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FIRST IN NEWS

1. **First** file signed by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** after his re-election pertains to **PM Kisan Samman Nidhi** release.
2. **First human infection** with **avian influenza A(H5N2) virus** found in **Mexico**.
3. **Dr. Helen Mary Roberts**, a Christian lady, became the **first woman** to be promoted to the rank of **one-star officer** in Pakistan's 77-year military history.
4. Reliance Industries will start construction of **India's first multimodal logistics** park at Mappedu near Chennai.
5. A 71-year-old man in China has become the **first living person** to receive a liver transplant from a genetically modified pig.
6. Volvo Cars is launching the **world's first EV battery passport** for its flagship **EX90 SUV**.

POLITY

1. **74 women** elected to **18th Lok Sabha**, accounting for **13.6% representation** in Lok Sabha.
2. **Special Category Status (SCS)** demand by **Bihar** and **Andhra Pradesh** gained momentum after 2024 Lok Sabha Elections results.
3. **Supreme Court** to organize **Special Lok Adalat** on **75th year** of its establishment for dispute settlement.
4. India created a world record with **64.2 crore voters**, including **31.2 crore women**, participating in the Lok Sabha elections this year.
5. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla is becoming the **first presiding officer in 20 years** to be re-elected to the Lower House.

6. **Shankar Lalwani** of the BJP scripted history as he won the **Indore Lok Sabha** seat by a huge margin of over 11.75 lakh votes.

SCHEMES IN NEWS

Scheme Name	Launched by	Objective
GREAT Scheme (Grant for Research & Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles)	Ministry of Textiles	Utilizing the talent pool and expertise of India in Technical Textiles sector to bring innovative products/ technologies to the market.
Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs	Government to extend aid to construct 3 crores new Rural and Urban Houses under PMAY in 2024.
Krishi Convergence Program	Ministry of Rural Development	The centre has granted certificates to over 30,000 women from Self Help Groups (SHGs) as 'Krishi Sakhis' to realize the significant role & contribution of women in agriculture and to further enhancing the skills of rural women.

ECONOMY

1. **RBI** unveils strategic action plan for 2024-25 **Internationalisation** of **Indian rupees**.
2. **RBI** moved **100 thousand metric tonnes** of **Gold** from **UK** to domestic vaults.
3. **Department of Telecommunication (DoT)** launches initiative to support MSMEs and Startups in **Industry 4.0** transformation

4. **RBI** in its recent monetary policy review decided to **retain** the **repo rate**, for **eighth time** in a row, due to concerns of **sticky inflation**.
5. Adoption of **Facial Authentication Technology (FAT)** based **Digital Life Certificate (DLC)** in 2022-23 by the **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** has eased the life pensioners.
6. **The International Finance Corporation (IFC)**, part of the World Bank Group, has committed \$105 million (approximately Rs 871 crore) to **Brookfield's Bikaner Solar Power project** in **Rajasthan**.
7. NSE Indices Limited has introduced **India's first electric vehicle (EV) Index**.
8. The **Netherlands** has emerged as **India's third largest export** destination after the U.S. and UAE during 2023-24.
9. Chip-maker **Nvidia** became the **world's most valuable company** after its share price climbed to an all-time high (\$3.34tn).

ENVIRONMENT

1. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has launched '**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**' Campaign on the occasion of **World Environment Day** and planted a **Peepal** tree at **Buddha Jayanti Park** in **Delhi**.
2. **UN** declared **2024** as **International Year of Camelids** (members of camel family) to build awareness of untapped potential of camelids.
3. As per a new research, repopulating **Sea Cucumbers** can help in recovery of **coral reefs**.
4. **Nagi** and **Nakti bird sanctuaries**, both located in **Bihar's Jamui district**, are now recognised under the **Ramsar Convention** taking total Ramsar sites in India to **82**.
5. **Madhya Pradesh (MP)** government has announced that it has completed **Second home** for Cheetah's, translocation to **Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary** from **Kuno National Park**.

