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FIRST IN NEWS

1. India's first **National Dolphin Research Center (NDRC)** situated on the banks of the **Ganges River** within the **Patna University campus** was officially inaugurated by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.
2. Union Minister **Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar** inaugurated **India's first** FutureLABS center at C-DAC Thiruvananthapuram. Named the "Centre for Semiconductor Chips & Systems for Strategic Electronics".
3. The **Maharishi Ayurveda Hospital in Shalimar Bagh, Delhi**, is making headlines for its in-house restaurant, **Soma-The Ayurvedic Kitchen**, hailed as the **first Ayurvedic Kitchen** in India.
4. France has made history by becoming the **first nation** globally to anchor the **right to abortion** within its constitution.
5. Union Minister for Steel and Civil Aviation, **Sh. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia**, virtually inaugurated **India's 1st Green Hydrogen Plant** in Stainless Steel Sector located at Jindal Stainless Limited, **Hisar**.
6. **India's first small-scale LNG** unit was inaugurated at **Vijaipur in Madhya Pradesh**.
7. Researchers have created the **world's first 3D-printed brain** tissue that behaves like a natural brain tissue.
8. **ISRO** has achieved a significant milestone with the successful landing of **Pushpak, India's first Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV)**.

POLITY

1. **Election Commission** has introduced the **Saksham App**, voters above **85 years of age** and Persons-with-Disabilities (PWDs) with a **40 percent benchmark disability**, allowing them to cast their votes from the comfort of their homes.

2. **National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)** celebrated its **19th Foundation Day** at the Jacaranda Hall, Indian Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
3. Lok Sabha elections, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar introduced a new mobile application called **'Know Your Candidate' (KYC)**.

SCHMES IN NEWS

Scheme Name		Launched by		Objective
Indiramma Scheme	Housing	Telangana Minister Reddy	Chief Revanth	Provide housing solutions to the economically disadvantaged segments of society
'Vidhwa Protsahan Yojana	Punarvivah	Jharkhand Minister Soren	Chief Champai	Financial incentive of Rs 2 lakh to those who choose to remarry.
Uttar Transformative Industrialization Scheme, 2024 (UNNATI – 2024)	Poorva	Ministry of Commerce and Industry		Industrial development in the North East Region
NAMASTE Scheme		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment 2. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs 		Eliminate manual engagement of sanitation workers in hazardous sewer and septic tank cleaning operations
'Mahtari Vandan Yojana		Chhattisgarh Government	State	Provide financial assistance to women in the state.

Electric Promotion 2024 (EMPS 2024)	Mobility Scheme	Ministry of Heavy Industries	Aims to expedite the uptake of electric vehicles (EVs) within the country
Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan and Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan' (PM-SURAJ)		Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	Empowering one lakh entrepreneurs from disadvantaged communities

ECONOMY

1. **Moody's**, the global credit rating agency, has raised its **GDP forecast** for India in 2024 to **6.8%**, reflecting a positive economic outlook.
2. The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for January 2024 reflects a growth rate of 3.8%, indicating a slowdown compared to December 2023.
3. **S&P Global Ratings** anticipates a repo rate reduction of up to 75 basis points by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) during the fiscal year 2024-25.
4. **All-India Consumer Price Index (CPI)** for Agricultural Laborers and Rural Laborers remained stable, with figures of 1258 and 1269, respectively, based on the 1986-87=100 index.
5. **Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOC)**, the nation's premier oil firm, is set to revolutionize the motorsports industry by manufacturing fuel tailored for adrenaline-pumping Formula One (F1) racing.
6. **The Adani Group** has announced the start of the first phase of the **world's largest single-location copper** manufacturing plant at **Mundra** in **Gujarat**.
7. Index provider MSCI raised India's weightage in its **Global Standard (Emerging Markets)** index to a historic high of 18.2%.
8. **Gaia AI project** by **Bank for International Settlements** was used to assess **climate-related financial risks** such as analyse company disclosures on carbon emissions, green bond issuance and voluntary net-zero commitments.

9. India's youth accounted for 83% of the country's total unemployed population according to **India Employment Report 2024** has been released by **the International Labour Organisation (ILO)** and the **Institute of Human Development (IHD)**.

