

# Weekly One Liners 22nd to 28th of January 2024

## Ayodhya Ram Mandir Inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi

On January 22, 2024, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **Ram Mandir in Ayodhya**, marking a momentous occasion in India's history. The inauguration involved the 'Pran Pratishtha' (consecration) ceremony of the Ram Lalla idol, a pivotal event that symbolizes the infusion of life into the idol. The event, attended by over 7,000 dignitaries, was not just a religious ceremony but also a cultural milestone for India.

### Prime Minister's Participation

Prime Minister Modi's involvement was central to the ceremony. He participated in the 'Pran Pratishtha' of the Ram Lalla idol from 12:29:03 pm to 12:30:35 pm, a brief but highly auspicious 84-second window during the '**Abhijit muhurta**'. His visit to Ayodhya spanned nearly four hours, filled with various activities and rituals associated with the inauguration.

### The Ram Lalla Idol and Temple Complex

The Ram Lalla idol, crafted by renowned sculptor Arun Yogiraj from Karnataka, is a 51-inch black-coloured depiction of Lord Ram as a five-year-old child. It was installed inside the temple's sanctum sanctorum on January 18 as part of the preparatory rituals. The temple itself, an architectural marvel, stands at a length of **380 feet**, a width of **250 feet**, and a height of **161 feet**, embodying the traditional Nagara style of architecture.

### Comprehensive Security and Celebrations

Ayodhya was transformed into a secure and festive zone. An extensive security network, including AI-powered drones and 13,000 security personnel, was deployed. The city was adorned with flowers and lights, echoing with slogans and verses from the Ramayana. The celebrations extended beyond Ayodhya, with people from different states contributing various gifts and offerings.

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## ICC Awards 2023, Check the Awardee's Name

The **ICC Awards 2023**, organized by the **International Cricket Council**, represents the pinnacle of recognition for international cricket players. These prestigious awards celebrate the extraordinary talents and achievements of cricketers from around the world. This year's ceremony saw a range of players being honoured for their exceptional performances across various formats of the game.

The ICC Awards 2023 witnessed a diverse group of cricketers being acknowledged for their outstanding contributions to the sport.

**Here are all the winners of ICC Awards 2023:**

### ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year

- Australia skipper **Pat Cummins** was announced as the winner of the **Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for the ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year 2023**. The inspirational captain had a stellar run with the bat and ball, and garnered remarkable team accolades, including a victory in the ICC World Test Championship Final, retention of the Ashes, and a record sixth triumph in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023.

### ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2023

- Veteran Indian batter **Virat Kohli** was crowned the **ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2023** for his exceptional year in the 50-over format. Player of the tournament at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, Virat Kohli was announced as the ICC Men's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2023. The Indian batter had a superb year with the bat, culminating in a record tally of runs at the home World Cup, where his contributions played a major part in India's run to the final.

### ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year 2023

- Usman Khawaja** was named as the ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year 2023. Khawaja edged out tough competition from teammate Travis Head, India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, and England's Joe Root for the award following a successful year that culminated in Australia claiming their first ICC World Test Championship title. He scored 1210 runs in 13 Tests in the year.

### Rachael Heyhoe Flint Award for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year 2023

- England's all-rounder **Nat Sciver-Brunt** took home the Award for the second year in a row. 2023 was yet another remarkable year for Sciver-Brunt, with some of her exceptional knocks coming during the home Ashes against Australia.

**ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year 2023**

- **Chamari Athapaththu**, already leading the Women's T20I and ODI sides of the year, added another feather to her cap by winning this feat. Athapaththu was rewarded for her exceptional year with the bat in ODIs. The Sri Lanka top-order batter made significant contributions with the bat and as captain, notably leading the side to a first bilateral series win over New Zealand.

**ICC Men's Associate Cricketer of the Year 2023**

- **Bas de Leede** was named as the **ICC Men's Associate Cricketer of the Year 2023** for his remarkable all-round run in the year. He was the standout player for the Netherlands at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 Qualifier and the World Cup in India.

**ICC Women's Associate Cricketer of the Year 2023**

- **Queentor Abel made Kenya** proud by winning the ICC Women's Associate Cricketer of the Year for 2023. She picked 30 T20I wickets at an unreal average of 7.36, and scored 476 T20I runs at 34.

**ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year 2023**

- For the second successive year, **India's T20I beast Suryakumar Yadav** has been awarded the ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year award. With his eclectic mix of shots, Suryakumar dominated 2023 with an average that closed in on 50 and a strike rate exceeding 150. The backbone of India's middle order got starts throughout the year, delivering several match-winning contributions.

**ICC Women's T20I Cricketer of the Year 2023**

- **Hayley Matthews** became just the second player from the West Indies to win the honour. Former skipper Stafanie Taylor was the previous cricketer to have won this award in 2015. Matthews added to her reputation with some sensational knocks with the bat and her sharp work with the ball. Her very best came against Australia in Australia.

**ICC Men's Emerging Cricketer of the Year 2023**

- **Rachin Ravindra** beat South Africa quick Gerald Coetzee, Sri Lanka pacer Dilshan Madushanka, and India batter Yashasvi Jaiswal for the prized award. He had an amazing ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in India where he amassed a whopping 578 runs.

**ICC Women's Emerging Cricketer of the Year 2023**

- Litchfield edged out Bangladesh teenager **Marufa Akter**, England quick Lauren Bell and Scotland all-rounder Darcey Carter for the coveted award on the back of a remarkable 12 months at the top of Australia's strong batting order.

**Republic Day 2024, Date, Theme, History and Significance**

**Republic Day in India** is celebrated every year on **January 26th** to commemorate the day when the Constitution of India came into effect in **1950**, replacing the **Government of India Act (1935)**. This day marks India's emergence as a sovereign, democratic republic. The **75th Republic Day** in 2024 holds a special place in the hearts of Indians as it symbolizes the journey of the nation from colonial rule to an independent, vibrant democracy.

**Republic Day 2024 Theme**

The themes for Republic Day 2024, **"Viksit Bharat" (Developed India)** and **"Bharat – Loktantra ki Matraka" (India – Mother of Democracy)**, encapsulate the aspirations and democratic ethos of the nation.

