentari) has partnered with Amazon	To boost the <b>e-commerce major's electric vehicle (EV) fleet</b> for last mile deliveries as the US-headquartered company targets to increase its fleet strength to <b>10,000 units by 2025</b> .
An Indian space engineering solutions provider, Dhruva Space has collaborated with Singaporean space semiconductor maker Zero-Error Systems (ZES)	To improve its <b>onboard computer (OBC) subsystem</b>
Fintech firm Navi has partnered with Karnataka Bank	To roll out a <b>credit line on UPI product for customers on the platform</b> .
India and Israel have joined hands	For the establishment of a <b>new water technology centre at IIT-Madras</b> , which is expected to serve as a " <b>key contributor</b> " to India's efforts to achieve sustainable water supply for all.

The UAE Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology joined its BRICS counterparts on the launch of a Centre for Industrial Competences in cooperation with the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)	To support the <b>development of Industrial skills and capabilities</b>
India and the United States have entered into a bilateral non-binding Security of Supply Arrangements (SOSA)	To ensure the mutual supply of <b>defence goods and services and address unanticipated supply chain disruptions</b> to meet respective national security needs.
India and Ukraine have inked four agreements and resolved	To enhance their cooperation in a range of key areas including <b>defence, trade, pharmaceuticals, green energy and education</b> .
BharatPe has partnered with OTO Capital, a digital commerce and lending platform	To enable <b>two-wheeler loans</b> .
Tata Power Solar Systems Ltd (TPSSL) has signed an agreement with ICICI Bank	To provide financing for solar units to <b>residential and corporate customers</b> .
Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Limited (Piramal Finance), a subsidiary of Piramal Enterprises Limited, has partnered with Central Bank of India	To expand their <b>co-lending operations</b>
YES Bank has entered into a co-lending partnership with Newtap Finance Private Limited	To provide <b>personalised financing solutions for creditworthy individuals on payments platform CRED</b> .
Bharti Airtel has partnered with Apple	To bring exclusive offers for <b>Apple Music and Apple TV+</b> to customers in India later this year.

## Chapter 7: Loan

### March

Organization/Bank	Loan Amount	To which country	Purpose
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	A 181 million dollars loan	India	To improve <b>urban livability and mobility</b> in Ahmedabad.
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	\$23 million loan	The Government of India	To enhance access to quality <b>fintech education, research, and innovation</b> at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT-City).
DBS Bank	A USD 250 million loan	India	For <b>new-age entrepreneurs</b> .

Japan Bank for International Co-operation (JBIC).	USD 200 million Loan	State-run NTPC group	For Renewable Projects
Japan Bank for International Co-operation (JBIC).	20 billion (around Rs 1,100 crore)	NHPC	For developing a 300 MW solar project in Bikaner, Rajasthan.

**May**

Organization/Bank	Loan Amount	To which country	Purpose
The consortium of lenders includes Cooperative Rabobank U.A., DBS Bank Ltd, Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A., MUFG Bank, Ltd., and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation.	USD 400 million	Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL)	For its under-construction solar projects of 750 MW in Gujarat and Rajasthan
International Finance Corporation (IFC)	\$500 million	HDFC Bank	For extending microloans to “underserved women” in rural and semi-urban India
The Asian Development Bank (ADB)	\$2.6 billion	India	The loan sanctioned by ADB in 2023 will be used to finance urban development projects, promote the power sector, support industrial corridor development, support horticulture, enhance connectivity and build India’s climate resilience.

**July**

Organization/Bank	Loan Amount	To which country	Purpose
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	\$170 million policy-based loan	The Government of India	To consolidate and strengthen India’s health system preparedness and response capacity to future pandemics
The World Bank	1.5 billion dollars	The Government of India	In financing to help India accelerate the development of low-carbon energy.
The International Finance Corporation (IFC)	₹825 crore	Tata Realty & Infrastructure Ltd.	For refinancing of Ramanujan Intellion Park in Chennai, a ‘sustainable real estate development’ project
Deutsche Bank’s Gift City branch	31.96 billion Japanese yen	REC Limited	This successful transaction is in line with REC’s commitment to enhance its green energy financing and sustainable projects capabilities as well as the global community’s support for sustainable development projects in India.
The Asian Development Bank (ADB)	\$240.5 million	India	To fund rooftop solar systems in India, bolstering the nation's renewable energy expansion efforts

**August**

Organization/Bank	Loan Amount	To which country	Purpose
Asian Development Bank	A \$ 200 million (about Rs 1,700 crore)	Government of India	To improve <b>solid waste management and sanitation in 100 cities</b> across <b>eight states</b> in the country.
Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)	25.5 billion Japanese yen	Power Finance Corporation (PFC)	For a <b>wind energy project</b> .
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	USD 500 million	India	To improve access to <b>quality and affordable tertiary health care and medical education</b> in <b>Maharashtra</b> .

**September**

Organization/Bank	Loan Amount	To which country	Purpose
The Asian Development Bank (ADB)	<b>Financial assistance of Rs 530 crore</b>	Tripura	To upgrade the <b>drinking water supply in the state's 12 cities</b> benefiting around four lakh people.
The Asian Development Bank (ADB)	A \$50 million	Meghalaya, India	To <b>water, and community resilience to the effects of climate change</b> in the state of <b>Meghalaya, India</b>

**Chapter 8: Mergers and Acquisitions****April**

Merger Company	About
<b>Fincare merges with AU Small Finance Bank</b>	The merger is expected to provide <b>AU SFB</b> with enhanced access to <b>South India</b> , significantly expanding its distribution network.
<b>The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ (MUFG) will to acquire a 20 per cent stake in HDB Financial Services, a non-banking subsidiary of HDFC Bank, at a valuation of \$9-10 billion.</b>	<b>HDFC Bank</b> , the country's largest private lender, currently owns around <b>95 per cent of HDB Financial Services</b> , with the remaining 5 per cent held by employees under an <b>Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP)</b> .
<b>Billionaire Gautam Adani's family infused an additional Rs 8,339 crore in Ambuja Cements, raising its stake in the company to 70.3 per cent</b>	To help the <b>cement maker's manufacturing capacity</b> .

ITC Infotech has entered into a share purchase agreement for the acquisition of 100 per cent of the share capital of Pune-headquartered Blazeclan Technologies Private Limited	The total consideration for the acquisition by its wholly owned subsidiary, <b>ITC Infotech India Limited</b> , is up to <b>Rs 485 crore</b> , including <b>contingent consideration</b> which is subject to the achievement of prescribed targets.
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**May**

<b>Merger Company</b>	<b>About</b>
The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of additional shares in Sikkim Urja Limited (formerly Teesta Urja Limited) by Greenko Energies Private Limited	<b>Sikkim Urja Ltd</b> is a special purpose vehicle incorporated for the purpose of the implementation of the <b>1,200 MW hydropower project</b> in North Sikkim.
Warburg Pincus will acquire Shriram Housing Finance Ltd (SHFL) in a deal valued at ₹4,630 crore	For <b>equity and convertible instruments</b> .
Adani Energy Solutions Ltd (AESL) has acquired 100 per cent stake in Essar Transco Limited	For an <b>Enterprise Value of INR 1,900 crore</b> after obtaining necessary clearances
State Bank of India has executed transaction documents to acquire a 6.125 per cent stake in CCIL IFSC Limited for ₹6.125 crore	<b>CCIL IFSC</b> , which will be incorporated with an authorized and paid-up capital of <b>₹200 crore and ₹100 crore</b> , respectively, will operate the foreign currency settlement system and act as a clearing house and system operator at <b>the IFSC within GIFT City</b> .
Noise acquires women's wellness platform SocialBoat	This acquisition will expand its tech offerings and <b>build specialized innovation capabilities</b> for its flagship <b>smart wearable, Luna Ring</b> .
HSBC to acquire 6.125 per cent equity stake in CCIL IFSC Limited (CCIL IFSC)	HSBC has through its branch in <b>Gift City</b> executed transaction <b>documents</b> .  The investment value for this transaction stood at <b>₹6.125 crore</b> .

**June**

<b>Merger Company</b>	<b>About</b>
Kotak Mahindra Bank gets RBI nod for Zurich Insurance's 70% acquisition of Kotak General	For a <b>total consideration of approximately Rs 5,560 crore</b> .

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has granted its approval for the merger of Vistara with Air India	Tata Sons Private Limited will hold <b>73.38% stake</b> in the merged entity, and <b>Singapore Airlines 25.1%</b> . The remaining <b>1.52%</b> will be held by <b>SBICAP Trustee Limited on behalf of Air India Employee Settlement Trust</b> .
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 <b>global integrated business enterprise</b> that <b>develops and operates businesses with offices and subsidiaries in 90 countries</b> and regions and around <b>1,700 group companies</b> around the world and operate across industries including <b>natural gas, industrial materials, petroleum &amp; chemicals, mineral resources and industrial infrastructure</b> .
The Bank of India has acquired a <b>6.125 per cent stake</b> in the incorporated Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. (IFSC) listed in the GIFT SEZ in Gujarat	The acquisition of a <b>6.125 per cent stake in CCIL IFSC for ₹6.125 crore</b> showcases our strategic commitment towards the growth of <b>GIFT City IFSC and its emergence as a global financial services provider</b> .
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 <b>add 14 million tonnes per annum (mtpa)</b> to its capacity, taking the total capacity of <b>Adani group's cement business (ACC-Ambuja consolidated) to 89 mtpa</b> .
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.	<b>Zurich</b> has acquired a <b>70 percent stake in Kotak General</b> for a total consideration of <b>₹5,560 crore (\$670 million)</b> , through a combination of fresh growth capital and share purchase.

### July

Merger Company	About
Insurtech company Acko has acquired digital chronic care management company OneCare in an all-cash deal	This is a strategic move to re-emphasise <b>Acko's broader vision</b> of being a comprehensive healthcare provider to its customers, going beyond <b>the insurance services</b> .
UltraTech acquires 32.7% stake in India Cements for ₹3,945 crore	The country's largest cement company will make an open offer to <b>India Cements shareholders at ₹390</b> a share after obtaining all regulatory approvals.

### August



Merger Company	About
HCLSoftware, the software business division of Indian IT services giant HCLTech, will acquire Zeenea, a Paris-based firm providing data catalog and governance solutions, for Euro 24 million (around Rs 218 crore)	The acquisition will strengthen <b>its data and analytics business called Actian.</b>
Rural fintech startup Jai Kisan has received regulatory approval from the Reserve Bank of India for the acquisition of a majority stake in NBFC Kushal Finnovation Capital	With the NBFC subsidiary, <b>Jai Kisan will be able create and deliver</b> customized, <b>innovative, and relevant</b> products directly to its farmer and rural business customers in a more accessible and seamless manner making its products <b>cheaper, faster, and more impactful.</b>
Slice has received approval from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for its merger with North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB)	The merger will enable the combined entity to <b>leverage advanced technology and deep community</b> understanding, <b>fostering financial inclusion across the nation.</b>
The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of shareholding in each of Invesco Asset Management (India) Private Limited and Invesco Trustee Private Limited by IndusInd International Holdings Limited	The proposed combination pertains to the <b>acquisition of 60%</b> shareholding in each of <b>Invesco Asset Management (India) Private Limited (Invesco AMC)</b> and Invesco Trustee Private Limited (Invesco Trustee) by IndusInd International Holdings Limited (IIHL)

**September**

Merger Company	About
The Competition Commission of India has approved the merger of Tata Motor Finance with Tata Capital	The <b>merger</b> , announced in June, will see Tata Capital issue its equity shares to the shareholders of <b>Tata Motor Finance resulting in Tata Motors</b> effectively holding a <b>4.7% stake</b> in the merged entity.

**Chapter 9: App/Website/Portal****April**

App/ Website/Portal	Company / Department	Purpose
the health-tech app 'NutriPlus'	Britannia NutriChoice	The <b>NutriPlus app</b> harnesses evidence-based technology and has been built with an aim to <b>democratise health monitoring in the country.</b>

'ZeroPe' App	BharatPe	The <b>ZeroPe app</b> is set to provide instant pre-approved medical loans of up to <b>Rs 500,000</b> in collaboration with <b>Delhi-based Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) Mukut Finvest</b> . The service is exclusively available at partnered hospitals.
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**June**

App/ Website/Portal	Company / Department	Purpose
PRAVAAH portal, Retail Direct mobile app and a Fintech Repository	The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	These initiatives are aimed at enhancing <b>regulatory processes</b> , <b>facilitating retail investment</b> , and providing <b>comprehensive data on the fintech sector</b> .

**July**

App/ Website/Portal	Company / Department	Purpose
"Noble Initiative for Rewarding Mains Aspirants of National Civil Services Examination (NIRMAN)" Portal	Union Minister for Coal and Mines, G Kishan Reddy	In alignment with the vision " <b>Mission Karmayogi</b> " of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this is a <b>unique CSR scheme by Coal India Limited for meritorious youth of its operating districts</b> who have qualified the Preliminary round of <b>UPSC examination (for Civil Services &amp; Forest Service) in 2024</b> .
'Lokpath Mobile App'	Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Mohan	The goal of this <b>digital project</b> is to quickly fix road problems that people report within seven days. It is a big step toward better <b>road upkeep and accountability in the state</b> .
Portal eSwasthya Dham	The Uttarakhand Government's Department of Health and Family Welfare	<b>eSwasthya Dham</b> portal helps in monitoring the <b>Char Dham Yatra pilgrim's health parameters</b> . It ensures the smooth journey of pilgrims visiting <b>Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, and Badrinath</b> together called as the Char Dham Yatra.
North East Region Agri Commodity E-Connect (NERACE) Portal	Union Minister for the Development of the North East Region Jyotiraditya Scindia	To benefit the farmers of the region and help position it as a hub of <b>high-value horticultural products in the international market</b> .

<b>National District Mineral Foundation (DMF) Portal</b>	Union Minister of Coal and Mines, G. Kishan Reddy	The aim for launching this portal is to facilitate the access to the <b>DMF data and track the developments and utilizations thereunder.</b>
<b>Ideas4LiFE portal</b>	Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav	For inviting ideas related to <b>products and services</b> , that induce behavioral changes related to <b>environment-friendly lifestyles in the presence of Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh at IIT Delhi</b>

**August**

<b>App/ Website/Portal</b>	<b>Company / Department</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>The National Apprenticeship and Training Scheme (NATS) 2.0 Portal</b>	Union Minister for Education, Dharmendra Pradhan	As part of this initiative, <b>Rs 100 crore</b> in stipends has been disbursed to <b>young graduates and diploma holders through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).</b>
<b>A new app 'District'</b>	Food aggregator Zomato	To expand its services beyond its <b>core food delivery and quick commerce business.</b>
<b>e-Sakshya, Nyaya Setu, Nyaya Shruti and e-Summon apps</b>	Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah	For the <b>three new criminal laws in Chandigarh</b>
<b>The e-Sankhyiki portal</b>	The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)	To streamline the sharing of <b>official statistics</b> through a comprehensive system designed to enhance <b>ease of access and analysis</b>
<b>'Amrit Gyan Kosh' Portal and 'Faculty Development portal'</b>	Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh	It marks a <b>paradigm</b> shift in how we approach <b>civil service training</b> and it also envisions a <b>future-ready civil service</b> rooted in <b>Indian ethos</b> , with a <b>global perspective.</b>
<b>Version 2.0 of 'FloodWatch India' app</b>	Union Minister for Jal Shakti C R Paatil	Aimed at providing a more comprehensive and detailed overview of <b>flood conditions across the country.</b>
<b>Thermal (PROMPT), Disaster Resilient Infrastructure for Power Sector (DRIPS) and JAL VIDYUT DPR</b>	The Central Electricity Authority under the Union Ministry of Power	To enhance the <b>efficiency, transparency, and effectiveness of power sector in New Delhi.</b>
<b>Building and other Construction Workers (BoCW) Management</b>	Labour ministry	The portal will function as the <b>centralised data management system</b> for compilation and analysis

<b>Information System (MIS)</b>		of the data obtained from <b>BoCW welfare boards of the states.</b>
<b>She-Box portal</b>	Women and Child Development Minister Annpurna Devi	<b>She-Box portal</b> is a centralized platform for <b>registering and monitoring complaints of sexual harassment of women</b> at the workplace.

## Chapter 10-Budget 2024: Complete Information

### Govt's expenditure Budget 2024 on major items

- **Defence:** 4,54,773 cr
- **Rural Development:** 2,65,808 cr
- **Agriculture and Allied Activities:** 1,51,851 cr
- **Home Affairs:** 1,50,983 cr
- **Education:** 1,25,638 cr
- **IT and Telecom:** 1,16,342 cr
- **Health:** 89,287 cr
- **Energy:** 68,769 cr
- **Social Welfare:** 56,501 cr
- **Commerce & Industry:** 56,501 cr

### Important Point

- Budget focus on **employment, skilling, MSMEs and middle class**
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that the government will provide Rs **11.11 trillion** towards **infrastructure spending in 2024-25.**
- **Rs 2 lakh crore** package announced for five schemes aimed at facilitating employment and skilling
- Allocation of **1.48 lakh crore** under five schemes for education, employment and skilling
- First priority is productivity and resilience in agriculture
- 1 crore farmers will be initiated into natural farming
- Rs 1.52 trillion provision for Agri and Allied sectors
- Government announces financial support for loans up to **Rs 10 lakh for higher education**

- Five schemes to focus on 4.1 crore youth over 5 years with a central outlay of Rs 2 trillion
- Govt enhances limit of **MUDRA** loans to **Rs 20 lakh From 10 lakh**
- Budget provides **Rs 2.66 lakh crore for rural development**
- **12 industrial parks** will be sanctioned
- Govt announces **Rs 2.2 lakh crore** push to make **housing more affordable**
- **100 branches of India Post Payments Bank** to be set up in **North East**
- FinMin proposes transit-oriented development plans for cities with Rs 30 lakh
- Fiscal deficit estimated at **4.9% of GDP**
- Govt to increase **10 to 15% on PCBA on specific telecom equipment**
- Fiscal deficit for FY25 further brought down to 4.9 from 5.1% in interim Budget  
Total receipts estimated at **Rs 32.07 trillion, expenditure at Rs 48. 21 trillion** in FY25
- FM announces changes in new tax regime — Standard deduction proposed to increased to **Rs 75,000 from Rs 50,000**
- Angel tax abolished, Corporate tax rate on foreign companies **has been reduced to 25 per cent.**
- Finance Minister hiked the tax on long-term capital gains **from 10 per cent to 12.5 per cent**, short-term capital gains will attract 20 per cent tax from 15%.
- **PM Suryaghar Muft Bijli Yojana** has been launched to install rooftop solar panels to enable 1 crore households to obtain **free electricity upto 300 units each month**
- The defense outlay has been set **at Rs 4.56 lakh crore**, compared to Rs 4.55 lakh crore previously.
- FinMin announces flood assistance for Bihar, Himachal, Assam, Uttarakhand and Sikkim

**The tax structure will be revised as follows:-**

- Income up to 3 lakh — No tax
- Rs 3-7 lakh — 5 per cent
- Rs 7-10 lakh — 10 per cent
- Rs 10-12 lakh — 15 per cent
- Rs 12-15 lakh — 20 per cent
- Income above 15 lakh — 30 per cent

**Note**-Salaried employee in new tax regime will save up to Rs 17,500 in income tax

### Nine priorities for this year and coming years

- Productivity and resilience in Agriculture
- Employment and skilling
- Inclusive HRD and social justice
- Mfg & services
- Urban development
- Energy security
- Infra
- Innovation, R&D
- Next generation reforms

### All that govt has announced for urban development

- **Stamp Duty:** Encouraging states to lower stamp duties for properties purchased by women
- **Street Markets:** Envisioning a scheme to develop 100 weekly 'haats' or street food hubs in select cities
- **Transit Oriented Development:** Transit Oriented Development plans for 14 large cities with a population above 30 lakh
- **Water Management:** Promote water supply, sewage treatment and solid waste management projects and services for 100 large cities through bankable projects

### FM Sitharaman announces 3 schemes for employment linked incentives

- First timers (one month wage to new entrants in all formal sectors.)
- job creation in manufacturing (incentive to employees and employers wrt EPFO guidelines)
- Support to employees (additional employment in all sectors, scheme to incentive additional employment of 50 lakh people)

### Financial aid to Bihar

- "We will support the development of an industrial nod at Gaya in Bihar.
- It will catalyse the development of the eastern region.
- We will also support the development of road connectivity projects- Patna - Purnea expressway, Buxar- Bhagalpur highway, Bodhgaya- Rajgir-Vaishali-



Darbhanga and an additional two-lane bridge over river Ganga in Buxar for Rs 26,000 crores.”

### Here's all what Andhra is getting from Modi 3.0's Budget

- Financial support of Rs 15,000 crores will be arranged in FY 24-25
- Completion of Polavaram Irrigation Project ensuring food security of the nation
- Essential infrastructure such as water, power, railways and roads in Kopparthi node on the Vishakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor and Orvakal node on Hyderabad-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor.

## Chapter 11: Important Committee

Committee	Headed by	Purpose
<b>Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee</b>	Hima Kohli	In exercise of powers conferred by <b>Clause 4(2) of the Gender Sensitisation and Sexual Harassment of Women at the Supreme Court of India (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Regulations, 2013</b> 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.
<b>Financial market regulator SEBI has formed a committee</b>	Usha Thorat	To review the <b>ownership and economic structure of clearing corporations</b> and suggest measures to ensure that those entities function as <b>resilient, independent, and neutral risk managers</b> .
<b>The Reserve Bank has constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of former MD and CEO of National Payments Corporation of India</b>	A P Hota	To examine various aspects of setting up a <b>digital public infrastructure for Digital Payments Intelligence Platform</b>
<b>The Union Ministry of Education has set up seven members committee</b>	The former chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), K Radhakrishnan	To <b>review and suggest reform</b> in the examination process.
<b>The 46th session of UNESCO World Heritage Committee session</b>	India, New Delhi	The event will be attended by over <b>2,500 delegates from State Parties, advisory bodies, senior diplomats, heritage experts, scholars, and</b>

		<b>researchers</b> from 195 countries.
<b>The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up a committee</b>	Indian Banks' Association chief executive <b>Sunil Mehta</b>	To review the fee structure for <b>white-label ATMs (WLAs)</b> .
<b>The 46th World Heritage Committee session of UNESCO</b>	New Delhi	The Committee, which meets annually, manages all matters related to <b>World Heritage sites</b> and decides on new sites to be added to the <b>World Heritage list</b> .
<b>The 5th meeting of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) joint committee</b>	The meeting was co-chaired by <b>Shri Rajesh Agrawal from India's Department of Commerce</b> and <b>Ms. Mastura Ahmad Mustafa from Malaysia</b>	<b>AITIGA</b> Joint Committee had initiated discussions for review of <b>AITIGA in May 2023</b> and after finalising its <b>Terms of Reference and Negotiating Structure</b> , <b>AITIGA JC</b> and its Sub-Committees started <b>negotiations in February 2024</b> .
<b>The Government of India has constituted a committee</b>	ADG, Border Security Force (BSF), Eastern Command and will have IG, BSF Frontier HQ South Bengal, IG, BSF Frontier HQ Tripura, Member (Planning & Development), Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI), and, Secretary, LPAI	To monitor the current situation on the <b>Indo-Bangladesh Border (IBB)</b>
<b>The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs</b>	Prime Minister Narendra Modi	Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved <b>12 new greenfield industrial smart cities</b> under the <b>National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP)</b> to transform the country's industrial landscape.
<b>The revenue department in the finance ministry has formed a panel</b>	V K Gupta, chief commissioner of income-tax (I-T)	To simplify the decades-old <b>I-T Act</b>
<b>The Supreme Court has constituted a high-powered committee</b>	Justice Nawab Singh	To <b>amicably resolve the grievances of farmers</b> agitating at the Shambhu border between <b>Punjab and Haryana</b> .
<b>The constitution of the 23rd Law Commission of India</b>	-	The commission will include a full-time chairperson, <b>four members, and additional ex-officio and part-time members</b> . The commission's mandate is to <b>review and recommend legal reforms to enhance the Indian legal system</b> .

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA), GoI, has constituted a committee of experts	Bharat Khera	To recommend a robust framework for <b>Repairability Index</b> and to empower consumers and promote sustainable practices within the tech industry.
The fifteen-member steering committee of the GlobE Network following a multi-stage voting process	Beijing, China	The <b>Global Operational Network of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities</b> (GlobE Network) is an initiative launched under the <b>G20 framework to address international corruption and financial crime.</b>

## Chapter 12: Banking & Financial

### GST Collection 2024

- January 2024 – 1.72 lakh crore
- February 2024 – 1.68 lakh crore
- March 2024 – 1.78 lakh crore
- April 2024 – 2.10 lakh crore
- May 2024 – 1.73 lakh crore
- June 2024 – 1.74 lakh crore
- July 2024 – 1.82 lakh crore
- August 2024 – 1.75 lakh crore
- September 2024 – 1.73 lakh crore

### Retail Inflation

- April 2024 – 4.83%
- May 2024 – 4.75%
- June 2024 – 5.08%
- July – 3.54%
- August – 3.65%

### WPI inflation 2024

- April – 1.26%
- May – 2.61%
- June – 3.36%
- July – 2.04%
- August – 1.31%

### April

**HDFC Bank proposes to sell 100% stake in its subsidiary HDFC Education**

- **HDFC Bank** has decided to sell its 100 per cent stake in HDFC Education and Development Services Private Ltd.
- The transaction will be undertaken through the Swiss challenge method.

#### **Credit cards breach the 100 million mark in India: RBI**

- In February 2024, the total number of credit cards issued by banks in India surpassed the 100 million mark, with an addition of 1.1 million cards from the previous month.
- According to the latest data released by the Reserve Bank of India, the outstanding number of credit cards in the system stood at 100.60 million. In February 2023, the total cards in circulation stood at 99.5 million.

#### **Vedanta's BALCO, first Indian company to be certified with ASI Performance Standard**

- Chhattisgarh-based Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO), a unit of Vedanta Aluminium, has emerged as the first Indian company to achieve the Aluminium Stewardship Initiative (ASI) Performance Standard V3 Certification for the manufacture and supply of a wide range of primary aluminium products at its facility in Korba.
- It aims to address sustainability areas in the aluminium value chain, such as biodiversity, indigenous peoples' rights, circularity and greenhouse gas emissions. The independent, third-party audit of Balco was carried out by CETIZION Verifica.

#### **UPI ends FY24 on a high note, transactions worth ₹199 lakh crore processed**

- **The Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** is going from strength to strength. The transactions on **UPI ended FY24** on a strong high both, in terms of value and volume.
- In FY24, the **UPI** platform processed **13,115 crore** transactions, aggregating to ₹199.29 lakh crore, compared to **8,376 crore transactions worth ₹139 lakh crore** in FY23, a rise of almost 57% in volume and 43% in value, respectively.

#### **SEBI launches New & More User-Friendly Version of Complaint Redress System – SCORES 2.0.**

- Market regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** launched the **new version of SEBI Complaint Redress System (SCORES 2.0) on April 1.**
- The new version of SCORES strengthens the investor complaint redress mechanism in the securities market by making the process more efficient through auto-routing, auto-escalation, monitoring by the 'Designated Bodies and reduction of timelines.

#### **IREDA gets 'Navratna' status**

- **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)** was granted '**Navratna' status by the Department of Public Enterprises.**
- A non-banking financial institution under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, IREDA is engaged in promoting, developing and extending financial assistance for setting up projects related to new and renewable sources of energy.

#### **Canara Bank launches loans for healthcare, savings accounts for women**

- **Canara Bank** has unveiled a **series of new products** and services aimed at enhancing customer experience and streamlining banking operations.
- The bank launched a healthcare focused loan product '**Canara Heal**', to meet the shortfall of hospitalization expenditure while settling through Third Party Administrator (TPA) healthcare insurance claims of self and/or dependents.
- A customized savings account for women -- '**Canara Angel**' -- with features like Cancer Care policy, pre-approved personal loan Canara ReadyCash and online loan against term deposit product **Canara MyMoney.**

- The bank has also unveiled 'Canara UPI 123PAY ASI', a user-friendly payment interface, and 'Canara HRMS Mobile App for Staff', an HR management solution for the bank's employees.

### General Insurance industry grows 12.78% in FY24

- **The general insurance industry reported a growth of 12.78% in FY24**, the pace of expansion slowing from a year before on a decline in agri insurance.
- In FY23, the insurance industry had reported a growth rate exceeding 16%. However, there was a slowdown in FY24 largely due to the performance of crop insurance.
- Specialised insurer AIC reported a decline of 32% in growth due to the slowdown in agriculture insurance.
- Excluding specialised insurers like AIC, the industry saw a growth rate of 16.22%. The total industry premium reached Rs 2.89 lakh crore, an increase from Rs 2.56 lakh crore in the previous period.
- In FY25, the industry is expected to report 15-17% growth led by the health and motor insurance sectors.
- In FY24, among public insurers, Oriental Insurance led with 17% growth, while Bajaj Allianz topped among private insurers with 33.49% growth. ICICI Lombard General Insurance maintained pace with industry growth at 17.84%
- In standalone health insurance, Niva Bupa and Aditya Birla Health Insurance demonstrated significant growth rates of 37.68% and 36.23%, respectively.
- Listed public sector insurance company New India Assurance grew by 7.40% during the year.
- Some of the smaller players like Zuno General Insurance Company grew by 56.29%. Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company grew by 39.95%. Go Digit General Insurance Company grew at 28.91% during the year.

### HDFC becomes first private bank to open branch in Lakshadweep

- **Private lender HDFC Bank has opened a branch at Kavaratti Island in Lakshadweep**, making it the only private sector bank to have a branch in the Union Territory.
- This branch is aimed at upgrading the banking infrastructure in the Union Territory by offering a wide range of services with a focus on personal banking, and digital banking which also includes customised digital solutions including QRbased transaction to retailers.

### SBI Life launches IdeationX

- **SBI Life Insurance has launched the 1st edition of 'IdeationX'**, a pioneering initiative that promises to revolutionize the future of the insurance industry.
- The innovative platform aims at engaging and encouraging future leaders from B-Schools across the country to think, innovate and present unconventional life insurance solutions that address consumer's evolving insurance needs and contribute towards reshaping India's life insurance sector landscape.

### Aegon Life Insurance gets new identity, will now be called "Bandhan Life"

- **Bandhan Financial Holdings has officially taken over Aegon Life Insurance and the latter will now be called Bandhan Life.**
- The private life insurer has also created a new brand identity for itself with the tagline 'Bharat Ki Udaan, Bandhan se'.



- Satishwar B., MD and CEO of Bandhan Life, said, "This transition sets the stage for an amazing new chapter for us as we become a part of the renowned Bandhan Group."

#### **Airtel Payments Bank launches NCMC-enabled Debit and Prepaid Cards**

- **Airtel Payments Bank** has launched **eco-friendly NCMC (National Common Mobility Cards) enabled debit and pre-paid cards**.
- The bank has partnered with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch these interoperable cards that are powered by RuPay.

#### **Outward FDI drops 39% to \$28.64 billion in FY24**

- **India's outward foreign direct investment (OFDI)**, or overseas direct investment, **declined by 39 per cent to \$28.64 billion in the year ended March 2024**, amid uncertain global economic conditions.
- In the year ended March 2023, outward FDI, which is represented by total financial commitment, stood at \$46.96 billion, according to the RBI data.

#### **Irdaï removes age limit on health insurance policies**

- With a view to widen the market and foster adequate protection from healthcare expenses, **insurance regulator IRDAI** has **removed the age limit of 65 years for individuals buying health insurance policies**.
- This marks a significant departure from the conventional constraints that limited individuals in securing comprehensive coverage.

#### **Net direct tax collection surges to over Rs 19 lakh cr during last fiscal**

- **India's net direct tax collections surged 17.7% year-on-year to ₹19.58 lakh crore** in the **fiscal year ended March 2024**, surpassing the revised estimates.
- Net direct taxes in 2023-24 exceeded the budget estimates by ₹ 1.35 lakh crore (7.40%) and the revised estimates by ₹13,000 crore.

#### **SBI Card introduces inaugural travel-centric core credit card 'MILES'**

- **SBI Card** introduced its **inaugural travel-centric core credit card, 'SBI Card MILES'**.
- The card promises comprehensive travel benefits, including the conversion of Travel Credits to Air Miles and Hotel Points, enhanced rewards on all travel bookings, and access to airport lounges.

#### **Credit card spends rise 27% to Rs 18.26 trillion in FY24: RBI data**

- **Credit card spends surged 27 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y) to Rs 18.26 trillion in financial year 2023-24 (FY24)** from nearly Rs 14 trillion in the year-ago period, according to RBI data.
- In March 2024, credit card spends rose nearly 10.07 per cent to Rs 1.64 trillion from Rs 1.49 trillion in February. This is on account of the financial year close and festival sales during March.
- Among the top card players, use of HDFC Bank's credit card was at Rs 43,471.29 crore in March, 8.57 per cent higher than Rs 40,288.51 crore in February.
- The total number of credit cards issued by banks in India has increased to 101 million in March 2024. It was 100.60 million at the end of February 2024.

#### **NABARD unveils Climate Strategy 2030**

- **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** unveiled its **Climate Strategy 2030 document on the occasion of Earth Day**.
- The comprehensive strategy aims to address India's escalating need for green financing.



- Despite the pressing demand, where India requires approximately \$170 billion annually to reach a cumulative total of over \$2.5 trillion by 2030, current green finance inflows are critically insufficient.
- NABARD's Climate Strategy 2030 is structured around four key pillars to address this demand:
  - (i) Accelerating Green Lending across sectors
  - (ii) Playing a broader Market-Making Role
  - (iii) Internal Green Transformation of NABARD
  - (iv) Strategic Resource Mobilization.

#### **FPI limit in G-sec unchanged at 6% of outstanding stocks of securities: RBI**

- **Reserve Bank kept the limits for FPI investment in government securities (g-secs), state government securities (SGSs) and corporate bonds will remain unchanged at 6 per cent, 2 per cent and 15 per cent, respectively, of outstanding stocks of securities for the current fiscal (2024-25).**
- As of now, all investments by eligible investors in the 'specified securities' will be reckoned under the fully accessible route (FAR).
- The allocation of incremental changes in the g-sec limit over the two sub-categories – 'General' and 'Long-term' – shall be retained at 50:50 for 2024-25.

#### **May**

#### **NaBFID expects cumulative loan sanctions to top ₹2-lakh cr in FY25**

- The **Government-owned National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)** expects its loan sanctions pipeline to swell to about ₹2 lakh crore by March-end 2025 against about ₹1 lakh crore as of March-end 2024.
- To support loan growth, the development financial institution (DFI) is planning to mop up about ₹53,000 crore this year via bond market, bank and multilateral credit lines.

#### **India global services export to reach \$800 billion by 2030: Goldman Sachs**

- **India's services exports will increase to \$800 billion by 2030 from \$340 billion in 2023**, making the external sector resilient to supply-side shocks and reducing rupee volatility, Goldman Sachs report.
- India's foreign trade policy announced last year targeted \$1 trillion of service exports by 2030.

#### **Groww & Worldline join growing club of India's online payment aggregators**

- Financial services platform **Groww** and digital payment processing company **Worldline ePayments** have secured RBI licence to operate as online payment aggregators.
- With this, the number of firms getting the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) nod to operate as payment aggregators has touched 20 in the first four months of calendar year 2024.

#### **Neobanking startup Fi secures NBFC License from RBI**

- **Neobanking startup Fi**, backed by investors such as Peak XV and Temasek, has secured a **non-banking finance company (NBFC) licence** from the Reserve Bank of India, enabling it to provide loans from its own books.
- With this, Fi has joined the likes of Jupiter, Groww and Cred, all of which got into the lending business either by getting a fresh licence or by acquiring another NBFC.

#### **HDFC Life launched 'No Jhanjhat Life Insurance Fatafat' campaign**

- **HDFC Life**, a leading insurer in India, has unveiled its **latest campaign**, 'No Jhanjhat Life Insurance Fatafat'.
- This campaign promises a seamless and swift life insurance purchasing experience, tailored for today's fast-paced world.

#### India registers record export at USD 778 Billion in 2023-24

- **India registered record exports in financial year 2023-24 at USD 778 billion**, according to the commerce ministry.
- In the financial year 2022-23, the combined value of exported goods and services stood at USD 776.3 billion.

#### ICICI Bank introduces UPI for NRIs through international mobile numbers

- **ICICI Bank** has rolled out a **new facility allowing its non-resident Indian (NRI) customers to make Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions in India** using their international mobile numbers.
- The new facility allows ICICI Bank's NRI customers to use their international mobile numbers registered with their NRE/NRO accounts for UPI payments.
- This change applies to customers residing in ten countries, including the **USA, UK, UAE, Canada, Singapore, Australia, Hong Kong, Oman, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia**.

#### Thomas Cook launches video KYC for forex buyers

- **Thomas Cook India** has launched **video KYC for its retail foreign exchange customers for a safe digital transaction**.
- The company said that the new initiative, 'Ab Forex Ghar Baithe', offers customers a paperless means to buy forex without stepping out of home.

#### ICICI Pru Life launches ULIP having fund value-based distributor payouts

- **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** has launched **ICICI Pru Platinum, a Unit Linked Investment Plan (ULIP)** that ties the distributor's commission to their customers' Assets Under Management (AUM).
- According to the product specifications, customers have unlimited free switches between asset classes without any cost or tax implications.

#### RBI removes restrictions on BoB app, allows new customer enrollment

- **Reserve Bank of India** lifted the **restrictions on Bank of Baroda**, allowing the bank to **resume onboarding new customers through its 'Bob World' mobile application**.
- As a result, the bank will be able to onboard customers through the mobile app.

#### HDFC Bank, Atal Innovation Mission empower social sector startups with Rs 19.6 crore grants

- **HDFC Bank** has **supported social sector startups in India with grants worth Rs 19.6 crore in FY24**, in partnership with **Atal Innovation Mission** (under NITI Aayog).
- In FY 2023-24, 170 social start-ups received funding via 41 incubators, with a total of Rs 19.6 crore in the 'Parivartan Start-up Grants programme.'

#### L&T Finance launches 'The Complete Home Loan'

- **L&T Finance Ltd (LTF)** has launched **'The Complete Home Loan'**, offered through a digitised process, along with a dedicated relationship manager and optional home décor finance.
- Home décor finance aims to provide flexibility and convenience in acquiring essential furnishings for a comfortable living space.

### **Zeta launches digital credit as service for banks in India**

- **Fintech platform Zeta** has launched its '**Digital Credit**' as a service for bank in India.
- Zeta estimates that the transaction volume on this scheme will exceed \$1 trillion by 2030 and aims to capture 50% of this market opportunity with its end-to-end solution that can help banks conceive and rapidly launch multi-form credit products.

### **Thomas Cook India launches Digital Service TCPay for International Money Transfers**

- **Omnichannel forex services company** Thomas Cook India has launched TCPay, a new digital service that brings ease and efficiency to international money transfers.
- Traditionally, sending money abroad was considered an arduous process, that involved visits to branches, cumbersome paperwork and limited operating hours.

### **Hinduja Group gets IRDAI approval for Reliance Capital acquisition**

- **Hinduja Group's IndusInd International Holdings (IIHL)** has received the long-awaited **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India's approval for the acquisition of Reliance Capital**.
- The acquisition will include the takeover of Reliance Capital's insurance arms — wholly-owned subsidiary Reliance General Insurance and 51:49 JV with Nippon Life, Reliance Nippon Life Insurance.

### **HDFC Bank launches virtual credit card 'Pixel'**

- The country's largest private sector lender, **HDFC Bank** has launched **PIXEL, its first virtual credit card with Visa's network**.
- The card is available in two variants: **PIXEL Play and PIXEL Go** and allows users to build their own cards with personalised benefits, offers, etc.

### **Public sector banks' total profit crosses Rs 1.4 lakh crore in FY24**

- **Public sector banks' cumulative profit crossed ₹1.4 lakh crore** in the financial year ended **March 2024**, recording a growth of 35 per cent over the previous year on a high base of ₹1 lakh crore.
- The 12 public sector banks (PSBs) together had earned a net profit of ₹1,04,649 crore in 2022-23.
- Out of the total profit of ₹141,203 crore earned during the FY24, market leader **State Bank of India (SBI) alone contributed over 40 per cent** of the total earnings, as per the published numbers on exchanges.
- SBI earned a profit of ₹61,077 crore 22 per cent higher than the previous financial year (₹50,232 crore).

### **SBI becomes trading-clearing member of IIBX at GIFT City**

- The **State Bank of India (SBI)** has secured the distinction of being the **first bank to become a trading-cum-clearing (TCM) Member of India International Bullion Exchange at the GIFT City in Gujarat**.
- This milestone enables SBI IBU Gift City to conduct trades on the IIBX platform and settle them on behalf of its clients.

### **LIC gets 3-yr extension from Sebi to achieve 10% public shareholding**

- **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India** has been granted a **three-year extension by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to achieve a 10 per cent public shareholding**.
- LIC is required to increase its public shareholding to 10 per cent on or before May 16, 2027.

### SBI raises short-term retail fixed deposit rates by up to 75 bps

- **State of India (SBI)** has increased **interest rates on short-term retail fixed deposits (FDs) by 25 to 75 basis points (bps)**.
- This is the first increase in the fixed deposit rates by the bank since December 2023.
- The new interest rates are effective from May 15, 2024. This deposit rate hike comes against the backdrop of credit growth outstripping deposit growth.

### Yes Bank launches premium services under 'Yes Grandeur'

- **Yes Bank** has launched premium banking services under the label '**Yes Grandeur**' targeting elite and rising affluent class to drive business growth.
- The exclusive banking program, tailored to meet distinctive financial and lifestyle needs, has an eligibility threshold of average monthly balance of ₹5 lakh or a Net Relationship Value (NRV) of ₹20 lakh, with additional consideration given to loan relationships.

### RBI approves ₹2.11 lakh crore dividend payout to govt for 2023-24

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has **approved a ₹2.11 lakh crore dividend payout** to the **central government for 2023-24**, more than double the amount it paid for the previous 2022-23 financial year.
- The Board approved the transfer of ₹2,10,874 crore as surplus to the Central Government for the accounting year 2023-24.
- The dividend payout was ₹87,416 crore for 2022-23.

### HDFC Bank to stop SMS alerts for small UPI payments

- **HDFC Bank** will stop sending **SMS alerts for UPI transitions** up to Rs 100 from June 25.
- The private lender said that SMS alerts won't be pushed for incoming payments up to Rs 500 from the said date either.
- UPI transactions require the authorisation of a Personal Identification Number (PIN), a 4-6 digit pass code set by the customers as a security measure to ensure safe and approved transactions. For normal UPI the transaction limit is up to Rs 1 Lakh per transaction.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

#### **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.

#### **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)

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

### 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**.

#### **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.

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#### **RBI announces SAARC Currency Swap Framework for 2024-27**

- The Reserve Bank of India has put in place a revised framework on currency swap arrangements for countries within the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) grouping for the time period 2024 to 2027.
- Under the Framework for 2024-27, a separate INR Swap Window has been introduced with various concessions for swap support in Indian Rupee.
- The total corpus of the Rupee support is ₹250 billion (Rs 25,000 crore).

#### **RBI ups financial accommodation for States/UTs by 28% to ₹60,118 crore**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised Ways and Means Advances (WMA) limit or financial accommodation for state governments and Union Territories (UTs) by 28% from Rs 47,010 crore (fixed in April 2022) to Rs 60,118 crore and will come into effect from 1st July, 2024.

- The WMA limit has been raised based on the recommendations made by the group formed by the RBI which comprises finance secretaries of various states to address the expenditure data of states for recent years.

#### **Union Bank of India introduces "Union Premier" branches for high-value customers in rural and semi-urban markets**

- Union Bank of India has launched "Union Premier" branches for high-value customers in rural and semi-urban (RUSU) markets.
- Designed to provide personalized banking services, these branches will offer a wide range of products and services under one roof for high-value customers in RUSU markets.

#### **SEBI raised Basic Demat Account Limit to Rs 10 Lakhs**

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has increased the limit for the Basic Service Demat Account (BSDA) to Rs 10 lakhs from the current Rs 2 lakhs to encourage small investors to participate in the securities market.
- The new guidelines will be effective from September 1, 2024, per the SEBI's circular.
- This move is expected to support the growth of demat accounts, although the rate of increase may be gradual.

#### **SBI launches web-based digital business loans solution for MSMEs' invoice financing**

- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched "MSME -Sahaj", a web-based digital business loans solution for MSMEs' (micro, small and medium enterprises) invoice financing.
- With the new web-based solution, the Bank's customers can avail finance against their Goods and Service Tax (GST) registered sales invoices of up to ₹1 lakh in less than 15 minutes.

#### **Bandhan Bank launches online collection of direct taxes facility**

- Bandhan Bank has launched a facility for online collection of direct taxes, enabling its customers and others to pay taxes seamlessly across India.
- As an RBI-appointed agency bank, it also accepts offline payments through its 1,700 branches.

#### **RBI, ASEAN countries to create instant cross-border retail payments platform**

- The Reserve Bank of India and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries have decided to create a platform to facilitate instant cross-border retail payments.
- The platform is expected to go live by 2026.
- An agreement to this effect was signed by BIS and central banks of the founding countries -- Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM), Bank of Thailand (BOT), Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) -- and RBI on Sunday in Basel, Switzerland.

#### **ICICI Lombard launches AI-powered health insurance plan 'Elevate'**

- ICICI Lombard, a leading private general insurer in India, has launched its revolutionary health insurance product, 'Elevate'.
- Powered with AI, the first-of-its-kind health product is loaded with cutting-edge features and add-ons, offering personalized solutions to meet the needs of dynamic lifestyles, unforeseen medical emergencies and medical inflation.

#### **Bajaj Housing Finance launches Sambhav Home Loans for first-time home buyers**

- Bajaj Housing Finance has launched 'Sambhav Home Loans' targeting first time home buyers with affordable income criteria.
- The income norm for first-time homebuyers, under this new product, starts from Rs. 10,000 per month, with loan amounts as low as Rs. 10 lakhs, hence making this an accessible option for prospective borrowers across a wide range of income groups.

#### **ICICI Bank launches Sapphire Forex Card for Indian students**

- ICICI Bank has launched the 'Student Sapphire Forex Card', a premium prepaid forex card designed for Indian students pursuing higher education abroad.
- Powered by Visa, the card offers a range of benefits aimed at making overseas financial management simpler for students and their parents.

#### **LIC launches agency transformation initiative 'Jeevan Samarth'**

- Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has launched the 'Jeevan Samarth', an initiative aimed at transforming the agency ecosystem.
- To achieve this, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has partnered with a global consulting firm, which will undertake this agency transformation project by reviewing its existing agency framework on an end-to-end basis.

#### **ICICI Prudential MF launches India's first oil & gas ETF**

- ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund has launched the ICICI Prudential Nifty Oil & Gas ETF, India's first exchange-traded fund (ETF) in the oil and gas sector.
- The scheme will track the Nifty Oil & Gas TRI, an index that reflects the performance of listed sector companies. This is an open-ended scheme, meaning investors can redeem their units at any time.

#### **RBI permits banks to use ratings of Brickwork Ratings subject to conditions**

- The Reserve Bank of India has permitted banks to use the ratings of Brickwork Ratings India Private Limited, two years after the central bank had instructed its regulated entities that no fresh ratings would be obtained from the firm, which was pulled up by regulators for discrepancies.

#### **SBI raises Rs 10,000 cr via infra bond issuance**

- State Bank of India (SBI) raised Rs. 10,000 crore today at a coupon rate of 7.36% through its sixth infrastructure bond issuance.
- The issue attracted overwhelming response from investors with bids in excess of Rs18,145 crore and was oversubscribed by around 3.6 times against the base issue size of Rs. 5,000 crore.

#### **PNB launches 'Safety Ring' to enhance security for internet, mobile banking**

- State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) has introduced a new security feature 'Safety Ring' within its internet banking system and mobile banking system in response to the increasing number of cyber frauds.
- This mechanism provides an additional safety layer to minimise potential losses in case of unauthorised access by fraudsters.

#### **SBI introduces online loan facility against MF units via internet banking and YONO App**

- State Bank of India has introduced an online loan facility against mutual fund (MF) units through its internet banking (INB) and YONO App.
- This digital solution allows consumers to apply for loans from the comfort of their own homes, with a completely paperless and digital process that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Jio Financial Services gets RBI nod to become core investment company**

- Jio Financial Services has received the nod from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to convert into a Core Investment Company (CIC) from a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC).
- According to the Reserve Bank of India, a CIC is a specialised NBFC with an minimum asset size of Rs 100 crore.
- Jio Financial Services is the demerged entity of energy-to-telecom conglomerate Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL).

**SBI hikes benchmark MCLR rate**

- State Bank of India, the country's largest state-run lender, has hiked its marginal cost of funds-based lending rate (MCLR) across buckets by 5 to 10 basis points with effect from 15 July.
- Most loans to corporates, including SMEs, are priced using MCLR as a benchmark. The revision in MCLR reflects the changes in cost of funds.
- The lender hiked the rate for one-month MCLR by five basis points to 8.35 per cent. For one year, MCLR has been hiked by 10 basis points to 8.85 per cent. For the three-year period, it has been raised by five basis points to 9.0 per cent, according to data uploaded on SBI website.

**Kotak Mahindra Bank integrates physical and digital branches in new distribution structure**

- Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB) has unveiled a new distribution structure, integrating the physical branch network, digital branch channel (encompassing mobile banking and net banking platforms), and voice channel.
- As part of the new distribution structure, the private sector lender appointed Pranav Mishra as the Head of Distribution.

**Bajaj Finserv AMC launched Savings+ product for retail investors**

- Bajaj Finserv Asset Management has launched a new financial product for retail investors looking to get returns on their idle savings.
- Finserv Savings+ offering seeks to bridge the gap between traditional savings accounts and more lucrative investment options.

**NABARD announces 'Agri SURE' fund of Rs 750 Cr under NABVENTURES**

- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has announced an Agri fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises (Agri-SURE), with initial corpus of ₹750 crore to be managed by its wholly owned subsidiary Nabventures.
- While NABARD and the Ministry of Agriculture are contributing ₹250 crore each, the rest ₹250 crore is from other institutions.
- The fund is structured to support about 85 agri start-ups with investment sizes of up to ₹25 crore each by the end of its term.

**SBI launches Amrit Vrishti 444-Days Term Deposit With 7.25% Interest Rate**

- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a 444-day term deposit scheme, "Amrit Vrishti", with an interest rate of 7.25 per cent.
- This scheme is available to domestic and non-resident Indian customers and will be effective July 15, 2024. India's largest bank will offer an additional 0.50 per cent to senior citizens on the scheme.
- "The "Amrit Vrishti" scheme is available for investment until March 31, 2025, providing ample opportunity for retail investors to take advantage of the higher interest rates.

**SIDBI to build \$1 b fund for green financing with \$215 m from GCF**

- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), which received approval of funding of \$ 215.6 m from the Green Climate Fund, will create a corpus of \$1 billion for 'financing mitigation and adaptation projects' (FMAP) of Medium and Small Enterprises (MSMEs).
- The board of the Green Climate Fund, which is an entity set up by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), approved a \$200 million loan and \$15.6 million grant for capacity building to SIDBI.

**BoB launches Generative AI-powered virtual relationship manager and credit line on UPI**

- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched a range of digital and technology-led initiatives, including a Generative AI-powered virtual relationship manager (VRM), and credit line on UPI for enhancing payments and banking experience for customers.
- The GenAI-powered VRM, a first-of-its-kind initiative in the Indian banking sector, provides real-time information about the bank's products and services while also capturing customer requirements for specific banking services.

**IRDAI revises its guidelines on commission on long-term motor insurance**

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has revised its guidelines regarding the commission for long-term motor insurance policies.
- Under the updated regulation, insurers are now permitted to provide commissions within the expense management framework for long-term policies. For three-year comprehensive motor insurance policies for four-wheelers, the commission cap was originally set at 15% for the first year, 10% for the second year, and 5% for the third year.

**RBI introduces PCA framework to improve financial health of UCBs**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has prescribed a Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework for relatively weak urban co-operative banks (UCBs), with deposits above ₹100 crore (upper tier category), to nurse them back to health.
- As per the framework, a financially unsound and ill-managed UCB can be brought under PCA if it breaches the risk thresholds of identified indicators pertaining to capital and profitability (net profit).
- Currently, there are around 1,500 UCBs in the country. RBI classifies UCBs as Tier-I (deposits up to ₹100 crore); Tier-2 (more than ₹100 crore and up to ₹1,000 crore); Tier-3 (deposits more than ₹1,000 crore and up to ₹10,000 crore); and Tier-4 (above ₹10,000 crore). Tiers 2 to 4 come under the upper Tier.

**ADB Approves Support to Improve Urban Mobility in India**

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$200 million loan to expand metro rail corridors and improve transport connectivity in Nagpur, India.
- The Nagpur Metro Urban Mobility Project will improve transport connectivity within and to Nagpur's new and growing urban areas. The project will finance the extension of four metro rail corridors in Nagpur.

**Amazon Pay, Adyen, BillDesk secure cross-border payment licence from RBI**

- Three payment companies have secured the cross-border payment aggregator licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- These are Mumbai-based merchant payment company BillDesk, Amazon Pay, and global payments major Adyen.



- They joined Bengaluru-based payment aggregator Cashfree in the list of licence holders. Cashfree was the first company to secure the PA-cross border licence.

#### **Insurtech startup Covrzy gets broking license from IRDAI**

- Bengaluru-based Insurtech startup Covrzy has been granted a direct broking (general) license by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- This enables Covrzy to operate as a direct insurance broker in India, offering a full spectrum of business insurance solutions.

#### **SEBI launches SEVA Chatbot for Investors**

- The capital market regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced SEBI's Virtual Assistant (SEVA) chatbot to help investors of the securities market.
- The SEVA Chatbot is an artificial intelligence-enabled chatbot that will answer certain investors' questions.

#### **Shriram Capital gets RBI nod to launch ARC**

- Chennai based Shriram Capital has received in-principle approval for its asset reconstruction company (ARC) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The company had submitted the application to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in November 2023.
- The ARC will be a 100 percent subsidiary of Shriram Capital.

#### **NIIT IFBI launches 'ACE Banker Program' in collaboration with HDFC Bank**

- NIIT Institute of Finance, Banking and Insurance (NIIT IFBI), a subsidiary of NIIT, has launched the ACE Banker Program in collaboration with HDFC Bank.
- A key component of NIIT's Talent Pipeline as a Service (TPaaS) initiative, this programme aims to recruit and train customer service professionals for HDFC

### **August**

#### **11 PSU banks charge Rs 2,331 crore from account holders for not maintaining minimum balance in FY24**

- 11 public sector banks—excluding State Bank of India (SBI) — have charged Rs 2,331 crore from account holders for their failure to maintain minimum balance in savings banks in FY2024, a rise of 25.63 per cent from Rs 1,855.43 crore in FY2023.
- These banks collected Rs 5,614 crore from account holders for not maintaining the minimum balance in the last three years, according to Ministry of Finance figures.
- SBI stopped charging penalty for not maintaining minimum balance since FY2020.
- Punjab National Bank (PNB) collected the maximum amount of Rs 633.4 crore from their customers, followed by Bank of Baroda Rs 386.51 crore and Indian Bank Rs 369.16 crore.

