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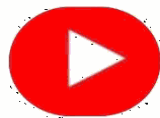
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### 👉 **Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal Launches Trade Connect E-Platform.**

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has launched the Trade Connect e-platform, an initiative aimed at enhancing India's trade ecosystem. The platform is designed to facilitate seamless trade interactions, offering features like real-time updates, efficient communication channels, and streamlined processes for businesses. By integrating various stakeholders in the trade sector, Trade Connect aims to improve transparency and efficiency, making it easier for companies to engage in international trade. This digital platform is expected to bolster India's position in global markets and support the growth of domestic enterprises by simplifying trade-related procedures.

Trade Connect offers a user-friendly interface for businesses to access trade-related resources and information easily.

The platform supports integration with existing trade systems, enhancing overall trade management and coordination.

### 👉 **Department of Telecommunications (DoT) Simplifies Licensing and Equipment Approval Processes to Boost Telecom Sector.**

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has streamlined the licensing and equipment approval processes to invigorate the telecom sector. This move aims to accelerate the deployment of new technologies and infrastructure, enhancing service delivery and innovation. By simplifying regulatory requirements, the DoT seeks to reduce bureaucratic delays and encourage investment in telecom services. The revised procedures will facilitate faster approvals for licenses and equipment, potentially leading to more competitive pricing and improved connectivity for consumers. This initiative reflects the government's commitment to modernizing the telecom industry and supporting its growth in the digital age.

The simplified processes aim to reduce operational costs and accelerate market entry for telecom companies.

Faster approvals are expected to boost innovation and competition, benefiting consumers with better services.

#### **About Department of Telecommunications (DoT),**

Director : Tanvika Singh

Headquarters: New Delhi

### 👉 **Prime Minister Narendra Modi announces plans to make India a global leader in green hydrogen at the inauguration of ICGH-2024.**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 2nd International Conference on Green Hydrogen 2024 (ICGH-2024) via video message, highlighting India's significant progress in renewable energy, including a 300% increase in non-fossil fuel capacity and a 3000% rise in solar energy capacity over the past decade. The Prime Minister highlighted, "We aim to position India as a global hub for the production, utilization, and export of green hydrogen. The National Green Hydrogen Mission, launched in 2023, is a critical step toward realizing this ambition. It will

drive innovation, build infrastructure, stimulate industry growth, and attract investment in the green hydrogen sector.”

National Green Hydrogen Mission targets attracting ₹8 lakh crore in investments, creating 6 lakh jobs, and reducing reliance on imports.

Secretary Bhupinder Bhalla discussed ambitious goals, including 500 GW of non-fossil energy by 2030 and significant future hydrogen demand.

### 👉 **Union Civil Aviation Minister Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu Inaugurates 2nd Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation in New Delhi.**

Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, today inaugurated the 2nd Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation (APMC) at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The event witnessed the participation of Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation and Cooperation, Shri Murlidhar Mohol, President of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano, and Secretary of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Shri Vumlunmang Vualnam, along with Directors General and distinguished delegates from 29 countries from the Asia-Pacific region.

Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu Calls for Strategic Investments in Asia-Pacific Aviation Infrastructure to Accommodate 3.5 billion Annual Passengers by 2035.

"Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu announces India's goal to increase women's participation in the aviation workforce to 25% by 2025.

### 👉 **On the 1st Foundation Day of 14C, Home Minister Amit Shah Launches 4 Key Initiatives for Cyber Crime Prevention.**

On the 1st Foundation Day of 14C, Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled four significant initiatives aimed at bolstering cyber crime prevention. The new measures include advanced cybersecurity protocols, enhanced collaboration between law enforcement agencies, public awareness campaigns, and the development of cutting-edge technology to detect and mitigate cyber threats. Shah emphasized the importance of these initiatives in safeguarding digital infrastructure and protecting citizens from evolving cyber threats. The initiatives reflect a proactive approach to combating cybercrime and underscore the government's commitment to ensuring a secure and resilient cyberspace.

The initiatives aim to strengthen national cybersecurity framework and enhance rapid response capabilities to cyber incidents.

A dedicated helpline will be established to assist victims of cyber crimes and report suspicious activities.

### 👉 **Union Minister Kiren Rijju Launches 6 Initiatives as Part of 100-Day Achievements of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MPA).**

Union Minister Kiren Rijju has launched six new initiatives as part of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj's (MPA) 100-day achievements. These initiatives aim to enhance rural development and

strengthen local governance. The new projects focus on improving infrastructure, increasing transparency in Panchayat elections, and fostering better community engagement. The moves are designed to empower local self-governance bodies and ensure that the benefits of government schemes reach rural areas more effectively. Rijju emphasized that these initiatives reflect the government's commitment to holistic development and strengthening the foundations of grassroots democracy.

The initiatives will boost rural employment opportunities and enhance the delivery of essential services at the local level.

Increased funding for Panchayats will support infrastructure development and improve access to government schemes for villagers.

### 👉 **The Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 campaign was launched from 14 September to 1 October with the theme 'Swachhta Swachhta - Sanskar Swachhta'.**

Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS)-2024 with the theme "Swabhav Swachhata- Sanskaar Swachhata" is being observed from September 17, 2024, to October 2, 2024. The campaign will culminate on October 2, 2024, with the celebration of Swachh Bharat Diwas, honoring Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation. The Department of Telecommunications, leading the way in fostering a clean, conducive, and responsive work environment, has taken the Swachhata Pledge with all its officials and staff members actively participating.

The focus of the campaign is on cleanliness of community/public places (outside office premises) with participation of local community.

### 👉 **Ministry of Defence (MoD) Approves Indian Navy's ₹2,500 Crore Plan for Unmanned Surface Vessels.**

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has approved a ₹2,500 crore plan for the Indian Navy to procure Unmanned Surface Vessels (USVs). These autonomous vessels are expected to enhance the Navy's surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities, particularly in areas requiring persistent maritime presence. The plan aligns with India's vision of leveraging advanced technologies to boost its naval power and maritime security. Unmanned Surface Vessels will also be instrumental in reducing the risk to human lives during high-risk missions. This approval marks a significant step towards modernizing India's naval fleet and strengthening its coastal defense infrastructure.

The Unmanned Surface Vessels will enhance India's maritime monitoring in remote and difficult-to-access regions.

This initiative supports the "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" vision by encouraging indigenous development of defense technologies.

#### **About MoD,**

Minister : Rajnath Singh

Headquarters: New Delhi

👉 **Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) Designates National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) as a Public Financial Institution under Companies Act 2013.**

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has officially designated the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) as a public financial institution under the Companies Act, 2013. This recognition aligns NaBFID with a category of financial entities that provide significant public services and are subject to specific regulatory oversight. The designation underscores NaBFID's crucial role in financing infrastructure projects and promoting economic development across various sectors. By becoming a public financial institution, NaBFID will enhance its ability to contribute to national growth and infrastructure development initiatives more effectively.

NaBFID will now adhere to stricter regulatory standards and enhanced transparency as a public financial institution.

This move aims to boost investor confidence and facilitate greater funding for infrastructure projects nationwide.

**About MCA,**

Head : Nirmala Sitharaman( Union Minister)

Headquarters: New Delhi

👉 **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Inaugurates IDAX-24 Expo in Jodhpur and Launches Exercise Tarang Shakt 24 (Phase II).**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the IDAX-24 Expo in Jodhpur, a major defense and aerospace exhibition showcasing the latest innovations and technologies. Concurrently, he launched Phase II of Exercise Tarang Shakt 24, a comprehensive military exercise aimed at enhancing operational readiness and joint capabilities. The expo features a range of advanced defense equipment and technologies from both domestic and international exhibitors. Exercise Tarang Shakt 24 is designed to strengthen coordination between different military branches and improve tactical skills. Singh's visit underscores the government's commitment to advancing defense capabilities and fostering global partnerships in the sector.

The IDAX-24 Expo highlights India's growing defense technology sector and its global defense partnerships.

Exercise Tarang Shakt 24 enhances inter-service cooperation and operational efficiency among the Indian Armed Forces.

👉 **Quality Council of India (QCI) Approves National Test House (NTH), Ghaziabad as Certification Body for Type Certification of Drones.**

The Quality Council of India (QCI) has officially approved the National Test House (NTH), Ghaziabad, as a certification body for the type certification of drones. This significant development aims to enhance the standardization and safety of drone operations in India. The certification process will ensure that drones meet the required quality and safety standards

before being used commercially or operationally. The move is expected to bolster the growth of the drone industry in the country by providing a robust framework for compliance and regulation. This approval underscores QCI's commitment to advancing aviation safety and technological innovation.

The approval supports India's drone ecosystem by ensuring adherence to safety standards.

NTH will play a crucial role in drone industry regulation and quality assurance.

### 👉 **Union Minister Amit Shah Announces Renaming of Port Blair to Sri Vijaya Puram.**

Union Minister Amit Shah has announced the renaming of Port Blair, the capital of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, to Sri Vijaya Puram. This decision reflects the government's efforts to honor historical and cultural significance. Amit Shah made the announcement during a recent event, emphasizing the importance of preserving India's rich heritage. He stated that the new name pays tribute to the region's historical ties and aims to foster a sense of pride among the local population. The renaming is part of broader initiatives to promote regional identity and strengthen connections with India's diverse cultural legacy.

The renaming aims to enhance local tourism and cultural awareness in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The initiative reflects the government's commitment to recognizing historical figures and events in India's history.

