

# Current Affairs - 11th November 2024

## National

### 1. **Sitharaman Launches MSME Outreach in Karnataka**:



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the National MSME Cluster Outreach Programme in Bengaluru to enhance financial access for MSMEs across India, linking over 150 MSME clusters.

### 2. **Kartarpur Sahib Corridor Celebrates 5 Years**:



The Kartarpur Sahib Corridor, connecting India and Pakistan, marks its 5th anniversary, providing visa-free access for Indian pilgrims to the Gurdwara Sri Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan.

### 3. **Hindalco Tops Global Sustainability Rankings**:



Hindalco Industries, a part of Aditya Birla Group, ranked as the most sustainable aluminum company globally for the 5th consecutive year, based on the 2024 S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment.

## International

### 4. **\*\*Canada Cancels SDS Visa Program\*\***:



Canada has terminated the Student Direct Stream (SDS) program, impacting students from India and 13 other countries who previously had expedited study permit processing.

Schemes & Initiatives

### 5. **\*\*Union Bank's "Nari Shakti" Branches Launched\*\***:



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated five specialized branches of Union Bank of India to support women entrepreneurs, enhancing financial inclusion.

## Sports

### 6. **\*\*FIH Hockey Star Awards 2024\*\***:



Harmanpreet Singh (Men's Player of the Year) and PR Sreejesh (Men's Goalkeeper of the Year) were honored at the FIH Hockey Star Awards ceremony in Muscat.

### 7. **\*\*Tayyab Ikram Re-Elected FIH President\*\***:



Tayyab Ikram was re-elected as President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) for a second term.

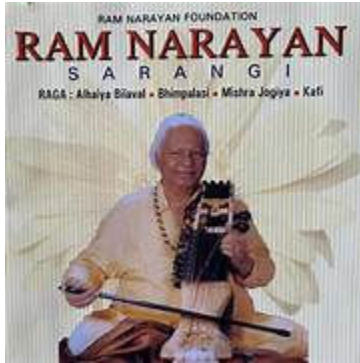
## Obituaries

### 8. **\*\*H.S. Sodhi (Polo Legend) Dies at 86\*\***:



Renowned Indian polo player H.S. Sodhi, known for his skills and achievements in the sport, passed away.

**9. \*\*Pandit Ram Narayan (Sarangi Maestro) Passes Away at 96\*\*:**



Legendary sarangi virtuoso Pandit Ram Narayan, who revolutionized the instrument in classical music, passed away.

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