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National

Sarai Kale Khan Chowk Renamed to Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chowk

Keywords: Sarai Kale Khan Chowk; renamed; Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chowk; Delhi; 150th birth anniversary; November 15; Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.

- **Renaming Event:** Sarai Kale Khan Chowk in Delhi has been renamed to **Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chowk**.
- **Occasion:** The renaming event was held on **Bhagwan Birsa Munda's 150th birth anniversary**.
- **Janjatiya Gaurav Divas:** **November 15**, Bhagwan Birsa Munda's birth anniversary, is declared as 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas'.

About Birsa Munda



- **Birth Details:** Bhagwan Birsa Munda was born in **1875** in **Ranchi**.
- **Tribal Affiliation:** He belonged to the **Munda tribe of Jharkhand**.
- **Munda Rebellion:** The **Munda Rebellion** is one of the prominent **19th-century** tribal rebellions in India, led by Birsa Munda.
- **Ulgulan:** The **Ulgulan**, meaning 'Great Tumult,' aimed to establish **Munda Raj** and independence.
- **Airport Naming:** **Ranchi Airport** is named after him as **Birsa Munda Airport**.

Ayushman Vay Vandana Card: Healthcare Benefits for Senior Citizens

Keywords: Ayushman Vay Vandana Card; Ayushman Bharat; Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya; elderly citizens; free treatment; hospitals; 70 years and above; universal eligibility; PM-JAY; health insurance; Ayushman Bharat; government-funded; 2018; Rs. 5 lakh; SECC data; secondary care; tertiary care; NHA; SHA.

- **Initiative:** The **Ayushman Vay Vandana Card** is a key initiative under the **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya** scheme.
- **Healthcare Benefits:** The card provides **comprehensive healthcare benefits**, ensuring free treatment in hospitals across the nation.

- **Age Eligibility:** It is exclusively for individuals aged **70 years and above**.
- **Universal Access:** The card offers **universal eligibility** with no **income cap**, benefiting the **poor**, **middle class**, and **upper class** alike.

About PM-JAY



- **Launch:** The **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)** was launched in **2018**.
- **World's Largest:** PM-JAY is the **largest government-funded health insurance scheme** in the world
- **Coverage:** It provides a **sum insured of Rs. 5 lakh per family** for **secondary** and **tertiary care**.
- **Eligibility:** The scheme is **entitlement-based**, targeting beneficiaries identified through the latest **Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC)** data.
- **Funding Structure:** Funding is shared as follows:
 - **60:40** for states and UTs with legislatures.
 - **90:10** for **Northeast states, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand**.
 - **100% Central funding** for UTs without legislatures.
- **Administration:** The **National Health Authority (NHA)**, an autonomous entity, ensures the effective implementation of PM-JAY.
- **State Role:** The **State Health Agency (SHA)** is the apex body in each state, responsible for implementing the scheme at the state level.

K Sanjay Murthy Appointed as India's Next Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)

Keywords: K Sanjay Murthy; Comptroller and Auditor General; CAG; President of India; Article 148; six years; age 65; removal; Supreme Court judge; ninth precedence.

- **New Appointment:** **K Sanjay Murthy** has been appointed as the next **Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)** of India.
- **Appointing Authority:** The **President of India** appoints the **CAG**.

About CAG



- **Role:** The **CAG** audits the accounts of **central and state governments, public sector enterprises**, and other **government-funded organizations**.
- **Constitutional Provision:** **Article 148** establishes the office of the **CAG**.
- **Tenure:** The **CAG** serves for a term of **six years** or until reaching the age of **65**, whichever is earlier.
- **Removal Process:** The **CAG** can only be removed through a process similar to the **impeachment of a Supreme Court judge**.
- **Precedence and Authority:** The **CAG** is ranked **ninth** in terms of precedent and has the same authority as a **sitting Supreme Court judge**.

Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Declared India's 56th Tiger Reserve

Keywords: Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla; 56th Tiger Reserve; Chhattisgarh; third-largest; 4 tiger reserves; Project Tiger; national animal; core-buffer strategy; Corbett; Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem; Bor; Global Tiger Day.

- **New Tiger Reserve:** The **Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve** in **Chhattisgarh** has been notified as **India's 56th Tiger Reserve**.
- **Size Ranking:** It is the **third-largest tiger reserve** in India.
- **State Reserves:** Chhattisgarh now has **four tiger reserves**.

About Tiger Reserve



- **Project Tiger:** Project Tiger was launched in **1973** with **nine tiger reserves** to conserve tigers.
- **Core-Buffer Strategy:** A **tiger reserve** is based on a **core-buffer strategy**, separating critical habitats and adjoining areas.
- **First Tiger Reserve:** The **Corbett Tiger Reserve** in **Uttarakhand**, established in **1973**, was one of the first under Project Tiger.
- **Largest Tiger Reserve:** The **Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve** in **Andhra Pradesh** is the **largest** in India.
- **Smallest Tiger Reserve:** The **Bor Tiger Reserve** in **Maharashtra** is the **smallest** in the country.
- **Global Tiger Day:** The world observes **Global Tiger Day** on **July 29** every year.
- **National Animal:** The **tiger** became **India's national animal** in **1973**, replacing the lion.

Prasar Bharati Launches OTT Platform Waves at IFFI 2024

Keywords: Prasar Bharati; Waves; OTT platform; 55th International Film Festival of India; Doordarshan; All India Radio; 1997; Navneet Kumar Sehgal.

- **OTT Platform Name:** Prasar Bharati has launched its own **OTT platform** named **Waves**.
- **Content Offered:** Waves features a mix of **classic and contemporary content** in **over 12 languages**.
- **Launch Venue:** The platform was launched at the **55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**.

About Prasar Bharati



- **Organization Overview:** Prasar Bharati is India's largest public broadcasting agency.
- **Establishment:** It is a **statutory autonomous body**, established under an **Act of Parliament** in **1997**.
- **Constituent Divisions:** Prasar Bharati comprises the **Doordarshan Television Network** and **All India Radio**.
- **Current Chairman:** **Navneet Kumar Sehgal** serves as the chairman of **Prasar Bharati**.

India Launches First AI Data Bank at ASSOCHAM AI Leadership Meet 2024

Keywords: India; AI Data Bank; ASSOCHAM AI Leadership Meet 2024; AI for India; high-quality datasets; scalable AI solutions.

- **Initiative Launch:** India's **first AI Data Bank** was launched at the **ASSOCHAM AI Leadership Meet 2024**.
- **Event Theme:** The theme of the event was "**AI for India: Advancing India's AI Development – Innovation, Ethics, and Governance**".
- **Objective:** The initiative aims to provide **high-quality datasets** for **researchers, startups, and developers** to create **scalable AI solutions**.

Ministry of Jal Shakti Launches "Bhu-Neer" Portal for Groundwater Management

Keywords: Ministry of Jal Shakti; Bhu-Neer portal; CGWA; NIC; groundwater compliance; policies; regulations.


- **Launch Event:** The **Ministry of Jal Shakti** digitally launched the "**Bhu-Neer**" portal.
- **Development Collaboration:** The portal was developed by the **Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA)** in partnership with the **National Informatics Centre (NIC)**.
- **Purpose:** The portal provides information on **groundwater compliance, policies, and regulations** at both **state and national levels**.

India's First Constitution Museum Inaugurated in Sonipat

Keywords: Constitution Museum; O.P. Jindal Global University; Sonipat; Haryana; 75th anniversary; Constitution adoption.

- **Inauguration:** India's **first Constitution Museum** was inaugurated at **O.P. Jindal Global University** in **Sonipat, Haryana**.
- **Anniversary Significance:** The museum celebrates the **75th anniversary** of the **adoption of India's Constitution**.
- **Educational Objective:** The museum aims to **democratize access** to the Constitution, highlighting its **evolution, historical debates**, and role in **shaping India's democracy**.