6. **Jai Dhar Gupta** and **Vijay Dhasmana** created **India's first private biosphere** in a tiger reserve, called the **Rajaji Raghati Biosphere (RRB)** within the Rajaji National Park in Uttarakhand.
7. For first time a long-distance migratory bird the **Eurasian or common whimbrel** was captured on camera in **Chhattisgarh**.
8. The fork fern species called **Tmesipteris oblanceolata**, has a **World's largest genome** that is 7% larger than that of the previous record-holder and more than **50 times** the size of the **human genome**.
9. **The world's oldest and active termite mounds** have been discovered in **Namaqualand of Namibia**, dating back 34 000 years.
10. South India's first and the **country's largest leopard** safari was inaugurated by at the **Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP)**.
11. **Uttar Pradesh** will soon have the **world's first conservation** and breeding centre for Asian king vulture in **Maharajganj**.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. India's **Truenat Platform** developed by Goa-based **Molbio** for **TB detection** received appreciation at the **World Health Assembly**.
2. Researchers from the **IIT Bombay** and **C-MET, Pune** have proposed using **Low-Temperature Co-fired Ceramic (LTCC)** as an efficient alternative to conventionally used copper for making cold plates to cool **Supercomputers**.
3. **ISRO** releases **images of Sun** captured by **Aditya-L1's** payloads.
4. Recent study has found out that **Artificial sweetener Xylitol** used alcohol may pose health risks.
5. **CSIR-IICT** scientists highlighted **microalgae** potential as a **protein** supplement.

6. **ISRO** announces **Indo-French** Thermal Imaging Mission **TRISHNA (Thermal Infra-Red Imaging Satellite for High-resolution Natural Resource Assessment)** mission is a collaborative endeavour between **ISRO** and **CNES** (French Space Agency) to monitor **surface temperature** and **water management** at regional to global scale.
7. **ISRO** has developed the Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) software **PraVaHa** (Parallel RANS Solver for Aerospace Vehicle Aero-thermo-dynamic Analysis).
8. **Google's DeepMind** and **Isomorphic Labs** have developed a new AI model, **AlphaFold-3**, that can predict structure of proteins, DNA, RNA, ligands, etc
9. **Chang'e-6 probe** from China has successfully brought back the **first samples** ever collected from the **Moon's far side**.
10. **IIT-Bombay** has entered a strategic partnership with **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** to develop **India's first Quantum Diamond Microchip Imager**.
11. **The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences** has launched an initiative called **PRAGATI-2024 (Pharma Research in Ayur Gyan And Techno Innovation)**, to foster collaborative research and innovation in the field of Ayurveda.
12. **NASA** has recently launched a pair of miniature satellites, called **CubeSats (6U)** to measure the heat lost from the Earth's poles, under the mission **PREFIRE (Polar Radiant Energy in the Far-InfraRed Experiment)**.
13. **A Blaze Star** called **T Coroneae Borealis**, dim star in the night sky 3,000 light-years from our solar system could soon become visible to the naked eye for the first time since 1946.
14. NASA's **MAVEN (Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution)** orbiter captured aurora lights across Mars planet at night.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. **India and Qatar** hold first meeting of **Joint Task Force** on Investment in **New Delhi**
2. **Armenia** joins as the **43rd signatory nation** to **NASA's Artemis Accords** for lunar exploration.
3. **30th anniversary** of the **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)**.
4. **BRICS Ministers** for **Foreign Affairs** emphasized the need to discuss a **legal multilateral instrument** on **Prevention of Arms Race in Outer Space PAROS**.
5. **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** elected Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama, and Somalia to UNSC.
6. **WTO** members held **first formal meeting** on **dispute settlement reform**.
7. **Chad** has become the first country in 2024 and 51st globally to eliminate a **Neglected Tropical Diseases**.
8. **The United Nations General Assembly** has officially declared **2025** as the **International Year of Quantum Science and Technology**
9. **Chinese H-alpha Solar Explorer (CHASE)**, which has led to the discovery of a new pattern of **solar atmospheric rotation**.
10. **Thailand** will become the first nation in **Southeast Asia** to legalize same-sex marriage.

NATIONAL NEWS

1. **Manipur** recorded the highest voter turnout, with an impressive 84.85% and in larger states **West Bengal** recorded highest turnout of 75.91%.
2. **First All-India Survey** on **AYUSH** by **National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)**, collects information on awareness and uses of **AYUSH** for prevention or treatment of ailments.
3. **Financial Intelligence Unit** Fined **Axis Bank** for failing to detect suspicious transactions carried out in the name of counter-terrorist commando force **National Security Guard**.
4. In **Indore**, **NOTA (None of the Above)** emerged runner-up with more than 200,000 votes.
5. A **first-of-its-kind skin bank** has been opened by the Army Hospital in **New Delhi**.
6. Ministry of Coal initiates **India's First Ever** Pilot project for Underground **Coal Gasification** in **Jharkhand**.
7. **Telangana Formation Day** is a momentous occasion celebrated annually on **June 2** in the Indian state of Telangana.
8. The **Assam** state Secretariat became the **country's first green** state government headquarters.