#### **RBL Bank becomes first private sector lender to merge UPI and NCMC in RuPay credit cards**

- RBL Bank has introduced a new RuPay Credit Card, integrating both Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) features.
- This innovation makes RBL Bank the first private sector bank in India to offer these combined payment capabilities in a single card.



- The integration allows cardholders to make payments via UPI and get hassle-free travel with the NCMC feature.

#### **Rapido becomes unicorn with fresh \$120 million funding**

- Ride-hailing startup Rapido has raised a funding of \$120 million Capital in its latest Series E funding round led by its existing investor West Bridge, thus making it the latest company to join the coveted unicorn club.
- The investor poured in the fresh capital through three of its related entities – Setu AIF Trust, Konark Trust, and MMPL Trust, as per regulatory filings.

#### **Google Pay, PhonePe, Amazon Pay, Cred, MobiKwik seek entry into RBI's eRupee pilot program**

- Five prominent payment companies, including Google Pay, Walmart-backed PhonePe, and Amazon Pay, have applied to join the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) pilot program for the eRupee, India's central bank digital currency (CBDC).
- Fintech firms Cred and Mobikwik have also submitted applications.
- The RBI launched the eRupee pilot in December 2022, but transaction volumes have declined significantly since an initial surge, reflecting the challenges central banks worldwide face in popularizing digital currencies.

#### **LIC launches 4 new term life insurance plans**

- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched new term life insurance plans for providing term insurance and safety net against loan repayments – LIC's Yuva Term, LIC's Digi Term, LIC's Yuva Credit Life, LIC's Digi Credit Life. The plans are available online and offline.

#### **DBS Bank India launches exclusive banking program for senior citizens**

- DBS Bank India has launched "DBS Golden Circle," a priority banking program for senior citizens.
- The program, designed for resident Indian citizens aged 60 and above, offers exclusive benefits and services, including attractive interest rates on savings accounts and fixed deposits, enhanced security features, and personalised financial services to address income insecurity, which is a significant concern for the elderly, as highlighted in the India Ageing Report 2023 by the United Nations Population Fund.

#### **SBI approves Rs 25,000 crore fundraising plan via issue of Tier 1 and Tier 2 bonds**

- The board of India's largest public sector lender State Bank of India approved a proposal for raising funds of up to Rs 25,000 crore via the issue of Tier 1 and Tier 2 bonds.
- The bonds will be Basel-III compliant and SBI plans to raise the amount in INR/USD.
- The fundraising plan was announced by SBI along with its April-June quarter earnings where the lender reported a standalone net profit of Rs 17,035 crore, up by 0.9% over Rs 16,884.29 crore reported in the year-ago period. It was higher than the Street's estimates of Rs 16,786 crore.

#### **IFC, ADB, DEG consortium to invest \$275 mn in Fourth Partner Energy**

- Global investors International Finance Corporation (IFC), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and Deutsche Investitions (DEG) have invested \$275 million in Hyderabad-based renewable energy solutions platform Fourth Partner Energy Ltd (FPEL).
- The consortium's investment will infuse capital to fund FPEL's business expansion plans which include a target portfolio of 3.5 GW of renewable energy assets by 2026.

### RBI keeps repo rate unchanged at 6.5% for 9th time in a row (RBI Monetary Policy (August)2024

- The Reserve Bank of India has decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.50 per cent for the ninth time in a row.
- Consequently, the standing deposit facility (SDF) rate remains at 6.25 percent and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate at 6.75 per cent.

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

### Limit for tax payments via UPI to increase from ₹1 lakh to ₹5 lakh: RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed raising the upper limit for tax payments through the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh per transaction.
- Currently, the transaction limit for UPI is Rs 1 lakh except for certain categories of payments which have higher transaction limits.
- It has now been decided to enhance the limit for tax payments through UPI from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh per transaction. This will further ease tax payments by consumers through UPI.

### L&T Finance Achieves NBFC-ICC Status from RBI

- L&T Finance Ltd. has officially received its certificate of registration as a Non-Banking Financial Company (Investment and Credit Company) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- This transition marks a shift from its previous registration as an NBFC-Core Investment Company (NBFC-CIC), following the merger with its wholly owned subsidiaries, L&T Finance, L&T Infra Credit Ltd., and L&T Mutual Fund Trustee Ltd.

### PNB launches PNB ANTAH DRISHTI Braille Debit Card for visually impaired customers

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has launched the PNB ANTAH DRISHTI Braille Debit Card, a new debit card specifically designed for visually impaired customers.
- The ATM limit (cash withdrawal) per day is Rs 25,000, and the PoS and eCom limits (combined) per day are Rs 60,000. Contactless transactions are accessible for individual transactions up to Rs. 5000/- without a PIN at NFC capable POS Terminals, with a daily overall limit of Rs. 5000.

### NPCI hives off Bhim as separate arm; Lalitha Nataraj to be CEO

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has hived off the UPI-based payment application Bharat Interface for Money (Bhim) as a separate subsidiary to address the

growing demand for digital transactions in the country and to promote financial inclusion.

- Lalitha Nataraj, a former senior executive at IDFC First Bank, has been appointed as the chief executive officer of the new subsidiary named NPCI Bhim Services Ltd (NBSL).

#### **Axis Bank launches PRIMUS super-premium credit card**

- Axis Bank, one of India's largest private sector banks, has partnered with Visa to launch the 'Primus' credit card. This is a super-premium card, available by invitation only.
- This credit card targets select ultra-high net worth individuals (UHNWIs) in India.

#### **NSE Hikes Ceiling Amount Payable Out Of Investor Protection Fund Trust**

- The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has increased the maximum amount payable from its Investor Protection Fund (IPF) Trust from Rs 25 lakh to Rs 35 lakh.
- This limit will be applicable for claims received against the trading members, who have been declared defaulter or have been expelled.

#### **RBL Bank launched Vijay Fixed Deposits to honor 78th Independence Day**

- RBL Bank has launched a special "Vijay Fixed Deposits" edition to commemorate India's 78th year of independence.
- For deposits below Rs 3 crore, the "Vijay Fixed Deposits" feature a special 500-day tenor.
- The special fixed deposit plan offers competitive interest rates with 8.85% p.a. for super senior citizens, 8.60% p.a. for senior citizens, and 8.1% p.a. for regular customers, all tailored to guarantee your money grows safely.

#### **LIC sells stake in Hindustan Copper for Rs 447 crore**

- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has sold a 2.09 per cent stake in state-owned Hindustan Copper for Rs 447 crore through an open market transaction.
- The insurance behemoth has sold a total of 2,01,62,682 shares, or 2.085 per cent stake, in Hindustan Copper, according to a regulatory filing.
- With this, LIC's stake in the state-owned company has reduced to 6.09 per cent from 8.17 per cent.

#### **IndusInd Bank gets RBI nod to set up mutual fund asset management business**

- IndusInd Bank has received the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) nod to set up a mutual fund asset management business. It will be a wholly-owned subsidiary, the bank said in its filing to the exchanges.
- RBI has also allowed the private sector lender to infuse equity capital in the asset management subsidiary.

#### **Airtel Payments Bank introduces AI-powered Face Match**

- Airtel Payments Bank has launched the Face Match, a new security feature designed to protect customer accounts from fraudulent activities.
- The feature uses advanced machine learning algorithms to assess potential threats and activate facial recognition verification when necessary.

#### **Net foreign direct investment rises to \$6.9 billion in Q1: RBI**

- Net foreign direct investment (FDI) during the April-June period of the current financial year was \$6.9 billion, compared to \$4.7 billion in the year-ago period, the latest data released by the Reserve Bank of India showed.
- The increase was due to an improvement in gross inward FDI, which grew by 26.4 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y) to \$22.5 billion during Q1 of 2024-25.

- Net FDI flow dropped sharply to \$9.8 billion in FY24, from \$28 billion in the previous year. In FY22, net FDI flows into the country were \$38.6 billion.

#### **Karnataka Bank unveils credit line on UPI in partnership with Navi Technologies**

- Karnataka Bank and financial services company Navi Technologies have launched the credit line on UPI, an offering by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- The private sector lender will be offering credit lines through a strategic partnership with Navi, marking Karnataka Bank as one of the early adopters of this next-gen credit product.

#### **NPCI launches 'UPI Circle' for Secure Payments Among Trusted Users**

- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has introduced a new feature called 'UPI Circle' on its Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform.
- This feature allows primary UPI account holders to securely delegate payment responsibilities to trusted secondary users.

#### **Bandhan Bank launches Avni Saving Account for Women Customer**

- Kolkata-based Indian Private sector bank Bandhan Bank has launched an exclusive savings account, Avni, for women customers.
- The bank launched the product on its 9th foundation day, which is on 23 August.
- The bank also launched a customer loyalty programme called Bandhan Banks Delight. The bank is women-focused, and of its 3.4 customers, 73% are women.

#### **RBI cancels registration of Margdarshak Financial Services over high NPAs**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the registration of Lucknow-headquartered Margdarshak Financial Services Ltd over high net NPAs and defaults on repayment to lenders.
- As on March 31, 2021, the company failed to maintain the minimum regulatory net owned fund of Rs 5 crore and minimum capital adequacy ratio of 15 per cent stipulated for NBFC-MFI.
- As per the statutory audit, as on March 31, 2021, the NBFC was facing cash flow issues and defaulted on repayment of Rs 49.27 crore to its lenders.

#### **Tata AIA Life launches 'Sampoorna Raksha Promise' product with ₹3 lakh instant payout feature**

- Tata AIA Life Insurance has unveiled its latest term insurance product, Sampoorna Raksha Promise. This product is designed to enhance financial security.
- Keeping in mind that the family may have to incur urgent expenses on the demise of the key member, it offers an instant payout of Rs. 3 lakhs on death claim intimation.
- Sampoorna Raksha Promise allows the policyholder to defer the premium by 12 months in such circumstances. When diagnosed with a terminal illness e.g. cancer, the consumer is paid 50% of the sum assured, even as the future premiums are waived and policy benefits continue to accrue.

#### **ESAF Small Finance Bank launches Inori RuPay Platinum Credit Card**

- ESAF Small Finance Bank has launched the Inori RuPay Platinum Credit Card, a premium financial product designed in collaboration with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to offer cardholders exclusive benefits and privileges.
- The card's name "Inori" is derived from the Japanese word for "wish," symbolising our aspiration to fulfil the desires and expectations of customers.

#### **GST taxpayers without valid bank account to be barred from filing GSTR-1 from Sep 1**

- GST taxpayers who do not furnish bank account details to GST authorities will be barred from filing outward supply return GSTR-1 from September 1, GST Network (GSTN) has said in an advisory.
- As per GST Rule 10A, a taxpayer is required to furnish details of a valid bank account within 30 days from the date of grant of registration, or before furnishing the details of outward supplies of goods or services or both in Form GSTR-1 or using Invoice Furnishing Facility (IFF), whichever is earlier.
- The GST Council in its meeting in July last year, had approved an amendment to Rule 10A to strengthen the registration process and to effectively deal with the menace of fake and fraudulent registrations in GST.

#### **Jana SFB Sweeps 4 Awards at ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave**

- Jana Small Finance Bank has once again cemented its status as a frontrunner in the Indian banking industry.
- The bank's commitment to excellence and innovation was recognized at the prestigious 2nd ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave & Awards, where it clinched four coveted awards.

#### **RBI to launch ULI for frictionless flow of credit to small, rural borrowers**

- The Reserve Bank of India will launch a Unified Lending Interface (ULI) that will transform the lending ecosystem in the country like the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has done for the payments system.
- The ULI will facilitate seamless and consent-based flow of digital information, like PAN and Aadhaar records, previous lending history, income and credit records of individuals, as well as land records of various states, from multiple data service providers to lenders.

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#### **Mastercard launches Global Payment Passkey Service in India**

- US-based multinational payment card services corporation Mastercard has launched its Payment Passkey Service, with plans to first introduce it to India. It Payment Passkey Service, marking a significant step forward in secure online transactions.

#### **Razorpay unveils Groundbreaking Payment Solutions at GFF 2024**

- A leader in the fintech industry, Razorpay has launched a series of innovative products and enhancements at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2024 aimed at transforming the payments ecosystem. With a focus on accessibility, inclusivity, and the future of financial transactions, Razorpay continues pushing the boundaries of what's possible in fintech.

#### **Indian Oil and RBL Bank launch co-branded credit card**

- India's energy major, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has launched a co-branded credit card XTRA in partnership with RBL Bank in Global Fintech Fest (GFF), Mumbai
- This strategic collaboration aims to provide cardholders with attractive rewards and benefits, enabling them to earn upto 250 litres of free petrol annually.

#### **ESAF Small Finance Bank to expand Dabba Savings Accounts campaign**

- ESAF Small Finance Bank is planning to expand its newly introduced Dabba Savings Accounts campaign across the country.
- The campaign caters to women in economically backward areas who do not have bank accounts due to fear of banking procedures or lack of accessibility. It is designed to address the financial needs of micro banking customers to promote micro savings



accounts, which play a crucial role in fostering a culture of savings among the micro banking community.

#### IndiaFirst Life becomes 1st Indian life insurer to start ops in GIFT City

- IndiaFirst Life has become the first Indian life insurer to commence operations in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).
- The company inaugurated its IFSC Insurance Office (IIO) at the country's international financial gateway.

#### Razorpay launches DigiPOS – Elevating Apple Resellers In- Store Payment Experience

- Razorpay has launched the innovative Point-of-Sale (POS) software, 'Razorpay DigiPOS'.
- This industry-first solution is set to revolutionize in-store payments across Apple Premium Reseller outlets in India by leveraging iOS devices such as iPhones and iPads.
- The integration of DigiPOS ensures a seamless, intuitive, and efficient payment experience, eliminating the need for traditional Android devices and enhancing the overall customer experience.

#### Hitachi Payment launches Country's First Android-Based Cash Recycling Machine

- Hitachi Payment Services, India's leading provider of payments and commerce solutions, announced India's first Android-based cash recycling machine, which also serves as a Digital Banking Unit, providing one-stop services in a modern digital banking environment.
- The Android-Based Cash Recycling Machine, HPDx-BU01, is a big step towards improving customer convenience and experience while boosting operational and cost efficiency in banks.

#### NPST launches Digital Payment Services at Global Fintech Fest 2024

- NPST, a major digital banking and payments technology company **unveiled a range of cutting-edge AI-enabled digital payment solutions** at the **Global Fintech Fest 2024**.
- UPI rails are driving the exponential growth of India's fintech sector. These solutions are intended to help banks and payment aggregators benefit from the current momentum by utilising cutting-edge technologies, such as artificial intelligence and machine learning.

#### AU Small Finance Bank applies for transition to Universal Bank

- **AU Small Finance Bank** has **submitted an application to the Reserve Bank of India** to seek **approval for the voluntary transition from a Small Finance Bank (SFB) to a Universal Bank**.
- This application comes in the backdrop of Fincare Small Finance Bank (Fincare SFB) amalgamating with and into AU SFB with effect from April 1, 2024, marking the first such consolidation in the SFB space.

#### Star Health launches India's first health insurance policy in Braille

- **Star Health and Allied Insurance** has **introduced an insurance policy in Braille**.
- This is aimed at empowering visually impaired individuals in India. This will allow the blind community to access health insurance information independently.
- The new **"Special Care Gold" policy provides tailored health coverage for individuals with disabilities**.

#### IRDAI asks insurance companies to integrate IT systems with Digilocker



- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has asked insurance companies to enable their IT systems to interact with Digilocker, allowing policyholders to use the service effectively.
- Both life and general insurers are mandated to provide an essential summary of important information at different stages of the insurance contract.

#### Kotak General Insurance rebrands as Zurich Kotak General Insurance

- Kotak General Insurance has re-branded itself as Zurich Kotak General Insurance, following the Zurich Insurance Group's acquisition of a majority stake in the insurer, which was completed on 18 June 2024.
- Reflecting the shared vision of the Zurich Kotak entity, the new brand symbolizes the collective commitment to trust, innovation, integrity, and customer excellence.

#### BOI launches 333-Day Star Dhan Vriddhi FD

- Bank of India (BOI) has launched a fixed deposit scheme called 'Star Dhan Vriddhi Fixed Deposit' that will have a term limit of 333 days. These revised rates are effective September 1, 2024.
- The Star Dhan Vriddhi Fixed Deposit offers an interest rate of 7.90 per cent per annum for the so-called super senior citizens.

#### Paysharp received final authorisation from RBI to act as a payment aggregator

- Chennai based Fintech Paysharp has received final authorisation from the Reserve Bank Of India (RBI) to act as a payment aggregator (PA).
- Paysharp is an existing PA, which received RBI final authorisation on 30th August 2024 followed by the in-principal PA license on December 2022.

#### SBI Foundation launches 3rd Edition of Asha Scholarship Program

- The SBI Foundation has launched the 3rd edition of its Asha Scholarship Program, supporting 10,000 meritorious students from underprivileged backgrounds.
- Scholarships ranging from 15 thousand to 2 lakh rupees are available for students from Class 6 to postgraduate level.

#### DICGC introduces Daava Sookhak for depositors to track claim status

- The Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has launched an online tool Daava Sookhak for depositors to track their claim status.
- The DICGC's mandate since its inception has been the reimbursement of insured amounts to depositors of failed banks.

#### RBL Bank & DMI Finance Launches Co-Branded Credit Card

- RBL Bank and DMI Finance Private Limited ("DMI"), part of the DMI Group, announced a strategic agreement to provide co-branded credit cards to DMI Finance's existing customers.
- This collaboration intends to increase credit card access to clients in India's metro and non-metro cities by combining RBL Bank's extensive credit card experience, with DMI's proven track record of enabling digital financial inclusion at scale.

#### BoB to launch 7 phygital branches as a pilot project

- Bank of Baroda (BoB) is planning to launch seven phygital branches as a pilot project across the country. These branches integrate self-service and assisted service models.

- Debadatta Chand, Managing Director and CEO, recently inaugurated the bank's second phygital branch in Mumbai at Vile Parle.
- BoB opened its first phygital branch at Horniman Circle in Mumbai in July. The second branch was opened last month at Chanda Nagar in Hyderabad last month.

#### UPI users can now send Rs 5 lakh for some transactions

- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has **increased transaction limits for tax payments** using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), allowing people to **transfer Rs 5 lakh in a single transaction**.
- While announcing its monetary policy statement on August 2024, RBI announced the enhancement of the limit for tax payments through UPI from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh, per transaction.

#### HDFC Bank's Parivartan initiative aims to uplift rural communities with sustainable development programmes

- The **HDFC Bank** is set to **increase the income of 5 lakh marginal farmers earning less than ₹60,000 annually by 2025**, scaling up further its over ₹5,000 crore investments in the corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives in the last decade.
- The bank's focus on rural development reflects our continued commitment to fostering sustainable growth and uplifting vulnerable communities. Since its inception in 2014, **Parivartan has grown into one of India's largest CSR programmes, active in 28 States and 8 Union Territories**.

#### LIC selects Infosys for NextGen digital insurance platform project

- The **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has selected IT major **Infosys** to **develop its NextGen digital platform**.
- It will be an integrated end-to-end digital insurance solution providing "excellent services to customers, **business lifecycle management** and operational activities for sales intermediaries and digital front-end platform for branch employees".

#### Bank of Baroda introduces GenAI-powered virtual relationship manager for conversational banking

- **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** has **introduced 'Aditi', a GenAI-powered virtual relationship manager**, to enhance the digital customer service experience.
- Available on the bank's web portal, the capability supports audio, video and chat-based assistance ensuring 24x7 banking services with multilingual support. This service is being gradually rolled out to our existing customers through an enrollment process available on the bank's website.

#### Banks, FIs to invest Rs 32.5 trillion in renewable energy by 2030: Centre

- **Leading renewable energy (RE) project developers**, manufacturing companies, banks, and **financial institutions committed close to \$386 billion or around Rs 32.45 trillion to the development of RE projects by 2030**.
- This commitment was made at the inaugural ceremony of the 4th RE-Invest Summit hosted by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- Public sector and private project developers have committed to building close to 570 gigawatts (Gw) of RE capacity.

#### Govt notifies NaBFID as a public financial institution under Companies Act

- **The government** has notified the **National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)** as a **public financial institution under the Companies Act**.
- This will help the government fortify the nation's infrastructure finance structures.
- The Corporate Affairs Ministry said that in exercise of the powers,
- **Section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Central Government, in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India, hereby notifies the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development as a "public financial institution".**

#### Razorpay launches integration platform DataSync

- **Fintech giant Razorpay** has **launched DataSync**, a no-code data integration platform that provides real-time data access, allowing businesses to enhance business intelligence, improve financial reporting, strengthen fraud and security monitoring, and uncover new revenue opportunities.
- DataSync will allow businesses to safely and conveniently integrate their financial and business data on Razorpay. This allows firms to use their data for deeper business insight, improved financial reporting, fraud and security monitoring, and generating new revenue ideas, transforming payment data into a profit centre.

#### Jana SFB introduces "Liquid Plus Fixed Deposit": A Comprehensive Solution to Manage Short Term Liquidity Needs

- **Jana Small Finance Bank**, one of India's leading small finance banks, has **launched a comprehensive solution "Liquid Plus" Fixed Deposit** with attractive interest rate of 6.75% p.a. for tenures ranging from 7 to 180 days.
- The rate is applicable for the **minimum deposit amount** of INR 10 Lakhs for retail deposits up to INR 3 Crores and above INR 3 Crores to INR 200 Crores for bulk deposits per customer.

#### YES Bank launched PaisaSave Cashback Credit Card

- **Paisabazaar**, India's leading online marketplace for consumer credit and free credit score platform, has **partnered with Yes Bank to unveil their co-branded credit card - YES BANK Paisabazaar PaisaSave Credit Card**.
- The PaisaSave Credit Card is designed to reward frequent shoppers by offering substantial cashback on everyday purchases, both online and offline, making it a must-have for the value-conscious customers.

#### IDFC FIRST Bank launches Ashva and Mayura Credit Cards

- **IDFC FIRST Bank** has launched **the Ashva Credit Card**. This new metal credit card, powered by Visa, combines India's rich cultural heritage with modern sophistication.
- IDFC FIRST Bank has **also launched the Mayura Credit Card**, adding to its premium metal card range.

#### Decentro unveils eNACH and UPI AutoPay, Streamlining Recurring Payments

- **Decentro**, India's largest fintech infrastructure platform, has introduced **eNACH & UPI AutoPay, intended to streamline and simplify the management of recurring payments for businesses**.
- The company hopes to assist at least 100+ enterprises with integrating these modules over the next three months, addressing some of the most difficult obstacles that businesses encounter regarding recurring payments. The first partner bank for this new module is YES Bank.

#### Federal Bank unveils NPS Vatsalya, assuring long-term wealth building to minors

- **Federal Bank**, one of India's leading banks has **unveiled NPS Vatsalya**, a pioneering program inside the **National Pension System (NPS) designed exclusively for minors**.
- The Government of India launched NPS Vatsalya to provide a secure and flexible retirement planning solution for children while assuring long-term wealth building, through the power of compounding.

#### **Bank of Baroda Unveils Co-Branded Travel Debit Card in Collaboration with EaseMyTrip**

- **Bank of Baroda**, in **collaboration with EaseMyTrip.com**, has introduced a '**Bank of Baroda EaseMyTrip Co-branded Travel Debit Card**', targeting frequent travellers and those spending on entertainment and lifestyle.
- This is the first co-branded travel debit card to be launched by a public sector bank.

#### **IDBI Bank launched Sugam Rinn Bhugtan Yojana for one time settlement of retail NPAs**

- **IDBI Bank** has launched a special Scheme "**Sugam Rinn Bhugtan Yojana (SUGAM)**", to boost its recovery efforts through one time settlement of Retail NPAs up to March 31, 2021.
- The scheme will be applicable to borrower's principal outstanding above Rs.0.10 crore and up to Rs.10 crore (subject to eligibility criteria), at relaxed terms.

#### **HDFC Bank launches instant SIP via SmartWealth app**

- **HDFC Bank** has launched **updates to its SmartWealth app**. One of the key additions is the Instant SIP, which allows users to invest in mutual funds on the same day they identify an opportunity.
- This feature enables users to capitalise on favorable market conditions immediately. It caters to those who wish to respond quickly to market changes.

#### **Axis Bank's new economy group launches Corporate Credit Card Suite for startups**

- **Axis Bank** has unveiled its **Corporate Credit Card Suite** designed specifically for startups within the New Economy Group (NEG).
- This innovative offering is tailored to **streamline** various financial processes for startups, including travel, expenses, and vendor payments.

#### **Penalty Different Bank and Org**

#### **RBI penalizes IDFC First Bank, LIC Housing Finance for non-compliance**

- RBI has imposed a penalty of **₹1 crore on IDFC First Bank** for non-compliance with certain directions on '**Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions**'.
- The central bank also **fined LIC Housing Finance ₹49.7 lakh for breach of norms**. The housing finance company did not comply with certain provisions of the Fair Practices Code when it did not disclose the rate of interest and approach for gradation of risk and rationale for charging different rate of interest to different categories of borrowers in loan application forms and sanction letters.

#### **RBI imposes Rs 60.3 lakh penalty on five co-operative banks**

- The Reserve Bank has imposed penalties **totalling Rs 60.3 lakh on five co-operative banks** for contravention of **various regulatory norms**.
- A penalty of Rs 43.30 lakh has been imposed on Rajkot Nagarik Sahakari Bank for non-compliance with RBI directions on 'ban on loans and advances to directors and their relatives, and firms/concerns in which they are interested'.

- The central bank has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 5 lakh each on The Kangra Co-operative Bank (New Delhi), Rajdhani Nagar Sahkari Bank (Lucknow), and Zila Sahakari Bank, Garhwal (Kotdwar, Uttarakhand).

#### **RBI imposes monetary penalty on three co-operative banks for rule violations**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed monetary penalty of three co-operative banks for rule violations.
- These banks are Lokmangal Co-operative Bank, The Udgir Urban Co-operative Bank, and The Satara Sahakari Bank.
- The central bank imposed Rs 5 lakh penalty on Lokmangal Co-operative Bank, Rs 2 lakh on The Satara Sahakari Bank, and Rs 1 lakh on The Udgir Urban Co-operative Bank.

#### **IRDAI imposes a fine of Rs 1 crore on IPO-bound Go Digit Insurance**

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) imposed a **penalty of Rs 1 crore on Go Digit General Insurance for non-disclosure of a change in the conversion ratio of compulsorily convertible preference shares (CCPS).**
- The company had not furnished the full particulars of the revision to the regulator, violating Section 26 of the Insurance Act.

#### **SEBI imposes ₹11.90 crore fine on 19 entities for Superior Finlease 'pump and dump'**

- **SEBI has slapped penalties totalling ₹11.90 crore on 19 entities** and also barred them from the securities market for up to five years for indulging in a pump-and-dump scheme of shares in the matter of Superior Finlease Ltd.
- **The regulator-imposed fines in the range of ₹10 lakh to ₹5 crore on 19 entities,** including Rajneesh Kumar, Ashish P Shah and Kirtidan K Gadhavi.

#### **RBI imposes Rs 3.10-lakh penalty on Hero Fincorp for rule violations**

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed Rs 3.10 lakh penalty on Hero Fincorp Ltd for rule violations.**
- The penalty was imposed for non-compliance with certain provisions of the 'Non-Banking Financial Company - Systemically Important Non-Deposit taking Company and Deposit taking Company (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016' issued by RBI.

#### **RBI imposes ₹1-crore penalty on ICICI Bank, ₹91 lakh on YES Bank**

- **The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on ICICI Bank for non-compliance** with certain directions on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions'.
- **The regulator also fined Yes Bank ₹91 lakh,** for violation of certain norms on 'Customer Service in Banks', and 'Un-authorised Operation of Internal/Office.

#### **RBI imposes Rs 36.38 lakh penalty on HSBC for violating Fema regulations**

- **The Reserve Bank has imposed a fine of Rs 36.38 lakh on foreign lender HSBC for Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) violations.**
- The central bank said reporting requirements under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme of FEMA, 1999 were not followed by HSBC.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **RBI imposes Rs 1.31 Cr penalty on PNB**

- The **Reserve Bank of India** has imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs 1.31 crore** on **Punjab National Bank** for non-compliance with certain directions related to KYC and loans and advances.
- The Reserve Bank said it conducted a statutory inspection of the bank concerning its financial position as on March 31, 2022.

#### **IRDAI imposes penalty of Rs 2 crore on Bajaj Finance, Aegon Life Insurance**

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has imposed a penalty of **Rs 2 crore** on **Bajaj Finance** and **Rs 1 crore** on **Aegon Life Insurance** (now known as Bandhan Life), citing violations of norms.
- The insurance regulator has fined Bajaj Finance Rs 1 crore concerning the reconciliation of commission and professional fees received and reported to the authority. An additional penalty of Rs 1 crore was imposed concerning the maintenance of records of customer documentation.

#### **RBI imposes monetary penalty on Muthoot Finance Limited**

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of **₹1,90,000** on **Muthoot Finance Limited** for non-compliance with certain provision of 'Know Your Customer (KYC) Directions, 2016' issued by RBI.
- This penalty has been imposed in the exercise of powers conferred on RBI under the provisions of clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 58G read with clause (aa) of sub-section (5) of section 58B of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

#### **IRDAI imposes penalty of Rs 2 Cr on HDFC Life for violating regulations**

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has imposed a penalty totaling **Rs 2 crore** on **HDFC Life** for violating various IRDAI regulations.
- The penalty of Rs 1 crore was levied for issues related to the protection of policyholders' interests. Additionally, a penalty of Rs 1 crore was imposed for irregularities concerning the outsourcing of services by the company.

#### **RBI penalises CSB Bank, Union Bank of India, and Muthoot Housing Finance for non-compliance**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed monetary penalties on five financial institutions—**CSB Bank, Union Bank of India, Muthoot Housing Finance, Nido Home Finance and Ashoka Viniyoga**—for various regulatory non-compliances.
- Muthoot Housing Finance Company Limited was fined ₹5 lakh for governance-related violations, specifically failing to secure RBI's prior approval before changing more than 30% of its directors.

#### **RBI imposes monetary penalties on Bank of Maharashtra**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of **₹1,27,20,000/-** on **Bank of Maharashtra** for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI on 'Loan



System for Delivery of Bank Credit', 'Cyber Security Framework in Banks' and 'Know Your Customer'.

- This penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers conferred on RBI under the provisions of clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 58G read with clause (aa) of sub-section (5) of section 58B of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

#### **RBI imposes Rs 2.68 crore penalty on UCO Bank**

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 2.68 crore on UCO Bank for contravention of certain provisions, including on opening of current accounts, interest rate on deposits and frauds classification.
- The RBI has also imposed a penalty of Rs 2.1 lakh on Cent Bank Home Finance Ltd for non-compliance with certain provisions of KYC directions.

#### **RBI imposes penalties on Housing and Urban Development Corporation, 2 others**

- A penalty of Rs 3.5 lakh has been imposed on Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited.
- RBI has also imposed a penalty of Rs 5 lakh on Godrej Housing.
- The Reserve Bank of India has also imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 5 lakh on Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

#### **RBI imposed penalty on HDFC Bank, and Axis Bank for non-compliance with regulations**

- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of ₹1.91 crore on Axis Bank and ₹1 crore on HDFC Bank for non-compliance with regulations.
- Both banks opened certain savings deposit accounts in the name of ineligible entities. The monetary penalty on Axis Bank pertains to violations done in FY23.

#### **SEBI imposes Rs 1 crore fine on Jai Anmol Ambani in Reliance Home Finance case**

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on Jai Anmol Ambani, the elder son of industrialist Anil Ambani, for not exercising proper due diligence while approving corporate loans at Reliance Home Finance.
- Additionally, Krishnan Gopalakrishnan, the Chief Risk Officer of Reliance Home Finance, has been fined Rs 15 lakh for similar violations. The two individuals are required to pay the amount within 45 days of the SEBI order.

## **Chapter 13: Current Affairs (National)**

### **Recent GI Tag List**

<b>Item</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>Miraj's Sitar and Tanpuras</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>
<b>Kangra Tea</b>	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>
<b>Nagri Dubraj rice</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>
<b>'Mircha' rice</b>	<b>Bihar's West Champaran</b>
<b>Gond Painting</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>
<b>'Cumbum' Angoor'</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>
<b>'Amroha Dholak', 'Mahoba Gaura Patthar Hastashlip', 'Mainpuri Tarkashi', 'Sambhal Horn Craft', 'Baghpat Home Furnishings', 'Barabanki Handloom Product' and 'Kalpi Handmade Paper'</b>	<b>UP</b>

**Indian Govt, target important project list**

Aims	Target Time
Indian Railways to become Net Zero Carbon Emitter by	2030
Government of India has set a target of building 220 new airports	2025
PM vision of \$ 5 trillion Economy	2025
To Eliminate TB	2025
100 MT coal gasification target	2030
To generate solar Power (500GW)	2030
Har Ghar Jal	2024
Clean Drinking water to all by	2024
Fulfil Jal Jeevan Mission	2024
Railways to run 100% on electricity	2024
zero road accident fatalities	2030
Green Railway'	2030
'Energy independent'	2047
Rice under all scheme to be fortified	2024
Six lakh villages to get internet connectivity by	2024

**Festival**

State/UT	City	Festival
Andhra Pradesh		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flamingo Festival</li> </ul>
Assam		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magh Bihu</li> <li>• Rongali or Bohag Bihu</li> <li>• Dwizling Festival</li> <li>• Parag Festival</li> <li>• Ambubachi Mela</li> <li>• Wanchuwa</li> <li>• Baikho</li> </ul>
Chhattisgarh	Raipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Tribal Dance Festival</li> </ul>
Goa		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Film Festival of India (IFFI)</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sao Joao</li> <li>International Lusophone Festival</li> <li>Heritage Festival</li> </ul>
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Kite Festival</li> </ul>
Himachal Pradesh		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Losar Festival</li> </ul>
J&K		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mela Kheer Bhavani</li> <li>Jhiri Mela</li> <li>Bungus Awaam Mela"</li> <li>"Apple Festival"</li> <li>1st ever Aharbal Festival</li> <li>Kanchoth festival</li> <li>Herath or the 'Night of Hara (Shiva)',</li> <li><b>Lavendar festival'</b></li> <li>Sinthan Snow Festival</li> <li>Vitasta Mahotsav</li> </ul>
Karnataka	Mangalore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Karavali Utsav</li> </ul>
Kerala		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Onam</li> <li>Dragonfly Festival or Thumbi Mahotsavam (<b>1st-ever of state in 2020</b>)</li> <li>Pooram Festival</li> </ul>
Ladakh		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Naropa Festival</li> <li>Addi Mahotsav</li> <li>Hemis</li> <li>Losar Festival</li> <li>Spituk Gustor Festival</li> </ul>
Madhya Pradesh	Khajuraho	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Film Festival</li> </ul>
	Gwalior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tansen Music Festival or the Tansen Sangeet Sammelan or the Tansen Utsav</li> </ul>
	Mandu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mandu festival</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Namaste Orchha festival (<b>1st-ever in 2020</b>)</li> <li>Lokrang Festival</li> <li>'UNMESHA'</li> <li>'UTKARSH'</li> </ul>
Maharashtra		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Owl Festival (Pune)</li> <li>Palkhi festival</li> </ul>
	Nagpur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Khasdar Mahostav</li> <li>Orange Festival</li> </ul>
Manipur	Imphal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sangai Festival, Nata Sankiratana, <b>Kachai Lemon Festival</b></li> <li>Leela Festival</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amur Falcon Festival</li> <li>• Yaoshang festival</li> <li>• Hun Thadou cultural festival</li> </ul>
	Ukhrul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shirui Lily Festival</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sangai Festival</li> </ul>
<b>Meghalaya</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behdinkhelam Festival</li> <li>• Cherry Blossom Festival</li> <li>• Wangala festival</li> <li>• Rising Sun Water Festival</li> <li>• Khasi Tribe's Seng Khihlang Festival</li> </ul>
<b>Nagaland</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hornbill Festival</li> <li>• Naga Mircha Festival</li> </ul>
<b>Delhi</b>	New Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Tribal Festival – Aadi Mahotsav</li> </ul>
<b>Odisha</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raja Parba festival</li> <li>• Konark Festival</li> <li>• International Sand Art Festival</li> <li>• Nuakhai Juhar harvest</li> <li>• 'Boita Bandana' Festival</li> <li>• Sital Sasthi</li> <li>• 'Nuakhai'</li> <li>• Dhanu Yatra'</li> <li>• 'Raja' agricultural festival</li> </ul>
	Cuttack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Bali Yatra' festival</li> </ul>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Bikaner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camel Festival</li> <li>• Maru Mahotsav or Jaisalmer Desert Festival</li> <li>• Gangaaur festival</li> </ul>
<b>Telangana</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nagoba Jatara festival</li> <li>• Bathukhamma Floral</li> <li>• 'Bonalu'</li> <li>• Medaram Jatara</li> <li>• 'Yoga Festival (Hydrabad)</li> <li>• Annual Bonalu Festival (Hydrabad)</li> </ul>
<b>Tripura</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hornbill Festival (<b>1<sup>st</sup>-ever of state in 2020</b>)</li> <li>• Khrachi Puja</li> </ul>
<b>Sikkim</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pang Lhabsol</li> <li>• <b>Losoong (Namsoong)</b></li> <li>• Saga Dawa festival</li> </ul>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	Agra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bear Festival</li> </ul>
<b>Uttarakhand</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ganga Kayak Festival</li> <li>• Harela Festival</li> </ul>
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Torgya Festival</li> <li>• Chachin Grazing Festival</li> </ul>

West Bengal		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Dol Utsav' or 'Dol Jatra'</li> </ul>
Haryana		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suraj kund mela</li> </ul>
Tamil Nadu		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karthigai Deepam Chariot festival</li> </ul>
Jharkhand		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarhul Festival</li> <li>• Shravani Mela (Deoghar)</li> </ul>
Puducherry		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach Festival named I Sea PONDY</li> </ul>

### Note: List of Important Operations

- **Bambi Bucket Operation:** Forest fires near Nainital, Uttarakhand
- **'Operation Sadbhavana':** Army's support for North Sikkim's communities
- **Operation 'Maryada':** For smooth conduct of Kedarnath Dham Yatra 2024 in Uttarakhand
- **'Operation My Saheli':** South Eastern Railway launches to enhance security of women passengers
- **Operation Bandar-**Balakot strike
- **Operation Khumaar-** J&k (drug free panchayat)
- **Operation Milap-**by Delhi police to rescue 333 children
- **Operation Sankalp-**Indian navy (in gulf of Oman and Persian gulf)
- **Operation Smile-**Hyderabad police for 325 children rescued.
- **Operation Sudarshan** -BSF (border security force) to secure 100m border from Pakistan
- **Operation Sunrise-**Between the armies of India & Myanmar
- **Operation Support-**By India for people suffering from Idi Strom in Mozambique
- **Operation Swift Retort-**Pakistan strike after operation Bandar
- **Operation Thirst-**RPF To healthy drinking water
- **Operation Sard Hawa:** Operation is to check the instances of infiltration due to dense fog in the region by BSF
- **"Pink Protection":** Kerala Police lunched for protection of women in public, private and digital spaces
- **"Operation AAHT: Railway Protection Force (RPF)** has launched a nationwide operation to curb human trafficking.
- **"Operation Satark": Railway Protection Force (RPF)** has recently started **"Operation Satark"**. Focused effort under "Operation Satark" was launched from 5<sup>th</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 of illegal tobacco products were detected with seizure of tobacco products.
- **Operation 'GARUDA':** CBI launched to dismantle drug networks
- **Operation Devi Shakti was:** Operation of the Indian Armed Forces to evacuate Indian citizens and foreign nationals from Afghanistan after the collapse of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the fall of Kabul.

- **Operation Samudra Setu:** Launched in May 2020 as part of the national effort to repatriate Indian citizens from overseas during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- **Operation Samudra Setu-II:** Indian Navy has launched Operation Samudra Setu-II for shipment of Oxygen-filled containers to India.
- **'Operation Karuna':** India has launched 'Operation Karuna' to assist Myanmar which has been devastated by Cyclone Mocha.
- **'Operation Conviction':** UP launches 'Operation Conviction' for cow slaughter, child abuse cases
- **'Operation Broader Sword':** India and the USA have jointly conducted an 'Operation Broader Sword' to stop the illegal shipment of drugs through the International Mail System.

## April

### NTPC permanently closed Barauni Stage-I project

- State-owned power giant **NTPC** has permanently closed its **Barauni Thermal Power Station Stage-I** of 220 MW.
- The company acquired **Barauni Thermal Power Station (720 MW)** in **Begusarai district, Bihar**, from **Bihar State Power Generation Company** on December 15, 2018.

### India to stop importing urea by end of 2025

- According to the Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Mansukh Mandaviya, **India will stop importing urea by the end of 2025** due to an increase in local production capacity with the commissioning of new fertilizer plants.
- India is a big importer of Urea and meets around 30% of its 35 million tonnes of annual urea requirement from imports.

### India eyes 100 GW nuclear power by 2047: AEC

- **India aims to increase its nuclear power production to 1 lakh MW by 2047**, a significant jump from the current 8,000 MW.
- This goal was highlighted by Atomic Energy Commission Chairman A K Mohanty at the release of a report on energy transitions.

### India secures second overseas port: Sittwe agreement approved by MEA

- After Chabahar, **India has gained the rights to operate a second overseas port, Sittwe**, in Myanmar.
- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has approved a proposal for India Ports Global (IPGL) to take over the operations of the entire port located on the Kaladan River.
- IPGL is a company 100 per cent owned by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

### 'Experimental Licence Module for 100 5G Labs' launched at IIT Madras

- In a move to smoothen the processes for **100 5G Labs across academic institutions in India**, one of the "Experimental Licence module for 100 5G Labs" was launched during a **5G workshop at IIT Madras**.
- This initiative aims to simplify the experimental licence requirements for these institutions, facilitating smoother operations and fostering innovation in the 5G domain.

### GUJCOST designated as Nodal Centre for ISRO's START programme



- **The Gujarat Council on Science and Technology (GUJCOST)** has been designated as the **Nodal Centre for the 'Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START) programme by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).**
- The START programme, a brainchild of ISRO, offers an introductory-level online training platform.

#### India's electronics exports increase 23.6% to \$29.12 billion in FY24

- **India exported electronics goods worth \$29.12 billion in 2023-24 (FY24),** up 23.6 per cent compared to a year ago, even as the country's total exports contracted 3 per cent.
- According to commerce department officials, the top five export market of electronics good are — the US, United Arab Emirates, Netherland, United Kingdom, and Italy.
- During FY24, exports also ventured into new markets, such as Montenegro, Cayman Islands, El Salvador, Turkmenistan, Mongolia, Honduras and St Vincent.

#### Reliance Jio emerges as World's largest mobile operator in data traffic

- **Reliance Jio become the world's largest mobile operator** in terms of data traffic, ahead of China Mobile.
- The total traffic on the Jio network has reached 40.9 Exabytes, which is a 35.2 percent year-on-year increase. Also, Jio has a very strong and wide subscriber base of 481.8 million.

#### India's Ecommerce Market will be World's Third Largest by 2030

- **India's e-commerce landscape** is poised for a **monumental gain by 2030**, a report by investment promotion and facilitation agency Invest India has claimed.
- Forecasting a substantial surge to \$325 billion by 2030, the report added that the nation's digital economy is expected to reach an impressive \$800 billion by the same time.
- Currently valued at \$70 billion, India's online shopping makes up approximately 7 per cent of the country's total retail market, therefore presenting a huge opportunity for growth.

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#### Indian Army and Punit Balan Group develop Constitution Park in Pune

- **Constitution Park, jointly developed by Indian Army and Punit Balan Group,** was inaugurated in **Pune.**
- The park was inaugurated by GOC-in-C, Southern Command, Lt Gen Ajai Kumar Singh.
- It delineates our Fundamental Rights and underscores our Fundamental Duties. It's crucial for every citizen to understand their rights and fulfill their duties.

#### REC gets RBI nod to set up subsidiary in GIFT City

- **State-owned REC Ltd,** under the Ministry of Power and a leading NBFC, has received a **'No Objection Certificate' (NOC) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for setting up a subsidiary in Gujarat International Finance Tech-City (GIFT) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.**
- The proposed subsidiary will engage in a range of financial activities as a finance company within GIFT, including lending, investment, and other financial services.

#### Auto Expo set to move back to New Delhi in 2025

- **The Auto Expo** is set to return to **the national capital in 2025, after a decade.**

- India's flagship biennial motor show will be organized next year under the Bharat Mobility umbrella in New Delhi's Pragati Maidan, 10 years after the exhibition was moved to Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, in 2014.

#### Manipur launches "School on Wheels" Initiative for Students

- Manipur government** has launched the "School on Wheels" initiative aiming to impart education to students sheltered in relief camps in the state following the yearlong ethnic strife in the state.
- The Manipur government currently runs around 320 relief camps, housing more than 59,000 men, women, and children. Around 18,000 students are currently staying in relief camps.

#### Uttarakhand Govt Launches Pirul Lao Paise Pao Campaign

- The Uttarakhand government** has launched the **Pirul Lao-Paise Pao campaign to contain the raging forest fire in the state.**
- Under the Pirul Lao-Paise Pao campaign, the local youth and villagers will collect dry Pirul (Pine tree leaves) in the forest and take them to the designated Pirul collection centre.

#### Ramcharitmanas, Panchatantra, and Sahrdayaloka-Locana enter 'UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register'

- The Ramcharitmanas, Panchatantra and Sahrdayaloka-Locana** have been **included in 'UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register'.**
- The 'Ramcharitmanas', 'Panchatantra', and 'Sahrdayaloka-Locana' are such timeless works that have deeply influenced Indian literature and culture, shaping the nation's moral fabric and artistic expressions.

#### Porter becomes India's 3rd Unicorn of 2024

- Homegrown logistics services platform Porter** has become **the third unicorn** (with a valuation of \$1 billion and above) **in India this year.**
- Earlier this year, fintech firm Perfios and Ola's AI venture Krutrim had turned unicorns.
- As per Tracxn, there were 113 unicorns in India as of earlier this month.

#### Sri Sri Ravi Shankar receives first Stamp released

- Indian spiritual guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar** received the **first stamp released commemorating the completion of 200 years of Indian Origin Tamils in Sri Lanka.**
- Governor of the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka Senthil Thondaman presented the stamp to Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.
- The stamp is a way to attain recognition for the community which has been neglected for decades.

#### Assam unveiled the "DRIMS" platform For Disaster Management

- Assam Government** has **launched the Disaster Reporting and Information Management System (DRIMS) platform** to facilitate efficient disaster reporting and aid distribution in collaboration with UNICEF.
- DRIMS captures critical impact data, expediting relief delivery for damaged crops, livestock losses, and other post-disaster restoration efforts.

#### CDS Anil Chauhan attends Exercise Cyber Suraksha 2024

- Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Anil Chauhan** attended 'Exercise Cyber Suraksha – 2024' and underscored the importance of strengthening India's cyber defence capabilities.

- The comprehensive cyber defence exercise is being conducted by Defence Cyber Agency.

#### **Kaamya Karthikeyan becomes youngest Indian to summit Mt Everest at 16**

- **Sixteen-year-old Kaamya Karthikeyan** successfully **summitted Mt. Everest**, becoming the **youngest Indian mountaineer** to scale the world's highest peak from the Nepal side.
- The daughter of a naval officer, Kaamya is a class 12 student at Navy Children School, Mumbai.
- Kaamya and her father Cdr S Karthikeyan successfully summited Mt. Everest (8,849 m).

#### **L&T Technology Services launches simulation centre for Airbus in Bengaluru**

- **L&T Technology Services** has inaugurated a **simulation centre of excellence (CoE) for Airbus at its Bengaluru campus**.
- The CoE is designed to provide engineering support for Airbus aircraft structural simulation activities across its business units in France, Germany, the UK, and Spain.

#### **Indian Oil exports premium fuel to Sri Lanka**

- **Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL)** exported its **first-ever consignment of 100 octane premium fuel, XP100 to Sri Lanka**.
- The product is tailored for premium high-end vehicles.

#### **About XP100**

- The XP100 is domestically developed, leveraging IndianOil's indigenous Octamax Technology.

#### **DD Kisan launched AI Anchors Krish and Bhoomi**

- **Doordarshan Kisan (DD KISAN)** has become the first government TV channel of the country to launch **two AI anchors – AI Krish and AI Bhoomi**.
- The AI anchors can speak in fifty languages and read news 24 hours and 365 days without getting tired.
- The viewers will be able to see these anchors in all the states of the country.

#### **World's first 100% biodegradable pen launches in India**

- **Saurabh H Mehta** from New Delhi has introduced the **world's first fully biodegradable pen**, named the NOTE pen (No Offence to Earth).
- The pen features a recycled paper refill, and non-toxic ink, and comes in options of metal, paper, or bamboo exteriors.

#### **Cyclone Remal bring heavy rains in part of WB and Bangladesh**

- The **Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)** has issued a **warning** that a low depression in Bay Bengal has developed into a severe cyclonic storm Remal.
- Cyclone Remal is the first cyclone of the season to develop in the Bay of Bengal region. The name Remal has been given by Oman which means sand in Arabic.

#### **Jyoti Ratre becomes India's oldest woman to Conquer Mount Everest**

- **Jyoti Ratre**, an entrepreneur and fitness enthusiast from Madhya Pradesh, has etched her **name in history by becoming the oldest Indian woman to conquer Mount Everest**.
- Ratre's remarkable achievement was realized as part of a 15-member expedition team organized by 8K Expeditions, led by the renowned Bolivian climber David Hugo Ayaviri Quispe.

#### **NHAI launches initiative to attract the UAE's investments for India's highway expansion**

- The **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)** has launched **an initiative to monetize its infrastructure**, seeking investments from the UAE to sustain and enhance India's expanding national highway network.
- NHAI's delegation is conducting high-level meetings and roadshows in Dubai and Abu Dhabi to attract foreign investment via NHAI Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InVITs).

#### Government raises Retirement & Death Gratuity Limits to 25 Lakh

- **The maximum limit of retirement gratuity and death gratuity** has been revised by the **government from 20 lakh to 25 lakh rupees**.
- Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions has issued an official memorandum in this regard. The revised limit will come into effect from 1st January 2024.

### June

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.**

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.



### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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	<b>2300</b>	1533	2183	117
Paddy Grade A	<b>2320</b>	-	2203	117
Jowar (Hybrid)	<b>3371</b>	2247	3180	191
Jowar (Maldand)	<b>3421</b>	-	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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### **L&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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

## July

### Itanagar Woman Police Station Achieves ISO 9001:2015 Certification

- The Woman Police Station in Itanagar, under Capital Police, has achieved ISO 9001:2015 certification.
- This certification is globally recognized for establishing and maintaining a high-quality management system. It signifies the station's commitment to effectively handling crimes against women and children.

### Rajasthan CM launches Mukhya Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi

- Chief Minister of Rajasthan Bhajan Lal Sharma has launched the state government's Mukhya Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi at the Krishi Upaj Mandi in Tonk.
- The chief minister released Rs 650 crore as the first installment to around 65 lakh farmers of the state.
- The eligible farmers of the state will receive the benefits under the state scheme along with the Rs 6000 per year paid by the central government under the PM-KISAN scheme.

### Bhupender Yadav launches portal documenting Indian fauna

- According to the Union minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav, India has become the first country in the world to prepare a checklist of its entire fauna population. -covering 104,561 species. This makes India the global leader in biodiversity documentation and conservations.

### Andhra Pradesh launches NTR Bharosa Pension

- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has launched the NTR Bharosa pension scheme in the state.
- Under the NTR Bharosa pension scheme, the pension for old-aged people, widows, weavers, toddy tappers, fishermen, single women, traditional cobblers, transgenders and artists has been increased from Rs 3,000 to Rs 4,000 per month.
- Pension for the disabled and multi-deformity leprosy patients has been increased from Rs 3,000 to Rs 6,000 per month.

### Maharashtra CM extends Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana age limit to 65 Years

- Chief Minister of Maharashtra Eknath Shinde has raised the upper age limit to 65 years for the "Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin" scheme, under which women will get Rs 1,500 per month.
- The state government had set the upper age limit at 61 for benefits to be available to women under the scheme.

### Smart Cities Mission extended till March 2025

- The Centre has extended the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) under the Union Urban Development Ministry till March 31, 2025.
- Under the SCM, launched in June 2015, 100 cities were chosen through a competition to be developed as smart cities.
- The mission envisions developing areas within selected cities in the country as model areas based on an area development plan, which is expected to have a rub-off effect on other parts of the city and nearby cities and towns.

**Bajaj launches world's first CNG motorbike**

- Pune headquartered Bajaj Auto has launched the world's first CNG powered motorcycle.
- Priced between Rs 95,000 and Rs 1,10,000, the bike will be available across the country in a phased manner.
- Union minister of Road Transport Nitin Gadkari who unveiled the bike talked about the Centre's commitment to green and clean technology.

**NCPCR declares mica mines in Jharkhand 'child labour free'**

- The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) declared the mica mines of Jharkhand 'child labour-free' at an event in Koderma, Jharkhand.
- NCPCR chairperson Priyank Kanoongo announced that this is the first-ever successful endeavour to cleanse a supply chain of child labour in mica mining.

**Amit Shah inaugurates Amin PJKP Vidhyarthi Bhavan in Ahmedabad**

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah has inaugurated the Amin PJKP Vidhyarthi Bhavan in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Shah also inaugurated the modern multispecialty SLiMS Hospital in Ahmedabad.
- 1000 students will study in this Vidhyarthi Bhavan for higher education.

**UP govt launched 'Mitra Van' initiative on the UP-Nepal border**

- Uttar Pradesh Government has launched the 'Mitra Van' initiative under the Tree Plantation Jan Abhiyan-2024.
- The aim of the 'Mitra Van' initiative is to increase the green cover on the Uttar Pradesh-Nepal border.

**Tata Power launches 'Ghar Ghar Solar' initiative in Uttar Pradesh**

- Tata Power Solar Systems Limited has launched the 'Ghar Ghar Solar' initiative in Uttar Pradesh aimed at providing every home with clean energy through rooftop solar solutions.
- Starting from Varanasi, the ambitious initiative of 'Ghar Ghar Solar, Tata Power Ke Sang' promises substantial financial savings and environmental benefits for residents through state-of-the-art Rooftop Solar Solutions (RTS).