**Republic Day 2024 Chief Guest**

For the Republic Day 2024 celebrations, the guest of honour is **Emmanuel Macron**, the President of France. This significant day will be marked with various patriotic events, including an impressive parade and a vivid showcase of India's cultural richness. The occasion is set to honour India's unity, diversity, and development remarkably and memorably.

**History of Republic Day**

The origins of Republic Day go back to India's fight for independence from British colonialism. After gaining independence on **August 15, 1947**, India was governed by the **Government of India Act, of 1935**, and did not have its constitution. Under the leadership of **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**, a committed committee was formed to draft the constitution. This effort culminated in the adoption of the Constitution of India on **January 26, 1950, marking a pivotal shift as India emerged as a sovereign, socialist, secular, and democratic republic.**

**Significance of Republic Day**

Republic Day is significant as it represents the true spirit of independent India. It is a day to remember the sacrifices of freedom fighters and the struggles of the Indian independence movement. It also serves as a reminder of the commitment to uphold the values enshrined in the Constitution, including unity, integrity, and diversity.

Republic Day stands as a source of pride for Indians worldwide, symbolizing the end of the struggle for independence and the establishment of a self-governing nation. It serves as a tribute to the democratic principles enshrined in the Constitution, guiding the nation forward. Moreover, Republic Day showcases India's cultural richness and unity in diversity through grand celebrations in New Delhi.

**Republic Day Celebrations**

The main event of Republic Day is the grand parade held in the capital, **New Delhi, at Rajpath**, showcasing India’s military might and cultural diversity. The parade includes a display of advanced military equipment, vibrant cultural tableaux from various states, and performances by school children. The celebration also features prestigious bravery and civilian awards like the **Ashok Chakra and Padma Awards**.

**Padma Awards 2024 Winners List, Padma Awardees**

**Padma Awards 2024:** The Padma Awards, among India’s highest civilian honours, are given in three categories: **Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri**. These awards recognize outstanding service in various areas like arts, social work, public affairs, science, trade, medicine, education, sports, and civil service. The Padma Vibhushan is for exceptional service, the Padma Bhushan is for high-order service, and the Padma Shri is for distinguished service in any area. These awards are announced on Republic Day each year.

The President of India presents these awards in special ceremonies at Rashtrapati Bhawan, typically in March or April. For 2024, the President has approved 132 Padma Awards, including 2 joint awards (counted as one). The list includes 5 Padma Vibhushan, 17 Padma Bhushan, and 110 Padma Shri Awards. Among the awardees, 30 are women, and there are also 8 people from the Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI category and 9 posthumous awardees. Full list of winners of this year’s Padma Awards 2024 –

**Padma Awards 2024: Padma Vibhushan Awards 2024 Winners List**

The Padma Vibhushan is one of India’s highest civilian honors, awarded for exceptional and distinguished service in various fields. The list of Padma Vibhushan awardees for 2024 includes notable personalities from the fields of art, public affairs, and social work.

S.No.	Awardee Name	Field	State
1.	Ms. Vyjayantimala Bali	Art	Tamil Nadu
2.	Shri Konidela Chiranjeevi	Art	Andhra Pradesh
3.	Shri M Venkaiah Naidu	Public Affairs	Andhra Pradesh
4.	Shri Bindeshwar Pathak	Social Work	Bihar
5.	Ms. Padma Subrahmanyam	Art	Tamil Nadu

**Padma Awards 2024- Detailed List of Padma Bhushan Awardees 2024**

The Padma Bhushan, India’s third-highest civilian award, recognizes distinguished service of high order in various fields. The 2024 Padma Bhushan awardees include eminent personalities from fields like public affairs, literature, art, trade, medicine, and spirituality.

S.No.	Awardee Name	Field	State/Country
1.	Ms. M Fathima Beevi	Public Affairs	Kerala
2.	Shri Hormusji N Cama	Literature & Education	Maharashtra
3.	Shri Mithun Chakraborty	Art	West Bengal
4.	Shri Sitaram Jindal	Trade & Industry	Karnataka
5.	Shri Young Liu	Trade & Industry	Taiwan
6.	Shri Ashwin Balachand Mehta	Medicine	Maharashtra
7.	Shri Satyabrata Mookherjee	Public Affairs	West Bengal
8.	Shri Ram Naik	Public Affairs	Maharashtra
9.	Shri Tejas Madhusudan Patel	Medicine	Gujarat
10.	Shri Olanchery Rajagopal	Public Affairs	Kerala
11.	Shri Dattatray Ambadas Mayaloo alias Rajdutt	Art	Maharashtra
12.	Shri Togdan Rinpoche	Others – Spiritualism	Ladakh
13.	Shri Pyarelal Sharma	Art	Maharashtra
14.	Shri Chandreshwar Prasad Thakur	Medicine	Bihar
15.	Ms. Usha Uthup	Art	West Bengal
16.	Shri Vijaykanth	Art	Tamil Nadu
17.	Shri Kundan Vyas	Literature & Education – Journalism	Maharashtra

**Padma Awards 2024- Padma Shri Awardees 2024 Name List**

The Padma Shri Awards 2024 have been announced, honouring 110 distinguished individuals across various fields for their exceptional service. The award recognizes contributions in areas including art, social work, sports, medicine, literature, education, science, and more.