#### **About Andaman and Nicobar Islands,**

Governor : Devendra Kumar Joshi

Capital and largest city: Port Blair

### 👉 **Fabindia Collaborates with Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) to Empower India's Artisanal Heritage under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme.**

Fabindia has announced a collaboration with the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) to promote India's rich artisanal heritage under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme. This initiative aims to empower local artisans by providing them with access to markets, training, and resources. By leveraging Fabindia's extensive retail network, artisans will gain visibility and opportunities to showcase their craftsmanship. The partnership underscores the commitment to preserving traditional crafts while fostering sustainable economic growth in rural communities. This move is expected to enhance the livelihoods of countless artisans across India, contributing to the revival and promotion of indigenous skills and products.

The collaboration will enhance training programs for artisans, improving their skills and productivity in traditional crafts.

Fabindia aims to increase market access for artisans, helping them reach a broader customer base across India.

### About Fabindia,

CEO: Viney Singh

Founder: John Bissell

### **Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) Introduces Strict Environmental Clearance Guidelines for Violations of Battery Waste Management Rules.**

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has introduced stringent Environmental Clearance (EC) guidelines to tackle violations of the Battery Waste Management Rules. This move aims to enhance compliance with waste disposal norms and ensure environmentally sound management of used batteries. The new guidelines will enforce stricter penalties on industries that fail to meet the required standards, promoting responsible recycling and disposal practices. The CPCB's initiative is part of a broader effort to reduce hazardous waste pollution and safeguard public health. These measures are expected to push industries towards more sustainable and eco-friendly battery waste management systems.

CPCB to monitor compliance more strictly, ensuring no loopholes in battery waste disposal practices.

Industries will be required to submit detailed reports on battery waste management, enhancing transparency and accountability.

### About Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB),

Chairman: Tanmay Kumar

Headquarters: New Delhi

### **Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Chairs Joint Meeting of COP9 Bureau and Fund's Approval Committee Under UNESCO International Convention Against Doping in Sport.**

Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya recently chaired a joint meeting of the COP9 Bureau and the Fund's Approval Committee under the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) International Convention Against Doping in Sport. The meeting aimed to discuss strategies for enhancing global cooperation in combating doping and ensuring fair play in sports. Dr. Mandaviya emphasized the importance of strict adherence to anti-doping regulations and highlighted India's commitment to fostering a clean sports environment. The discussions included funding allocations to support various anti-doping initiatives and strengthen collaborations among nations to effectively tackle doping issues in sports.

Collaboration among countries was emphasized to share best practices and resources for effective anti-doping efforts.

### About UNESCO,

Established : 1945

Director General: Audrey Azoulay



### 👉 External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar Releases India-Romania Joint Commemorative Stamps Celebrating 75 Years of Diplomatic Ties.

External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar released joint commemorative stamps with Romania to mark the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Romania. The event highlights the long-standing friendship and cooperation between the two nations, celebrating their shared values and cultural ties. Jaishankar emphasized the importance of enhancing bilateral ties across various sectors, including trade, technology, and education. The stamps serve as a symbol of the enduring partnership and mutual respect that has developed over the decades. This initiative aims to strengthen people-to-people connections and promote greater understanding between the two countries.

The commemorative stamps symbolize cultural ties and shared values between India and Romania over 75 years.

Strengthening ties will enhance cooperation in trade, technology, and education, benefiting both nations.

#### About Romania,

Prime minister: Marcel Ciolacu

Capital: Bucharest

### 👉 Cabinet Approves ₹2,000-Crore 'Mission Mausam' to Revive Maritime Routes and Cultural Ties with 39 Countries.

The Union Cabinet has approved the ₹2,000-crore 'Mission Mausam' aimed at reviving and preserving India's ancient maritime routes and cultural ties with over 39 countries. The project will focus on enhancing India's soft power through historical and cultural links, especially with countries in the Indian Ocean region. It aims to deepen cultural and economic ties while promoting archaeological research and maritime heritage. The mission will include activities like documentation, conservation, and showcasing of India's maritime traditions. The initiative will also boost tourism by highlighting India's rich cultural and historical heritage linked to its seafaring past.

The mission will strengthen India's leadership in the Indian Ocean region through cultural diplomacy.

Collaborative efforts with international scholars will enhance maritime archaeological research.

### 👉 India's First Silicon Carbide Manufacturing Unit to be Established in Odisha.

India is set to inaugurate its first silicon carbide manufacturing unit in Odisha, marking a significant milestone in the country's industrial development. This cutting-edge facility, planned to bolster India's position in the global semiconductor market, will focus on producing high-performance silicon carbide materials essential for advanced electronics and electric vehicles. The project is expected to attract substantial investment, generate numerous jobs, and stimulate technological innovation. By establishing this unit, India aims to reduce dependency

on foreign imports and strengthen its domestic manufacturing capabilities, aligning with the broader vision of becoming a key player in the global semiconductor supply chain.

The unit will enhance India's self-reliance in advanced material production, reducing import dependence.

The project will boost regional development and technological expertise in Odisha.

### **About Odisha,**

Chief minister: Mohan Charan Majhi

Governor: Raghubar Das

### **👉 Union Minister Rajeev Ranjan Singh unveiled new initiatives to transform the fisheries sector at the 4th Anniversary of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojna (PMMSY) in New Delhi.**

Union Minister Rajeev Ranjan Singh launched several key initiatives at the 4th Anniversary of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojna (PMMSY) in New Delhi. The new projects include the NFDPP Portal for fisheries stakeholder registry, PM-MKSSY Operational Guidelines, and SOPs for Fisheries Cluster Development. He also announced three specialized fisheries clusters for pearl cultivation, ornamental fisheries, and seaweed, and released guidelines to develop 100 coastal villages into Climate Resilient Coastal Fishermen Villages. PMMSY aims to boost India's fisheries sector and sustainability.

Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Minority Affairs Shri George Kurian Shri George Kurian was present in the occasion.

Shri Rajiv Ranjan distributes the Registration Certificates to the beneficiaries Registered on National Fisheries Development Program Portal.

### **👉 PM Narendra Modi Inaugurates SEMICON India 2024 in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.**

On September 17, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated SEMICON India 2024 in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. This major semiconductor industry event aims to boost India's position in the global semiconductor supply chain. The conference, featuring prominent industry leaders and experts, focuses on advancing semiconductor technology and fostering collaboration among global tech firms. Modi highlighted the event's significance in driving innovation and supporting India's digital economy. The initiative is expected to enhance the country's semiconductor manufacturing capabilities and attract substantial investments, further strengthening India's role in the technology sector.

The event aims to position India as a global semiconductor hub by fostering industry partnerships and technological advancements.

The conference is expected to attract international investment and enhance India's capabilities in semiconductor manufacturing and R&D.

### About Uttar Pradesh,

CM : Yogi Adityanath

Governor: Anandiben Patel

### 👉 **Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) Signs 9 Lols at the 4th Edition of Global Bio-India Held in New Delhi.**

At the 4th edition of Global Bio-India, held in New Delhi, the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) signed nine Letters of Intent (Lols) with key industry stakeholders. The event, a premier gathering for biotechnology and life sciences, focused on fostering innovation, collaboration, and business partnerships within the bio-economy. BIRAC's strategic agreements aim to accelerate advancements in biotechnology, healthcare, and agriculture, promoting growth in India's bio-sector. With participation from global experts, startups, and industry leaders, the event highlighted India's emerging role in biotechnology on the global stage, positioning it as a hub for bio-innovation.

BIRAC's collaborations aim to strengthen India's bio-entrepreneurial ecosystem through targeted funding and mentorship programs.

Global Bio-India serves as a platform to showcase cutting-edge innovations from India's biotechnology sector.

### About BIRAC,

Chairman: K. VijayRaghavan

Headquarters: New Delhi

### 👉 **India Participates in BRICS Literature Forum 2024 in Russia.**

India actively participated in the BRICS Literature Forum 2024 held in Russia, showcasing its rich literary heritage and contemporary contributions. The forum brought together writers, poets, and literary figures from member countries, fostering cultural exchange and dialogue. Indian representatives discussed various themes, including the role of literature in social change and the impact of technology on writing. The event aimed to strengthen literary ties among BRICS nations and promote a deeper understanding of each country's unique narratives. Participants highlighted the importance of collaborative projects and initiatives that can enhance literary collaboration and cultural appreciation across borders.

The forum emphasized the importance of preserving indigenous languages in literature for cultural identity and Heritage.

Discussions included promoting young writers to enhance literary diversity and innovation within the BRICS nations.

### 👉 **According to OAG (Official Aviation Guide) Report, Indira Gandhi International Airport Ranks 24th Among Top Megahub Airports Globally, Mumbai Airport at 44th.**

According to the OAG (Official Aviation Guide) report, Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi has achieved a notable rank of 24th among the world's top megahub airports. This ranking

highlights the airport's growing significance in global air travel, reflecting its capacity and connectivity. Meanwhile, Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport secured the 44th position in the same report. Both airports play crucial roles in enhancing India's aviation infrastructure and connectivity, catering to millions of passengers each year. This recognition underscores their importance in the international aviation landscape and the ongoing growth of India's travel industry.

Both airports are pivotal in strengthening India's position as a major global aviation hub.

The rankings reflect enhanced passenger services and infrastructure developments in Indian airports.