ENVIRONMENT

1. **Buxa Tiger Reserve** have finally got at least one resident tiger after a gap of four decades.
2. **World's Tiniest Frog** discovered by scientist in Brazilian forest, 'flea toad' measures just **7.1 millimetres**, on average, could be the **world's smallest vertebrate**.
3. Scientists have recently discovered a new species of **70-Million-Year-Old** extinct land snail called **Ferussina**.
4. The **Financing Agrochemical Reduction and Management Programme (FARM)** is a \$379 million initiative, a programme is led by **UNEP** to combat agrochemical pollution.
5. **COP28 (Troika: Mission 1.5)** President Dr. Sultan Al Jaber has addressed global climate leaders and ministers at the Copenhagen Climate Ministerial.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. **The Department of Biotechnology (DBT)** officially announced the completion of the '**10,000 genome**' project, a reference database of whole-genome sequences out of India.
2. India has conducted the **first human clinical trial** of gene therapy for '**haemophilia A**' at **Christian Medical College – Vellore**.
3. A US-based nonprofit environmental advocacy group **Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)**
Launched **MethaneSAT** a satellite which will track and **measure methane emissions at a global scale**.
4. Astronomers has discovered the **smallest known star** to date **TMTS J0526B** which is **seven times the size of Earth**, located approximately **2,760 light years** away from Earth.

5. Researchers observed that **RAD51 protein** temporarily binds to the newly synthesized DNA.
6. India has conducted the first flight test of the indigenously produced Agni-5 missile as part of its '**Mission Divyastra**'.
7. Google has partnered with the Election Commission of India (ECI) to provide authoritative information on voting processes for the upcoming general elections.
8. **IIT Delhi** announced a collaboration with **Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI)** aiming to promote innovation and technological advancement through joint projects, training initiatives, and research consultancy.
9. **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has issued a cautionary message to prevent **Juice jacking**, it is a form of cyberattack where hackers tamper with public USB charging ports.
10. **Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST)** in **Assam** has formulated a sustainable and economical **wound dressing material** utilising **banana fibres**.
11. **Space-borne Assistant and Knowledge Hub for Crew Interaction (SAKHI)** app developed by **Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)**, aimed at aiding astronauts during the **Gaganyaan** space flight mission.
12. **The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** will conduct the **Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START) 2024** program during April and May.
13. **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**, has approved a new **\$1.24 billion** investment for the **IndiaAI** mission.
14. **US-based** startup **Cognition** launched **Devin AI** software alters the way code is debugged, written and deployed.
15. The Researchers have unveiled the existence of a **gigantic volcano** on **Mars** '**Noctis Volcano**.'
16. A 62-year-old man with end-stage renal disease has become the **first human** to receive a new kidney from a genetically modified pig provided by **eGenesis** of **Cambridge, Massachusetts**.

17. **International Astronomical Union (IAU)** has named an **asteroid 2005 EX296** designated as **(215884) Jayant Murthy** after Prof. Jayant Murthy.
18. ISRO has achieved another milestone as the **PSLV Orbital Experimental Module 3 (POEM-3)** through a re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bhutanese counterpart **Tshering Tobgay** jointly inaugurated **The Gyaltsuen Jetsun Pema Wangchuk Mother and Child Hospital** in the Bhutanese capital, **Thimphu**.
2. The Indian Consulate in Dubai has introduced a new insurance package called the Life Protection Plan (LPP) for Indian blue-collar workers in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
3. **Panama** has officially become the **97th member** of the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**.
4. **Asif Ali Zardari** took oath as Pakistan's 14th President.
5. **Thailand's** lower house of Parliament has passed a groundbreaking bill to **legalize same-sex marriage**.
6. **The United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia** have forged the **AUKUS** partnership to bolster trilateral security and construct nuclear-powered submarines for **the Royal Australian Navy**
7. **Rumi Alqahtani**, a 27-year-old model and influencer will be the **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's first appearance** in the **Miss Universe** pageant.
8. **Maryam Nawaz**, the daughter of former **Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif**, became the **first-ever woman Chief Minister** of a **Punjab** province in **Pakistan**.
9. **South Korea's fertility rate**, already the **world's lowest**, fell to a record low of 0.72 from 0.78 in 2022 expected to fall **0.68** in 2024.
10. French president **Emmanuel Macron** has announced a new **legislation to legalize "aid in dying"** allow adults facing end-of-life illness to take **lethal medication**, a first in the country.