About the Adoption of the Indian Constitution

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- **Adoption Date:** The **Constitution of India** was adopted on **November 26, 1949** by the **Constituent Assembly of India**.
 - **Immediate Provisions:** Provisions related to **citizenship, elections, provisional parliament**, and **temporary and transitional provisions** came into effect immediately on **November 26, 1949**.
 - **Effective Date:** The entire Constitution became effective on **January 26, 1950**.
 - **Drafting Committee:** **B. R. Ambedkar** was the chairman of the **7-member drafting committee**.
 - **Constituent Assembly:** The Assembly held **11 sessions** over **2 years, 11 months, and 18 days** to frame the Constitution.
 - **Original Articles:** The Constitution originally contained **395 articles**.
 - **Handwritten Constitution:** **Prem Behari Narain Raizada** handwrote the Indian Constitution.
 - **Constitutional Advisor:** **Sir Benegal Narsing Rau** served as the **Constitutional Advisor** to the Constituent Assembly.

State

Jauljibi Mela: A Heritage Trade Fair of Uttarakhand

Keywords: Jauljibi Mela; heritage trade fair; Uttarakhand; India; Nepal; Tibet; Gori River; Kali River; Kailash Mansarovar route.

- **Event Name:** Jauljibi Mela is a **heritage trade fair** of **Uttarakhand**.
 - **Historical Significance:** The mela promotes harmony between **India, Nepal, and Tibet**.
 - **Location:** Jauljibi is located at the **confluence of the Gori and Kali rivers**.
 - **Traditional Route:** It lies on the traditional **Kailash Mansarovar route**.
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24 Coastal Villages in Odisha Recognized as 'Tsunami Ready' by UNESCO

Keywords: Odisha; 24 villages; Tsunami Ready; IOC; UNESCO; 2nd Global Tsunami Symposium; Indonesia; Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme; preparedness measures.

- **Recognition:** **24 coastal villages** from six districts of **Odisha** have been officially recognized as '**Tsunami Ready**' by the **Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)** of **UNESCO**.
 - **Event:** This recognition was granted during the **2nd Global Tsunami Symposium** in **Indonesia**.
 - **Tsunami Ready Programme:** Under the **Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme (TRRP)**, the 24 villages have implemented various **preparedness measures**.
 - **Preparedness Measures:** These measures include **training, awareness campaigns, and mock drills**, among others.
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Dhudmaras Village in Chhattisgarh Selected for UNWTO's Best Tourism Village Upgrade Programme

Keywords: Dhudmaras; Chhattisgarh; Bastar; UNWTO; Best Tourism Village Upgrade; Kanger Valley National Park; Dhurwa Tribe; Parji language; Bastar Dussehra.

- **UNWTO Recognition:** **Dhudmaras village**, located in **Chhattisgarh's Bastar district**, has been selected for the **Best Tourism Village Upgrade Programme** by the **United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)**.

- **Tourism Potential:** The programme emphasizes villages with potential for **sustainable tourism development**.
- **Location:** Dhudmaras is situated within the **Kanger Valley National Park**.
- **National Award:** Earlier this year, the **Union Ministry of Tourism** recognized Dhudmaras in the **Adventure Tourism category** at the **Best Tourism Village competition**.
- **Local Community:** The **Dhurwa Tribe families** are the village's local residents.

About Dhurwa Tribe



- **Tribal Identity:** The **Dhurwa or Dharua tribal group** is found in **Chhattisgarh** and **Odisha**, and in Chhattisgarh, they are classified under the **Gond tribe**.
- **Language:** The **Parji language**, a **Dravidian language**, is commonly spoken by the Dhurwa people in their home domain.
- **Cultural Heritage:** The Dhurwa Tribe celebrates **Bastar Dussehra**, a festival lasting up to **75 days**, making it one of the **longest festivals in the world**.

Telangana Unveils New Electric Vehicle Policy

Keywords: Telangana; Electric Vehicle Policy; 100% road tax exemption; registration fee exemption; December 31, 2026.

- **Policy Announcement:** The **Telangana government** unveiled its new **Electric Vehicles (EV) Policy**.
- **Key Objectives:** The policy aims to promote **environmental sustainability**, improve **energy efficiency**, and **reduce air pollution**.
- **Tax and Fee Exemptions:** The policy offers **100% exemptions** on **road tax** and **registration fees** for all EVs for a period of two years, valid till **December 31, 2026**.

Bihar to Host Khelo India Games in 2025

Keywords: Bihar; Khelo India Youth Games; Khelo India Para Games; 2025; Women's Asian Champions Trophy; Rajgir; Khelo India Programme; 2018; grassroots sports; young talent.

- **Event Hosting:** Bihar will host the **Khelo India Youth Games** and the **Khelo India Para Games** in **2025**.
- **Recent Success:** Bihar recently hosted the **Women's Asian Champions Trophy** in **Rajgir**.

- **Programme Launch:** The **Khelo India programme** was launched in **2018** by the **Government of India**.
 - **Objective:** The programme aims to **promote grassroots sports** and identify **young talent** across India.
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Economy

SBI Celebrates Centenary of Horniman Circle Branch in Mumbai

Keywords: Gabon; referendum; new constitution; 91% approval; dynastic rule; democratic government; Brice Oligui Nguema; August 2023; Central Africa; Libreville; French; Central African CFA Franc; Commonwealth; Togo.

Keywords: SBI; Horniman Circle Branch; Mumbai; centenary; Heritage Branch; Bank of Calcutta; 1806; C.S. Setty.

- **Branch Milestone:** The **Horniman Circle Branch** in **Mumbai**, a **Heritage Branch** of the **State Bank of India (SBI)**, marked its **centenary**.
 - **Bank's Legacy:** **SBI**, the **oldest commercial bank in India**, was originally established as the **Bank of Calcutta in 1806**.
 - **SBI Chairman:** The current **Chairman of SBI** is **C.S. Setty**.
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Karnataka to Establish Three Global Innovation Districts

Keywords: Karnataka; Bengaluru; Mysuru; Belagavi; Global Innovation Districts; Global Capability Centres; GCCs; Nipuna Karnataka; skilling; multinational corporations.

- **Planned Locations:** Karnataka will set up **three Global Innovation Districts** in **Bengaluru, Mysuru, and Belagavi**.
- **Objective:** The districts aim to **attract and support Global Capability Centres (GCCs)**.
- **Skill Development Initiative:** The project is supported by the state's '**Nipuna Karnataka**' scheme, which aims to **skill one lakh individuals**.

About Global Capability Centres



- **Offshore Units:** GCCs are **offshore units of multinational corporations (MNCs)**.
 - **Function:** GCCs manage various **business functions and processes** for their parent companies.
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Sagarmanthan: South Asia's Largest Maritime Leadership Event Inaugurated

Keywords: Sagarmanthan; inaugural edition; New Delhi; South Asia; maritime thought leadership; Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; MoPSW; Observer Research Foundation; ORF; global leaders; marine sector.

- **Event Name:** The inaugural edition of **Sagarmanthan** was held in **New Delhi**.
- **Significance:** It is recognized as **South Asia's largest maritime thought leadership event**.
- **Organizers:** The event was organized by the **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW)** in partnership with the **Observer Research Foundation (ORF)**.
- **Objective:** The platform fosters dialogue among **global leaders, policymakers, and visionaries** to shape the **future of the marine sector**.

IRDAI Launches Bima Sugam Platform for Transparent Insurance Services

Keywords: Bima Sugam; IRDAI; Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India; digital platform; insurance products; mis-selling; transparency; IRDAI Act 1999; Hyderabad; Telangana.

- **Platform Name:** **Bima Sugam** is a digital initiative launched by the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)**.
- **Objective:** The platform aims to provide a **low-cost and effective distribution channel** for insurance products.
- **Purpose:** It addresses concerns over **mis-selling of insurance products** by banks.
- **Platform Features:** Bima Sugam allows **buying, selling, and claim servicing** of insurance policies in a **transparent manner**.