### **About OAG,**

Founded: 1929

Headquarters: Luton, England

### **👉 India Achieves Tier 1 Status in 2024 5th Global Cybersecurity Index.**

India has achieved Tier 1 status in the 2024 Global Cybersecurity Index, reflecting the country's significant advancements in cybersecurity measures. This recognition highlights India's commitment to enhancing its cyber resilience and safeguarding its digital infrastructure. The index, developed by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), evaluates countries based on their cybersecurity strategies, policies, and frameworks. India's improved ranking underscores the effectiveness of its initiatives, such as the National Cyber Security Strategy and various skill development programs. This milestone not only enhances India's global standing but also fosters a safer cyber environment for citizens and businesses alike.

The achievement enhances India's global reputation in cybersecurity, encouraging international collaborations and investments in the sector.

Enhanced cybersecurity measures aim to protect critical infrastructure and data from increasing cyber threats and attacks.

### **👉 According to World Bank Report Healthy Longevity Could Save 150 Million Lives by 2050 and Transform Developing Countries.**

According to a recent World Bank report, promoting healthy longevity could save an estimated 150 million lives by 2050 and significantly transform developing countries. The report highlights that investments in health systems, preventative care, and healthy aging initiatives are crucial for achieving this goal. By focusing on policies that enhance life quality and extend healthy years, nations can not only reduce healthcare costs but also boost productivity and economic growth. The findings urge governments and stakeholders to prioritize health as a key component of sustainable development, emphasizing that healthier populations lead to more resilient economies.

Investing in education and awareness can further enhance healthy longevity and improve overall community well-being.

Collaboration between governments, NGOs, and private sectors is essential to implement effective health strategies for longevity.

### **About World Bank,**

President: Ajay Banga

Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States

### **👉 India Engages in G20 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting in Brazil and Conducts Bilateral Talks with Seven Nations.**

India participated in the G20 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting held in Brazil, focusing on global food security and sustainable agricultural practices. The Indian delegation engaged in meaningful discussions with representatives from various countries, emphasizing collaboration on agricultural innovation and technology. In addition to the ministerial meeting, India held bilateral talks with seven nations to strengthen partnerships and address mutual challenges in the agricultural sector. These meetings highlighted India's commitment to enhancing agricultural resilience and fostering international cooperation, aligning with the G20's objectives of promoting sustainable development and food security for all member countries.

India advocates for sustainable agricultural practices to combat climate change and enhance food production efficiency globally.

The meetings fostered partnerships aimed at addressing food supply chain disruptions and promoting resilient agricultural systems.

### **About Brazil,**

President : Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

Official language: Portuguese

### **👉 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Launch World's First Guidelines to Accelerate Contributions to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) have unveiled the world's first guidelines aimed at enhancing contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These guidelines are designed to provide a framework for organizations to align their practices with the SDGs, fostering collaboration and accountability. By implementing these recommendations, businesses and governments can effectively measure and report their sustainability efforts. This initiative marks a significant step toward achieving the global agenda for sustainable development, encouraging stakeholders to integrate sustainability into their operations and decision-making processes for a more sustainable future.

The guidelines will help organizations identify best practices for sustainable development and improve transparency in reporting.

Stakeholders are encouraged to collaborate and innovate to meet SDGs through these comprehensive guidelines.

### About UNDP,

Administrator: Achim Steiner  
Headquarters: New York, USA

### 👉 **US International Development Finance Corporation Invests 70 Million United States Dollars (USD) in India.**

The US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) has announced a significant investment of 70 million United States Dollars (approximately ₹5,830 crore) in India. This funding aims to support various development initiatives, including infrastructure, renewable energy, and job creation. The DFC's investment reflects the United States' commitment to strengthening economic ties with India and fostering sustainable growth in the region. By facilitating private sector investment, the DFC hopes to stimulate innovation and enhance access to essential services. This investment marks a crucial step towards advancing bilateral cooperation and promoting economic development in India.

The investment will focus on enhancing infrastructure development and promoting renewable energy projects in India.

This initiative aims to create thousands of jobs and boost local economies across various sectors.

### About USA,

Prime minister: Joe Biden  
Capital: Washington, D.C.

### 👉 **IAF aircraft leave for Exercise Eastern Bridge VII in Oman.**

An IAF contingent of MiG-29s, Jaguars, and C-17s is set to participate in Exercise Eastern Bridge VII, held from September 11 to 22, 2024, at Air Force base Masirah, Oman. This seventh edition aims to enhance interoperability between the Royal Oman Air Force and the Indian Air Force through joint training missions, improving tactical and operational skills. The exercise will feature complex aerial maneuvers and logistical coordination, strengthening regional security and collaboration.

The exercise underscores the strong partnership between India and Oman, highlighting their commitment to regional security and stability.

The exercise will include complex aerial manoeuvring, air-to-air and air to ground operations, and logistical coordination, reflecting the evolving defence needs and strategic interests of both nations, the IAF said.

### About IAF,

Deputy Chief of the Air Staff (DCAS): Air Marshal Tejinder Singh  
Headquarters: New Delhi

### 👉 **India Slips to 33rd Rank in U.S. News & World Report's Annual Best Countries Ranking 2024 or Switzerland Tops the List.**

India has dropped three places to 33rd in the U.S. News & World Report's Annual Best Countries Ranking for 2024. The report evaluates countries based on various factors such as quality of life, economic influence, and political stability. Switzerland has secured the top position once again, continuing its streak as the world's best country. The rankings reflect shifts in global perceptions and benchmarks that influence international reputation. India's fall in the ranking highlights the need for improvements in key areas to enhance its global standing and address challenges in economic and political sectors.

India's decreased ranking highlights growing competition and changing global dynamics in international reputation assessments.

Switzerland's consistent top position reflects its robust economy and stable governance, setting a benchmark for other nations.

### **Max Life Insurance Enters Bancassurance Partnership with CSB Bank to Offer Insurance Products.**

Max Life Insurance has announced a bancassurance partnership with CSB Bank to expand its reach and offer a diverse range of insurance products. This collaboration aims to leverage CSB Bank's extensive branch network and customer base to provide tailored life insurance solutions. Under this partnership, customers will have access to Max Life's comprehensive suite of life insurance products, including term plans, investment plans, and protection plans, through CSB Bank's branches. This strategic move is expected to enhance financial security for customers and strengthen Max Life's position in the Indian insurance market.

The partnership will enhance Max Life's access to rural and semi-urban markets through CSB Bank's extensive network.

CSB Bank customers will benefit from personalized life insurance products and financial planning services offered by Max Life.

#### **About CSB Bank,**

CEO: Pralay Mondal

Headquarters: Thrissur

### **RBL Bank and DMI Finance launch new co-branded credit card "RBL Bank DMI Finance Credit Card".**

RBL Bank and DMI Finance have announced a strategic partnership to introduce the "RBL Bank DMI Finance Credit Card." This co-branded card aims to enhance credit card access across India, including both metro and non-metro areas. It offers benefits such as accelerated reward points, no-cost EMI options, and discounts at top merchants. The collaboration leverages DMI's extensive digital reach and RBL's credit card expertise to boost financial inclusion and provide value-driven financial products to underserved communities.

The credit card will feature a seamless digital onboarding process, enhancing convenience and accessibility for new users.

The partnership is expected to contribute to economic mobility by providing more individuals with access to credit, supporting their financial needs and aspirations.

### **About RBL Bank,**

MD & CEO : R Subramaniakumar

Headquarter : Mumbai

### **👉 PayGlocal Receives RBI Approval to Operate as Online Merchant Payments Aggregator.**

PayGlocal has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an online merchant payments aggregator. This authorization allows PayGlocal to facilitate digital transactions for various merchants, streamlining the payment process and enhancing convenience for both businesses and customers. As an approved aggregator, PayGlocal will offer services that include payment gateway solutions, transaction processing, and financial reconciliation, contributing to the growth of digital commerce in India. The RBI's nod underscores the increasing regulatory support for digital payment solutions, promoting innovation and efficiency in the financial technology sector.

PayGlocal's approval enhances access to seamless online payment solutions for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

The RBI's endorsement positions PayGlocal as a significant player in India's evolving digital payment landscape.

### **About RBI,**

CEO : Shaktikanta Das

Headquarter : Mumbai

### **👉 The Ministry of Finance has relaxed norms for expenditures exceeding Rs 500 crore to boost capital expenditure.**

The Ministry of Finance has announced a relaxation of norms for expenditure exceeding Rs 500 crore to stimulate capital expenditure (capex). This move is aimed at boosting economic growth by facilitating faster project approvals and implementation. The new guidelines are expected to streamline processes, reduce bureaucratic delays, and encourage higher public and private sector investments in infrastructure and other capital-intensive projects. By easing these restrictions, the Ministry seeks to enhance the pace of development and improve overall economic performance. This policy change is seen as a strategic effort to accelerate economic recovery and development in the country.

The relaxation is designed to simplify and speed up the approval process for large-scale infrastructure projects.

The Ministry's action is intended to create a more investment-friendly environment by reducing bureaucratic hurdles.



### About Ministry of Finance,

Officeholder: Nirmala Sitharaman (Union Minister)

Headquarters: New Delhi

### 👉 **RBI Allows Resident Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) Cardholders to Access Loans for International Studies.**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that Resident Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cardholders are now eligible for loans to study abroad. This new guideline aims to facilitate higher education for OCI cardholders residing in India, broadening their access to financial support. The RBI's decision reflects a commitment to supporting international education opportunities and easing financial barriers for students. OCI cardholders, who are residents in India, can now apply for study loans under this updated framework, enhancing their ability to pursue academic programs at international institutions. This move is expected to benefit many students aiming for higher education overseas.

OCI cardholders residing in India can access education loans for undergraduate and postgraduate programs abroad.