11. **The UN General Assembly** has approved the **first United Nations** resolution on artificial intelligence.
12. India launched '**Operation Indravati**' to evacuate its nationals from **Haiti**.

NATIONAL NEWS

1. **India's first** indigenous **Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR)** in **Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu**, a landmark project fully designed and constructed within the country by **Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Limited (BHAVINI)**.
2. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated India's pioneering **underwater metro train** service in **Kolkata**, operates in **Kolkata Metro's EastWest corridor**, is designed to enhance connectivity between **Howrah** and **Salt Lake**, the **twin cities** of West Bengal's capital.
3. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** unveiled a **125-foot bronze statue** of the legendary **Ahom** general, **Lachit Borphukan**, at his burial site in eastern Assam's Jorhat district.
4. **Ashwini Vaishnaw**, unveiled **India's fastest** and indigenously developed IP/MPLS (Multiprotocol Label Switching) router in **Bengaluru**.
5. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited **Sabarmati Ashram** to inaugurate **Kochrab Ashram** and launch the Master Plan of the Gandhi Ashram Memorial.
6. **GoodEnough Energy** has announced that it will start operations at **India's first** battery energy storage **gigafactory** in the northern region of **Jammu and Kashmir** by October 2023.
7. **The Election Commission of India (ECI)- cVIGIL app** allows citizens to report violations of the Model Code of Conduct and election expenditures by capturing photos and videos.
8. **Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri** unveiled '**Ethanol 100**', an automotive fuel aimed at reducing emissions and promoting sustainability.
9. **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** inaugurated the commencement of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) facilities in 41 villages and various development projects in 178 villages under the '**Dilli Gramodaya Abhiyan**'.

10. **Bharat Tex 2024**, one of the largest-ever global textile events, was inaugurated in Delhi.
11. The **Chipko movement**, which began in **Uttarakhand (Chamoli Gopeshwar)** in early **1973**, marks its 50th anniversary.

TAMILNADU NEWS

1. TN's CM has unveiled the foundation stone for the construction of the **Kalaingar Centenary Park**, to be spread over 6.09 acres, in **Chennai**.
2. **Garbhini-GA2 AI model** designed by researchers at the **Indian Institute of Technology Madras** and the **Translational Health Science and Technology Institute, Faridabad, Haryana** precisely determine the **gestational age of a foetus**.
3. **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister** handed over '**Ilakkiya Maamani**' awards to nine Tamil scholars - Aranga. Ramalingam, K.N. Kothandam, Suryakanthan alias M. Marudhachalam, Mani Arjunan, Ara. Thiruvadam, K. Poornachandran, G. Manikkavasagan, S. Shanmugasundaram, Ilakkiya Natarasan alias S. Natarasan.
4. The **Kulasekarapattinam** spaceport will be ready in two years to launch small satellites.
5. Tamil Nadu's Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Ministry launched the **Tamil Nadu Incubator Maturity Model (TNIMM)** to promote startups.
6. The **first-ever herpetofaunal survey** was conducted in the Core Area of the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR).
7. Tamil Nadu government has issued orders for upgrading **Pudukkottai**, Namakkal, Tiruvannamalai and **Karaikudi** into municipal corporations under the **Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Act, 1998**.
8. TN Govt ordered that De-notified Communities and De-notified Tribes be issued a single certificate as against separate certificates.
9. The Tamil Nadu government has decided to sign a MoU with the Union Education Ministry to implement the **PM SHRI scheme** in the state.

10. **Two Chola-period inscriptions** have been found at the **Viraiachilai Andavar Temple** in Rachandar Thirumalai, Tiruchi.
11. The Tamil Nadu government has launched the **country's 'first'** marine force to protect marine resources and biodiversity in the Gulf of Mannar and the Palk Bay.
12. The Tamil Nadu Forest Department has set up **'climate-resilient' hatcheries** for **Olive Ridley Sea turtles**.
13. The Tamil Nadu government has decided to sign a MoU with the Union Education Ministry to implement the PM Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) scheme in state.
14. TN Archaeology Department officials found over **100 megalithic burials** inside **Pattarakadu reserve forest (RF)** atop **Jawadhu Hills** in Tiruvannamalai.