**Rajasthan to become first State to adopt a road safety action plan for 10 years**

- Rajasthan will shortly become the first State in the country to adopt an action plan for road safety for the next 10 years.
- The action plan, to be accompanied by a government policy, will be aimed at reducing road accidents in the State by 50% till 2030. Its first phase focuses on safety audits of 500km of state highways and major district roads.

**Punjab gets its first Plant Clinic & Soil Testing Laboratory in Moga**

- In Punjab, the first plant clinic and soil testing laboratory of the state has been established in Moga, with a grant from the NITI Aayog.
- The clinic will provide free soil testing and plant disease diagnosis services to farmers.

**Tata Power invests over Rs 4,200 cr in network expansion, upgrade in Odisha**

- Tata Power-led power distribution companies (Discoms) have invested Rs 4,245 crore in infrastructure expansion and network upgrade in Odisha over the past 3-4 years.
- The company operates four Discoms in joint ventures with the government of Odisha.
- These are TP Central Odisha Distribution (TPCODL), TP Western Odisha Distribution (TPWODL), TP Southern Odisha Distribution (TPSODL), and TP Northern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPNODL), collectively serving a customer base of over 9 million.

### **IIT Delhi and Prasara Bharati host Robot Competition 'DD-Robocon' India 2024 in Delhi**

- IIT Delhi and Prasara Bharati host the two-day Robot Competition 'DD-Robocon' India 2024 at Thyagaraj Stadium in Delhi.
- More than 750 students from over 45 colleges, institutions, and universities participated in the competition.

### **Eastern India's 1st University for students with disabilities to be opened in Ranchi**

- The Jharkhand government is working on a plan to open eastern India's first university for physically challenged students in the state.
- The proposed university will offer education according to the needs of students with disabilities.
- There will be arrangements for special courses and educational equipment for students with disabilities. They will be provided education according to their needs.

### **Jayant Chaudhary launches Skill India Digital Hub for Transparent Scheme Access**

- Jayant Chaudhary, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) at the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), launched the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) Portal.
- The portal's primary objective is to ensure beneficiaries have access to complete information about all schemes.

### **Dehradun opens state's first Bird Gallery near Jolly Grant Airport**

- The state's first bird gallery was recently opened in Dehradun near Jolly Grant airport by the research wing of the forest department.
- The gallery aims to enlighten visitors about the region's rich avian biodiversity and the critical role birds play in the delicate Himalayan ecosystem.

### **IRCTC upgraded as Schedule "A" CPSE**

- Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), a Mini-Ratna PSU under the Ministry of Railways, announced that the status of the company has been upgraded from Schedule B to Schedule A.
- The Ministry of Railways announced the upgrade of IRCTC from 'Schedule B' to 'Schedule A' category, Central Public Sector Enterprises.

### **BJP govt renames Biju Patnaik Sports Award to Odisha Rajya Krida Samman**

- The newly elected BJP government has renamed Biju Patnaik Sports Award as Odisha Rajya Krida Samman'.
- Odisha Sports and Youth Services Department issued guidelines for the Rajya Krida Samman' which will be awarded in eight categories annually, subject to availability of suitable candidates. The cash rewards remain unchanged.

### **"Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhayastam" launched by Telangana CM**

- Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has launched a unique programme to provide financial assistance to the Civil Services aspirants from Telangana, under which the candidates who qualify for the Mains exams will be provided with ₹1 lakh for preparation.
- Named "Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhayastam", the scheme will be helpful to about 400 candidates from Telangana region who qualify for the Mains every year.

### **MP tops in PM SVANidhi Scheme as Best Performing State**

- Madhya Pradesh has secured the first place under the 'Best Performing State' category in the Prime Minister SVANidhi scheme.



- The micro-credit scheme for urban street vendors, which provides collateral-free loans up to Rs 50,000, was launched by the Narendra Modi government in 2020 during the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Assam has been ranked second in the 'Best Performing States- Innovation and Best Practices Award' category.

#### **EESL to launch retail shops to distribute energy-efficient products**

- State-owned Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) will introduce retail franchisee shops called 'Urja Dakshta Dukan' which will offer affordable energy-efficient products like LED lights, ACs, and fans to consumers.
- EESL, at present, distributes products through retail tie-ups with power distribution utilities to consumers.

#### **GC Murmu inaugurates 'International Centre for Audit of Local Governance' in Rajkot**

- The Comptroller and Auditor General of India Girish Chandra Murmu inaugurated the International Centre for Audit of Local Governance (iCAL) at Rajkot in Gujarat.
- The centre will serve as a think tank for addressing governance issues at the grassroots level across the nations.

#### **Jyotiraditya M. Scindia releases 'The Future is Now' as the theme for India Mobile Congress 2024**

- The theme of the India Mobile Congress 2024, 'The Future is Now', was unveiled today by Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region.
- The theme signifies how India stands at the heart of the technological evolution and IMC 2024 bringing together global leaders - visionaries, pioneers, and innovators - to collaborate and actively shape the technologies transforming our world today, where the future isn't just a concept - it's happening.

#### **PM Modi announces One Million Dollar Grant to UNESCO World Heritage Centre**

- Prime Minister Modi announced that India will contribute one million dollars to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre.
- This grant will be used for capacity building, technical assistance and conservation of the world heritage sites. The grant will especially be used for the countries of the Global South.

#### **TIDCO gets site clearance from the centre to develop Parandur airport**

- The greenfield airport at Parandur near Chennai is closer to becoming a reality as the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation gets the site clearance from the Centre.
- The Steering Committee on Greenfield Airports has recommended for grant of Site Clearance to Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) for developing the Greenfield airport at Parandur, Kancheepuram District.

#### **Department Of School Education and Literacy to observe Shiksha Saptah**

- The Department of School Education and Literacy under the Ministry of Education (MoE) has begun its week-long observance of 'Shiksha Saptah' (Education Week), to mark the fourth anniversary of the National Education Policy 2020.
- The event is scheduled from July 22 to July 28 with the first day being observed as the Teaching-Learning Material (TLM) Day.



### Atal Innovation Mission and WIPO sign a Letter of Intent towards building joint innovation programs in global south

- A high-level delegation from World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) comprising of Mr. Sherif Saadallah, Executive Director, WIPO Academy and Ms. Altaye Tedla, Head WIPO Academy visited NITI Aayog for signing of a Joint Letter of Intent (JLoI) between Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and WIPO.
- The JLoI is aimed at building programs for Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Intellectual Property (IP) for countries in the Global South.

### With ₹2.65 lakh crore outlay, Railways to prioritise safety

- The Ministry of Railways has received a record allocation of over ₹2.55 lakh crore in financial year 2024-25, which is a jump of 5.85% from the previous year's ₹2.41 lakh crore, according to Union Budget documents.
- The total outlay provided for capital expenditure includes ₹2.52 lakh crore from general revenues, ₹200 crore from Nirbhaya Fund, ₹3,000 crore from internal resources and ₹10,000 crore from extra budgetary resources, bringing it up to ₹2.65 lakh crore.

### Prime Minister's package worth Rs 2 lakh crore central outlay announced; employment, skilling and other opportunities

- The finance minister announced the Prime Minister's package of 5 schemes and initiatives.
- The package aims to facilitate employment, skilling, and other opportunities for 4.1 crore youth over a 5-year period with a central outlay of Rs. 2 lakh crores.

#### Scheme 1:

- First Timers- This scheme, which is expected to benefit 2.1 crore youth over 2 years, will provide one-month wage to all persons newly entering the workforce in all formal sectors.
- The eligibility limit will be a salary of Rs. 1 lakh per month. Direct benefit transfer of one-month salary will be up to Rs. 15,000 in 3 installments to first-time employees, as EPFO.

#### Scheme 2:

- Job Creation in Manufacturing - Aiming at substantial hiring of first time employees in manufacturing, this scheme will incentivize additional employment in the sector, thereby is expected to benefit 30 lakh youth entering employment and their employers.
- The subsidy would have to be refunded by the employer if the employment to the first timer ends within 12 month.

#### Scheme 3:

- Support to Employers- This employer-focussed scheme will cover all additional employment within a salary of Rs. 1 lakh per month in all sectors.
- New employees under this Part need not be new entrants to EPFO.
- The government will reimburse employers up to Rs. 3,000 per month for 2 years towards their EPFO contribution for each additional employee.

#### Scheme 4:

- The 4th scheme mentioned in the Budget Speech under the Prime Minister's package is a new centrally sponsored scheme, for skilling in collaboration with State governments and Industry.

- The scheme, with a total outlay of Rs. 60,000 crore, aims at skilling 20 lakh youth over 5 years.

**Scheme 5:**

- Government will launch a comprehensive scheme for providing internship opportunities in 500 top companies to 1 crore youth in 5 years (participation of companies is voluntary).
- They will gain exposure for 12 months to real-life business environment, and employment opportunities.

**Assam's Charaideo Maidam nominated for UNESCO World Heritage Site**

- Charaideo Maidam, an ancient burial ground in Assam, is poised to become Northeast India's first cultural UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- This prestigious nomination was announced during the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee held in New Delhi.

**Rashtrapati Bhavan's Durbar Hall, Ashok Hall renamed**

- President Droupadi Murmu announced the renaming of two of the important halls of Rashtrapati Bhavan – namely, 'Durbar Hall' and 'Ashok Hall' – as 'Ganatantra Mandap' and 'Ashok Mandap' respectively.
- Earlier, Rashtrapati Bhavan's Mughal Garden was also renamed as 'Amrit Udyan.'

**EAM Jaishankar unveils commemorative postage stamp of Ram Lalla in Laos**

- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, during his three-day visit to Laos, unveiled a commemorative postage stamp showcasing the Ram Lalla idol from Ayodhya.
- The set of stamps is the first dedicated to Lord Ram.
- Two stamps were launched, one representing Lord Buddha from Luang Prabang, the ancient capital of Laos, while the other is an image of the Ram Lalla statue from Ayodhya.

**S Jaishankar unveils bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Tokyo**

- A bust of Mahatma Gandhi was unveiled in Tokyo's Edogawa ward by external affairs minister S Jaishankar.
- Edogawa ward includes the Nishi-Kasai district, which is home to some 3,000 Indians. The area is also known as "Little India".

**August****Indian Army launches E-SeHAT Tele-Consultancy for Veterans**

- The Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) has launched the Electronic Services e-Health Assistance and Tele-consultation (E-SeHAT) module.
- The E-SeHAT Tele-consultancy would enable ECHS beneficiaries in obtaining online Tele-consultation for medical treatment from their homes without visiting the ECHS Polyclinic.

**State Conclave on Yuga Yugeen Bharat Museum inaugurated in New Delhi**

- Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has inaugurated a three-day 'State Museum Conclave on the upcoming Yuga Yugeen Bharat Museum', organized by the Ministry of Culture at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- This three-day gathering aims to foster collaboration among State Museums and the Central Government in realizing the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's vision for the 'Yuga Yugeen Bharat Museum' that aims to exemplify global best practices.

#### 4th Rashtriya Hindi Vigyan Sammelan 2024 held in Bhopal

- The 4th edition of the Rashtriya Hindi Vigyan Sammelan 2024 was held in the Madhya Pradesh capital, Bhopal.
- The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr Mohan Yadav, inaugurated the 4th Rashtriya Hindi Vigyan Sammelan 2024.
- Theme 2024 - Upgradation of National Scientific Consciousness in Amrit Kaal

#### Tata Group unveils ₹27,000 crore semiconductor facility in Assam

- At the Tata Group's ₹27,000-crore greenfield semiconductor assembly and test facility in Assam, which is expected to be operationalised by next year, around 15 billion chips will be packaged annually for customers globally.
- The chips, which will be packaged at the Jagiroad facility in Assam, will power electric vehicles, healthcare devices, mobile phones, laptops, and other key products of leading global companies around the world.

#### Textile Ministry kick starts 'VIRAASAT' exhibition to celebrate 10th National Handloom Day

- The Textile Ministry is organising a fortnight-long exhibition called "VIRAASAT," to celebrate the 10th National Handloom Day, which commenced at Handloom Haat in Janpath.
- The National Handloom Development Corporation Ltd (NHDC), an arm of the Textiles Ministry is organising this handloom expo.

#### Government releases commemorative stamps for the 33rd Paris Olympics

- Minister of Communications, Jyotiraditya Scindia and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya have released a set of four commemorative postage stamps to celebrate the 33rd Olympics Games currently going on in Paris.
- These stamps represent sports such as Javelin Throw, Field Hockey, Sailing and Table Tennis.

#### Purandar Highlands exports India's first GI-tagged fig juice to Poland

- Purandar Highlands Farmers Producer Company Ltd has achieved a significant milestone by exporting India's first GI-tagged fig juice to Poland.
- This follows the successful export of India's first commercial consignment of GI-tagged Purandar figs to Hong Kong in February 2023.

#### Government declares Adichunchanagiri in Karnataka and Choolannur in Kerala as Peacock Sanctuary

- Union Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Mr. Bhupender Yadav, announced the creation of two new Peacock Sanctuaries in India: Adichunchanagiri in Karnataka and Choolannur in Kerala.
- This decision shows the government's ongoing effort to protect wildlife and the national bird, the peacock.

#### Telangana Govt, World Bank to prepare roadmap for an impactful outcome for people of State

- The Telangana State government and the World Bank have decided to develop a roadmap enabling partnership between the State government and the World Bank for making a positive, ambitious and highly impactful outcome relating to lives of around four crore people of the State.

- The focus of the partnership will be on initiatives for skill development, urban rejuvenation and re-imagination, net zero developments, healthcare, diagnostics and electronic records among others.

### Third edition of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign set for August 9-15

- The third edition of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, aimed at fostering patriotism and national pride by encouraging citizens to display the national flag at their homes, will run from August 9 to August 15.

### Odisha launches India's first 'Rice ATM'

- The Odisha government has introduced India's first round-the-clock grain ATM, also known as the 'rice ATM,' to revolutionise the Public Distribution System (PDS) for ration cardholders.
- The Annapurta Grain ATM, as it is officially known, is capable of dispensing up to 50 kg grain in just five minutes, with an error rate of only 0.01%.

### PMJDY reaches 53 crore beneficiaries and ₹2.28 lakh crore in deposits

- **The flagship financial inclusion scheme of the Centre, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)**, which will be completing a decade on August 15, has 52.99 crore total beneficiaries (account-holders) across the States with total balance in PMJDY accounts at **₹2,28,362 crore, as on 31 July 2024.**
- It has largely been women-centric with **29.48 crore** women beneficiaries while **35.27 crore** of total accounts are from rural and semi-urban branches, as per the latest data. Nearly **36 crore RuPay Debit cards** have been issued.

### Madhya Pradesh govt gives cash to girl students to buy sanitary napkins

- Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in the country to give money to girl students to buy sanitary napkins.
- In some states like Karnataka, Rajasthan and Delhi, free sanitary napkins are given to students but cash is being given only in Madhya Pradesh.

### Bihar government mandates Registration of Temples, Mutts, And Trusts

- The Bihar government mandated registration of temples, mutts and trusts, and directed all District Magistrates in the State to ensure that the bodies are registered and details of their immovable assets are submitted to the Bihar State Board of Religious Trusts (BSBRT) soon.
- The BSBRT operates under the State's Law Department and its records say there are about 2,512 unregistered temples and mutts across the State owning 4,321.64 acres of land.

### GoI declared August 23rd as National Space Day

- The Government of India has declared August 23rd as "National Space Day" to celebrate the remarkable success of the Chandrayaan-3 Mission, which accomplished safe and soft landing of the Vikram Lander and deployed the Pragyaan rover on the lunar surface near the South Pole.
- This historic achievement places India among an elite group of space faring nations, making India the fourth country to land on the Moon and the first to do so near the south pole of the Moon.

### Neelakurinji becomes a 'threatened species' officially

- Neelakurinji (*Strobilanthes kunthiana*), the purplish flowering shrub, that blooms once in 12 years, has been included on the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) official Red List of Threatened Species.
- The latest global assessment confirms its threatened status in the Vulnerable (Criteria A2c) category of the IUCN. The mass blooming of the flower is a huge tourist attraction.

#### **Chhattisgarh govt. to develop fourth tiger reserve in State**

- Chhattisgarh government decided to declare a new tiger reserve covering areas of Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla wildlife sanctuary in the state.
- This will be the fourth tiger reserve in the state.
- Currently, the state has three tiger reserves - Indravati (in Bijapur district), Udanti-Sitanadi (Gariaband) and Achanakmar (Mungeli).

#### **Three more Ramsar wetland sites now in India, taking total to 85**

- Three more Indian sites have been added to the list of wetlands of international importance under the Ramsar Convention, taking the total number of such highly-recognized waterlogged ecosystems in the country to 85.
- The Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary and the Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu, and the Tawa Reservoir in Madhya Pradesh are the three wetlands which have got the Ramsar site tag.

#### **Odisha to bring five Royal Bengal tigers from Maharashtra, MP by September**

- To bolster big cat population in Odisha, forest officials have begun the process of relocating five Royal Bengal Tigers from Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, with the transfer scheduled to be completed in September.
- According to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF)-Wildlife, Susanta Nanda, three of these tigers will be released into the Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary in Sambalpur, while the remaining two will be introduced into the Similipal Tiger Reserve in Mayurbhanj.

#### **Delhi Airport 1st In Country To Get 'Net Zero Carbon Emission' Status**

- Delhi's IGI Airport has become the first Indian airport to achieve the status of 'Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport' (Level 5 certification) under the Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) programme of Airport Council International (ACI).
- Initially the airport had set a target of achieving a net zero carbon emission by 2030. But through various measures including use of renewable energy, promotion of electric vehicles and development of infrastructure for a green airport, DIAL achieved its target ahead of schedule.

#### **India shines at the 17th International Earth Sciences Olympiad**

- The Indian student team has bagged multiple prestigious medals at the 17th edition of the International Earth Sciences Olympiad (IESO) held in Beijing, China.
- The four-member Indian team, comprising students from Gujarat, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, and Rajasthan, achieved remarkable success by winning three gold medals, three bronze medals, and two silver medals across three competition categories: Theory and Practical, Earth System Project, and International Team Field Investigation.

#### **Rajnath Singh inaugurates new maritime rescue coordination centre in Chennai**

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated a new Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) of the Coast Guard in Chennai.



- At the event, he also inaugurated two new Coast Guard units – the Regional Marine Pollution Response Centre (RMPRC) in Chennai and a Coast Guard Air Enclave in Puducherry – through video-conferencing.

#### **Ola becomes only EV maker to secure PLI certification for four electric scooters**

- Ola Electric's S1 X 3 kWh and S1 X 4 kWh scooters have received certification for compliance with the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for the automobile and auto components sector.
- This certification, awarded by the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), comes after Ola Electric successfully met the minimum localisation criteria of 50% as mandated by the Ministry of Heavy Industries.
- The company stands to receive incentives ranging from 13% to 18% of the determined sales value of compliant products for up to five consecutive financial years starting from Fiscal 2024.

#### **Eastern Railway develops 'Prabodh' chatbox for easier access to railway rules**

- The 161-year-old Kanchrapara Workshop of Eastern Railway (ER) in West Bengal -- one of the oldest such establishments in the country -- has come up with an Artificial Intelligence-based chatbox named 'Prabodh' to help ER employees remain abreast with the latest rules and regulations.
- Prabodh is being touted as a human resource management wizard that will help employees give their best while keeping them informed about their responsibilities and rights.

#### **PM Modi presents BHISHM Cubes to Ukraine during first visit to Kyiv**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has presented four BHISHM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita and Maitri) Cubes to the Ukrainian government during his visit to the war-torn country where he met President Volodymyr Zelenskyy under the shadow of the raging war with Russia.
- Each BHISHM Cube consists of medicines and equipment for the first line of care for all kinds of injuries and medical situations. It also includes surgical equipment for a basic operation room that can manage 10-15 basic surgeries per day.

#### **NCERT and Education Ministry launches e-magazine 'Sapno ki Udaan'**

- The Union Ministry of Education released the inaugural edition of the e-magazine 'Sapno ki Udaan'.
- The e-magazine was launched on the occasion of the first National Space Day, which was observed across the country on 23 August to commemorate the soft landing of the Vikram lander of the Chandrayaan -3 mission on the south pole of the Moon on 23 August 2023.
- The theme of the inaugural Sapno ki Udaan e-magazine was 'Space'.

#### **Samanatham Tank in Madurai to be converted into bird sanctuary**

- Following Madurai Nature Cultural Foundation recommendations, the Tamil Nadu Forest Department will convert the Samanatham Tank in the Madurai district will be converted into a bird sanctuary.
- There are 17 bird sanctuaries in Tamil Nadu, 15 wildlife sanctuaries, and four Tiger reserves.

#### **Centre to create 5 new districts in Ladakh**



- The Ministry of Home Affairs has decided to create five new districts in the union territory of Ladakh.
- The creation of new districts will take the benefits meant for the people to their doorsteps by bolstering governance in every nook and cranny.
- These districts are – Zaskar, Drass, Sham, Nubra and Changthang.
- Ladakh currently has only two districts – Leh and Kargil.

#### Amazon launches AI assistant chatbot 'Rufus' in India

- Ecommerce major Amazon India has launched its artificial intelligence (AI)-powered shopping assistant 'Rufus' in India.
- Rufus is currently available in beta mode in India, and available only to some customers.

#### PMJDY completes a decade of successful implementation

- The world's largest financial inclusion programme, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) completed 10 years on 28 August 2024.
- The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) was launched by the government of India on 28 August 2014 with the aim of bringing the unbanked population within the formal banking system.
- The scheme launched in 2014, has proven to be the foundation stone in bringing over 80 percent of Indian women under the ambit of financial inclusion.
- A significant boost in the bank account ownership of women in a decade, it has gone up from just 26 percent in 2011 to 78 percent in 2021.
- Out of the total 53.13 crore Jan Dhan accounts over 30 crore are women's accounts. Over 35 crore of the Jan Dhan account hail from rural or semi-urban areas.

#### Rajasthan & MP govts to develop 'Shri Krishna Gaman Path' connecting Mathura to Ujjain

- Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma announced a new religious circuit called 'Shri Krishna Gaman Path' which will connect Krishna's birthplace Mathura with Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh.
- This new circuit will be built connecting the places where Krishna left his footprints while travelling to Ujjain from his birthplace in Mathura.

#### Maharashtra becomes first state to adopt Unified Pension Scheme

- The Maharashtra Cabinet has approved the central government's Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), becoming the first state to do so.
- The cabinet also cleared the proposal to expand the uninterrupted power supply scheme to more farmers in the state. They would get supply during the day. It cleared the ₹7,000 crore Nar-Par-Girna River linking scheme that would primarily benefit north Maharashtra districts like Nashik and Jalgaon.

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- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has launched the "Retired Sportsperson Empowerment Training" (RESET) Programme on the occasion of National Sports Day in New Delhi.
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### Union Cabinet approves rolling out Private FM Radio to 234 uncovered new cities & towns

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Union Cabinet has approved a proposal for e-auctions to set up 730 channels in 234 new cities across the country with an estimated reserve price of ₹784.87 crore, as part of the initiative to expand the reach of private FM Radio channels.

### Cabinet approves 12 Industrial nodes/cities under NICD Programme

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved 12 new greenfield industrial smart cities under the National Industrial

Corridor Development Programme (NICDP) to transform the country's industrial landscape.

- The combined estimated investment in these industrial areas will be 28,602 crore rupees. These projects will create ten lakh direct and up to 30 lakh indirect jobs.

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### **Railtel, SJVN, NHPC bag 'Navratna' status from FinMin,**

- The Ministry of Finance upgraded four public-sector enterprises, **SJVN, Solar Energy Corporation, NHPC and RailTel Corporation of India, to the 'Navratna' status on August 30.**
- PSUs are given a status, from Maharatna companies, to Navratna companies and Miniratna companies. Navratna status is awarded to government-owned companies that were previously classified under 'miniratna' category I, recognizing their strong financial and market performance.

### **5th Global Fintech Fest held in Mumbai**

- The 5th Global Fintech Fest was held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The festival, which started in 2021, aims to establish itself as the premier global conference for the global fintech ecosystem, promote collaboration, and influence the future of the Fintech industry.
- PM Narendra Modi addressed the 5th Global Fintech Festival.

### **Indian Army launches Project NAMAN to Support Veterans & Families**

- The Indian Army launched the first phase of Project NAMAN, which is designed to provide dedicated support and services to Defence pensioners, veterans, and their families.
- In the first phase of Project NAMAN, 14 Common Services Centres have been established at key locations across India, including New Delhi, Jalandhar, Leh, Dehradun, Lucknow, Jodhpur, Bengdubi, Gorakhpur, Jhansi, Secunderabad, Saugor, Guntur, Ahmedabad, and Bangalore.

### **PM Modi lays foundation stone of Vadhvan Port in Palghar**

- PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Vadhvan Port in the Palghar district of Maharashtra.
- He also inaugurated various fisheries projects and distributed transponders and Kisan Credit Cards to fishermen.

### **. Seventh Rashtriya Poshan Maah launched with a focus on nutrition and well-being**

- The 7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah was inaugurated at the Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, with a strong emphasis on enhancing nutrition awareness and overall well-being across the nation.

- Annpurna Devi, the Union Minister for Women and Child Development, emphasized the need to enhance the health of children and adolescents while combating malnutrition through a lifecycle approach. She outlined the four key pillars of Poshan 2.0 – good governance, convergence, capacity building, and community participation – as essential to the program's success.

#### Vistara's last Flight on November 11

- Vistara Airlines will cease to operate under its brand name on November 11.
- The airline's operations will be fully integrated with Air India starting from November 12, marking the culmination of a merger process initiated nearly two years ago.
- Vistara is a joint venture between the Tata Group and Singapore Airlines. However, with Tata Group also owning Air India, the decision to unify the two airlines aims to streamline operations and offer passengers an enhanced travel experience.

#### Cabinet approves fifth semiconductor unit in Sanad

- The **Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi** approved the proposal of **Kaynes Semicon Pvt Ltd to setup a semiconductor unit in Sanand, Gujarat**, with the objective to develop a vibrant semiconductor ecosystem. The proposed unit will be **setup with an investment of Rs 3,300 crore**.
- The capacity of this unit will be 60 Lakh chips per day. The chips produced in this unit will cater to a wide variety of applications which include segments such as industrial, automotive, electric vehicles, consumer electronics, telecom, mobile phones, etc.

#### RIL becomes India's first company to surpass Rs 10 lakh crore in annual revenue

- **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** has become the **first Indian company to surpass Rs 10 lakh crore in annual revenue**. This significant milestone was announced by RIL chairman Mukesh Ambani during the company's Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- During the AGM, Ambani revealed that Reliance achieved a record consolidated turnover of Rs 10,00,122 crore (USD 119.9 billion), for the financial year 2023-24. For the same period, RIL reported an EBITDA of Rs 1,78,677 crore (USD 21.4 billion) and a net profit of Rs 79,020 crore (USD 9.5 billion).

#### Cabinet approves the Digital Agriculture Mission with an outlay of Rs. 2817 Crore

- The **Union Cabinet Committee chaired by PM Narendra Modi** approved the **Digital Agriculture Mission with an outlay of Rs. 2817 Crore**, including the central share of Rs. 1940 Crore.
- The Mission is conceived as an umbrella scheme to support digital agriculture initiatives, such as creating Digital Public Infrastructure, implementing the Digital General Crop Estimation Survey (DGCES), and taking up other IT initiatives by the Central Government, State Governments, and Academic and Research Institutions.

#### ISA to launch \$100 million solar facility, insurance mechanism to accelerate solar power projects

- The **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** will launch a **\$100 million fund**, Global Solar Facility, that will help catalysing up to **\$1.5 billion in funding to expand decentralised solar power capacities** across the **least developed countries in Africa**, where more than 700 million people have no access to electricity.
- Besides, the international organisation aiming to electrify the global south is also working on creating an insurance mechanism, which will also aid in accelerating funding in poor countries.

### Global Textiles Expo Bharat Tex 2025 to held from February 14th to 17th next year

- **The Global Textiles Expo—Bharat Tex 2025** will be held from **February 14th to 17th next year at Bharat Mandapam** in the national capital and at the India Expo Centre and **Mart in Greater Noida**.
- Over five thousand exhibitors and more than six thousand international buyers will participate in the Expo, which is a collaboration between the government and industry.

### Bengaluru's Siddhartha Aggarwal becomes oldest Indian to swim across English Channel solo

- **Siddhartha Agarwal**, a 49-year-old swimmer from **Bengaluru**, has made history by becoming the **oldest Indian to swim across the English Channel**.
- Agarwal successfully **navigated the 42-km stretch between England and France**, completing the grueling swim in an **impressive 15 hours and six minutes**.

### Giriraj Singh launches India's first fashion forecasting initiative 'VisioNxt'

- Union Minister of Textiles, **Giriraj Singh** has **launched the 'VisioNxt Fashion Forecasting Initiative'** of the **National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)**, a **bilingual web portal**, and the **India-specific Fashion Trend Book 'Paridhi 24x25'**.
- VisioNxt initiative will foster healthy global competition and elevate Indian culture and design to new heights on the global stage. The fashion industry will benefit from Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Emotional Intelligence (EI) based trend insights offered by VisioNxt.

### Shivraj Singh Chouhan launches AgriSure Fund for Agriculture Start ups

- The Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Minister for Rural Development, **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, **launched the AgriSURE fund** in New Delhi.
- The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her 2022-23 Union Budget speech, announced the creation of a dedicated fund to finance startups for agriculture and rural enterprises.

### PM Modi virtually launches Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari initiative

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** virtually **launched the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari initiative in Surat, Gujarat** in the presence of Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti CR Patil and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel.

### World's 1st breeding centre for Asian King Vultures inaugurated in UP

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** has **inaugurated the Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre in the Bharivaisi, Campienganj Range of the Gorakhpur Forest Division**. It is the world's first conservation and breeding centre for the Asian King Vulture or the red-headed vulture.
- The Uttar Pradesh Forest Department, in collaboration with the Bombay Natural History Society, has established the Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre in Maharajganj.

### Odisha's second AIIMS will come up in Sambalpur

- **Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi** has announced that the **state's second AIIMS will be built in Sambalpur**.
- The state got its first All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) in 2014 during the UPA regime.
- Meanwhile, **Majhi also launched 'CM-KISAN Yojana'** on the occasion of the **Nuakhai festival at Odisha's Sambalpur**.

### Amit Shah releases documentary on Mumbai Samachar's 200-year journey



- Union Home and Cooperation Minister **Amit Shah** released the **documentary film Mumbai Samachar- 200 Not Out**, which chronicles the remarkable 200-year journey of Asia's oldest newspaper.
- **Entering its 203rd year of publication**, Mumbai Samachar has become an integral part of Mumbai's identity.

#### **Rajasthan Cabinet approves 33% reservation for women in police force**

- **Rajasthan Cabinet** has **approved 33% reservation for women in the police force** by deciding to amend the State Police Subordinate Service Rules, 1989.
- The State Cabinet took the decision at its meeting held here, fulfilling a promise made by the BJP in its manifesto for the 2023 Assembly election to increase the representation of women.

#### **PM Modi inaugurates SEMICON India 2024 in Greater Noida**

- **The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi** has **inaugurated SEMICON India 2024 at India Expo Mart in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh**.
- The three-day conference showcase India's semiconductor strategy and policy which envisions making India a global hub for semiconductors.

#### **Govt to launch PAIR programme to boost research in higher education institutions**

- **The government** will launch the **Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR) programme** designed to **elevate research capabilities in higher education institutions (HEIs) by linking top-tier research institutions** with those where research capability is limited, creating a collaborative mentorship environment.
- The decision was taken during the inaugural Governing Board meeting of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), Prof Abhay Karandikar, Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology.

#### **Cabinet approves implementation of the PMGSY-IV during FY 2024-25 to 2028-29**

- **The Union Cabinet**, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi **approved the proposal of the Department of Rural Development for "Implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana - IV (PMGSY-IV) during FY 2024-25 to 2028-29"**.
- The details of the approval given by the Cabinet are as follows:
  - i. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana -IV is launched for the financial year 2024-25 to 2028-29. The total outlay of this scheme is Rs. 70,125 crore (Central Share of Rs. 49,087.50 crore and State Share of Rs. 21,037.50 crore).
  - ii. Under this scheme 25,000 unconnected habitations of population size 500+ in plains, 250+ in NE & Hill States/UTs, special category areas (Tribal Schedule V, Aspirational Districts/Blocks, Desert areas), and 100+ in LWE affected districts, as per Census 2011 will be covered.
  - iii. Under this scheme 62,500 Km of all-weather roads will be provided to unconnected habitations. Construction of required bridges along the alignment of the all-weather road will also be provided.

#### **Cabinet approves 'Mission Mausam' to create a more weather-ready and climate-smart Bharat**

- **The Union Cabinet**, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has **approved 'Mission Mausam' with an outlay of Rs.2,000 crore over two years**.
- Mission Mausam, to be chiefly implemented by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, is envisaged to be multi-faceted and transformative initiative to tremendously boost India's weather and climate-related science, research, and services.



### Cabinet approves ₹5 lakh health insurance for senior citizens above 70 years

- **The Union Cabinet**, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has **approved health coverage to all senior citizens aged 70 years and above irrespective of income under the flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY).**
- This aims to **benefit approximately 4.5 Crore families with six crore senior citizens, with 5 Lakh rupees free health insurance** cover on a family basis.

### Adani Airports launches 'aviio' to give passengers real-time access data

- **Adani Airports Holdings Ltd**, the Adani group firm that operates seven airports in the country, has **launched 'aviio' digital platform to provide passengers with real-time data on a variety of airport accesses** - from wait times to gate change and bags on belts.
- Aviiio aspires to bring the aviation community together to collaborate and serve passengers better.

### Port Blair to be renamed as 'Sri Vijaya Puram

- Union home minister Amit Shah has announced that **Andaman and Nicobar Island's capital Port Blair** has been **renamed as "Sri Vijaya Puram."**
- The government decided to free the nation from the colonial imprints. He said, Sri Vijaya Puram symbolises the victory achieved in the country's freedom struggle.

### Telangana government has decided to celebrate September 17 as Praja Palan Day

- **The Telangana State government** has decided to celebrate **September 17th**, the day on which Hyderabad State was integrated into the Indian Union in 1948, as the **Telangana Praja Palana Day**, the Day of People's Governance.
- On that day in 1948, the then-Hyderabad state merged with the Indian Union.

### PM releases 1st installment of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Gramin to beneficiaries

- **Prime Minister Modi released the first installment of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Gramin in Jharkhand** to beneficiaries.
- **Rupees 32 crore was digitally transferred** to the bank account of the beneficiaries. Besides sanction letters of 32,000 houses were distributed.

### Group of Ministers to review tax rates on health, life insurance

- The **GST Council constituted a 13-member Group of Ministers (GoM)** to suggest **GST rates on premiums of various health and life insurance products.** It will submit its report by October 30.
- Bihar Deputy Chief Minister **Samrat Choudhary is the convenor of the GoM.** Members of the panel include members from Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Meghalaya, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.

### Piyush Goyal launched Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry

- Commerce and Industry Minister **Piyush Goyal** has launched the **Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry (BHASKAR)** initiative which will **serve as a central hub where startups, investors, service providers, and government bodies** can come together to collaborate, exchange ideas, and accelerate growth.
- It will also enhance collaboration among key stakeholders within the entrepreneurial ecosystem, including startups, investors, mentors, service providers, and government bodies.

### IFFI 2024 to introduce new segment, 'Best Debut Indian Film Section'

- **Information and Broadcasting Ministry** has instituted a **new section** as part of the **International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024** for young filmmakers called the **'Best Debut Indian Film Section 2024.'**
- The 55th IFFI is slated to be held in Goa from November 20th to 28th.

#### **India launches Operation Sadbhav to provide humanitarian assistance to Typhoon Yagi affected countries**

- **India** has launched **Operation Sadbhav to provide humanitarian assistance to typhoon Yagi-affected countries** – Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam.
- India sent urgent relief materials to Myanmar, Laos, and Vietnam to assist them in dealing with the impact of the major typhoon. These countries are reeling under massive floods after Asia's most powerful storm this year hit the three countries.

#### **Zanskar celebrates 9th Ladakh Zanskar Festival 2024**

- **The 9th Ladakh Zanskar Festival 2024** began with remarkable grandeur in the picturesque village of Sani, signifying a landmark event for the region.
- The festival was **inaugurated by the Lieutenant Governor Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra.**
- This year's Zanskar Festival is especially significant as it marks the first celebration since Zanskar was officially declared a district.

#### **President Murmu inaugurates 8th India Water Week**

- **President Droupadi Murmu** has **inaugurated 8th India Water Week 2024.**
- The 8th India Water Week 2024 will start from 17 Sep to 20 Sep in New Delhi.
- Theme 2024 - **Partnership and cooperation for inclusive water development and management.**

#### **PM Modi launches India's first 'Namo Bharat Rapid Rail' connecting Ahmedabad and Bhuj**

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has **flagged off country's first Vande Metro, now renamed as Namo Bharat Rapid Rail service, between Bhuj and Ahmedabad.**
- The Ahmedabad-Bhuj Vande Metro service will stop at nine stations and cover the 360-kilometre distance in 5 hours and 45 minutes at a top speed of 110 kilometres per hour.

#### **PM Modi inaugurates and lays the foundation stone for multiple development projects in Ahmedabad**

- The Prime Minister, **Narendra Modi** has **inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for multiple development projects of railways, road, power, housing, and finance sectors worth more than Rs 8,000 crore in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.**
- Modi inaugurated India's first Namo Bharat Rapid Rail between Ahmedabad and Bhuj earlier. He also flagged off several Vande Bharat trains on routes - Nagpur to Secunderabad, Kolhapur to Pune, Agra Cantt to Banaras, Durg to Visakhapatnam, Pune to Hubballi, and the first 20-coach Vande Bharat train from Varanasi to Delhi.

#### **Cabinet approves Nutrient Based Subsidy rates for Rabi Season 2024 on Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers**

- **The Union Cabinet** chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the **proposal of the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers for fixing the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for RABI Season, 2024** (from 01.10.2024 to 31.03.2025) on Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers.
- The tentative budgetary requirement for Rabi season 2024 would be approximately Rs.24,475.53 crore.

#### **Union Cabinet approves Chandrayaan -4 Mission to collect lunar sample**

- **The Union cabinet** chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the mission to moon, named **Chandrayaan-4 to develop and demonstrate the technologies to come back to Earth after successfully landing on the Moon and also collect moon samples and analyse them on Earth.**
- This Chandrayaan-4 mission will achieve the foundational technologies capabilities eventually for an Indian landing on the moon (planned by year 2040) and return safely back to Earth.
- The Chandrayaan -4 mission will collect lunar samples from the moon's surface and bring them back to Earth. Only three countries—the United States of America, Russia, and China—have successfully brought lunar soil back to Earth.
- ISRO has been **allocated a budget of Rs 2104.06 crore for the Chandrayaan -4 mission to be completed in 36 months.**

#### New Delhi hosts the 3rd World Food India 2024

- **The 3rd edition of World Food India 2024** is being **held in New Delhi.** The event is **organised by the government of India** to promote domestic and foreign investment in the country's food processing sector and to highlight the country's rich food culture to the world.
- Along with the 3rd World Food India 2024 the 2nd edition of the Global Food Regulators Summit hosted is also being held.

#### President Murmu attends Safai Mitra Sammelan in Ujjain

- **President Droupadi Murmu** attended the **Safai Mitra Sammelan in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.**
- The Safai Mitra Sammelan was organised as part of the fortnightly Swachhata Hi Seva—2024 campaign launched by the government of India.
- The theme of this year's Swachhata Hi Seva - 2024 campaign is **'Swabhav Swachhata – Sanskaar Swachhata'.**

#### PM Modi address 1st anniversary of the National PM Vishwakarma Scheme

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** attended the National PM Vishwakarma Program held in Wardha, Maharashtra to celebrate **the first anniversary of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme.**
- PM Modi launched the Central Sector Scheme "PM Vishwakarma" on 17 September 2023 in New Delhi.

#### India extends USD 50 million budgetary support to Maldives for another year

- **India** has **extended budgetary support to the Maldives government** in the form of a rollover of **the USD 50 million Treasury Bill for another year** on the Maldivian government's request.
- At the request of the Maldivian government, the State Bank of India (SBI) has subscribed the USD 50 million government Treasury Bills (T-bills) issued by the Ministry of Finance of the Maldives for a period of one more year upon the maturity of the previous subscription.

#### Bhupendra Yadav launches Clean the Beach Campaign 2024 in Mumbai

- The Union Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **Bhupendra Yadav,** led the country in this year's **Clean the Beach Campaign on the occasion of the International Coastal Clean-up Day on 21 September 2024.** The minister participated in an event to clean the beach at Juhu in Mumbai.

- The campaign is part of the government of India's "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" and "Swachh Sagar Abhiyan," which call for a mass cleanliness and sanitation campaign in the country with public participation.

#### Jaipur to host 25th edition of IIFA Awards

- **The 25th International Indian Film Academy Awards** will be held in **Jaipur from March 7 to March 9, 2025.**
- The announcement comes in the run-up of the 2024 edition of the awards, set to begin in Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, for the third consecutive year from September 27.

#### IBM and NTT Data launches SimpliZCloud to Revamp India's Financial Services Sector

- **NTT DATA and IBM** have launched **SimpliZCloud, a fully managed cloud service built on IBM LinuxONE.**
- The service is designed to support the infrastructure needs of critical workloads like those in financial services organizations including core banking applications, lending and risk management applications.

#### FCRA licence of International Cooperative Alliance cancelled

- **Union Home Ministry** has **cancelled the FCRA (Foreign Contribution Registration Act) licence of the International Cooperatives Alliance (ICA)** for its alleged violation of rules.
- ICA is the apex body representing cooperatives worldwide and provides knowledge, expertise and coordinated action in the field.

#### India to get first national security semiconductor fabrication plant

- Under a transformative **collaboration with the US**, **India** will get a **national security semiconductor fabrication plant** that will produce chips for use in military hardware and next-generation telecommunications.
- The India-US joint project was announced following talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden in Wilmington.

#### Tata Steel commissions India's largest blast furnace at Kalinganagar

- **Tata Steel Ltd** had commissioned **'India's largest blast furnace'** at **Kalinganagar, Odisha** as part of the Phase II expansion its plant.
- With a total investment of Rs 27,000 crore, the Phase II expansion at Kalinganagar will take the total capacity at the site from 3 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) to 8 MTPA.
- The new facility was inaugurated by T. V. Narendran, CEO and Managing Director, of Tata Steel.

#### Pune airport to be renamed 'Tukaram Maharaj Airport'

- **The Maharashtra government** has officially approved **the renaming of Pune airport to 'Tukaram Maharaj Airport' in honour of the revered 17th-century saint.**
- This move aims to pay tribute to Sant Tukaram Maharaj, a prominent spiritual figure in Maharashtra's history, known for his devotional poetry and influence on the Bhakti movement.

#### FRA implementation: Mankidia community becomes 6th PVTG to get habitat rights over forests in Odisha

- The **Mankidia community in Odisha** has been **granted habitat rights, making them the sixth Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG)** to receive this recognition under the Forest Rights Act, 2006.

- This important legal recognition allows the Mankidia to access and manage their traditional forest areas, which were previously limited due to their PVTG status.

### CAG of India assumes chairmanship of Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions for 2024-27

- The **Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India** assumed **chairmanship of the Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) for 2024-2027**.
- CAG of India Girish Chandra Murmu said the 16th Assembly of ASOSAI has expanded to include 48 Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs).

### West Bengal govt to discontinue tram service in Kolkata barring one short stretch

- **The West Bengal government** has decided to **discontinue the 150-year-old tram service in Kolkata soon**, barring a **solitary heritage stretch from Maidan to Esplanade**.
- Tram lovers, however, have decided to hit the streets in protest against the decision. Kolkata is the only city in the country where trams continue to operate.

### Central Government Hikes Minimum Wage Rates, Effective From 1st October

- The **central government** has announced **an increase in minimum wage rates by revising the Variable Dearness Allowance**.
- The new wage rates will take **effect from 1st October**. The minimum wage rates are categorized based on skill levels-unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled, and highly skilled, as well as by geographical areas A, B, and C.

### India and Republic of Uzbekistan sign Bilateral Investment Treaty in Tashkent

- The **Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Republic of Uzbekistan** was signed by Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman and H.E. Mr. Khodjayev Jamshid Abdukhakimovich, Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan, at Tashkent.

### Nitin Gadkari to inaugurate Oxygen Bird Park (Amrit Mahotsav Park)

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated Oxygen Bird Park (Amrit Mahotsav Park) along the Nagpur-Hyderabad National Highway-44.
- Oxygen Bird Park (Amrit Mahotsav Park) is an eco-initiative developed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) near Jamtha, along the Nagpur-Hyderabad National Highway-44.
- The project, which integrates environmental sustainability and recreational facilities, was formally approved in March 2023 with a development cost of ₹14.31 crores.

### Tourism Ministry Launches 'Paryatan Mitra' and 'Paryatan Didi' on World Tourism Day

- On the occasion of World Tourism Day, the **Ministry of Tourism** has launched a national responsible **tourism initiative titled Paryatan Mitra and Paryatan Didi**.
- The primary aim of this initiative is to elevate the overall experience for tourists in destinations, by having them meet 'tourist-friendly' people who are proud Ambassadors and Storytellers for their destination.

## Chapter 14: Current Affairs (International)

### April

### 57 companies account for 80% of greenhouse gas emissions since 2016



- According to a report released by **thinktank 'InfluenceMap'**. Just **57 companies** are **responsible for 80% of the world's carbon emissions from fossil fuels and cement since 2016**.
- These 57 companies are involved in the production of oil, gas, coal and cement in the world.

#### Iran launches operation 'True Promise' against Israel

- **Iran has launched hundreds of drones and missiles against Israel.**
- Iran's Revolutionary Guards have stated that **Operation 'True Promise'** is a response to Israeli actions and is part of their strategy to punish Israel for its perceived crimes.
- The attack was in response to the April 1 Israeli strike on the Iranian consulate in Damascus that killed seven IRGC members, including two generals in charge of leading operations in Syria and Lebanon, along with six other people.

#### 8 Indians named in Time's 100 Most Influential List 2024

- **Eight individuals of Indian descent**, including **Alia Bhatt, Ajay Banga, and Sakshi Malik**, have been honoured in **Time magazine's prestigious list of the 100 most influential people of 2024**.
- The list features a diverse array of leaders from various sectors, including finance, entertainment, technology, activism, and academia.
- The list includes politicians, business leaders, artists, icons, movie stars, athletes, and scientists who have made significant impact in their fields. The overall list contains four categories: Leaders, heroes, artists, and thinkers.
  1. Ajay Banga- President of the World Bank
  2. Alia Bhatt- Actor
  3. Sakshi Malik- Wrestler
  4. Dev Patel- Actor
  5. Priyamvada Natarajan- Professor in Astrophysics
  6. Asma Khan-Indian-born British restaurateur and cookbook author
  7. Jigar Shah-Director of the US Department of Energy's Loan Programs Office
  8. Satya Nadella- Executive chairman and CEO of Microsoft

#### A new species Clouded Tiger Cat found in Brazil's Rainforest

- **A new tiger species** has been **recently discovered in the dense rainforests of Brazil**.
- Named the **clouded tiger cat (Leopardus pardinoides)**, this cat may be small but it is significant for biodiversity and conservation.
- A small wildcat called the clouded tiger cat is about the same size as a housecat. It has a spotted coat that helps it blend in with its surroundings.

#### First ever Hindi radio broadcast started in Kuwait

- The **first-ever Hindi radio broadcast** has **started in Kuwait**.
- The Indian Embassy in Kuwait lauded Kuwait's Ministry of Information for starting a Hindi programme on Kuwait Radio on FM 93.3 and AM 96.3 every Sunday.
- This step taken will further strengthen the ties between the two nations.

#### May

#### World's deepest blue hole discovered in Mexico

- **Researchers have discovered the world's deepest blue hole located in Mexico's Chetumal Bay, named Taam Ja' Blue Hole (TJBH).**



- Initially thought to be the second deepest, recent measurements have now recorded it at depths exceeding 420 meters below sea level (mbsl), surpassing all known blue holes to date.

#### *India and Oman to jointly undertake research on sharks and rays in Arabian Sea*

- A joint initiative between **India and Oman to boost research and conservation of sharks and rays in the Arabian Sea** will be launched at an upcoming workshop at ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI).
- Experts from both countries will take part in the workshop which is expected to take place shortly, here, which will take up the collaborative research works and capacity building in elasmobranch research.

#### *India contributes \$5,00,000 to U.N. Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund*

- India has contributed \$500,000 to the U.N. Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund**, underscoring its unwavering commitment to support multilateral efforts in the global fight against the scourge of terrorism.
- India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj handed over to Under Secretary General, UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) Vladimir Voronkov the country's voluntary financial contribution of half a million dollars towards the U.N. Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund (CTTF).

#### *Nepal climber Kami Rita Sherpa climbs Mt Everest for 29th time*

- Nepali Sherpa climber Kami Rita** has scaled **Everest for the 29th time**, surpassing his own record of 28 ascents.
- He now holds the record for the most ascents of the world's tallest peak in its 71-year climbing history.

#### **China surpasses US, becomes India's top trading partner with \$118.4 billion business: GTRI**

- China has emerged as India's largest trading partner in the FY 2023-24** with \$118.4 billion two-way commerce, narrowly edging past the US, according to the data of economic think tank GTRI (Global Trade Research Initiative).
- The **bilateral trade between India and the US stood at \$118.3 billion in 2023-24**.
- According to the report, India's exports to China rose by 8.7 per cent to \$16.67 billion in the last fiscal. The main sectors which recorded healthy growth in exports to that country include iron ore, cotton yarn/fabrics/madeups, handloom, spices, fruits and vegetables, plastic and linoleum.

#### **UAE launched 10-year Blue Residency Visa for Environmental Champions**

- The United Arab Emirates** has launched a **10-year Blue Residency visa** for individuals who have made '**exceptional efforts and contributions to protecting the environment**, whether marine or land'.
- The 10-year Blue Residency Visa aims to attract and retain global leaders in environmental research, activism, and technological solutions.

#### **Venezuela becomes first country to lose all Glaciers**

- Venezuela** is the **first country to lose all of its glaciers**, which is a huge change in the environment.
- New research shows that the Humboldt glacier in the Andes, which used to be very big, has shrunk to less than 2 hectares, which means it is no longer a glacier but an ice field.

#### **World's first 6G device launched in Japan**

- A Japanese consortium recently introduced the prototype of the world's first high-speed 6G device, which is claimed to transfer data at lighting speed.
- As per reports, the purported device can transmit data at a whopping 100 gigabits per second (Gbps) and can cover more than 300 feet. **The device is 20x faster than the ongoing 5G technology.**

#### Spain becomes 99th member of International Solar Alliance

- Spain has become the 99th member of the International Solar Alliance.
- Spain handed over the International Solar Alliance Instrument of Ratification, during the meeting of Ambassador José María Ridaio Domínguez of Spain with the Head of Depository, Joint Secretary in the External Affairs Ministry Abhishek Singh in New Delhi.

#### University of Tokyo inaugurates world's highest observatory in Chile

- The University of Tokyo has inaugurated the Atacama Observatory (TAO) in Chile's Antofagasta Region.
- It has been built on the summit of Cerro Chajnantor in the Antofagasta Region, at 5,640 meters above sea level.

#### Norway, Spain, and Ireland to recognize Palestinian state

- The governments of Norway, Spain, and Ireland have announced that they would recognize the Palestinian state.
- In a swift reaction, the Israeli government condemned the move, while the Palestinians welcomed it.

#### WHO launches first-ever investment round for sustainable funding

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched its first investment round to sustainably finance its Health for All mandate.
- The move comes as the organization seeks to transform the way it is funded by 2028.

#### WHO Organizes 'Walk The Talk' Yoga Session Event

- For the upcoming occasion of International Yoga Day, Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in Geneva and World Health Organization (WHO) yesterday organised a 'Walk the Talk' Yoga session event at Place des Nations.
- Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra joined by Director General of WHO Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and other senior officers of India delegation joined the event and re-energised themselves with yoga asanas.

#### Purnima Shrestha conquers Mount Everest thrice in a single season

- A 32-year-old mountaineer from Gorkha, Nepal, Purnima Shrestha has made history as the first woman in the world to climb Mount Everest three times in the same season, all in just 13 days.
- Her exceptional triple ascent beats the previous record of any woman summiteer to climb Everest thrice in a single season.

### June

#### 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.

#### 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.

## July

### India becomes world's 3rd largest Domestic Aviation Market

- India has become the world's third-largest domestic aviation market after the U.S. and China.

- According to data compiled by aviation analytics firm Official Airline Guide (OAG), India is now third in the aviation market after airlines such as IndiGo and Air India have expanded their fleet size to cater to the surge in air passengers.
- India's domestic airline capacity doubled in the last 10 years from 7.9 million seats in April 2014 to 15.5 million in April 2024.

#### Japan introduces new 3D Holographic Banknotes

- Japan will start issuing new banknotes on the 3rd of July. It is the world's first use of cutting-edge holography that makes the portraits of historic figures appear to rotate in 3D.
- This new technology will allow visually impaired people to feel and discern which banknote they are holding.

#### Colombo Security Conclave welcomes Bangladesh as Fifth Member

- A regional security grouping, Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) welcomed Bangladesh as its fifth member at the 8th Deputy National Security Adviser (DNSA) level meeting hosted virtually by Mauritius.
- The CSC includes India, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, and the Maldives, with Seychelles participating as an Observer State.

#### WHO launched MeDevIS Platform for Medical Device Information

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched MeDevIS, an online platform that provides users with access to information on medical devices.
- The platform is designed to support decision-making on the selection, procurement, and use of medical devices for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases and health conditions.

#### S. Jaishankar inaugurates India's First Overseas Jan Aushadi Kendra in Mauritius

- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has inaugurated India's first overseas Jan Aushadi Kendra in Mauritius. He was joined by Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Kumar Jugnauth during the inauguration.
- The India-Mauritius health partnership project will supply cost-effective, made-in-India medicines to augment public healthcare and enhance well-being.

#### China makes world's first high-speed carbon fiber train

- China has shown off a revolutionary passenger train made of only carbon fiber. This is a big step forward in high-speed rail technology.
- According to Interesting Engineering, the country has unveiled the first carbon fiber-only passenger train in history. The world looks to China's vast high-speed rail network, which currently covers around 28,000 miles.

### August

#### India elected as Vice-Chair of the Supply Chain Council of IPEF

- India has been elected as the Vice-Chair of one of the three supply chain bodies set up under the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Agreement relating to Supply Chain Resilience.
- India and 13 other IPEF partners have established three bodies under the IPEF's agreement on supply chain resilience. The pact came into force in February 2024.