SN	Name	Field	State/Region/Country
1	Shri Khalil Ahamad	Art	Uttar Pradesh
2	Shri Badrappan M	Art	Tamil Nadu
3	Shri Kaluram Bamaniya	Art	Madhya Pradesh
4	Ms. Rezwana Choudhury Bannya	Art	Bangladesh
5	Ms. Naseem Bano	Art	Uttar Pradesh
6	Shri Ramlal Bareth	Art	Chhattisgarh
7	Ms. Gita Roy Barman	Art	West Bengal
8	Ms. Parbati Baruah	Social Work	Assam
9	Shri Sarbeswar Basumatary	Others – Agriculture	Assam
10	Shri Som Datt Battu	Art	Himachal Pradesh
11	Ms. Takdira Begum	Art	West Bengal
12	Shri Sathanarayana Beleri	Others – Agriculture	Kerala
13	Shri Drona Bhuyan	Art	Assam
14	Shri Ashok Kumar Biswas	Art	Bihar
15	Shri Rohan Machanda Bopanna	Sports	Karnataka
16	Ms. Smriti Rekha Chakma	Art	Tripura
17	Shri Narayan Chakraborty	Science & Engineering	West Bengal
18	Shri A Velu Ananda Chari	Art	Telangana
19	Shri Ram Chet Chaudhary	Science & Engineering	Uttar Pradesh
20	Ms. K Chellammal	Others – Agriculture	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
21	Ms. Joshna Chinappa	Sports	Tamil Nadu
22	Ms. Charlotte Chopin	Others – Yoga	France
23	Shri Raghuv eer Choudhary	Literature & Education	Gujarat
24	Shri Joe D Cruz	Literature & Education	Tamil Nadu
25	Shri Ghulam Nabi Dar	Art	Jammu & Kashmir
26	Shri Chitta Ranjan Debbarma	Others – Spiritualism	Tripura
27	Shri Uday Vishwanath Deshpande	Sports	Maharashtra
28	Ms. Prema Dhanraj	Medicine	Karnataka
29	Shri Radha Krishan Dhiman	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh
30	Shri Manohar Krishana Dole	Medicine	Maharashtra
31	Shri Pierre Sylvain Filliozat	Literature & Education	France
32	Shri Mahabir Singh Guddu	Art	Haryana
33	Ms. Anupama Hoskere	Art	Karnataka
34	Shri Yazdi Maneksha Italia	Medicine	Gujarat
35	Shri Rajaram Jain	Literature & Education	Uttar Pradesh
36	Shri Jankilal	Art	Rajasthan
37	Shri Ratan Kahar	Art	West Bengal
38	Shri Yashwant Singh Kathoch	Literature & Education	Uttarakhand
39	Shri Zahir I Kazi	Literature & Education	Maharashtra
40	Shri Gaurav Khanna	Sports	Uttar Pradesh
41	Shri Surendra Kishore	Literature & Education – Journalism	Bihar
42	Shri Dasari Kondappa	Art	Telangana

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SN	Name	Field	State/Region/Country
43	Shri Sridhar Makam Krishnamurthy	Literature & Education	Karnataka
44	Ms. Yanung Jamoh Lego	Others – Agriculture	Arunachal Pradesh
45	Shri Jordan Lepcha	Art	Sikkim
46	Shri Satendra Singh Lohia	Sports	Madhya Pradesh
47	Shri Binod Maharana	Art	Odisha
48	Ms. Purnima Mahato	Sports	Jharkhand
49	Ms. Uma Maheshwari D	Art	Andhra Pradesh
50	Shri Dukhu Majhi	Social Work	West Bengal
51	Shri Ram Kumar Mallick	Art	Bihar
52	Shri Hemchand Manjhi	Medicine	Chhattisgarh
53	Shri Chandrashekhar Mahadeorao Meshram	Medicine	Maharashtra
54	Shri Surendra Mohan Mishra (Posthumous)	Art	Uttar Pradesh
55	Shri Ali Mohammed & Shri Ghani Mohammed* (Duo)	Art	Rajasthan
56	Ms. Kalpana Morparia	Trade & Industry	Maharashtra
57	Ms. Chami Murmu	Social Work	Jharkhand
58	Shri Sasindran Muthuvel	Public Affairs	Papua New Guinea
59	Ms. G Nachiyar	Medicine	Tamil Nadu
60	Ms. Kiran Nadar	Art	Delhi
61	Shri Pakaravur Chithran Namboodiripad (Posthumous)	Literature & Education	Kerala
62	Shri Narayanan E P	Art	Kerala
63	Shri Shailesh Nayak	Science & Engineering	Delhi
64	Shri Harish Nayak (Posthumous)	Literature & Education	Gujarat
65	Shri Fred Negrit	Literature & Education	France
66	Shri Hari Om	Science & Engineering	Haryana
67	Shri Bhagabat Padhan	Art	Odisha
68	Shri Sanatan Rudra Pal	Art	West Bengal
69	Shri Shankar Baba Pundlikrao Papalkar	Social Work	Maharashtra
70	Shri Radhe Shyam Pareek	Medicine	Uttar Pradesh
71	Shri Dayal Mavjibhai Parmar	Medicine	Gujarat
72	Shri Binod Kumar Pasayat	Art	Odisha
73	Ms. Silbi Passah	Art	Meghalaya
74	Ms. Shanti Devi Paswan & Shri Shivan Paswan* (Duo)	Art	Bihar
75	Shri Sanjay Anant Patil	Others – Agriculture	Goa
76	Shri Muni Narayana Prasad	Literature & Education	Kerala
77	Shri K S Rajanna	Social Work	Karnataka
78	Shri Chandrashekar Channapatna Rajannachar	Medicine	Karnataka
79	Shri Bhagwatilal Rajpurohit	Literature & Education	Madhya Pradesh
80	Shri Romalo Ram	Art	Jammu & Kashmir