CULTURE

1. **Holi** (March 25)- One of the most vibrant festivals in India, Holi celebrates the arrival of spring with colourful powders, music, and dance. Major celebrations will occur in **Mathura, Vrindavan, and cities across North India**.
2. **Mewar Festival** (March 27-29 **Udaipur, Rajasthan**): This festival marks the onset of spring and is celebrated with traditional music, dance, and processions dedicated to **Goddess Parvati** .
3. **Gangaur Festival** (March 25 - April 11): Celebrated mainly in **Rajasthan**, this festival honours Goddess Gauri and involves rituals for marital bliss. It features colourful processions and local fairs.
4. **International Yoga Festival** (March 1-7, **Rishikesh**): This week-long event includes yoga sessions, meditation workshops, and talks by renowned spiritual leaders, promoting wellness and holistic living.
5. **Jodhpur Jazz and Heritage Safari** (March 24-25, **Jodhpur**): A unique blend of Holi celebrations and jazz music, featuring performances in royal settings and vibrant street processions.

6. **Ram Navami** (March 17, 2024): This festival celebrates the birth of Lord Rama and includes devotional songs, fasting, and elaborate temple rituals across India.
7. Attukal Pongala festival one of the largest gatherings of women in the world Attukal Bhagavathy Temple, Thiruvananthapuram.

AWARDS/PRIZE

Award	Awarded by	Awarded to	Known for
Order of the Druk Gyalpo	Bhutan Government	Prime Minister Narendra Modi	First non-Bhutanese to receive the award.
PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award	P.V. Narasimha Rao Centenary Celebrations Committee	Ratan Tata	For his outstanding philanthropic contributions
33rd Saraswati Samman for 2023	K.K. Birla Foundation	Prabha Varma	Malayalam poet and author for his novel in verse 'Roudra Sathwikam'
Abel Prize 2024	Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters	Michel Talagrand	Groundbreaking contributions to probability theory and functional analysis ,
Global Inequality Research Award	German Development Institute	Bina Agarwal and James Boyce	Contributions to understanding global inequalities.
Measles and Rubella Champion Award	United Nations Foundation and Measles	India	Recognizes India's exemplary efforts in preventing measles and rubella diseases

	& Rubella Initiative		
Diana Memorial Award	The Diana Award organization	Uday Bhatia and Manasi Gupta	Recognizes exceptional youth for their social work or humanitarian services.
Pritzker Architecture Prize 2024	Hyatt Foundation	Riken Yamamoto	Highest honour in the field of architecture
Airport Service Quality Awards (ASQ)	Airports Council International (ACI)	Delhi Airport	Best Airport in the Asia-Pacific region for the sixth consecutive year
Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2024.	Government of Maharashtra	Dr. Pradeep Mahajan	Founder and Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of StemRx Hospital and Research Centre
National Youth Parliament Festival, 2024	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	Yatin Bhaskar Duggal	Promising talent from Haryana, has emerged as the winner
Chameli Devi Jain Award 2024	Media Foundation	1. Greeshma Kuthar – Independent Journalist 2. Ritika Chopra – Indian Express.	Outstanding Woman Media Person of the Year
Tyler Prize 2024 (Nobel Prize for environment)		Johan Rockstrom	Pioneering work to the development of the Planetary Boundaries framework.

94 Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bombay Jayashri Ramnath Neyveli Narayanan Urmila Sathyanarayanan Pallavi Krishnan 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Carnatic vocalist Carnatic Instrumental (Mridangam) Bharatanatyam Mohiniattam
Miss World 2024		Krystyna Pyszkova	Second Miss World from Czech Republic
96th Academy Awards		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Best Picture - Oppenheimer Best Director - Christopher Nolan Best Actor - Cillian Murphy Best Actress - Emma Stone 	
Erasmus prize 2024		Amitav Ghosh	Written contribution to the theme 'imagining the unthinkable'.