About IRDAI



- **About IRDAI:** The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India** is the **regulatory body** for the insurance industry in India.
- **Purpose:** It was created for the **overall supervision and development** of the insurance sector in India.
- **Statutory Basis:** IRDAI was established under the **IRDAI Act 1999** for the **supervision and development** of the insurance sector.
- **Headquarters:** IRDAI is headquartered in **Hyderabad, Telangana**.

Tata Power Partners with ADB for Clean Energy Projects

Keywords: Tata Power; ADB; \$4.25 billion; clean energy; MoU; floating solar power plant; Kayamkulam; Kerala.

- **MoU Signed:** Tata Power has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** for **\$4.25 billion** to finance **clean energy projects**.
- **Floating Solar Plant:** Tata Power operates **India's largest floating solar power plant** located in **Kayamkulam, Kerala**.

About Asian Development Bank (ADB)



- **Foundation & Headquarter:** ADB, founded in **1966** and headquartered in **Manila, Philippines**.
- **Purpose:** It provides financial assistance for development projects across its **69 member countries**.
- **Latest Member:** Israel joined ADB as its **69th member** and **20th non-regional member** in **2024**.
- **Strategy 2030:** ADB's **Strategy 2030** guides its mission towards a **prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific**.

Summits & Reports

Key Highlights of the 2024 G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro

Keywords: 2024 G20 Summit; Rio de Janeiro; Brazil; Social Summit; MDBs; Africa; Women's Empowerment; SDG 18; Hunger; COP30; Climate Financing; UNESCO; climate change disinformation.

- **Event Overview:** The 2024 **G20 Summit** was held in **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**.
- **Social Summit:** Introduced the **G20 Social Summit**, focusing on social issues and cooperation among member nations.
- **Development Banks:** A **roadmap for Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs)** reform was presented to improve global financial governance.
- **Africa and Debt Relief:** Initiatives were proposed to address African challenges and reduce **external debt burdens**.
- **Women's Empowerment:** Established the **Women's Empowerment Working Group** to promote **gender equality and women's rights**.
- **SDG 18:** Added a new Sustainable Development Goal focusing on **ethnic-racial equality**.
- **Global Alliance:** Highlighted the **Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty** launched by Brazil.
- **Support for COP30:** Endorsed **COP30**, scheduled to be held in **Belém, Brazil, in 2025**.
- **Climate Financing:** Proposed a **New Quantified Collective Objective for Climate Financing (NCQG)** to enhance mechanisms.

About Global Initiative on Climate Change Information



- **Climate Change Information:** **Brazil, UN, and UNESCO** Launch **Global Initiative on Climate Change Information**
- **Purpose:** The initiative focuses on combating **disinformation** that undermines climate action and promoting **accurate information** on climate issues.
- **Scope:** It aims to enhance the reliability of climate research and ensure informed decision-making for climate financing and policies.
- **Funding:** An **initial fund of \$10–15 million** will be raised over **36 months** and managed by **UNESCO**.

Brazil Launches Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty at G20 Summit

Keywords: Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty; Brazil; Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva; G20 Summit; Rio de Janeiro; 2030; 82 nations; UN FAO.

- **Launch Event:** Brazilian President **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva** launched the **Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty** at the **G20 Summit** in **Rio de Janeiro**.
- **Objective:** The alliance aims to **eradicate hunger and poverty globally by 2030**.
- **Founding Members:** A total of **82 nations**, including **Brazil, India, China, the US, and European countries**, are founding members.
- **Oversight Mechanism:** Progress will be monitored through **Regular Summits** and a **High-Level Champions Council**.
- **Support System:** The **UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** will host a **dedicated technical body** to provide strategic support for the alliance.

South Africa Becomes First African Nation to Lead the G20

Keywords: Brazil; G20 Presidency; South Africa; first African nation; historic milestone; G20; 1999; financial crisis; East Asia; Southeast Asia; global financial stability; middle-income countries; 19 countries; European Union; African Union; India; G20 Summit 2023.

- **G20 Presidency Transfer:** **Brazil** officially transferred the **G20 Presidency** to **South Africa**.
- **Historic Achievement:** **South Africa** became the **first African nation** to lead the **G20**, marking a historic milestone.

About G20



- **G20 Formation Year:** The **G20** was formed in **1999**.
- **Formation Context:** The G20 was established in response to the **financial crisis of the late 1990s**, which impacted **East Asia** and **Southeast Asia**.
- **Purpose of G20:** The aim of the G20 is to secure **global financial stability** by involving **middle-income countries**.
- **G20 Composition:** The G20 consists of **19 countries** and the **European Union** and the **African Union**.
- **India's Role:** **India** hosted the **G20 Leaders' Summit** in **2023**.

India Ranks 10th in Climate Change Performance Index 2025

Keywords: India; 10th rank; Climate Change Performance Index; CCPI 2025; Denmark; Netherlands; UK; Germanwatch; Climate Action Network; New Climate Institute; climate policy; 63 countries; European Union.

- **India's Rank:** India secured the **10th rank** in the **Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025**, highlighting its efforts against climate change.
- **Decline in Rank:** India slipped **two spots** compared to last year's ranking.
- **Top Rankings:** The **first three spots** in the index remain **empty**, with **Denmark (4th)**, the **Netherlands (5th)**, and the **UK (6th)** leading the list.
- **India's Emissions:** India's **per capita emissions** are **2.9 tCO₂e** (tonnes of CO₂ equivalent) significantly below the **global average of 6.6 tCO₂e**.

About Climate Change Performance Index 2025



- **Report Publishers:** The **CCPI 2025** is published by **Germanwatch**, **New Climate Institute**, and **Climate Action Network International**.
- **Number of Countries Assessed:** The **CCPI** tracks the progress of **63 countries** and the **European Union**.
- **Assessment Criteria:** The index evaluates countries based on **emissions**, **renewables**, and **climate policy**.

India to Host ICA Global Cooperative Conference for the First Time

Keywords: India; ICA Global Cooperative Conference; New Delhi; first in 130 years; Bhutan PM Dasho Tshering Tobgay; Fiji Deputy PM Manoa Kamikamica; Cooperatives Build Prosperity for All; 8 lakh cooperatives; ICA; Brussels; apex cooperative body; 2020-2030 Strategic Plan.

- **Event Location:** India will host the **ICA Global Cooperative Conference** in **New Delhi** for the **first time in 130 years** of ICA's history.
- **Special Guests:** **Bhutan Prime Minister Dasho Tshering Tobgay** and **Fiji Deputy Prime Minister Manoa Kamikamica** will attend the event.
- **Theme:** The theme of the event is **"Cooperatives Build Prosperity for All"**.
- **Indian Cooperatives:** India has **25% of the world's cooperatives**, with over **8 lakh cooperatives**.

About International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)



- **Establishment:** The **ICA** was established in **1895** to promote the **cooperative model**.
 - **Role:** The ICA serves as the **apex body representing cooperatives** globally.
 - **Headquarters:** The ICA is headquartered in **Brussels, Belgium**.
 - **Strategic Plan:** The ICA's **2020-2030 Strategic Plan** is titled "**A People-Centred Path to a Second Cooperative Decade**".
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International

Global Energy Efficiency Alliance Announced at COP29

Keywords: Global Energy Efficiency Alliance; COP29; Baku, Azerbaijan; energy efficiency; Africa; UAE Consensus; net zero; fossil fuels; 2050.

- **Global Initiative:** The **Global Energy Efficiency Alliance** has been announced by the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** during **COP29** in **Baku, Azerbaijan**.
- **Objective:** The initiative seeks to **double global energy efficiency rates annually** by **2030**.
- **Focus on Africa:** A special focus will be on **African nations**, providing **customized financing** and **technological solutions** for energy efficiency.
- **UAE Policies Alignment:** This initiative builds on the '**UAE Consensus**', a document introduced during **COP28** to advocate for a **transition from fossil fuels** to achieve **net zero by 2050**.