TAMIL NADU NEWS

1. Tamil Nadu government's revenue from **Commercial Taxes** grew 47.19% to ₹1,26,005.92 crore in 2023-24 from ₹85,606.41 crore in 2020-21.
2. The Madras High Court has struck down a **Government Order (GO)** issued on April 6, 2015 regarding **transgender reservation**, directed the State government to provide **horizontal reservation** to the transgender community across all caste groups rather than present **vertical reservation** under Most Backward Class category.

3. For the **first time** in South India, the **State-of-the-art In-Vitro Fertilisation (IVF)** facility was inaugurated at the **Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (IOG)**, a government hospital in **Egmore**, Chennai.
4. Tamil Nadu government proposed to construct a **Vallalar International Centre** on 3.18 acres of land at Sathya Gnana Sabha in Vadalur in **Cuddalore** district at a cost of ₹99.99 crore.
5. Tamil Nadu has launched chief minister's **Mannuyir Kaathu Mannuyir Kaappom Scheme** to preserve soil fertility by distributing green manure seeds to farmers.
6. The Forest Department has planned to set up '**Maragatha Pooncholai**', an initiative to revive vacant lands in the **Perambalur** district in an effort to improve green cover.
7. **Oxford University** has agreed to return a 500-year-old **16th century bronze sculpture** of **Saint Tirumankai Alvar** believed to be stolen from a temple in Tamil Nadu.
8. The **World Bank** intend to support the **Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC)** to achieve sustainable waste management in the city.
9. **The National River Conservation Directorate (NRCD)**, Ministry of Jal Shakti, has approved ₹934.3 crore for the first phase of the '**Nadanthai Vaazhi Cauvery**'.
10. Tamil Nadu is going to launch **Agal Vilakku** scheme under which committees comprising female teachers, will be formed to assist **girls** from **classes 9 to 12** in tackling mental, physical and societal problems.
11. South India's only high-altitude **sports training centre** was inaugurated at a height of 2,240 metres above the mean sea level in **Udhagamandalam**.
12. **January 25** would be observed as **Tamil Mozhi Thiyagigal Naal** (Tamil language martyrs' day) from 2025.
13. June 3rd the birth anniversary of former **Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi**, would be celebrated as **Semmozhi Naal Vizha**.

CULTURE

1. An exhibition titled **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj: Celebration of the 350th Anniversary of the Great Coronation** is being presented at **National Gallery of Modern Art, (NGMA)**, to commemorate and celebrate the **350th anniversary** of the **grand coronation** of **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**.
2. **Kerala** celebrates **June 23rd** annually Kozhikode's recognition as **India's first UNESCO 'City of Literature'**.
3. **Ambubachi Mela** at **Kamakhya temple** in **Assam** has started, festival commemorates the yearly menstruation of **Goddess Kamakhya**.
4. **Srinagar** has been recognised as a **World Craft City** by World Crafts Council.
5. The **Hemis Festival** known as **Hemis Tsechu**, celebrates the birth of Guru **Padmasambhava** in **Ladakh**.
6. **Ganga Dussehra** celebrated in various parts of North India, especially in **Varanasi**, this festival marks the descent of the Ganges River from heaven to earth.
7. **Sindhu Darshan Festival** celebrated on the banks of the **Indus River** in **Leh**, this festival promotes national integration and communal harmony.
8. **Rath Yatra** prominently celebrated in July involves procession of Lord Puri **Jagganath Chariot**, preparations for the Rath Yatra in Puri, **Odisha** begin in June.
9. **Sao Joao Festival** celebrated in **Goa**, this festival honours St. John the Baptist.
10. **Shirui Lily Festival** held in Ukhrul, **Manipur**, this festival celebrates the blooming of the rare Shirui Lily flower. It features traditional music, dance, sports, and cultural performances.
11. **Kalatop Khajjiar Trek Festival** organized in **Himachal Pradesh**, this festival encourages adventure and trekking enthusiasts to explore the scenic Kalatop-Khajjiar trek

12. **Sankat Mochan Music Festival** held in **Varanasi**, this festival features classical music and dance performances by renowned artists from across India.
13. **Monsoon Nirvana** organized in **Bangalore**, this festival celebrates Indian classical music and dance with performances by eminent artists.