PERSONS IN NEWS

Person	Why in news?
Droupadi Murmu	Honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law by the University of Mauritius.
Shafiqur Rahman Barq	He is India's Oldest MP from Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal passed away recently.
Manohar Joshi	Former Maharashtra chief minister

Capt. Ajit Krishnan	Fighter pilot from Tamil Nadu selected as astronaut for India's first human-crewed spaceflight Gaganyaan mission .
Suman Kumari	First woman sniper of the Border Security Force (BSF) .
Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi	New judicial member of the Lokpal (ombudsman)
Hansha Mishra	Appointed as Director in the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
Kishor Makwana	Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)
AS Rajeev	Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission

IMPORTANT DAYS

Day	Date	Theme
Zero Discrimination Day	March 01	To protect everyone's health, protect everyone's rights
World Seagrass Day	March 01	Healthy Seagrass, Healthy Planet
World Sustainable Energy Day	March 02	"Energy transition now – fast, smart, resilient
World Wildlife Day	March 03	Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation
World Obesity Day 2024	March 04	Let's Talk About Obesity And..

National Safety Day	March 04	Focus on Safety Leadership for ESG Excellence
Foundation Day of GSI	March 04	
World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development 2024	March 04	Engineering Solutions for a Sustainable World
International HPV Awareness Day	March 04	
World Day of the Fight Against Sexual Exploitation	March 04	
International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness	March 05	
Jan Aushadhi Diwas	March 07	
International Women's Day	March 08	Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress
CISF Raising Day	March 10	
International Day of Women Judges	March 10	Women in Justice, women for justice
No Smoking Day	March 13	
World Kidney Day Practice	March 14	Kidney Health for All – Advancing Equitable Access to Care and Optimal Medication
International Day of Action for Rivers	March 14	Water for All

Pi Day	March 14	
World Consumer Rights Day	March 15	
National Vaccination Day	March 16	
Ordnance Factories Day	March 18	
International Day of Happiness	March 20	Reconnecting for Happiness: Building Resilient Communities
World Sparrow Day	March 20	
World Oral Health Day	March 20	A happy mouth is.... a happy body
March Equinox 2024	March 20	
International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	March 21	A Decade of Recognition, Justice, and Development: Implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent
World Forestry Day	March 21	Forests and Innovation: New Solutions for a Better World.
World Down Syndrome Day	March 21	End the Stereotypes
World Water Day	March 22	Water for Peace
World Meteorological Day	March 23	At the Frontline of Climate Action
Shaheed Diwas, or Martyr's Day	March 23	
World Tuberculosis (TB) Day	March 24	Yes! We can end TB

International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims	March 24	
World Theatre Day	March 27	
Rajasthan Day 2024	March 30	
International Day of Zero Waste	March 30	

DEFENCE IN NEWS

1. **The Indian Navy** is set to inaugurate a new naval base, **INS Jatayu**, on **Minicoy Island**.
2. The Indian Navy commissioned of the **MH 60R Seahawk helicopter** at **INS Garuda, Kochi**.
3. The new **Administrative & Training building at the Naval War College (NWC), Goa** named as '**Chola**', pays homage to the mighty **maritime empire** of the **Chola dynasty** of ancient India.
4. **DRDO** has successfully conducted the **maiden flight test** of **Mission Divyastra** (divine weapon) **Agni-5 missile** with **multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicle (MIRV)** technology.
5. **Andaman & Nicobar Command** conducted its **first-ever all-women maritime surveillance mission** to commemorate **International Women's Day** and the **40th anniversary of INAS 318**.