SN	Name	Field	State/Region/Country
81	Shri Navjivan Rastogi	Literature & Education	Uttar Pradesh
82	Ms. Nirmal Rishi	Art	Punjab
83	Shri Pran Sabharwal	Art	Punjab
84	Shri Gaddam Sammaiah	Art	Telangana
85	Shri Sangthankima	Social Work	Mizoram
86	Shri Machihan Sasa	Art	Manipur
87	Shri Omprakash Sharma	Art	Madhya Pradesh
88	Shri Eklabya Sharma	Science & Engineering	West Bengal
89	Shri Ram Chander Sihag	Science & Engineering	Haryana
90	Shri Harbinder Singh	Sports	Delhi
91	Shri Gurvinder Singh	Social Work	Haryana
92	Shri Godawari Singh	Art	Uttar Pradesh
93	Shri Ravi Prakash Singh	Science & Engineering	Mexico
94	Shri Seshampatti T Sivalingam	Art	Tamil Nadu
95	Shri Somanna	Social Work	Karnataka
96	Shri Kethavath Somlal	Literature & Education	Telangana
97	Ms. Shashi Soni	Trade & Industry	Karnataka
98	Ms. Urmila Srivastava	Art	Uttar Pradesh
99	Shri Nepal Chandra Sutradhar (Posthumous)	Art	West Bengal
100	Shri Gopinath Swain	Art	Odisha
101	Shri Laxman Bhatt Tailang	Art	Rajasthan
102	Ms. Maya Tandon	Social Work	Rajasthan
103	Ms. Aswathi Thirunal Gouri Lakshmi Bayi Thampuratty	Literature & Education	Kerala
104	Shri Jagdish Labhshanker Trivedi	Art	Gujarat
105	Ms. Sano Vamuzo	Social Work	Nagaland
106	Shri Balakrishnan Sadanam Puthiya Veetil	Art	Kerala
107	Shri Kurella Vittalacharya	Literature & Education	Telangana
108	Shri Kiran Vyas	Others – Yoga	France
109	Shri Jageshwar Yadav	Social Work	Chhattisgarh
110	Shri Babu Ram Yadav	Art	Uttar Pradesh

**Republic Day 2024: Tableaux List**

The **Republic Day Parade at Kartavya Path in 2024** promises to be a vibrant and eclectic celebration of India's unity in diversity. With **25 captivating tableaux from 16 states and Union Territories**, the parade showcases a kaleidoscope of themes ranging from education and empowerment to traditional arts and sports achievements. Each tableau represents the unique cultural, social, and technological facets of the participating regions, contributing to the rich tapestry of India's national identity.

Here is the **list of tableaux or Jhakiyaan displayed on 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of India:**

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25 States' Tableaux or 'Jhakiyaan' on Republic Day 2024

State/ Ministry	Theme	Highlights
Andhra Pradesh	Revolutionizing School Education	Focus on global competitiveness in education.
Rajasthan	Women's Handicraft Industries	Showcasing Ghoomar dance, Meera Bai's statue, and traditional handicrafts.
Odisha	Women in Handicrafts and Handlooms	Emphasizing women's role in preserving and promoting traditional arts.
Haryana	Empowerment of Women	Illustrating empowerment through the 'Mera Parivar – Meri Pehchan' program.
Madhya Pradesh	Women's Integration in Development	Featuring Avani Chaturvedi, the first woman fighter pilot, and women in various sectors.
Chhattisgarh	Muria Darbar Tradition in Bastar	Highlighting tribal community decision-making and equal involvement of men and women.
Ladakh	Indian Women's Ice Hockey Team	Showcasing achievements and contributions of Ladakhi women in sports.
Manipur	Women in Socio-Economic Activities	Featuring women working with lotus stems, Ima Keithel market, and lotus silk making.
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology	AI in various sectors	Illustrating the role of artificial intelligence in diverse industries.
CRPF	Women Empowerment	Central Armed Police Forces' tableaux focusing on empowering women.
IAF	Power Beyond Boundaries	Showcasing major assets of the Indian Air Force, including recent inductions

**National Affairs**

- In a momentous occasion, the Union Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, laid the foundation stone for 'Ayush Diksha,' a pioneering center dedicated to the development of future Ayush professionals. The ceremony took place at the Central Ayurveda Research Institute campus in Bhubaneswar. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a historic first, the **2024 Republic Day Parade in India** will witness the participation of two all-women contingents from the defence forces, marking a significant milestone in the country's journey towards gender equality and empowerment in the military. These contingents will include members from the **Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force**, showcasing the seamless integration and valour of Indian armed forces. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a significant move towards promoting multilingualism in education, the central government has introduced the 'Anuvadini' app, an Artificial Intelligence-based platform. The initiative aims to make study materials for all school and higher education courses available in digital form, specifically in Indian languages listed in the **8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution**. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

- In a historic moment, President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated Kaushal Bhawan, symbolizing India's unwavering commitment to empowering its youth through skill development. Under the aegis of the **Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**, the Bhawan is set to catalyze the realization of aspirations and nurture the nation's young talent, steering India toward a more skilled future. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- The **14th edition** of the Annual **All India Police Commando Competition (AIPCC)** began on January 22, 2024 at the Greyhounds Training Centre in Kapuluppada, Visakhapatnam. Elite commando forces from 16 states are participating in this week-long competition. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

**States in the News**

- Yogi government of Uttar Pradesh** has announced the prestigious 'UP Gaurav Samman' award for two distinguished personalities – eminent scientist **Dr. Ritu** and renowned entrepreneur **Naveen**. This award highlights the government's commitment to acknowledging excellence and inspiring future generations. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

- In a significant development, the **Indo-Islamic Cultural Foundation (IICF)** has announced the commencement of the construction of a grand mosque in Ayodhya, starting this May. The mosque, named **“Masjid Muhammed bin Abdullah”** after Prophet Muhammad, aims to foster unity and goodwill among people, transcending religious differences. The initiative comes on the same day as Prime Minister Narendra Modi presides over the consecration ceremony of the Ram Temple. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- The Chief Minister of Telangana, **Revanth Reddy**, has taken significant strides to expedite the implementation of various welfare schemes, including the much-anticipated **Gruha Jyothi Scheme**. The state government aims to roll out this scheme from the first week of February, bringing relief to numerous households. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a significant move, the YS Jagan Mohan Reddy government in **Andhra Pradesh** has initiated a comprehensive caste census, marking the state’s commitment to understanding and addressing the complex caste dynamics within its population. Launched with the aid of a specially designed phone app, this ambitious census aims to enumerate all castes in the state and is expected to be **completed within the next 20 days to one month**. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a groundbreaking move, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has unveiled plans for the establishment of the **world’s first ‘black tiger safari’** near the Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR) in Mayurbhanj. This visionary project aims to provide tourists and visitors with a rare glimpse of the melanistic tigers, commonly known as black tigers, recently spotted at the **Similipal National Park**. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- The **63rd gathering of the Central Geological Programming Board (CGPB)** took place in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**, with Shri V.L. Kantha Rao, Secretary of the Ministry of Mines, presiding. Notable participants included Shri Sanjay Lohiya, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Mines, and Shri Janardan Prasad, Director General of the **Geological Survey of India (GSI)**. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