AWARDS/PRIZE

Award	Awarded by	Awarded to	Known for
WSIS 2024 PRIZE (World Summit on the Information Society)	United Nation	Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)	Champion Award for “Mobile – Enabled Disaster Resilience through Cell Broadcast Emergency Alerting”
Kavli Prize	Kavli Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Langer • Armand Paul Alivisatos • Chad Mirkin 	Designated as Nobel prize for astrophysics and nanotechnology
Best Conduct of Business Regulator	The Asian Banker	The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)	Recognizes a regulatory authority that has shown excellence in ensuring fair and efficient markets
World Entrepreneur of the Year 2024 award	Ernst & Young (EY)	Vellayan Subbiah , Executive Vice Chairman of Tube Investments of India (TII)	Recognizes entrepreneurial excellence in business leadership
Sahitya Academy awards 2024	Sahitya Akademi	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. K. Vaishali 2. Gaurav Pandey 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. English writer 2. Hindi author

Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award	South African Government	Vinod Ganatra	First Indian to be conferred the prestigious award of South Africa for his contribution to films.
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PERSONS IN NEWS

Person	Why in news?
Satya deep Gupta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian mountaineer has scripted history by becoming the first person to scale Mt. Everest and Mt. Lhotse twice in one season. He also set another record by being the first Indian to traverse from Mt. Everest to Mt. Lhotse in 11 hours and 15 minutes.
Dr. Emmanuelle Soubeyran	Assumed Director General of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) for the 2024-2029 term.
Claudia Sheinbaum	Mexico's presidential winner elected as the first woman President in the country's 200-year history.
Gautam Adani	Reclaimed the title of Asia's richest person, surpassing Mukesh Ambani , according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index .
Ruchira Kamboj	India's first woman Permanent Representative to the United Nations retired after 35 years of service.
Sofia Firdous	Congress MLA from the Barabati-Cuttack seat in Odisha became the first-ever Muslim woman legislator to have been elected to the Odisha Assembly.

Priyanka Jarkiholi	The youngest tribal woman to enter Parliament from an unreserved seat in Chikkodi, Karnataka since Independence.
Sunita Williams	Indian-origin astronauts 3rd space journey entered into the International Space Station in Starliner Spaceship
Puja Tomar	First mixed martial arts fighter from the India to win a bout at the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), held at USA.

TERMS/CONCEPTS

Terms/Concepts	Explanation
Sticky Inflation	It refers to a phenomenon where prices do not adjust quickly to changes in supply and demand, leading to persistent inflation
Heat Dome	A ridge of high pressure gets stuck in the atmosphere. It traps hot air that expands vertically into the atmosphere and high pressure pushes it toward the ground.
Greedflation	Occurs when corporations exploit existing inflation by raising prices far beyond their actual input cost increases.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Day	Date	Theme
Global Parents Day	June 01	The Promise of Playful Parenting
World Milk Day	June 01	
International Sex Workers Day	June 02	
Telangana Formation Day	June 02	
World Bicycle Day	June 03	Promoting Health, Equity, and Sustainability through Cycling
World Environment Day	June 05	Land restoration, desertification and drought resilience
World Day Against Speciesism	June 05	
International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing	June 05	
World pest day	June 07	Global Solutions, Local Impact: Mapping Success in Pest Management
World Food Safety Day	June 07	Food Safety: Prepare for the Unexpected
International Level Cross Awareness Day	June 07	vulnerable road users
World Oceans Day	June 08	Awaken New Depth
World Brain Tumor Day	June 08	Brain Health and Prevention
World Accreditation Day	June 09	Accreditation: Empowering Tomorrow and Shaping the Future

World Day Against Child Labour	June 12	Let's Act on Our Commitments: End Child Labour
International Fatty Liver Day	June 13	Act Now, Screen Today
International Albinism Awareness Day	June 13	10 years of IAAD: A decade of collective progress
World Blood Donor Day	June 14	20 years of celebrating giving: thank you blood donors.
Global Wind Day	June 15	
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	June 15	Spotlight on Older Persons in Emergencies
ASEAN Dengue Day	June 15	Together Against Dengue: Building a Resilient ASEAN Community
International Day of the African Child	June 16	Education for All Children in Africa: The Time is Now
International Day of Family Remittances	June 16	Digital remittances towards financial inclusion and cost reduction
World Day to Combat and Desertification and Drought	June 17	United for Land. Our Legacy. Our Future
International Day for Countering Hate Speech	June 18	The Power of Youth for Countering and Addressing Hate Speech
World Sickle Cell Awareness Day	June 19	Hope Through Progress: Advancing Sickle Cell Care Globally
National Reading Day	June 19	
International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	June 19	

