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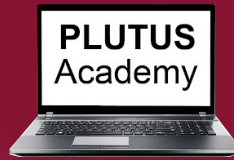


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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### NEW MEMBER IN COLOMBO SECURITY CONCLAVE



Bangladesh has recently joined the regional security group Colombo Security Conclave, enhancing regional cooperation in security matters across South Asia

### HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE MOST EXPENSIVE CITIES TO LIVE IN THE WORLD



According to Mercer's cost-of-living data report, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Zurich remain the most expensive cities for international workers in 2024. These cities have maintained their top positions from the previous year. Conversely, Islamabad, Lagos, and Abuja are ranked as the cities with the lowest living costs.

### NEW FATF LEADER



Elisa de Anda Madrazo from Mexico became the head of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). Her term will last until June 2026.

### RACHEL REEVES: BRITAIN'S FIRST WOMAN FINANCE CHIEF



Rachel Reeves becomes the UK's first woman finance minister after the Labour Party's election win.

### INDIA GEARS UP FOR MALABAR SHOWDOWN WITH 'QUAD' ALLIES AMID RISING CHINA TENSIONS



India will host the Malabar naval exercise with the US, Japan, and Australia in October 2024 amidst rising tensions with China.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### INAUGURATION OF NEW FILING COUNTER IN SUPREME COURT



Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud inaugurated a new filing counter in the Supreme Court, aimed at improving administrative efficiency and accessibility for legal filings.

### HAJ COMMITTEE NOW UNDER MINORITY AFFAIRS MINISTRY



The government has transferred the responsibility of the Haj Committee to the Ministry of Minority Affairs, which was previously managed by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). This change includes new regulations and the appointment of officers from various ministries to the committee.

### RAJASTHAN'S TEN-YEAR ROAD SAFETY PLAN



Rajasthan will be the first state in India to create a ten-year action plan to improve road safety. This plan aims to reduce traffic accidents by 50% by 2030 and is supported by Deputy Chief Minister Prem Chand Bairwa.

### PRIME MINISTER MODI RECEIVES RUSSIAN HONOR



Prime Minister Narendra Modi was presented with the Order of St Andrew the Apostle the First-Called at the Moscow Kremlin. This honor recognizes his efforts in strengthening the partnership between Russia and India.



## THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MANDATES BIS STANDARDS FOR ALL STAINLESS STEEL AND ALUMINUM UTENSILS



The Government of India has mandated that all stainless steel and aluminum utensils conform to the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). This directive, effective from March 14, 2024, under the Quality Control Order issued by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, makes the ISI mark compulsory for these utensils.

## STATES NEWS

### UTTAR PRADESH LAUNCHES 'MITRA VAN' INITIATIVE ALONG BORDERS



The Uttar Pradesh government, led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, has introduced the 'Mitra Van' (Friendship Forest) initiative as part of the Vriksharopan Jan Abhiyan-2024. This project aims to increase greenery along Uttar Pradesh's borders, including its international border with Nepal.

## BSF ORGANIZES "GROW WITH THE TREES" PLANTATION DRIVE IN SRINAGAR



The Border Security Force (BSF), in collaboration with the State Bank of India (SBI), conducted the "Grow with the Trees" plantation drive at the BSF Headquarters in Srinagar. This initiative aimed to promote a greener environment and highlight the importance of tree planting, involving BSF officials, jawans, SBI officials, and school children.

### TATA POWER LAUNCHES 'GHAR GHAR SOLAR' INITIATIVE IN UTTAR PRADESH



Tata Power launched the 'Ghar Ghar Solar' initiative in Uttar Pradesh, starting in Varanasi, to provide rooftop solar solutions.

## BUSINESS NEWS

### ICICI PRUDENTIAL LAUNCHES INDIA'S FIRST OIL & GAS ETF



ICICI Prudential launched the first Nifty Oil & Gas ETF in India, focusing on the performance of the oil and gas sector listed companies.

## BANKING NEWS

**ICICI LOMBARD INTRODUCES 'ELEVATE':  
REVOLUTIONIZING HEALTH INSURANCE WITH AI**



ICICI Lombard introduces 'Elevate', a health insurance product using AI for personalized solutions.

**RBI APPROVES GOVIND SINGH'S RE-APPOINTMENT  
AS MD & CEO OF UTKARSH SFB**



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the reappointment of Govind Singh as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank (Utkarsh SFB). His new term will begin on September 21, 2024, and will extend for three years.

## AGREEMENTS NEWS

**INDIA AND RUSSIA AIM FOR \$100 BILLION TRADE**



India and Russia have set a goal to boost bilateral trade to \$100 billion by 2030. This target focuses on economic collaboration in areas such as energy, trade, manufacturing, and fertilizers. Discussions also covered balancing trade, reducing non-tariff barriers, and exploring an India-Eurasian Economic Union Free Trade Area.

**ICAI AND MEITY COLLABORATE ON AI AUDIT TOOL  
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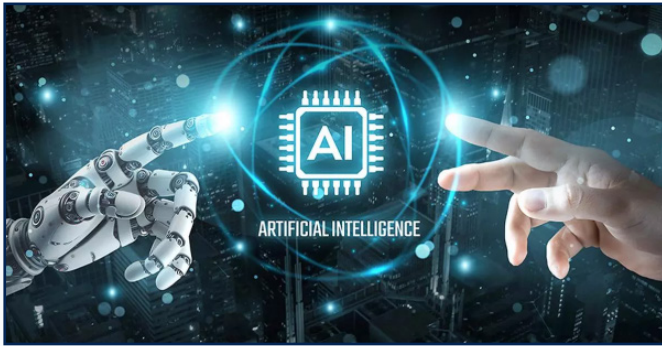


The ICAI collaborates with MeitY to develop an AI Audit Tool for corporate oversight and fraud detection.