PM Modi Conferred Nigeria's 2nd Highest National Award and Key to Abuja

Keywords: Narendra Modi; Nigeria; Grand Commander of the Order of Niger; Queen Elizabeth; Key to the City of Abuja; West Africa; Abuja; Nigerian Naira; Giant of Africa; most populous country.

- **Award:** Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** was conferred with **Nigeria's 2nd highest national award**, the "**Grand Commander of the Order of Niger**".
- **Foreign Leader Recognition:** **PM Modi** became the **second foreign leader** after **Queen Elizabeth (1969)** to receive this honor.
- **Key to the City:** **PM Modi** received the "**Key to the City of Abuja**" as a symbol of trust and honor.

About Nigeria



- **Nigeria Location:** **Nigeria** is a country in **West Africa** and is the **most populous country** in **Africa**.
- **Capital:** The **capital** of **Nigeria** is **Abuja**.
- **Currency:** The **Nigerian Naira** is the **currency** of **Nigeria**.
- **Nickname:** **Nigeria** is referred to as the "**Giant of Africa**" because of its large population.

Gabon Approves New Constitution to End Dynastic Rule in Landmark Referendum

Keywords: Gabon; referendum; new constitution; 91% approval; dynastic rule; democratic government; Brice Oligui Nguema; August 2023; Central Africa; Libreville; French; Central African CFA Franc; Commonwealth; Togo.

- **Event:** Gabon held a **landmark referendum** where **91% of voters** approved a **new constitution**.
- **Objective:** The new constitution aims to end **55 years of dynastic rule** and reintroduce a **democratic civilian government**.
- **Organizer:** **Transitional President Brice Oligui Nguema** organized the referendum.
- **Referendum Definition:** A **referendum** is an event where citizens vote on a specific **political question**.

About Gabon



- **Geographical Details:** Gabon is located on the **Atlantic coast** of **Central Africa**.
- **Official Language:** The official language of Gabon is **French**.
- **Capital:** The capital city of Gabon is **Libreville**.
- **Currency:** Gabon uses the **Central African CFA Franc** as its currency.
- **Commonwealth Membership:** Gabon, along with **Togo**, joined the **Commonwealth** in **2022**, becoming its **55th and 56th members**.

Iraq Conducts First Nationwide Census in 40 Years

Keywords: Iraq; first nationwide census; 40 years; 1987; de jure method; exclusion; India; James Princip; Allahabad; Banaras; non-synchronous census; 1872; synchronous census; 1881; Census Act 1948; Union affair; Collection of Statistics Act 2008.

- **Iraq Census:** Iraq is conducting its **first nationwide census** in **40 years**, the first since **1987**.
- **Census Method:** The census will use the **“de jure” method**, counting people based on their **current areas of residence**.
- **Exclusion Criteria:** **Iraqis living abroad** or those displaced to other countries will **not be counted**.

About Census in India



- **Census in India:** In India, **James Princip** conducted censuses in **Allahabad (1824)** and **Banaras (1827-1828)**.
- **Non-Synchronous Census:** The first **non-synchronous census** in India was carried out in **1872**, under the administration of **General Lord Mayo**.
- **First Synchronous Census:** The first **synchronous census** in India took place on **February 17, 1881**, under **W.C. Plowden**, the Census Commissioner of India, during the administration of **Lord Ripon**.
- **Census Governance in India:** The **Census Act of 1948** governs how the census is carried out in India.
- **Union Matter:** The census of the population is a **Union affair** in India.
- **Data Collection:** The **Collection of Statistics Act 2008** allows states and local bodies to gather data for **welfare schemes**.

Armenia Joins International Solar Alliance as its 104th Member

Keywords: Armenia; 104th member; International Solar Alliance (ISA); India-France initiative; UN Climate Change Conference; 2015; solar energy; Haryana; Ashish Khanna; Director General.

- **Membership:** **Armenia** has become the **104th full member** of the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**.

About International Solar Alliance (ISA)



- **Joint Initiative:** It is a **joint initiative** launched by **India and France** in **2015** at the **UN Climate Change Conference in Paris**.
- **Signatory Countries:** The ISA includes **over 120 signatory countries**, primarily those between the **Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn**.
- **Main Goal:** The main goal of the ISA is to **promote efficient solar energy use** to reduce **fossil fuel dependence**.
- **Headquarter:** The **ISA headquarters** is located in **Haryana, India**.
- **Leadership:** **Ashish Khanna** is the next **Director General** of ISA

Defense

India Successfully Tests Long-Range Hypersonic Missile

Keywords: India; long-range hypersonic missile; DRDO; Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island; Odisha; Mach 5; Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Missile Complex; Hyderabad.

- **Successful Test:** India has successfully conducted a **flight trial** of its **first long-range hypersonic missile**.
 - **Test Location:** The test was carried out at **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island**, Odisha.
 - **Missile Speed:** Hypersonic missiles travel at speeds of **Mach 5** (five times the speed of sound) or more.
 - **Development Agency:** The missile was developed by the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**.
 - **Development Center:** The missile was primarily designed at the **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Missile Complex**, Hyderabad.
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"Sanyukt Vimochan 2024" HADR Exercise Conducted in Gujarat

Keywords: Sanyukt Vimochan 2024; Indian Army; multi-agency; Ahmedabad; Porbandar; Gujarat; Cyclone; Konark Corps; Southern Command; HADR.

- **Exercise Name:** The annual "**Sanyukt Vimochan**" is a **multi-agency Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise** by the **Indian Army**.
 - **2024 Edition:** The **2024 edition** was successfully conducted in **Ahmedabad** and **Porbandar**, Gujarat.
 - **Theme:** The theme for 2024 was "**Cyclone in Coastal Region of Gujarat**".
 - **Organizers:** The exercise was organized by the **Konark Corps of the Indian Army's Southern Command**.
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General Upendra Dwivedi Conferred Honorary General Title by Nepal Army

Keywords: General Upendra Dwivedi; Chief of Army Staff; Indian Army; Honorary General; Nepal Army; every three years; mutual respect; India-Nepal.

- **Honorary Title:** General Upendra Dwivedi, the **Chief of Army Staff (COAS)** of the Indian Army, has been conferred the title of **Honorary General of the Nepal Army**.
 - **Tradition:** The **Chiefs of the Indian and Nepali Armies** exchange the title of **Honorary General** every three years.
 - **Significance:** This practice symbolizes **mutual respect, solidarity**, and the **enduring friendship** between **India and Nepal**.
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Celebrations

National Integration Day: Honoring Indira Gandhi's Legacy

Keywords: National Integration Day; Indira Gandhi; birth anniversary; November 19; first woman Prime Minister; Bal Charkha Sangh; Emergency; Bangladesh; Operation Blue Star; Bharat Ratna; Bangladesh Freedom Honour.

- **Date:** National Integration Day is observed annually on **November 19** to mark the **birth anniversary** of Indira Gandhi.

About Indira Gandhi



- **Birth:** Indira Priyadarshini Nehru was born on **19th November 1917** to **Jawaharlal Nehru** and **Kamla Nehru**.
- **First Female PM:** She was the **first and only female Prime Minister** of India.
- **Early Contribution:** She founded the '**Bal Charkha Sangh**' in **1930** to teach children spinning and weaving.
- **Tenure as PM:** She served as **Prime Minister of India** from **1966–1977** and **1980–1984**.
- **Longest Tenure:** She was the **second-longest-serving Indian PM**, after her father, **Jawaharlal Nehru**.
- **Bangladesh Creation:** During her tenure, **East Pakistan** became **Bangladesh** after its separation from **West Pakistan**.
- **Emergency Period:** She imposed the infamous **Emergency** from **1975 to 1977**.
- **Assassination:** She was assassinated on **31 October 1984** by her own bodyguards after ordering military action during **Operation Blue Star**.
- **Awards:** She received the **Bharat Ratna** in **1971** and the **Bangladesh Freedom Honour** in **2011**.