World Refugee Day	June 20	
World Hydrography Day	June 21	
International Yoga Day	June 21	
The Summer Solstice	June 21	
World Rainforest Day	June 22	
International Olympic Day	June 23	Let's Move and Celebrate
UN Public Service Day	June 23	
World Vitiligo Day	June 25	
World Drug Day	June 26	
International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	June 26	
International MSME Day	June 27	MSMEs and the SDGs
National Statistics Day	June 29	
International Day of the Tropics	June 29	
World Asteroid Day	June 30	
International Day of Parliamentarism	June 30	

DEFENCE IN NEWS

1. **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare** and **Ministry of Defence** sign MoU to set up dedicated **Tele MANAS** cell for mental health assistance for armed forces.
2. A two-day conference '**Varshik Niti Samvad Shivir**' of the **National Cadet Corps (NCC)** took place in **New Delhi**.
3. **Indian army** received **First Indigenous** Loitering Mission Muniton Suicide drones **Nagastra- 1** developed by **Solar Industries Economics Explosives Ltd, Nagpur**.
4. Indian Army commenced a **Pan-India Motorcycle Expedition** to pay tribute to heroes of Kargil War. About **Kargil War (1999)**
5. Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) released **India's first Joint Doctrine** for **Cyberspace Operations**.
6. India successfully test-fired an **air-surface anti-radiation missile RudraM-II** from a Su30MKI fighter jet.

Exercise	Parties involved	Exercise type
8th edition of JIMEX 24	India and Japan	Navy
29th edition of RIMPAC 24 (Rim of Pacific)	Involves 29 Nation held around Hawaii Islands	Navy
6th edition of Staff Talks	Indian Navy (IN) and Royal Navy of Oman (RNO)	Staff administration exercise
Tarang Shakti	India and United Kingdom, hosted by India	Air
Exercise HOPEX	India and Egypt	Military

COMMITTEE IN NEWS

Committee	Purpose of the committee
The National Level Coordination Committee (NLCC)	World's largest grain storage plan held its maiden meeting in the Ministry of Cooperation.
Usha Thorat committee	SEBI has formed to review ownership and economic structure of Clearing Corporations .

PLACES IN NEWS

Place Name	State/country	Known for
Pantanal wetlands	South America	World's largest tropical wetlands is grappling with devastating wildfires.
Mount Kanlaon	Philippines	Cold Lava rushed through streets as part of volcanic eruption.
Gardi Sugdub Island	Panama	Panama becomes first nation to evacuate island community from Gardi Sugdub Island over climate change impact.
Sundhnukagigar Volcano	Southwestern Iceland	Erupted for the fifth time

INDICES

Report	Released by	Note
SDG 7: The Energy Progress Report 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Energy Agency (IEA) International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) United Nations Statistics Division World Bank World Health Organization (WHO). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of people without access to electricity increased for first time in over a decade, reaching 685 million. 2.1 billion people live without access to clean cooking fuels and technologies. Share of Renewable energy (RE) in Total Final Energy Consumption (TFEC) was 18.7% in 2021.
Global Trends Report: Forced Displacement in 2023	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	Number of forcibly displaced people stood at 117.3 million (40% are children) below 18 years of age) at end of 2023.
Global Gender Gap Index (GGGI) 2024	World Economic Forum (WEF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India was ranked 129th (ranked 127 in 2023) Women constitute 28.2% of the STEM workforce and 47.3% of the non-STEM workforce
Ocean Report (2024)	UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ocean is now warming at twice the rate it was twenty years ago. Ocean temperatures have increased by an average of 1.45°C, with hotspots above 2°C in the Mediterranean, Tropical Atlantic Ocean and Southern Oceans.