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## International Affairs

- In a recent announcement, the **World Health Organization (WHO)** has officially certified **Cabo Verde as a malaria-free country**. This accomplishment positions Cabo Verde alongside Mauritius and Algeria as the third nation in the WHO African region to achieve malaria-free status. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- **Japan** has marked a significant achievement in space exploration by becoming the **fifth country to successfully soft-land a spacecraft on the Moon**. The Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (SLIM) touched down near the Shioli crater, south of the lunar equator, utilizing precision technology that allowed it to land closer to its target site than any previous mission. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a remarkable display of goodwill and humanitarian assistance, the **Indian government** has stepped forward to aid the **Afghan people** in confronting the locust menace. The generous support comes in the form of **40,000 litres of Malathion**, an environmentally friendly pesticide known for its efficacy in arid regions and minimal water usage. The supplies were sent through **Iran’s Chabahar port**, showcasing a collaborative effort to address a pressing agricultural concern. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- The **Iranian army** marked a significant milestone in its defense capabilities as it **formally received a substantial number of domestically developed reconnaissance and combat drones** in a ceremony held on January 23, 2024. The event, attended by the Iranian Army’s Chief Commander **Abdolrahim Mousavi** and Defense Minister **Mohammad-Reza Ashtiani**, showcased the latest advancements in unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) technology. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a groundbreaking move, **Saudi Arabia** is preparing to open its first alcohol store, exclusively for diplomats. This significant development represents a notable shift in the Kingdom’s approach to alcohol, which has traditionally been banned under its strict interpretation of Islamic law. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a groundbreaking turn of events, **Kenneth Smith**, a convicted murderer, has become the **first person in the United States to be executed by nitrogen gas**. The execution, which took place in Alabama, introduces a new method intended to be the most painless and humane alternative to the previously predominant lethal injection. ([Read the Complete Article](#))



**Agreements/MoUs Signed**

- In a historic breakthrough, Switzerland and India have finally sealed a **free-trade agreement (FTA)** following a marathon 16-year negotiation period. The announcement came from Swiss Economy Minister Guy Parmelin, who, after attending the World Economic Forum in Davos, swiftly headed to India for crucial discussions with his counterpart, Piyush Goyal. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a significant development for global health preparedness, the **Serum Institute of India (SII)** has joined the **Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)** network of vaccine producers in the Global South. This collaborative effort **aims to strengthen the response to future public health disease outbreaks** through rapid, agile, and equitable means. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- With the growing activities of international pirates off the Gulf of Aden driving up the costs of freight and shipping, the Indian government has taken a significant step to ensure the safety of international shipping lanes. In a recent development, the **Ministry of Defence (MoD)** signed a contract with **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL)**, Mumbai, for the acquisition of **14 Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs)** for the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)**. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- The Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given the green light for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between **India and Oman** in the field of **Information Technology (IT)**. The MoU, inked on December 15, 2023, between the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of India and Oman's Ministry of Transport, Communications, and Information Technology, aims to foster comprehensive collaboration through mutual support, technology sharing, information exchange, and investments in IT. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- **India's ACME Group and Japan's IHI Corporation** have inked a groundbreaking deal for the supply of 0.4 million metric tons per annum (MMTPA) of green ammonia from Odisha, India, to Japan. The agreement, signed by Manoj Upadhyay, ACME Group's Founder and Chairman, and Hiroshi Ide, President and CEO of IHI Corporation, establishes a long-term partnership covering production, logistics, and supply of green ammonia for diverse industrial uses in Japan, ultimately aimed at reducing emissions. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

**Books and Authors**

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, **Shri Amit Shah**, released the book '**Assam's Braveheart Lachit Barphukan**' in Guwahati, Assam. The event witnessed the presence of several dignitaries, including Assam Chief Minister Shri Himant Biswa Sarma. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

**Banking/Economy/Business News**

- In a significant development, **four electricity distribution companies (DISCOMs)** from Delhi and Uttar Pradesh have achieved the prestigious **A+ rating** in the latest **Consumer Service Rating of Discoms (CSRDR)** report. The report, unveiled by Power Minister RK Singh, is a comprehensive evaluation of DISCOMs across the country, aimed at enhancing their accountability towards consumers. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- Sony issued a notice terminating the merger agreement with Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd. (ZEEL) and Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited (CME), formerly known as Sony Pictures Networks India Private Limited. The **\$10-billion deal**, signed on December 22, 2021, faced challenges in meeting closing conditions within the specified timeframe. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- The **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** has infused INR 4.86 billion (about USD 58.4 million) into Sustainable Energy Infra Trust (SEIT), India's largest **Renewable Energy Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT)**. SEIT, supported by Mahindra Susten Private Limited and Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, boasts eight operational solar power assets with a combined capacity of 1.54 gigawatts-peak spread across India. This marks AIIB's second foray into InvITs in India, emphasizing its commitment to innovative infrastructure financing solutions. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a groundbreaking move, YES BANK has become the inaugural Indian bank to execute an export finance transaction on **RXIL Global IFSC Limited's International Trade Financing Services Platform (ITFS)**. The collaboration marks a significant stride in digitization and cross-border business for YES BANK. The platform, registered under the **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)**, offers a digital avenue for arranging credit through Factoring, Forfaiting, and other trade financing services at competitive rates with swift processing. This historic transaction is the first of its kind on the ITFS platform in conjunction with any bank in India. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