The RBI's move aims to support educational aspirations of OCI cardholders and enhance their global opportunities.

### About RBI,

CEO : Shaktikanta Das

Headquarter : Mumbai

### 👉 **Airtel Finance Launches FD Service with Interest Rates Up to 9.1%.**

Airtel Finance has introduced a new Fixed Deposit (FD) service offering interest rates of up to 9.1%, aiming to attract customers seeking higher returns on their savings. The service is designed to provide a competitive edge in the financial sector by offering attractive rates, especially in a rising interest rate environment. Customers can choose from various tenures to suit their needs, with guaranteed returns and easy access to their funds. This move marks Airtel's expansion into the banking and finance domain, diversifying its portfolio beyond telecommunications to cater to a wider audience in the financial market.

Airtel Finance FD service is available to both existing customers and new investors seeking secure returns.

The service offers flexible deposit tenures, ranging from short-term to long-term options with assured interest.

### 👉 **LIC Increases Stake in Railway Sector Miniratna Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) to 9.3%.**

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has increased its stake in the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), a Miniratna Public Sector Undertaking (PSU), to 9.3%. This move reflects LIC's growing confidence in the railway sector and the strategic importance of

IRCTC, which plays a crucial role in catering and tourism services for Indian Railways. The increase in stake signifies a robust investment in the company, highlighting LIC's commitment to enhancing its portfolio in the public sector. This development may also impact IRCTC's stock performance positively, attracting more investors.

LIC's increased stake underscores its growing interest in the Indian railways and infrastructure sector.

#### About LIC,

CEO & MD : Siddhartha Mohanty

Headquarter : Mumbai

#### **RBI Imposes Monetary Penalty of ₹2.91 Crore on Axis Bank and HDFC Bank.**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹2.91 crore on Axis Bank and HDFC Bank for non-compliance with regulatory norms. This action underscores the RBI's commitment to ensuring that banks adhere to established guidelines and maintain the integrity of the financial system. Axis Bank was fined ₹1.1 crore, while HDFC Bank faced a penalty of ₹1.81 crore. The RBI's decision comes as part of its ongoing efforts to promote accountability and transparency in the banking sector, highlighting the importance of strict adherence to regulations to safeguard customer interests and maintain public confidence.

The penalties reflect the RBI's strict approach towards ensuring compliance among banking institutions.

#### About Axis Bank,

CEO: Amitabh Chaudhry

Headquarters: Mumbai

#### **JBM ECOLIFE (JBM Environmental Conscious Operations for Living in India) Secures ₹7.2 Billion from ADB and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for Electric Bus Expansion in India.**

JBM ECOLIFE, a leading player in the electric bus segment, has secured ₹7.2 billion from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) to expand its electric bus operations in India. This funding will support the company's efforts to enhance sustainable public transport and reduce carbon emissions across major cities. The initiative aligns with India's commitment to transition towards greener transportation solutions. JBM ECOLIFE aims to leverage this investment to introduce more electric buses, improve infrastructure, and contribute to the overall goal of a cleaner environment in urban areas.

The funding will facilitate the development of charging infrastructure to support electric bus operations across cities.

JBM ECOLIFE aims to promote eco-friendly transportation and enhance public transport accessibility for urban commuters.

### About ADB,

President: Masatsugu Asakawa  
Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Philippines

### **Bank of Baroda Introduces GenAI-Powered Solution for Enhanced Customer and Employee Experience.**

Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched a groundbreaking GenAI-powered solution aimed at enhancing both customer and employee experiences. This innovative technology utilizes generative artificial intelligence to streamline interactions, providing personalized support and efficient service. By integrating this solution, BoB aims to improve customer satisfaction and engagement, while also empowering employees with tools that enhance productivity and decision-making. The initiative reflects the bank's commitment to leveraging cutting-edge technology to meet the evolving needs of its clients and workforce. With this launch, Bank of Baroda positions itself at the forefront of digital transformation in the banking sector.

The GenAI solution aims to enhance operational efficiency and reduce response times for customer inquiries.

BoB's initiative reflects its strategy to embrace digital innovation in the competitive banking landscape.

### About Bank of Baroda,

CEO : Debadatta Chand  
Headquarters: Alkapuri, Vadodara

### **PhonePe and Liquid Group Partner to Expand UPI Payments in Singapore.**

PhonePe has partnered with Liquid Group to expand Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments in Singapore. This collaboration aims to facilitate seamless digital transactions for Indian travelers and local businesses in Singapore, enabling them to make payments using UPI. By leveraging Liquid Group's extensive network and PhonePe's robust payment platform, the initiative seeks to enhance the digital payment experience in the region. This partnership is expected to promote greater financial inclusion and support the growing demand for efficient cross-border payment solutions. With this move, PhonePe continues to strengthen its international presence and broaden its service offerings.

The partnership aims to simplify cross-border transactions for tourists using UPI in Singapore.

It supports Singapore's growing digital payment ecosystem and enhances convenience for local businesses.

### About Liquid Group,

CEO : Jeremy Tan  
Headquarter : Singapore

### **EaseMyTrip Launches 'ScanMyTrip.com', India's First Travel Services Marketplace on**

### the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).

EaseMyTrip has officially launched 'ScanMyTrip.com', marking the introduction of India's first travel services marketplace on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC). This innovative platform aims to revolutionize the travel industry by connecting consumers with a variety of travel services, including bookings for flights, hotels, and holiday packages. By leveraging the ONDC framework, EaseMyTrip intends to enhance transparency and accessibility in travel services, allowing users to compare options and make informed decisions. This launch signifies a significant step forward in digital commerce, promoting a more competitive and user-friendly environment for travelers across the country.

The platform aims to enhance customer experience by offering a wide range of travel options in one place.

EaseMyTrip's initiative promotes local travel businesses, fostering competition and driving growth within the travel industry.

#### About ONDC,

CEO: Thampy Koshy

Headquarters: New Delhi

### 👉 **"Small Savings Schemes Surge 13.8%, Driven by Sukanya Samridhi and Senior Citizen's Scheme.**

Recent data show small savings schemes have experienced a robust 13.8% annual growth, reaching ₹18.1 lakh crore by February 2024. This surge is largely attributed to the popularity of the Sukanya Samridhi Yojana and the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme. These schemes offer attractive returns and have attracted significant investor interest. Despite interest rates being linked to government bond yields and needing quarterly adjustments, changes have been infrequent.

Seven out of the 20 small savings schemes have recorded notable growth rates between 9% and 11% over the past year, contributing to the overall increase.

These schemes help the government finance its expenditure while promoting regular savings among the public, aligning with broader financial and economic policies.

Analysts will be watching how upcoming adjustments to interest rates and economic conditions influence the growth of these savings schemes in the future.

### 👉 **HCL Technologies (Hindustan Computers Limited) Tops TIME Magazine's List of World's Best Companies 2024 Among Indian Firms.**

HCL Technologies (Hindustan Computers Limited) has been recognized as the top Indian firm in TIME Magazine's list of the World's Best Companies for 2024. This prestigious ranking highlights HCL's significant contributions to technology and innovation, showcasing its commitment to excellence and growth. The list evaluates companies based on various factors, including revenue, employee satisfaction, and sustainability initiatives. HCL's position reflects its strong market presence and ability to adapt to changing industry trends. The recognition not

only reinforces HCL's reputation as a leader in the tech space but also sets a benchmark for other Indian companies striving for global excellence.

HCL Technologies emphasizes employee well-being and innovative solutions, contributing significantly to its global reputation.

The company's focus on sustainable practices enhances its competitiveness in the global tech landscape.

### **About HCL Technologies,**

CEO: C Vijayakumar

Founder: Shiv Nadar

### **👉 Paisabazaar Partners with Yes Bank to Launch 'Paisasave' Credit Card.**

Paisabazaar has partnered with Yes Bank to introduce the 'Paisasave' credit card, designed to offer enhanced benefits and rewards for users. This new card aims to provide customers with attractive cashback offers, making everyday spending more rewarding. With features tailored to meet the needs of modern consumers, the 'Paisasave' card emphasizes financial flexibility and convenience. Customers can enjoy exclusive deals and discounts across various categories, including travel, dining, and shopping. This collaboration reflects both companies' commitment to enhancing the financial services landscape in India, ensuring users have access to better tools for managing their finances.

The 'Paisasave' card offers zero annual fees for the first year to attract new customers.

Cardholders can earn reward points on every transaction, redeemable for various products and services.

### **About Yes Bank,**

CEO: Prashant Kumar

Headquarter : Mumbai

### **👉 NASA's DART (Double Asteroid Redirection Test) Mission Set to Create First Human-Made Meteor Shower.**

NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) mission is poised to create the first human-made meteor shower. Launched in November 2021, DART aims to demonstrate the ability to change an asteroid's trajectory. In September 2022, it successfully impacted the asteroid moonlet Dimorphos, altering its orbit around the larger asteroid Didymos. As a result of this impact, researchers expect debris from Dimorphos to enter Earth's atmosphere, producing a meteor shower visible from our planet. This groundbreaking event not only showcases humanity's capability to alter celestial bodies but also enhances our understanding of planetary defense strategies against potential asteroid threats.

DART's success marks a significant milestone in asteroid deflection technology and planetary defense efforts.

The mission enhances global collaboration in space research and showcases advancements in scientific innovation.