Awaas Diwas 2024: Celebrating 8 Years of PMAY-G (November 20)

Keywords: Awaas Diwas 2024; November 20; Ministry of Rural Development; 8th anniversary; Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin; PMAY-G; Housing for All; pucca houses; SECC 2011; Awaas+ 2018; Gram Sabha; SC/ST; differently-abled; disaster-affected families; ₹15,000 income; Awaas+ 2024 App; Aadhaar; 3D house designs.

- **Event Details:** Awaas Diwas 2024 was commemorated by the **Ministry of Rural Development**.
- **Date of Event:** The celebration took place on **November 20**, marking the **8th anniversary** of the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G)**.

About Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin



- **Vision of PMAY-G:** The scheme aims to achieve “**Housing for All**” by providing **pucca houses** with basic amenities.
- **Target:** The goal is to construct **5 crore houses** by **March 2029**.
- **Beneficiary Selection:** Beneficiaries are identified based on **SECC 2011** and **Awaas+ 2018** surveys, and the data is **verified by Gram Sabhas**.
- **Special Focus Groups:** The allocation includes **60% houses for SC/ST families** and **5% for differently-abled** and **disaster-affected families**.
- **Income Threshold:** The **monthly income threshold** for eligibility has been raised to **₹15,000**.
- **Innovations:** The **Awaas+ 2024 App** introduces **Aadhaar-based face authentication** and **3D house designs** for improved implementation.

Japan & Wales Announced as Partner Countries for 25th Hornbill Festival

Keywords: Japan; Wales; official partner country; 25th Hornbill Festival; Kisama; Nagaland; Festival of Festivals.

- **Partner Countries:** **Japan** and **Wales** have been announced as the **official partner countries** for the **25th Hornbill Festival**.
- **Event Location:** The festival will take place in **Kisama, Nagaland**.
- **Significance of the Festival:** The **Hornbill Festival**, referred to as the “**Festival of Festivals**,” is Nagaland’s premier **cultural event**.

Science & Tech

Climate TRACE Database Highlights Global Greenhouse Gas Emission Hotspots

Keywords: Climate TRACE; greenhouse gas emissions; Shanghai; Tokyo; New York; Permian Basin; Texas; 2024 UN Climate Change Conference; Baku; Azerbaijan; Al Gore.

- **Database Findings:** A **global database** by **Climate TRACE** identified the largest contributors to **greenhouse gas emissions**.
- **Top Polluting Cities:** **Shanghai** ranks as the most polluting city, followed by **Tokyo** and **New York**.
- **Worst Polluting Site:** The **Permian Basin** in **Texas** is the world's **worst individual polluting site**.
- **Event Context:** The data was released during the **2024 UN Climate Change Conference** in **Baku, Azerbaijan**.
- **Consortium Co-Founder:** **Climate TRACE** was co-founded by former USA vice president **Al Gore**.

New Flowering Plant Species *Crinum Andhricum* Discovered in Eastern Ghat

Keywords: *Crinum andhricum*; flowering plant; Eastern Ghats; Andhra Pradesh; Sapparla Hills; Amaryllidaceae; waxy white flowers; April to June; IUCN; Data Deficient.

- **Species Name:** Botanists have identified a new **flowering plant species** named ***Crinum andhricum***.
- **Discovery Location:** This species was discovered in the **Sapparla Hills** of the **Eastern Ghats** in **Andhra Pradesh**.
- **Plant Family:** ***Crinum andhricum*** belongs to the **Amaryllidaceae** family.
- **Flower Description:** It has **waxy white flowers** that bloom from **April to June**, with each cluster producing **12 to 38 flowers**.
- **IUCN Status:** The species has been given a preliminary '**Data Deficient**' status by the **IUCN**.

World Antimicrobial Resistance Week 2024: Educate, Advocate, Act Now

Keywords: World Antimicrobial Resistance Week; WAAW; 18-24 November; drug-resistant infections; Antimicrobial Resistance; AMR; bacteria; viruses; fungi; antibiotics; antivirals.

- **Observance Dates:** World Antimicrobial Resistance Week (WAAW) is observed annually from **18-24 November**.
- **Objective:** The campaign aims to **raise awareness** and promote **best practices** to reduce the spread of **drug-resistant infections**.
- **2024 Theme:** The theme for 2024 is **"Educate. Advocate. Act Now."**

About Antimicrobial Resistance



- **Definition:** AMR occurs when **bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites** adapt over time, making **antimicrobial agents** like antibiotics and antivirals **ineffective**.

India's GSAT-20 Satellite to Launch via SpaceX Falcon-9

Keywords: India; GSAT-20; SpaceX; Falcon-9; ISRO; Cape Canaveral; communication services; remote areas; LVM3; Bahubali; Chandrayaan.

- **Launch Vehicle:** India's **GSAT-20** satellite will be launched by **SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket** from **Cape Canaveral, USA**.
- **Satellite Purpose:** GSAT-20, developed by **ISRO**, will provide critical **communication services**, including **internet connectivity** to **remote areas**.
- **Satellite Weight:** GSAT-20 weighs **4,700 kg**, making it too heavy for ISRO's **LVM3 (Bahubali)** rocket.

About Launch Vehicle Mk III (LVM3)



- **LVM3 Capacity:** LVM3, a three-stage rocket, can launch satellites of up to **4,000 kg** into **geostationary transfer orbit (GTO)**.
- **Bahubali:** It is also known as **Bahubali Rocket**.
- **LVM3 Uses:** The LVM3 rocket has been used for missions like **Chandrayaan-2** and **Chandrayaan-3**.

Super Typhoon Man-yi Hits the Philippines

Keywords: Super Typhoon Man-yi; Pepito; Philippines; second landfall; wind strength; category 4; category 5; hurricane.

- **Typhoon Name:** The typhoon is internationally called **Man-yi** and locally referred to as **Pepito**.
- **Landfall:** **Super Typhoon Man-yi** has made a **second landfall** in the **Philippines**.
- **Super Typhoon:** A **super typhoon** is defined as a typhoon with **sustained surface winds** of **240 km/h (150 miles/h)** or more.

Hurricanes, Cyclones and Typhoons



- **Tropical Cyclone:** They are all **forms of tropical cyclones**, which are the same weather phenomenon.
- **Typhoons:** **Typhoons** form in the **Northwest Pacific Ocean**.
- **Impact Areas:** These impact areas like **Japan, China**, and the **Philippines**.
- **Hurricaness:** **Hurricanes** form in the **North Atlantic, central North Pacific** and **eastern North Pacific** Oceans.
- **Cyclones:** **Cyclones** form in the **South Pacific** and **Indian Ocean**.

NASA and Microsoft Launch Earth Copilot AI Tool for Simplified Access to Geospatial Data

Keywords: NASA; Microsoft; Earth Copilot; AI-powered chatbot; geospatial data; Azure cloud; Earth Science insights; plain-language queries.

- **Collaboration:** **NASA** and **Microsoft** have teamed up to create **Earth Copilot**, an **AI-powered chatbot**.
- **Purpose:** The tool simplifies access to **NASA's complex geospatial data**.
- **Technology:** Using **Microsoft's Azure cloud**, the tool allows users to retrieve **Earth Science insights** through **plain-language queries**.

'One Day One Genome' Initiative Launched by DBT and BRIC

Keywords: Department of Biotechnology; DBT; Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council; BRIC; One Day One Genome; initiative; genome sequencing; bacterial species; India; genome-encoded enzymes; antimicrobial resistance; bioactive compounds.

- **Initiative Launch:** The **Department of Biotechnology (DBT)** and the **Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council (BRIC)** launched the '**One Day One Genome**' initiative.
- **Main Objective:** The primary objective of the initiative is the **genome sequencing of unique bacterial species** found in **India**.
- **Core Research Focus:** The core research focus includes identifying **genome-encoded enzymes**, **antimicrobial resistance**, and **bioactive compounds**.