- India's equity market has outpaced **Hong Kong's Hang Seng**, securing the fourth position globally with a market capitalization of \$4.33 trillion. This milestone, marking India's ascendancy, underscores the nation's robust economic standing. The **US remains the largest stock market** with a staggering \$50.86 trillion market cap, followed by China at \$8.44 trillion and Japan at \$6.36 trillion. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- On October 30, **AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB)** announced its merger with **Fincare Small Finance Bank**, effective from February 1, 2024. The merger awaited approvals from critical stakeholders, including shareholders, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), and the Competition Commission of India (CCI). ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a significant milestone, **HDFC Bank**, India's largest private sector bank, has emerged as the nation's first lender to reach **20 million active credit cards**. The bank, dominating a quarter of the overall card market, commenced its credit card operations in 2001 and previously attained the 10-million mark in 2017. The subsequent 10 million issuances transpired in just over six years, culminating in this achievement on January 16, as announced by the bank. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has given the nod to significant business transactions, signaling a shifting landscape in the corporate sector. Among the approved deals is the **JSW Group's** strategic move to acquire a substantial **38% stake in MG Motor India**. Facilitated through JSW Ventures Singapore, a newly established subsidiary of JSW International Tradecorp Pte Ltd, the acquisition is poised to reshape the dynamics of the automotive industry. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a recent press release, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** disclosed the revision of eligibility norms for the inclusion of urban co-operative banks in the second schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. The objective is to bring these banks under an updated regulatory framework. After the release of the **Revised Regulatory Framework for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs)** on July 19, 2022, with revised categorization norms for UCBs, the criteria for classifying a UCB as Financially Sound and Well Managed (FSWM) were notified. The RBI has now decided to align the eligibility norms for UCBs with the Revised Regulatory Framework. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- The **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas** has granted approval for the formation of a subsidiary company by the **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)**, dedicated to the green energy and gas sector. This significant move was announced during ONGC's board meeting on January 23, 2024, reflecting the company's commitment to diversify its portfolio and contribute to sustainable energy solutions. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) released data, revealing that the **direct tax-to-GDP ratio** for the fiscal year 2022-23 (FY23) reached a remarkable 23-year high, standing at 6.11%. This surge was attributed to a substantial increase in direct tax collections by the government. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a significant development, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted approval to Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) for acquiring **up to 9.99% aggregate holding in HDFC Bank**, the nation's largest private sector bank. The approval, based on LIC's application to RBI, is subject to various conditions. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a significant development, **Zomato Payments Private Limited**, the subsidiary of popular food delivery platform Zomato, has obtained the much-coveted payment aggregator (PA) license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The approval, dated January 24, 2024, empowers Zomato Payments to facilitate ecommerce transactions through its platform. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a positive turn, ICRA has revised its **bank credit growth estimates** for FY24 upwards to 14.9-15.3%, surpassing the previous projection of 12.8-13.0%. The surge is attributed to robust performance in the retail segment and non-banking finance companies (NBFCs), according to Anil Gupta, Senior Vice President at ICRA. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- **Air India**, a subsidiary of the Tata Group, incurred a hefty fine of Rs **1.1 crore** from the **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)**, the country's aviation regulator, for safety breaches. This penalty was imposed following a pilot's report concerning insufficient emergency oxygen supply on Air India's B777 aircraft, which are crucially utilized for long-range flights. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

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### Appointments/Resignations

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted approval for the appointment of **Praveen Achuthan Kutty** as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DCB Bank. The official confirmation came on January 16, signaling a tenure of three years starting from April 29, 2024, as outlined in the regulatory filing. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- Justice **Prasanna B Varale**, currently serving as the Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court, will now become the **third sitting judge from the Dalit community in the Supreme Court**. His appointment adds to the diversity of the apex court, joining the ranks of Justice BR Gavai and Justice CT Ravikumar. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

### Defence News

- In response to escalating terrorist activities in **Jammu and Kashmir**, the **Indian Army** is launching **Operation Sarvashakti**, a strategic initiative aimed at curbing the influence of Pakistani proxy terrorist groups. Focused on the **Pir Panjal mountain ranges** in the Union Territory, this operation seeks to eliminate terrorists operating in the sensitive Rajouri Poonch sector. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- The **11th edition** of the **India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR** has kicked off at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh. Scheduled to take place from 22nd January to 3rd February 2024, this annual event has become a crucial platform for fostering collaboration and enhancing the capabilities of both nations' special forces. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a significant milestone for the Indian aviation industry, **Timetooth**, a Bengaluru-based engineering company, has unveiled **India's first-ever domestically manufactured aircraft passenger seat** at the **Wings India 2024** event. This groundbreaking development marks a departure from the industry norm, where 100% of aircraft seats used by India's registered air travel companies are imported. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- The **Indian Army contingent**, comprised of 25 highly skilled personnel from **The Parachute Regiment (Special Forces)**, has arrived in Egypt to participate in the eagerly awaited 2nd edition of the **India-Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise CYCLONE**. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- The Indian Navy has strategically chosen Telangana as the location for its second **Very Low Frequency (VLF) communication transmission station** in the country. This significant development is set to take place in the Vikarabad district, with the new VLF center scheduled for completion by 2027. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

- In a significant move towards strengthening military cooperation and addressing regional security concerns, **India, France, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)** conducted a major air exercise, named **'Desert Knight', over the Arabian Sea**. This joint exercise, held on January 23, 2024, comes against the backdrop of rising global concerns over Houthi militants targeting commercial vessels in strategic waterways. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

### Awards and Recognitions

- Former India captain and head coach **Ravi Shastri** expressed his gratitude on January 21, 2024 for being awarded the prestigious **Col CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award** at a glittering ceremony organized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). The ceremony also saw other cricketing stalwarts, such as **Farokh Engineer**, being honored for their contributions to the sport. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced five ICC Teams of the Year across formats for men and women as part of the ICC Awards 2023. Six Indians were featured in the ICC Men's ODI team of the year with Rohit Sharma named as the captain of the 11-member team. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

### Summits and Conferences News

- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar recently provided a glimpse into the **19th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit, which commenced in Uganda**. The two-day summit, under the theme **'Deepening Cooperation for Shared Global Affluence'**, brings together over 120 developing countries, signifying a crucial moment in history. India, as a leading and founding member of NAM, wholeheartedly supports Uganda's theme, reaffirming its commitment to the movement's principles and values. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a momentous event, Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, G. Kishan Reddy, inaugurated five new galleries at the renowned **Salar Jung Museum** in Hyderabad. Recognized as one of India's premier cultural institutions, the Salar Jung Museum has undertaken significant initiatives under the leadership of Kishan Reddy to revitalize its exhibitions. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