### 👉 International equal pay day is celebrated on 18 September 2024.

International Equal Pay Day was observed on September 18, 2024, to raise awareness about the persistent gender pay gap worldwide. This day highlights the disparity in earnings between men and women, emphasizing the need for equal pay for equal work. Various organizations and activists held events and campaigns to promote gender equality and advocate for policy changes. The theme for this year focused on empowering women in the workforce and encouraging businesses to adopt fair pay practices. By bringing attention to these issues, advocates aim to foster a more equitable society where everyone receives just compensation for their contributions.

Advocacy for transparency in salary structures helps address inequalities and promotes accountability in organizations.

Education and awareness initiatives empower women to negotiate fair wages and understand their rights in the workplace.

### 👉 Union Minister Piyush Goyal Chairs 3rd Board of Trade Meeting in Mumbai, Launches Jan Sunwai Portal and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Portal.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal chaired the third Board of Trade meeting in Mumbai, focusing on enhancing trade and industry in India. During the meeting, he launched the Jan Sunwai Portal, aimed at facilitating public grievances and ensuring transparency in trade-related matters. Additionally, Goyal introduced the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Portal, designed to streamline operations for businesses by integrating various processes. The initiatives are part of the government's commitment to improving the business environment and promoting ease of doing business in India. Goyal emphasized the importance of technology in driving efficiency and growth in the trade sector.

The meeting aimed to strengthen trade ties and boost investment opportunities in the region.

Piyush Goyal highlighted the role of technology in modernizing trade practices and enhancing competitiveness.

### 👉 Shriram Finance Appoints Rahul Dravid as Brand Ambassador.

Shriram Finance has announced the appointment of Rahul Dravid, the renowned former Indian cricketer, as its new brand ambassador. This strategic move aims to enhance the company's brand visibility and credibility, leveraging Dravid's esteemed reputation and leadership qualities. As a respected figure in Indian sports, Dravid's association with Shriram Finance is expected to resonate well with customers and stakeholders, strengthening the company's market position. His endorsement will help promote Shriram Finance's diverse range of financial products and services, driving growth and fostering trust among existing and potential clients. This collaboration marks a significant step in Shriram Finance's brand strategy.

Rahul Dravid's endorsement aims to attract a broader customer base for Shriram Finance's financial solutions.

The partnership reflects Shriram Finance's commitment to leveraging influential personalities for brand growth and trust-building.

### **About Shriram Finance,**

Founded: 1979

MD & CEO : Y S Chakravarti

### **👉 Union Minister Jitendra Singh Launches Web Portal to Monitor Progress of Special Swachhata Campaign 4.0.**

Union Minister Jitendra Singh has launched a web portal to monitor the progress of the Special Swachhata Campaign 4.0. This initiative aims to enhance transparency and accountability in the ongoing cleanliness drive, which focuses on waste disposal, space management, and overall sanitation across government offices and public institutions. The newly launched portal will allow real-time tracking of cleanliness activities, providing a comprehensive overview of the campaign's achievements. Singh emphasized the importance of digital tools in ensuring efficient implementation and monitoring of the campaign, which aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a cleaner and greener India.

The portal enables citizens to participate and contribute to the success of Swachhata Campaign 4.0 initiatives.

Regular updates will ensure continuous monitoring and timely action to improve public sanitation standards.

### **👉 CSTT (Central Institute of Indian Languages) Launches Website Featuring Technical Terms in 22 Official Indian Languages.**

The Central Institute of Indian Languages (CSTT) has launched a new website aimed at promoting technical terminology in 22 official Indian languages. This initiative seeks to enhance accessibility and understanding of technical terms across diverse linguistic communities. The website serves as a valuable resource for students, educators, and professionals, facilitating better communication in various fields such as science, technology, and engineering. By incorporating regional languages, CSTT aims to preserve linguistic diversity while supporting the growth of technical education in India. This launch marks a significant step towards inclusivity and the promotion of multilingualism in the country.

The website provides comprehensive glossaries to aid in understanding complex technical concepts in regional languages.

CSTT aims to bridge the language gap in technical education, fostering inclusivity for all learners.

### **👉 Ministry of Railways Awards National Security Guarantee-1 Status to Vijayawada Railway Station in Andhra Pradesh.**

The Ministry of Railways has awarded NSG-1 (National Security Guarantee-1) status to Vijayawada Railway Station in Andhra Pradesh, enhancing its security framework. This designation is part of the Indian government's initiative to strengthen security measures at key railway stations across the country. The NSG-1 status ensures that Vijayawada will receive advanced security protocols and infrastructure, making it safer for passengers and staff. This upgrade not only improves safety but also positions Vijayawada as a crucial hub in the Indian railway network, reflecting the government's commitment to modernizing and securing railway operations nationwide.

The NSG-1 status will facilitate better surveillance and quicker response to security threats at the station.

This upgrade is expected to boost passenger confidence and increase footfall at Vijayawada Railway Station.

### 👉 Prasanthi Ram Wins Singapore Literature Prize 2024 for "Nine Yard Sarees".

Prasanthi Ram has been awarded the Singapore Literature Prize 2024 for her novel *Nine Yard Sarees*. The book, which delves into the intricacies of tradition, identity, and the experiences of South Asian women, has received widespread acclaim for its vivid storytelling and cultural depth. *Nine Yard Sarees* explores the symbolic significance of the traditional saree and the stories of women who wear it. The Singapore Literature Prize, one of the country's most prestigious literary honors, celebrates works that reflect Singapore's diverse cultures and voices. Ram's win highlights her literary talent and contribution to contemporary literature.

Prasanthi Ram's win spotlights South Asian heritage through powerful storytelling and cultural exploration in *Nine Yard Sarees*.

The Singapore Literature Prize is awarded every two years, recognizing exceptional literary works across genres.

### 👉 World first aid day is celebrated on 14 September 2024.

World First Aid Day was observed on September 14, 2024, emphasizing the critical role of first aid in saving lives and promoting health. The day aimed to raise awareness about the importance of first aid skills and training for individuals and communities. Various organizations and institutions conducted workshops, seminars, and demonstrations to educate people on how to respond effectively in emergency situations. The event also highlighted the need for continuous improvement in first aid techniques and the importance of incorporating first aid education into school curriculums and community programs to ensure everyone is prepared to handle emergencies.

Emphasis on integrating first aid training into educational programs to ensure widespread emergency preparedness among students and staff.

Collaboration between health organizations and communities to enhance accessibility and effectiveness of first aid resources and training.



👉 **International day of democracy is celebrated on 15 September 2024.**

The International Day of Democracy was celebrated on September 15, 2024, across the globe. The day emphasizes the importance of democracy in promoting human rights, freedom, and equality. Various events, discussions, and activities were organized to highlight the need for inclusive governance and the protection of democratic values. Leaders, activists, and citizens came together to reflect on the challenges faced by democratic systems worldwide and the ways to strengthen them. This year's theme focused on the role of youth in democracy, encouraging their active participation in decision-making processes to ensure a more equitable and just society for all.

World leaders asked countries to protect democracy from dangers like dictatorships and fake news.

Young people were encouraged to join local movements to help strengthen democracy and increase public participation.

👉 **The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) included yoga as a demonstration sport for the 2026 Asian Games.**

The Organization of Asia (OCA) has announced the inclusion of yogasan as a demonstration sport for the 2026 Asian Games. This decision highlights the growing recognition of traditional practices and aims to showcase the cultural and physical benefits of yogasan on a prominent international stage. The demonstration sport status allows participants to display their skills and techniques, providing an opportunity to engage the audience and promote the sport's global appeal. This move reflects the OCA's commitment to broadening the scope of the Asian Games and incorporating diverse elements that resonate with the region's cultural heritage.

Yogasan's inclusion aims to highlight its cultural significance and encourage widespread participation in traditional fitness practices.

The demonstration status will help promote yogasan globally, attracting interest from athletes and enthusiasts alike.

**About Olympic Council of Asia (OCA),**

President: Raja Randhir Singh

Headquarters: Kuwait City, Kuwait

👉 **International day for South-south cooperation is celebrated on 12 September 2024.**

The International Day for South-South Cooperation was observed on September 12, 2024. This day celebrates the collaboration and mutual support between countries in the Global South, aimed at promoting sustainable development and addressing common challenges. It highlights the efforts and achievements of nations in enhancing economic and technical cooperation, sharing knowledge, and fostering partnerships. By focusing on these cooperative strategies, the day underscores the importance of solidarity and collective action in achieving shared development goals and improving livelihoods in developing countries. The observance encourages continued commitment to South-South collaboration for a more equitable global

community.

The day underscores the significance of mutual support and knowledge exchange among developing countries. It promotes sustainable development goals through enhanced partnerships and collaborative strategies.

### 👉 **Airtel Business Partners with Sparkle to Enhance Connectivity with Europe.**

Airtel Business has announced a strategic partnership with Sparkle, a global telecommunications operator, to enhance connectivity between India and Europe. This collaboration aims to improve the digital infrastructure and provide robust solutions for businesses seeking seamless communication and data transfer across borders. By leveraging Sparkle's extensive network in Europe, Airtel Business intends to offer enhanced services to its customers, enabling them to thrive in the digital economy. This partnership reflects Airtel's commitment to expanding its global reach and providing cutting-edge connectivity solutions that cater to the evolving needs of businesses in an increasingly interconnected world.

The partnership will enable improved data transfer and communication for businesses operating internationally.

Airtel aims to enhance its service offerings through this collaboration, targeting a broader customer base in Europe.