## RANKS AND REPORTS NEWS

### INDIA RANKS FIFTH IN GENERATIVE AI INNOVATIONS



India ranks fifth in Generative AI innovations, with the highest growth rate in AI patent publications.

## AWARDS NEWS

### MAHARASHTRA WINS BEST AGRICULTURE STATE AWARD FOR 2024



Maharashtra wins the Best Agriculture State Award for 2024.

### HCLTECH'S ROSHNI NADAR MALHOTRA RECEIVES FRANCE'S HIGHEST CIVILIAN HONOUR



HCLTech Roshni Nadar Malhotra receives France's highest civilian honour, the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur.

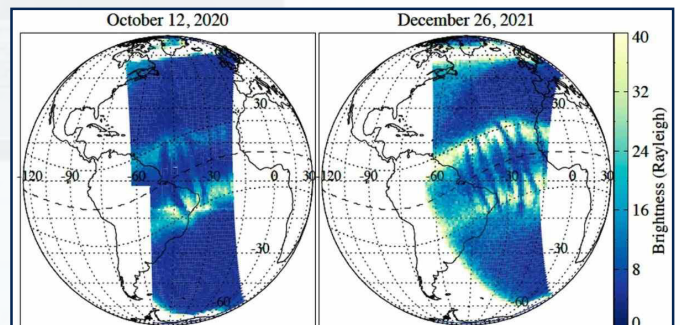
### NATIONAL LITERARY AWARD



Tamil writer Sivashankari is awarded the Dr. C. Narayana Reddy National Literary Award.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### NASA'S GOLD SATELLITE STUDIES IONOSPHERE



NASA's GOLD satellite is studying the ionosphere, an important part of Earth's atmosphere for long-distance communication. This layer, made up of electrically charged gas, helps radio messages travel long distances.



## DEFENSE

### APPOINTMENT OF COMMANDANT OF ARMY HOSPITAL



Lieutenant General Shankar Narayan has been appointed as the Commandant of Army Hospital, tasked with overseeing medical operations and healthcare services for military personnel.

### RAJAT SHARMA ELECTED AS NBDA PRESIDENT



Rajat Sharma, Chairman of India TV, elected as President of News Broadcasters & Digital Association, marking a milestone in media leadership.

### INDIA'S NEW LIGHT TANK "ZORAWAR"



India has introduced a new light tank called

"Zorawar." Developed by India's Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO), it is designed for difficult terrains and high elevations.

## SPORTS

### GAGAN NARANG APPOINTED AS INDIA'S CHEF-DE-MISSION FOR PARIS OLYMPICS 2024



Four-time Olympian and 2012 Olympic bronze medalist Gagan Narang has been appointed as India's Chef-De-Mission for the 2024 Paris Olympics. This follows Mary Kom's resignation from the position due to health issues.

### PV SINDHU, SHARATH KAMAL CONFIRMED AS INDIA'S FLAG BEARERS FOR PARIS OLYMPICS\*\*



The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has announced that India will continue the tradition of having two flag bearers for the Paris 2024 Olympics. PV Sindhu, the badminton star, will be the female flag bearer, and Sharath Kamal, the veteran table tennis player, will be the male flag bearer.

## ADANI GROUP ANNOUNCED AS PRINCIPAL SPONSOR FOR INDIAN TEAM AT 2024 PARIS OLYMPICS



Gautam Adani, Chairman of the Adani Group, has announced that the conglomerate will be the principal sponsor of the Indian contingent at the 2024 Paris Olympics. This significant sponsorship marks a crucial step in preparing Indian athletes for one of the world's most prestigious sporting events.

## GAUTAM GAMBHIR APPOINTED AS HEAD COACH



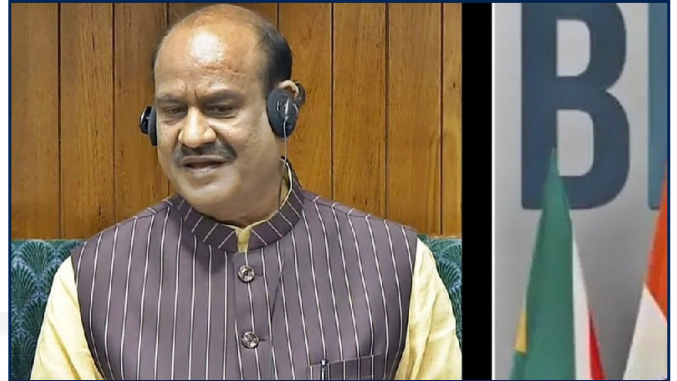
Gautam Gambhir is the new head coach of the Indian men's cricket team, appointed by Jay Shah, the secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

## INDIAN WINS AT ASIAN SQUASH DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP



Indian squash players won two titles at the Asian Squash Doubles Championship 2024 in Johor, Malaysia, in both the men's doubles and mixed doubles categories.

## LOK SABHA SPEAKER OM BIRLA TO LEAD INDIAN DELEGATION TO BRICS PARLIAMENTARY FORUM



Om Birla, Speaker of the Lok Sabha, will lead a distinguished Indian parliamentary delegation to the 10th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in St. Petersburg, Russia. The forum will discuss the role of parliaments in promoting global development and security through multilateral cooperation.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### WORLD POPULATION DAY 2024



World Population Day, celebrated annually on 11th July, focused on the theme "Leave no one behind, count everyone," emphasizing inclusivity and ensuring everyone's participation in global population issues.