### Ranks and Reports

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has issued comprehensive guidelines for the ethical use and governance of **Large Multi-Modal Models (LMM) in healthcare**. These advanced generative AI technologies, such as ChatGPT, Bard, and Bert, have rapidly transformed healthcare delivery and medical research by processing diverse data inputs like text, videos, and images. Despite their potential benefits, WHO emphasizes the critical need to carefully evaluate the risks associated with LMM adoption. ([Read the Complete Article](#))



- **Bhopal**, the capital city of Madhya Pradesh, has made significant strides in cleanliness, emerging as the **5th cleanest city in India** among those with a population exceeding 1 lakh. The Bhopal Municipal Corporation's persistent efforts have not only elevated its ranking from 6th in 2022 but also earned it a coveted **5-star Garbage Free City (GFC) rating**, making it the cleanest State capital in the nation. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

### Sports News

- Tokyo Olympic silver medallist **Ravi Kumar Dahiya**, who faced a setback in the form of injuries, made a triumphant return to the wrestling arena by securing a **bronze medal** at the prestigious **Grand Prix De France Henri Deglane wrestling tournament** held in Nice, France. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In the Olympic year, badminton enthusiasts witnessed an extraordinary performance by Chinese Taipei's legendary player, **Tai Tzu Ying**. After facing a Malaysian Open final loss, Tai Tzu Ying bounced back with determination, **securing victory in the India Open 2024 women's singles title**. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- **Madrid** is set to become the new host city for the **Spanish Formula 1 Grand Prix starting from 2026**. This marks a significant shift in the Spanish Grand Prix's location, as Barcelona has been the **event's home since 1991**. The transition will see Madrid hosting the Grand Prix for 10 years, from 2026 to 2035, introducing a brand-new circuit to the world of Formula 1. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a spectacular display of skill and determination, the Indian shooting duo **Raiza Dhillon and Gurjoat Singh Khangura** clinched the **bronze medal** in the mixed skeet team event at the **Asian Shotgun Championships 2024 in Kuwait City**. The event marked a triumphant conclusion for India, securing a total of one gold, three silvers, and four bronze medals on the closing day. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

- **The Asian Marathon Championships 2024** marked a historic moment for Indian athletics as **Man Singh**, a 34-year-old marathon runner from India, clinched the gold medal. This achievement is significant for Man Singh and Indian sports, showcasing the country's growing prowess in long-distance running. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- Indian table tennis player **Sreeja Akula** achieved a significant milestone in her career by securing her **maiden international title at the WTT Feeder Corpus Christi 2024 in Texas, USA**. The 25-year-old athlete displayed exceptional skill and determination in the women's singles event, culminating in a remarkable victory. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- Indian tennis star **Rohan Bopanna** has etched his name in the history books by becoming the oldest player to claim the **No. 1 spot in the men's doubles rankings at the age of 43**. This remarkable achievement was secured following his quarter-final victory at the 2024 Australian Open, alongside Australia's Matthew Ebden. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

### Schemes and Committees News

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on a historic day after presiding over the consecration ceremony of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, announced a groundbreaking initiative aimed at harnessing solar energy. The initiative, named **'Pradhanmantri Suryodaya Yojana'**, seeks to propel India towards self-reliance in the energy sector while benefitting the common citizens. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a landmark event at Dr Ambedkar International Centre, Vice-President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar launched the nationwide campaign **'Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Samman'** to mark India's 75th year as a Republic. The initiative seeks to reinforce commitment to constitutional principles, fostering pride and responsibility among citizens. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a significant development, REC Ltd, a Maharatna power finance company, has been designated as the nodal agency for the ambitious **Pradhan Mantri Suryoday Yojana**. This initiative, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 22, aims to install rooftop solar panels in one crore households. REC Ltd, under the leadership of CMD Vivek Kumar Dewangan, is set to lend up to Rs 1,20,000 crore for this massive undertaking. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- The Union Cabinet, on January 24, 2024, gave the green light to a groundbreaking **Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme**, allocating Rs 8,500 crores for **Coal Gasification Projects**. This strategic move is a pivotal step towards realizing the government's ambitious mission to **gasify 100 million tonnes of coal by 2030**. The initiative is set to revolutionize the energy sector, particularly with the active involvement of major players like Coal India, GAIL (India), and BHEL. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

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### Science and Technology News

- In a historic event, SpaceX successfully launched the **Ax-3 mission** to the International Space Station (ISS) from NASA's Kennedy Space Center on January 18. The Crew Dragon capsule, named "Freedom," was propelled into space atop a Falcon 9 rocket, marking the third mission organized by Houston-based Axiom Space. The launch, initially scheduled for January 17, was delayed by a day for additional prelaunch checks. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- **CoRover.ai**, a leading player in the Conversational AI space, has recently introduced **BharatGPT, India's first Large Language Model (LLM)**. This groundbreaking development aims to revolutionize **AI conversations across 22 Indian languages**, addressing the language diversity challenges prevalent in the country. Positioned as an Indigenous Generative AI platform, BharatGPT integrates seamlessly with both voice and text modalities, offering a unique solution to the complexities of linguistic diversity. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

### Important Days News

- **January 21st, 2024**, marks a momentous occasion for the northeastern region of India – the **52nd anniversary** of statehood for **Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya**. Each state, with its own vibrant culture, unique history, and breathtaking landscapes, contributes to a rich tapestry that enhances the nation's identity. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- **Parakram Diwas**, observed on **January 23rd, 2024**, marks the birth anniversary of **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**, a prominent figure in India's freedom struggle. This day is celebrated to honour his indomitable spirit and invaluable contribution to India's independence. This year nation observe the **127th edition of Parakram Diwas 2024**. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- Celebrated on **January 24th** each year, the **International Day of Education** is a pivotal occasion to underscore the importance of education for all. In 2024, this day will be observed under the theme "Learning for Lasting Peace," emphasizing the transformative nature of education in promoting peace and understanding. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- **National Girl Child Day 2024**, observed annually on **January 24th in India**, plays a pivotal role in highlighting the importance of empowering girls and addressing the challenges they face in society. Initiated in 2008 by the **Ministry of Women and Child Development**, this day marks a commitment to promote gender equality, empower girls, and protect their rights. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