### 👉 **Korean Ambassador Sang Wook Ham Elected President of the 68th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).**

Korean Ambassador Sang Wook Ham has been elected as the president of the 68th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). This prestigious position reflects his commitment to advancing global nuclear safety and cooperation. During the conference, delegates from member states will discuss critical issues related to nuclear technology, safety standards, and the peaceful use of nuclear energy. Ambassador Ham expressed his gratitude for the support received from fellow delegates and emphasized the importance of collaboration in addressing global challenges. His leadership is expected to foster dialogue and enhance international cooperation in the field of nuclear energy.

The conference aims to strengthen global nuclear safety protocols and enhance cooperation among member states.

Ambassador Ham's election underscores South Korea's growing influence in international nuclear governance.

### 👉 **Amrit Mohan Prasad Assumes Charge as Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal.**

Amrit Mohan Prasad has officially taken charge as the Director General (DG) of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB). With a distinguished career in law enforcement, Prasad is set to lead the paramilitary force responsible for guarding India's borders with Nepal and Bhutan. He succeeds the outgoing DG and is expected to focus on enhancing border security, improving operational efficiency, and strengthening community relations. Prasad's extensive experience in various

leadership roles within the organization will be instrumental in addressing the challenges faced by the SSB. His appointment comes at a crucial time, underscoring the government's commitment to national security.

Prasad aims to enhance the operational readiness of SSB(Sashastra Seema Bal) amid evolving security challenges along the borders.

### 👉 India win 5th Asian Champions Trophy hockey title after beating resolute China.

The Indian team won their 5th Asian Champions trophy crown as they defeated a resolute China 1-0 on September 17, Tuesday. Jugraj Singh scored the decisive goal in the 51st minute to help India secure the win as China made the defending champions work hard for the win in the end. India and China had faced each other in their tournament opener and it was the former who had won the match 3-0.

India outperformed top teams, showcasing their strength and strategy throughout the tournament. The victory boosts confidence ahead of the 2024 Olympics.

### 👉 Neeraj Chopra Secures Second Place in Diamond League Final and Anderson Peters Claims Title.

Neeraj Chopra finished in second place at the Diamond League Final held in Eugene, Oregon. The Indian javelin star secured his position with a best throw of 88.67 meters. Anderson Peters of Grenada claimed the title with a throw of 90.31 meters, marking a strong performance throughout the competition. Chopra's achievement adds to his impressive record this season, following his gold medal win at the World Championships earlier this year. Despite missing the top spot, his consistency continues to shine as he prepares for future competitions. The event showcased the highest level of athletic talent in track and field.

Neeraj Chopra's consistent performance continues to solidify his status among the world's top javelin throwers.

Anderson Peters' victory marks his return to form after a challenging season, showcasing his competitive edge.

### 👉 Sitaram Yechury, General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) Passes Away.

Sitaram Yechury, the General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), has passed away. Known for his steadfast commitment to Marxist ideology, Yechury played a significant role in Indian politics for decades, advocating for social justice, secularism, and economic equity. He was a prominent figure in various political movements and served multiple terms in the Rajya Sabha, where he championed the rights of marginalized communities. His leadership and eloquence earned him respect across the political spectrum. Yechury's demise marks a significant loss for the leftist movement in India, and he will be remembered for his contributions to the country's political landscape.

Sitaram Yechury's advocacy for workers' rights and environmental issues shaped progressive policies in India over the years.

### 👉 **World bamboo day is celebrated on 18 September 2024.**

On September 18, 2024, World Bamboo Day was celebrated globally to raise awareness about the significance of bamboo as a sustainable resource. Various events and activities highlighted bamboo's versatility, showcasing its applications in construction, textiles, and environmental conservation. The day aimed to promote the benefits of bamboo cultivation and encourage communities to adopt eco-friendly practices. Organizations and enthusiasts organized workshops, exhibitions, and seminars to educate people about the economic and ecological advantages of bamboo. This initiative not only aims to preserve the environment but also to uplift local economies through sustainable development, reinforcing bamboo's vital role in a greener future.

Bamboo cultivation supports biodiversity and helps combat climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide effectively.

Local artisans benefit from bamboo, creating sustainable livelihoods through crafts and eco-friendly products.

### 👉 **Election Commission of India (ECI) Names Para Archers Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar as National Icons for Persons with Disabilities (PwD).**

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has designated para archers Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar as national icons for Persons with Disabilities (PwD). This recognition aims to promote awareness and inclusivity in sports for individuals with disabilities. Sheetal and Rakesh have made significant contributions to para archery, inspiring many with their dedication and achievements. By appointing them as icons, the ECI hopes to encourage more participation in sports among the PwD community and highlight the importance of accessibility and support in sports initiatives. This initiative reflects a broader commitment to recognizing and empowering athletes with disabilities across the nation.

This initiative highlights the achievements of para athletes in promoting sports inclusivity for the disabled community.

ECI's recognition aims to inspire future generations to pursue sports, fostering a culture of empowerment and resilience.

### 👉 **Olympic Medalist Manu Bhaker Appointed as Brand Ambassador for MoPSW (Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways) and Golden Bullet.**

Olympic medalist Manu Bhaker has been appointed as the brand ambassador for the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) and Golden Bullet. This prestigious announcement highlights Bhaker's influence in promoting sports and wellness initiatives in India. As a celebrated athlete, she aims to inspire young people to engage in sports and embrace healthy lifestyles. Bhaker expressed her excitement about this role, stating her commitment to

contributing to the growth of sports and awareness in the maritime sector. Her partnership with MoPSW and Golden Bullet is expected to enhance their outreach and encourage youth participation in various activities.

Manu Bhaker aims to enhance awareness of sports among youth through her new ambassadorial role.

The collaboration focuses on promoting fitness and sportsmanship in the maritime industry and beyond.

### **About MoPSW,**

Head : Sarbananda Sonowal  
secretary : T K Ramachandran

### **👉 Iran Successfully Launches Chamran-1 Research Satellite into Orbit.**

Iran has successfully launched its Chamran-1 research satellite into orbit, marking a significant achievement in its space program. The launch took place from a facility in the northern part of the country, with officials stating that the satellite is designed to gather data for scientific research and support various sectors, including agriculture and environmental monitoring. This development comes amid ongoing discussions about Iran's technological advancements and the implications for regional security. The successful deployment of Chamran-1 demonstrates Iran's growing capabilities in space technology and its commitment to enhancing its scientific infrastructure.

The Chamran-1 satellite will enhance Iran's research capabilities in remote sensing and data collection.

This launch showcases Iran's technological advancements amidst international scrutiny.

### **About Iran,**

President : Masoud Pezeshkian  
Capital: Tehran

### **👉 Oscar Piastri Claims Victory at the 2024 F1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix for McLaren.**

In a stunning display of skill and determination, Oscar Piastri secured victory at the 2024 F1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix, driving for McLaren. The race was marked by intense competition, with Piastri demonstrating exceptional strategy and pace throughout. Starting from the second row, he maneuvered through challenging conditions and made crucial overtakes to take the lead. His victory not only highlights his growing prowess as a driver but also marks a significant achievement for McLaren, signaling their resurgence in the championship race. Piastri's win adds to the excitement of the season and sets high expectations for future races.

Piastri's performance demonstrates McLaren's return to form in the competitive F1 landscape this season.

The victory boosts Piastri's confidence as a rising star in Formula 1.

### About Azerbaijan,

Capital: Baku

Prime minister: Ali Asadov

### 👉 **Dronacharya Award-Winning Table Tennis Coach Jayanta Pushilal Passes Away.**

Jayanta Pushilal, a renowned table tennis coach and recipient of the prestigious Dronacharya Award, has passed away. His contributions to Indian table tennis were significant, mentoring numerous players who achieved national and international success. Pushilal's coaching techniques and dedication inspired many athletes, making a lasting impact on the sport. He was known for his ability to identify and nurture talent, helping to elevate the standard of table tennis in the country. His untimely demise is a great loss to the sports community, and he will be remembered for his unwavering commitment and passion for developing future champions.

Pushilal's coaching legacy includes training several national champions in table tennis over the years.

His passion for the sport inspired countless young athletes to pursue table tennis professionally.

### 👉 **World patient safety day is celebrated on 17 September 2024.**

World Patient Safety Day was celebrated on September 17, 2024, highlighting the importance of ensuring safe healthcare practices globally. This year's theme focused on reducing medication errors, emphasizing the need for effective communication between healthcare providers and patients. Events included workshops, seminars, and awareness campaigns aimed at educating both healthcare professionals and the public about patient safety measures. Various organizations and hospitals participated, sharing best practices and strategies to enhance patient care. The day served as a reminder of the collective responsibility to improve health systems and promote a culture of safety for all patients worldwide.

Collaboration among healthcare providers is essential for enhancing patient safety and minimizing risks in medical care.

Increased awareness can empower patients to advocate for their own safety and better health outcomes.

### 👉 **Moneyview Becomes India's 6th Unicorn Startup with \$1.2 Billion Funding.**

Moneyview, a leading financial technology startup, has achieved the status of India's 6th unicorn by raising funding at a valuation of \$1.2 billion. The recent investment round attracted significant interest from both domestic and international investors, reflecting confidence in the company's innovative approach to personal finance management. Founded in 2013, Moneyview offers solutions that help users track expenses, manage budgets, and improve financial literacy. This milestone underscores the growing fintech sector in India, which has seen a surge in startups addressing the diverse financial needs of consumers. Moneyview's success paves the way for future growth in the industry.

Moneyview aims to enhance financial literacy among users through innovative tools and resources.

The funding will support expansion into new markets and the development of advanced financial products.