#### Sri Lanka announces visa-free access to Indians, nationals from 34 other countries from Oct 31



- The Sri Lankan government has announced visa-free access to citizens from 35 countries, including India, the U.K. and the U.S. to the island nation for six months.
- Countries on the list include India, the U.K., China, the U.S., Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Australia, Denmark, Poland, Kazakhstan, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Nepal, Indonesia, Russia, and Thailand.
- Other countries include Malaysia, Japan, France, Canada, the Czech Republic, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Israel, Belarus, Iran, Sweden, South Korea, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain and New Zealand.
- Visitors from India, China, Russia, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia received tourist visas free of charge to Sri Lanka.

#### North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un Unveils New 'Suicide Drones'

- North Korean leader Kim Jong Un recently unveiled a new type of "suicide drone".
- These drones, designed to carry explosives and crash into enemy targets like guided missiles.
- The test was successful, with all drones accurately identifying and destroying their designated targets after flying along preset routes.

#### Pakistani Christian becomes first in Goa to get citizenship under CAA

- Joseph Francis A. Pereira, a Christian from Pakistan, has become the first person in Goa to receive Indian citizenship under the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).
- Chief Minister Pramod Sawant presented Pereira with his citizenship certificate during a ceremony in Panaji, the state capital.
- The Citizenship Amendment Act allows Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Christians, Parsis, and Buddhists from neighboring countries—Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Afghanistan—who entered India before December 31, 2014, to apply for citizenship after verification.

#### Siemens Healthineers gets India nod for Mpox test kit

- German healthcare firm Siemens Healthineers AG received the Indian drug regulator's approval to manufacture mpox detection kits in the country, a significant step to help screen and prevent the spread of the viral infection.
- The kits will be manufactured by the company's molecular diagnostics manufacturing unit in Vadodara, which has a production capacity of one million tests per annum.

### September

#### Ashwini Vaishnaw, Anil Kapoor among Times 100 most influential people in AI

- Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, **Ashwini Vaishnaw** and actor **Anil Kapoor** are among Indians who have been **honoured in Time magazine's prestigious list of the 100 "Most Influential People in AI 2024"**.
- The list highlights the most impactful figures in the field of artificial intelligence (AI).
- The list features a diverse group of global figures, from tech titans to researchers, policymakers, and artists. Some of the most prominent names include:  
Sundar Pichai: CEO of Google and Alphabet  
Satya Nadella: CEO of Microsoft  
Sam Altman: CEO of OpenAI  
Jensen Huang: CEO of Nvidia



Rohit Prasad: SVP and head scientist of Artificial General Intelligence at Amazon.

### India emerges as second-largest global 5G smartphone market, overtakes US

- According to a new report from Counterpoint Research, **India has emerged as the world's second-largest market for 5G smartphones**, trailing only behind China. 5G smartphones are becoming increasingly prominent across various price ranges in India.
- India became the second-biggest 5G handset market during the first half, overtaking the US.

### Algeria joins BRICS New Development Banks

- **Algeria** has been approved as the **newest member of the BRICS New Development Bank**, joining other nations in seeking alternatives to international financial institutions like the World Bank and IMF.
- The decision was taken and announced by NDB chief Dilma Rousseff at a meeting in Cape Town, South Africa. The bank of the BRICS group of nations -- whose name derives from the initials of founding members Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- Membership in the BRICS bank will offer Algeria -- Africa's leading exporter of natural gas -- "new prospects to support and strengthen its economic growth in the medium and long term."

### Nepal Becomes 101st Member of International Solar Alliance

- **Nepal has become the 101st country to join the International Solar Alliance-ISA as a full member.**
- The Ministry of External Affairs said that Nepal handed over its Instrument of Ratification to the ISA in New Delhi.
- The Instrument of Ratification was exchanged during a meeting between Nepal's Charge d' Affairs Dr. Surendra Thapa and Joint Secretary.

### Mexico became the first country in the world to allow voters to elect judges at all levels

- **Mexico became the world's first country to allow voters to elect judges at all levels** after protesters invaded the upper house and suspended debate on the issue.
- The reform was approved with 86 votes in favor and 41 against, garnering the two-thirds majority needed to amend the constitution, in an upper chamber dominated by the ruling Morena party and its allies.
- A two-thirds majority was required to amend the constitution, and the reform achieved this threshold.

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

- **Iran successfully launched its Chamran-1 research satellite into orbit, utilising the Qaem-100 rocket developed by the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard.**
- The launch marks a milestone in Iran's aerospace program, which has faced scrutiny and criticism from Western nations due to concerns that the technology could be repurposed for ballistic missile development.

- The Chamran-1 satellite, weighing 60 kilograms, was placed into a 550-kilometer orbit and it is designed to test "hardware and software systems for orbital maneuver technology".

#### Jordan became the first country to eliminate Leprosy

- In a historic achievement, Jordan has become the **first country to eliminate leprosy**, receiving **official verification from the World Health Organisation (WHO)**.
- This milestone reflects the country's commitment to eradicating a disease that has plagued humanity for centuries and signifies a major breakthrough in global public health efforts.

#### Russian cosmonauts Oleg Kononenko, Nikolai Chub set new record for longest single mission aboard ISS

- Russian cosmonauts Oleg Kononenko and Nikolai Chub have set a new record for the **longest single mission aboard the International Space Station (ISS)**.
- Kononenko and Chub broke the previous record for the longest continuous stay in space, which was set by cosmonauts Sergei Prokopyev, Dmitry Petelin, and NASA astronaut Francisco Rubio.

## Chapter 15: Defence News

### Launch Missile with range by DRDO IN NEWS

- "Prithvi II"-350 Km
- "Brahmos"-400Km
- "Shaurya"-1000Km
- "Pranash"-200Km
- "K-4 nuclear"-3500Km
- "Nirbhay": 1500Km
- 'Akash-NG': 60 KM
- Agni-5: 5000 KM
- Pinaka ER: 70 Km
- Stand-off Anti-tank (SANT) Missile: 10 KM
- Agni P Ballistic Missile: 1000 to 2000KM
- Pralay: 150-500 km
- Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM): minimum range is 200-300 metres. Maximum range, is **4000 metres**
- Agni-4 ballistic: 4000km

### April

#### HAL delivers two Dornier 228 planes to Guyana

- The **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** has delivered **two Dornier 228 planes to the Guyana Defence Force**.
- The planes arrived at Cheddi Jagan International Airport last evening aboard two Boeing C-17 Globemaster military transport planes.
- The Dornier 228 aircraft is well-known for its versatility and reliability, making it an ideal choice for a wide range of military and civilian applications.

### Defence exports touch record Rs 21,083 crore in FY 2023-24

- Defence exports have touched a record Rs 21,083 crore (approx. US\$ 2.63 Billion) in the Financial Year (FY) 2023-24, a growth of 32.5% over the last fiscal when the figure was Rs 15,920 crore.
- The recent figures indicate that the defence exports have grown by 31 times in the last 10 years as compared to FY 2013-14.

### Army inducted 'Akashteer' Systems to enhance air defence posture

- **The Army** has started the **induction of control and reporting systems under 'Project Akashdeep'** to bolster its air defence capabilities.
- The deployment of the systems began with flagging off of the first batch of Control Centres from BEL Ghaziabad.

### Indian Coast Guard inaugurates Aquatic Centre in Tamil Nadu

- **Indian Coast Guard's DG Rakesh Pal** has inaugurated the **Indian Coast Guard Aquatic Centre at ICGS Mandapam, Tamil Nadu.**
- This is as part of his four-day visit to the maritime force's bases in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Puducherry.

### Indian Army gets portable Igla-S Air defence system

- **The Indian Army** has received the **first batch of 24 Russia-made Igla-S Man Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS)** and 100 missiles as part of a larger deal that includes domestic production in India.
- This procurement aims to enhance the Army's Very Short-Range Air Defence (VSHORAD) capabilities, particularly in high mountainous terrain along the northern border.

### DRDO & Indian Army conduct successful trials of MPATGM weapon system

- **The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)** carried out successful trials of the **Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) Weapon System at Pokhran Field Firing Range, Rajasthan**
- The Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) Weapon System was indigenously designed and developed by DRDO.
- It consists of MPATGM, the Man Portable Launcher, the Target Acquisition System (TAS), and the Fire Control Unit (FCU).

### DRDO conducts successful flight test of Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile from Chandipur off Odisha coast

- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** conducted a **successful flight test of Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile.**
- The missile was test-fired from the **Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.**
- The missile has been developed by the Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), a laboratory based in Bengaluru, along with other Indian industries and laboratories. It is equipped with advanced avionics and software to ensure reliable and improved performance.

### India delivers 1st batch of BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles to Philippines

- **India** has **delivered the first batch of BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles to the Philippines**, in reflection of the growing military ties between the two countries amid China's military muscle-flexing in the South China Sea.

- The supplies came over two years India signed a \$375 million deal with the Southeast Asian nation to supply the weapon systems.

#### Indian Navy Conducted Exercise Poorvi Lehar On East Coast

- **The Indian Navy** carried out an extensive exercise along the **East Coast as part of efforts to check its preparedness to meet any maritime security challenges.**
- The exercise 'Poorvi Lehar' witnessed participation of ships, submarines, aircraft and special naval forces.

### May

#### DRDO successfully test SMART missile system for Indian Navy

- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has successfully tested the **next-generation Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system** from **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.**
- SMART is a next-generation missile-based light-weight torpedo delivery system designed and developed by DRDO to enhance the anti-submarine warfare capability of the Indian Navy far beyond the conventional range of lightweight torpedoes.

#### China launches sea trials for next-generation aircraft carrier

- **China** has launched **sea trials for the Fujian**, its third and most advanced aircraft carrier.
- The start of tests by the Chinese navy came nearly two years after the aircraft carrier was first unveiled in June 2022.

#### India's first indigenous bomber UAV unveiled in Bengaluru

- **Flying Wedge Defence and Aerospace Technologies** launched **FWD-200B in Bengaluru**, marking India's entry into indigenous UAV manufacturing.
- The FWD-200B has a payload capacity of 100 kgs and is classified as a MALE Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (medium-altitude, long-endurance).

#### Indian Air Force tests BHISHM state-of-the-art indigenous mobile hospital, for airdrop in Agra

- **Indian Air Force** has **tested BHISHM Cube**, a state-of-the-art indigenous mobile hospital, for airdrop in Agra.
- This innovative technology is a great leap forward in providing rapid and comprehensive medical aid during emergencies anywhere.

#### France successfully test fired ASMPA Missile

- The **French General Directorate of Armaments (DGA)** conducted a successful test firing of the **enhanced medium-range air-to-surface strategic missile (ASMPA-R).**
- The Air-Sol Medium Range (ASMP/ASMP-A) is an air-launched land-attack supersonic cruise missile that carries a nuclear payload.

#### DRDO Successfully Tests RudraM-II Missile

- The **Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)** has successfully flight-tested the **RudraM-II air-to-surface missile.**
- The missile was fired from a Su-30 MK-I aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) off the coast of Odisha.

### June

#### 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.”

### July

#### DRDO unveils indigenous light tank Zorawar

- India has unveiled its first indigenously designed and developed light battle tank that will be capable of delivering devastating firepower at high altitude battlefields and operating in all-weather conditions.
- Developed in a record time of under two years in response to Chinese armoured deployments in Eastern Ladakh, the 25-ton tank named 'Zorawar' is the result of a public-private partnership between DRDO and L&T.
- The project at the L&T production facility in Hazira with the Zorwar carrying out high speed ground tests and showcasing its ability to transverse high incline slopes.

#### Goa Shipyard Launches First Indigenous P1135.6 Frigate 'Triput'

- In a significant achievement for India's naval capabilities and the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative, Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) successfully launched the first indigenous P1135.6 Frigate, named Triput.
- This marks the first time these vessels are being constructed indigenously in India.

#### INS Tabar reaches Saint Petersburg for Russian Navy Day celebrations

- Indian Navy's frontline frigate, INS Tabar arrived at Saint Petersburg to participate in the 328th Russian Navy Day celebration.
- The ship, part of the Indian Navy's Western Fleet which is based at Mumbai under the Western Naval Command, was given a "warm welcome" by the Russian Federation Navy (RuFN).

#### Annual defence production hits record high of approx. Rs 1.27 lakh crore in FY24

- Ministry of Defence has achieved the highest-ever growth in indigenous defence production in value terms during Financial Year (FY) 2023-24.
- As per the data received from all Defence Public Sector undertakings (DPSUs), other PSUs manufacturing defence items and private companies, the value of defence production in the country has gone up to a record-high figure i.e., Rs 1,26,887 crore, reflecting a growth of 16.7% over the defence production in F24.

#### Airbus to launch first 'Made in India' H 125 helicopter in 2026

- Airbus and Tata are joining forces to manufacture India's first FAL (Final Assembly Line) H125 helicopter, which is set to roll out by 2026.
- This partnership aligns with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative and reflects Airbus's commitment to investing in the Indian aerospace market despite regulatory challenges.

### August

#### Indian Navy approves Mazagon Dock to build 6 submarines with German collaboration

- Government-owned Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL) has got the Indian Navy's approval to build six submarines with the project worth Rs 60,000 crore.



- The MDL in partnership with Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems will build the submarines that are being developed under 'Project 75 India'.

#### **DRDO successfully tested its first Long-Range Glide Bomb GAURAV**

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully tested its Long-Range Glide Bomb, GAURAV, off the coast of Odisha.
- The smart bomb was dropped from the Indian Air Force's Su-30 MK-I fighter plane.
- The successful testing of the smart bomb is likely to enhance the Indian Air Force's combat capability.

#### **Pakistan conducts successful training launch of Shaheen-II Ballistic Missile**

- The Pakistani military has conducted the successful training launch of its surface-to-surface ballistic missile Shaheen-II.
- The training launch was aimed at training of troops, validating various technical parameters and performance evaluation of different sub-systems incorporated for improved accuracy and enhanced survivability.

#### **IAF's Sarang Team Showcases India's Aviation Prowess at Egypt Airshow**

- The IAF dispatched its Sarang Helicopter Display Team to participate in the inaugural edition of the Egypt International Airshow.
- The event is scheduled to take place from September 3 to 5, 2024, at the strategically located Al-Alamein International Airport in Egypt's El Dabaa.
- The airport, situated along the Mediterranean, serves as a major hub for global air, commercial, and logistical transport, making it an apt location for an event of this magnitude.

#### **India's 2nd nuclear missile submarine 'INS Arighat' commissioned by Rajnath Singh**

- India's second nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, the INS Arighaat, was commissioned into service at Visakhapatnam in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
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#### **Cabinet approves ₹26,000 cr deal with HAL for 240 aero-engines for SU-30 MKIs**



- PM Narendra Modi-headed Cabinet Committee on Security in its meeting approved a proposal for procurement of 240 aero-engines (AL-31FP) for Russian-origin SU-30 MKI fighter aircraft from defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) at a cost of over ₹26,000 crore.
- Earlier, the MoD had given nod to HAL for major upgrade of SU-30 MKI fleet of aircrafts of the Indian Air Force (IAF) to increase their operational lives which is worth ₹60,000 crore.

#### Indian Navy and South African Navy sign agreement to enhance submarine rescue support cooperation

- **The navies of India and South Africa have signed an implementation agreement to enhance submarine rescue support cooperation** that ensures the “safety of the South African Navy’s submarine crew in times of distress or accident.”
- Under this agreement, the Indian Navy will provide assistance by deploying its Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) when required, further strengthening the collaborative ties between the two navies.
- The agreement was signed by Indian Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi and Vice Admiral Monde Lobese, Chief of the South African Navy.

#### Indian Army & Indian Air Force Ink MoU with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya

- To enhance the skills and capability building of their personnel, **the Indian Army and Indian Air Force** signed an **MoU with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Vadodara** in the presence of Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh and Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw in New Delhi.
- The MoU will enable the two Services to acquire higher expertise in logistics. It will ensure the development of in-house expertise on various facets of logistics operations and contribute effectively towards the national development plans - PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan 2021 and National Logistics Policy 2022.

#### Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurates IDAX-24 Expo in Jodhpur

- **The India Defence Aviation Exposition (IDAX-24) was officially inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Jodhpur.**
- This major event coincides with Exercise Tarang Shakti-24, one of the largest multinational air exercises hosted by the Indian Air Force (IAF). IDAX-24 highlights the significant advancements and contributions of the Indian aviation industry.

#### VL-SRSAM missile successfully test-fired by DRDO & Indian Navy

- **The Indian Navy, in partnership with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has successfully tested the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM).**
- The test was carried out at the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur island off the coast of Odisha.
- This is the second successful missile test by the DRDO in the past week. On 6 September 2024, the DRDO successfully conducted the user trial of its nuclear-capable intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM Agni-4).
- DRDO is developing the VL-SRAM, which will be **manufactured by the central government-owned Bharat Dynamic Limited.**

#### Indian Navy commissions Submarine Escape Training Facility Vinetra

- The **Indian Navy** commissioned its indigenously designed and developed **Kalvari Submarine Escape Training Facility** at its premier submarine training base, **INS Satavahana, in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**.
- The **INS Satavahana** is under the Eastern Naval Command of the Indian Navy. **L&T Defence** has constructed the **Kalvari Submarine Escape Training Facility, Vinetra** (meaning Trainer).

#### Indian Army signs MoU with Tiranga Mountain Rescue to enhance high-altitude operations

- **The Indian Army** has entered an **understanding with the Tiranga Mountain Rescue (TMR) at the Centre for Land Warfare Studies in the Delhi Cantonment**.
- This understanding marks a pivotal step in advancing the Indian Army's rescue and survival operations in mountainous terrains.

#### Indigenous Aircraft carrier INS Vikrant joins Western Naval Fleet

- The country's indigenous aircraft carrier **INS Vikrant** joined the **western naval fleet**, in a significant enhancement to maritime power in the Arabian Sea.
- **INS Vikrant** is designed by Indian Navy's in-house Warship Design Bureau (WDB) and **built by Cochin Shipyard Limited**, a Public Sector Shipyard under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.
- The 262.5 m long and 61.6 m wide **Vikrant** displaces approximately 43,000 T, having a maximum designed speed of 28 Knots with endurance of 7,500 Nautical Miles.

#### DRDO & IIT Delhi develop ABHED Light Weight Bullet Proof Jacket

- **The Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)**, together with **researchers of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi**, has developed light weight bullet proof jackets, named **ABHED (Advanced Ballistics for High Energy Defeat)**, which offer 360-degree protection.
- These jackets have been created from **polymers** and indigenous **boron carbide ceramic** material.

Defence Exercise	Between	About
<b>The Indian Air Force (IAF) 10-day mega exercise 'Gagan Shakti'</b>	The Indian Air Force (IAF)	During the exercise, known as <b>'Gagan Shakti-2024'</b> , the <b>IAF</b> will mobilize all its <b>bases</b> and <b>assets</b> across the country.
<b>Coastal security exercise 'Sagar Kavach'</b>	The exercise involved the participation of all maritime security agencies, including the <b>Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, Marine Police, Fisheries, Customs, and other security agencies.</b>	The primary objective of <b>the exercise was to validate the effectiveness of the coastal security mechanism in dealing with asymmetric threats emanating from the sea.</b>

<b>The 5th edition of the 'Dustlik' joint military exercise</b>	<b>India and Uzbekistan</b>	During the <b>14-day</b> exercise, soldiers from the <b>Indian Armed Forces</b> and the <b>Armed Forces of Uzbekistan</b> will undergo comprehensive joint training sessions.
<b>Joint military Exercise Shakti</b>	<b>Indian and the French forces</b>	The exercise aims at enhancing cooperation, understanding, and interoperability between the two Armies.
<b>The 8th edition of the Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX-24)</b>	<b>Japan-India Maritime Exercise</b>	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.
<b>The Indian Air Force's first multinational air exercise 'Tarang Shakti-2024'</b>	<b>Australia, France, Germany, Japan, Spain, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.</b>	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.
<b>Largest international air exercise 'Tarang Shakti' 2024</b>	The ten countries bringing their aircraft include <b>Australia, Bangladesh, France, Germany, Greece, Spain, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, the USA, and Singapore</b> . Eighteen other countries will attend as observers.	<b>India</b> will display its indigenous fighter aircraft and equipment, including the <b>Tejas, Rafale, Mirage 2000, Jaguar, and MIG 29</b> .
<b>'Parvat Prahaar'</b>	The Indian Army	The exercise, which continues for over a <b>fortnight</b> , involves <b>simulating real-world combat scenarios to train soldiers in the unique challenges posed by such terrains</b> . Various arms of the <b>Army, including infantry, armored, artillery, and</b>

		<b>support units</b> , are participating in this drill.
<b>Exercise Udara Shakti 2024</b>	The Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Royal Malaysian Air Force	During the exercise, the <b>Indian Air Force's Su-30MKI fighter jets engaged</b> in air combat missions alongside the <b>Royal Malaysian Air Force's Su-30MKM fighters</b> .
<b>The 10th edition of India-Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise MITRA SHAKTI</b>	India and Sri Lanka	The exercise will focus on operations in the <b>semi-urban environment</b> . It will <b>facilitate development of inter-operability, bonhomie and camaraderie between the two armies</b> .
<b>The 29th edition of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise</b>	India, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, South Korea, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, United Kingdom and the USA.	The Exercise is being held under the theme of Partners: Integrated and Prepared, which runs until August 1.
<b>13th edition of Joint Military Exercise MAITREE</b>	India and Thailand	The Indian Army contingent comprising 76 personnel is being represented mainly by a Battalion of the Ladakh Scouts along with personnel from other arms and services.
<b>Malabar Naval Exercise</b>	India, United States, Japan, and Australia	The 28th edition of the Malabar exercise, with a major focus on advanced anti-submarine warfare, will be conducted on India's eastern seaboard in October to further enhance military interoperability among the four countries.
<b>Birlestik-2024</b>	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan,	The exercises will focus on "liberating an island

	with Turkmenistan notably absent. Additionally, Azerbaijan, a Caucasus country, is participating in these exercises.	captured by terrorists" and conducting operations to ensure maritime security and protect critical infrastructure.
<b>Exercise Pitch Black 2024</b>	An Indian Air Force and Australia	The exercise will be focusing on Large Force Employment warfare aimed at strengthening international cooperation and shall facilitate experience with the IAF Su-30 MKI operating alongside the F-35, F-22, F-18, F-15, Gripen, and Typhoon fighter aircraft.
<b>The 21st multinational KHAAN QUEST exercise</b>	Indian Army and Mongolia	Khaan QUEST is an annual multinational military exercise co-sponsored by the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and hosted annually by the Mongolian Armed Forces to promote regional peace and security in the region.
<b>Exercise Cutlass Express 24 (CE-24)</b>	India, the US and African countries	INS Tir, the lead ship of First Training Squadron (1TS), participated in Exercise Cutlass Express 24 (CE-24) held at Port Victoria, Seychelles.
<b>Tenth edition of the Joint Military Exercise "LAMITIYE-2024"</b>	Indian Army and Seychelles	A contingent from the Indian Army embarked on a journey to Seychelles to participate in the Tenth edition of the Joint Military Exercise "LAMITIYE-2024" alongside the Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF).
<b>A joint military exercise called Tiger Triumph-24</b>	India and the United States	The exercise, Tiger Triumph-24, is aimed at "developing interoperability" for conducting Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations and "refine Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to enable rapid and smooth

		coordination between forces of both countries.
<b>The second edition of India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise (IMT TRILAT 24)</b>	India-Mozambique-Tanzania	The week-long exercise underscores the importance of enhanced maritime cooperation and interoperability between the Navies of India, Mozambique, and Tanzania.
<b>12th Edition of MILAN Naval Exercise</b>	Biennale multinational naval exercise hosted by the Eastern Naval Command of the Indian Navy	The 12th edition of the MILAN naval exercise will be held in Visakhapatnam from February 19-27, with over 50 countries participating. The "Forging Naval Alliances for a Secure Maritime Future" is the theme of the exercise
<b>DHARMA GUARDIAN</b>	India - Japan	The 5th edition of Joint Military Exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN' between the Indian Army and the Japan Ground Self Defence Force commenced at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan.
<b>The Inaugural edition of Joint Military Exercise Desert Cyclone</b>	India & UAE	The joint manoeuvres during 'Desert Cyclone 2024' aim to boost <b>interoperability</b> through the exchange of <b>knowledge and best practices in urban operations</b> .
<b>The 12th edition of the multi-national exercise MILAN 24</b>	India and four foreign countries (Indonesia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand)	In a move to strengthen <b>maritime cooperation</b> and security in the <b>Indian Ocean region</b> , the <b>Indian Navy</b> will host the <b>12th edition of the multi-national exercise MILAN 24</b> in <b>Visakhapatnam</b> from February 19 to 27.



<b>First bilateral exercise “Ex-Ayutthaya”</b>	The Indian Navy and Royal Thai Navy (RTN)	<b>The Indian Navy and Royal Thai Navy (RTN)</b> conducted a maiden bilateral exercise, named ‘ <b>Ex-Ayutthaya</b> ’, which symbolizes the significance of ‘ <b>Ayodhya</b> ’ in <b>India</b> and <b>Ayutthaya</b> in <b>Thailand</b> , which holds historic legacies and has rich cultural ties.
<b>The 2nd edition of a joint exercise called ‘Cyclone’</b>	India, Egypt	The <b>Indian Army</b> contingent comprising <b>25 personnel</b> reached <b>Egypt</b> to take part in the <b>2nd</b> edition of a joint exercise called ‘ <b>Cyclone</b> ’ between special forces of <b>India</b> and <b>Egypt</b> .
<b>The 11th edition of India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise Khanjar</b>	India-Kyrgyzstan	<b>The 11th edition of India-Kyrgyzstan</b> Joint Special Forces Exercise <b>Khanjar</b> started at the Special Forces Training School in <b>Himachal Pradesh’s Bakloh</b> .
<b>A mega air exercise</b>	India, France, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)	The ‘ <b>Desert Knight</b> ’ exercise featured several frontline aerial assets and combat jets of the <b>air forces</b> of the three countries.
<b>Joint military exercise - SADA TANSEEQ</b>	<b>India and Saudi Arabia</b>	The exercise aims to <b>enhance synergy, interoperability and jointmanship</b> by learning and <b>sharing best practices</b> between the Armies of both nations.
<b>The 22nd edition of India-France Bilateral Exercise VARUNA</b>	<b>India-France</b>	The Indian Navy’s frontline warship INS Tabar participated in the 22nd edition of India-France Bilateral Exercise VARUNA in the Mediterranean Sea.
<b>The 16th edition of Exercise Kakadu 2024</b>	<b>India-Australia</b>	The Indian Navy's P8I aircraft, led by Commanding Officer Captain Ajay Kanwar, has reached Australia's Darwin to participate in the 16th edition of Exercise Kakadu 2024.

<b>The seventh edition of the bilateral military exercise Exercise Eastern Bridge</b>	<b>Indian Air Force and the Royal Oman Air Force</b>	The Indian Air Force has sent a contingent of MiG-29s, Jaguar fighter planes, and C-17 Globemaster III transport planes.
<b>The 5th edition of the bilateral military exercise Al NAJAH</b>	<b>The Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman</b>	The military exercise will focus on executing counterterrorism operations as per the United Nations Charter. It will be undertaken in desert conditions, which is expected to increase the desert warfare capabilities of both armies.
<b>National Disaster Management Authority and the Army Southern Command entitled Exercise AIKYA</b>	<b>The Indian Army</b>	The primary aim of the exercise is to enhance disaster preparedness and foster robust collaboration among key stakeholders.
<b>Exercise KAZIND -2024</b>	<b>India -Kazakhstan</b>	The aim of the Joint Exercise is to enhance joint military capability of both sides to undertake counter-terrorism operations in a sub-conventional scenario under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.

## Chapter 16: Sports News

### Grand Slam (tennis)

The Grand Slam tournaments, also called majors, are the four most important annual tennis events.

#### 4 Grand Slam Timing and Courts

- **Australian Open**– hard courts (Mid January)
- **French Open (also known as Roland Garros)**– clay Court (late May to early June)
- **Wimbledon (also known as UK Open)**- Grass Courts (June–July)
- **US Open**- August– hard courts (September)

In Grand Slam there are 5 categories

- Men's Singles
- Women's singles

- Men's Doubles
- Women's doubles
- Mixed doubles

### Wimbledon Championships 2024

Category	Winner(s)	Runner(s)-up
<b>Men's Singles</b>	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
<b>Women's Singles</b>	Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic)	Jasmine Paolini (Italy)
<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	Hsieh Su-Wei (Taiwan) & Jan Zielinski (Poland)	Santiago Gonzalez (Mexico) & Giuliana Olmos (Mexico)
<b>Women's Doubles</b>	Taylor Townsend (USA) & Katerina Siniakova (USA)	Gabriela Dabrowski (USA) & Erin Routliffe (USA)
<b>Men's Doubles</b>	Herry Patten (British) & Harri Heliövaara (Finland)	Max Purcell (Australia) & Jordan Thompson (Australia)

### List of Winners French Open 2024

Title	Winner	Runner up
<b>Men's Singles</b>	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Alexander Zverev (Germany)
<b>Women's Singles</b>	Iga Świątek (Poland)	Jasmine Paolini (Italy)
<b>Men's doubles</b>	Marcelo Arevalo (El Salvador) & Mate Pavić (Croatia)	Simone Bolelli (Italy) and Andrea Vavassori (Italy)
<b>Women's doubles</b>	Coco Gauff (USA) & Katerina Siniakova (Czech)	Sara Errani (Italy) & Jasmine Paolini (Italy)
<b>Mixed doubles</b>	Laura Siegemund (Germany) and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (France)	Desirae Krawczyk (USA) and Neal Skupski (Britain)

### List of Winners Australian Open 2024

### Australian Open 2024 Winners:

Category	Winner	Runner-Up
<b>Men's Singles</b>	Jannik Sinner (Italy)	Daniil Medvedev (Russian – unflagged)
<b>Women's Singles</b>	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus- unflagged)	Zheng Qinwen (China)
<b>Men's Doubles</b>	<b>Rohan Machanda Bopanna (India) and Matthew Ebden(Australia)</b>	Simone Bolelli (Italy) and Andrea Vavassori (Italy)
<b>Women's Doubles</b>	Hsieh Su-Wei (Taiwan) and Elise Mertens(Belgium)	Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia) and Lyudmyla Kichenok (Ukraine)
<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	Hsieh Su-wei (Chinese Taipei) and Jan Zielinski(Poland)	Desirae Krawczyk (USA) and Neal Skupski (United Kingdom)

### List of F1 Race Winners 2022

- **Dutch Grand Prix-** McLaren's, Lando Norris (UK)
- **Belgian Grand Prix** – Mercedes's Lewis Hamilton (UK)
- **Hungarian Grand Prix** – McLaren's Oscar Piastri (Australia)
- **British Grand Prix** – Mercedes's Lewis Hamilton (UK)
- **Austrian Grand Prix** – Mercedes's George Russell (UK)
- **Spanish Grand Prix** – Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Canadian Grand Prix** – Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Monaco Grand Prix** – Ferrari's Charles Leclerc (Monacco)
- **Emilia Romagna Grand Prix** – Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Miami Grand Prix** – McLaren's Lando Norris (British)
- **Chinese Grand Prix** – Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Japanese Grand Prix** – Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Australian Grand Prix** – Ferrari's Carlos Saina (Spain)
- **Saudi Arabian Grand Prix** – Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)

- **Bahrain Grand Prix** – Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- **Singapore Grand Prix**- McLaren's Lando Norris (British)

## **April**

### **Jannik Sinner clinches Men's Single title of Miami Open Tennis**

- **Italy's Jannik Sinner** has won the **Men's Singles title of Miami Open tournament** in the United States.
- Second seed Sinner defeated 11th seed Bulgarian player Grigor Dimitrov 6-3, 6-1 in the final.
- Sinner's third title of the season means he will move to a career-high second in the ATP world rankings, ahead of Spain's Carlos Alcaraz.

### **Bindyarani Devi bags bronze in Weightlifting World Cup**

- Commonwealth Games medallist weightlifter **Bindyarani Devi** won a **bronze medal at the IWF World Cup 2024 in Phuket, Thailand**.
- Devi is a **first Indian to win Bronze Medal in Weightlifting World Cup 55kg event**.
- Competing in the non-Olympic women's 55kg category, Bindyarani Devi recorded a total lift of 196kg (83kg snatch + 113kg clean and jerk) to finish third in the standings.

### **Bilquis Mir became India's First Female Jury Member at Paris Olympics**

- **Bilquis Mir from Jammu and Kashmir** is set to create history as the **first woman from India to serve as a jury member at this year's Summer Olympics in Paris**, scheduled from July 26 to August 11.

### **New Zealand teams win men's and women's titles at the Hong Kong Sevens**

- **New Zealand won the men's and women's titles at the Hong Kong Sevens** to cap off a tournament that sets a scene for rugby at the Paris Olympics.
- The All Blacks Sevens scored the first two tries in a 10-7 win over France in the men's final to successfully defend their title.

### **Sumit Nagal becomes first ever Indian to win main draw match in Monte Carlo Masters**

- **Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal** stuns 35th ranked Matteo Arnaldi and **becomes first ever Indian to win main draw match at Monte Carlo Masters**.
- He defeated Arnaldi. The unseeded 95th-ranked Nagal, is only the third Indian to feature in the main draw in Monte Carlo after Vijay Amritraj in 1977 and Ramesh Krishnan in 1982.

### **Mendis and Bouchier named ICC Players of the Month for March 2024**

- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has revealed the **ICC Men's and Women's Player of the Month award winners for March 2024**.
- **Kamindu Mendis** claims the ICC Men's Player of the Month award after his historic efforts at the crease helped Sri Lanka comfortably win the first Test in their ICC World Test Championship showdown against Bangladesh in Sylhet.
- **England's Maia Bouchier** won the ICC Women's Player of the Month prize thanks to a sparkling series of scores in New Zealand as the tourists secured a statement 4-1 T20I series win in March.

### **Rashmi Kumari wins national women's carrom title**

- **Three-time World Champion Rashmi Kumari** beat K Nagajothi 25-8, 14-20, 25-20 in the women's final of the **51st National carrom championship** organized by the Madhya Pradesh Carrom Association.
- It was a record 12th national women's singles title for Rashmi, employed as the Chief Manager at the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).

#### Radhika wins silver medal at Asian Wrestling Championships 2024

- **India's 23-year-old wrestler Radhika** has won the silver medal in the women's 68kg category at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2024 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

#### Tsitsipas win Monte Carlo Masters for the third time

- **Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece** swept aside Casper Ruud 6-1, 6-4 to win the clay-court Monte Carlo Masters for the third time in four years.
- The 12th-ranked Greek, who will return to top 10, also won the title in the principality in 2021 and 2022.

#### India finishes Asian Wrestling Championship 2024 with 9 medals

- **The senior Indian wrestling team finished** their campaign at the **20th Asian Wrestling Championship by winning nine medals - 4 silvers and 5 bronzes.**

Medal Winner	Medal	Category
Udit	Silver	57 kg, freestyle
Radhika	Silver	68 kg, freestyle
Anju	Silver	53 kg, freestyle
Harshita	Silver	72 kg, freestyle
Abhimanyu	Bronze	72 kg freestyle
Vicky	Bronze	97 kg, freestyle
Shivane Pawar	Bronze	50 kg, freestyle
Antim	Bronze	65 kg, freestyle
Manisha	Bronze	62 kg, freestyle

#### Kento Momota retires from international badminton

- 29-year-old former world champion **Kento Momota from Japan** has announced **retirement from badminton**, citing mental and physical issues amid a lean patch at the highest level.

#### India's Gukesh D becomes youngest to win Candidates Chess Tournament

- In Chess, 17-year-old Indian prodigy, **Dommaraju Gukesh from Chennai** made history as **the youngest-ever player to win the FIDE Candidates tournament in Toronto.**

#### Saurav Ghosal retires from Professional Squash

- **India's finest men's squash player Saurav Ghosal** has announced his **retirement from professional squash** after completing a glittering 22-year journey although he would continue representing the country at multi-discipline events for some more time.

#### Usain Bolt named ICC T20 World Cup 2024 Brand Ambassador

- **Legendary Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt** has been named by the **International Cricket Council (ICC)** as the ambassador for the **9th ICC Men's T-20 World Cup,**



which will be hosted by the West Indies and the United States of America jointly from 1 to 29 June 2024.

### Indian men's team bag historic gold in archery after 14 years

- **The Indian men's recurve team has won a historic gold medal at the Archery World Cup Stage-1** by defeating the world-champion South Korean team for the first time ever.
- The gold medal ended a 14-year gold medal drought at the men's recurve team event at the Archery World Cup.

### V Senthilkumar wins Batch Open Squash Title

- **National men's Squash champion Velavan Senthilkumar** defeated **Melvil Scianimanico of France** to win the **Batch Open Challenger Squash**.
- This was the eighth PSA (Professional Squash Association) title for the US-based Indian Velavan Senthilkumar.

## May

### Velavan Senthil Kumar Wins His Eighth Professional Squash Association Tour Title In Paris

- **India's Velavan Senthilkumar** won his **eighth Professional Squash Association (PSA) Tour title** yesterday by winning the Batch Open, a PSA Challenger event, at the **Societe Sportive du Jeu de Paume in Paris**.
- World No. 58 Senthilkumar, the top seed, beat Frenchman Melvil Scianimanico 11-6, 11-9, 11-6 to clinch the title.

### India to host BWF World Junior Badminton Championships 2025

- **India** will host the **BWF World Junior Championships 2025 at the National Centre of Excellence in Guwahati**.
- The 2025 edition in India will mark the return of the BWF Junior World Championships to the country for the first time since 2008 when Pune hosted the event.

### ICC Imposes 5-Year Ban on West Indies Cricketer Devon Thomas

- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has **imposed a five-year period of ineligibility from all cricket on West Indies player Devon Thomas** after he accepted breaching seven counts of the anti-corruption codes of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC), the Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) and the Caribbean Premier League (CPL)
- Thomas admitted to seven charges, including those related to match-fixing.

### Amul to sponsor USA's cricket team in T20 WC

- Amul will be the lead arm sponsor for USA's cricket team that will participate in ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 which commences on June 1.
- The opening match of the tournament will be played between USA and Canada in Dallas.

### Tejaswin Shankar wins men's High Jump event at USATF Festival

- **India's Tejaswin Shankar** clinched victory in the **men's High Jump event at the USATF Festival in Tucson, Arizona, USA**.
- The National record holder Tejaswin cleared 2.23 metres in his first attempt to secure the top spot at the World Athletics Continental Tour – Silver event. With this jump, he equaled his season-best effort.

### China wins both Thomas and Uber Cup Badminton titles

- The **Chinese badminton** team has **won both the men's Tomas Cup 2024 and the women's Uber Cup 2024**.
- The final of the 2024 BWF Thomas and Uber Cup was played in the Chinese city of Chengdu.
- Thomas and Uber Cup is held every two years and is organised by the world badminton governing body, the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

#### Iga Switek, Andrey Rublev wins the Madrid Open Tennis Singles Title

- World no.1 women's tennis players **Iga Swiatek and Andrey Rublev** won the **women's and men's singles titles at the 2024 Madrid Open, respectively**.

#### Women's Doubles Title

- Winner - Sara Sorribes (Spain) and Cristina Bucsa (Spain)
- Runner Up - Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic) and Laura Siegemund (Germany)

#### Men's Doubles Title

- Winner - Jordan Thompson (Australia) and Sebastian Korda (United States)
- Runner Up - Adam Pavlesak (Czech Republic) and Ariel Behra (Uruguay)

#### Mumbai City FC win the ISL 2023-24

- **The Mumbai City FC football club defeated Mohun Bagan Super Giant** by 3-1 goals to win the 2023-24 **Indian Super League (ISL) final**.
- It was played at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan Stadium in Kolkata (West Bengal).

Award	Winner
Golden Ball (Best Player)	Dimitrios Petratos (Mohun Bagan)
Golden Boot (Top Goal Scorer); 13 goals.	Dimitrios Diamantakos (Kerala Blaster)
Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper)	Phurba Lachenpa (Mumbai City)
Emerging Player of the League	Vikram Pratap Singh (Mumbai City)
Best Pitch	Jamshedpur FC
Grassroots Award	FC Goa
Best Elite Youth Program	Bengaluru FC

#### Japan win 2024 Men's AFC U-23 title

- **Japan defeated Uzbekistan** in the final to win the **Men's AFC U-23 Asian Cup for the second time**.
- In the final match played at the Jassim bin Hamad Stadium in Doha, Qatar.

#### Amul to Sponsor Sri Lanka Men's T20 World Cup Team

- **Sri Lanka** has announced **Amul**, one of India's iconic diary brands with a global footprint, as their **sponsor for the ICC T20 World Cup 2024**, starting June 2 in the USA and the West Indies.
- Sri Lanka, former champions of the T20 World Cup, will become the third team after South Africa and USA to be sponsored by Amul at the showpiece T20 tournament.

#### India clinches 5 medals at Asian Open Pickleball Championships

- **India** clinched **three gold and two bronze medals at the Asian Open Pickleball Championships in Vietnam.**
- Sachin Pahwa and Priyanka Chhabra led India to its first gold medal, defeating Ruben Hellberg and Chitlada Hemasee 11-9, 5-11, 11-9, in the mixed doubles intermediate 35+ category final.

#### ***Bajrang Punia suspended by Wrestling Authorities***

- **Wrestling's world governing body (UWW) has suspended Bajrang Punia** till the end of this year following NADA's decision to hand him a provisional suspension for refusing to undergo a dope test.
- However, despite being well aware of NADA's order, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) sanctioned close to Rs 9 lakh for his training abroad.

#### ***New Zealand's Colin Munro announces retirement from International Cricket***

- **New Zealand left-handed batter Colin Munro** announced his **retirement from international cricket** after a career spanning 123 matches for the Blackcaps across all formats.
- The 37-year-old has featured in 65 T20Is, 57 ODIs and a single Test for New Zealand, with his last appearance coming in their T20I home series against India back in 2020.

#### ***Neeraj Chopra finishes 2nd with 88.36m throw in Doha Diamond League***

- **Neeraj Chopra** finished **second with a best throw of 88.36m throw** while India's Kishore Jena's best was 76.31m in Doha Diamond League.
- Jakub Vadlejch of the Czech Republic, who finished first with a best effort of 88.38. while Anderson Peters claimed the third spot.

#### ***Japan defeated Pakistan to win the 30th Sultan Azlan Shah Trophy***

- **Japan** has won its maiden **Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey trophy** by defeating Pakistan 4-1 in the penalty shoot-out in the final.
- The final was played at the **Azlan Shah Stadium in Ipoh, Malaysia.**

#### ***Indian Gymnast Srishti Khandagale wins Silver at Asian Championships***

- **India's Srishti Khandagale** scripted history by **becoming the first ever Indian to win a medal at the Asian Trampoline Gymnastics Championships.**
- She clinched the silver medal in Women's Individual Age group category at the 6th Asian Trampoline Gymnastics Championship held in Hong Kong, China.

#### ***ITF Tournament Junior 30 inaugurated in Lucknow***

- **International Tennis Federation, ITF tournament Junior 30** was inaugurated in **Lucknow.**
- Uttar Pradesh ADG Traffic B.D Paulson graced the event as a chief guest.

#### ***Abha Khatua Sets National Record Winning Gold In Women's Shot Put***

- **Abha Khatua** has set a **national record and won gold medal in Women's Shot Put** with a **massive throw of 18.41 metres** at National Federation Cup Athletics Competition in Bhubaneswar.
- While Uttar Pradesh's Kiran Baliyan finished second and Delhi's Srishti Vig stood at third position.

#### ***England cricketer James Anderson announced retirement***

- **England pace legend James Anderson** has announced **retirement from cricket.**
- Having made his debut for England at Lord's in 2003, Anderson will finish his career at the same ground playing his 188th Test.

### Sunil Chhetri announces retirement from International Football

- **India Captain Sunil Chhetri** will be **retiring from international football** after the FIFA World Cup 2026 qualifier against Kuwait on June 6.
- The 39-year-old striker has been capped 145 times by India, scoring 94 goals in a career spanning 20 years.

### Neeraj Chopra wins Gold in Federation Cup with throw of 82.27 metres

- In men's javelin throw, **Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra** won the **gold medal in Federation Cup 2024 in Bhubaneswar**.
- The 26-year-old superstar struggled in the initial rounds of competition as he was second after three rounds.

### Animesh Kujur won Gold at 200m sprint event in Federation Cup

- **20-year-old, Animesh Kujur** bagged **200m gold at the Federation Cup in Bhubaneswar, Odisha**.
- Kujur has scorched the track by clocking an impressive 20.62 seconds to win the 200 metres gold.

### Manipur wins Senior Women's NFC for Rajmata Jijabai Trophy for 22nd time

- **Manipur defeated Haryana 2-0** in the final of the **28th Senior Women's National Football Championship for Rajmata Jijabai Trophy**, to clinch their 22nd title at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan, in Kolkata.

### Nandini dairy to sponsor for Scotland for T20 World Cup

- **Scotland cricket team** has unveiled its **new ICC T20 World Cup jersey with Karnataka Milk Federation's (KMF) Nandini logo**.
- The Nandini logo is featured in the leading arm of the jersey in both English and Kannada. The jersey was launched in Edinburgh by members of the playing squad.

### Nishad Kumar, Preethi Pal win medals at World Para Athletics Championships

- **Nishad Kumar and Preethi Pal** have clinched **silver and bronze at the World Para Athletics Championships** in Kobe, Japan.
- Kumar, a Paralympic silver medalist, secures India's first medal with a 1.99m high jump in the T47 category, finishing second.

### Brazil to host FIFA Women's World Cup 2027

- **Brazil was declared the host of the 2027 Women's World Cup** at the FIFA Congress.
- Brazil beating the joint bid of Belgium, Netherlands and Germany to become the first South American country to hold the tournament.

### Satwiksairaj & Chirag Shetty win Men's Doubles Title at Thailand Open 2024

- **Star Indian pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty** secured the **men's doubles title at the Thailand Open Super 500** badminton tournament with a straight-game win over Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi of China in Bangkok.
- In the form of their lives, Satwik and Chirag, the world number three pair prevailed 21-15, 21-15 over Liu and Chen, ranked 29th, for their ninth BWF world tour title.

### Nikhat Zareen and Minakshi clinch Gold Medals at Elorda Cup

- In Boxing, Two-time world champions **Nikhat Zareen and Minakshi** won **two gold medals for India in the 3rd Elorda Cup 2024**.
- The Indian contingent finished the Elorda Cup with 12 medals—2 gold, 2 silver, and 8 bronze. The 3rd Elorda Cup was held in Kazakhstan's capital city of Astana.

### Alexander Zverev and Iga Swiatek win Singles Title of Italian open

- **German's Alexander Zverev** defeated the **first-time Masters finalist Nicolas Jarry** of **Chile** in straight sets 6-4, 7-5 to win the **2024 Men's Single of Italian Open Masters 1000** title.

#### Men's doubles

- Winner - Marcell Granollers (Spain) and Horacio Zeballos (Argentina)
- Runner Up - Mate Pavic (Croatia) and Marcelo Arevalo (El Salvador)

#### Women's doubles

- Winner - Sara Errani (Italy) and Jasmine Paolini (Italy)
- Runner Up - Coco Gauff (America) and Erin Routliffe (New Zealand)

#### India's Deepthi Jeevanji smashes World Record in Women's 400 Metre event

- **Twenty-year old Deepthi Jeevanji** smashed the **world record in the women's 400m T20** and grabbed her first gold at the World Para Athletics Championships at Kobe in Japan.
- Deepthi clocked 55.07 seconds, breaking American Breanna Clark's earlier world record of 55.12 seconds, which she had set during last year's edition of the championships in Paris.

#### Sachin Khilari clinches gold medal in shot put at World Para Athletics Championship

- In Para Athletics, India's **Sachin Sarjerao Khilari** clinched the **gold medal in the men's shot put** at the World Para Athletics Championship in Kobe, Japan.
- He also set a new Asian record with a throw of 16.30 metres in the F46 category, to defended his title at the world championships.

#### Australia and Uzbekistan host AFC Women's Asian Cups

- **Australia and Uzbekistan** have been **confirmed as hosts** for the **2026 and 2029 AFC Women's Asian Cups**, respectively.
- It highlights the growing importance of women's football in Asia.

#### Preetismita Bhoi smashes clean and jerk record for gold at World Youth C'ship

- Indian weightlifter **Preetismita Bhoi** smashed the youth clean and jerk **world record in the women's 40kg category** to win a **gold medal at the IWF World Youth Championships**.
- The 15-year-old bettered the existing record of 75kg by 1kg.

#### IOC launches 'Let's Move India' Campaign to Inspire People to celebrate Athletes at Paris Olympics

- The **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** has launched the **'Let's Move India'**, an **initiative to inspire people to celebrate the athletes participating in the upcoming Olympic Games in Paris**.
- The move invites people from across the country to join the movement through a digital challenge on social media.

#### India's Simran Sharma wins Gold Medal at World Para Athletics Championship

- **India's Simran Sharma** has won a **Gold medal in the World Para Athletics Championships in Kobe, Japan**.
- Simran clinched the gold in the women's 200m T12 event, achieving a personal best time of 24.95 seconds on the competition's final day.

#### KKR wins their third IPL title beating SRH

- **Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) cricket team** won their **third Indian Premier League (IPL) title** by beating **Sunriser Hyderabad (SRH)** in the final of the 17th IPL.



- The final was played at the M A Chidambaram stadium in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- They defeated the Sunrisers by eight wickets to lift the trophy for the third time.
- Player of the Match: Mitchel Starc of KKR.

**Some important awards and winner amount of the IPL 2024 are as follows.**

- Winner (Rs. 20 crore) - Kolkata Knight Riders
- Runner Up (Rs. 12.5 crore) - Sunrisers Hyderabad
- Orange Cap (Rs. 10 Lakh) - Virat Kohli (RCB) for scoring the most runs in the season; he scored 741 runs in 15 matches.
- Purple Cap (Rs. 10 Lakh) - Harshal Patel (PBKS) for taking the most wickets in the season. In the 14 matches, he took 24 wickets.
- Emerging Player of the Season (Rs. 10 Lakh) - Nitish Kumar Reddy of Sunrisers Hyderabad.
- Most Valuable Player (Rs. 10 Lakh) - Sunil Narine (KKR)
- Most Sixes Award (Rs. 10 Lakh) - Abhishek Sharma (SRH)
- Most Fours Award (Rs. 10 Lakh) - Travis Head (SRH)
- Best Strike Rate Award (Rs. 10 Lakh) - Jake Fraser-McGurk (DC)
- Catch of the Season (Rs. 10 Lakh) - Ramandeep Singh (KKR)
- Fair Play Award (Rs. 10 Lakh) - Sunrisers Hyderabad

**Dipa Karmakar clinches India's first-ever Gold Medal in Asian Championships**

- **Dipa Karmakar** scripted **history clinching India's first-ever gold medal at the Asian Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.**
- The 30-year-old Olympian registered an average score of 13.566 in the women's Vault final.

**Classic Football Academy bag AIFF U17 title**

- **Classic Football Academy** retained the **All-India Football Federation Under 17 Elite Youth League 2023-24 Title** beating Sudeva Delhi FC 2-1 at the Nagoa Panchayat Ground, Goa.
- Played on the well-maintained turf of Nagoa in Goa, the two teams dished out a lively display of attacking football, much to the delight of the sparse crowd.

**ICC Players of the Month for April 2024 announced**

- **West Indies's Captain Hayley Matthews** has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for her exceptional all-round performances that spearheaded the West Indies' success in Pakistan across both ODI and T20I series.
- **Muhammad Waseem, the UAE captain and opener**, has been named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for his notable run-scoring feats as the UAE triumphed in the ACC Premier Cup.

## June

**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.

**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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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**

- **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.

#### **David Wiese announced retirement from international retirement**

- **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.

#### **Arjun Erigaisi wins Stepan Avagyan Memorial 2024**

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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.

#### **Dhiraj Bommadevara won Bronze at Arhery 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.

#### **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**.

##### **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 - Sreejas 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**-9<sup>th</sup>
- **Host**-US and West Indies
- **Teams**-20

<b>Player of the Tournament</b>	Jasprit Bumrah	
<b>Player of the Match in the Final</b>	Virat Kohli	
<b>Smart Catch of the Match</b>	Suryakumar Yadav	
<b>Category</b>	<b>Player(s)</b>	<b>Performance</b>
<b>Most Runs</b>	Rahmanullah Gurbaz	281 runs
<b>Most Wickets</b>	Arshdeep Singh, Fazalhaq Farooqi	17 wickets each
<b>Highest Score</b>	Nicholas Pooran	98 runs vs AFG
<b>Best Figures</b>	Fazalhaq Farooqi	5 for 9 vs Uganda
<b>Highest Strike Rate</b>	Shai Hope	187.71
<b>Best Economy Rate</b>	Tim Southee	3
<b>Most Sixes</b>	Nicholas Pooran	17 sixes
<b>Most 50+ Scores</b>	Rohit Sharma, Rahmanullah Gurbaz	3 each
<b>Most Catches</b>	Aiden Markram	8 catches

### July

#### Former world chess champion V Anand wins Leon Masters for 10th time

- Former world chess champion Viswanathan Anand of India has won the Leon Master chess championship for the 10th time .
- He defeated Jaime Santos Latasa of Spain in the final 3-1 played at Leon in Spain to win the 2024 Leon Masters.
- Five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand has previously won the Leon Masters in 1996, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2011, 2016, and 2024.

#### India's Jyothi Yarraji wins Gold in Women's 100m Hurdles at National Inter State Senior Athletics Championships

- India's Jyothi Yarraji has won gold medal in the Women's 100m Hurdles at the National Inter State Senior Athletics Championships in Panchkula.
- Jyothi won with a timing of 13.06 seconds. While in Men's 110m Hurdles, Tejas Shirse won the gold medal with a timing of 13.54 seconds.

#### India tops U-23 Asian Wrestling Championships in Jordan

- India emerged as the top-performing nation at the Under 23 Asian Wrestling Championship 2024 in Amman, Jordan.
- Indian wrestlers secured a total of eight medals in freestyle wrestling: four gold, two silver, and two bronze.



- Abhimanyu in the 70 kg category, Jointy Kumar in 92 kg, Sahil Jaglan in 97 kg and Anirudh Kumar in the 125 kg category bagged the gold medals.

#### **Kolkata, Kokrajhar, Jamshedpur & Shillong to host 133rd Durand Cup**

- The 133rd Durand Cup matches will be held in Kolkata, Kokrajhar (Assam), Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), and Shillong (Meghalaya). For the first time, Jamshedpur will host the Durand Cup matches.
- The 133rd edition of the Durand Cup will begin on 27 July 2024 and end on 31 August 2024.

