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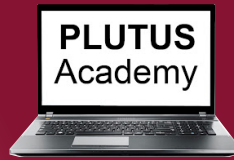


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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### SERUM INSTITUTE ROLLS OUT NEW HIGH EFFICACY MALARIA VACCINE IN AFRICA



The Serum Institute of India, in collaboration with the University of Oxford, has introduced a high-quality malaria vaccine in Africa, with Cote d'Ivoire being the first to administer it.

### INDIA SHINES AT 35TH INTERNATIONAL BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD 2024 IN KAZAKHSTAN



The Indian team achieved remarkable success, winning one gold medal and three silver medals at the 35th International Biology Olympiad in Kazakhstan.

### PAUL KAGAME RE-ELECTED FOR FOURTH TERM AS RWANDAN PRESIDENT



Paul Kagame has been re-elected with 99.15% of the votes in Rwanda's 2024 presidential election.

### GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON SPACE RESEARCH



The global conference on space research was organized in Busan, South Korea. This event gathered leading scientists, researchers, and space enthusiasts from around the world to discuss advancements, challenges, and future directions in space exploration and research.

### SECOND ASIA PACIFIC (APAC) MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE



The second Asia Pacific (APAC) ministerial conference will be held in India. This conference aims to foster regional cooperation and discuss key issues related to sustainable development, economic growth, and regional security among APAC countries.

## WORLD HERITAGE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FORUM 2024



The World Heritage Young Professionals Forum 2024 is being organized by the Archaeological Survey of India. This forum brings together young professionals from around the world to engage in discussions and activities related to heritage conservation, cultural preservation, and sustainable management of World Heritage Sites.

## ELON MUSK ANNOUNCES RELOCATION OF X AND SPACEX HEADQUARTERS TO TEXAS



Elon Musk announced that the headquarters of his companies, X and SpaceX, will move from California to Texas, intensifying his ongoing disputes with California.

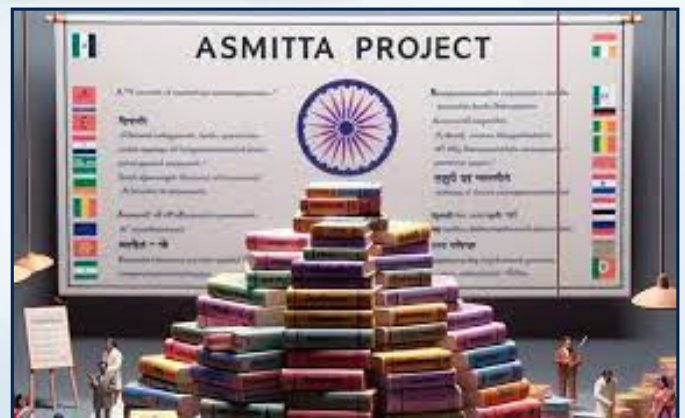
## NATIONAL NEWS

### PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI INAUGURATES INS TOWERS IN MUMBAI



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the INS Towers at the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) Secretariat in Mumbai's Bandra Kurla Complex. This new facility serves as a modern hub for the newspaper industry, addressing the evolving needs of INS members. The inauguration underscores efforts to bolster infrastructure supporting India's media sector.

### UGC'S ASMITA PROJECT: 22,000 INDIAN LANGUAGE BOOKS TO TRANSFORM HIGHER EDUCATION



The Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission (UGC) have launched ASMITA (Augmenting Study Materials in Indian Languages through Translation and Academic Writing), aiming to develop 22,000 books in Indian languages over the next five years.

## FOUNDATION OF INDIA'S LONGEST URBAN TUNNEL PROJECT



Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently laid the foundation for India's longest urban tunnel project in Maharashtra. This tunnel aims to alleviate traffic congestion and improve connectivity in the urban area, significantly boosting the region's infrastructure and economic development.

## E-MOBILITY R&D ROADMAP FOR INDIA



Ajay Kumar Sood, the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, recently launched the report on the e-mobility R&D roadmap for India. This report outlines strategic research and development initiatives to accelerate the adoption of electric mobility solutions in the country.

## INDIA LAUNCHES FIRST NATIONAL TOLL-FREE ANTI-NARCOTICS HELPLINE

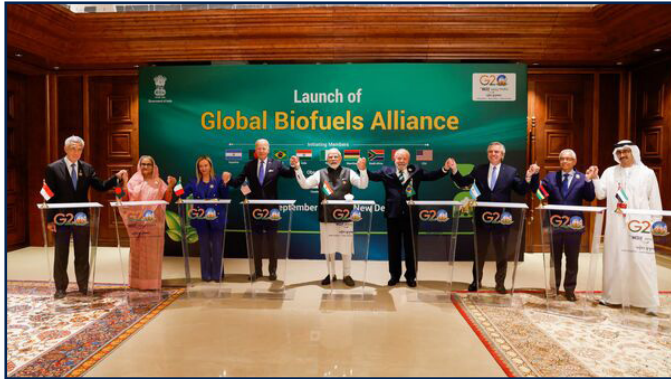
India is set to launch its first national toll-free anti-narcotics helpline, '1933', alongside an email service under the name MANAS (Madak Padarth Nisedh Asuchna Kendra). Scheduled for launch by Union Home Minister Amit Shah during the seventh Narco-Coordination Centre meeting on July 18, the helpline aims to provide a user-friendly platform for citizens to report drug-related crimes and seek assistance 24x7.