### **About Moneyview,**

Founder : Puneet Agarwal and Sanjay Aggarwal

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

### **👉 Jordan's King Abdullah Names Jafar Hassan as New Prime Minister.**

Jordan's King Abdullah has appointed Jafar Hassan as the new Prime Minister, marking a significant leadership change in the country. Hassan, who previously served as the deputy prime minister and has held various key roles in the government, is expected to focus on political and economic reforms. His appointment comes at a time when Jordan faces regional challenges and internal demands for greater reform and economic stability. King Abdullah has emphasized the importance of this new government in addressing national issues and advancing reforms that cater to the needs of Jordanian citizens. Hassan will now form a new government cabinet.

Jafar Hassan aims to enhance economic growth and tackle unemployment challenges in Jordan. His leadership is crucial for addressing public demands for reforms and transparency.

### **About Jordan,**

Official language: Arabic

Capital: Amman

### **👉 International day for interventional cardiology is celebrated on 16 September 2024.**

On September 16, 2024, the International Day for Interventional Cardiology was celebrated worldwide to raise awareness about the importance of interventional procedures in cardiovascular care. This day highlights advancements in techniques that improve patient outcomes and reduce recovery times for heart-related conditions. Healthcare professionals and organizations conducted events and seminars to educate the public about the benefits of interventional cardiology, including angioplasty and stenting. The day serves as a reminder of the ongoing efforts to improve heart health and the significance of early intervention in preventing severe cardiovascular diseases.

Increased awareness can lead to early detection of heart diseases and better treatment options for patients.

Collaboration among healthcare professionals is essential for advancing interventional cardiology practices and improving patient care.

### **👉 DRDO and Indian Navy Successfully Conduct Second Consecutive Flight Test of Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VLSRSAM) off Odisha Coast.**

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy have successfully conducted the second consecutive flight test of the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VLSRSAM) off the coast of Odisha. This test, which took place on September 17, 2024, demonstrated the missile's capability to intercept aerial threats effectively. The VLSRSAM is designed to enhance the air defense capabilities of naval platforms by providing robust protection against incoming missiles and aircraft. The successful test reaffirms India's commitment to advancing its defense technology and ensuring the readiness of its naval forces.

The VLSRSAM system successfully demonstrated its interception capabilities against multiple aerial threats during the flight test.

The successful test enhances the Indian Navy's defense readiness and strengthens its naval air defense systems.

### About DRDO,

Chairman: Sameer V. Kamat

Headquarters: New Delhi

### 👉 Inauguration of VINETRA The Kalvari-Class Submarine Escape Training Facility in Visakhapatnam.

The Kalvari-Class Submarine Escape Training Facility, known as VINETRA, was inaugurated in Visakhapatnam. This state-of-the-art facility is designed to provide comprehensive escape and survival training for personnel operating Kalvari-class submarines. VINETRA will enhance the safety protocols and readiness of the Indian Navy's submarine crew by simulating real-life escape scenarios and emergency procedures. The new training center aims to improve operational efficiency and preparedness, ensuring that submariners are well-equipped to handle critical situations.

VINETRA will offer realistic simulations for submarine escape training, enhancing crew safety and emergency response skills.

The facility supports the Indian Navy's goal to improve operational readiness and disaster management for submarine missions.

### 👉 National engineer's day is celebrated on 15 September 2024.

National Engineers Day is celebrated on September 15, 2024, honoring the contributions of engineers to society. This day recognizes the critical role engineers play in developing infrastructure, technology, and innovations that drive progress. It also highlights the importance of the engineering profession in shaping the future. Various events, including seminars, workshops, and award ceremonies, are held to appreciate engineers' hard work and dedication. This celebration not only acknowledges their achievements but also aims to inspire young minds to pursue engineering as a career, emphasizing its impact on advancing industries and improving quality of life.



Engineers Day promotes awareness about the vital role of engineering in solving global challenges and driving innovation.

Educational institutions organize special programs to encourage students to explore engineering as a rewarding career option.

### 👉 **International day for the preservation of the day ozone layer is celebrated on 16 September 2024.**

On September 16, 2024, the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer was observed globally. This day is dedicated to raising awareness about the critical role of the ozone layer in protecting life on Earth from harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation. The ozone layer, a thin shield in the Earth's stratosphere, absorbs the majority of the Sun's dangerous UV rays. The observance highlights the importance of ongoing efforts to reduce substances that deplete the ozone layer and encourages continued global cooperation to ensure its preservation. Activities and educational events are held to inform the public about the significance of this environmental issue.

The day emphasizes the success of the Montreal Protocol in reducing ozone-depleting substances.

Awareness campaigns focus on the health impacts of increased UV radiation due to ozone layer depletion.

### 👉 **First-ever UN international day of science, technology, and innovation for the south-16 is celebrated on 16 September 2024.**

On September 16, 2024, the first-ever UN International Day of Science, Technology, and Innovation for the South-16 was celebrated. This day highlights the critical role of science, technology, and innovation in the development of the South-16 countries, a group of nations that includes emerging economies and developing regions. The observance aims to promote collaboration, share advancements, and address common challenges in these areas. By focusing on the unique needs and opportunities of these countries, the day seeks to foster a supportive environment for scientific and technological progress, ultimately contributing to sustainable development and improved quality of life.

The day aims to enhance scientific collaboration among South-16 nations to address shared development challenges.

### 👉 **Union Minister Piyush Goyal Launches BHASKAR Portal (Bhartiya System for Advanced Knowledge for Accelerating Research) to Boost India's Startup Ecosystem.**

Union Minister Piyush Goyal has launched the BHASKAR Portal (Bhartiya System for Advanced Knowledge for Accelerating Research) to strengthen India's startup ecosystem. The portal aims to streamline research, innovation, and knowledge-sharing for startups, entrepreneurs, and researchers. It will provide access to advanced resources, data, and technology, helping foster innovation and economic growth. Goyal emphasized that the BHASKAR Portal will play a key role in bridging the gap between research institutions and industry, promoting collaboration and

accelerating the commercialization of new technologies. This initiative aligns with the government's efforts to make India a global hub for innovation and entrepreneurship.

The portal will enhance collaboration between startups and research institutions to drive innovation in various sectors.

BHASKAR aims to facilitate access to funding and mentorship opportunities for emerging entrepreneurs in India.

### 👉 **In the 54th GST Council meeting, a uniform tax rate of 18% was implemented to simplify compliance and support small businesses.**

The 54th GST Council meeting, chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, took place in New Delhi, addressing key taxation issues. The council decided to implement a uniform tax rate of 18% on certain goods and services, aiming to simplify compliance. Additionally, it approved measures to enhance the efficiency of the GST network, focusing on digitalization and taxpayer services. The council emphasized the importance of revenue collection and announced initiatives to support small businesses. The meeting concluded with a commitment to further streamline processes and encourage transparency in GST operations across the country.

The council also discussed strategies to reduce compliance costs and enhance awareness programs for taxpayers nationwide.

The council proposed a review of current GST slabs to ensure fair taxation and improve revenue distribution.

### 👉 **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) Holds 20th Meeting of the Maritime States Development Council (MSDC) in Goa to Boost India's Maritime Sector.**

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) convened the 20th meeting of the Maritime States Development Council (MSDC) in Goa to enhance India's maritime sector. The meeting focused on strategies to promote sustainable development, improve port infrastructure, and facilitate maritime trade. Participants discussed collaborative efforts between states to optimize resources and boost coastal economies. MoPSW emphasized the importance of integrating modern technology and innovation in maritime operations. The council aims to foster a robust maritime ecosystem that supports national economic growth while ensuring environmental sustainability. This initiative is a significant step towards strengthening India's position in the global maritime arena.

The meeting addressed investment opportunities in port development to enhance operational efficiency and capacity.

Stakeholders emphasized the need for policies promoting coastal community welfare and job creation in the maritime sector.

#### **About MoPSW,**

secretary : T K Ramachandran

Headquarters: New Delhi

## 👉 **Tata Steel UK Secures £500 Million Grant Agreement with UK Government for Port Talbot Project.**

Tata Steel UK has signed a £500 million grant agreement with the United Kingdom government to support its Port Talbot project. The funding is aimed at transforming the Port Talbot steelworks, one of the largest steel production sites in the UK, into a more sustainable and eco-friendly facility. The project focuses on reducing carbon emissions and transitioning towards greener production methods. This partnership is part of the UK government's broader effort to decarbonize heavy industries and achieve its net-zero targets. The investment will also help secure thousands of jobs in the steel industry and boost the local economy.

The funding will support advanced technology implementation for sustainable steel production.

The project aims to significantly cut carbon emissions at Port Talbot steelworks.

### **About UK,**

Prime minister: Keir Starmer

Capital: London

## 👉 **"SpaceX's Polaris Dawn Crew Completes Historic Private Spacewalk and Returns to Earth Safely.**

SpaceX's Polaris Dawn mission crew, led by billionaire entrepreneur Jared Isaacman, has successfully returned to Earth. The mission's capsule splashed down in the Gulf of Mexico near Florida's Dry Tortugas before dawn. Onboard were Isaacman, two SpaceX engineers, and a former Air Force Thunderbird pilot. The crew achieved a significant milestone by conducting the first private spacewalk while orbiting approximately 460 miles (740 kilometers) above Earth, surpassing the altitude of the International Space Station and Hubble Space Telescope. This historic spacewalk marks a major advancement in private space exploration and commercial space travel.

The success of Polaris Dawn may pave the way for future private space missions and spacewalks, influencing the planning and execution of upcoming commercial space exploration projects.