#### **Dhruv Sitwala win Asian Billiards Championships**

- India's Dhruv Sitwala has won the men's Asian Billiards Championships after defeating Pankaj Advani in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- Dhruv set the tone for the match with an impressive start, scoring 103 points, while Advani struggled to get on the board, finishing with no points.

#### **Viswanathan Anand crowned Leon Masters champion for the 10th time**

- Viswanathan Anand, the five-time world champion, showcased his exceptional skills once again by defeating Jaime Santos Latasa from Spain with a score of 3-1 in the finals, securing his 10th victory at the Leon Masters.
- The 54-year-old Anand demonstrated that this tournament remains one of his preferred hunting grounds, having won his first title here 28 years ago in 1996.

#### **Vinesh Phogat wins Gold at Grand Prix of Spain**

- India's two-time Olympian Vinesh Phogat has won the gold medal in the women's 50kg category in the Grand Prix of Spain international continental wrestling championship.
- Vinesh defeated Mariia Tiumerekova – former Russian grappler now competing as an Individual Neutral Athlete – 10-5 in the final encounter to bag the yellow metal.

#### **Gagan Narang named as new Chef-De-Mission in Paris Olympics 2024**

- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has named Gagan Narang as the Chef-de-Mission of the Indian contingent to compete in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, starting on 26th July.
- He will replace MC Mary Kom.

#### **Jasprit Bumrah, Smriti Mandhana named ICC Player of the Month for June**

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has revealed the winners of the ICC Player of the Month awards for June 2024 with India's Jasprit Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana both emerging victorious.

#### **Adani Group announced as Principal Sponsor for Indian Team at 2024 Paris Olympics**

- Gautam Adani, the chairman of the Adani Group, has announced that the conglomerate will be sponsoring the Indian team travelling to Paris for the 2024 Olympics Games.
- With the Indian contingent in the last leg of its preparations for the 2024 Olympics, the Adani Group has pledged its whole-hearted support to the champions of the nation through a campaign with the theme #DeshkaGeetAtOlympics.

#### **Tasnim Mir & Manneapalli won singles title at 2024 BWF Reunion Open**

- The Indian badminton players dominated the 3rd BWF Saint-Denis Reunion Open 2024 by winning both the men's and women's singles titles. However, India had to settle for a silver in the men's doubles.
- Tharun Manneapalli of Telangana won the men's singles title by defeating Yudai Okimoto of Japan in straight sets 21-15, 21-15 in the final.



### Shooter Sabeera Haris wins Bronze in Shotgun Junior World Cup

- In Shooting, India's Sabeera Haris has bagged the bronze medal in women's trap event at the International Shooting Sport Federation, ISSF Junior World Cup in Porpetto, Italy.
- Sabeera shot 29 out of 40 targets in the final.

### James Anderson retires from Test Cricket

- James Anderson has bid adieu to Test cricket for England. The veteran speedster has brought down curtains to his celebrated career, which spanned 21 years.
- The 41-year-old bowler's illustrious career, spanning an impressive 21 years, came to a close at the very ground where it all began – the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground in London.

### World Championship of Legends 2024: India Champions Clinch Title with over Pakistan Champions

- In a pulsating finale of the World Championship of Legends 2024, India Champions emerged victorious by defeating arch-rivals Pakistan Champions by five wickets here at Edgbaston.
- Pakistan Champions, after winning the toss, elected to bat first. The Pakistani innings got off to a solid start with Kamran Akmal (24 off 19) and Maqsood (21 off 12) providing an early burst of runs. However, the Indian bowlers managed to keep the scoring in check with regular wickets.

### Spain defeats England 2-1 to clinch record 4th European Soccer Championship Title

- In Football, Spain won its record fourth European soccer championship after defeating England 2-1 in the finals of Euro 2024 in Berlin.
- Nico Williams provided the first goal for Spain, scoring less than two minutes into the second half after a scoreless opening.

### Thomas Muller Retires from International Football

- Thomas Müller, the German football icon, has announced his retirement from international football following the conclusion of Euro 2024.
- The 34-year-old featured in his eighth and last tournament on July 5, in Germany's 2-1 quarter-final defeat by Spain, where he was brought on as a substitute in the 80th minute.

### Shaurya Bawa won bronze at World Junior squash

- India's Shaurya Bawa signed off with a bronze medal after going down 0-3 to Egyptian top seed Mohamed Zakaria in the boys' singles semifinal of the World Junior Squash Championships in Houston.
- Bawa lost 5-11 5-11 9-11 to last year's runner-up Zakaria in a thrilling 41-minute semifinal contest.

### India Shines at 35th International Biology Olympiad 2024 in Kazakhstan

- The Indian team, which participated at the 35th International Biology Olympiad (IBO) 2024 achieved remarkable success, with one student winning a GOLD medal and three students securing SILVER medals.
- Vedant Sakre from Mumbai, Maharashtra won a gold medal.

### India's Paris Olympics Contingent Finalized: 117 Athletes, 140 Support Staff Ready

- India's final contingent for the upcoming Paris Olympics has been approved by the sports ministry. The contingent will have 117 athletes accompanied by 140 support staff and officials.
- The games will begin from 26th July to 11th August.

- Athletics will make for the biggest group in the contingent with 29 names followed by shooting 21 and hockey 19.

### ICC honoured Six Nations in Associate Cricket with ICC Development Award for 2023

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has honoured six nations in associate cricket with the ICC Development Award for 2023.
- Mexico, the South American country known for its excellence in the world of football, has now been honoured for its excellence in Cricket.

### CSK to establish Super Kings Academy in Sydney

- Chennai Super Kings (CSK) have always shared a special bond with Australia and had players like Michael Hussey, Matthew Hayden, Shane Watson and many more.
- The association is set to take a new dimension with the launch of Super Kings Academy in Sydney.

### Kavin Quintal becomes 1st Indian Rider at World Superbike Championships

- Rider Kavin Quintal is all set to make a historic debut at the WorldSBK SSP300 competitions and become the first Indian rider to participate in a World Superbike Championship.
- The 19-year-old Chennai star, Kavin Quintal, will be filling in for the Irish team's main rider, Spaniard Daniel Moreda, who suffered an injury after leading the Supersport 300 class, in an unfortunate crash that paved the way for the Irish team to rope in Kavin Quintal.

### AIFF awards 2024: Chhangte, Indumathi win top male and female awards

- India and Mumbai City FC winger Lallianzuala Chhangte and national women's team midfielder Indumathi Kathiresan won the All India Football Federation's (AIFF) male and female Player of the Award respectively.
- The awards were given at a function organised by the national football federation.

### All AIFF Award Winners for 2023-24

<b>Men's Player of the Year</b>	Lallianzuala Chhangte
<b>Women's Player of the Year</b>	Indumathi Kathiresan
<b>Promising Men's Player of the Year</b>	David Lalhlansanga
<b>Promising Women's Player of the Year</b>	Neha
<b>Men's Coach of the Year</b>	Khalid Jamil
<b>Women's Coach of the Year</b>	Sukla Dutta
<b>Referee of the Year</b>	Ramachandran Venkatesh
<b>Assistant Referee of the Year</b>	Ujjal Halder

### Yuki Bhambri, Albano Olivetti clinch Men's Doubles Title at ATP Swiss Open

- India's Yuki Bhambri and his French partner Albano Olivetti clinched the men's doubles title at the Swiss Open ATP Tour tennis tournament defeating French pair of Ugo Humbert and Fabrice Martin in the final in Gstaad, Switzerland.
- This was the third ATP doubles title for the 32-year-old Bhambri.

### India's Kush Maini wins his first-ever Formula 2 Sprint Race at Hungarian GP

- India's Kush Maini won his maiden Formula 2 Sprint Race at the Hungarian Grand Prix after initial winner Richard Verschoor's was disqualified due to a technical infringement.
- Following the top of podium finish, the 23-year-old Invicta racing driver added 10 points to his season tally.

#### **Sania Mirza, Mary Kom & Rannvijay Singh join 'Play Sports' as brand ambassadors**

- Six-time Grand Slam winner and former World No. 1 in women's doubles Sania Mirza, six-time World Champion and Olympic bronze medallist MC Mary Kom and actor Rannvijay Singha have joined 'Play Sports' as brand ambassadors.
- Play Sport's objective is to create a sustainable sports eco system in India by working with schools, developing sports, managing sports infrastructure, running academies and scouting talent from grassroots.

#### **PR Sreejesh to retire from international hockey after Paris Olympics 2024**

- India veteran goalkeeper PR Sreejesh is set to retire from international hockey after the Paris Olympics, starting later this month.
- Sreejesh will take part in his fourth Olympic Games in Paris and will be hoping to sign off by adding to his bronze medal from the 2020 edition in Tokyo.

#### **Nuno Borges beat Nadal to Lift Swedish Open Men's Singles Trophy**

- In Swedish Open Tennis, Nuno Borges of Portugal defeated Spaniard Rafael Nadal in the final, 6-3, 6-2, to win the men's singles tennis title at Bastad in Sweden.
- It was Borges's first ATP Tour title.

#### **Scotland's Charlie Cassell Sets ODI Record; Takes 7 Wickets for 21 against Oman**

- In the ICC Men's Cricket ODI World Cup League 2, Scotland fast bowler Charlie Cassell scripted history on his debut breaking an all-time ODI record by taking 7 wickets for 21 against Oman, in Dundee.

#### **Andy Murray to retire from professional tennis after Paris Olympics**

- Andy Murray from UK has said the tennis tournament in the Paris Olympics will be the last of his professional career.
- Murray, who became the first man to win two singles Gold medals at the Olympics.

#### **IOA ropes in BPCL as principal sponsor for four years**

- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has named Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) as its official principal sponsor for four years, starting with the Paris Olympics till the 2028 Los Angeles Games.
- The collaboration between BPCL, a Maharatna company, and IOA will also encompass the Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, Summer Youth Olympics, Winter Olympics, and Winter Youth Olympics.

#### **French Alps to Host 2030 Winter Olympics and Paralympic Games**

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced that the French Alps will host the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2030.
- The announced plans are conditional based on the guarantees given by French President Emmanuel Macron that the new office being formed in the country after 2024 will underwrite all the organisational guarantees that must still be signed.

#### **Real Madrid become first football club in world to report €1 billion in revenue**

- Real Madrid have become the first football club to report revenue generation of over €1 billion (\$1.08bn).

- As per the financial report for 2023-24, the La Liga giants Real Madrid made €1.073bn in revenue, registering a rise of 27% and a total gain of €230 million. The revenue statement did not include player transfers.

#### **2024 Paris Olympics Opening Parade held on River Seine, Paris**

- The 33rd Summer Olympics opened with a first-of-its-kind opening ceremony in the French capital city of Paris on 26 July 2024.
- For the first time in the Summer Olympics' history, the traditional opening ceremony was not held in a stadium but in the open on the Seine.

#### **Sri Lanka clinch maiden Women's Asia Cup title with comprehensive win over India**

- Sri Lanka secured their first-ever Women's Asia Cup title, defeating the defending champions India in front of an ecstatic home crowd.
- In the final of the 9th Women's Cricket Asia Cup played at the Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium in Dambulla, Sri Lanka the host beat India by 8 wickets with 8 balls to spare.

#### **Jiya Rai becomes World's Youngest & Fastest Female Para Swimmer to Swim Solo Across English Channel**

- Para swimmer Jiya Rai has become the world's youngest and fastest female para swimmer to swim solo across the English Channel successfully.
- The 16-year-old covered the 34 km stretch, from Abbots Cliff in England to Pointe de la Courte-Dune in France, in 17 hours and 25 minutes.

#### **India to host T20 Asia Cup 2025, 2027 edition in ODI format in Bangladesh**

- India will host the next edition of the men's Asia Cup cricket tournament in T20 format in 2025 as a pre-cursor to the T20 World Cup scheduled in the country in 2026.
- Traditionally, the Asia Cup serves as a preparatory event for the global tournament and is played in the same format as the upcoming World Cup.

### **August**

#### **Rohan Bopanna announces retirement from Tennis**

- Rohan Bopanna, from Karnataka, one of India's most accomplished tennis players, has announced his retirement from representing India in international competitions following his exit from the Paris 2024 Olympics.

#### **Novak Djokovic 5th player to achieve Golden Slam**

- Serbian Tennis legend Novak Djokovic became the fifth tennis player in history to claim the Golden Slam.
- Novak Djokovic won the men's singles gold medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics by defeating Spain's Carlos Alcaraz in straight sets, 7-6(3), 7-6(2), in the final.

#### **Indian Wrestler Vinesh Phogat disqualified from Paris Olympics**

- Vinesh Phogat was disqualified from the women's 50kg wrestling final at the Paris Olympics.

#### **India wins CAVA Women's Volleyball Nations League for the second time**

- Indians beat the host Nepal 23-25, 25-14, 22-25, 25-21, 15-5 in the CAVA Women's Volleyball Nations League final.
- Nepal lost to India 3-2 in the finals at the Dashrath Stadium in Kathmandu.
- This was the second time Nepal was facing off India in the title match at home and first since the 13th South Asian Games.

### India's Pramod Bhagat suspended from Paris Paralympics Over Breach of Anti-Doping Regulations

- India's Tokyo 2020 Paralympic gold medal winner Pramod Bhagat, Badminton, has been suspended for a period of 18 months for breaching the anti-doping regulations.
- As a result of the suspension, Pramod will miss the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

### Gus Atkinson and Chamari Athapaththu crowned as Player of the month award for July 2024

- England's Gus Atkinson and Sri Lanka's Chamari Athapaththu have been crowned as the standout performers in men's and women's cricket, respectively, for their exceptional contributions to the sport during the month.
- Gus Atkinson made an unforgettable entrance into Test cricket during England's ICC World Test Championship series against the West Indies. His remarkable performance played a pivotal role in England's comprehensive 3-0 series victory on home soil.

### Germany Captain Ilkay Gundogan announces International Retirement from Football

- Germany captain Ilkay Gundogan announced his retirement from international football after leading his country at Euro 2024.
- Gundogan, who turns 34 in October, was in the Germany team that reached the Euro 2024 quarter-finals before losing to eventual champions Spain after extra time.

### ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 moved to UAE from Bangladesh

- The ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 venue has been shifted to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from Bangladesh.
- The tournament will take place across the two venues in the UAE - Dubai and Sharjah - from October 3 to October 20 with no changes in dates of the scheduled matches.

### Diana Pundole: First Indian Woman Racer to Win National Championship

- Diana Pundole, a mother of two and a teacher from Pune, has shattered the glass ceiling by claiming the national championship title in the saloon category at the MRF Indian National Car Racing Championship 2024, held in Chennai.

### Ronak Dahiya wins Bronze in U-17 Wrestling Championship

- Indian wrestler Ronak Dahiya won bronze medal in Men's Greco-Roman 110 kilograms event at Under-17 World Wrestling Championship in Jordan.
- Dahiya defeated Turkish wrestler Emrullah Capkan 6-1 in the crucial medal match.

### Neeraj Chopra won silver in Lausanne Diamond League

- Star Indian javelin throw athlete Neeraj Chopra registered a season-best throw of 89.49m at the Lausanne Diamond League 2024, in his first competitive appearance since he bagged silver for the nation at the Paris Olympics 2024.
- The 26-year-old was edged out by Grenada's Anderson Peters, who claimed the top spot in Switzerland with a mammoth throw of 90.81m. Julian Weber of Germany came in third on the day with a best throw of 87.08m.

### Shikhar Dhawan retires from all forms of Cricket

- One of the finest One Day Internationals (ODI) batsmen in the world, Shikhar Dhawan has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- His last competitive match was for Punjab Kings in the Indian Premier League (IPL) in April 2024.

### India clinch silver medal at Asian Surfing Championships 2024



- India won a silver medal at the Maruhaba Cup, a team event, at the Asian Surfing Championships 2024 at Thulusdhoo, Maldives.
- In the final, Japan won the gold medal by a substantial margin, with a score of 58.40 ahead of India, who recorded a score of 24.13. Taipei (23.93) and China (22.10) placed third and fourth, respectively.

#### **Shannon Gabriel retires from International Cricket**

- Shannon Gabriel of the West Indies has announced his retirement from international cricket.
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- She clocked 44 minutes 39.39 seconds to finish third in the gruelling event on the penultimate day of competitions.

#### **Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 to begin from 11th Nov at Rajgir**

- Hockey India has announced that the 8th Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 will begin at Rajgir in Bihar on November 11th this year.
- The event, a joint effort between Hockey India and the Bihar Government, will take place at the Rajgir Hockey Stadium between 11th November and 20th November.

#### **Dawid Malan retires from International Cricket**

- Dawid Malan, England's former world No. 1 T20I batter, has announced his retirement from international cricket at the age of 37.
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#### **Barinder Sran announces retirement from international cricket**

- Barinder Sran, the left-arm fast bowler, has called it quits from international and domestic cricket with immediate effect at the age of 31.
- He made his debut under MS Dhoni's captaincy in January 2016 and played six ODIs and two T20Is until June 2016 before losing his place in the Indian team.

#### **Himanshi Tokas clinches silver medal at Asian Cadet Judo Championships**

- Himanshi Tokas won a silver medal at the Asian Cadet and Junior Judo Championships.
- The event took place in Mungyeong, South Korea.
- Himanshi competed in the women's 63-kilogram weight category.

#### **15-year-old International Master Mayank Chakraborty wins his 2nd Grand Master Norm in Greece**

- 15-year-old Chess International Master Mayank Chakraborty from Assam has won his second Grand Master Norm in a GM Norm Tournament being conducted in Greece.
- IM Mayank requires one last norm and to touch the FIDE Rating Point 2500 once to be a Grand Master, in fact the first Grand Master from entire North East India.

#### **Yogesh Kathuniya wins silver in men's Discus throw F56 final**

- India's Yogesh Kathuniya clinched his second consecutive Paralympic silver medal in men's discus throw F-56 event with a season's best effort 42.22m at the ongoing Games in Paris.
- The 27-year-old hurled the discus to the podium-clinching distance in his very first attempt to add to the silver he won in the Tokyo Paralympics three years ago.
- Greece's Konstantinos Tzounis won the bronze with 41.32m.

#### **Divyanshi Bhowmick clinches Bronze medal at WTT Youth Contender 2024**

- Indian paddler Divyanshi Bhowmick clinched a bronze medal in the Under-19 Youth Girls Singles Event at the World Table Tennis Youth Contender Varazdin 2024 ARENA VARAŽDIN in Croatia.
- The 13-year-old paddler is a Khelo India athlete.

#### **Thulasimathi, Manisha claims badminton silver and bronze medals at Paralympics**

- Indian shuttlers Thulasimathi Murugesan and Manisha Ramadass signed off with maiden silver and bronze medals respectively in women's singles SU5 category at the Paralympics.
- The 22-year-old Thulasimathi, the number one seed, put up a fight before going down 17-21 10-21 against China's defending champion Yang Qiuxia in the final.

#### **Suhas Yathiraj gets silver in badminton men's singles SL4 category**

- India's Suhas Yathiraj got the silver medal in the men's singles SL4 category in badminton at the Paris Paralympics 2024.
- He lost to France's Lucas Mazur 9-21, 13-21 in the gold medal match at the La Chapelle Arena Court 1. It took the Frenchman 34 minutes to beat Suhas.

### NorthEast United FC wins its maiden Durand Cup beating Mohun Bagan

- Guwahati-based NorthEast United Football Club won its first Durand Cup title, **defeating the defending champion Mohun Bagan Super Giant (MBSG) 4-3** in a penalty shootout in the final.
- The final of the **133rd edition of Asia's oldest football tournament** was played at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata (West Bengal).
- The 133rd edition of the Durand Cup was held in Kolkata, Kokrajhar (Assam), Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), and Shillong (Meghalaya).

### Bangladesh wins maiden SAFF U-20 Championship Football Tournament

- Bangladesh won its maiden SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) Men's U-20 Championship by **defeating host Nepal 4-1** in the final.
- The final was played at the ANFA Complex in Lalitpur, Nepal.
- The Bangladeshi team, also famous as the Bengal Tigers, finally won the title in their fourth attempt at the finals. The Bangladeshi team appeared in the 2017, 2019 and 2022 finals without any success.

### Shot put thrower Sachin Khilari wins silver in Paris Paralympics

- 2023 and 2024 world champion **Sachin Khilari clinched silver** in the Paris Paralympics. **Khilari threw 16.32m in the men's shot put F46** - finishing behind Canada's Greg Stewart at Stade de France in Paris.
- Khilari's throw was also the best effort an Asian has ever put in the men's F46 event.
- only Indian archer to clinch a gold medal at the Paralympics or Olympics.

### Luis Suarez retires from Uruguay national team

- Celebrated football striker **Luis Suarez is ending his historic run** with the Uruguay national team.
- The nation's all-time leading scorer with 69 goals, Suarez announced that he will retire from international duties following the FIFA 2026 World Cup qualifier against Paraguay in Montevideo, Uruguay.
- Suarez has made 142 appearances for Uruguay, playing in four World Cups and winning the 2011 Copa America title.

### Wrestler Jyoti Berwal wins gold medal in U20 World Championships

- In wrestling, **Jyoti Berwal clinched a gold medal in the women's 76 kg freestyle category at the U20 World Championships** in Pontevedra, Spain.
- Jyoti defeated Ukraine's Mariia Orlevych in the final. On her way to the final, Jyoti defeated Mongolian, Chinese, and Turkish opponents.
- This was India's second consecutive world U20 title in women's 76 kg after Priya Malik claimed it in the 2023 edition.

### Praveen Kumar wins gold medal in Men's High Jump T64 final

- At the Paris Paralympic Games, **star athlete Praveen Kumar bagged a gold medal in the Men's High Jump T64 final**.
- Praveen secured the top spot on the podium with a brilliant effort of 2.08m, setting a new Area record. In a tightly contested final, Praveen made seven successful jumps in a row to claim the number one position.

### Moeen Ali announces retirement from international cricket

- **Moeen Ali**, the versatile England all-rounder, has officially **announced his retirement from international cricket**.

- Moeen made his international debut in 2014 against West Indies. He scored 6678 international runs and picked 366 wickets. He won the 2019 Cricket World Cup and 2022 T20 World Cup with the senior men's side.

#### **OCA includes Yogasana as demonstration sport in 2026 Asian Games**

- India's ancient sport, **Yogasana** was included as a **demonstration event at the 2026 Asian Games to be held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.**
- Yogasana's inclusion in the Asian Games calendar as a demonstration sport was unanimously passed at the 44th General Assembly of Olympic Council of Asia.

#### **Jannik Sinner, Aryna Sabalenka wins 2024 US Open Singles title**

- Jannik Sinner of Italy has won the men's singles titles of the 2024 US Open Grand Slam Tennis tournament.
- While, Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus won the women's singles titles of the 2024 US Open Grand Slam Tennis tournament.

#### **Syria wins the 4th Intercontinental Cup Men's Football Tournament**

- **Syria** defeated India 3-0 in the last round-robin match to **win the 4th Intercontinental Cup men's football championship.** India, the defending champions, could not score a single goal in the match.
- Mahmoud Al-Mawas, Syrian captain, received the winners' trophy and was named the Syed Abdul Rahim Player of the Tournament.

#### **Indian boxer Deepali Thapa becomes 1st ever Asian Schoolgirl Champion**

- **Indian boxer Deepali Thapa** has made history by **becoming the first-ever Asian Schoolgirl Champion in Al Ain, UAE.**
- Her victory led India to secure seven female titles at the Asian Championships. In the 33 kg weight category, Thapa defeated Ukraine's Liudmyla Vasylenko in the final.

#### **Irani Cup 2024 to be played in Lucknow from October 1-5**

- **The 2024/25 Irani Cup game**, which was supposed to be held in Mumbai from **October 1 to 5, has been shifted to Lucknow.**
- The match will be played between current Ranji Trophy winners Mumbai and a Rest of the India side selected by the national selection committee.
- Last year, Rest of India won the Irani Cup after beating Saurashtra by 175 runs in Rajkot.

#### **Anmol Kharb clinches Belgian International Title**

- India's 17-year-old shuttler, **Anmol Kharb** secured her **first senior international title by winning the women's singles event at the Belgian International 2024 in Leuven.**
- In a remarkable display of skill and determination, the 17-year-old, overcame Denmark's Amalie Schulz 24-22, 12-21, 21-10 in the final.

#### **Oscar Piastri won Azerbaijan F1 GP**

- **Oscar Piastri** won the **Azerbaijan Grand Prix** after a late crash impacted the race and required it to finish behind a virtual safety car.
- The win, combined with the fourth-place finish of McLaren teammate Lando Norris, gave the team a 20-point lead over Red Bull in the constructors standings. Red Bull had topped the standings for the past 55 races; McLaren last held the position in 2014.

#### **Neeraj Chopra finishes second at Diamond League Final in Brussels**

- **Ace Indian javelin throw athlete Neeraj Chopra** finished in **second position in Brussels** with a **best throw of 87.86 m** at the **Diamond League Final.**

- Neeraj missed out on the top spot by just a 1 cm margin.

#### 4th South Asian Junior Athletics Championship: India at topped the medal tally

- The 4th South Asian Junior Athletics Championships was held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- India led the Medal tally by winning 48 medals- 21 gold, 22 silver and 5 bronze.
- The Sri Lanka team, which gave a tough fight to the Indians, came second with 35 medals—9 gold, 9 silver, and 17 bronze. Bangladesh came third with three bronze medals. Pakistan and Bhutan failed to win a single medal at the event.

#### India wins Men's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy for record 5th time

- The Indian men's hockey team, led by Harmanpreet Singh, defeated host China 1-0 in the final to win the Men's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy for a record fifth time.
- The final match of the 8th Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 was played at the Moqi Hockey Training Base in Hulunbuir City.
- Defending champion India had earlier won the trophy in 2011, 2016, 2018 and 2023.
- In the final, Jugraj Singh scored the only winning goal of the match in the 51 minutes.

#### Glasgow to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games

- Glasgow, Scotland's capital, has agreed to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games after the original host, Victoria of Australia, declined due to the rising cost.
- Glasgow has previously successfully hosted the 2012 Commonwealth Games.
- The first Commonwealth Games was held in 1930, and countries or territories that are members of the Commonwealth Games Federation, now known as Commonwealth Sport, participate in the Games.

#### India's Dhanush Loganathan wins Bronze in Men's 55kg at IWF Junior World Championships 2024

- In Weightlifting, India's Dhanush Loganathan won the bronze medal in the men's 55kg event at the IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships 2024 in Leon, Spain.
- The 17-year-old Indian weightlifter lifted a total of 231kg (107 snatch+124kg clean and jerk) for bronze.
- Medals at the junior World Weightlifting Championships 2024 are awarded separately in snatch, clean and jerk and total categories.

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

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

#### Jasprit Bumrah becomes 10th Indian Bowler to reach 400 International Wickets

- Indian pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah completed 400 wickets in international cricket, becoming the 10th bowler from his team to do so.
- Bumrah reached this milestone during India's first Test against Bangladesh at Chennai.
- In 196 international matches, Bumrah has taken 401 wickets at an average of 21.01, with the best bowling figures of 6/19.

#### Chess Olympiad 2024: Indian teams make history, bag gold in both categories

- India has struck historic double gold medals in the 2024 Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary. Both men and women teams emerged on top.



- In the open section, India's maiden title win was secured following Arjun Erigaisi's victory over Jan Subelj of Slovenia in the final round of the competition.
- At the same time, second-placed China dropped crucial points against the USA in their fixture, and India officially clinched the title. The Indian team for the open category included Gukesh D, Praggnanandhaa R, Arjun Erigaisi, Vidit Gujrathi, Pentala Harikrishna, and Srinath Narayanan.

#### **Sangram Singh becomes 1st Indian male wrestler to win MMA fight at Gama International Fighting Championship**

- Indian wrestler Sangram Singh became the first Indian male wrestler to win an MMA (mixed martial arts) fight at the Gama International Fighting Championship Tbilisi in Georgia.
- Commonwealth heavyweight wrestling champion Sangram won in a 90-second match against the Pakistani opponent, Ali Raza Nasir.

#### **Indian tennis duo Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan & Vijay Sundar Prashant win Hangzhou Open Doubles title**

- Indian tennis duo Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan and Vijay Sundar Prashanth won the doubles title in the ATP 250 Hangzhou Open 2024.
- They defeated the German pair of Constantine Frantzen and Hendrik Jebens at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Expo Centre.
- The Indian duo staged a remarkable comeback to triumph 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 10-7, marking their first ATP title together as a pair.

#### **Kamal Chawla clinches Gold in IBSF World 6 Red Snooker Championship**

- In snooker, Indian veteran Kamal Chawla has clinched his maiden IBSF World 6-Red title with a commanding 6-2 victory over Pakistan's Asjad Iqbal in the final at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- This triumph marks a significant turnaround for Chawla, who was the runner-up in the 2017 edition of the tournament. India also won three more bronze medals through Malkeet Singh, Vidya Pillai, and Keerthana Pandian.

#### **BCCI inaugurates state-of-the-art 'Centre of Excellence' in Bengaluru**

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has officially opened the new National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru, now named the BCCI Centre of Excellence.
- This state-of-the-art facility, envisioned by BCCI Secretary Jay Shah, aims to cultivate the next generation of cricket talent while promoting advancements in sports science across India.
- Spanning over 40 acres, the Centre of Excellence is equipped with three cricket grounds and a total of 86 pitches, offering both indoor and outdoor training options.

#### **Gulveer Singh breaks his 5000m National Record in Japan**

- Gulveer Singh broke his national record in the men's 5000m event by clocking 13:11.82 to win gold at the World Athletics Continental Tour in Niigata, Japan.
- Gulveer, in June this year, had broken Avinash Sable's record at the 2024 Portland Track Festival by clocking 13:18.92.
- The 26-year-old surpassed Avinash's record of 13:19.30 set at the Sound Running On Track Fest 2023 in LA to secure a personal best.

## All About 2024 Paris Olympics

### Important Point

- **Edition** - 33rd Summer Olympics
- **Duration** - 26 July to 11 August 2024
- **1<sup>st</sup> Rank-USA (Total 126 Medal=Gold (40), 44 (Silver), 42 (Bronze))**
- **India's Rank-71<sup>st</sup> (Total 6 Medal=Silver (1), 5 (Bronze))**
- **First Summer Olympics-1896 (Greece)**
- It is the third time Paris is hosting the Summer Olympics, having hosted in **1900,1924 and now in 2024.**
- **Next Olympic**-The Olympic flag was handed over to the city of Los Angeles, USA, which will host the next 34th Summer Olympics in 2028.
- Total number of **sports 32 and 48 disciplines, 329 medal events**
- For the first time in the Summer Olympics' history, the traditional opening ceremony was not held in a stadium but the parade was held on boats floating on the River Seine, along which Paris city lies.
- At the 2024 Paris Olympics, athletes from the territories of 206 National Olympic Committees and the IOC Refugee Olympic Team participated.
- **Breaking, Surfing, sports climbing, and Skateboarding are the four new sports** to be included in the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics.
- The United States, with 640 athletes, has the maximum number of athletes competing in the Paris Olympics, followed by host France, which has 608 athletes.

### Mascot and Motto of the 2024 Paris Olympics

- The 2024 Paris Olympics Mascot is Olympic Phryge. It is designed on the traditional French Phrygian hat that represents the symbols of freedom and the French Republic.
- It is coloured in blue, white and red, representing the flag of France with the golden Paris 2024 logo emblazoned across its chest.
- "Alone we go faster, but together we go further," is the motto of the Paris Olympics and the Paralympic Games.

### About Indian Contingent in the Paris Olympics

- India has sent 117 athletes to the Paris Games, the second-largest contingent ever after the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, which saw the participation of 121 athletes.
- In the Paris Olympics, 70 male and 47 female Indian athletes are participating in the Paris Olympics.
- **Manu Bhaker and PR Sreejesh** were the Indian flag bearers at the **closing ceremony**.
- **PV Sindhu and Sharath Kamal** were the Indian flag bearers at the **opening ceremony**.
- **Out of the 32 sporting disciplines** in the Paris Olympics, India will participate in 16: Men's Hockey, archery, badminton, boxing, wrestling, equestrian, golf, athletics, tennis, judo, rowing, sailing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, and weightlifting.

### Medal Tally at the 2024 Paris Olympics

Rank	Country	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal	Total Medal
1	USA	40	44	42	126
2	China	40	27	24	91
3	Japan	20	12	13	45



4	Australia	18	19	16	53
5	France	16	26	22	64
6	Netherlands	15	7	12	34
7	Great Britain	14	22	29	65
8	Republic of Korea	13	9	10	32
9	Italy	12	13	15	40
10	Germany	12	13	8	33
71	India	0	1	5	6
84 (Last)	Zambia	0	0	1	1

### Indian Medal Winner at the Paris Olympics

S.No	Players	Event	Medal
1	Manu Bhaker	Women's 10m air pistol	Bronze
2	Manu Bhaker & Sarabjot Singh	10m air pistol Mixed Team Shooting	Bronze
3	Swapnil Kusale	Men's 50m rifle 3 Positions	Bronze
4	Men's Hockey Team	Men's Hockey	Bronze
5	Neeraj Chopra	Javelin	Silver
6	Aman Sehrawat	Wrestling 57 kg freestyle	Bronze
Total			6 medals

### 17<sup>th</sup> Summer Paralympic 2024

#### Important Point

- **Edition** - 17th Summer Paralympic
- **Duration** - 26 July to 11 August 2024
- **1<sup>st</sup> Rank-China** (Total 220 Medal=Gold (94), 76 (Silver), 50 (Bronze))
- **India's Rank-18<sup>th</sup>** (Total 29 Medal=7 (Gold), Silver (9), 13 (Bronze))
- **Next Olympic**-The Olympic flag was handed over to the city of Los Angeles, USA, which will host the next 34th Summer Paralympics in 2028.
- Total number of **sports 22 and 549 medal events**
- At the 2024 Paris Para Olympics, athletes from the territories of 160 National Olympic Committees and the IOC Refugee Olympic Team participated.

#### Mascot and Motto of the 2024 Paris Paralympics

- The mascot for the 2024 Paris Paralympics is the **Phrygian cap**, a symbol of liberty and revolution in France's history.
- The Phrygian cap is also the mascot for the 2024 Paris Olympics.
- The mascots' motto is "**Alone we go faster, but together we go further**".

### About Indian Contingent in the Paris Paralympics

- India has **sent 84 athletes to the Paris Games.**
- In the Paris Para Olympics, 52 male and 32 female Indian athletes are participating in the Paris Para Olympics.
- Preethi Pal, Harvinder Singh** were the Indian flag bearers at the **closing ceremony.**
- Bhagyashree Jadhav, Sumit Antil** were the Indian flag bearers at the **opening ceremony.**
- Out of the 22 sporting disciplines** in the Paris Para Olympics, India will participate in 12: Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Cycling, Judo, Paracanoeing, Powerlifting, Rowing, Shooting, Swimming, Table tennis, Taekwondo

### Medal Tally at the 2024 Paris Paralympics

Rank	Country	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal	Total Medal
1	China	94	76	50	220
2	Great Britain	49	44	31	124
3	US	36	42	27	105
4	Netherlands	27	17	12	56
5	Brazil	25	26	38	89
<b>18</b>	<b>India</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>29</b>

### Indian Medal Winner at the Paris Paralympics

No.	Athlete	Sport	Event	Medal
1	Avani Lekhara	Shooting	Women's 10m air rifle standing SH1	Gold
2	Mona Agarwal	Shooting	Women's 10m air rifle standing SH1	Bronze
3	Preethi Pal	Athletics	Women's 100m T35	Bronze
4	Manish Narwal	Shooting	Men's 10m air pistol SH1	Silver
5	Rubina Francis	Shooting	Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1	Bronze
6	Preethi Pal	Athletics	Women's 200m T35	Bronze
7	Nishad Kumar	Athletics	Men's high jump T47	Silver
8	Yogesh Kathuniya	Athletics	Men's discus throw F56	Silver
9	Nitesh Kumar	Badminton	Men's singles SL3	Gold
10	Thulasimathi Murugesan	Badminton	Women's singles SU5	Silver
11	Manisha Ramadass	Badminton	Women's singles SU5	Bronze
12	Suhas Yathiraj	Badminton	Men's singles SL4	Silver

13	Rakesh Kumar / Sheetal Devi	Archery	Mixed team compound open	Bronze
14	Sumit Antil	Athletics	Javelin throw F64	Gold
15	Nithya Sre Sivan	Badminton	Women's singles SH6	Bronze
16	Deepthi Jeevanji	Athletics	Women's 400m T20	Bronze
17	Mariyappan Thangavelu	Athletics	Men's high jump T63	Bronze
18	Sharad Kumar	Athletics	Men's high jump T63	Silver
19	Ajeet Singh	Athletics	Men's javelin throw F46	Silver
20	Sundar Singh Gurjar	Athletics	Men's javelin throw F46	Bronze
21	Sachin Khilari	Athletics	Men's shot put F46	Silver
22	Harvinder Singh	Archery	Men's individual recurve open	Gold
23	Dharambir	Athletics	Men's club throw F51	Gold
24	Parnav Soorma	Athletics	Men's club throw F51	Silver
25	Kapil Parmar	Judo	Men's -60kg J1	Bronze
26	Praveen Kumar	Athletics	Men's high jump T64	Gold
27	Hokato Hotozhe Sema	Athletics	Men's shot put F57	Bronze
28	Simran	Athletics	Women's 200m T12	Bronze
29	Navdeep Singh	Athletics	Men's javelin throw F41	Gold

### Indian Athlete Winners by Sport in Paris 2024 Paralympics

Sport	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Archery	1	0	1	2
Athletics	4	6	7	17
Badminton	1	2	2	5
Judo	0	0	1	1
Shooting	1	1	2	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>29</b>

## Chapter 17: Book and Author

### April

Book	Author
'The Idea of Democracy'	Launched by Sam Pitroda
'I Can Coach' book	Released by Siddharth Rajsekar
"The Law and Spirituality: Reconnecting the Bond".	Written by Prof. Raman Mittal and Dr. Seema Singh Released by Jagdeep Dhankhar
'Knife' memoir	Released by British-American author Salman Rushdie
"Heavenly Islands of Goa"	Authored by Governor of Goa P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
The Winner's Mindset	Authored by Shane Watson

### June

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

### July

Book	Author
"Venkaiah Naidu - Life in Service"	Authored by S Nagesh Kumar
"Celebrating Bharat - The Mission and Message of M Venkaiah Naidu as 13th Vice-President of India",	Authored by I.V. Subba Rao
"Mahaneta - Life and Journey of M. Venkaiah Naidu"	Authored by Sanjay Kishore
'Power Within: The Leadership Legacy of Narendra Modi'	Written by Dr R Balasubramaniam

### August

Book	Author
Memoir of geologist, mountaineer Sudipta Sengupta	" <b>Breaking Rocks and Barriers</b> ", published by HarperCollins India, narrates <b>Sengupta's</b>

	adventures as a geologist studying and doing fieldwork in remote areas across the world
<b>'Modi's Governance Triumph: Reshaping India's Path to Prosperity'</b>	Written by <b>Tarun Chugh</b> Released by <b>Amit Shah</b>

## Chapter 18: Important Day

### January

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
1 January	Global Family Day	The day aims at commencing the new year with peace, <b>unity and brotherhood among people</b> and across <b>nations and cultures</b> .
1 January	World Day of Peace	<b>World Day of Peace</b> is celebrated on January 1 every year, is primarily a <b>Catholic feast day</b> dedicated to <b>universal peace</b> on the <b>Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God</b> .
1 January	Copyright Law Day	<b>Copyright Law Day</b> is celebrated every year on 1 January to emphasize on the need to give <b>credit where it is due</b> .
1 January	DRDO's Foundation Day	To commemorate the <b>excellent work of the organisation</b> in making the <b>nation strong and self-reliant</b> in terms of <b>science and technology</b> and especially <b>military technologies</b> .
2 January	World Introvert Day	World Introvert Day was started from a blog post by psychologist and author <b>Felicitas Heyne</b> named, " <b>Here's Why We Need a World Introvert Day</b> " on her site "iPersonic".
4 January	World Braille Day	The primary objective of recognising <b>World Braille Day</b> is to promote <b>Braille literacy and raise awareness</b> among people about its importance.
5 January	Former India defender Prabir Majumdar	A stylish wing-back of the <b>1960s and 1970s</b> , <b>Majumdar</b> was a member of the Indian team in the <b>1974 Asian Games</b> .
5 January	National Birds Day	Theme 2023 - <b>Right To Fight</b>
6 January	World Day of War Orphans	The day aims to raise awareness about the trauma experienced by <b>orphans and the social, psychological and physical</b>

		<b>obstacles</b> they often need to overcome to lead a normal life.
<b>8 January</b>	Earth's Rotation Day	<b>Earth's Rotation Day</b> is celebrated to mark the experiment by <b>Leon Foucault</b> to demonstrate the <b>rotation of earth</b> , and this is given importance over other different experiments that were conducted to prove the <b>earth's rotation</b> around its axis.
<b>8 January</b>	South African Native National Congress (SANNC) Day	<b>South Africa's governing party</b> is the <b>African National Congress</b> and has been in power since the transition to democracy in <b>April 1994</b> .
<b>9 January</b>	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas	The day commemorates the return of <b>Mahatma Gandhi</b> , the greatest <b>Pravasi from South Africa to India</b> in <b>1915</b> for the struggle of Independence.
<b>10 January</b>	World Hindi Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Hindi-Bridging Traditional Knowledge and Artificial Intelligence</b>
<b>10 January to 18 January</b>	The Startup India Innovation Week 2024	<b>This week-long initiative</b> seeks to unite startups, entrepreneurs, investors, policymakers, and stakeholders to celebrate and advance the Indian <b>Startup Ecosystem</b> , <b>culminating in the National Startup Day on January 16th, 2024</b> .
<b>12 January</b>	National Youth Day	<b>Rashtriya Yuva Diwas</b> , commonly known as <b>National Youth Day</b> , is observed on <b>Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary</b> .  This day serves to raise awareness and impart knowledge about the rights of individuals in <b>India</b> , emphasizing the importance of proper conduct within the nation.
<b>11 to 17 January</b>	National Road Safety Week	<b>National Road Safety Week</b> aims to educate the public about the <b>perils of reckless or irresponsible driving</b> .
<b>14 January</b>	7th Armed Forces Veterans Day	The <b>14th of January</b> is commemorated as <b>Armed Forces Veterans Day</b> as a mark of respect and recognition for the services rendered by <b>Field Marshall KM Cariappa</b> .
<b>14 January</b>	International Kite Day	<b>Benjamin Franklin</b> , an <b>American scientist and author</b> , stated that <b>lightning</b> is <b>electricity</b> with the help of a kite.



15 January	Indian Army Day	In 2024, <b>Startup India</b> recognized 10-18 January as <b>Innovation Week 2024</b> with the theme, " <b>Celebrating 8 Years of Innovation.</b> "
18 January	Women's Healthy Weight Day	The day aims at <b>spreading awareness</b> around the concept of <b>healthy weight</b> and steps to achieve the <b>ideal weight</b> .
24 January	National Girl Child Day	Objective- <b>To raise awareness of the difficulties that girls in Indian society endure.</b>
24 January	International Day of Education	Theme 2024 - <b>Learning for lasting peace</b>
25 January	National Voters Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Nothing Like Voting, I Vote For sure</b>
26 January	International Day of Clean Energy	This day serves as a <b>reminder</b> of the critical role <b>clean energy</b> plays in <b>combating climate change, reducing carbon emissions</b> , and ensuring a <b>healthier planet</b> for <b>future generations</b> .
27 January	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust	This day serves as a <b>poignant reminder</b> of the horrors of the <b>Holocaust</b> and the enduring need to fight against <b>hatred, bigotry, and racism</b> in all its forms.
28 January	Indian Newspaper Day	The occasion is observed to commemorate the day on which <b>Irishman James Augustus Hicky</b> launched the first printed newspaper in India.
28 January	World Leprosy Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Beat Leprosy</b>
30 January	Martyrs Day or Shaheed Diwas	<b>Mahatma Gandhi</b> is known as the ' <b>Father of the Nation</b> '. He led the freedom movement in <b>India</b> and emphasised the use of <b>non-violent</b> and peaceful methods to fight the <b>British rule</b> .
31 January	International Zebra Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the conservation of zebras.</b>

### February

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
1 February	Indian Coast Guard Day	The day aims to honor the contribution of the Coast Guard. The Indian Coast Guard Day is dedicated to the officers and personnel who look after maritime

		security. This year, the Indian Coast Guard Day will be commemorating its 48th Raising Day.
<b>1-7 February</b>	World Interfaith Harmony Week	World Interfaith Harmony Week is celebrated annually in the first week of February. The week transforms into a global platform for fostering peace and understanding.
<b>2 February</b>	Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day	<b>Objective</b> - To raise awareness of rheumatoid arthritis, an inflammatory disease that affects the joints.
<b>2 February</b>	World Wetlands Day	The day primarily aims to raise global awareness regarding the crucial role of the wetlands for human beings and the planet.  <b>Theme 2024 - Wetlands and Human Wellbeing</b>
<b>4 February</b>	International Day of Human Fraternity	International Day of Human Fraternity is observed every year on 4 February.  The day serves as a powerful reminder of the beauty of unity and the strength found in diversity
<b>4 February</b>	World Cancer Day	The theme for the 2022-2024 period is <b>"Close the Care Gap: Everyone Deserves Access To Cancer Care"</b> . The sub-theme, "Together, we challenge those in power," emphasises accountability from leaders to allocate essential resources for eradicating cancer.
<b>6 February</b>	Safer Internet Day	Objective - To promote a safer and more responsible use of online technology around the world  <b>Theme 2024 - Inspiring Change. Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online</b>
<b>6 February</b>	International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation	The main objective of celebrating Female Genital Mutilation Day (FGM) is to give respect to women by completely eliminating female genital mutilation.  <b>Theme 2024 - Her voice Her Future</b>

<b>7 February</b>	National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day	National HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) was first observed in 1999. Theme 2024- <b>Engage, Educate, Empower: Uniting to End HIV/AIDS in Black Communities</b>
<b>13 February</b>	World Radio Day	Objective - To raise awareness among the people and the media about the importance of radio, and to encourage access to information through radio. Theme 2024 - <b>Radio: A Century informing, entertaining, and educating</b>
<b>12 February</b>	International Epilepsy Day	In 2024, the world will observe the International Epilepsy Day on February 12. The day provides a platform to educate and create awareness among people.
<b>15 February</b>	World Hippo Day	World Hippo Day is celebrated on 15 February every year. Objective - To raise awareness about the plight of hippos, which are one of the most endangered large mammals on the planet.
<b>15 February</b>	International Childhood Cancer Day	<b>International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day</b> is observed every year on <b>15 February</b> . It is a global campaign aimed at raising awareness about childhood cancer and its difficulties.
<b>15 February</b>	World Anthropology Day	World Anthropology Day is observed every year on the third Thursday in February and this year it is being marked on February 15. To promote the field of anthropology and raise awareness about its significance in understanding human diversity, cultures and societies worldwide.
<b>17 February</b>	Global Tourism Resilience Day	Theme 2024 - Resilient Tourism: Building Back Better
<b>17 February</b>	World Human Spirit Day	World Human Spirit Day is observed on 17 February each year.

		It is a day to reflect on the human spirit and reconnect with our sense of awe and purpose.
<b>18 February</b>	World Whale Day	World Whale Day is observed every year on the third Sunday of February. This year, the day falls on February 18.
<b>20 February</b>	Mizoram Foundation Day	Mizoram Foundation Day is celebrated every year on February 20 to honour the northeastern state's accomplishment of statehood in 1987.
<b>20 February</b>	World Day of Social Justice	Theme 2024 - <b>Bridging Gaps, Building Alliances</b>
<b>21 February</b>	International Mother Language Day	Objective - To recognize and promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.  Theme 2024 - <b>Multilingual education is a pillar of intergenerational learning</b>
<b>22 February</b>	World Thinking Day	The day also raises funds for the development of 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts across the globe.  Theme 2024 - <b>Our World, Our Thriving Future</b>
<b>22 February</b>	World Scout Day	The day is also known as Scouts Founder's Day.  Theme 2024 - <b>Scouts for a Better World</b>
<b>23 February</b>	World Understanding and Peace Day	World Understanding and Peace Day is every year on 23 February.  This day is celebrated to promote peace, empathy and cooperation between people of various origins and cultures.
<b>24 February</b>	Central Excise Day	Central Excise Day is observed every year on 24 February.  The day commemorates the establishment of the Central Excise and Salt Act, which came into effect in 1944.
<b>27 February</b>	World NGO Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Building a Sustainable Future: The Role of NGOs in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</b>

28 February	National Science Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat</b>
26 February to 1 March	Financial Literacy Week	The designated theme for the Financial Literacy Week scheduled from February 26 to March 01, 2024, is " <b>Make a Right Start - Become Financially Smart</b> ".
29 February	Rare disease Day	The theme for 2024, " <b>Share Your Colors,</b> " emphasizes collaboration and support.