- **The National Voters' Day** is celebrated every year in India on **January 25** to encourage the country's voters to participate in the electoral process. This year, it is the **14th edition** which is being celebrated. Dedicated to the voters, the NVD 2024 theme – '**Nothing Like Voting, I Vote For Sure**' is a continuation of last year's theme. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- **National Tourism Day**, celebrated annually in India, is a significant event that highlights the importance of tourism for the country's economy and cultural heritage. As we approach **National Tourism Day in 2024**, it's essential to understand its history, theme, and the broader significance it holds in promoting India's diverse and rich tourist destinations. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- **International Customs Day** is observed annually on **January 26**. This tradition dates back to **1953**, when the **Customs Cooperation Council (CCC)**, now known as the **World Customs Organization (WCO)**, designated this date to honour the work of customs officials. This year's theme, "**Customs Engaging Traditional and New Partners with Purpose**," emphasizes the evolving nature of customs work and the importance of collaboration with various stakeholders. Weekly One Liners 22nd to 28th of January 2024. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- **National Geographic Day 2024** is celebrated on **January 27** every year. **National Geographic Day** is a special occasion dedicated to celebrating the rich history and contributions of the National Geographic Society in the fields of geography, natural science, and exploration. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

### Obituaries News

- **Norman Jewison**, the acclaimed Canadian director best known for his work on the classic film '**In the Heat of the Night**', has passed away at the age of 97. His death marks the end of a remarkable era in cinema history, where Jewison's contributions played a pivotal role in shaping the landscape of modern filmmaking. ([Read the Complete Article](#))

### Miscellaneous News

- The vibrant **Mamani Ethnic Food Festival of Purig**, held annually at Heritage Village Styangkung Barsoo, stands as a triumphant celebration of culinary diversity, cultural heritage, and community unity. Organized by the **Himalayan Cultural Heritage Foundation** in collaboration with **Nyarpa Committee Styangkung**, this annual festival has become a cornerstone in preserving and reviving the rich traditions of the Ladakh region. ([Read the Complete Article](#))



- **Kachchi Kharek**, the indigenous date variety from the arid region of **Kutch in Gujarat**, has recently been awarded the prestigious **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**. This accolade recognizes Kachchi Kharek as the second fruit from Gujarat, after the **Gir Kesar mango**, to be distinguished with such an honour. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- **The Doomsday Clock**, established by the **Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists**, is a metaphorical representation of the proximity of humanity to global catastrophes, primarily caused by man-made technologies and environmental challenges. Recently, this symbolic clock has drawn significant attention due to its alarming setting close to midnight. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** is on the brink of etching her name in history books as she gears up to **present her sixth consecutive Budget** (Five consecutive annual Budgets and one interim Budget), an unparalleled feat in Indian parliamentary annals. Building upon her legacy of fiscal stewardship, Sitharaman's tenure resonates with the tenure of former Prime Minister Morarji Desai, who previously held the finance portfolio during 1959-1964. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- In a monumental stride towards sustainability, maritime titan **Maersk** unveils its latest marvel: **the Ane Maersk**, a revolutionary container vessel powered by green methanol derived from green hydrogen. ([Read the Complete Article](#))
- Singapore's Minister for Education: Mr Chan Chun Sing
- State Bank of India(SBI) Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- State Bank of India(SBI) Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- State Bank of India(SBI) Established in – 1955
- State Bank of India(SBI) Tagline – The Banker to Every Indian
- Managing Director & CEO of YES BANK: Mr. Prashant Kumar
- Chief executive officer (CEO) of Jio Financial Services: Hitesh Sethia
- Official currency of Thailand: Thai baht
- Khelo India Programme was launched in the year: 2018
- Chief Marketing and Communications Officer at Mastercard: Raja Rajamannar
- Chief Executive Officer of ICC: Geoff Allardice
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL): Shri Mihir Kanti Mishra
- Wrestling Federation of India President: Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh;
- Wrestling Federation of India Founded: 27 January 1967;
- Wrestling Federation of India Headquartered in New Delhi, India.
- Minister of Assam for Environment and Forest: Chandra Mohan Patowary
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- Chairman of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE): T G Sitharam
- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) Founded: 1 October 2003;
- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) Headquarters: Chōfu, Tokyo, Japan.
- United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) Secretary-General: Zurab Pololikashvili;
- United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) Headquarters: Madrid, Spain;
- United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) Establishment: 1975.
- Mozambique Capital: Maputo;

### Static Takeaways

- UNESCO Headquarters: Paris, France;
- UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945, London, United Kingdom;
- UNESCO Head: Audrey Azoulay; (Director-General).
- Press Council of India Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Press Council of India Founder: Parliament of India;
- Press Council of India Founded: 4 July 1966, India.
- Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai is chairman of the council .
- All India Football Federation President: Kalyan Chaubey;
- All India Football Federation Founded: 23 June 1937;
- All India Football Federation HQ: Dwarka, New Delhi.
- Adobe CEO: Shantanu Narayen (1 Dec 2007–);
- Adobe Headquarters: San Jose, California, United States;
- Adobe Founders: Charles Geschke, John Warnock;
- Adobe Founded: December 1982, Mountain View, California, United States.
- Assam's Industries & Commerce Minister: Chandra Mohan Patowary
- The Chairman and Managing Director of VA Tech Wabag: Rajiv Mittal

- Mozambique Official language: Portuguese;
- Mozambique Currency: Mozambican metical;
- Mozambique Government: Republic, Semi-presidential system, Unitary state, Constitutional republic;
- Mozambique Population: 3.21 crores (2021) World Bank;
- Mozambique President: Filipe Jacinto Nyusi;
- Prime Minister of Mozambique: Adriano Afonso Maleiane.
- SEBI Formed: April 12, 1988;
- SEBI Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- SEBI Chairperson: Madhabi Puri Buch.
- Survey of India (Sol) Surveyor General of India– Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana;
- Survey of India (Sol) Headquarters– Dehradun, Uttarakhand;
- Survey of India (Sol) Established in– 1767.