## UTTARAKHAND OPENS ITS FIRST-EVER BIRD GALLERY IN DEHRADUN



Uttarakhand's Forest Department opened the state's first bird gallery at the Nature Education Centre, Jolly Grant, in Dehradun on July 15. The gallery showcases high-resolution images of Uttarakhand's birds, offering an eye-catching display of the state's diverse avian life.

## INDIA PREPARES TO SIGN HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT WITH GLOBAL BIOFUELS ALLIANCE



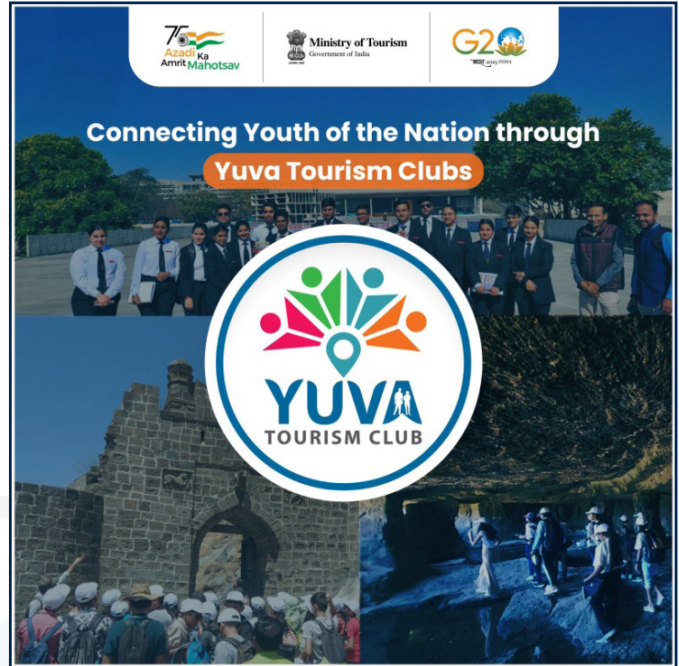
India is set to formalize its role in the Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA) by signing a headquarters agreement, marking a key step in global sustainable energy initiatives.

## INDIA COMPLETES 4TH ICCPR HUMAN RIGHTS REVIEW



India successfully completed its 4th review under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), emphasizing its commitment to human rights protection.

## ARUNACHAL PRADESH LAUNCHES 'YUVA TOURISM CLUB'



Swapnil Naik, the Tourism Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh, launched the 'Yuva Tourism Club' in Itanagar.

## NITI AAYOG RELEASES EXPORT PREPAREDNESS INDEX 2022



Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Gujarat were recognized as the top performers in the Export Preparedness Index 2022 report released by NITI Aayog.

## STATE NEWS

### BIHAR'S FIRST TRANSGENDER SUB-INSPECTORS APPOINTED.



Bihar has achieved a significant milestone in transgender rights with the appointment of Manvi Madhu Kashyap and two other transgender individuals as sub-inspectors in the Bihar Police. Despite facing challenges and discrimination, Kashyap cleared the Bihar Police Subordinate Selection Commission (BPSSC) exams, paving the way for broader inclusion and representation in law enforcement.

### SAWAN BEGINS WITH HARELA FESTIVAL IN UTTARAKHAND 2024



The Harela festival, marking the beginning of Sawan, is celebrated across Uttarakhand, symbolizing prosperity and well-being.

### ASIA'S FIRST HEALTH RESEARCH "PRE-CLINICAL NETWORK FACILITY" INAUGURATED IN FARIDABAD



Asia's inaugural health research-related "Pre-clinical Network Facility" has been inaugurated in Faridabad, focusing on handling BSL3 pathogens.

### MAHARASHTRA CM EKNATH SHINDE ANNOUNCES LADLA BHAI YOJANA



Chief Minister Eknath Shinde launched the Ladla Bhai Yojana to provide financial assistance and tackle unemployment for boys in Maharashtra, following the Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana for girls.



## APPOINTMENT NEWS

### SUPREME COURT GETS 2 NEW JUDGES, FIRST FROM MANIPUR



Justices N Kotiswar Singh and R Mahadevan have been appointed to the Supreme Court, with Justice Singh being the first from Manipur.

### ROBERT J RAVI APPOINTED AS CMD OF BSNL



Robert Jerard Ravi has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), effective July 15th, 2024. His appointment marks a pivotal moment for BSNL as it navigates challenges and opportunities in the telecommunications sector, aiming to enhance service delivery and expand its market presence.