### March

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
1 March	Zero Discrimination Day	<b>To protect everyone's health, protect everyone's rights</b>
1 March	World Seagrass Day	<b>Healthy Seagrass, Healthy Planet</b>
1 March	World Civil Defence Day	<b>World Civil Defence Day</b> was first established in 1990 by the <b>International Civil Defence Organisation (ICDO)</b> to commemorate the anniversary of the adoption of the ICDO's Constitution.
3 March	World Wildlife Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation.</b>
3 March	World Hearing Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Changing mindsets: Let's make ear and hearing care a reality for all.</b>
4 March	National Safety Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Safety Leadership for ESG Excellence.</b>
4 March	World Obesity Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Let's Talk About Obesity And..."</b>
5 March	Dissociative Identity Disorder Awareness Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the difficulties faced by people with dissociative identity disorder and what we can do to improve their standards of life.</b>

<b>5 March</b>	International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness	The day is celebrated <b>to promote awareness and understanding of disarmament issues, especially among the youth.</b>
<b>6 March</b>	Ghana Independence Day	<b>Ghana</b> set record as the <b>first country</b> to gain independence from <b>colonial rule after de long fight for freedom.</b>
<b>7 March</b>	Jan Aushadhi Diwas	This day serves as the culmination of a week-long event commencing on March 1, aimed at <b>raising awareness about generic medicines and their potential to benefit millions of individuals.</b>
<b>8 March</b>	International Women's Day	The theme of Women's Day 2024 is ' <b>Invest in women: Accelerate Progress</b> ', which <b>emphasizes the importance of creating a world where women feels respected, valued, and empowered.</b>
<b>9 March</b>	No Smoking Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Protecting children from tobacco industry interference.</b>
<b>9 March</b>	CISF Raising Day	This day marks the establishment of the <b>Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)</b> in <b>1969.</b>
<b>10 March</b>	International Day of Women Judges	The day is dedicated to recognizing the contributions of <b>women judges worldwide.</b>
<b>12 March</b>	National Mauritius Day	This national holiday is a time to commemorate <b>the country's independence from Britain in 1968</b> and its transition to a <b>republic in 1992.</b>
<b>11 March</b>	World Plumbing Day	The idea behind <b>World Plumbing Day</b> is for people worldwide to <b>pause and reflect on the vital role of plumbing</b> in preserving <b>health and way of life</b> , or in building <b>sustainable, disease-free futures</b> for millions in developing countries.
<b>13 March</b>	No Smoking Day	It is a day dedicated to spreading awareness about the <b>destructive impacts of smoking</b> and to inspire individuals to give up <b>smoking.</b>
<b>14 March</b>	International Day of Action for Rivers	Theme 2024 - <b>Water for All</b>



14 March	World Kidney Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Kidney Health for All – Advancing Equitable Access to Care and Optimal Medication Practice</b>
15 March	Pi Day	Every year, <b>Pi Day</b> is observed to commemorate the constant <b>value of Pi</b> and how it <b>simplifies calculations</b> for us.
15 March	World Consumer Rights Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Fair and responsible AI for consumers.</b>
16 March	National Vaccination Day	<b>National Vaccination Day</b> or <b>National Immunization Day</b> is celebrated in India on <b>16 March</b> every year to raise awareness about the significance of vaccines in the human body.
18 March	Ordnance Factories Day	<b>Indian Ordnance Factories</b> play an important role in safeguarding us and providing strength to the <b>Indian Armed Forces.</b>
20 March	French Language Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the history and use of the French language worldwide.</b>
20 March	International Day of Happiness	This day is dedicated to spreading awareness about the <b>importance of happiness and well-being.</b>
20 March	World Sparrow Day	Theme 2024 - <b>I Love Sparrow</b>
21 March	World Oral Health Day	Theme 2024 - <b>A Happy Mouth is A Happy Body</b>
21 March	World Forestry Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Forests and innovation: new solutions for a better world.</b>
21 March	World Poetry Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Standing on the Shoulders of Giants</b>
21 March	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Theme 2024 - <b>A Decade of Recognition, Justice, and Development: Implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent</b>
21 March	World Down Syndrome Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the discrimination faced by people with Down Syndrome.</b>
22 March	Bihar Diwas	The day marks the <b>anniversary of the founding of Bihar state in 1912.</b>

22 March	World Water Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Water for Peace</b>
23 March	World Tuberculosis Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Yes! We can end TB</b>
23 March	World Meteorological Day	Theme 2024 - <b>At the Frontline of Climate Action</b>
23 March	Shaheed Diwas	It was on <b>March 23, 1931</b> , when <b>freedom fighter Bhagat Singh, along with his associates Shivaram Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar</b> , were hanged to death by the British.
24 March	International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims	The day honour the <b>memory of victims of gross and systematic human rights violations</b> and promote the importance of the right to <b>truth and justice</b> .
25 March	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	The day <b>honours</b> and remembers those who suffered and died as a consequence of the <b>transatlantic slave trade</b> .
25 March	International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members	The day marked anniversary of abduction of <b>Alec Collett</b> , a former journalist who was working for the <b>United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees</b> in the Near East when he was abducted by armed <b>gunman in 1985</b> .
26 March	Purple Day of Epilepsy	This day holds special significance as it aims to raise awareness about <b>epilepsy, a neurological disorder</b> characterised by recurrent seizures.
27 March	World Theatre Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the role of theatre in our lives, and to promote its growth.</b>
29 March	World Piano Day	This day serves as a <b>global platform to recognize the beauty, cultural significance, and enduring appeal</b> of the <b>piano</b> , fostering appreciation for its rich legacy across generations and cultures.
30 March	International Day of Zero Waste	This day aims to raise awareness about <b>reducing waste and promoting zero-waste initiatives</b> to achieve sustainable development.
30 March	Rajasthan Diwas	On this day in <b>1949, 19 princely states and 3 states</b> were merged to form the state of

		<b>Rajasthan</b> after a process that took <b>eight and a half years</b> .
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**April**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Theme/Importance</b>
<b>30 March</b>	Rajasthan Diwas	On this day in <b>1949</b> , <b>19</b> princely states and <b>3 states</b> were merged to form the state of <b>Rajasthan</b> after a process that took <b>eight and a half years</b> .
<b>1 April</b>	Utkal Diwas	<b>Utkal Divas</b> is commemorated each year to commemorate the establishment of the state of <b>Odisha on April 1, 1936</b> .
<b>1 April</b>	RBI Foundation Day	The <b>RBI</b> was established on <b>April 1, 1934</b> , following recommendations from the <b>Royal Commission on Indian Currency and Finance</b> to maintain the country's <b>monetary stability</b> .
<b>2 April</b>	World Autism Awareness Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Empowering Autistic Voices</b>
<b>1-7 April</b>	Prevention of Blindness Week	This observance serves as a <b>poignant call to individuals</b> , emphasizing the importance of <b>prudent lifestyle choices</b> and <b>regular eye examinations</b> to mitigate the risk of eye ailments, including age-related <b>macular degeneration</b> .
<b>4 April</b>	International Mine Awareness Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Protecting Lives, Building Peace</b>
<b>4 April</b>	International Carrot Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the potential health benefits of carrots, including reducing the risk of cancer, heart disease, and obesity.</b>
<b>5 April</b>	National Maritime Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Navigating the future: safety first</b>
<b>5 April</b>	International Day of Conscience	Theme 2024 - <b>Promoting a Culture of Peace with Love and Conscience</b>
<b>6 April</b>	National Handmade Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Buy a Handmade Product</b>
<b>6 April</b>	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace	Theme 2024 - <b>Sport for the Promotion of Peaceful and Inclusive Societies</b>
<b>6 April</b>	National Library Day	On this day, people come together to celebrate the crucial roles that <b>libraries and</b>

		<b>librarians play in our society.</b> It's also the day to reflect on the importance of reading and how essential it is to make books accessible and affordable for every reader.
<b>7 April</b>	World Health Day	Theme 2024 - <b>My health, my right.</b>
<b>7 April</b>	National Beer Day	This day is celebrated to appreciate the contributions of the <b>brewing industry to the economy and society as a whole.</b>
<b>8 April</b>	National Zoo Lovers Day	<b>National Zoo Lovers Day</b> encourages us to explore <b>our local zoos.</b>
<b>9 April</b>	CRPF Valour Day	Every year <b>April 9</b> is celebrated as <b>Bravery Day (Valour Day)</b> to pay tribute to the brave soldiers of the <b>Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).</b>
<b>9 April</b>	National Mature Women's Day	It's a special holiday for the special <b>older women</b> in our lives — a day to recognize <b>mature and confident women.</b>
<b>10 April</b>	World Homeopathy Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Homeoparivar: One Health, One Family</b>
<b>11 April</b>	National Safe Motherhood Day	The day is <b>observed to educate the masses about the challenges faced by new mothers and to spread awareness around safe pregnancy</b> and postpartum support.
<b>11 April</b>	World Parkinson's Day	<b>World Parkinson's Disease Day</b> aims to support people with Parkinson's disease and their <b>caregivers, who often face severe difficulties in managing the Parkinson's disease's physical, emotional, and social effects.</b>
<b>11 April</b>	National Submarine Day	This day is significant as it marks the <b>beginning of the modern submarine era.</b> The day also serves as a reminder of the contributions made by submarines to the <b>nation's defence and security.</b>
<b>12 April</b>	International Day of Human Space Flight	The day is celebrated to honour the <b>first person, Yuri Gagarin, to go to space.</b>
<b>12 April</b>	International Day for Street Children	The day is dedicated to <b>raising awareness about the plight of street children and to promoting their inclusion and well-being.</b>
<b>13 April</b>	International Turban Day	<b>13 April</b> is dedicated to honoring <b>Sikh heritage and values.</b> The day acknowledges

		the importance of the turban in Sikh culture and promotes religious harmony and inter-cultural understanding.
<b>14 April</b>	World Quantum Day	India celebrates <b>World Quantum Day 2024</b> on <b>14 April</b> with aspirations to become a global leader in various fields of Quantum Science and Technology.
<b>15 April</b>	Ambedkar Jayanti	<b>Ambedkar Jayanti</b> , also known as <b>Bhim Jayanti</b> , is celebrated on April 14 every year to honor the memory of " <b>Father of Indian Constitution</b> " Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar on his birth anniversary.
<b>15 April</b>	World Art Day	Theme 2024 - <b>A Garden of Expression: Cultivating Community Through Art</b>
<b>16 April</b>	World Voice Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Resonate. Educate. Celebrate</b>
<b>16 April</b>	Save the Elephant Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness for these majestic creatures and take action to protect their future.</b>
<b>17 April</b>	World Hemophilia Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Equitable access for all: recognizing all bleeding disorders.</b>
<b>18 April</b>	World Heritage Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Discover and Experience Diversity.</b>
<b>19 April</b>	World Liver Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Keep your liver healthy and disease-free</b>
<b>19 April</b>	World Jackal Day	<b>World Jackal Day</b> is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of <b>protecting the habitat of jackals and to promote their conservation.</b>
<b>20 April</b>	World Circus Day	This day is dedicated to the <b>circus artists, performers, and creators who bring the magic of live entertainment</b> to the fore. It is a time to recognize their <b>hard work, dedication, and talent</b> , as well as to raise funds for the circus industry.
<b>20 April</b>	Volunteer Recognition Day	The significance of this day is to <b>recognise, honour, and celebrate the selfless sacrifices of volunteers</b> who work for the good of society.
<b>21 April</b>	National Civil Service Day	Objective - <b>To honour the achievements of the civil servants and acknowledge their efforts in ensuring that the people of the country are safe and happy.</b>

21 April	World Curlew Day	<b>World Curlew Day</b> is observed every <b>April 21</b> by various <b>environmental organizations</b> to raise awareness about the problems faced by <b>curlews</b> .
21 April	World Creativity and Innovation Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Inspire</b>
22 April	International Mother Earth Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Planet vs. Plastics</b>
23 April	World Book and Copyright Day	This day is dedicated to the celebration of <b>literature in all forms and to promote the enjoyment of books</b> . It is also a day to reflect on the past and the future through reading.
23 April	World Table Tennis Day	The history of <b>table tennis</b> dates back to the <b>British military</b> , when officers in India learned to play the game during their time in the country. The game was originally played with a <b>golf ball</b> , and books were used as <b>racquets</b> .
24-30 April	World Immunization Week	Theme 2024 - <b>Humanly Possible</b>
24 April	National Panchayati Raj Day	It marks the creation of the <b>Panchayati Raj System</b> , a way of governing that started in <b>1993 with the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act</b> .
24 April	International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace	This day aims to promote the <b>principles of multilateralism and diplomacy</b> in resolving global challenges and conflicts.
25 April	World Malaria Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Accelerate the Fight Against Malaria for a More Equitable World</b>
25 April	World Penguin Day	This day is significant because it coincides with the start of the <b>northern migration of Adelie penguins</b> . Adelie penguins are one of the <b>17-20 species of penguins recognized worldwide</b> .
25 April	International Girls in ICT Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Leadership</b>
25 April	International Delegate's Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness of the role of the representatives and delegates of the Member States to UN</b> .
26 April	World Intellectual Property Day	Theme 2024 - <b>IP and the SDGs: Building Our Common Future with Innovation and Creativity</b>



26 April	International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day	The day is dedicated to remember the victims of the <b>Chernobyl nuclear disaster</b> .
27 April	World Veterinary Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Veterinarians are essential health workers</b>
27 April	World Healing Day	<b>World Healing Day</b> is dedicated to promoting the <b>benefits of mind-body practices</b> and the emerging <b>medical research on the subject</b> .
29 April	World Wish Day	This national holiday is sponsored by the <b>"Make-A-Wish Foundation"</b> — an <b>organization that focuses on making the wishes of terminally ill children come true</b> .
30 April	Ayushman Bharat Diwas	It is a <b>healthcare scheme</b> launched by the <b>Indian government</b> to provide <b>affordable and accessible healthcare</b> to about <b>50 crore people</b> who are economically disadvantaged.
30 April	International Jazz Day	This day is dedicated to the city of <b>Tangier, Morocco, and the cultural heritage of jazz in Africa</b> .
30 April	National Honesty Day	It is a day dedicated to promoting <b>honesty and building trust</b> . The day is counterbalanced by <b>April Fools' Day</b> , which is known for <b>jokes and deception</b> .

May

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
1 May	Maharashtra & Gujarat Foundation Day	Following the implementation of the <b>Indian constitution</b> , the country was divided into states on the basis of <b>linguistic borders</b> . At that time, <b>Bombay</b> was recognised as a state under the <b>State Recognition Act of 1956</b> .
1 May	International Labour Day	It's a day dedicated to <b>honouring the contributions of working people</b> in every industry and sector. It's not just about celebrating their <b>hard work</b> , but also <b>empowering them to be aware of their rights</b> .

2 May	World Tuna Day	The day is dedicated to raising awareness about the decline in <b>tuna stocks worldwide</b> and the need to effectively implement <b>international regulations</b> to safeguard future tuna supplies.
3 May	World Press Freedom Day	Theme 2024 - <b>A Press for the Planet: Journalism in the Face of the Environmental Crisis.</b>
4 May	Coal Miners Day	It honours the <b>hard work and sacrifices of coal miners</b> around the world. The day reminds us of its vital role in providing <b>energy for homes, industries, and communities.</b>
4 May	International Firefighters Day	It honour the <b>brave men and women</b> who risk their lives to keep communities <b>safe from fires</b> and other <b>emergencies.</b>
5 May	International Day of the Midwife	Theme 2024 - <b>Midwives: A Vital Climate Solution</b>
5 May	World Laughter Day	The primary objective of World Laughter Day is to promote world <b>peace and global consciousness through laughter.</b>
6 May	International No Diet Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Embrace Yourself: Reject Diet Culture, Love You</b>
7 May	World Asthma Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Asthma Education Empowers</b>
7 May	World Athletics Day	This day aims to promote <b>sports and encourage people</b> , especially the youth, to participate in <b>athletics.</b>
7 May	65th raising day of Border Road Organization (BRO)	<b>The Border Road Organization</b> was set up on <b>7 May 1960</b> by the <b>Pt Nehru government</b> to execute crucial road projects vital for the Army.
8 May	World Red Cross Day	Theme 2024 - I give with joy, and the joy I give is a reward
8- 9 May	Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives During the Second World War	These two days recognise the <b>sacrifices and loss of military and civilians during the second world war.</b>
8 May	World Thalassaemia Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Empowering Lives, Embracing Progress: Equitable and Accessible Thalassaemia Treatment for All.</b>

8 May	International Day of Argania	Objective- <b>To increase awareness about these unique trees, their benefits, and the challenges they face</b>
10 May	World Lupus Day	To raise awareness about the <b>autoimmune disease lupus</b> .
11 May	National Technology Day	This day is dedicated to recognizing the contributions of <b>innovators, scientists, and engineers</b> , and to promoting <b>scientific and technological innovation</b> in the country.
11 May	World Migratory Bird Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Insects</b>
12 May	International Nurses Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Our Future. The economic power of care.</b>
12 May	International Day of Plant Health	Theme 2024 - <b>Plant Health, Safe Trade, Digital Technology</b>
14 May	250th Foundation Day of Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd	To mark the day, a series of events were organised in <b>Mumbai</b> , presided over by <b>Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane</b> .
15 May	International Day of Families	Theme 2024 - <b>Families and Climate Change</b>
16 May	International Day of Living Together in Peace	<b>The United Nations General Assembly</b> established this day to support the <b>international community's efforts</b> to promote <b>peace, unity, and solidarity</b> .
16 May	International Day of Light	Objective - <b>To highlight the importance of light and its various applications in science, culture, art, education, and sustainable development.</b>
16 May	National Dengue Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Dengue Prevention: Our Responsibility for a Safer Tomorrow.</b>
17 May	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development</b>
17 May	World Hypertension Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer</b>
17 May	National Endangered Species Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Celebrate Saving Species.</b>
18 May	World AIDS Vaccine Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the ongoing fight against HIV/AIDS and the importance of developing a vaccine.</b>

18 May	International Museum Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Museums for Education and Research</b>
18 May	Armed Forces Day	The best way to celebrate <b>Armed Forces Day</b> is by recognising an armed forces service member and pay your respect.
20 May	World Bee Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Bee Engaged with Youth</b>
20 May	World Refugee Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Hope Away from Home</b>
21 May	International Tea Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness regarding the working conditions of people in the tea industry.</b>
21 May	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	Objective - <b>To create a better understanding of the values of culture, tradition and education among people.</b>
21 May	National Anti-Terrorism Day	The <b>Anti-Terrorism Day</b> in India was founded by the <b>VP Singh government</b> in the memory of <b>Rajiv Gandhi</b> and was intended to educate the people of India about the adverse impacts of terrorism and <b>violence on society</b> and the <b>country</b> .
22 May	International Day for Biodiversity	Theme 2024 - <b>Be Part of the Plan</b>
23 May	World Turtle Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the lifestyle and habitat of turtles as well as tortoises and urge people to understand them better and contribute to their wellbeing.</b>
23 May	2586th birth anniversary of Gautama Buddha	This significant day commemorates the birth of <b>Lord Gautam Buddha</b> , who was born as <b>Prince Siddhartha Gautam in Lumbini</b> , present-day Nepal, around <b>563 BC</b> .
24 May	National Brother's Day	<b>National Brother's Day</b> is celebrated every year on <b>24 May</b> to respect the special bond shared between brothers.
24 May	International Day of the Markhor	Objective - <b>To raise awareness and promote the conservation of this iconic and ecologically significant species found across the mountainous regions of Central and South Asia.</b>

25 May	World Football Day	The <b>United Nations General Assembly</b> adopted a resolution <b>proclaiming May 25 as World Football Day</b> . The sport is called soccer in the United States.
25-31 May	International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories	This day aims to request the <b>administering Powers</b> to protect and respect the rights of the peoples in these <b>territories</b> to their natural resources and their property rights.
25 May	Africa Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Education Fit for the 21st Century</b>
27 May	National Memorial Day	<b>National Memorial Day</b> is dedicated to the lives and glory of those military personnel who lost their lives in protecting the country.
28 May	World Hunger Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Thriving Mothers, Thriving World</b>
28 May	17th Republic Day of Nepal	<b>Republic Day</b> is associated with <b>people's movement</b> and aspiration for change from <b>monarchy to make Nepal</b> a republic nation.
29 May	International Day of the UN Peacekeepers	Theme 2024 - <b>Fit for the future, building better together.</b>
30 May	Hindi Journalism Day	The journey of <b>Hindi journalism</b> began on <b>May 30, 1826</b> , with publication of the <b>first Hindi newspaper, 'Udant Martand,'</b> started by <b>Pt. Jugal Kishore Shukla</b> .
30 May	International Day of Potato	Theme 2024 - <b>Harvesting Diversity, Feeding Hope</b>
31 May	World No-Tobacco Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Protecting Children from Tobacco Industry Interference</b>

**June**

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
1 June	Global Day of Parents	The day was established to highlight the <b>parents' significant role</b> in their <b>children's development</b> and promote their <b>healthy growth and development</b> .
1 June	World Milk Day	This day is dedicated to the <b>dairy industry and the products</b> they sell. It is a day to start a conversation about how <b>accessible, affordable, and nutritious milk</b> is around the world.
2 June	International Sex Workers' Day	The <b>International Sex Workers' Day</b> , advocates for improved working conditions and <b>respect for sex workers</b> .

3 June	World Bicycle Day	The theme this year, the designated theme for <b>World Bicycle Day</b> is <b>Promoting Health, Equity, and Sustainability through Cycling</b> .
3 June	World Cyder Day	The <b>Apple Cider Day</b> aims to generate publicity for the wide variety and characteristics of apple cider, to whet <b>people's appetite for apple cider, to provide information about apple cider</b> .
3 June	World Clubfoot Day	According to <b>Ponseti</b> International, clubfoot is the most common " <b>musculoskeletal birth deformity, affecting 2,00,000 newborn children</b> each year, 80 per cent in the developing countries".
4 June	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	Objective - <b>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.</b>
5 June	World Environment Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience</b>
6 June	UN Russian Language Day	This day is dedicated to promoting the <b>study and appreciation of Russian language</b> . It coincides with the <b>birthday of Aleksandr Pushkin</b> , one of the most prominent <b>Russian writers and creators</b> .
7 June	World Food Safety Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Food Safety: Prepare for the Unexpected.</b>
8 June	World Oceans Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Awaken New Depths</b>
8 June	World Brain Tumour Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Brain Health and Prevention</b>
9 June	World Accreditation Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Accreditation: Empowering Tomorrow and Shaping the Future.</b>
11 June	International Day of Play	The <b>Day of Play on 11 June</b> 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 - <b>Let's Act on Our Commitments: End Child Labour</b>



<b>12 June</b>	International Albinism Awareness Day	Theme 2024 - <b>10 years of IAAD: A decade of collective progress.</b>
<b>14 June</b>	World Blood Donor Day	Theme 2024 - <b>20 years of celebrating giving: thank you blood donors.</b>
<b>15 June</b>	World Wind Day	Objective - <b>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.</b>
<b>15 June</b>	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Spotlight on Older Persons in Emergencies</b>
<b>16 June</b>	International Day of Family Remittances	Theme 2024- <b>Digital remittances towards financial inclusion and cost reduction.</b>
<b>17 June</b>	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Theme 2024 - <b>United for Land. Our Legacy. Our Future</b>
<b>17 June</b>	Sustainable Gastronomy Day	<b>World Sustainable Gastronomy Day</b> is celebrated on <b>June 18</b> across the world to draw the attention towards the importance of <b>gastronomy</b> , which is sometimes called the <b>art of food</b> .
<b>18 June</b>	International Day for Countering Hate Speech	In July 2021, the <b>UN General Assembly</b> highlighted global concerns over <b>“the exponential spread and proliferation of hate speech”</b> around the world and adopted a resolution on <b>“promoting inter-religious and intercultural dialogue and tolerance in countering hate speech”</b> .
<b>19 June</b>	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	Objective - <b>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.</b>
<b>19 June</b>	World Sickle Cell Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Hope Through Progress: Advancing Sickle Cell Care Globally.</b>
<b>20 June</b>	World Refugee Day	Theme 2024 - <b>For a World Where Refugees Are Welcomed</b>
<b>21 June</b>	World Music Day	The day celebrates music in all its forms, <b>encompassing classical, contemporary, traditional, and experimental genres.</b>

21 June	World Hydrography Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Hydrographic Information - Enhancing Safety, Efficiency and Sustainability in Marine Activities</b>
23 June	United Nations Public Service Day	This special day highlights the importance of <b>public service and recognizes the hard work of public servants globally.</b>
23 June	International Olympic Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Let's Move and Celebrate</b>
23 June	International Widow's Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the plight of widows worldwide and advocating for their rights and well-being.</b>
24 June	International Day of Women in Diplomacy	Theme 2024 - <b>Women's Leadership in Multilateral Diplomacy</b>
25 June	International Day of the Seafarer	This special day was created by the <b>International Maritime Organization (IMO) to recognize the important role seafarers play in our daily lives and the global economy.</b>
26 June	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	Theme 2024 - <b>The evidence is clear: invest in prevention</b>
26 June	United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	<b>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.</b>
27 June	Micro Small Medium Enterprise (MSME) Day	Theme 2024 - <b>MSMEs and the SDG.</b>
27 June	International Pineapple Day	This day is dedicated to the <b>tropical fruit pineapple and its nutritional, economic, and cultural benefits.</b>
28 June	National Insurance Awareness Day	This day is dedicated to promoting the importance of <b>insurance and ensuring that people understand the benefits of having adequate insurance coverage.</b>
29 June	National Statistics Day	The day highlights <b>his contributions to the field of statistics and economic planning in the post-independent era.</b>

30 June	World Asteroid Day	To raise awareness about asteroids and the potential hazards they pose to our planet.
30 June	International Day of Parliamentarism	Theme 2024 - Parliamentary diplomacy: Building bridges for peace and understanding.

**July**

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
1 July	National Doctor's Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Healing Hands, Caring Hearts.</b>
1 July	National Postal Worker Day	It is commemorated to recognize the contributions of all individuals within the <b>postal service, from clerks and drivers transporting letters to distant locations, to delivery partners.</b>
1 July	GST Day	This <b>comprehensive indirect</b> tax was introduced to simplify the <b>complex web of taxes previously</b> levied by central and state governments.
2 July	World Sports Journalists Day	This day is marked to honour the <b>outstanding work of journalists in the field of sports journalism.</b> Over the years, many sports media professionals have been honoured for their accomplishments on this special day.
2 July	World UFO Day	This extraordinary day is all about <b>studying the Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)</b> and bringing people together to discuss <b>possibilities of life beyond Earth.</b>
3 July	International Plastic Bag Free Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the problem of plastic pollution. It also emphasises the significant threat plastic poses to ecosystems, particularly affecting terrestrial and marine species.</b>
3 July	Disobedience Day	Disobedience Day invites us to reflect on the profound <b>impact of civil disobedience throughout history and its relevance in contemporary society.</b>
4 July	Jackfruit Day	The <b>tropical fruit</b> is a popular meat substitute for those who are trying to follow a plant-based diet. It is high in <b>vitamins and</b>

		<b>antioxidants, making it a great addition</b> to any diet.
<b>4 July</b>	US Independence Day	<b>The US celebrates</b> Independence Day on <b>July 4</b> every year, which is a national holiday commemorating the country's declaration of Independence from <b>Great Britain in 1776</b> .
<b>6 July</b>	World Zoonoses Day	Theme 2024 - <b>One World, One Health: Prevent Zoonoses"</b>
<b>6 July</b>	International Kissing Day	<b>International Kissing Day</b> helps us understand the main motive behind the gesture. It can show how much a person means to you. You can express your love and feelings for a person by kissing them.
<b>7 July</b>	World Kiswahili Language Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Kiswahili: Education and Culture of Peace</b>
<b>9 July</b>	National Dimples Day	This lighthearted day encourages everyone to <b>embrace their dimples, whether natural or drawn on for fun, and spread happiness through their cheerful grins.</b>
<b>9 July</b>	National Sugar Cookie Day	This sweet occasion pays homage to the simple yet <b>irresistible sugar cookie, a beloved treat enjoyed by people of all ages.</b>
<b>10 July</b>	Global Energy Independence Day	Objective - <b>To promote awareness for alternative forms of energy.</b>
<b>10 July</b>	Chronic Disease Awareness Day	<b>Chronic</b> refers to something that happens continuously for a prolonged period of time. Hence, a <b>chronic disease or chronic health condition</b> is a disease lasting for more than three months.
<b>10 July</b>	National Fish Farmer's Day	<b>National Fish Farmer's Day</b> is celebrated on 10th July every year to recognize and appreciate the invaluable contributions of <b>fish farmers, aquaculture industry professionals and other stakeholders towards ensuring a sustainable and thriving fisheries sector.</b>
<b>11 July</b>	World Population Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Leave no one behind, count everyone</b>
<b>16 July</b>	World Snake Day	It is dedicated to raising awareness about the diverse and often misunderstood reptiles. The day aims to <b>educate the public</b>

		<b>about the role snakes play in ecosystems, dispel myths, and promote conservation efforts.</b>
<b>16 July</b>	National Cherry Day	The origins of <b>National Cherry Day</b> can be traced back to the cherry-growing regions where <b>farmers and communities</b> would come together to harvest and enjoy <b>the fresh cherries of the season.</b>
<b>17 July</b>	World Day for International Justice	It is a day dedicated to promoting <b>international criminal justice and honouring</b> the fight against impunity for the most serious crimes that affect the <b>international community.</b>
<b>17 July</b>	World Emoji Day	The main objective of <b>World Emoji Day</b> is to promote and celebrate the <b>widespread use of emojis</b> , which have become an integral part of modern communication.
<b>18 July</b>	Nelson Mandela International Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Combatting poverty and inequality is in our hands.</b>
<b>18 July</b>	World Listening Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Listening to the Weave of Sound</b>
<b>19 July</b>	National Football Day	<b>Football</b> is a popular sport in <b>North America</b> . The sport is recognized as 'football' in the <b>United States and Canada</b> , but it is also known as ' <b>gridiron</b> ' or ' <b>American football</b> ' in other parts of the world.
<b>20 July</b>	International Moon Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Illuminating the Shadows</b>
<b>22 July</b>	Pi Approximation Day	A casual and enjoyable approach to <b>honouring mathematics and the intriguing characteristics of π</b> is to observe Pi Approximation Day.
<b>22 July</b>	World Brain Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Brain Health and Prevention</b>
<b>23 July</b>	National Vanilla Ice Cream Day	<b>National Vanilla Ice Cream Day</b> is celebrated every year on July 23 and marks a special occasion for the simple, yet all-time favorite dessert.
<b>23 July</b>	National Broadcasting Day	It is a day to <b>remember and appreciate</b> the impact of radio as a medium of <b>communication, entertainment, and education.</b>

24 July	National Income Tax Day	This day commemorates the historical evolution of <b>tax administration</b> in India and the ongoing reforms that aim to enhance <b>tax compliance and simplify the process for taxpayers</b> .
25 July	World Drowning Prevention Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Anyone can drown, no one should</b>
25 July	World Embryologist Day	It gives us a chance to recognise the <b>amazing work</b> that embryologists from the past and present have accomplished.
26 July	Kargil Vijay Diwas	On this day, in the year <b>1999</b> , <b>India</b> successfully outed <b>Pakistani Forces</b> from their occupied positions on the mountain tops of <b>Northern Kargil District in Ladakh</b> .
27 July	CRPF Raising Day	It was on this day the <b>central government's largest paramilitary force, CRPF</b> was raised as <b>Crown Representative Police</b> in <b>1939</b> by the British rulers of <b>India</b> .
27 July	World Hepatitis Day	Theme 2024 - <b>It's Time for Action</b>
29 July	International Tiger Day	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the magnificent but endangered animal</b> .
30 July	World Day Against Trafficking In Persons	Theme 2024 - <b>Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking</b>
31 July	World Ranger Day	Theme 2024 - <b>30 by 30</b>

### August

Date	Day	Theme/Importance
1 August	World Lung Cancer Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Close the care gap: Everyone deserves access to cancer care</b>
1 August	World Wide Web Day	It aims to commemorate the creation of the <b>World Wide Web (WWW)</b> and how it changed the landscape of connectivity among humans.
1 August	National Mountain Climbing Day	It was initiated to honour <b>Bobby Matthews and his companion Josh Madigan</b> for successfully scaling all 46 peaks of the <b>Adirondack Mountains, located in Northeastern New York</b> .



<b>1-7 August</b>	World Breastfeeding Week	Theme 2024 - <b>Closing the gap: Breastfeeding support for all</b>
<b>3 August</b>	Indian Organ Donation Day	The <b>Indian Organ Donation Day</b> is observed to <b>increase awareness about organ donation</b> amongst the people. It also commemorates the contributions made to society by <b>deceased donors and their families</b> .
<b>4 August</b>	National Friendship Day	The primary aim of <b>Friendship Day</b> is to promote dialogue and build bridges between <b>communities, cultures, and nations</b> . It serves as a reminder of the power of friendship in overcoming <b>differences and fostering peace</b> .
<b>6 August</b>	Hiroshima Day	This is the day when the <b>atomic bomb</b> was dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima.
<b>7 August</b>	National Javelin Day	The <b>Athletics Federation of India</b> , the governing body for <b>athletics</b> in the country, designated this <b>date to honour Neeraj Chopra's historic gold medal win</b> in the javelin throw at the <b>Tokyo Olympics</b> .
<b>7 August</b>	National Handloom Day	<b>National Handloom Day</b> is celebrated every year on 7 August to <b>honour the nation's handloom weavers</b> and to shed spotlight on <b>India's handloom industry</b> .
<b>9 August</b>	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	Theme 2024 - <b>Protecting the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation and Initial Contact</b>
<b>9 August</b>	Quit India Movement Day	Launched by <b>Mahatma Gandhi in 1942</b> , the movement called for the <b>British</b> to leave India, marking the beginning of the final phase of the <b>freedom struggle</b> .
<b>9 August</b>	Nagasaki Day	The atomic bomb " <b>Fat Man</b> " <b>dropped by a US B-29 bomber</b> on Nagasaki on August 9, 1945, killed as many as 70,000 people, three days after the bombing of Hiroshima killed more than <b>140,000</b> .
<b>10 August</b>	World Lion Day	Objective - To raise awareness about these <b>conservation issues</b> and <b>promote efforts to protect lions</b> .
<b>10 August</b>	World Biofuel Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Sustainable Biofuels: Reducing Waste, Feeding Energy</b> .

12 August	International Youth Day	Theme 2024 - <b>From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development.</b>
12 August	World Elephant Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Personifying prehistoric beauty, theological relevance, and environmental importance</b>
13 August	World Organ Donation Day	<b>Objective</b> - To raise awareness about the importance of <b>organ donation and encourage people to register as organ donors.</b>
14 August	Partition Horrors Remembrance Day	The observance aims to commemorate the <b>sacrifices made by those who suffered during the Partition and to keep their memories alive.</b>
15 August	78th Independence Day of India	The <b>government of India</b> has announced the theme for this year is <b>Viksit Bharat or Developed India</b> . It symbolises the vision of a developed nation by <b>2047</b> and reflects the government's commitment to <b>transform India.</b>
19 August	World Photography Day	The <b>history of photography</b> dates <b>daguerreotype</b> back to <b>1837 in France</b> when two men named <b>Joseph Nicéphore Niepce</b> and Louis Daguerre developed the first-ever photographic process or.
19 August	World Humanitarian Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Act For Humanity</b>
20 August	World Mosquito Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world</b>
20 August	International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism	Objective - <b>To honour and support the victims and survivors of terrorist acts while promoting the protection of their human rights and fundamental freedoms.</b>
21 August	World Senior Citizens	This day aims to raise awareness of the issues being faced by <b>older adults like health deterioration and elder abuse.</b>
23 August	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition	This day raises awareness about the <b>horrifying nature of the slave trade and reminds people about the transatlantic slave trade and its implications.</b>

23 August	National Space Day	The theme for this year's National Space Day is <b>"Touching Lives while Touching the Moon: India's Space Saga."</b>
26 August	International Dog Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Every dog deserves a spa day</b>
25-29 August	World Water Week	<b>World Water</b> Week is the leading conference on global water issues, held every year since 1991, and the theme for this year's conference is <b>"Bridging Borders: Water for a Peaceful and Sustainable Future"</b> .
29 August	National Sports Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Sports are an enabler to an inclusive and fit society.</b>
30 August	Small Industry Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Leveraging Power and Resilience of Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) to Accelerate Sustainable Development and Eradicate Poverty in Times of Multiple Crises</b>
31 August	International Day for People of African Descent	<b>The International Day for People of African Descent marks a significant milestone in the global recognition of the contributions and challenges faced by individuals of African descent worldwide.</b>

### September

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31 August	International Day for People of African Descent	<b>The International Day for People of African Descent marks a significant milestone in the global recognition of the contributions and challenges faced by individuals of African descent worldwide.</b>
1st - 7th September	National Nutrition Week	Theme 2024 - <b>Nutritious Diets for Everyone</b>
2 September	World Coconut Day	Objective - To promote the importance of coconuts worldwide. This <b>versatile fruit is crucial in agriculture, nutrition, and the economy in many tropical regions.</b>
3 September	World Skyscraper Day	It is a tribute to the <b>breathtaking structures</b> that have transformed the cities. These structures are testaments to <b>human creativity, engineering prowess and an unwavering drive to reach for the skies.</b>

5 September	National Teachers' Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Empowering Educators for a Sustainable Future</b>
5 September	International Day of Charity	The primary objective of this day is to <b>increase awareness and create a shared platform for charity-related activities worldwide.</b>
7 September	International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies	Objective - <b>To raise awareness and drive action on combating air pollution.</b>
8 September	World Physical Therapy Day	Theme 2024 - <b>LBP (Low Back Pain) and the role of physiotherapy in its prevention and management</b>
9 September	International Literacy Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Promoting multilingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace'.</b>
10 September	World Suicide Prevention Day	Theme 2024 - <b>'Changing the Narrative on Suicide – Start the Conversation</b>
11 September	National Forest Martyrs Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Honoring the Guardians of Our Forest</b>
12 September	International Day of South-South Cooperation	Theme 2024 - <b>A better tomorrow through South-South Cooperation</b>
14 September	World First Aid Day	Theme 2024 - <b>First Aid and Sports</b>
14 September	Hindi Diwas	<b>On 14 September 1946</b> , the Constituent Assembly of India adopted <b>Hindi in Devnagari script</b> as the official language ( <b>Raj Bhasha</b> ) of the Indian government, based on the <b>K, M Munshi-N.G Iyenger formula.</b>
15 September	National Engineers Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Innovating for a Sustainable Future</b>
16 September	World Ozone Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Montreal Protocol: Advancing Climate Action</b>
16 September	International Day for Interventional Cardiology	This day is dedicated to raising awareness about the <b>critical field of interventional cardiology and its pivotal role in treating heart diseases</b> through minimally invasive procedures.
17 September	World Patient Safety Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Improving Diagnosis for Patient Safety</b>

18 September	World Bamboo Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Next Generation Bamboo: Solution, Innovation, and Design</b>
18 September	International Equal Pay Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Need To Eliminate Wage Discrimination</b>
19 September	International Talk Like a Pirate Day	The day aims to bring <b>people together in the spirit of camaraderie and shared amusement as friends, family and even strangers engage in lighthearted conversations, jokes and activities</b> that let them loose, have a good laugh and momentarily escape the stresses of everyday life.
20 September	World Cleanup Day	The theme of the inaugural event, taking place on 20 September in the city of <b>Tromsø, Norway</b> , is " <b>Arctic Cities and Marine Litter</b> ".
21 September	International Day of Peace	Theme 2024 - <b>Cultivating a Culture of Peace</b>
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22 September	World Rhino Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Keep the Five Alive</b>
23 September	International Day of Sign Languages	Theme 2024 - <b>Sign up for Sign Language Rights</b>
25 September	World Pharmacist Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Pharmacists: Meeting global health need</b>
25 September	Antyodaya Diwas	The day marks the birth anniversary of <b>Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya</b> to remember his life and legacy.
26 September	World Contraception Day	Theme 2024 - <b>A choice for all. Freedom to plan, power to choose.</b>
26 September	World Environmental Health Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Environmental Health: Creating Resilient Communities through Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation.</b>
26 September	World Maritime Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Navigating the Future: safety first</b>
26 September	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons	Objective - <b>To raise awareness about the threat of nuclear weapons and to promote their elimination.</b>
27 September	World Tourism Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Tourism and Peace</b>

<b>28 September</b>	World Rabies Day	Theme - <b>Breaking Rabies Boundary</b>
<b>29 September</b>	World Heart Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Use Heart for Action</b>
<b>30 September</b>	International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction	Theme 2024 - <b>Climate Finance for Food Loss and Waste Reduction</b>
<b>30 September</b>	International Translation Day	Theme 2024 - <b>Translation, an Art Worth Protecting: Moral and Material Rights for Indigenous Languages.</b>

**October**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>
<b>1 October</b>	National Pension System (NPS) Diwas
<b>1 October</b>	International Day of Older Persons
<b>2 October</b>	International Day of Non-Violence
<b>2 October</b>	Gandhi Jayanti
<b>3 October</b>	World Habitat Day
<b>4 October</b>	World Animal Day
<b>5 October</b>	World Teachers' Day
<b>6 October</b>	World Cerebral Palsy Day
<b>2 - 8 October</b>	National Wildlife Week
<b>7 October</b>	World Cotton Day
<b>8 October</b>	Indian Air Force Day
<b>7 October 2022</b>	World Smile Day
<b>10 October</b>	World Mental Health Day
<b>11 October</b>	International Day of Girl Child



<b>12 October</b>	World Arthritis Day
<b>13 October 2022</b>	World Sight Day
<b>14 October</b>	World Standards Day
<b>15 October</b>	World Students' Day
<b>15 October</b>	International Day of Rural Women
<b>15 October</b>	Global Handwashing Day
<b>17 October</b>	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
<b>16 October</b>	World Food Day
<b>17 October</b>	World Trauma Day
<b>18 October</b>	World Menopause Day
<b>19 October</b>	Global Dignity Day
<b>20 October</b>	World Osteoporosis Day
<b>20 October</b>	World Statistics Day
<b>24 October</b>	United Nations Day
<b>23 October</b>	7th National Ayurveda Day
<b>24 October</b>	World Polio Day
<b>24 - 30 October</b>	Disarmament Week
<b>27 October</b>	World Day for Audiovisual Heritage
<b>27 October</b>	76th Infantry Day
<b>29 October</b>	World Stroke Day
<b>29 October</b>	International Internet Day

<b>24 - 31 October 2022</b>	Global Media and Information Literacy Week 2022
<b>31 October</b>	National Unity Day

**November**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>
<b>30 October</b>	World Savings Day
<b>31 October</b>	World Cities Day
<b>31 October</b>	4th Foundation Day of UT Ladakh
<b>1- 5 November</b>	India Water Week
<b>1 November</b>	formation day of <b>7 states</b> (Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Karnataka, Punjab & Madhya Pradesh) and <b>2 Union Territories</b> (Lakshadweep & Puducherry) of India
<b>31 Oct to 6 Nov</b>	Vigilance Awareness Week
<b>November 1</b>	Zojila Day
<b>2 November</b>	All Souls' Day
<b>5 November</b>	World Tsunami Awareness Day
<b>7 November</b>	Infant Protection Day
<b>7 November</b>	National Cancer Awareness Day
<b>November 15</b>	Janjatiya Gaurav Divas'
<b>8 November</b>	World Radiography Day
<b>9 November</b>	Uttarakhand Foundation Day
<b>9 November</b>	National Legal Services Day
<b>9 - 14 November</b>	International Week of Science and Peace
<b>10 November</b>	World Science Day for Peace and Development

<b>10 November</b>	World Usability Day
<b>11 November</b>	Armistice Day
<b>11 November</b>	National Education Day
<b>12 November</b>	World Pneumonia Day
<b>12 November</b>	Public Service Broadcasting Day
<b>13 November</b>	World Kindness Day
<b>14 November</b>	World Diabetes Day
<b>14 November</b>	National Children's Day
<b>15 November</b>	Jharkhand Foundation Day
<b>15 November</b>	Janjatiya Gaurav Divas
<b>15 to 21 November</b>	Newborn Care Week
<b>16 November</b>	International Day for Tolerance
<b>16 November</b>	National Press Day
<b>17 November</b>	International Students' Day
<b>17 November</b>	National Epilepsy Day
<b>18 November</b>	National Naturopathy Day
<b>18 - 24 November</b>	World Antimicrobial Awareness Week
<b>19 November</b>	World Toilet Day
<b>19 November</b>	International Men's Day
<b>20 November</b>	World Children's Day

<b>20 November</b>	African Industrialization Day
<b>21 November</b>	World Television Day
<b>19 - 25 November</b>	World Heritage Week
<b>21 November</b>	World Fisheries Day
<b>20 November</b>	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
<b>24 November</b>	Guru Tegh Bahadur's Martyrdom Day
<b>24 November</b>	Thanksgiving Day
<b>24 November</b>	Lachit Diwas
<b>25 November</b>	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
<b>26 November</b>	Constitution Day of India
<b>26 November</b>	National Milk Day
<b>27 November</b>	National Cadet Corps (NCC) Day
<b>28 November</b>	Red Planet Day
<b>29 November</b>	International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People
<b>29 November</b>	International Jaguar Day

### December

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>
<b>30 November</b>	Saint Andrew's Day
<b>1 December</b>	World AIDS Day
<b>3 December</b>	International Day of Persons with Disabilities

<b>3 December</b>	Gita Mahotsav
<b>4 December</b>	Indian Navy Day
<b>4 December</b>	109th Birth Anniversary of R. Venkataraman
<b>4 December</b>	International Day of Banks
<b>5 December</b>	World Soil Day
<b>5 December</b>	65th Foundation Day of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence
<b>5 December</b>	International Volunteer Day
<b>7 December</b>	International Civil Aviation Day
<b>7 December</b>	Armed Forces Flag Day
<b>9 December</b>	International Anti-Corruption Day
<b>9 December</b>	International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide Crime
<b>10 December</b>	Human Rights Day
<b>10 December</b>	Nobel Prize Day
<b>11 December</b>	UNICEF Day
<b>11 December</b>	International Mountain day
<b>12 December</b>	International Universal Health Coverage Day
<b>14 December</b>	International Energy Day
<b>16 December</b>	Vijay Diwas
<b>18 December</b>	Minority Rights Day
<b>18 December</b>	International Migrants day
<b>18 December</b>	Arabic Language Day
<b>19 December</b>	Goa Liberation Day

20 December	International Human Solidarity Day
21st December	Winter Solstice Day
22 December	National Mathematics Day
23 December	National Farmers Day
24 December	National Consumer Rights Day
25 December	Good Governance Day
27 December	International Day of Epidemic Preparedness

## Chapter 19: Obituary

**April**

Person	About
Veteran Actress Barbara Rush	<b>Rush</b> was known for her roles in ' <b>It Came from Outer Space</b> ' and ' <b>Peyton Place</b> '.
Tamil actor Visheshwara Rao	<b>Visheshwara Rao</b> started his career as a child artiste at the age of six. He found popularity for playing the role of <b>Laila's innocent father</b> in <b>Suriya's Pithamagan</b> .
Cinematographer Gangu Ramsay	<b>Gangu Ramsay's</b> illustrious career spanned decades, leaving an indelible mark on the Indian film industry. He lent his creative vision to over <b>50 films</b> under the banner of Ramsay Brothers, including classics like " <b>Veerana</b> ", " <b>Purana Mandir</b> ", and " <b>Bandh Darwaza</b> ", " <b>Do Gaz Zameen Ke Niche</b> ", " <b>Samri</b> ", " <b>Tehkhana</b> ", " <b>Purani Haveli</b> ", and " <b>Khoj</b> " with <b>Rishi Kapoor</b> .
R.M. Veerappan	He was one of the most powerful Ministers in the Cabinet led by <b>late Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran</b> in the 1980s and a close associate of the matinee-icon turned politician.
British physicist Peter Higgs	Peter Higgs gained fame for the discovery of ' <b>Higgs-Boson Particle</b> ' i.e. ' <b>God Particle</b> '.



<b>Former New Zealand Legspinner Jack Alabaster</b>	<b>Jack played 21 Tests from 1955-1972 (including the first four wins NZ achieved), taking 49 wickets at 38.02.</b>
<b>Legendary English Cricketer Derek Underwood</b>	The <b>slow left-arm orthodox spinner</b> was known for his <b>pin-point accuracy</b> during his playing career.  Regarded as <b>England's best spinner</b> in the <b>post-World War II</b> era, legendary cricketer <b>Sunil Gavaskar</b> hailed Underwood as one of the toughest bowlers the Indian batting legend ever faced.
<b>India's oldest Air Force pilot Dalip Singh Majithia</b>	<b>Sardar Dalip Singh Majithia</b> commanded the Indian Air Force in present-day <b>Myanmar and then Burma during World War II.</b>
<b>Kenya's military chief, General Francis Ogolla</b>	Under <b>Kenyan military regulations</b> , the <b>defence chief normally retires</b> at 62 or after four years in the post, whichever comes first.
<b>Yakshagana exponent Subrahmanya Dhareshwar</b>	<b>Dhareshwar</b> had served as the main singer for <b>28 years in Perdoor Mela</b> alone and before that he had started his journey in <b>Amriteshwari Mela.</b>

**May**

<b>Person</b>	<b>About</b>
<b>Renowned Journalist Vinay Vir</b>	<b>Vinay Vir</b> was known for his dedication to promoting <b>Hindi journalism in southern India.</b>  <b>Mr. Vinay Vir</b> studied in <b>Badraka College</b> . He was also the secretary of the <b>Yudhvir Foundation</b> created in the memory of his father <b>Late Yudhvir.</b>
<b>Playback Singer Uma Ramanan</b>	<b>Ramanan</b> was a trained <b>classical singer</b> and appeared in more than <b>6,000 concerts in 35 years.</b> Song <b>Poongathave Thalthiravai</b> in the <b>Nizhalgal</b> film catapulted her to fame.
<b>Former Boeing CEO Frank Shrontz</b>	<b>Shrontz, an attorney</b> by training, was <b>Boeing's chief executive officer</b> from <b>1986 to 1996.</b>
<b>Malayalam director-screenwriter Harikumar</b>	<b>Harikumar</b> , whose career spanned <b>several decades</b> , made his directorial <b>debut</b> with the <b>1981 film Ambal Poovu.</b>

<b>Renowned Urdu Writer Salam Bin Razzaq</b>	Razzaq won the prestigious <b>Sahitya Akademi Award for Urdu literature</b> for his acclaimed short stories collection, ' <b>Shikasta Buton Ke Darmiyan</b> ', in 2004.
<b>Filmmaker Sangeeth Sivan</b>	He had films like ' <b>Vyooham</b> ,' ' <b>Daddy</b> ,' ' <b>Gandharvam</b> ,' and the ' <b>Yodha</b> '. Apart from this, he also made 10 Hindi movies like ' <b>Kya Kool Hai Hum</b> ' and ' <b>Apna Sapna Money Money</b> '.
<b>International Chess Master Varugeese Koshy</b>	One of India's finest trainers, Koshy has mentored a host of <b>Indian chess players</b> including <b>GMs P. Harikrishna, S. L. Narayanan and N.R. Visakh</b> among others at some point in their careers.
<b>Punjabi poet Surjit Patar</b>	<b>Patar's notable achievements</b> include receiving top honours like <b>Padma Shri and the Sahitya Akademi Award</b> for his <b>work of writing in a regional language</b> .
<b>Former Deputy CM of Bihar Sushil Kumar Modi</b>	He became <b>Deputy Chief Minister</b> for the first time in <b>2005</b> when <b>Chief Minister Nitish Kumar</b> had wrested power in the <b>State from Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD)</b> .
<b>Canadian author Alice Munro and Nobel Laureate</b>	<b>Munro</b> was recipient of the <b>Nobel Prize for Literature</b> in 2013. The Nobel committee called Munro a " <b>master of contemporary short stories</b> ".
<b>Rajasthan's first women minister Kamla Beniwal</b>	During her long political career, <b>Kamla Beniwal</b> , who was associated with the <b>Congress party</b> , held many constitutional posts.
<b>Padma Shri awardee Malti Joshi</b>	<b>Malti Joshi</b> was known for her work in <b>Hindi and Marathi language</b> . She was awarded <b>Padam Shri</b> in 2018.
<b>Veteran banker N Vaghul</b>	<b>Vaghul</b> , who held many leadership positions in the <b>banking industry</b> , is credited with transforming <b>ICICI</b> from a public finance institution to a private sector bank in his <b>11-year stint</b> as the chairman and managing director, starting in <b>1985</b> .
<b>Iran President Ebrahim Raisi</b>	The <b>eighth President of Iran, Ebrahim Raisolsadati</b> , more popularly known as <b>Ebrahim Raisi</b> , was a <b>principalist</b> and a

	<b>Muslim jurist</b> , who became the Iranian President in <b>2021</b> .
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**June**

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

**July**

Person	About
<b>Former Indian midfielder Bhupinder Singh Rawat</b>	A <b>darling of the crowd</b> for his speed and ability to cut through the <b>rival defence</b>

	<b>despite</b> his diminutive figure, Rawat was nicknamed " <b>Scooter</b> " by the fans.
<b>Veteran Actor Smriti Biswas</b>	<b>Biswas</b> made her acting debut with the <b>1930 Bengali film Sandhya</b> and appeared last in the <b>1960 movie Model Girl</b> .
<b>Jon Landau, Oscar-winning producer on 'Titanic' and 'Avatar'</b>	Landau's partnership with <b>Cameron</b> led to three Oscar nominations and a best picture win for <b>1997's "Titanic"</b> . Together the pair account for some of the biggest blockbusters in movie history, including " <b>Avatar</b> " and its sequel, " <b>Avatar: The Way of Water</b> ."
<b>Kannada Actress Aparna</b>	In the <b>1990s</b> , <b>Aparna</b> started working as a radio jockey in <b>All India Radio</b> and a presenter in <b>DD Chandana</b> .  She later worked in hit television serials such as <b>Moodala Mane</b> and <b>Preethi Illada Mele</b> , among others.
<b>Renowned cardiac surgeon Dr MS Valiathan</b>	<b>Dr Valiathan</b> was an alumnus of the <b>first batch of Government Medical College Thiruvananthapuram</b> , after which he attended the University of Liverpool. In 1960, he was awarded a <b>fellowship at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and England</b> .
<b>Renowned agriculturist Kamala Pujari</b>	The government of India had accorded the prestigious <b>Padma Shri</b> on her for her contribution to <b>the agriculture sector</b> , in <b>2019</b> .
<b>Former Indonesia Vice President Hamzah Haz</b>	<b>Hamzah Haz</b> , the vice-president of <b>Indonesia</b> from 2001 to 2004.  Serving under <b>President Megawati Soekarnoputri</b> , <b>Hamzah</b> was also a key figure in the Development Planning Party (PPP).

**August**

<b>Person</b>	<b>About</b>
<b>Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh</b>	<b>Ismail Haniyeh</b> was killed in an air strike by <b>Israel</b> at his residence in <b>Tehran</b> after he and other <b>Lebanon-based hardline Islamic group Hezbollah</b> leaders attended the

	<b>swearing-in ceremony</b> of the newly elected Iranian President, Dr Masoud Pezeshkian.
<b>Former Indian Cricketer and Coach Anshuman Gaekwad</b>	<b>Anshuman Gaekwad</b> made his debut for <b>India</b> against the <b>West Indies</b> in a 1974 Test match played at Eden Garden, Kolkata. He played his last Test match against England at <b>Eden Garden, Kolkata, in 1984-85.</b>
<b>Former Director of CBC K K Pant</b>	The <b>64-year-old former senior officer of the Indian Information Service</b> had served in different wings of the <b>Ministry of Information and Broadcasting</b> in various capacities.
<b>Veteran Bharatanatyam dancer Yamini</b>	<b>Ms. Krishnamurthy</b> received the <b>Padma Shri</b> at the young age of 28 in 1968, <b>Padma Bhushan</b> in 2001 and <b>Padma Vibhushan</b> in 2016.
<b>Veteran Gandhian Shobhana Ranade</b>	<b>Shobhana Ranade</b> was honoured with the <b>Padma Bhushan</b> , India's third-highest civilian award, for her social work in <b>2001.</b>
<b>Former England batter Graham Thorpe</b>	Thorpe played <b>100 Tests for England, scoring 16 centuries</b> , before retiring in <b>2005.</b> He started his coaching career in Australia before joining the <b>England and Wales Cricket Board</b> as a <b>batting coach.</b>
<b>Former West Bengal CM and CPIM veteran Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee</b>	<b>Bhattacharjee</b> was a veteran <b>CPI(M)</b> leader, who served as the West Bengal CM from <b>2002 to 2011</b> , succeeding Jyoti Basu.
<b>Veteran actor Vijay Kadam</b>	Kadam acted in several <b>Marathi plays, TV serials, and films.</b> He made his theater debut with the <b>children's play Raja Bhikari Majhi Topi Chorli.</b>
<b>Former YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki</b>	<b>Wojcicki</b> , one of the most prominent women in tech, stepped down from her role at <b>YouTube in 2023, a position she held for nine years.</b>
<b>Former External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh</b>	A former Congress MP, <b>K Natwar Singh</b> was <b>India's External Affairs Minister</b> for the period <b>2004-05</b> during the <b>UPA-I government</b> led by the then Prime Minister <b>Manmohan Singh.</b>
<b>Renowned DRDO scientist Ram Narain Agarwal</b>	Known as the ' <b>Father of Agni Missiles</b> ', <b>Dr Agarwal</b> played a key role in <b>defence</b>

	<b>research</b> and in the development of <b>India's long-range ballistic missile program</b> , particularly the <b>Agni series of missiles</b> .
<b>Former CSIR Chief Girish Sahni</b>	Under his leadership, his team developed technology for <b>India's first indigenous clot buster drug, natural streptokinase</b> . The worth of this technology was over <b>\$160 million</b> . Furthermore, they were responsible for the groundbreaking development of fourth-generation <b>"anti-thrombotic" clot busters, the first of their kind in the world</b> .
<b>Former Army Chief General S. Padmanabhan</b>	He commanded an <b>Independent Light Battery from August 1975 to July 1976</b> and later on commanded the <b>Gazala Mountain Regiment from September 1977 to March 1980</b> .
<b>Former Meghalaya CM Salseng Marak</b>	Marak became the <b>first chief minister</b> of the state to complete a five-year term in <b>1993</b> .
<b>Veteran Congress leader Vasantrao Chavan</b>	He served as an <b>MLA from Naigaon from 2009 to 2014</b> and was also the chairman of the <b>Nanded District Central Cooperative Bank</b> from 2021 to 2023.
<b>Former Lebanese PM Salim al-Hoss</b>	Al-Hoss served as <b>Prime minister of Lebanon four times</b> .

<b>Person</b>	<b>About</b>
<b>Chilean tennis legend Luis Ayala</b>	<b>Ayala, a Santiago native</b> , was a prominent figure in the sport and won <b>46 singles titles</b> throughout his <b>career, including significant achievements on clay courts</b> .
<b>Poet, writer and former IPS officer Keki N Daruwalla</b>	<b>Daruwalla</b> published his first volume of poetry in <b>1970</b> , titled <b>Under Orion</b> , followed by <b>Apparition in April (1971)</b> , <b>Crossing of Rivers (1976)</b> , <b>The Keeper of the Dead (1982)</b> – for which he won the <b>Sahitya Akademi award in 1984</b> – and <b>The Scarecrow and the Ghost (2004)</b> , among others.



## Chapter 20: Science & Technology

### April

#### Tata launches India's first private earth observation satellite

- **Tata Advanced Systems (TASL)**, Tata Sons' wholly-owned subsidiary, has launched **India's first private sector-built sub-metre resolution earth observation satellite, TSAT-1A, in collaboration with Satellogic.**
- The satellite was launched from the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, by SpaceX.
- The satellite was assembled at TASL's facility in Karnataka. Elon Musk's SpaceX launched a total of 11 satellites in its maiden Bandwagon flight.

#### Dr Reddy's launches migraine management wearable device 'Nerivio'

- **Dr Reddy's Laboratories** has launched the **drug-free, non-invasive migraine management wearable device 'Nerivio' in Germany** through its step-down subsidiary, betapharm.
- The launch marks the company's entry into digital therapeutics in Europe.

#### Pilot Gopi Thotakura becomes first Indian space tourist to fly with Blue Origin

- **Gopi Thotakura**, an entrepreneur and a pilot, is set to become the **first Indian to venture into space as a tourist on Amazon founder Jeff Bezos's Blue Origin's NS-25 mission.**
- Thotakura was selected as one of the six crew members for the mission, making him the first Indian space tourist and the second Indian to venture into space after the Indian Army's Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma in 1984.
- Other crew members of the flight include **Mason Angel, Sylvain Chiron, Kenneth L. Hess, Carol Schaller, and former Air Force Captain Ed Dwight**, who was selected by President John F Kennedy in 1961 as the nation's first Black astronaut candidate but was never granted the opportunity to fly to space.