Understanding the Genome



- **Definition of Genome:** A **genome** is essentially the blueprint of an organism's **genetic information**.
- **Composition of Genome:** The **genome** of almost all living organisms is composed of **DNA**.
- **Origin of the Term 'Genome':** The term '**Genome**' was first introduced by **Hans Winkler**.
- **Human Genome:** The **human genome** consists of **23 pairs of chromosomes** and a total of **3 billion DNA base pairs**.
- **DNA Functionality:** The **genome** holds all the **necessary genetic instructions** for the growth, development, and functioning of an organism.

Sports

Indian Tennis Star Prajnesh Gunneswaran Retires from Professional Tennis

Keywords: Prajnesh Gunneswaran; Indian tennis star; retirement; bronze medal; 2018 Jakarta Asian Games.

- **Retirement Announcement:** Prajnesh Gunneswaran, the Indian tennis star, announced his retirement from professional tennis.
- **Achievement:** He won a **bronze medal** in singles at the **2018 Jakarta Asian Games**.

FIFA Unveils NASA-Inspired Trophy for Expanded 32-Team Club World Cup

Keywords: FIFA; NASA-inspired; golden trophy; 32-team; Club World Cup; Voyager missions; periodic table; celestial journeys; 2025; United States; Manchester City; defending champion.

- **Trophy Design:** FIFA has unveiled a **NASA-inspired golden trophy** for the **expanded 32-team Club World Cup**.
- **Design Inspiration:** The design is inspired by **NASA's 1970s Voyager missions**, the **periodic table**, and the mapping of **celestial journeys**, linking football to exploration and global unity.
- **Tournament Schedule:** The **trophy** will be awarded at the **first-ever 32-team tournament** in **2025**.

About 2025 FIFA Club World Cup



- **Tournament Details:** The **2025 FIFA Club World Cup** is the planned **21st edition** of the tournament, an **international club soccer competition**.
- **Tournament Location:** The tournament is scheduled to be played in the **United States**.
- **Expanded Format:** It is planned to be the first edition under an **expanded format** with **32 teams**.
- **Defending Champion:** **Manchester City** is the **defending champion**, having won under the old format in **2023**.

West Bengal Wins 4th National Finswimming Championship 2024

Keywords: 4th National Finswimming Championship 2024; Syama Prasad Mookerjee Swimming Pool Complex; New Delhi; West Bengal; finswimming; underwater sport; fins.

- **Event Location:** The **4th National Finswimming Championship 2024** was held at the **Syama Prasad Mookerjee Swimming Pool Complex, New Delhi**.
- **Team Champions:** **West Bengal** was crowned team champions, winning **151 medals**.
- **Sport Details:** **Finswimming** is an **underwater sport** involving swimming with the use of **fins**.

Jyothi Surekha Vennam Wins Gold, Abhishek Verma Bags Silver at GT Open 2024

Keywords: GT Open 2024; Luxembourg; Jyothi Surekha Vennam; gold medal; women's compound archery; Abhishek Verma; silver medal; men's competition; indoor archery; Strassen.

- **Event:** The **GT Open 2024** is an **indoor archery competition** held in **Strassen, Luxembourg**.
- **Women's Champion:** **Jyothi Surekha Vennam** from **India** secured the **gold medal** in **women's compound archery**.
- **Men's Runner-up:** **Abhishek Verma** won the **silver medal** in the **men's competition**.

Odisha Wins 14th Hockey India Senior National Championship

Keywords: Odisha; 14th Hockey India Senior National Championship; SDAT-Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium; Chennai.

- **Event:** The **14th Hockey India Senior National Championship** was held in **Chennai**.
- **Venue:** The final took place at the **SDAT-Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium**.
- **Winner:** **Odisha** emerged victorious in the tournament.

Magnus Carlsen and Kateryna Lagno Shine at Tata Steel Chess India Tournament

Keywords: Magnus Carlsen; Kateryna Lagno; Tata Steel Chess India; blitz title; rapid event; Kolkata; women's blitz title; speed chess; fast time control.

- **Men's Blitz Champion:** Norwegian Chess Grandmaster Magnus Carlsen won the **blitz** title at the Tata Steel Chess India tournament.
 - **Rapid Winner:** Magnus Carlsen also claimed victory in the **rapid** event.
 - **Event Location:** The tournament was held in **Kolkata**.
 - **Women's Blitz Champion:** Kateryna Lagno from **Russia** secured the **women's blitz** title.
 - **Blitz Chess:** **Blitz chess**, also known as **speed chess**, involves games with a **fast time control**.
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India to Host the Inaugural Kho Kho World Cup 2025 in New Delhi

Keywords: Kho Kho World Cup 2025; India; New Delhi; Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium; Indian Olympic Association; Kho Kho Federation of India; PT Usha; 24 teams; six continents; Maharashtra; RATHERA; 1914; Bal Gangadhar Tilak.

- **Event:** India will host the **inaugural Kho Kho World Cup** in **2025**.
- **Venue:** The tournament will take place at the **Indira Gandhi Indoor (IGI) Stadium** in **New Delhi**.
- **Organizers:** The **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** has partnered with the **Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI)** for the event.
- **IOA President:** **PT Usha** is the President of the **Indian Olympic Association**.
- **Participation:** A total of **24 teams** from **six continents** will compete in the tournament.

About Kho Kho



- **About the Game:** Kho Kho is one of **India's oldest traditional tag games**, originating in **Maharashtra**.
- **Team Composition:** Each team consists of **12 players**, with **9 players** from each side on the field during a match.
- **Ancient Form:** In ancient times, Kho Kho was played on **chariots** and called **RATHERA**.
- **Modern Form:** The modern version of Kho Kho was adopted in **1914** during **World War I**.
- **First Rule Book:** **Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak** wrote the first **rule book** for Kho Kho.

India Retains Title at Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024

Keywords: India; Women's Hockey Team; Women's Asian Champions Trophy; China; Rajgir Sports Complex; Bihar; Deepika Kumari; Player of the Tournament.

- **Title Defense:** India's Women's Hockey Team retained their title at the **Women's Asian Champions Trophy**.
 - **Final Match:** India defeated **China** at the **Rajgir Sports Complex** in **Bihar**.
 - **Player of the Tournament:** **Deepika Kumari** from India was named the **Player of the Tournament**.
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Italy Wins Fifth Billie Jean King Cup Title

Keywords: Italy; fifth title; Billie Jean King Cup; Slovakia; final; 2024; Málaga; Spain; women's team tennis; Davis Cup.

- **Victory:** Italy won its **fifth Billie Jean King Cup title** by defeating **Slovakia** in the final.
 - **Host City:** The **2024 edition** of the tournament was held in **Málaga, Spain**.
 - **Tournament Description:** The Billie Jean King Cup is an **international women's team tennis competition**, equivalent to the **Davis Cup** for men.
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Eden Gardens to Honour Jhulan Goswami with Stand

Keywords: Jhulan Goswami; Eden Gardens; Cricket Association of Bengal; Chakda Express; women's ODIs.

- **Stand Renaming:** The **Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB)** announced that a **stand at Eden Gardens** will be renamed to honor **Jhulan Goswami**.
 - **Historic First:** Jhulan will be the **first woman cricketer** to have a stand named after her at the iconic **Eden Gardens, Kolkata**.
 - **Record Holder:** Jhulan Goswami tops the list of **all-time wicket-takers** in women's ODIs.
 - **Chakda Express:** She is popularly known as the "**Chakda Express**", reflecting her roots in **Chakdaha, West Bengal**.
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Awards

GHIAL Wins Global Recognition at Saudi Airport Exhibition 2024

Keywords: GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited; Airport Excellence Awards; Saudi Airport Exhibition 2024; Digital Twin; Innovation and Technology; Facility Management; Smart Shopping Trolley; Airport Revenue Management.

- **Award Recognition:** GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL) received global recognition at the 'Airport Excellence Awards' during the **Saudi Airport Exhibition 2024**.
- **Winning Technology:** GHIAL's 'Digital Twin' technology won awards in the categories of **Innovation and Technology** and **Facility Management**.
- **Additional Recognition:** GHIAL's 'Smart Shopping Trolley' was recognized as the **runner-up** in the **Airport Revenue Management** category.