Exercise	Parties involved	Exercise type
Bharat-Shakti	India – Army, Navy, and Air Force	Asia's largest field firing range located in

		Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan.
Sea Defenders-2024	India and United States	Coast Guard
2nd edition IMT TRILAT-2024	India, Mozambique and Tanzania	Navy
Tiger Triumph-24	India and the United States	Military
Exercise Cutlass Express – 24 (CE-24)	India along 16 Countries, took place in Seychelles	Navy
10th edition of LAMITIYE-2024	India and Seychelles	Military

COMMITTEE IN NEWS

Committee	Members	Purpose of the committee
Committee for Great Indian Bustard (GIB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud • JB Pardiwala • Manoj Misra 	In response to the urgent need to protect the endangered Great Indian Bustard (GIB) population from extinction caused by collisions with high-powered power cables in Gujarat and Rajasthan.
Committee for KYC	Headed by Finance Secretary Somanathan TV	Formulate uniform Know Your Customer (KYC) rules

PLACES IN NEWS

Place Name	State/Country	Known for
South America floods	Bolivia and northern Argentina	Frequent floods
East Africa Floods	Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Burundi, northern Zambia, and southern Tanzania	Heavy rainfall also caused flooding and erosion
Southern Africa drought	Angola, Namibia, Zambia, and Mozambique	Prevailing Drought Condition due to delayed or insufficient rainfall

INDICES

Report	Released by	Note
State of the Global Climate 2023 report	World Meteorological Organization (WMO)	These indicators underscore the urgent need for global action to mitigate the impacts of climate change.
Asia's billionaire capital	Shanghai-based Hurun Research Institute	Mumbai has overtaken Beijing as Asia's billionaire capital
Global Trade Update report	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	Despite a 3% dip in global trade to \$31 trillion in 2023, a rebound is expected in 2024 amid geopolitical uncertainties and logistical challenges.

India Employment Report 2024	International Labour Organization (ILO) and Institute of Human Development (IHD)	Shedding light on the challenges faced by the Indian job market
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SUMMITS

Summit Name	Hosted in	Purpose of Summit
Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)	Dhaka	Five-day exchange program unites diplomats and faculties from seven BIMSTEC countries to enhance cooperation among Foreign Service academies.
All India Research Scholars' Summit (AIRSS) 2024	Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras)	Event promises to be a gathering of minds from diverse disciplines across India
World Telecom Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Telecommunication Union (ITU) India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2024	Aim to foster global collaboration , drive telecom reforms , and showcase India's technological prowess
4th edition of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Startup Forum	New Delhi	Focus on enhancing interactions among SCO Member States startups , fostering innovation , creating employment and nurturing young talent .
Bharat Steam Boiler Expo 2024	Guwahati, Assam	Enhancing the growth and efficiency of sectors reliant on steam boilers

PORTAL IN NEWS

Portal	Purpose	Launched by
'e-Kisan Upaj Nidhi' (Digital Gateway)	India's journey to becoming a developed nation, 'Viksit Bharat' , by 2047 , with agriculture as its foundational pillar.	'e-Kisan Upaj Nidhi' (Digital Gateway)
BhashaNet portal	Multilingual internet environment , where website names and email addresses can be accessed in local languages .	BhashaNet portal

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Book Name	Author Name	Note
Sagar Parikrama	Parshottam Rupala	Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying
Phool Bahadur	Translated by Abhay K	English translation of the first Magahi novel
Code Dependent: Living in the Shadow of AI	Madhumita Murgia	Book explores the impact of artificial intelligence on human society

SPORTS IN NEWS

1. England's **James Anderson** claimed his **700th Test wicket** by dismissing India's Kuldeep Yadav in Dharamsala.
2. Indian badminton stars **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty** have won the **BWF French Open men's doubles title**.

3. Mumbai won the **42nd Ranji Trophy** after beating Vidarbha by 169 runs at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.
4. Indian cricket captain **Virat Kohli** has etched his name in history by becoming the **first Indian cricketer** to score 12,000 runs in the T20 format.
5. Indian paddler **Sreeja Akula** clinched the women's singles title at the **WTT Feeder Beirut II 2024** in **Beirut, Lebanon**.
6. **Sharfuddoula** has created history by becoming the **first Bangladeshi umpire** to be appointed to the **ICC Elite Panel of Umpires**.

Award	Given by	Recipient	PURPOSE
Bob Jones Award	United States Golf Association (USGA)	Tiger Woods	Highest honour bestowed by the USGA, recognizing individuals who demonstrate distinguished sportsmanship in golf.

Event/Cups	Venue	Note
KIRTI (Khelo India Rising Talent Identification)	Chandigarh	Aims to identify talented athletes between the ages of 9 and 18 years

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