#### Russia successfully launches Angara A5 rocket

- **Russia** has successfully launched the **Angara-A5 rocket from the Vostochny Cosmodrome.**
- The Angara family of rockets, developed to replace the Soviet-designed Proton rockets, is central to Russia's strategy to secure its independence in accessing outer space and to reduce reliance on the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

#### India's Commitment to Debris-Free Space Missions by 2030

- **India** has **made a declaration to achieve debris-free space missions by 2030.**
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman S. Somanath made the declaration at the 42nd Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee (IADC) annual meet.
- This initiative aims to achieve debris-free space missions by all Indian space actors, governmental and non-governmental, by 2030.

#### Microsoft announces VASA-1 AI model to turn images into videos

- **Microsoft** has introduced a **new VASA 1 AI model**, a framework designed to generate lifelike talking faces for virtual characters, boasting appealing Visual Affective Skills (VAS).
- With just a single static image and a speech audio clip, the company says its VASA-1 can create life-like short videos.

- The model also gives several options to make changes to the video. Here is everything you need to know.

#### Microsoft launches lightweight artificial intelligence model Phi-3-mini

- **Microsoft** has launched **Phi-3 Mini**, a freely available, lightweight small language AI model.
- The company plans to further release two other models in the same scale.
- The model is meant to be simpler and cheaper compared to other heavyweight large language models like OpenAI's GPT-4 Turbo.

#### IIT Madras startup Mindgrove launches first India-made microcontroller chip

- India is finally set to have a made-in-India microcontroller chip powering electronic device.
- **Mindgrove Technologies, incubated by IIT Madras Pravartak Technologies Foundation and IIT Madras Incubation Cell, and supported by Peak XV Partners, has launched Secure IoT, India's debut high-performance SoC (system on chip).**

#### DRDO hands over nine defence tech projects to IIT-Bhubaneswar

- **Nine projects sanctioned from the electronics and communication systems (ECS) cluster of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) were handed over to IIT-Bhubaneswar.**
- Seven more projects are in the process of being sanctioned from ECS with a funding of Rs 18 crore.

#### South Korea launches its First Space Agency

- **South Korea** plans to **make a Mars landing by 2045** and spend 100 trillion won (\$72.6 billion) until then on space exploration, President Yoon Suk Yeol said at the launch of the country's first space agency.
- The **Korea Aerospace Administration (KASA)** will lead the country's "space economy," with hundreds of businesses and enterprises working to catapult South Korea into the ranks of the world's top five space powers.
- The country's first lunar lander is planned for 2032. South Korea plans at least three more space launches by 2027 and has plans to launch military satellites

May

#### China to launch Chang'e-6 Lunar probe mission

- **China** is set to launch the **Chang'e-6 lunar probe on a round trip to the Moon.**
- It aims to gather soil and rock samples from the far side of the Moon, a region that has remained permanently hidden from Earth's view.
- This will be the first-ever attempt to retrieve lunar samples from the far side, providing valuable insights into the early evolution of the Moon and the inner solar system.

#### NASA plans to develop first railway systems on moon

- **NASA** has **unveiled its ambitious plan to construct the first lunar railway system, known as FLOAT (Flexible Levitation on a Track), designed to revolutionize payload transport on the Moon.**
- The long-lasting robotic transport system which will play a major role in the daily operations of a sustainable lunar base envisioned for the 2030s.
- This lunar railway system is part of NASA's Moon to Mars initiative and mission concepts such as the Robotic Lunar Surface Operations 2 (RLSO2).

### NASA Launches Small Climate Satellite to Study Earth's Poles

- **NASA** has successfully launched the **first of two climate satellites into orbit**, designed to study heat emissions at Earth's poles.
- The satellite, part of the PREFIRE (Polar Radiant Energy in the Far-InfraRed Experiment) mission, was carried by Rocket Lab's Electron rocket from the company's Launch Complex 1 in Mahia, New Zealand.

### Agnikul launches Agnibaan with India's first 3D-printed rocket engine

- India's private space industry, **Agnikul Cosmos** successfully launched **its SOrTeD mission**, a single-stage launch vehicle demonstration powered by a semi-cryogenic 3D-printed engine.
- The mission, which lasted approximately two minutes, marked a major achievement for the company and the country in the development of indigenous space technology.

## June

### 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.

## July

### Russia approves schedule for creation of Russian Orbital Station by 2033

- Russia has approved the schedule for the creation of a Russian orbital station by 2033.
- The scientific and energy modules will be launched first in 2027, and three other core modules, namely the universal nodal, gateway, and base modules, will be launched by 2030. and two other target modules are scheduled to be launched by 2033.

### China launches new Earth observation satellite

- China sent a new Earth observation satellite into space from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in north China's Shanxi Province.
- The Gaofen-11 05 satellite was launched by a Long March-4B carrier rocket and entered the planned orbit successfully.

## August

### India selects 2 crew members for Axiom-4 mission to International Space Station

- India has shortlisted two astronaut-designates for the upcoming Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS).

- Indian astronauts Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair have been shortlisted to go to the U.S. to train for the upcoming Axiom-4 mission to ISS.

#### ISRO to launch Remote Sensing EOS 8 Satellite on 55th Foundation Day

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch its Earth Observation Satellite-08 (EOS-08) on 15 August 2024, its 55th foundation day.
- The EOS-08 satellite will be launched by ISRO's Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV)-D3. Here, D stands for Developmental. The satellite will be launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

#### India launches world's first mobile-launched hybrid rocket, RHUMI-1

- The world's first mobile hybrid rocket, RHUMI-1, was successfully launched. The successful launch of the RHUMI-1 rocket also marks the launch of the first reusable hybrid rocket in India.
- The rocket was developed by Chennai-based startup Space Zone India in collaboration with Martin Group.
- The success of RHUMI-1 is expected to improve the efficiency and reduce the operational cost of rocket launches, making space exploration more accessible.

### September

#### India successfully carries out launch of Agni-4 ballistic missile at Chandipur

- India has carried out a successful launch of an Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-4, from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur in Odisha.**
- In April this year, India successfully tested the new-generation nuclear-capable Agni-Prime ballistic missile from the Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha. It met all the trial objectives, validating its reliable performance.
- The Agni missiles are long-range, nuclear weapons-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missiles developed by India.

## Chapter 21: List of Bank CEO, Headquarters and Tagline

- Total PSBs: 12**
- Total Pvt. Bank: 21**
- Total RRBs: 43**
- Foreign Banks: 46**
- Payment & Small Financial Banks: 9**

#### PSU Banks

Bank Name	CEO of Bank	Headquarter	Tagline
Bank of Baroda	Debadatta Chand	Vadodara	India's International Bank

<b>Bank of India</b>	Rajneesh Karnatak (MD & CEO)	Mumbai	Relationships beyond Banking
<b>Bank of Maharashtra</b>	Nidhu Saxena	Pune	One Family One Bank/ Ek Parivar Ek Bank
<b>Canara Bank</b>	K. Satyanarayana Raju	Bangalore	Together we can
<b>Central Bank of India</b>	Shri M. V. Rao	Mumbai	Central To you Since 1911
<b>Indian Bank</b>	Shanti Lal Jain	Chennai	Your Own Bank,
<b>Indian Overseas Bank</b>	Ajay Kumar Srivastava	Chennai	Good people to grow with
<b>Punjab &amp; Sind Bank</b>	Swarup Kumar Saha	New Delhi	Where Service Is A Way Of Life
<b>Punjab National Bank</b>	Atul Kumar Goel	New Delhi	The Name you can Bank Upon
<b>State Bank of India</b>	Challa Sreenivasulu Setty (Chairman)	Mumbai	With you all the way, Pure Banking Nothing Else, The Nation's banks on us, The Banker To Every Indian You Can Always Bank On Us
<b>UCO Bank</b>	Ashwani Kumar	Kolkata	Honors Your Trust
<b>Union Bank of India</b>	Manimekhalai	Mumbai	Good people to bank with

### Private & foreign Bank

Bank name	Headquarter	Head/ CEO/ MD	Tagline
<b>Axis Bank</b>	Mumbai	Mr Amitabh Choudhary	Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi
<b>Bandhan Bank</b>	Kolkata	Mr Chandra Shekhar Ghosh	Aapka Bhala, Sabki Bhalai
<b>Catholic Syrian Bank</b>	Thrissur, Kerala	Pralay Mondal	Support All the Way
<b>City Union Bank</b>	Tamil Nadu	Dr.N Kamakodi	Trust and Excellence

<b>Corporation Bank</b>	Mangalore	P.V. Bharathi	Prosperity for All, A Premier Public Sector Bank
<b>Development Credit Bank (DCB)</b>	Mumbai	Praveen Achuthan Kutty	We value you
<b>Dhanlaxmi Bank</b>	Thrissur, Kerala	Shri Ajith Kumar K.K.	Tann. Mann. Dhan
<b>ECGC Bank</b>	Mumbai	J. Robert Cato Jr.	You focus on exports. We cover the risks.
<b>Federal Bank</b>	Kerala	KVS Manian	Your Perfect Banking Partner
<b>HDFC bank</b>	Mumbai	Mr Sashidhar Jagdishan	We Understand Your World
<b>HSBC</b>	London	Georges Elhedery	Together We Thrive
<b>ICICI Bank</b>	Mumbai	Mr Sandeep Bakshi	Khayal Apka
<b>IDBI Bank</b>	Mumbai	Rakesh Sharma	Banking For All, "Aao Sochein Bada", Bank Aisa Dost Jaisa
<b>IDFC First Bank</b>	Mumbai	Mr.V.Vaidyanathan	Always You First
<b>IndusInd Bank</b>	Maharashtra	Shri Sumant Kathpalia	We Care Dil Se,  We Make You Feel Richer
<b>ING Vysya Bank</b>	Bangalore	Uday Sareen (MD & CEO)	Jiyo Easy
<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir Bank</b>	Sri Nagar	Baldev Prakash	Serving To Empower
<b>Karnataka Bank</b>	Mangaluru, Karnataka	Shri Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma	Your Family Bank Across India
<b>Karur Vysya Bank</b>	Karur, Tamil Nadu	Shri Ramesh Bobu	Smart Way to Bank
<b>Kotak Mahindra Bank</b>	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Ashok Vaswani	Let's Make Money Simple, Ab Kona Kona Kotak
<b>Lakshmi Vilas Bank</b>	Singapore	<b>Subramanian Sundar</b>	The changing face of prosperity.
<b>Nanital Bank</b>	Nanital, Uttrakhand	Nikhil Mohan (MD and CEO)	Banking With Personal Touch
<b>Ratnakar Bank (Now RBL Bank)</b>	Mumbai, Maharashtra	R Subramaniakumar	Apno ka Bank
<b>South Indian Bank</b>	Thrissur, Kerala	Murali Ramakrishnan	Experience Next Generation Banking
<b>Vijaya Bank</b>	Bangalore	Shri R.A. Sankara Narayanan	A Friend You Can Bank upon
<b>Yes Bank Ltd</b>	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Prashant kumar	Experience Our Expertise
<b>DBS</b>	Singapore	Piyush gupta	Live more, Bank less



<b>Yes bank</b>	Mumbai	Prashant kumar	"Life Ko Banao Rich".
<b>Dhanlaxmi Bank</b>	Thrissur	Ajith Kumar K.K	"Banking on Relationships forever"

## Chapter 22: List of Chief Minister and Governor

S. NO	State and U.T.	Chief Minister	Governor
1	<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	N. Chandrababu Naidu	S. Abdul Nazeer
2	<b>Andaman &amp; Nicobar (UT)</b>	U.T	Admiral (Retd) Devendra Kumar Joshi
3	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	Shri Pema Khandu	Lt. General Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik
4	<b>Assam</b>	Sri Himanta Biswa Sarma	Lakshman Prasad Acharya
5	<b>Bihar</b>	Shri Nitish Kumar	Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
6	<b>Chandigarh (UT)</b>	U.T	Banwarilal Purohit
7	<b>Chhatisgarh</b>	Vishnu Deo Sai	Ramen Deka
8	<b>Dadra and Nagar Haveli (UT) and Daman and Diu (UT)</b>	U.T	Shri Praful Patel
9			
10	<b>Delhi (NCT)</b>	Shri Arvind Kejriwal	Vinai Kumar Saxena (LG)
11	<b>Goa</b>	Shri Pramod Sawant	PS Sreedharan Pillai
12	<b>Gujarat</b>	Bhupendra Patel	Acharya Dev Vrat
13	<b>Haryana</b>	Nayab Singh Saini	Bandaru Dattatraya
14	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu	Shiv Pratap Shukla
15	<b>Jammu and Kashmir (UT)</b>		Manoj Sinha (Lt. governor)
16	<b>Jharkhand</b>	Hemant Soren	Santosh Kumar Gangwar
17	<b>Kerala</b>	Shri Pinarayi Vijayan	Shri Arif Mohammed Khan
18	<b>Lakshadweep (UT)</b>	U.T	Praful patel
19	<b>Madhya pradesh</b>	Mohan Yadav	Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel
20	<b>Maharashtra</b>	Eknath Shinde	CP Radhakrishnan
21	<b>Manipur</b>	Shri Nongthombam Biren Singh	Lakshman Prasad Acharya
22.	Laddak (UT)		Brig (Dr) B D Mishra (Retd)

23.	<b>Meghalaya</b>	Conrad Sangma	C H Vijayshankar
24.	<b>Mizoram</b>	Lalduhoma	Hari Babu Kambhampati ,
25.	<b>Nagaland</b>	Shri. Neiphiu Rio	La. Ganesan
26.	<b>Odisha</b>	Mohan Charan Majhi	Raghubar Das
27.	<b>Puducherry (UT)</b>	<b>N Rangasamy</b>	K. Kailashnathan
28.	<b>Punjab</b>	Bhagwant Mann	Gulab Chand Kataria
29.	<b>Rajasthan</b>	Bhajan Lal Sharma	Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde
30.	<b>Sikkim</b>	Prem Singh Tamang	OP Mathur
31.	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>MK Stalin</b>	R.N Ravi
32.	<b>Telangana</b>	Revanth Reddy	Jishnu Dev Varma
33.	<b>Tripura</b>	Manik Saha	N. Indrasena Reddy
34.	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	Shri Yogi Aadityanath	Anandiben Patel
35.	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>Pushkar Singh Dhami</b>	Gurmit Singh
36.	<b>West Bengal</b>	Km. Mamata Banerjee	<b>C V Ananda Bose</b>
37.	<b>Karnataka</b>	Siddaramaiah	Thawarchand Gehlot

## Chapter 23: List of Cabinet Ministers and Constituency

<b>Cabinet Ministers</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>
<b>Shri Narendra Modi</b>	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.
<b>Shri Raj Nath Singh</b>	Minister of Defence.
<b>Shri Amit Shah</b>	Minister of Home Affairs; and Minister of Cooperation.
<b>Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari</b>	Minister of Road Transport and Highways.
<b>Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda</b>	Minister of Health and Family Welfare; and Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
<b>Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan</b>	Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; and Minister of Rural Development.
<b>Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman</b>	Minister of Finance; and Minister of Corporate Affairs.
<b>Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar</b>	Minister of External Affairs.
<b>Shri Manohar Lal</b>	Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs; and Minister of Power.
<b>Shri H. D. Kumaraswamy</b>	Minister of Heavy Industries; and Minister of Steel.
<b>Shri Piyush Goyal</b>	Minister of Commerce and Industry.
<b>Shri Dharmendra Pradhan</b>	Minister of Education

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

### MINISTERS OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

<b>Rao Inderjit Singh</b>	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.
<b>Dr. Jitendra Singh</b>	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.
<b>Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal</b>	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Law and Justice; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
<b>Shri Jadhav Prataprao Ganpatrao</b>	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Ayush; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

<b>Shri Jayant Chaudhary</b>	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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<b>Shri Jitin Prasada</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
<b>Shri Shripad Yesso Naik</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Power; and Minister of State in the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
<b>Shri Pankaj Chaudhary</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance.
<b>Shri Krishan Pal</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Cooperation
<b>Shri Ramdas Athawale</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
<b>Shri Ram Nath Thakur</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
<b>Shri Nityanand Rai</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs.
<b>Smt. Anupriya Patel</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
<b>Shri V. Somanna</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways.
<b>Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications.
<b>Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj
<b>Sushri Sobha Karandlaje</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
<b>Shri Kirtivardhan Singh</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; and Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs.
<b>Shri B. L. Verma</b>	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.
<b>Shri Shantanu Thakur</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

<b>Shri Suresh Gopi</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism.
<b>Dr. L. Murugan</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
<b>Shri Ajay Tamta</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
<b>Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs.
<b>Shri Kamlesh Paswan</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development
<b>Shri Bhagirath Choudhary</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
<b>Shri Satish Chandra Dubey</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Coal; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Mines.
<b>Shri Sanjay Seth</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence.
<b>Shri Ravneet Singh</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways.
<b>Shri Durgadas Uikey</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
<b>Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
<b>Shri Sukanta Majumdar</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Education; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.
<b>Smt. Savitri Thakur</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Women and Child Development
<b>Shri Tokhan Sahu</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
<b>Shri Raj Bhushan Choudhary</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti
<b>Shri Bhupathi Raju Srinivasa Varma</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Heavy Industries; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel.
<b>Shri Harsh Malhotra</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
<b>Smt. Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

<b>Shri Murlidhar Mohol</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Cooperation; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
<b>Shri George Kurian</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
<b>Shri Pabitra Margherita</b>	Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Textiles.

## Chapter 24-List of Indian Union Secretaries

- Defence Secretary- **Giridhar Aramane**
- Foreign Secretary – **Vikram Misri**
- Home secretary-- **Govind Mohan**
- Revenue secretary- **Sanjay Malhotra**
- Cabinet secretary- **Dr. T. V. Somanathan**
- Principal Secretary to PM- **Dr. P. K. Mishra**
- Power Secretary of India — **Shri Pankaj Agarwal**
- Health Secretary of India — **Apurva Chandra**
- Corporate Affairs Secretary — **Deepti Gaur Mukherjee**
- Joint Secretary of Ministry of New & Renewable Energy — **Dinesh Dayanand Jagdale**
- Economic Affairs Secretary — **Ajay Seth**
- Finance Secretary-**Tuhin Kanta Pandey**
- Secretary of Parliamentary Affairs — **Umang Narula**
- Secretary in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs — **Vibhu Nayar**
- Expenditure Secretary – **Manoj Govil**
- Secretary of DPIIT – **Amardeep Singh Bhatia**
- Economic Affairs Secretary – **Ajay Seth**
- MoSPI Secretary – **G. P. Samanta**
- Department of Posts Secretary: **Vandita Kaul**

## Chapter 25: GDP Forecast Of India (Last Update 30 August)

Organization	FY24 (2023-24)	FY25 (2024-25)
<b>Fitch</b>	8.2%	7.2%
<b>HSBC Bank</b>		
<b>RBI forecasted</b>	7.6%	7.2%
<b>Moody</b>	7.7%	7.1%
<b>Asian Development Bank (ADB)</b>	7.6%	7% 7.2% (FY26)
<b>World Bank</b>	7.5%	7% 6.7%(FY26)



		6.8% (FY27)
<b>World Economic Outlook released by International Monetary Fund (IMF)</b>	7.8%	7% 6.5%(FY26)
<b>FICCI</b>	7.6%	7%
<b>Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</b>	7.8%	6.6%
<b>UNCTAD</b>	6.7% (2023)	6.5% (2024)
<b>Goldman Sachs</b>	6.7%(CY 2024)	6.4%
<b>CRISIL</b>	7.6%	6.8%
<b>UN (United Nation)</b>	6.9%	6.6%
<b>Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)</b>	7.6%	8%
<b>India Ratings &amp; Research (Ind-Ra)</b>	6.7%	7.5%
<b>Economy Survey</b>	7.3%	
<b>National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)</b>	8%	7.5%
<b>Standard &amp; Poor's (S&amp;P)</b>		6.8%
<b>ICRA</b>	7.6%	6.5%
<b>State Bank of India (SBI)</b>	7.4%	7%
<b>Morgan Stanley</b>	6.8%(2024)	
<b>CARE Ratings</b>	8.2%	7%
<b>Normura</b>		
<b>DBS</b>	8.2%	7% 6.8%(FY26)
<b>National Statistical Office (NSO)</b>	8.2%	6.4%
<b>Standard Chartered</b>		7%

## Chapter 26: Important MoU

**April**

<b>MoU</b>	<b>Between Which Countries</b>
<b>Signed an MoU to use advanced geological models in SJVN's tunnelling projects, thus significantly reducing time and cost overruns</b>	<b>SJVN, formerly known as Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam with the Indian Institute of Technology Patna (IIT Patna)</b>
<b>Signed an MoU to jointly develop an indigenous Train Control Management System (i-TCMS), aimed at what they called "revolutionising" rail communication technology in the country.</b>	<b>Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)</b>
<b>Entered into a MoU to provide financial support to startups.</b>	<b>The Society For Innovation &amp; Entrepreneurship (SINE), IIT Bombay and Canara Bank</b>

Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Technical & Knowledge cooperation for Critical Minerals.	Khanij Bidesh India Limited ( <b>KABIL</b> ) with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology ( <b>CSIR-IMMT</b> )
Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for employment enablement and skill development programme in the country	The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) <b>Madras</b> with digital infrastructure provider <b>Lightstorm</b>
Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for collaborative research and training	The Armed Forces Medical Services ( <b>AFMS</b> ) with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) <b>Kanpur</b> .
Signed an MoU to extend Prayaas scheme to SHG individual women through cluster level federations (CLFs)	Small Industries Development Bank of India ( <b>SIDBI</b> ) in association with <b>Women's World Banking (WWB)</b> with Jeevika, Bihar State Rural Livelihoods Mission ( <b>SRLM</b> ) and <b>UMED</b> , Maharashtra-SRLM
Signed an MoU for co-operation in research and technology, product development, in the areas of semiconductors, quantum technologies, and drones.	<b>Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL)</b> with the Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi
Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) the agreement, inked by the two Supreme audit institutions, aims to enhance collaboration and the exchange of expertise in the field of auditing between the two nations.	<b>The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG)</b> with <b>SAI (Supreme Audit Institutions) Bulgaria</b> , the Bulgarian National Audit Office, in Sofia.
Signed MoU to promote entrepreneurship and provide support to technology startups	<b>The Alliance of Digital India Foundation (ADIF)</b> with IIT Guwahati Technology Incubation Centre (IIT Guwahati TIC)
A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed for the supply of 9 lakh metric tonnes of limestone.	<b>NTPC Limited</b> and <b>Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)</b> and the corporate entity of <b>Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP)</b>

May

MoU	Between Which Countries
Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance the knowledge base of the critical minerals processing industry in India.	<b>The Ministry of Mines</b> with the non-profit, <b>Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation</b>
Signed an agreement to renew the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to train 1500 Bangladeshi officers from 2025 to 2030	<b>The government of India</b> with the government of <b>Bangladesh</b>
Signed an MoU for the supply of indigenous marine-grade steel.	<b>The Indian Coast Guard</b> and <b>Jindal Steel &amp; Power Ltd</b>
Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for manufacturing and supply of indigenous marine-grade aluminium for construction of ships.	<b>Indian Coast Guard</b> with <b>Hindalco Industries</b>

<b>To boost rural women's empowerment signed a MoU to conduct two Pilot Projects under the Drone Didi Yojana</b>	<b>The Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) with Mahindra &amp; Mahindra Ltd.</b>
<b>Signed an MoU to collaborate in the field of medical research, innovation and education</b>	<b>AIIMS New Delhi with the University of Bolton Institute of Medicine</b>
<b>Signed an MoU on Digitalization of Vaccine Cold Chain Management, Communication Planning and Capacity Building.</b>	<b>The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) under the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry &amp; Dairying with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India</b>
<b>Signed a strategic bancassurance collaboration agreement to facilitate the sale of non-life insurance products</b>	<b>SBI General Insurance has signed a strategic bancassurance collaboration agreement with Jana Small Finance Bank</b>
<b>Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for financing the purchase of Airbus helicopters in India</b>	<b>Airbus Helicopters and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)</b>
<b>Signed an MoU to collaborate on research and training.</b>	<b>The Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad</b>

**June**

<b>MoU</b>	<b>Between Which Countries</b>
<b>Signed an MoU to establish an institutional framework for Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya, a pioneering digital library platform.</b>	<b>The Department of School Education, Ministry of Education with the National Book Trust</b>
<b>Signed an MoU to collaborate in financing of infrastructure projects.</b>	<b>Punjab National Bank (PNB), a leading public sector bank with India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL)</b>
<b>Signed MoU to onboard them as System for Pension Administration Raksha (SPARSH) Service Centres</b>	<b>Defence Accounts Department, Ministry of Defence with Bank of India, Canara Bank, Central Bank of India and Utkarsh Small Finance Bank in New Delhi</b>
<b>Signed MoU to enhance digital payment services for users of the eMigrate portal.</b>	<b>The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the State Bank of India (SBI)</b>
<b>Signed MoU for collaboration in cyber security to enhance India's cyber-resilience in the financial sector</b>	<b>Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) and Mastercard India</b>
<b>Signed a MoU to leverage Artificial Intelligence (AI) based solutions for improvement in the availability of road signs on National Highways.</b>	<b>National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) with Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi, a Technical University established by Government of National Capital Territory (NCT),</b>
<b>Entered into a MoU to facilitate financing solutions for construction equipment businesses.</b>	<b>Action Construction Equipment Ltd. (ACE) with Bank of Baroda</b>

**July**

MoU	Between Which Countries
Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a cutting-edge drone training Centre at NSIC in New Delhi	Drone Destination and the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)
has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the development of Kota Greenfield Airport in Rajasthan	Airports Authority of India with Urban Development Department, government of Rajasthan, and the Civil Aviation Department
Signed an MoU for the establishment of the 'BIS Standardization Chair Professor' at the latter	The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru

**August**

MoU	Between Which Countries
Signed an MoU to develop the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) in Lothal, Gujarat	India and Vietnam
Inked an MoU on disaster risk management solution	Nagaland government and SBI General Insurance
Signed an MoU to collaborate on education, research, and technology	All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) New Delhi with Amity University Noida
Renewed MoU to bolster the training of Maldivian civil servants	India and Maldives
Signed an MoU to bring benefits to the educational ecosystem, empowering educators and fostering an inclusive environment for students	The Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) with the Army Welfare Association Society (AWES)
Signed an MoU to set up solar projects to a wide range of consumers across commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors	Jakson Engineering Limited with the State Bank of India (SBI)
Signed an MoU to enable Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) from both countries to participate more effectively in global markets and foster trade	India and the USA
Signed an MoU to offer its Digital Health Foundation Course to NHA and co-develop additional Digital Health programs to support the roll-out of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission	National Health Authority (NHA) and Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS)
Signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to establish an Advanced Drone Excellence Centre at the IIT Bhubaneswar Research and Entrepreneurship	IIT Bhubaneswar with IG Drones, a drone-tech and AI company

Park. The centre will focus on disaster management research and development.	
Signed an MoU to provide improved weather information and support to climate-affected communities	<b>Reliance Foundation</b> with the <b>India Meteorological Department (IMD)</b>
Signed an MoU for indigenous design, development, manufacture, testing, and product support of critical marine equipment and systems	<b>Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEM Ltd)</b> with the Directorate of Marine Engineering, <b>Indian Navy</b>
Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), under this MoU, the postal department employees will physically verify new units being set up across the country under the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)	Khadi and Village Industries Commission ( <b>KVIC</b> ) with the <b>Department of Posts</b>
Signed an MoU to collaborate and develop new variants of zinc materials to propel the commercialization of zinc-based batteries.	Vedanta-owned Hindustan Zinc Ltd., India's largest integrated <b>zinc producer</b> , with the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research ( <b>JNCASR</b> )
Entered into an MoU for supply of LNG to LTL's dual fuelled power plants in Kerawalapitiya, Colombo	<b>Petronet LNG (PLL)</b> with LTL Holdings of <b>Sri Lanka</b>
Signed an MoU to Enhance Cooperative Management in Fisheries	The Central Institute of Fisheries Education ( <b>ICAR-CIFE</b> ) and the Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management ( <b>VAMNICOM</b> )
Signed an MoU for the supply of hydraulic and lubricating oils & greases for a period of 5 years from 2024 to 2029	<b>RINL</b> with <b>M/s. IOCL</b>

### September

<b>MoU</b>	<b>Between Which Countries</b>
Signed a Memorandum of Understanding for a three-year partnership valued at up to \$1 million USD	The Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council (THSC) under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship with Visa (NYSE: V), a global leader in digital payments
Signed the Charter and an MoU for the establishment of the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Secretariat in Colombo to address security and stability challenges in the Indian Ocean Region	India, Maldives, Mauritius and Sri Lanka
Signed an MoU to foster collaboration between the two Supreme Audit Institutions, focusing on areas such as knowledge exchange, capacity building, and best practices in public sector auditing.	The <b>Comptroller and Auditor General of India</b> with the <b>UAE Accountability Authority of the United Arab Emirates, Supreme Audit Institution, UAE</b> during a bilateral meeting with the <b>President of UAE Accountability Authority.</b>



<b>Signed an MoU for the establishment of a World Trade Centre in the proposed AI City near Hyderabad.</b>	<b>Telangana government with the World Trade Centres' Association</b>
<b>Under this MoU, a federated learning platform across a variety of machine learning model pipelines, a quality-preserving database, an open benchmarking platform for comparing &amp; validating AI models, and a consent management system for research under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) would be developed by IIT Kanpur</b>	<b>The National Health Authority (NHA) and IIT Kanpur</b>
<b>Signed an MoU aimed at increasing the milk production in the state</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh government with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)</b>
<b>Signed an MoU to facilitate collaboration in joint research, education, and executive training in railway engineering through the Monash Institute of Railway Technology (IRT)</b>	<b>Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) with Monash University, Australia</b>
<b>Signed an MoU for the opening of Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the premises of every coal field, selected hospitals, or any suitable location specified or decided by Coal India Limited.</b>	<b>The Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) and Coal India Limited</b>
<b>In a significant move to bolster, India's leadership in technological innovation, an MoU was signed</b>	<b>The Telecom Centre of Excellence (TCOE) India and Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) – Visvesvaraya Research &amp; Innovation Foundation (VRIF)</b>
<b>Signed an MoU to develop critical technologies for tracking space objects, particularly near-Earth objects and artificial satellites, as part of India's growing focus on Space Situational Awareness (SSA)</b>	<b>Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)</b>
<b>Signed an MoU to demonstrate India's dedication to food safety and signifies a major advancement in its ongoing efforts to enhance international collaboration in food safety</b>	<b>The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) with the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAPA) of Brazil</b>
<b>Signed an MoU to enhance research on the use of Rubber Process Oils marketed by IOCL in various tyre and non-tyre rubber products.</b>	<b>The Rubber Research Institute of India (RRII) with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)</b>
<b>Signed an MoU to leverage the National Career Service (NCS) portal</b>	<b>Ecommerce giant Amazon's India unit Amazon India with the Ministry of Labour and Employment to leverage the National Career Service (NCS) portal</b>

## Part 2- Static GK

### Chapter 1: Dams in India



State	DAM and Location
Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>RanapratapSagar Dam</b>(Chambal River), at Rawatbhata</li> <li>• <b>Mahi Bajaj Sagar Dam</b> (Mahi River) at Banswara district</li> <li>• <b>Bisalpur Dam</b> (Banas River), At Tonk district</li> </ul>
Andhra Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Srisailem Dam</b>(Krishna River), at Kurnool district</li> <li>• <b>Somasila Dam</b> (Penna River), at Nellore district</li> <li>• <b>Prakasam Barrage</b> (Krishna River), at Krishna and Guntur</li> <li>• <b>Tatipudi Reservoir</b>(River Gosthani ), at Tatipudi, Vizianagaram</li> <li>• <b>Gandipalem Reservoir</b> (River Penner)</li> <li>• <b>Dummaguden Dam</b> (river Godavari)</li> </ul>
Telangana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nagarjuna Sagar Dam</b> (Krishna river), at Nagarjuna Sagar Nalgonda</li> <li>• <b>Sri Ram Sagar</b> (River Godavari)</li> <li>• <b>Nizam Sagar Dam</b> (Manjira River)</li> <li>• <b>Ramagundam dam</b> (Godavari), in KarimnagarR</li> <li>• <b>Dindi Reservoir</b> (River Krishna), at Dindi, Mahabubnagar town</li> <li>• <b>Lower Manair Dam</b> (Manair River)</li> <li>• <b>Singur Dam</b> (river Manjira)</li> </ul>
Bihar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kohira Dam</b> (Kohira River), at Kaimur district</li> <li>• <b>Nagi Dam</b> (Nagi River), in Jamui District</li> </ul>
Chhattisgarh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HasdeoBango Dam</b> (Hasdeo River), at Korba district</li> </ul>
Gujarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SardarSarovar Dam</b>(Narmada river), at Navagam</li> <li>• <b>Ukai Dam</b>(Tapti River), at Ukai in Tapi district</li> <li>• <b>Kadana Dam</b>( Mahi River), at Panchmahal district</li> <li>• <b>Karjan Reservoir</b> (Karjan river), at Jitgadh village of Nanded Taluka, Dist. Narmada</li> </ul>
Himachal Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bhakra Dam</b> (Sutlej River) in Bilaspur</li> <li>• <b>The Pong Dam</b> (Beas River )</li> <li>• <b>The Chamera Dam</b> (River Ravi) at Chamba district</li> </ul>
J & K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Salal Dam</b> (Chenab River) at Reasi district</li> <li>• <b>Baglihar Dam</b> (Chenab River) at Doda district</li> </ul>
Jharkhand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Maithon Dam</b> (Barakar River) at Dhanbad</li> <li>• <b>Panchet Dam</b> (Damodar River) at Panchet in Dhanbad</li> <li>• <b>Tenughat Dam</b> (Damodar River) at Bokaro district</li> </ul>
Karnataka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Krishna Raja Sagara Dam</b> at Mandya</li> <li>• <b>Tungabhadra Dam</b> (Tungabhadra River) near the town of Hospet</li> <li>• <b>Bhadra Dam</b> (Bhadra River) at border of Bhadravathi and Tarikere</li> <li>• <b>Linganamakki dam</b> (Sharavathi river) at Kargal village of Sagara taluk</li> <li>• <b>Malaprabha dam</b> (Malaprabha river) at Belgaum</li> <li>• <b>Raja Lakhamagouda dam</b> (Ghataprabha River) at Belagavi district</li> <li>• <b>Hemavathy Dam</b> (river Hemavathy) at Gorur, near the city of Hassan</li> <li>• <b>Supa Dam</b> (Kali river) at Uttara Kannada district</li> <li>• <b>Lakya Dam</b> (river Lakhya)</li> <li>• <b>Almatti Dam</b> (Krishna River) at Bijapur district</li> </ul>

<b>Kerala</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kakki Reservoir</b> (Pamba River) at Pathanamthitta district</li> <li>• <b>The Idukki Dam</b> (Periyar River) at Kuravan and Kuravathi</li> <li>• <b>Cheruthoni Dam</b> (Periyar River) at Idukki District</li> <li>• <b>Kulamavu Dam</b> (Periyar river) Kulamavu, Idukki District</li> <li>• <b>Idamalayar Dam</b> (Idamalayar River) At Ernakulam District</li> </ul>
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gandhi Sagar Dam</b>(Chambal River) at Mandsaur District</li> <li>• <b>Tawa Reservoir</b>(Tawa Reservoir) at Hoshangabad District</li> <li>• <b>Indira Sagar Dam</b>(Narmada River) at Narmada Nagar</li> </ul>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Koyna Dam</b>(Koyna River) at Koyna Nagar</li> <li>• <b>Jayakwadi Dam</b> (Godavari River) at Aurangabad district</li> <li>• <b>Isapur Dam</b> (Penganga river) at Pusad</li> <li>• <b>Totladoh dam</b> (Pench river) at Nagpur</li> <li>• <b>Warna Dam</b> (Warna River) at Kolhapur District</li> <li>• <b>Bhatsa Dam</b> (Bhatsa river) at Shahapur, Thane district</li> </ul>
<b>Odisha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hirakud Dam</b> (Mahanadi River) at Sambalpur District</li> <li>• <b>Rengali Dam</b>(Brahmani River) at Angul district</li> <li>• <b>Indravati Dam</b>(Indravati River) at Nabarangpur</li> <li>• <b>The Jalaput Dam</b>(Machkund River) at boundary between the states of Odisha and Andhra Pradesh</li> <li>• <b>Mandira dam</b>(Sankh river) at Kansbahal in Sundergarh district</li> </ul>
<b>Punjab</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Ranjit Sagar Dam (Ravi River)</b> at Border of two states of India Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab.</li> </ul>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mettur Dam</b> (river Cauvery) at Mettur, Salem District</li> <li>• <b>Solaiyar Dam</b> at Coimbatore district</li> <li>• <b>Bhavanisagar Dam</b> (Bhavani river) at Erode district</li> </ul>
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ramganga Dam</b> (Ramganga River) at Pauri Garhwal district</li> <li>• <b>Jamrani Dam</b>(Gola River) at Nainital District</li> <li>• <b>The Tehri Dam</b>(Bhagirathi River) at Tehri</li> </ul>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rihand Dam or GovindBallabh Pant Sagar</b> (Rihand River) at Pipri in Sonbhadra District</li> <li>• <b>Matatila Dam</b> (River Betwa) at Lalitpur District</li> <li>• <b>The Rajghat Dam</b> (Betwa River) at Lalitpur</li> </ul>
<b>West Bengal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Mukutmanipur Dam</b> (Kansabati River ) at Bankura district</li> </ul>

## Chapter 2: FOLK DANCE

States/UT	Folk Dance
<b>Jharkhand</b>	Chhanu, Sarahul, Jat-Jatin, Karma, Danga, Bidesia, Sohrai.
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	Gadhwali, Kumayuni, Kajari, Jhora, Raslila, Chappeli.
<b>Andra Pradesh</b>	Kuchipudi (Classical), Ghantamardala, (Ottam Thedal, Mohiniattam, Kummi, Siddhi, Madhuri, Chhadi.
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	Goudi, Karma, Jhumar, Dagla, Pali, Tapali, Navrani, Diwari, Mundari.
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	Mask dance (Mukhauta Nritya), War dance.
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	Jhora, Jhali, Chharhi, Dhaman, Chhapeli, Mahasu, Nati, Dangi, Chamba, Thali, Jhainta, Daf, Stick dance etc.
<b>Goa</b>	Mandi, Jhagor, Khol, Dakni etc.
<b>Assam</b>	Bihu, Bichhua, Natpuja, Maharas, Kaligopal, Bagurumba, Naga dance, Khel Gopal, Tabal Chongli, Canoe, Jhumura Hobjanai, <b>Sattriya Dance</b> etc.
<b>West Bengal</b>	Kathi, Gambhira, Dhali, Jatra, Baul, Marasia, Mahal, Keertan etc.
<b>Kerala</b>	Kathakali (Classical), Ottam Thulal, Mohini-attam, Kaikottikali, Tappatikali, Kali Auttam, Kutiyattam (Koodiyattam)
<b>Meghalaya</b>	Laho, Baala etc.
<b>Manipur</b>	Manipuri (Classical), Rakhal, Nat Rash, Maha Rash, Raukhat etc.
<b>Nagaland</b>	Chong, Khaiva, Lim, Nuralim etc.
<b>Orissa</b>	Odissi (Classical), Savari, Ghumara, Painka, Munari, Chhau, Chadya Dandanata etc.
<b>Maharashtra</b>	Lavani, Nakata, Koli, Lezim, Gafa, Dahikala Dasavtar or Bohada, Tamasha, Mauni, Powara, Gouricha etc.
<b>Karnataka</b>	Yakshagan, huttar, Suggi, Kunitha, Karga, Lambi
<b>Gujarat</b>	Garba, Dandiya Ras, Tippani Juriun, Bhavai.
<b>Punjab</b>	Bhagra, Giddha, Daff, Dhaman etc.
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Ghumar, Chakri, Ganagor, Jhulan Leela, Jhuma, Suisini, Ghapal, Panihari, Ginad etc.
<b>Mizoram</b>	Khanatm, Pakhupila, Cherokan etc.
<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	Rauf, Hikar, Mandjas, kud Dandi nach, Damali.
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	Bharatnatyam, Kumi, Kolattam, Kavadi,
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	Nautanki, Raslila, Kajri, Jhora, Chappeli, Jaita.
<b>Bihar</b>	Jata-Jatin, Bakho-Bakhain, Panwariya, Sama-Chakwa, Bidesia, Jatra etc.
<b>Haryana</b>	Jhumar, Phag Dance, Daph, Dhamal, Loor, Gugga, Khor, Gagor etc.

### Chapter 3: List of International & Domestic Airport: State wise

State	Airport
New Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport</li> </ul>

<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaja International Airport</b> (Mumbai)</li> <li>• <b>Pune Airport</b> (Pune)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport</b> (Nagpur)</li> <li>• <b>Akola Airport</b> (Akola)</li> <li>• <b>Aurangabad Airport</b> (Aurangabad)</li> <li>• <b>Jalgaon Airport</b> (Nashik)</li> <li>• <b>Chhatrapati Rajaram Maharaj Airport</b> (Kolhapur)</li> <li>• <b>Gandhinagar Airport</b> (Nashik)</li> <li>• <b>Solapur Airport</b> (Solapur)</li> </ul>
<b>Karnataka</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kempegowda International Airport</b> (Bengaluru)</li> <li>• <b>Mangalore Airport</b> (Mangaluru)</li> <li>• <b>Belgaum Airport</b> (Belgaum)</li> <li>• <b>Hubli Airport</b> (Hubli and Dharwad)</li> <li>• <b>Mysore Airport/ Mandakalli airport</b> (Mysore)</li> <li>• <b>Jindal Vijaynagar Airport</b> (Toranagallu)</li> </ul>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chennai International Airport</b> (Chennai)</li> <li>• <b>Tiruchirappalli International Airport</b> (Tiruchirappalli)</li> <li>• <b>Coimbatore International Airport</b> (Coimbatore)</li> </ul>
<b>Gujarat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport</b> (Ahmedabad, Hansol)</li> <li>• <b>Vadodara Airport</b> (Vadodara)</li> <li>• <b>Kandla Airport</b> (Kandla and Anjar)</li> <li>• <b>Porbandar Airport</b> (Rajkot)</li> <li>• <b>Surat Airport</b> (Surat)</li> </ul>
<b>Kerala</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cochin International Airport</b> (Kochi)</li> <li>• <b>Calicut International Airport</b> (Karipur)</li> <li>• <b>Trivandrum International Airport</b> (Trivandrum, Nagercoil, Kanyakumari and Kollam)</li> </ul>
<b>Odisha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Biju Patnaik International Airport</b> (Bhubaneswar Airport)</li> <li>• <b>Jharsuguda Airport</b> Also known as <b>Veer Surendra Sai Airport</b> (Durlaga)</li> </ul>
<b>Jammu and Kashmir</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sheikh ul-Alam International Airport</b> (Srinagar)</li> <li>• <b>The Jammu Airport</b>, officially known as Jammu Civil Enclave (Jammu)</li> </ul>
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rajmata Vijaya Raje Scindia Air Terminal</b> (Maharajpur Air Force Station Gwalior)</li> <li>• <b>Dumna Airport</b> (Jabalpur)</li> <li>• <b>The Khajuraho Airport</b> (Chhattarpur district)</li> <li>• <b>Khandwa Airport</b> (Khandwa)</li> <li>• <b>Raja Bhoj Airport</b> (Bhopal)</li> </ul>
<b>Jharkhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Birsa Munda Airport</b> (Ranchi)</li> <li>• <b>Dhanbad Airport</b> (Dhanbad)</li> <li>• <b>Sonari Airport</b> (in Jamshedpur)</li> <li>• <b>Atal Bihari Vajpayee Airport</b> (at Deoghar)</li> </ul>

<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kangra Airport (Gaggal near Kangra)</li> <li>• Shimla Airport (Shimla)</li> <li>• Kullu–Manali Airport (Bhuntar)</li> </ul>
<b>Daman and Diu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diu Airport (Union Territory of Daman and Diu.)</li> </ul>
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jagdalpur Airport (Jagdalpur)</li> <li>• Swami Vivekananda Airport (Raipur)</li> </ul>
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tezu Airport (Tezu)</li> <li>• Daporijo Airport (Daporijo)</li> </ul>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visakhapatnam Airport (Visakhapatnam)</li> <li>• Vijayawada Airport</li> <li>• Kadapa (Cuddapah) Airport (Kadapa)</li> </ul>
<b>Assam</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (Guwahati)</li> <li>• Dibrugarh Airport (Dibrugarh)</li> <li>• Rupsi Airport (Dhubri town)</li> </ul>
<b>Punjab</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chandigarh International Airport (Mohali)</li> <li>• Sri Guru Ram Das Ji International Airport (Amritsar)</li> </ul>
<b>Bihar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jay Prakash Narayana International Airport (At PATNA)\</li> <li>• Gaya Airport (at Gaya)</li> </ul>
<b>Andaman and Nicobar Islands</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veer Savarkar International Airport (Port Blair)</li> </ul>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport (Varanasi)</li> <li>• Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport (Lucknow)</li> </ul>
<b>Goa</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goa International Airport also known as the Dabolim airport (at Vasco da Gama)</li> </ul>
<b>Telangana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (Hyderabad)</li> </ul>
<b>West Bengal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport (Kolkata)</li> </ul>
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atal Bihari Vajpayee Airport (at Dehradun)</li> </ul>

### Chapter 4: International borders / Boundary lines

<b>Borders/Boundary Lines</b>	<b>Between two Countries</b>
<b>Durand Line</b>	Afghanistan & Pakistan

<b>Hindenburg Line</b>	Germany & Poland.
<b>Mason-dixon Line</b>	Line of demarcation between four states in the United States.
<b>Mannerheim Line</b>	Russia-Finland border.
<b>Macmahon Line</b>	India & China
<b>Medicine Line</b>	Canada & the United States
<b>Order-neisse Line</b>	Poland & Germany
<b>Radcliffe Line</b>	India & Pakistan.
<b>Siegfried Line</b>	Germany on its border with France.
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Parallel</b>	North Vietnam & South Vietnam
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Parallel south</b>	Africa, Australia & South America
<b>30<sup>TH</sup> PARALLEL</b>	Equator & the North Pole
<b>38<sup>th</sup> Parallel</b>	Separates North Korea&South Korea.
<b>42<sup>nd</sup> Parallel north</b>	New York – Pennsylvania Border.
<b>49<sup>th</sup> Parallel</b>	USA&Canada

### Chapter 5: International Organizations & Headquarter

<b>Headquarter</b>	<b>International Organizations (Establishment)</b>
<b>New York, US</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>United Nations Organization (UN)</b>, 24 October 1945</li> <li>• <b>United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)</b>, 11 December 1946</li> <li>• <b>United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA)</b>, 1969</li> </ul>
<b>Geneva, Switzerland</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>United Nations Conference on Trade &amp; Development (UNCTAD)</b>, 30 December 1964</li> <li>• <b>World Health Organization (WHO)</b>, 7 April 1948</li> <li>• <b>World Economic Forum</b>, January 1971</li> <li>• <b>International Labour Organisation (ILO)</b>, 29 October 1919</li> <li>• <b>World Trade Organisation</b>, 1 January 1995</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>World Meteorological Organisation</b>, 23 March 1950</li> <li>• <b>World Intellectual Property Organisation</b>, 14 July 1967</li> <li>• <b>International Committee of the Red Cross</b>, 17 February 1863</li> </ul>
Paris, France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>United Nations Education Scientific &amp; Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)</b>, 16 November 1945</li> <li>• <b>Organisation for Economic Cooperation &amp; Development (OECD)</b>, 30 September 1961</li> </ul>
Vienna, Austria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)</b>, 17 November 1966</li> <li>• <b>International Atomic Agency</b>, 29 July 1957</li> <li>• <b>Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)</b>, September 1960</li> </ul>
London, UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Amnesty International</b>, July 1961</li> <li>• <b>International Maritime Organisation</b>, 17 March 1948</li> <li>• <b>Commonwealth of Nations</b>, 11 December 1931</li> </ul>
Washington DC, US	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>International Monetary Fund (IMF)</b>, 27 December 1945</li> <li>• <b>World Bank</b>, July 1944</li> </ul>
Shanghai, China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New Development Bank (BRICS Development Bank)</b>, 15 July 2014</li> </ul>
Beijing, China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)</b>, 16 January 2016</li> </ul>
Manila, Philippines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Asian Development Bank (ADB)</b>, 19 December 1966</li> </ul>
Kathmandu, Nepal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)</b>, 8 December 1985</li> </ul>
Jakarta, Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Association of South East Nations (ASEAN)</b>, 8 August 1967</li> </ul>
Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)</b>, November 1989</li> </ul>
Brussels, Belgium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)</b>, 4 April 1949</li> </ul>
Dubai, UAE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>International Cricket Council (ICC)</b>, 15 June 1909</li> </ul>
Rome, Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Food &amp; Agricultural Organisation (FAO)</b>, 16 October 1945</li> </ul>
The Hague, The Netherland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>International Court of Justice</b>, 26 June 1945</li> </ul>
Lausanne, Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>International Olympic Committee</b>, 23 June 1894</li> </ul>

Zurich, Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), 21 May 1904</li> </ul>
The Hague, The Netherlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), 29 April 1997</li> </ul>
Gland, Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), 29 April 1961</li> </ul>

## Chapter 6: List of Lake

Name of the State	Name of the Lake
▪ Andhra Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kolleru Lake</li> <li>Pulicat Lake</li> </ul>
▪ Assam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chandubi Lake</li> <li>Chapanala Lake</li> <li>Haflong Lake</li> <li>Son Beel Lake</li> </ul>
▪ Bihar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kanwar Lake</li> </ul>
▪ Gujarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hamirsar Lake</li> <li>Kankaria Lake</li> <li>Lakhota Lake</li> <li>Sursagar Lake</li> <li>Thol Lake</li> <li>Vastrapur Lake</li> <li>Brighu Lake</li> </ul>
▪ Himachal Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dashair and Dhankar Lake</li> <li>Kareri and Kumarwah lake</li> <li>Khajjiar Lake</li> <li>Macchial Lake</li> <li>Manimahesh Lake</li> <li>Nako Lake</li> <li>Pandoh Lake</li> <li>Prashar Lake</li> <li>Renuka Lake</li> <li>Rewalsar Lake</li> <li>Seruvalsar and Manimahesh Lake</li> </ul>
▪ Haryana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Badkhal Lake</li> <li>Beauty lake</li> <li>Blue Bird Lake</li> <li>Brahma Sarovar</li> <li>Current lake</li> <li>Karna Lake</li> <li>Sannihit Sarovar</li> <li>Surajkund</li> <li>Tilyar Lake</li> </ul>
▪ Jammu and Kashmir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dal Lake</li> <li>Manasbal Lake</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mansar Lake</li> <li>Pangong Tso</li> <li>Sheshnag Lake</li> <li>Tso Moriri</li> <li>Wular Lake</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Karnataka</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agara Lake</li> <li>Bellandur Lake</li> <li>Byrasandra Lake</li> <li>Hebbal Lake</li> <li>Kempambudhi Lake</li> <li>Lalbagh Lake</li> <li>Madiwala Lake</li> <li>Puttenahalli Lake</li> <li>Sankey Lake</li> <li>Ulsoor Lake</li> <li>Dalavai Lake</li> <li>Devanoor Lake</li> <li>Karanji lake</li> <li>Kukkarahalli lake</li> <li>Lingambudhi Lake</li> <li>Honnamana Kere</li> <li>Pampa Sarovar</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kerala</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ashtamudi Lake</li> <li>Kuttanad Lake</li> <li>Maanaanchira, Kozhikode</li> <li>Manakody Kayal</li> <li>Padinjarechira, Thrissur city</li> <li>Paravur Kayal</li> <li>Punnamada Lake</li> <li>Shasthamkotta lake</li> <li>Vadakkechira, Thrissur city</li> <li>Vanchikulam, Thrissur</li> <li>Vellayani Lake</li> <li>Vembanad Lake</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Madhya Pradesh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bhoj Wetland</li> <li>Lower Lake</li> <li>Moti lake</li> <li>Sarang pani lake</li> <li>Shahpura lake</li> <li>Tawa Reservoir</li> <li>Upper Lake</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maharashtra</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gorewada Lake</li> <li>Khindsi Lake</li> <li>Lonar Lake</li> <li>Mehrun Lake</li> <li>Pashan Lake</li> <li>Powai Lake</li> <li>Rankala Lake</li> <li>Salim Ali Lake</li> <li>Shivasagar lake</li> </ul>

	▪ Talao Pali
	▪ Upvan Lake
	▪ Venna Lake
▪ Meghalaya	▪ Umiam Lake
▪ Manipur	▪ Loktak Lake
▪ Mizoram	▪ Palak dil
	▪ Tam Dil
▪ Odisha	▪ Anshupa Lake
	▪ Chilika Lake
	▪ Kanjia lake
▪ Punjab	▪ Harike Lake
	▪ Kanjli Lake
	▪ Ropar Lake
▪ Rajasthan	▪ Ana Sagar Lake
	▪ Balsamand lake
	▪ Dhebar Lake
	▪ Jaisamand Lake
	▪ Jal Mahal, Man Sagar lake
	▪ Kaylana Lake
	▪ Nakki Lake
	▪ Pushkar Lake
	▪ Rajsamand Lake
	▪ Ramgarh Lake
	▪ Talwara Lake
	▪ Sambhar Salt Lake
	▪ Fateh Sagar Lake
	▪ Rangsagar lake
	▪ Uday sagar Lake
▪ Sikkim	▪ Gurudongmar Lake
	▪ Khecheopalri Lake
	▪ Lake Tsongmo
	▪ Lake Cholamu
▪ Telangana	▪ Alwal Cheruvu Lake
	▪ Durgam Cheruvu (Secret Lake)
	▪ Himayat Sagar
	▪ Hussain Sagar
	▪ Osman Sagar
	▪ Safilguda Lake
	▪ Saroornagar Lake
	▪ Shamirpet Lake
▪ Tamil Nadu	▪ Berijam Lake
	▪ Chembarambakkam Lake
	▪ Kaliveli Lake
	▪ Kaveripakkam Lake
	▪ Kodaikanal Lake
	▪ Ooty Lake
	▪ Perumal Eri
	▪ Red Hills Lake

