

National

- **Launch of Bharat Chana Dal Phase II**:



Union Minister Pralhad Joshi launched the second phase of Bharat Chana Dal, aiming to provide affordable food essentials during the festive season. Mobile vans from NCCF, NAFED, and Kendriya Bhandar will help in distributing pulses in Delhi-NCR.

Banking

- **HDFC Life's DEI Commitment**:



HDFC Life received dual recognition for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) efforts, being listed among India's Best Companies for Women and as an 'Exemplar of Inclusion' by Avtar and Seramount.

Important Days

- **World Polio Day 2024**:



October 24 is observed globally to raise awareness about polio and efforts to eradicate it. There are three wild poliovirus types: WPV1, WPV2, and WPV3.

- **International Day of Diplomats**:



This day celebrates the critical role diplomats play in international peace and cooperation.

Defence



The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) celebrates its foundation day on October 24, recognizing its role in guarding the India-China border.

- **New Missile Testing Range in Andhra Pradesh**:



The Cabinet Committee on Security approved a missile testing range in Nagayalanka, focusing on advanced missile systems.

Appointments

- **Prabhakar Raghavan Appointed as Google's Chief Technologist**



IIT-Madras alumnus Prabhakar Raghavan takes on this key leadership role.

Awards





The actor was recognized for his mental health advocacy work in the UK.

- **Urmila Chaudhary Wins Global Anti-Racism Championship Award**:



The social campaigner from Nepal was honored for her anti-racism efforts by the U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken.



South African fast bowler Kagiso Rabada became the quickest to reach 300 Test wickets by balls bowled.

- **Zimbabwe's Record T20I Total**:



Zimbabwe posted a record 344/4 in a T20I match, led by Sikandar Raza unbeaten 133.