About Digital Twin Technology



- **Virtual Replica:** The **Digital Twin** creates a **virtual replica** of the airport
- **Real-time Integration:** It integrates **real-time data** to improve **operational efficiency** and **passenger experience**.

Manoj Bajpayee's Film 'The Fable' Wins Best Film at Leeds International Film Festival

Keywords: Manoj Bajpayee; The Fable; Best Film; 38th Leeds International Film Festival; Raam Reddy; Constellation Feature Film Competition; groundbreaking cinema.

- **Award:** Manoj Bajpayee's film **The Fable** won the **Best Film** award at the **38th Leeds International Film Festival**.
 - **Competition Category:** The award was clinched in the **Constellation Feature Film Competition**, which honors **groundbreaking cinema worldwide**.
 - **Director:** The film was directed by **Raam Reddy**.
 - **Achievement:** No **Indian film** had previously received this **prestigious honor** at the festival.
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Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad Win Indira Gandhi Prize 2023

Keywords: Indira Gandhi Prize 2023; Daniel Barenboim; Ali Abu Awwad; peace; disarmament; development; Roots organization; Palestinians; Israelis; Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.

- **Awardees:** The **Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development for 2023** was awarded to **Daniel Barenboim** and **Ali Abu Awwad**.
 - **Daniel Barenboim's Contribution:** He was honored for **uniting people through music**.
 - **Ali Abu Awwad's Contribution:** He was recognized for his **peace efforts via Roots**, a group promoting dialogue between **Palestinians and Israelis**.
 - **About the Prize:** The Indira Gandhi Prize is a **prestigious annual award**, established in **1986** by the **Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust**.
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Coal India Limited Wins Green World Environment Award 2024

Keywords: Coal India Limited; Green World Environment Award 2024; Green World Ambassador; CSR; Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna; Bone Marrow Transplant; The Green Organization; Kensington Palace.

- **Award Received:** Coal India Limited (CIL) received the **Green World Environment Award 2024** in the **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** category.
 - **Additional Honor:** CIL was also recognized as a **Green World Ambassador** for its efforts.
 - **CSR Initiative Highlighted:** CIL's **Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojna** provides **permanent curative treatment** for Thalassemia patients through **Bone Marrow Transplants (BMT)**.
 - **Award Organization:** The award is presented by **The Green Organization**, which recognizes global excellence in **environmental and CSR practices**.
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PM Modi Honored with Prestigious Awards by Guyana and Dominica

Keywords: PM Modi; The Order of Excellence; Guyana; Dominica Award of Honour; President Irfaan Ali; President Sylvanie Burton; AstraZeneca vaccines; COVID-19; Georgetown; Kaieteur Falls; English-speaking; South America.

- **Award Name and Country:** PM Modi was awarded '**The Order of Excellence**', the highest honor of **Guyana**, by President **Irfaan Ali**.

- **Second Award:** PM Modi was also conferred the '**Dominica Award of Honour**' by President **Sylvanie Burton** of **Dominica**.
- **Reason for Awards:** These awards recognized **PM Modi's leadership** and **India's support during the COVID-19 pandemic**.
- **COVID-19 Contribution:** India provided **70,000 AstraZeneca vaccines** to **Dominica** during the pandemic.

About Guyana



- **Guyana's Location:** **Guyana** is located on the **northern coast of South America**.
- **Capital of Guyana:** The capital city of Guyana is **Georgetown**.
- **Famous Natural Feature:** The famous **Kaieteur Falls** is located in Guyana.
- **Language in Guyana:** Guyana is the **only English-speaking country** in South America.

About Dominica



- **Location:** Dominica is an **island country in the Caribbean**.
- **Nickname:** Dominica is often called the "**Nature Island of the Caribbean**" due to its rich natural environment.
- **Unique Wildlife:** The **Sisserou parrot**, or **Imperial amazon**, is a **critically endangered species** found only in Dominica.
- **Capital City:** The capital of Dominica is **Roseau**.
- **Currency:** Dominica uses the **East Caribbean Dollar (XCD)** as its currency.

Appointments

Valdecy Urquiza Elected as Secretary General of Interpol at 92nd General Assembly

Keywords: Valdecy Urquiza; Secretary General; Interpol; 92nd General Assembly; Glasgow; ICPO-INTERPOL; police cooperation; Lyon headquarters; 1923; Vienna; India; CBI.

- **New Secretary General:** Valdecy Urquiza has been elected as the new **Secretary General of Interpol**.
- **Election Venue:** The election took place during Interpol's **92nd General Assembly** held in **Glasgow, Scotland**.

About Interpol



- **Organization Name:** Interpol is officially known as the **International Criminal Police Organization (ICPO-INTERPOL)**.
- **Purpose:** It is an **international organization** that facilitates **worldwide police cooperation** and **crime control**.
- **Global Standing:** Interpol is the **world's largest international police organization**.
- **Headquarters:** The organization is headquartered in **Lyon, France**.
- **Founding:** Interpol was founded in **1923** during the **International Police Congress** in **Vienna** as the **International Criminal Police Commission (ICPC)**.
- **India's Membership:** **India** became a member of Interpol in **1949**.
- **National Bureau:** The **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)** acts as India's **National Central Bureau** for Interpol.

Harbhajan Singh and Sania Mirza Appointed as Sports Ambassadors of Dubai

Keywords: Dubai Sports Council; Harbhajan Singh; Sania Mirza; Sports Ambassadors; global sports destination; Dubai; ; UAE; Burj Khalifa; paperless government.

- **Appointment:** Former Indian cricketer **Harbhajan Singh** and tennis player **Sania Mirza** have been appointed as **Sports Ambassadors** by the **Dubai Sports Council**.

- **Purpose:** This initiative aims to enhance **Dubai's reputation** as a **global sports destination**.

About Dubai



- **City in UAE:** Dubai is the **most populous city** in the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**.
- **Landmark:** It is home to the world's tallest building, the **Burj Khalifa**.
- **Digital Achievement:** Dubai is the **first government in the world** to become **100% paperless**.

Nandan Kumar Jha Elected President of International Mind Sports Association

Keywords: Nandan Kumar Jha; International Mind Sports Association; IMSA; president; Sao Paulo; Brazil; chess; esports; bridge; IOC; Lausanne; Switzerland.

- **Election:** **Nandan Kumar Jha** from **India** has been elected as the **president** of the **International Mind Sports Association (IMSA)**.
 - **Election Venue:** The election took place during IMSA's **annual general assembly** in **Sao Paulo, Brazil**.
 - **Governed Sports:** IMSA oversees **mind sports** such as **chess, esports, and bridge**.
 - **Global Membership:** IMSA has a network of **over 200 member countries** and collaborates with the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**.
 - **Headquarters:** IMSA is headquartered in **Lausanne, Switzerland**.
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Important Days

World Day of Remembrance Observed on Third Sunday of November

Keywords: World Day of Remembrance; Road Traffic Victims; third Sunday of November; road accidents; India; second-largest road network; National Highways; State Highways; Major District Roads; Rural Roads; twenty-year road plan; 1961; NH-44; Srinagar; Kanyakumari.

- **Observation Date:** The **World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (WDR)** is observed on the **third Sunday of November** each year.
- **Purpose:** It is a global event dedicated to honoring the **millions of lives lost or severely affected** by road traffic accidents.

About Roads in India



- **India's Road Network:** India has the **second-largest road network in the world**, after the **United States**.
- **Road Classification:** Roads in India are classified into **4 types** for construction and maintenance purposes: **National Highways (NH)**, **State Highways (SH)**, **Major District Roads**, and **Rural Roads**.
- **Post-Independence Development:** The **twenty-year road plan** was introduced in **1961** to improve road conditions in India.
- **Road Capacity Classification:** Roads in India are divided into **6 classes** based on capacity, with **Class 1** being the highest and **Class 6** the lowest.
- **Longest National Highway:** **NH-44** is the **longest national highway in India**, running from **Srinagar** in the north to **Kanyakumari** in the south.

