

# Current Affairs – 7th November 2024

## International

### 1. **Maia Sandu Wins Moldova's Presidential Election (Second Term)**



- Pro-Western Maia Sandu secured a second term as Moldova's president, winning 55% of the vote amid allegations of Russian interference. Sandu's victory is a significant step for Moldova's EU integration despite internal divisions over geopolitical alignment.

### 2. **Switzerland's Burqa Ban to Take Effect in 2025**



- A controversial law banning facial coverings in public spaces will come into effect on January 1, 2025. This follows a 2021 referendum, sparking debate, especially from Muslim associations.

## Science & Technology

### 3. **World's First Wooden Satellite Launched: LignoSat**



- Japan's Kyoto University, in collaboration with Sumitomo Forestry, launched the world's first wooden satellite, LignoSat, to test the viability of timber for space applications.

## Government Schemes

### 4. \*\*PM-Vidya Laxmi Scheme Approved\*\*



- The Union Cabinet approved the PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme, which will provide financial support in the form of collateral-free loans for students pursuing higher education in India's top 860 quality institutions.

## State News

### 5. \*\*Telangana Launches Statewide Caste Census\*\*



- Telangana initiated a statewide survey to gather data on the social, economic, political, caste, and educational status of households across the state.

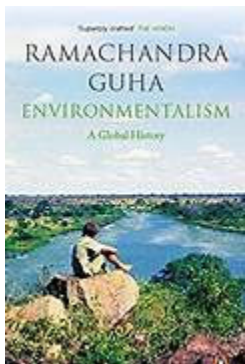
## Miscellaneous

### 6. **\*\*Max Verstappen Wins Brazil Grand Prix 2024\*\***



- Max Verstappen clinched an incredible victory at the Brazil Grand Prix, overcoming a 17th-place start to triumph in wet conditions, inching closer to his fourth straight World Championship.

### 7. **\*\*Ramachandra Guha's New Book on Indian Environmentalism\*\***



- Historian Ramachandra Guha's latest book, \*Speaking with Nature: The Origins of Indian Environmentalism\*, explores India's unique ecological heritage, challenging Western narratives on environmentalism.

### 8. **\*\*LG Cup Polo Tournament in Ladakh\*\***



- The 4th LG Cup Horse Polo-2024 Tournament was inaugurated in Ladakh, highlighting the region's growing emphasis on youth development and sports infrastructure.

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