

Current Affairs - November 2, 2024

Economy

1. **October GST Collection Grows by 8.9%, Totals ₹1.87 Trillion**



The gross GST collection in October 2024 registered an 8.9% increase, reaching ₹1.87 trillion. This growth is largely attributed to improvements in domestic transactions, while revenue from imports saw slower growth.

Business

2. **UPI Transactions Hit Record ₹23.5 Trillion in October**



India saw a record increase in digital transactions in October 2024, with the total value reaching ₹23.5 trillion. This surge is primarily driven by the widespread use of UPI, IMPS, FASTag, and Aadhaar-enabled Payment System (AePS).

Appointments

3. **Rajesh Kumar Singh Appointed as New Defence Secretary**



Rajesh Kumar Singh, a 1989 batch IAS officer, has assumed the position of Defence Secretary at South Block. He replaced 1988 batch IAS officer Giridhar Aramane, who retired on October 31, 2024, after two years of service.

4. ****Dr. Jacqueline D'Aros Hughes Appointed as Secretary-General of World Agriculture Forum****



Dr. Jacqueline D'Aros Hughes, former Director General of ICRISAT, has been appointed as the Secretary-General of the World Agriculture Forum (WAF). She will assume the role in mid-November 2024.

5. ****Praveena Rai Appointed as CEO and MD of MCX****



Praveena Rai has taken on the role of CEO and MD at the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX). Her five-year term will see her lead the organization with her extensive expertise in banking and payment sectors.

Defense

6. ****Indian Army Contingent Departs for "Vajra Prahar" in the US****



An Indian Army contingent has arrived at Orchard Combat Training Center in Idaho, USA, to participate in the 15th edition of "Vajra Prahar." This joint military exercise will run from November 2 to November 22, 2024.

7. ****Indian Army Engages in 9th India-Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise "Garuda Shakti"****



An Indian Army team is participating in the 9th edition of "Garuda Shakti" in Jakarta, Indonesia. The exercise is scheduled to take place from November 1 to November 12, 2024.

Science and Technology

8. ****ISRO's Gaganyaan Mission Set for New Experiment Soon****



ISRO is preparing for a new experiment under the Gaganyaan mission, which will mark a significant step toward sending Indian astronauts into space. This mission is expected to enhance ISRO's scientific capabilities.

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