International Day for Tolerance: Promoting Understanding and Cultural Harmony

Keywords: International Day for Tolerance; November 16; mutual understanding; UNESCO; Declaration of Principles on Tolerance; 1995; Mahatma Gandhi; United Nations Year for Tolerance; UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize; UNESCO; every two years; 1996; tolerance; non-violence

- **Observation Date:** The **International Day for Tolerance** is observed annually on **November 16**.

- **Objective:** It aims to promote **mutual understanding among cultures** and encourage **tolerance** among individuals.
- **Foundation:** It is based on the **Declaration of Principles on Tolerance** adopted by **UNESCO** in **1995**.
- **UN Year for Tolerance:** The **UNGA** proclaimed **1995** as the **United Nations Year for Tolerance**, with **UNESCO** as the lead organization.

UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize



- **Award Frequency:** The **UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize** is awarded every **two years** by **UNESCO**.
- **Inception:** The prize was inaugurated in **1996**, following the **1995 United Nations Year for Tolerance**.
- **Purpose:** The prize aims to **honor and reward extraordinary creative achievements** in promoting **tolerance** and **non-violence**.

National Press Day Observed on November 16

Keywords: National Press Day; November 16; Press Council of India; PCI; 1966; World Press Freedom Day; UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize; Gaza; India rank; 2024 World Press Freedom Index; Reporters Without Borders; Norway.

- **Date of Observation:** **National Press Day** is observed every year on **November 16**.
- **Commemoration:** The day commemorates the establishment of the **Press Council of India (PCI)** in **1966**.
- **Purpose of PCI:** The **Press Council of India** was formed in **1966** as a **statutory and quasi-judicial body** to protect **freedom of the press** and regulate its **ethical standards**.
- **World Press Freedom Day:** **World Press Freedom Day** will be celebrated on **May 3, 2024**.
- **2024 Press Freedom Prize:** **Palestinian journalists** covering Gaza have been named as laureates of the **2024 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize**.

World Press Freedom Index



- **India's Press Freedom Rank:** India ranks **159th** out of **180 countries** in the **2024 World Press Freedom Index**.
- **Index Release Organization:** The **World Press Freedom Index** is released by **Reporters Without Borders (RSF)**, a French **non-governmental organization**.
- **Top Ranking Country:** **Norway** ranks **1st** in the **World Press Freedom Index**.

November 19 International Men's Day 2024: Celebrating Positive Male Role Models

Keywords: International Men's Day; November 19; 2024 theme; Positive Male Role Models; origins; Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh; 1992.

- **Date:** **International Men's Day** is celebrated annually on **November 19**.
- **2024 Theme:** The theme for 2024 is "**Positive Male Role Models**".
- **Origins:** The day was first proposed in **1992** by **Dr. Jerome Teelucksingh**.

20 November World Children's Day: Celebrating Children's Rights and Welfare

Keywords: World Children's Day; November 20; children's welfare; children's rights; theme 2024; Listen to the Future; Declaration of the Rights of the Child; Convention on the Rights of the Child; 1959; 1989.

- **Date of Celebration:** **World Children's Day** is celebrated annually on **November 20**.
- **Purpose:** The day is dedicated to promoting **children's welfare** and safeguarding their **rights**.
- **Theme for 2024:** The theme for **World Children's Day 2024** is "**Listen to the Future**".
- **Historical Significance:** The day began commemorating the anniversaries of both the **Declaration of the Rights of the Child** (1959) and the **Convention on the Rights of the Child** (1989).

World Fisheries Day 2024: Celebrating Sustainable Fisheries (November 21)

Keywords: World Fisheries Day; November 21; 1997; World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers; New Delhi; Blue Transformation; sunrise sector; inland fisheries; Andhra Pradesh; Blue Revolution; 7th Five-Year Plan; 1985-1990; 3rd largest fish producer; 2nd largest aquaculture nation; largest shrimp producer.

- **Celebration Date:** **World Fisheries Day** is celebrated globally every year on **November 21**.
- **Historical Origin:** The celebration began in **1997** with the establishment of the **World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers** in **New Delhi, India**.
- **Theme for 2024:** This year's theme is "**India's Blue Transformation: Strengthening Small-Scale and Sustainable Fisheries**."

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- **Fisheries Sector in India:** India's fisheries sector is recognized as a "**sunrise sector**", with **70% of fisheries** coming from **inland fisheries**.
- **Largest Fish Producing State:** **Andhra Pradesh** is the largest fish-producing state in India.
- **Blue Revolution:** The **Blue Revolution** associated with fish production was launched in **India** during the **7th Five-Year Plan (1985-1990)**.
- **Global Rankings:**
 - India is the **3rd largest fish producer** in the world.
 - India is the **2nd largest aquaculture nation** globally.
 - India is the **largest shrimp producer** in the world.

Personalities

Former Supreme Court Judge Harjit Singh Bedi Passes Away

Keywords: Harjit Singh Bedi; former Supreme Court judge; ex-Chief Justice; Bombay High Court; passed away; fake encounter cases; Gujarat.

- **Judicial Career:** Harjit Singh Bedi, a former Supreme Court judge and ex-Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court, has passed away.
- **Notable Contribution:** He is remembered for his significant role in reviewing fake encounter cases in Gujarat.

British Olympic Champion Alistair Brownlee Retires from Triathlon

Keywords: Alistair Brownlee; retirement; triathlon; 36; Olympic champion; endurance sport; swimming; cycling; running.

- **Retirement Announcement:** Alistair Brownlee, British Olympic champion, retired from triathlon at the age of 36.
 - **Triathlon Description:** A triathlon is an endurance multisport race comprising swimming, cycling, and running across various distances.
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Miscellaneous

Dr. S. Jaishankar Launches New Book 'Why Bharat Matters'

Keywords: External Affairs Minister; Dr. S. Jaishankar; book launch; Why Bharat Matters.

- **Book Title:** External Affairs Minister **Dr. S. Jaishankar** launched his new book titled "**Why Bharat Matters**".
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US Returns 1,400 Looted Artifacts to India

Keywords: United States; 1,400 artifacts; \$10 million; looted artifacts; India; repatriation; Cultural Property Agreement; South Asia; Southeast Asia; July.

- **Repatriation of Artifacts:** The **United States** has returned **over 1,400 looted artifacts** to **India**, valued at **\$10 million**.
 - **Ongoing Initiative:** This repatriation is part of a broader effort to **return stolen cultural items** from **South and Southeast Asia**.
 - **Cultural Property Agreement:** In **July 2024**, **India and the US** signed their first **Cultural Property Agreement** to combat the **illicit trafficking of antiquities**.
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All Living Things Environmental Film Festival (ALT EFF) 2024 to Be Held in Mumbai

Keywords: ALT EFF; Mumbai; 2020; environmental awareness; films; Jackie Shroff; brand ambassador.

- **Event Name:** The **All Living Things Environmental Film Festival (ALT EFF)** will take place in **Mumbai**.
 - **Launch Year:** The festival was **launched in 2020** to promote **environmental awareness through films**.
 - **Brand Ambassador:** **Bollywood actor Jackie Shroff** serves as the **brand ambassador** for the festival.
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PM Modi Gifts 'Silofar Panchamrit Kalash' to Nigerian President

Keywords: Narendra Modi; Bola Ahmed Tinubu; Silofar Panchamrit Kalash; silver pot; Kolhapur; Maharashtra; traditional craftsmanship.

- **Gift to Nigerian President:** Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** presented Nigerian President **Bola Ahmed Tinubu** with a 'Silofar Panchamrit Kalash'.
 - **Cultural Significance:** The silver **Kalash** is a stunning example of **traditional metal craftsmanship** from **Kolhapur, Maharashtra**.
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