Child Nutrition Report, 2024	UNICEF	Children's inability to access and consume a nutritious and diverse diet in early childhood
QS World University Rankings (WUR), 2025	Quacquarelli Symonds Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B) ranked at 118. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) USA topped for 13th consecutive year.
Environmental Performance Index (EPI)	Yale Centre for Environmental Law & Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> India has been ranked 176. India is currently world's third-largest GHG emitter, with total emissions growing 32 percent over past decade. In 2022, India surpassed China as the world's largest emitter of anthropogenic sulfur dioxide.
Global Annual to Decadal Climate Update (2024-2028)	World Meteorological Organization (WMO)	Annual average global temperature will temporarily exceed 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels for at least one year between 2024-2028
State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2024	World Bank report	Carbon Pricing (CP) revenues in 2023 exceeded USD 100 billion for the first time.
HelpAge India Report	Help Age India	Elderly population (aged 60 and above) will constitute 20.8% of total population by 2050, up from 8.6% in 2011.
State of Global air-2024	Health Effects Institute and UNICEF	Air pollution accounted for the 2nd largest risk factor of death (8.1 million deaths) in 2021, after High blood pressure.

Global Energy Transition Index	World Economic Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean energy infrastructure investments reached \$1.8 trillion in 2023 India has been ranked 63rd out of 120 countries Sweden Secured top spot
Environmental Performance Index (EPI)	Yale University, Columbia University and World Economic Forum	India's latest ranking at 176th out of 180 countries
Global food policy report 2024	International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)	16.6 per cent of the India's population suffers from malnutrition.
Container Port Performance Index (CPPI)	World Bank	The Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) has secured the 18th position
World Wealth Report 2024	Capgemini Research Institute	The number of high net-worth individuals (HNWI) in India increased by 12.2% in 2023 vs 2022.
9th edition of the Sustainable Development Report	UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)	Only 16% of SDG targets are on track to be achieved by 2030, with 84% showing limited or reversed progress.

SUMMITS

Summit Name	Hosted in	Purpose of Summit
Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Cruise Tourism Conference	New Delhi	To foster regional economic corporation in Indian ocean region.
50th G7 Summit	Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims is to intensify efforts to overcome structural barriers to food security and nutrition. • Outreach session on Artificial Intelligence, Energy, Africa and Mediterranean.
BRICS Summit 2024	Russia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First ministerial meeting following BRICS expansion. • Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates joined BRICS last year.
East Asia Summit	Vientiane, Lao PDR	Promoting peace, stability, and economic prosperity in East Asia.
International Symposium on Food Safety and Control	Vienna, Austria	Organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
21st edition of Shangri-La Dialogue or the Asian Security Summit	Singapore	Asia Pacific premier defence meet saw participation from over a hundred delegates worldwide.
KAZA Summit	Namibia	The Kavango Zambezi Trans-Frontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA) is the world's largest terrestrial trans frontier conservation area.

77th World Health Assembly	Geneva, Switzerland	Approved a draft resolution on improving organ transplantation availability, including human cells and tissues.
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PORTAL IN NEWS

Portal	Purpose	Launched by
eMigrate portal	It will integrate with SBIePay to provide digital payment services to Indian migrant workers .	eMigrate portal
e-SAKSHI Portal	Is an end-to-end solution for efficient and transparent implementation of the MPLAD scheme.	e-SAKSHI Portal

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Book Name	Author Name	Note
I Have the Streets: A Kutti Cricket Story	Ravichandran Ashwin Co-authored with acclaimed writer Sidharth Monga	Autobiography of Indian off spinner Ravichandran Ashwin
Source Code: My Beginnings	Bill Gates	Microsoft co-founder has revealed plans to release his highly anticipated memoir

SPORTS IN NEWS

1. Indian tennis sensation **Sumit Nagal** has etched his name in history by winning the prestigious **Heilbronn Neckarcup 2024 ATP** Challenger Tennis tournament in **Germany**.
2. India batter **Virat Kohli** received his ICC ODI Player of the Year award 2023.
3. India's **Rohit Sharma** became the **first cricketer to hit 600** (427 matches) sixes in the international cricket.
4. India's **Puja Tomar** became the **first mixed martial arts fighter** from the country to win a bout at the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), held at USA.
5. **Shruti Vora** has created history by becoming the **first Indian** to win a **three-star Grand Prix equestrian event**, by won at the FEI Dressage World Cup held in Lipica, Slovenia.
6. Indian cricketer **Smriti Mandhana** becomes **first Indian woman** to hit **consecutive ODI centuries**.

Event/Cups	Venue	Note
French Open	France	Men champion- Carlos Alcaraz Women Champion- Iga Swiatek
Norway Chess Tournament	Norway	Men Champion- Magnus Carlsen Women Champion- Ju Wenjun

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