

Current Affairs: October 18, 2024

National News

1. ****Supreme Court Ruling****:



The Supreme Court upheld Section 6A of the Citizenship Act, affirming its constitutionality in addressing illegal immigration from Bangladesh to Assam. The ruling was passed with a 4-1 majority, with Justice Pardiwala dissenting.

2. ****Online Scams Initiative****:



The "Scam se Bacho" campaign was launched to combat online scams, in collaboration with Meta. The initiative aims to raise awareness about digital safety and encourage reporting of fraud.

3. ****Indian Railways Policy Change****:

An advertisement for Indian Railways. It features a train and a smartphone displaying 'TICKET BOOKING'. The text is in Hindi and English, announcing a change in the ticket booking policy. The background is green and white.

आम आदमी के लिए कितना सही भारतीय रेलवे का फैसला?

- पहले 120 दिन पहले आप ट्रेन टिकट बुक कर सकते थे
- अब 1 नवंबर 2024 से सिर्फ 60 दिन पहले टिकट बुक किया जा सकेगा
- आज यानी 17 अक्टूबर को रेल मंत्रालय ने इसकी नोटिफिकेशन जारी की है

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Indian Railways reduced the Advance Reservation Period for long-distance train bookings from 120 days to 60 days, effective November 1, 2024. This change is intended to improve passenger convenience and streamline ticketing operations.

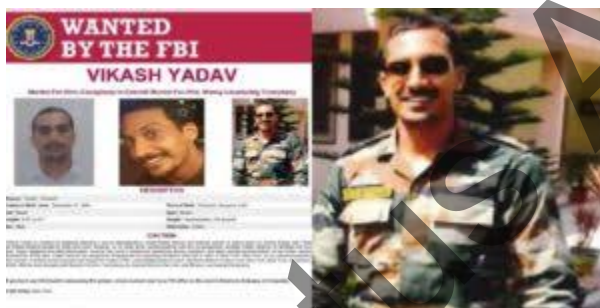
International News

4. **** Hamas Chief Killed ****:



Israel Defense Forces announced the killing of Yahya Sinwar, the head of Hamas in Gaza, during a targeted operation. His identity was confirmed through DNA testing, marking a significant development in the conflict.

5. **** Ex-RAW Official Charged ****:



Vikas Yadav, a former RAW official, was charged by the U.S. Justice Department for allegedly plotting to assassinate Khalistani terrorist Gurbatwant Singh Pannun in New York, using an FBI informant for the hit.

Banking News

6. **** RBI Actions ****:



The Reserve Bank of India barred Navi Finserv and three other NBFCs from lending due to violations of regulatory pricing policies. This action is part of efforts to enforce fair lending practices.

State News

7. ****Karnataka Announcements****:



Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced that all ST residential schools in Karnataka will be named after Maharishi Valmiki. This initiative honors his contributions to society.

8. ****Uttarakhand Initiative****:



Sanskrit will become a mandatory subject in 416 madrasahs in Uttarakhand, aimed at enriching the educational curriculum and promoting cultural heritage.

Sports News

9. ****Ganguly's New Role****:



Sourav Ganguly has been appointed as the Director of Cricket for JSW Sports, overseeing cricket operations for teams like Delhi Capitals in the IPL.

10. ****Shooting Achievements****:



India's shooting team had a successful outing at the ISSF World Cup Final, with Vivaan Kapoor winning silver and Anant Jeet Singh Naruka taking bronze, bringing India's total medal count to four.