### **About SpaceX,**

CEO: Elon Musk

Headquarters: California, United States

## 👉 **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) Signs MoU with Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) and GMR Group for 900 Megawatt Hydro Project in Nepal.**

The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) and GMR Group for a major hydroelectric project in Nepal. The agreement outlines the development of a 900 Megawatt (MW) hydroelectric power plant, aimed at enhancing renewable energy capacity in the region. This initiative reflects a collaborative effort to bolster energy infrastructure and promote

sustainable development. The project will significantly contribute to meeting Nepal's energy needs while reinforcing the commitment of the involved organizations to advancing clean energy solutions.

The hydro project aims to enhance regional power stability and support Nepal's energy transition towards sustainable sources.

The collaboration emphasizes the commitment to renewable energy, strengthening regional partnerships in infrastructure development.

### **About SJVN,**

Chairman & MD : Sushil Sharma

Headquarters: New Delhi

### **👉 G. Srinivasan Appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Galaxy Health Insurance.**

G. Srinivasan has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Galaxy Health Insurance. With extensive experience in the insurance industry, Srinivasan will lead the company through its next phase of growth and innovation. His appointment comes as Galaxy Health Insurance aims to strengthen its market position and expand its range of health insurance products. Srinivasan's leadership is expected to drive strategic initiatives and enhance the company's operational efficiency. His track record of success and industry expertise make him a valuable asset to the organization as it navigates the evolving healthcare landscape.

G. Srinivasan's appointment aligns with Galaxy Health Insurance's strategy to innovate and enhance service offerings in health insurance.

G. Srinivasan's extensive industry experience will contribute to achieving the company's long-term goals and operational excellence.

### **👉 Pixxel Secures \$476 Million NASA Contract to Support Earth Science Research with Hyperspectral Technology.**

Pixxel has been awarded a significant contract by NASA worth \$476 million to support Earth Science Research (ESR) using its advanced hyperspectral technology. This contract will enable Pixxel to provide crucial data and insights through its state-of-the-art hyperspectral imaging systems, which can capture detailed information across various wavelengths. This partnership aims to enhance NASA's ability to monitor and analyze Earth's environmental changes and conditions more accurately. The collaboration marks a major milestone for Pixxel, underscoring its role in advancing space-based observational technologies and contributing to critical scientific research and data collection for Earth sciences.

Pixxel's hyperspectral technology will enhance NASA's monitoring of climate change and environmental conditions globally.

This contract represents a major investment in space-based Earth observation and advanced imaging capabilities.

### About Pixxel,

CEO : Awais Ahmed Kshitij

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

### 👉 **President Droupadi Murmu Confers National Florence Nightingale Award 2024 to 15 Nurses and Midwives.**

On September 15, 2024, President Droupadi Murmu awarded the National Florence Nightingale Award to 15 exceptional nurses and midwives in a ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. This prestigious award, named after the pioneering nurse Florence Nightingale, recognizes outstanding contributions to nursing and midwifery. The recipients, selected for their dedication, excellence in patient care, and contributions to the healthcare sector, were honored for their exceptional service and commitment. The ceremony highlighted the crucial role of nurses and midwives in the healthcare system and celebrated their invaluable efforts in improving patient care and health outcomes.

The award emphasizes the critical impact of nurses and midwives in enhancing patient care and safety.

The event underscored the importance of recognizing and supporting healthcare professionals for their vital contributions.

### 👉 **National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Talcher Kaniha Receives 2024 Energy Management Insight Award from Clean Energy Ministerial.**

National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Talcher Kaniha has been honored with the 2024 Energy Management Insight Award by the Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM). This prestigious award recognizes the plant's commitment to energy efficiency and innovative management practices. NTPC Talcher Kaniha, one of the leading power stations in India, has consistently demonstrated its dedication to sustainable energy solutions and reducing carbon emissions. The award highlights NTPC's proactive approach towards integrating advanced energy management systems. The Clean Energy Ministerial is a global forum that promotes policies and programs advancing clean energy technology and sustainable practices worldwide.

NTPC Talcher Kaniha has set new benchmarks in operational efficiency through sustainable energy practices.

The award strengthens NTPC's position as a leader in India's transition towards a low-carbon energy future.

### About NTPC Limited,

CEO: Gurdeep Singh

Headquarters: New Delhi

### 👉 **DRDO and Indian Navy Successfully Flight Test Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SR SAM) off Odisha Coast.**

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy

successfully conducted a flight test of the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SR SAM) off the Odisha coast. The missile, designed for quick reaction against aerial threats, demonstrated its capabilities in a high-stakes test environment. This successful test underscores India's advancements in defense technology and enhances its strategic defense capabilities. The VL-SR SAM is intended to provide robust protection for naval assets against a range of aerial threats, marking a significant step forward in the country's defense research and development efforts.

The VL-SR SAM features advanced tracking and targeting systems for enhanced accuracy in intercepting aerial threats.

The successful test reinforces India's commitment to strengthening its naval defense capabilities and indigenous missile technology.

### About DRDO,

Chairman: Sameer V. Kamat

Headquarters: New Delhi

### 👉 **New Species of Long-Snouted Vine Snake, *Ahaetulla longirostri*, Discovered in Bihar and Meghalaya.**

A new species of long-snouted vine snake, *Ahaetulla longirostri*, has been discovered in the states of Bihar and Meghalaya, India. This species is distinguished by its notably elongated snout, a feature that sets it apart from other members of the *Ahaetulla* genus. Researchers made the discovery during field surveys, identifying the snake's unique morphological traits and ecological role in its habitat. The find adds significant value to the biodiversity knowledge of the region and highlights the importance of ongoing research and conservation efforts to protect these lesser-known species and their environments.

The new species expands the known range of the *Ahaetulla* genus in India.

*Ahaetulla longirostri* highlights the rich herpetofauna diversity in northeastern India.

### 👉 **India Wins 29 Medals at Paris Paralympics 2024, Secures 18th Position.**

At the Paris Paralympics 2024, India achieved a remarkable performance, winning a total of 29 medals across various events. This impressive haul includes gold, silver, and bronze, reflecting the country's growing strength and competitiveness in para-sports. With this achievement, India secured 18th position in the overall medal tally, marking a significant milestone in its Paralympic history. The athletes showcased exceptional skill and determination, contributing to the nation's proud representation on the global stage. This success underscores India's continued investment in and commitment to supporting para-athletes and fostering excellence in sports.

Indian athletes set new records, showcasing exceptional talent and dedication throughout the Paris Paralympics 2024.

The Indian delegation's performance highlights the country's growing prominence and investment in Paralympic sports development.

👉 **Hindi diwas is celebrated on 14 September 2024.**

Hindi Diwas was celebrated on September 14, 2024. This day recognized the importance of the Hindi language, one of India's official languages. It marked the anniversary of the Constituent Assembly's decision to adopt Hindi, written in the Devanagari script, as the official language of the Republic of India. Hindi Diwas highlights the significant role of Hindi in India's cultural and linguistic heritage. Various events and programs are held to honor and promote the Hindi language and literature on this occasion.

Hindi Diwas promotes the use of Hindi in education and government, enhancing its role in daily life.

Schools and organizations conduct special events to celebrate Hindi literature and its rich heritage on this day.

👉 **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) Dissolves 14-Member Standing Committee on Statistics Amidst Delayed Census.**

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has dissolved its 14-member Standing Committee on Statistics due to ongoing delays in the national census. The committee, which was established to review and advise on statistical practices and methodologies, was disbanded amid concerns over the progress of the census and the accuracy of data collection. This decision reflects growing frustration over the delays and the need for more effective measures to ensure timely and reliable statistical reporting. The dissolution of the committee is expected to impact the development of statistical frameworks and the future of census-related activities.

The dissolution aims to streamline the process and address issues in statistical data collection and reporting.

The decision highlights the urgent need for reforms in the national census and statistical oversight mechanisms.

**About MoSPI,**

Minister : Rao Inderjit Singh  
secretary : Saurabh Garg

👉 **"National Health Authority (NHA) and IIT Kanpur Sign MoU to Develop AI-Based Digital Public Goods for Healthcare.**

The National Health Authority (NHA) and IIT Kanpur have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to advance AI-based digital solutions for healthcare. In the presence of Union Health Secretary Mr. Apurva Chandra, the agreement, signed by NHA's Ms. L. S. Changsan and IIT Kanpur's Mr. Manindra Agrawal, aims to develop key components such as a federated learning platform, a quality-preserving database, and an AI model benchmarking system. This initiative, part of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, will enhance healthcare outcomes by improving data access and ensuring privacy.

IIT Kanpur will develop the systems, while NHA will manage and operate them to leverage AI for better health outcomes.

Mr. Manindra Agrawal noted that the partnership aims to democratize access to quality healthcare and empower stakeholders with AI advancements.

#### **About NHA,**

CEO : Deepti Gaur Mukerjee

Headquarters: New Delhi

#### **👉 Union Minister Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh Launches 'Rangeen Machhli' App.**

Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh Alias Lalan Singh, today launched the "Rangeen Machhli" mobile app at ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar. Developed by ICAR-CIFA with support from the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), the app is designed to meet the growing needs of the ornamental fisheries sector, providing crucial knowledge resources for hobbyists, aquarium shop owners, and fish farmers. The event was attended by Shri George Kurian, Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, along with other senior officials.

The "Rangeen Machhli" app provides multilingual information on popular ornamental fish species in eight Indian languages, making it accessible to a wide audience.