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sholavaram Lake</li> <li>Singanallur Lake</li> <li>Veeranam Lake</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uttar Pradesh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amakhera Lake</li> <li>Barua Sagar Tal</li> <li>Belasagar Lake</li> <li>Bhadi Tal</li> <li>Chando Tal Lake</li> <li>Keetham Lake</li> <li>Nachan Tal</li> <li>Ramgarh Tal Lake</li> <li>Sheikha Jheel</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uttarakhand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skeleton Lake (Roopkund Lake)</li> <li>Bhimtal Lake</li> <li>Dodital</li> <li>Nainital Lake</li> <li>Naukuchiatal</li> <li>Sat Tal</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>West Bengal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Debar Lake</li> <li>East Calcutta Wetlands</li> <li>Jore Pokhri</li> <li>Mirik Lake</li> <li>Rabindra Sarobar</li> <li>Rasikbil</li> <li>Santragachhi Lake</li> <li>Senchal Lake</li> </ul>

## Chapter 7: List of Important Indian Cities on Rivers banks: River wise

<b>Ganges</b>	Baranagar (West Bengal), Haridwar (Uttarakhand), Kanpur (UP), Patna (Bihar), Varanasi (UP), Mirzapur (UP), Farrukhabad (UP), Fatehgarh (UP), Kannauj (UP), Shuklaganj (UP), Chakeri (UP), Munger (Bihar), Allahabad (UP)
<b>Yamuna</b>	Agra (UP), New Delhi, Auraiya (UP), Etawah (UP), Allahabad (UP)
<b>Saraswati</b>	Patan (Gujarat), Allahabad (UP)
<b>Godavari</b>	Rajahmundry (Andhra Pradesh), Nanded (Maharashtra), Golegaon (Maharashtra), Nashik (Maharashtra), Nanded (Maharashtra), Ramagundam (Telangana), Nizamabad (Telangana)
<b>Krishna</b>	Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh), Sangli (Maharashtra), Karad (Maharashtra), Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh)

<b>Kaveri</b>	Thiruchirapalli (Tamil Nadu), Erode (Tamil Nadu)
<b>Mahanadi</b>	Banki (Odisha), Cuttack (Odisha), Sambalpur (Odisha)
<b>Rushikulya</b>	Brahmapur (Odisha), Chhatrapur (Odisha)
<b>Brahmaputra</b>	Dibrugarh (Assam), Guwahati (Assam)
<b>Hooghly</b>	Kolkata (West Bengal), Murshidabad (West Bengal)
<b>Narmada</b>	Jabalpur (MP), Bharuch (Gujarat)
<b>Chambal</b>	Kota (Rajasthan), Gwalior (MP)
<b>Gomti</b>	Jaunpur (UP), Lucknow (UP)
<b>Sabarmati</b>	Ahmedabad (Gujarat)
<b>Sarayu</b>	Ayodhya (UP)
<b>Alaknanda</b>	Badrinath (Uttarakhand)
<b>Banas</b>	Deesa (Gujarat)
<b>Sutlej Musi</b>	Ferozpur (Punjab) Hyderabad (Telangana)
<b>Tawi</b>	Jammu
<b>Tapi</b>	Surat (Gujarat)
<b>Jhelum</b>	Srinagar
<b>Vishwamitri</b>	Vadodara (Gujarat)
<b>Vrishabhavathi</b>	Bangalore (Karnataka)
<b>Teesta</b>	Rangpo (Sikkim)
<b>Aji</b>	Rajkot (Gujarat)
<b>Netravati, Gurupura</b>	Mangalore (Karnataka)
<b>Rapti</b>	Gorakhpur (UP)
<b>Girna River</b>	Malegaon (Maharashtra)
<b>Brahmani</b>	Rourkela (Odisha)
<b>Tungabhadra</b>	Kurnool (Andhra Pradesh)
<b>Shipra</b>	Ujjain (MP)
<b>Koshi</b>	Purnia (Bihar)
<b>Tunga River</b>	Shimoga (Karnataka)
<b>Bhadra</b>	Bhadravathi (Karnataka)
<b>Mula, Mutha</b>	Pune, (Maharashtra)



Vaigai	Madurai (Tamil Nadu)
Kolhapur	Panchaganga (Maharashtra)
Tungabhadra	Hospet (Karnataka)
Kali	Karwar (Karnataka)
Ghataprabha	Bagalkot (Karnataka)
Sharavathi	Honnavar (Karnataka)
Hathmati	Himmatnagar (Gujarat)
Purna	Navsari (Gujarat)

## Chapter 8: List of National Parks of India

State	National Parks
Andhra Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Papikonda National Park</b> at East Godavari and West Godavari districts of Andhra Pradesh and Khammam district of Telangana.</li> <li><b>Sri Venkateswara National Park</b> at Chittoor and Cuddapah districts</li> </ul>
Telangana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Kasu Brahmananda Reddy National Park</b> in Jubilee Hills in Hyderabad, Telangana</li> <li><b>Mahavir Harina Vanasthali National Park</b> at Vanasthalipuram</li> <li><b>Mrugavani National Park</b> at Hyderabad district</li> </ul>
Arunachal Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Namdapha National Park</b> at Changlang district</li> <li><b>Mouling National Park</b> at Jengging, East Siang</li> </ul>
Assam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dibru-Saikhowa National Park</b> at Tinsukia district</li> <li><b>Kaziranga National Park</b> at Golaghat and Nagaon districts</li> <li><b>Manas National Park or Manas Wildlife Sanctuary</b> at Dist Baksa</li> <li><b>Nameri National Park</b> at Sonitpur district</li> <li><b>The Orang National Park</b> at Darrang and Sonitpur districts</li> <li><b>Dehing Patkai,</b></li> <li><b>Raimona</b></li> </ul>
Bihar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Valmiki National Park</b> at West Champaran</li> </ul>
Chhattisgarh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Indravati National Park</b> at Bijapur district</li> <li><b>Kanger valley</b> at Bastar district</li> <li><b>Guru Ghasi das (sanjay)</b> at Koriya district</li> </ul>
Goa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Bhagwan Mahavir (Mollem)</b> at Panaji district</li> </ul>
Gujarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Blackbuck (Velavadar) National Park</b> at Bhavnagar district</li> <li><b>Gir Forest National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary</b> at Talala Gir</li> <li><b>Marine National Park</b> at Jamnagar district</li> <li><b>Vansda National Park</b> at Navsari district</li> </ul>
Haryana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Kalesar National Park</b> at Yamuna nagar district</li> <li><b>Sultanpur National Park</b> at Gurgaon district</li> </ul>
Himachal Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Pin Valley National Park</b> at Lahaul and Spiti district</li> <li><b>The Great Himalayan National Park</b> at Kullu District</li> <li><b>Inderkilla National Park</b> at Kullu District</li> <li><b>Khirganga National Park</b> at Kullu District</li> <li><b>Simbalbara National Park</b> at Sirmour District</li> </ul>
Jammu And Kashmir/ Ladakh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dachigam National Park</b> at Srinagar District</li> <li><b>Hemis National Park</b> at Ladakh region</li> <li><b>Kishtwar National Park</b> at Kishtwar district</li> <li><b>Salim Ali National Park</b> at Srinagar district</li> </ul>
Jharkhand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Betla National Park</b> at Latehar District</li> </ul>

<b>Karnataka</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bandipur National Park</b> at Mysore &amp; Chamarajanagar districts</li> <li>• <b>Bannerghatta National Park</b> at Bangalore district</li> <li>• <b>Kudremukh National Park</b> at Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Chikmagalur districts</li> <li>• <b>Nagarahole National Park</b> at Kodagu and Mysore districts</li> <li>• <b>Anshi National Park</b> at Uttara Kannada district</li> </ul>
<b>Kerala</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eravikulam National Park</b> at Idukki district</li> <li>• <b>Mathikettan Shola National Park</b> at Idukki district</li> <li>• <b>Periyar National Park</b> at Idukki &amp; Quilon districts</li> <li>• <b>Silent Valley National Park</b> at Palakkad district</li> <li>• <b>Anamudi Shola National Park</b> at Idukki district</li> <li>• <b>Pambadum Shola National Park</b> at Idukki district</li> </ul>
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bandhavgarh National Park</b> at Bandhavgarh, Tala</li> <li>• <b>Kanha Tiger Reserve</b> at Mandla</li> <li>• <b>Madhav National Park</b> at Shivpuri district</li> <li>• <b>Mandla Plant Fossils National Park</b> at Mandla district</li> <li>• <b>Panna National Park</b> at Panna &amp; Chattarpur district</li> <li>• <b>Pench National Park</b> at Seoni and Chhindwara districts</li> <li>• <b>Sanjay National Park</b> at Koriya, Sidhi and Singrauli districts</li> <li>• <b>Satpura National Park</b> at Hoshangabad district</li> <li>• <b>Van Vihar National Park</b> at Bhopal district</li> </ul>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chandoli National Park</b> at Sangli, Satara, Kolhapur, and Ratnagiri districts</li> <li>• <b>Gugamal National Park</b> at Amravati district</li> <li>• <b>Navegaon National Park</b> at Bhandara (Gondia) district</li> <li>• <b>Sanjay Gandhi (Borivilli) National Park</b> at Thane &amp; Mumbai districts</li> <li>• <b>Tadoba National Park</b> at Chandrapur district</li> <li>• <b>Pench National Park</b> across two states - Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra</li> </ul>
<b>Manipur</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keibul Lamjao National Park</b> at Bishnupur district</li> </ul>
<b>Meghalaya</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Balpakram National Park</b> near at Garo Hills</li> <li>• <b>Nokrek National Park</b> at East Garo Hills district</li> </ul>
<b>Mizoram</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Murlen National Park</b> at Champhai district</li> <li>• <b>Phawngpui Blue Mountain National Park</b> at Lawngtlai district</li> </ul>
<b>Nagaland</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Intanki National Park</b> at Peren district</li> </ul>
<b>Odisha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bhitarkanika National Park</b> at Kendrapara district</li> <li>• <b>Simlipal National Park</b> at Mayurbhanj district</li> </ul>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sariska Tiger Reserve</b> at Alwar district</li> <li>• <b>Ranthambore National Park</b> at Sawai Madhopur district</li> <li>• <b>Mukundra Hills National Park</b> at Kota</li> <li>• <b>Desert National Park</b> at Jaisalmer district</li> <li>• <b>Keoladeo Ghana National Park</b> at Bharatpur district</li> </ul>
<b>Sikkim</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Khangchendzonga National Park</b> at North Sikkim district</li> </ul>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mukurthi National Park</b> at Nilgiris district</li> <li>• <b>Mudumalai National Park</b> at Nilgiris district</li> <li>• <b>Indira Gandhi (Anamalai) National Park</b> at Coimbatore district</li> <li>• <b>Guindy National Park</b> at Chennai district</li> <li>• <b>Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park</b> at Ramanathapuram &amp; Tuticorin districts</li> </ul>

<b>Tripura</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rajbari National Park</b></li> <li>• <b>Clouded Leopard National Park</b> at the West Tripura district</li> </ul>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dudhwa National park</b> at Lakhimpur-Kheri district</li> </ul>
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gangotri National Park</b> at Uttarkashi district</li> <li>• <b>Govind Pashu Vihar National Park</b> at Uttarkashi district</li> <li>• <b>Jim Corbett National Park</b> at Nainital district</li> <li>• <b>The Nanda Devi National Park</b> at peak of Nanda Devi</li> <li>• <b>Rajaji National Park</b> at Dehradun, Pauri Garhwal</li> <li>• <b>Valley of Flowers National Park</b> at the Chamoli district</li> </ul>
<b>West Bengal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gorumara National Park</b> at Jalpaiguri district</li> <li>• <b>Buxa National Park</b> at Jalpaiguri district</li> <li>• <b>Neora Valley National Park</b> at Kalimpong district</li> <li>• <b>Singalila National Park</b> at Darjeeling district</li> <li>• <b>Jaldapara National Park</b> at Alipurduar District</li> <li>• <b>Sundarbans National Park</b> at North &amp; South 24-Paraganas district</li> </ul>
<b>Andaman And Nicobar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park</b> at South Andaman administrative district</li> <li>• <b>Middle Button Island National Park</b> at Andaman district</li> <li>• <b>Mount Harriet National Park</b> at Andaman district</li> <li>• <b>North Button Island National Park</b> at Andaman district</li> <li>• <b>Rani Jhansi Marine National Park</b> at Andaman district</li> <li>• <b>Saddle Peak National Park</b> at Andaman district</li> <li>• <b>South Button Island National Park</b> at Andaman district</li> <li>• <b>Campbell Bay National Park</b> at Nicobar district of Andaman</li> <li>• <b>Galathea National Park</b> at Nicobar district of Andaman</li> </ul>

## Chapter 9: Nuclear Power Plants in India

<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Narora Atomic Power Station (NAPS)</b> Narora, Bulandshahar District</li> </ul>
<b>Gujarat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kakrapar Atomic Power Station</b> (city of Vyara)</li> </ul>
<b>Karnataka</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kaiga Generating Station</b> (Uttar Kannada district)</li> </ul>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant</b> (Tirunelveli district)</li> <li>• <b>Madras Atomic Power Station</b> (Chennai)</li> </ul>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tarapur Atomic Power Station (T.A.P.S.)</b> Tarapur, Palghar</li> <li>• <b>Jaitapur Nuclear Power Project</b> (Ratnagiri district)</li> </ul>
<b>Haryana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Gorakhpur Nuclear Power Plant</b> (Fatehabad district)</li> </ul>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kovvada Atomic Power Project</b></li> </ul>
<b>Gujarat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NPP at Mithivirdi</b> (Talaja Taluka, Bhavnagar district)</li> </ul>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Banswara Thermal Power Station</b></li> </ul>
<b>MP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Chutka Nuclear Power Plant</b> (Chutka Village of Mandla district)</li> </ul>

## Chapter 10: Thermal Power Plants in India

<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Singrauli Super Thermal Power Plant</b> (Shaktinagar in Sonbhadra district), The power plant is the first power plant of NTPC</li> <li>• <b>National Capital Power Station (NCPS)</b> Or NTPC Dadri (Dadri, G.Noida)</li> <li>• <b>Rihand Super Thermal Power Project</b> (at Renukut, Sonbhadra in Sonbhadra district)</li> <li>• <b>Anpara Thermal Power Station</b> (Anpara in Sonbhadra district)</li> <li>• <b>Obra Thermal Power Project</b> (Kanpur district)</li> <li>• <b>Rosa Power Plant</b> (at Rosa village in Shahjahanpur)</li> <li>• <b>Feroze Gandhi Unchahar Thermal Power Plant</b> (Unchahar in Raebareli district)</li> </ul>
<b>Telangana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NTPC Ramagundam</b> (at Ramagundam in Peddapalli district)</li> </ul>
<b>Odisha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Talcher Thermal Power station</b> (Angul district)</li> <li>• <b>Vedanta Jharsuguda Power Station</b> (Jharsuguda town in Jharsuguda district)</li> <li>• <b>Hirakud Power Plant</b> (Sambalpur district)</li> </ul>
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Korba Super Thermal Power Plant</b> (at Jamnipali in Korba district)</li> <li>• <b>Sipat Super Thermal Power Station or Rajiv Gandhi Super Thermal Power Station</b> (at Sipat in Bilaspur district)</li> <li>• <b>The NSPCL Bhilai Power Plant</b> (at Bhilai in Durg district)</li> </ul>
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Vindhyachal Thermal Power Station</b> (Singrauli district)</li> <li>• <b>Satpura Thermal Power Plant</b> (Betul district)</li> <li>• <b>Sanjay Gandhi Thermal Power Plant</b> (Umaria district)</li> <li>• <b>Shree Singaji Super Thermal Power Project</b> (Khandwa District)</li> <li>• <b>Amarkantak Thermal Power Plant</b> (Anuppur district)</li> </ul>
<b>West Bengal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Farakka Super Thermal Power Plant</b> (at Nabarun in Murshidabad district)</li> <li>• <b>Durgapur Steel Thermal Power Station</b> (Bardhaman district)</li> </ul>
<b>Gujarat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mundra Thermal Power Station or Mundra Thermal Power Project</b> (at Mundra in Kutch district)</li> <li>• <b>Sikka Thermal Power Station</b> (Jamnagar)</li> <li>• <b>Wanakbori Thermal Power Station</b> (in Kheda district)</li> <li>• <b>Ukai Thermal Power Station</b> (located on the bank of the Tapi river.</li> <li>• <b>Gandhinagar Thermal Power Station</b> (bank of Sabarmati river near Gandhinagar)</li> <li>• <b>Hirakud Power Plant</b> (Hirakud in Sambalpur district)</li> </ul>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tiroda Thermal Power Station</b> (at Tirora in Gondia district)</li> <li>• <b>Chandrapur Super Thermal Power Station</b> (in Chandrapur district)</li> <li>• <b>Kaparkheda Thermal Power Station</b> (Nagpur district)</li> <li>• <b>RattanIndia Amravati Thermal Power Project</b> (Amravati district)</li> </ul>

<b>Bihar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Barauni Thermal Power Station</b> (at Begusarai district)</li> </ul>
<b>Karnataka</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bellary Thermal Power station</b> (Kudatini Village, Bellary District)</li> <li>• <b>Udupi Power Plant</b> (north of Mangalore)</li> </ul>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Simhadri Super Thermal Power Plant</b> (Visakhapatnam district)</li> </ul>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chhabra Thermal Power Plant</b> (Baran district)</li> <li>• <b>Kota Thermal Power Plant</b> (west bank of the Chambal River near Kota.)</li> <li>• <b>Kalisindh Thermal Power Station</b> (Jhalawar district)</li> </ul>
<b>Jharkhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bokaro Thermal Power Station B (BTPS - B)</b> , at Bokaro district</li> <li>• <b>Patrata Thermal Power Station</b> (Ramgarh district)</li> </ul>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Mettur Thermal Power Station</b> (Salem district)</li> <li>• <b>The Ennore Thermal Power Station</b> (Chennai Ennore)</li> </ul>

## Chapter 11: Solar Power Plant in India

<b>Gujarat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Charanka Solar Park</b> (Patan district)</li> </ul>
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Welspun Solar</b> (Jawad tehsil of Neemuch district)</li> </ul>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mahagenco plans 125 MW solar power project</b> (Malkhed village in Yavatmal district)</li> <li>• <b>Tata Power Solar</b> (in Rajgarh)</li> <li>• <b>Sakri Photovoltaic solar energy project</b> (Shivajinagar in Sakri taluka of Dhule district)</li> </ul>
<b>Odisha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Green Energy Development Corporation of Odisha Ltd. (GEDCOL)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welspun Energy 50MW Rajasthan Solar Project</b> (Phalodhi, distt. Jodhpur)</li> <li>• <b>The Dhirubhai Ambani Solar Park</b> (Pokhran in the Jaisalmer district)</li> <li>• <b>Bhadla Solar Park</b> (Bhadla, Phalodi tehsil, Jodhpur district)</li> </ul>
<b>Gujarat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bitta Solar Power Plant</b> (Bitta village)</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kurnool Ultra Mega Solar Park</b> (Kurnool district)</li> </ul>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kamuthi Solar Power Project</b></li> </ul>
<b>Kerala</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Banasura Sagar Dam Floating Solar Power Plant</b> (Wayanad)</li> </ul>
<b>Karnataka.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pavagada Solar Park</b> (Pavagada taluk, Tumkur district)</li> </ul>

## Chapter 12: List of Ports in India: State Wise

<b>State</b>	<b>Ports</b>
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<b>Gujarat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kandla Port Trust or Deendayal Port</b> (Kutch District)</li> </ul>
<b>Odisha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Paradip Port</b> (Jagatsinghpur District)</li> </ul>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jawaharlal Nehru Port/ Nhava Sheva</b> (Mumbai)</li> <li>• <b>Mumbai Port Trust</b> (Mumbai)</li> </ul>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Visakhapatnam Port</b> (Visakhapatnam)</li> <li>• <b>Krishnapatnam Port</b> (Nellore District)</li> </ul>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chennai Port</b> (Chennai)</li> <li>• <b>V.O.Chidambaranar Port</b> (Thoothukudi)</li> <li>• <b>Ennore Port</b> (Chennai)</li> </ul>
<b>West Bengal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port</b> (Kolkata)</li> </ul>
<b>Karnataka</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New Mangalore Port</b> (Mangalore)</li> </ul>
<b>Kerala</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cochin Port</b> (Kochi)</li> </ul>
<b>Goa</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mormugao port</b></li> </ul>

### Chapter 13: List of River a Cross State

<b>Name of Rivers</b>	<b>A cross States</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Begin From</b>	<b>Ends in</b>
Ganga	Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal	2,525 K.M.	Gangothri	Bay of Bengal
Yamuna	Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi	1,376 K.M.	Garhwall in Yamunotri	Bay of Bengal
Brahmaputra	Assam, Arunachal, Tibet	2,900 K.M.	Lake Manasarovar	Bay of Bengal
Mahanadi	Chhattisgarh, Odisha	858 K.M.	Amarkantak Plateau	Bay of Bengal
Godavari	Maharashtra, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry	1,465 K.M.	Nasik Hills	Bay of Bengal
Krishna	Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh	1,400 K.M.	Near Mahabaleshwar in Maharashtra	Bay of Bengal
Narmada	Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat	1,315 K.M.	Amarkantak hill in Madhya Pradesh	Arabian sea
Tapti	Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat	724 K.M.	Bettul	Arabian sea
Gomti	Uttarpradesh, Gujarat,	900 K.M.	Gomat Taal	Saidpur, Ghazipur
Koshi	Shigatse Prefecture, Janakpur, Sagarmatha, Koshi, Mechi Zones, Bihar	720 K.M.	Ganga	Ganga



Gandaki	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar	630 K.M.	Nepal	Ganga
Betwa	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh	590 K.M.	Vindhya Range	Rajghat Dam
Son	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar	784 K.M.	Ganga	Yamuna
Sutlej	Himachal Pradesh, Punjab	1,500 K.M.	Mount Kailash	Ropar
Ravi	Himachal Pradesh, Punjab	720 K.M.	Himachal Pradesh	Chenab
Beas	Himachal Pradesh, Punjab	470 K.M.	Sutlej	Mandi Plain
Chenab	Himachal Pradesh, Punjab	960 K.M.	Panjinad	Jammu and Kashmir
Jehlam	Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir,	725 K.M.	Pir Panjal Range	Chenab
Kaveri	Karnataka, Tamilnadu,	765 K.M.	Hills of Coorg, Karnataka	Bay of Bengal
Ghaggar	Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan	1080 K.M	Shivalik Hills, Himachal Pradesh	Indus
Hugli (Hooghly)	West Bengal, Kolkata	260 K.M	Ganga	Bay of Bengal;
Damodar	Jharkhand, Bengal	592 K.M	Hoogly River, Howrah	Chota Nagpur plateau.
Indus	Gilgit-Baltistan, Jammu and Kashmir Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, Sindh Tibet	3180 K.M	In Tibet Kalish Range 5080 mts.	Arabian sea
Tungabhadra	Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana	531 K.M	Krishna	Krishna
Mahi	Madhya Pradesh, Vindhya	580 K.M	Gulf of Khambhat, Arabian Sea	Sevalia
Bhagirathi	Uttarakhand,	205 K.M	Ganga	Ganga
Sabarmati	Aravalli Range, Udaipur	371 K.M	Dhebar Lake	Gujarat
Alaknanda	Uttarakhand	190 K.M	Ganga	Nanda Devi
Teesta	Sikkim, India, West Bengal, India, Rangpur, Bangladesh	309 K.M	Brahmaputra	Rangeet River.
Indravati	Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra	535 K.M	Kalahandi	Godavari
Bhima	Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana	861 K.M	Krishna River	Pandharpur
Subarnarek	Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal	395 K.M	Bay of Bengal	Bay of Bengal
Konya	Maharashtra	130 K.M	Krishna Rive	Maharashtra
Ramganga	Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh	596 K.M	Ganga	Ramganga Dam
Peena	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka	597 K.M	Nandi Hills	Bay of Bengal
Brahmani	Odisha	480	Bay of Bengal	Ganga
Periyar	Kerala, Tamil Nadu	244 K.M	Cardaman Hills	Bay of Bengal
Mahanada	West Bengal, Bihar	360 K.M	Lakshadweep Sea, Vembanad Lake	Bay of Bengal

Benas	Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh	512 K.M	Rohtang Pass	Chambal
Vaigai	Tamil Nadu,	258 K.M	Periyar Plateau	Bay of Bengal
Sharda	Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh	350 K.M	Ganga	Ghaghra River

<b>Longest River (Length Wise) of the World</b>	Nile (Egypt) Africa
<b>Biggest River (Flow of Water Wise) of the world</b>	Amazon (South America)
<b>Longest River of Europe</b>	Volga (Russia)
<b>Longest River of Asia</b>	Yangtze (China)
<b>Longest River of India</b>	Ganga
<b>Longest River of South India</b>	Godavari (Also Called Dakshina Ganga)
<b>River which makes estuary in India</b>	Narmada and Tapi
<b>Sorrow of Bengal</b>	Damodar River

## Chapter 14: Stadiums in India

<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Wankhede Stadium</b> (Cricket stadium, Mumbai)</li> <li>• <b>The Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium or Subrata Roy Sahara Stadium</b> (Cricket stadium, Pune)</li> <li>• <b>The DY Patil Sports Stadium</b> (Cricket/football stadium, Mumbai)</li> <li>• <b>The Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium</b> (Cricket stadium, Nagpur)</li> <li>• <b>Nehru Stadium</b> (Multi-purpose stadium in Pune)</li> <li>• <b>The Brabourne Stadium</b> (Cricket stadium, Mumbai)</li> <li>• <b>Mahindra Hockey Stadium</b> (Hockey stadium at Mumbai)</li> <li>• <b>The Dadaji Kondadev Stadium</b> called SR Bhosle Krida Sankul Stadium (Thane)</li> </ul>
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium</b> (cricket stadium, Dharamshala)</li> </ul>
<b>Delhi</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Feroz Shah Kotla Ground</b> (Cricket stadium)</li> <li>• <b>Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium</b> (National stadium of India)</li> <li>• <b>The Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium</b> (Hockey stadium)</li> </ul>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>M. A. Chidambaram Stadium or Chepauk Stadium</b> (cricket stadium in Chennai)</li> </ul>
<b>West Bengal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eden Gardens</b> (cricket ground, Kolkata)</li> </ul>
<b>Jharkhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jharkhand States Cricket Association International Cricket Stadium</b>, (Also known as JSCA International Stadium Complex, Ranchi)</li> <li>• <b>Keenan Stadium</b> (Cricket and football, Jamshedpur)</li> <li>• <b>Birsa Munda Athletics Stadium</b> (football, Ranchi)</li> </ul>

<b>Gujarat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium</b>, Also known as the Khandheri Cricket Stadium( Cricket stadium in Rajkot)</li> <li>• <b>Reliance Stadium or Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd Sports Complex Ground</b> (Cricket stadium, Vadodara)</li> <li>• <b>Madhavrao Scindia Cricket Ground</b> (Municipal Ground or Racecourse Ground Corporation Ground, Rajkot)</li> <li>• <b>Motera stadium, also known as Sardar Patel stadium</b> is now the world's largest cricket stadium and the second largest sports stadium (Ahmedabad)</li> </ul>
<b>MP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Holkar Cricket Stadium</b> (Cricket stadium, Indore)</li> <li>• <b>Captain Roop Singh Stadium</b> (Cricket stadium, Gwalior)</li> </ul>
<b>Telangana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium</b> (Hyderabad)</li> <li>• <b>The Lal Bahadur Shastri Stadium</b> (Cricket, Hyderabad)</li> </ul>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Visakhapatnam ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium</b> (Cricket stadium, Visakhapatnam)</li> <li>• <b>Indira Gandhi Stadium</b> (Cricket, Vijayawada)</li> <li>• <b>Indira Priyadarsini Stadium</b> (Cricket stadium, Visakhapatnam)</li> </ul>
<b>Rajasthan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Barkatullah Khan Stadium</b> (Cricket, Jodhpur)</li> <li>• <b>The Sawai Mansingh Stadium</b> (Cricket, Jaipur)</li> <li>• <b>Fort Maidan</b> (a multi-purpose stadium, Kota)</li> </ul>
<b>Kerala</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jawaharlal Nehru International Stadium</b> (Cricket/football stadium, Kochi)</li> <li>• <b>Kerala University Stadium</b> (Football and also for athletics, Thiruvananthapuram)</li> </ul>
<b>Goa</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Fatorda</b>, officially known as the <b>Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium</b>, is a multi-purpose stadium.</li> </ul>
<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Maulana Azad Stadium</b> (Cricket, Jammu)</li> </ul>
<b>Haryana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Nahar Singh Stadium</b> (Cricket, Faridabad)</li> </ul>
<b>Punjab</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Gandhi Stadium</b> (Cricket, Amritsar)</li> <li>• <b>Guru Nanak Stadium</b> (Football stadium in Ludhiana)</li> </ul>
<b>Odisha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The iconic Barabati Stadium</b> (Indian sports stadium, Cuttack)</li> <li>• <b>Dilip Tirkey Stadium</b> (Hockey stadium, Rourkela)</li> <li>• <b>The Kalinga Stadium</b> (Multi-purpose stadium, Bhubaneswar)</li> </ul>
<b>Karnataka</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The M. Chinnaswamy Stadium</b> (Cricket, Bengaluru)</li> </ul>

UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The K D Singh Babu Stadium</b> (Multi-purpose stadium, in Lucknow)</li> <li>• <b>Green Park Stadium</b> (Cricket, Kanpur)</li> </ul>
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## Chapter 15: Famous Temple in India: State wise

State	Temple and Location
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Meenakshi Temple</b> at Madurai</li> <li>• <b>Ramanathaswamy Temple</b> at Rameshwaram</li> <li>• <b>Ranganathaswamy Temple</b> at Tiruchirapalli</li> <li>• <b>Brihadeswara Temple</b> at Thanjavur</li> <li>• <b>Suchindram Temple</b> at Kanyakumari</li> <li>• <b>Airavateswara Temple</b> at Darasuram</li> <li>• <b>Nataraja Temple</b> at Chidambaram</li> <li>• <b>Kanchipuram Temples</b> at Kanchipuram</li> </ul>
<b>Karnataka</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Virupaksha Temple</b> at Hampi</li> <li>• <b>Vitthala Temple</b> at Hampi</li> <li>• <b>Gomateshwara Temple</b> at Shravanbela Gola (Rural)</li> </ul>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lord Venkateswara Temple</b> at Thirumala</li> </ul>
<b>Gujarat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Somnath Temple</b> at Saurashtra</li> <li>• <b>Dwarakadhish Temple</b> at Dwarka</li> </ul>
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kashi Vishwanath</b> at Varanasi</li> </ul>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shirdi Sai Baba Temple</b> at Shirdi</li> <li>• <b>Siddivinayak Temple</b> at Mumbai</li> </ul>
<b>Jammu and Kashmir</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vaishno Devi Temple</b> at Katra</li> <li>• <b>Amarnath Cave Temple</b></li> </ul>
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Badrinath Temple</b></li> <li>• <b>Yamunotri Temple</b> at Uttarkashi</li> <li>• <b>Gangotri Temple</b> at Uttarkashi</li> <li>• <b>Kedarnath Temple</b> at Garhwal area</li> </ul>
<b>Odisha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jagannath Temple</b> at Puri</li> <li>• <b>Lingaraja Temple</b> at Bhubaneswar</li> <li>• <b>Konark Sun Temple</b> at Konark</li> </ul>
<b>Punjab</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Golden Temple</b> at Amritsar</li> </ul>

Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ranakpur Jain Temple</b> at Pali</li> </ul>
Madhya Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sanchi Stupa</b> at Raisen</li> <li>• <b>Khajuraho Temple</b> at Khajuraho</li> </ul>
Kerala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Padmanabhaswamy Temple</b> at Thiruvananthapuram</li> </ul>
Bihar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mahabodhi Temple</b> at Bodh Gaya</li> </ul>
Assam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kamakhya Temple</b> at Guwahati</li> </ul>

### Chapter 16: List of Tiger Reserve in India: State-Wise

State	Reserve
Uttarakhand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Rajaji National Park</li> </ul>
Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dudhwa Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Pilibhit Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Ranipur Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
Telangana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kawal Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Nagarjunsagar</li> <li>• Srisailem Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
Madhya Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bandhavgarh</b> Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Satpura Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Kanha Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Panna Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• <b>Pench</b> Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Sanjay-Dubri Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
Tamil Nadu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anamalai Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Mudumalai Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
West Bengal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buxa Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Sunderbans Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Ranthambore Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Sariska Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Ramgarh Visdhari</li> <li>• <b>Vishdhari</b></li> </ul>
Odisha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Satkosia Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Simlipal Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
Mizoram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dampa Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
Kerala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Periyar Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Parambikulam Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
Karnataka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bandipur Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Nagarhole Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Bhadra Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Anshi Dandeli Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>

<b>Jharkhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palamau Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indravati Tiger Reserves</li> <li>• Udanti &amp; Sitanadi Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Achanakmar Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• <b>Guru Ghasidas National Park</b> and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary as a Tiger Reserve.</li> </ul>
<b>Bihar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valmiki National Park</li> </ul>
<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Melghat Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Pench Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Tadoba Andhari Tiger Project</li> <li>• Sahyadri Tiger reserve</li> <li>• Nagzira-Navegaon Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Bor Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Assam</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaziranga Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Manas Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Nameri Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Orang Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nagarjunsagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Namdapha Tiger Reserve</li> <li>• Pakhui Tiger Reserve</li> </ul>

### Chapter 17: List of Indian National Trophies and Cups associated with sports

<b>Sports</b>	<b>Trophies</b>
<b>Hockey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aga Khan Cup</li> <li>• All India Maharaja Ranjit Singh Gold Cup</li> <li>• Beighton Cup</li> <li>• Mumbai Gold Cup</li> <li>• Chakola Gold Trophy</li> <li>• Dhyan Chand Trophy</li> <li>• Gurmit Trophy</li> <li>• Jawaharlal Nehru Cup</li> <li>• Kuppaswamy Naidu Trophy</li> <li>• Lady Ratan Tata Trophy (Women)</li> <li>• Maharaja Ranjit Singh Gold Cup</li> <li>• MCC Trophy</li> <li>• Murugappa Gold Cup</li> <li>• Nehru Trophy</li> <li>• Obaidullah Gold Cup</li> <li>• Rangaswami Cup</li> <li>• Rene Frank Trophy</li> <li>• Scindia Gold Cup</li> <li>• Settu Cup</li> <li>• Shani Trophy</li> <li>• Surjeet Singh Cup</li> <li>• Tommy Emar Gold Cup (Women)</li> </ul>



<b>Cricket</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coach Bihar Trophy</li> <li>• Deodhar Trophy</li> <li>• Duleep Trophy</li> <li>• Irani Cup</li> <li>• Moin-ud-Dowlah Gold Cup</li> <li>• Rani Jhansi Trophy</li> <li>• Ranii Trophy</li> <li>• Viiaay Merchant Trophy</li> <li>• Vizzy Trophy</li> <li>• Wills Cup</li> <li>• Vijay Hazare</li> </ul>
<b>Football</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ashutosh Trophy</li> <li>• Begum Hazrat Mahal Trophy</li> <li>• Chakola Gold Trophy</li> <li>• DCM Trophy</li> <li>• Dr B.C. Roy Trophy</li> <li>• Durand Cup</li> <li>• F.A. Cup</li> <li>• G.V. Raja Memorial Trophy</li> <li>• I.F.A. Shield</li> <li>• Mis Iqbal Hussain Trophy</li> <li>• Nagjee Trophy</li> <li>• Nizam Gold Cup</li> <li>• Raghbir Singh Memorial Cup</li> <li>• Rovers Cup</li> <li>• Saniay Gold Cup</li> <li>• Santosh Trophy</li> <li>• Sir Krishna Gold Cup</li> <li>• Stafford Cup</li> <li>• Subroto Mukerji Cup</li> <li>• Todd Memorial Trophy</li> <li>• Vittal Trophy</li> </ul>
<b>Badminton</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amrit Diwan Cup</li> <li>• Hiralal Cup</li> <li>• Vikas Topiwala Challenge Cup</li> <li>• Yonex Cup</li> </ul>
<b>Basketball</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bangalore Blues Challenge Cup</li> </ul>
<b>Polo</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EZAR Cup</li> <li>• Prithi Singh Cup</li> <li>• Radha Mohan Cup</li> <li>• Winchester Cup</li> </ul>
<b>Rowing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wellington Trophy</li> </ul>
<b>Weightlifting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burdwan Trophy</li> </ul>
<b>Tennis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Rajindra Prasad Cup</li> </ul>
<b>Table Tennis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ramanujan Trophy</li> <li>• Rajkumari Challenge Cup</li> <li>• Jayalakshmi Cup</li> </ul>

## Chapter 18: Capital & Currency

### List of Countries having Rupee/Rupiah as their Currency

Country	Capital	Currency
India	New Delhi	Rupee
Indonesia	Jakarta (Old), Island of Borneo (New)	Rupiah
Nepal	Kathmandu	Nepalese Rupee
Sri Lanka	Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte	Sri Lankan Rupee
Seychelles	Victoria	Seychellois Rupee
Pakistan	Islamabad	Pakistani Rupee
Maldives	Male	Maldivian Rufiyaa
Mauritius	Port Louis	Mauritian Rupee

### List of Countries having Dinar/Dirham as their Currency

Country	Capital	Currency
Algeria	Algiers	Algerian Dinar
Bahrain	Manama	Bahraini Dinar
Iraq	Baghdad	Iraqi Dinar
Jordan	Amman	Jordanian Dinar
Kuwait	Kuwait City	Kuwaiti Dinar
Libya	Tripoli	Libyan Dinar
Macedonia	Skopje	Macedonian Denar
Serbia	Belgrade	Serbian Dinar
Tunisia	Tunis	Tunisian Dinar
UAE	Abu Dhabi	UAE Dirham

### List of Countries having Euro as their Currency

Country	Capital	Country	Capital
Andorra	Andorra la Vella	Latvia	Riga
Austria	Vienna	Luxembourg	Luxembourg
Belgium	Brussels	Malta	Valletta
Cyprus	Nicosia	Monaco	Monaco
Estonia	Tallinn	Montenegro	Podgorica
Finland	Helsinki	Netherlands	Amsterdam
France	Paris	Portugal	Lisbon
Germany	Berlin	San Marino	San Marino
Greece	Athens	Slovakia	Bratislava
Ireland	Dublin	Slovenia	Ljubljana
Italy	Rome	Spain	Madrid
Lithuania	Vilnius	Vatican City	Vatican City

### List of Countries having Dollar as their Currency

Country	Capital	Currency
Antigua and Barbuda	Saint John's	Eastern Caribbean Dollar
Australia	Canberra	Australian Dollar
Bahamas	Nassau	Bahamian Dollar
Barbados	Bridgetown	Barbadian Dollar
Belize	Belmopan	Belize Dollar
Brunei	Bandar Seri Begawan	Brunei Dollar
Bermuda	Hamilton	Bermudian Dollar
Canada	Ottawa	Canadian Dollar

<b>Dominica</b>	Roseau	Eastern Caribbean Dollar
<b>Fiji</b>	Suva	Fijian Dollar
<b>Grenada</b>	Saint George's	Eastern Caribbean Dollar
<b>Guyana</b>	Georgetown	Guyanese Dollar
<b>Jamaica</b>	Kingston	Jamaican dollar
<b>Kiribati</b>	Tarawa	Kiribati dollar
<b>Liberia</b>	Monrovia	Liberian dollar
<b>Namibia</b>	Windhoek	Namibian Dollar
<b>Nauru</b>	Yaren District	Australian Dollar
<b>New Zealand</b>	Wellington	New Zealand Dollar
<b>Palau</b>	Ngerulmud	United States Dollar
<b>Panama</b>	Panama City	United States Dollar
<b>Singapore</b>	Singapore	Singapore Dollar
<b>Taiwan</b>	Taipei	New Taiwan Dollar
<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>	Port of Spain	Trinidad and Tobago Dollar
<b>Tuvalu</b>	Funafuti	Australian dollar, Tuvaluan dollar
<b>United States</b>	Washington, D.C.	United States Dollar
<b>Zimbabwe</b>	Harare	Zimbabwe Dollar

### Countries having Peso as their Currency

Country	Capital	Currency
<b>Argentina</b>	Buenos Aires	Argentine peso
<b>Chile</b>	Santiago	Chilean peso
<b>Colombia</b>	Bogotá	Colombian peso
<b>Cuba</b>	Havana	Cuban convertible peso

<b>Dominican Republic</b>	Santo Domingo	Dominican peso
<b>Mexico</b>	Mexico City	Mexican peso
<b>Philippines</b>	Manila	Philippine peso
<b>Uruguay</b>	Montevideo	Uruguayan peso

### Countries having Rial/Riyal as their Currency

Country	Capital	Currency
<b>Cambodia</b>	Phnom Penh	Riel
<b>Iran</b>	Tehran	Rial (New currency – Toman)
<b>Oman</b>	Muscat	Rial
<b>Qatar</b>	Doha	Riyal
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	Riyadh	Saudi Riyal

### Countries having Pound as their Currency

Country	Capital	Currency
<b>United Kingdom</b>	Landon	Pound sterling
<b>Egypt</b>	Cairo	Egyptian pound
<b>Lebanon</b>	Beirut	Lebanese pound
<b>South Sudan</b>	Juba	South Sudanese pound
<b>Sudan</b>	Khartoum	Sudanese pound
<b>Syria</b>	Damascus	Syrian pound

### Countries having Currency same as their Country name

Country	Capital	Currency
<b>Afghanistan</b>	Kabul	Afghan Afghani
<b>Bangladesh</b>	Dhaka	Bangladeshi taka
<b>Georgia</b>	Tbilisi	Georgian lari
<b>Israel</b>	Jerusalem	Israeli new shekel

<b>Japan</b>	Tokyo	Japanese yen
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	Astana	Kazakhstani Tenge
<b>Kyrgyzstan</b>	Bishkek	Kyrgyzstani Som
<b>Laos</b>	Vientiane	Lao kip
<b>Malaysia</b>	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysian ringgit
<b>Mongolia</b>	Ulaanbaatar	Mongolian Togrog
<b>Myanmar (Burma)</b>	Naypyidaw	Burmese kyat
<b>North Korea</b>	Pyongyang	North Korean won
<b>South Korea</b>	Seoul	South Korean won
<b>Tajikistan</b>	Dushanbe	Tajikistani Somoni
<b>Thailand</b>	Bangkok	Thai baht
<b>Türkiye</b>	Ankara	Turkish lira
<b>Turkmenistan</b>	Ashgabat	Turkmenistan Manat
<b>Uzbekistan</b>	Tashkent	Uzbekistani Som
<b>Nicaragua</b>	Managua	Nicaraguan Cordoba
<b>Bolivia</b>	Sucre La Paz	Bolivian boliviano
<b>Paraguay</b>	Asunción	Paraguayan Guarani
<b>Venezuela</b>	Caracas	Venezuelan bolivar
<b>Albania</b>	Tirana	Albanian Lek
<b>Belarus</b>	Minsk	Belarusian Ruble
<b>Bulgaria</b>	Sofia	Bulgarian lev
<b>Croatia</b>	Zagreb	Croatian Kuna
<b>Czech Republic</b>	Prague	Czech koruna



<b>Denmark</b>	Copenhagen	Danish krone
<b>Hungary</b>	Budapest	Hungarian forint
<b>Iceland</b>	Reykjavik	Icelandic krona
<b>Norway</b>	Oslo	Norwegian krone
<b>Poland</b>	Warsaw	Polish zloty
<b>Romania</b>	Bucharest	Romanian Leu
<b>Russia</b>	Moscow	Russian Ruble
<b>Sierra Leone</b>	Freetown	Sierra Leonean Leone
<b>Rwanda</b>	Kigali	Rwandan Franc
<b>Madagascar</b>	Antananarivo	Malagasy Ariary
<b>Kenya</b>	Nairobi	Kenyan shilling
<b>Ghana</b>	Accra	Ghanaian cedi
<b>Gambia</b>	Banjul	Gambian dalasi
<b>Ethiopia</b>	Addis Ababa	Ethiopian birr
<b>Angola</b>	Luanda	Angolan kwanza

### Countries having Different Currencies

Country	Capital	Currency
<b>China</b>	Beijing	Renminbi
<b>Peru</b>	Lima	Sol
<b>Mozambique</b>	Maputo	Metical
<b>Mali</b>	Bamako	West African CFA franc
<b>Bhutan</b>	Thimphu	Bhutanese ngultrum

## Chapter 19: Wildlife Sanctuary

State	National Parks
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<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary, Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary, Kaundinya Wildlife Sanctuary, Kolleru Bird Sanctuary, Krishna Wildlife Sanctuary, Nagarjunsagar-Srisailem, Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary, Pulicat Lake Bird Sanctuary, Rollapadu Wildlife Sanctuary, Sri Lankamalleswara Wildlife Sanctuary, Sri Venkateshwara National Park
<b>Telangana</b>	Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary, Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary, Kawal Tiger Reserve, Manjira wildlife sanctuary, Pocharam Wildlife Sanctuary, Pranahita wildlife sanctuary
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	Daying Ering Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary, The Dibang Wildlife Sanctuary, Eaglenest or Eagle's Nest Wildlife Sanctuary, The Kamlang Wildlife Sanctuary, Kane wildlife sanctuary, Mehao Wildlife Sanctuary, Pakke Tiger Reserve, Pakhui Wildlife Sanctuary, Sessa Orchid Sanctuary, Talley Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Yardi-Rabe Supse Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Assam</b>	Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary, Borail Wildlife Sanctuary, Bornadi Wildlife Sanctuary, Bherjan-Borajan-Padumoni, Bura Chapori Wildlife Sanctuary, Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary, The Deepor Beel Wildlife Sanctuary, Garampani Wildlife Sanctuary, Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary, The Hoollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary, Laokhowa Wildlife Sanctuary, Nambor Wildlife Sanctuary, Nambor – Doigrung Wildlife Sanctuary, Pobitora or Pabitora Wildlife Sanctuary, Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary, Pani Dihing Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Bihar</b>	Bhimbandh Wildlife Sanctuary, Gautam Budha Wildlife Sanctuary, The Kanwar Taal or Kabar Taal Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary, Nagi Dam Bird Sanctuary, Nagi Dam Bird Sanctuary, Valmiki National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary, Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	The Achanakmar Wildlife Sanctuary, Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary, Badakholsanctuary, Bhairamgarh Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhoramdeo Wildlife Sanctuary, Gomarda Wildlife Sanctuary, The Pamed Wildlife Sanctuary, Sitanadi Wildlife Sanctuary, Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary, Udanti Sanctuary
<b>Goa</b>	Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary, The Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary, The Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhagwan Mahaveer Sanctuary, Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Gujarat</b>	Balaram Ambaji Wildlife Sanctuary, Barda Wildlife Sanctuary, Gaga Wildlife Sanctuary, Gir Forest National Park, Jambughoda is a Wildlife Sanctuary, Jessore Sloth Bear Sanctuary, Kutch Bustard Sanctuar, Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary, Marine National Park, Mitiyala Wildlife Sanctuary, Nal Sarovar Bird Sanctuary, Narayan Sarovar Sanctuary, Pania Wildlife Sanctuary, Porbandar Bird Sanctuary, Purna Wildlife Sanctuary, Rampara Wildlife Sanctuary, Thol bird sanctuary, Indian Wild Ass Sanctuary, Shoolpaneshwar Wildlife Sanctuary

<b>Haryana</b>	Abubshahar Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary, BirShikargah Wildlife Sanctuary, Chhilchhila Wildlife Sanctuary, Kalesar National Park, Khaparwas Bird Sanctuary, Khol Hi-Raitan Wildlife Sanctuary, Nahar Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	Bandli Wildlife Sanctuary, Chail Wildlife Sanctuary, Churdhar Sanctuary, The Daranghati Sanctuary, Gamgul Wildlife Sanctuary, Kais wild life sanctuary, Kalatop Khajjar Sanctuary, Kanawar Wildlife sanctuary, Khokhan wildlife sanctuary, Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary, Lipa Asrang Wildlife Sanctuary, Majathal Sanctuary, Nargu Wildlife Sanctuary, Renuka Wildlife Sanctuary, Sainj Wildlife Sanctuary, Rupī Bhaba Sanctuary, Sangla Valley (Rakchham-Chitkul), Sechu Tuan Nala Wildlife Sanctuary, Shikari Devi Sanctuary, Water Catchment Sanctuary, Talra Wildlife Sanctuary, Tirthan wildlife sanctuary, Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Jammu And Kashmir/ Ladakh</b>	Thajwas (Thajiwas) (Baltal), Changtang Wildlife Sanctuary, Hirpora Wildlife Sanctuary, Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary, Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary, Lachipora Wildlife Sanctuary, Kazinag National Park, Kazinag National Park, Nandini Wildlife Sanctuary, Rajparian Wildlife Sanctuary, Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary, Trikuta Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Jharkhand</b>	Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary, GautamBudha Wildlife Sanctuary, Hazaribag Wildlife Sanctuary, Koderma Wildlife Sanctuary, The Lawalong Wildlife Sanctuary, Mahuadanr (Wolf) Wildlife Sanctuary, Palkot Wildlife Sanctuary, Parasnath wildlife sanctuary, Udhwa Lake Bird Sanctuary
<b>Karnataka</b>	Adichunchanagiri Wildlife Sanctuary, Arabithittu Wildlife Sanctuary, Attiveri Bird Sanctuary, Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary, Biligiriranga Swamy Temple Wildlife Sanctuary, Brahmagiri wildlife sanctuary, Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary, Chincholi Wildlife Sanctuary, Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary, Ghataprabha Bird Sanctuary, Malai Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary, Melkote Temple Wildlife Sanctuary, Mookambika Wildlife Sanctuary, Nugu Wildlife Sanctuary, Pushpagiri Wildlife Sanctuary, Ranebennur Blackbuck Sanctuary, Sharavathi Wildlife Sanctuary, Shettihalli Wildlife Sanctuary, Someshwara Wildlife Sanctuary, Talakaveri Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Kerala</b>	Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary, Chimmini Wildlife sanctuary, Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary, Chulanur Peafowl (Peacocks) Sanctuary, Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary, Kottiyoor, Kurinjimala Sanctuary, Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary, Malabar Wildlife Sanctuary, Neyyar Wildlife Sanctuary, Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary, Peppara Wildlife Sanctuary, Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary, Thattekkad Bird Sanctuary

<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	Bagdara Wildlife Sanctuary, Bori Wildlife Sanctuary, Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary, Ghatigaon Wildlife Sanctuary, Ken Gharial Sanctuary, Kheoni Wildlife Sanctuary, National Chambal Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary, Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary, Orchha Wildlife Sanctuary, The Pachmarhi Biosphere Reserve, Kuno Wildlife Sanctuary, Gangau is a mini wildlife sanctuary, Pench National Park, Phen Wildlife Sanctuary, Ratapani Tiger Reserve, Sailana Wildlife Sanctuary, Sanjay Dubri National Park, Sardarpur Wildlife SanctuarSinghori Wildlife Sanctuary, Son Gharial Wildlife Sanctuary, VeeranganaDurgawati Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Maharashtra</b>	Tadoba Andhari Reserve, Anerdam Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhamragarh Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary, Bor Tiger Reserve is a wildlife, Chaprala Wildlife Sanctuary, Dnyanganga Sanctuary, Gautala Autramghat Sanctuary, Jayakwadi Bird Sanctuary, Karnala, Katepurna Sanctuary, Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary, Malvan Marine Wildlife Sanctuary, Mansingh-Deo, Mayureswar Wildlife Sanctuary, Melghat was declared, Nagzira Wildlife Sanctuary, Mayureswar Wildlife Sanctuary, Nandur Madhmeshwar Bird Sanctuary, Karnala is a protected wildlife park, Navegaon National Park, Painganga Wildlife Sanctuary, Phansad Wildlife Sanctuary, Radhanagari Wildlife Sanctuary, Sagareshwar Wildlife Sanctuary, Tansa wildlife sanctuary, Tipeshwar wildlife sanctuary, Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Manipur</b>	Khongjaingamba Ching Wildlife Sanctuary, Yaingangpokpi Lokchao Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Meghalaya</b>	Baghmara Pitcher Plant Wildlife Sanctuary, Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary, Siju Bird Sanctuary
<b>Mizoram</b>	Dampa Tiger Reserve, Khawnglung Wildlife Sanctuary, Lengteng Wildlife Sanctuary, Ngengpui Wildlife Sanctuary, Pualreng Wildlife Sanctuary, Tawi Wildlife Sanctuary Thorangtlang Wildlife, Palak (Tokalo) Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Nagaland</b>	Fakim Wildlife Sanctuary, The Pulie Badze Wildlife Sanctuary, Rangapahar Reserve Forest
<b>Sikkim</b>	Fambong Lho Wildlife Sanctuary, Kitam Bird sanctuary, Kyongnosla Alpine Sanctuary, Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary, Varsey Rhododendron Sanctuary
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary, Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary, Indira Gandhi National Park, Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary, Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary, Karikili Bird Sanctuary, Palani Hills Wildlife Sanctuary, Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary, Mudumalai National Park, Oussudu Lake Bird Sanctuary, Point Calimere Sanctuary, Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary, Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary, Vellode Birds Sanctuary, Vettangudi Bird sanctuary, Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>Tripura</b>	Gumti Wildlife Sanctuary, Rowa Wildlife Sanctuary, Sepahijala Wildlife Sanctuary, Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary

<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	The Bakhira Bird Sanctuary, The Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, The Chandra Prabha Wildlife Sanctuary, Kaimoor Wildlife Sanctuary, The Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary, Lakh Bahosi Sanctuary, Mahavir Swami Sanctuary, The Okhla Bird Sanctuary, The Parvati Aranga Bird Sanctuary, Patna Vihar Bird Sanctuary, Ranipur Wildlife Sanctuary, Saman Bird Sanctuary, Samaspur Sanctuary, Sandi Bird Sanctuary, Sohagi Barwa Wildlife Sanctuary, Suhelwa Wildlife Sanctuary, Soor Sarovar Bird Sanctuary, Jai Prakash Narain Bird Sanctuary, Kachhua Sanctuary, Vijai Sagar Sanctuary, Pilibhit Tiger Reserve
<b>Uttarakhand</b>	Nandhaur Wildlife Sanctuary, Askot Musk Deer Sanctuary, Askot Musk Deer Sanctuary, Govind Pashu Vihar National Park, Kedarnath Wildlife Sanctuary, Sonanadi Wildlife Sanctuary
<b>West Bengal</b>	Ballabhpur Wildlife Sanctuary, Bethuadahari Wildlife Sanctuary, The Buxa Tiger Reserve, Chapramari Wildlife Sanctuary, Chintamani Bird Sanctuary, The Haliday Island Wildlife, Jore Pokhri Wildlife Sanctuary, Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary, Raiganj Wildlife Sanctuary, Ramnabagan Wildlife Sanctuary, Sajnakhal Wildlife Sanctuary, Senchal Wildlife Sanctuary, The Sundarbans National Park



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