### ARUN BANSAL APPOINTED AS CEO OF PAYTM PAYMENTS BANK



Arun Kumar Bansal has taken charge as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Paytm Payments Bank. Bansal brings extensive experience from his previous role at IDBI Bank and aims to steer Paytm Payments Bank towards sustained growth and innovation in digital payments and financial services.

## SPORTS NEWS

### SPAIN WINS EURO 2024 TITLE.



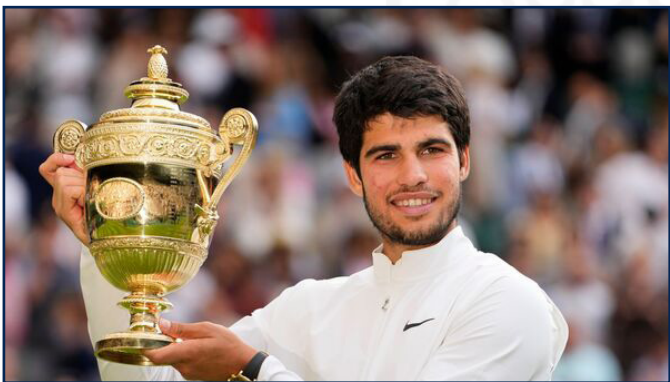
Spain secured its fourth European Championship trophy by defeating England 2-1 in a thrilling final held at the Olympiastadion in Berlin. This victory reinforces Spain's dominance in European football and adds to their legacy as one of the most successful nations in the tournament's history.

## INDIA CHAMPIONS IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF LEGENDS 2024



India Champions emerged victorious in the World Championship of Legends 2024 cricket tournament, defeating arch-rivals Pakistan Champions by five wickets in a closely contested final at Edgbaston. This victory underscores India's prowess in cricket and highlights the enduring rivalry between the two cricketing powerhouses.

## CARLOS ALCARAZ WINS WIMBLEDON 2023



Spain's Carlos Alcaraz ended Novak Djokovic's long reign to win his first Wimbledon title in 2023, marking his second Grand Slam title.

## VICTORIA WILL NOT HOST 2026 COMMONWEALTH GAMES



Australia's state of Victoria announced it would not host the 2026 Commonwealth Games due to projected excessive expenditures.

## ECONOMY NEWS

### IMF RAISES INDIA'S GDP FORECAST TO 7% FOR 2024-25



The IMF has increased India's GDP growth forecast to 7% for the fiscal year 2024-25, citing improved consumption prospects.

## SCIENCE & TECH

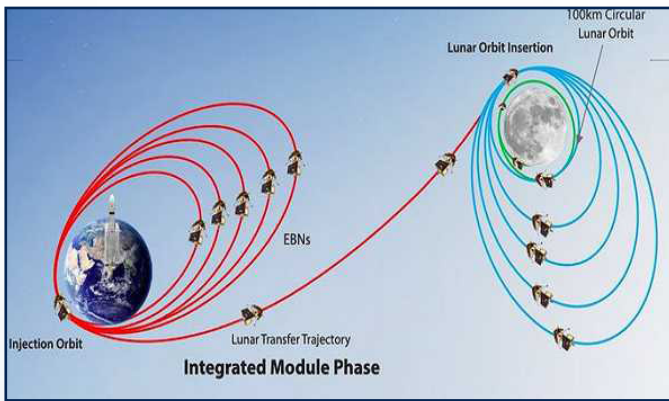
### ICAR'S 'ONE SCIENTIST-ONE PRODUCT' PROGRAM



The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has launched the 'One Scientist-One Product' pro-

gram to enhance research in agriculture and animal husbandry. This initiative aims to leverage the expertise of individual scientists to develop innovative solutions and products that address specific challenges in these fields.

### ISRO PERFORMS SECOND ORBIT-RAISING MANEUVER OF CHANDRAYAAN-3



ISRO successfully executed the second orbit-raising maneuver of the Chandrayaan-3 mission.

### BOOKS AND AUTHORS NEWS

#### TIM WALKER'S "THE PRISONER OF BHOPAL": A NOVEL COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BHOPAL GAS TRAGEDY



Tim Walker has published a historical fiction novel titled "The Prisoner of Bhopal," commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Bhopal gas tragedy.

### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY- THEME: "YOUTH SKILLS FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT"



World Youth Skills Day, observed annually on July 15th, focuses on equipping young people with skills essential for employment, decent work, and entrepreneurship. The 2024 theme emphasizes the critical role of youth in fostering peace and driving sustainable development globally. It highlights initiatives and programs aimed at enhancing skill development opportunities for youth worldwide.

#### WORLD DAY FOR INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE 2024



Observed on July 17, this day promotes international criminal justice and the fight against impunity for serious crimes.