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MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS OCTOBER – 2024

DATES & DAYS

- **2 October :- International Day of Non-Violence** coinciding with the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi (Gandhi Jayanti), established by the United Nations General Assembly on June 15, 2007. India celebrates the 155th birth anniversary of Bapu in 2024. Birth: 2nd October 1869 in Porbandar (Gujarat).
- **2 October:- Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti.** 120th birth anniversary of India's second Prime Minister. Shastri is most remembered for his leadership during the Indo-Pak War of 1965 and his iconic slogan "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan". death in 1966, under mysterious circumstances in Tashkent, remains a subject of debate and investigation.
- **2nd - 8th October :- National Wildlife Week.** Theme:- "Wildlife Conservation Through Coexistence."
- **4 October:- World Animal Welfare Day,** marked since 1925. first celebrated on 24th March 1925 in Germany. It was started by Heinrich Zimmermann, THEME:- "The world is their home too!"
- **4-10 Oct:- World Space Week.** Theme 2024 - "Space & Climate Change." To recognize two important dates : Soviet Union's launching first human-made Earth satellite , Sputnik 1, on Oct. 4, 1957; Signing of Outer Space Treaty on Oct.10, 1967.
- **7 October:- World Cotton Day.** WTO hosted the first World Cotton Day on 7 October 2019 Recognized by United Nations General Assembly in 2021. Theme: Cotton for Good.
- **8 Oct 2024 - 92nd anniversary celebrations of Indian Air Force.** Indian Air Force was officially established on 8 October 1932 by the British Empire as the Royal Indian Air Force. The name was changed to Indian Air Force in 1950. Theme "Bhartiya Vayu Sena – Saksham, Sashakt, Atmanirbhar". The motto of the Indian Air Force 'नभः स्पृशं दीप्तिम्'(Touch the sky with Glory) has been taken from Verse 24, Chapter 11 of Srimad Bhagavadgita.
- **9 October - World Postal Day.** Declared by the 1969 Universal Postal Congress in Tokyo as a means to mark the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union's (UPU) creation in 1874. To mark the 150th anniversary of the UPU, the theme for 2024 is: "150 years of enabling communication and empowering peoples across nations".
- **10 October - World Mental Health Day.** Established on October 10, 1992 by the World Federation for Mental Health. Theme - 'It is Time to Prioritize Mental Health in the Workplace'.
- **11 October:- International Day of the Girl Child.** Theme - 'Girls' vision for the future'. In 1995 at the World Conference on Women in Beijing, countries unanimously adopted the Beijing Declaration to specifically call out girls' rights. On December 19, 2011, United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution to declare October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Child.

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- **13 October:- International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction day**, aims to raise awareness and promote a culture of disaster reduction and risk awareness around the world. Theme 2024 - Empowering the next generation for a resilient future.
- **16 October- World Food Day**. Theme :- Right to Foods for a Better Life and a Better Future World Food Day was established by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1979 to commemorate its founding in 1945.
- **17 October- International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**. Theme: -Ending Social and Institutional Maltreatment Acting together for just, peaceful and inclusive societies declared on 22 December 1992 by the UN General Assembly.
- **20 October- World Statistics Day**. First observed in 2010 by the United Nations Statistical Commission celebrated every five years. Third World Statistics Day was celebrated around the globe on 20 October 2020. Theme :- "Connecting the world with data we can trust".
- **24 October- World Development Information Day**. In 1972, the General Assembly established World Development Information Day to draw the attention of the world to development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them.
- **24 October- United Nations Day**. United Nations was officially established on October 24, 1945 after the UN Charter was ratified by a majority of signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council: the United States, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, China, and France.
- **24 October- World Polio Day**. Established by Rotary International . the birth date of Jonas Salk, who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis. The WHO South-East Asia Region was certified free of wild polioviruses on 27 March 2014.
- **63rd Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Raising Day** Formally raised on October 24, 1962 during the India-China War ; Raised under the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Act, 1949. However, in 1992, parliament enacted ITBPF Act and the rules were framed in 1994. Motto :- "Shaurya-Dridhata-Karma Nishtha".
- **28th October - NDMA to celebrate its 20th Formation Day**, inaugural ceremony as Chief Guest - Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah in New Delhi. Theme :- 'Empowering Communities for Disaster Risk Reduction Through Awareness for Behavioral Change'. NDMA formally constituted on 27th September 2006, in accordance with the Disaster Management Act, 2005 with Prime Minister as its Chairperson.

APPOINTMENTS

- Vice Admiral Arti Sarin was appointed as the Director General of Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS). She is the first woman officer to take over as the head of the Tri-service Armed Forces Medical Services.
- Claudia Sheinbaum sworn in as Mexico's first woman President.

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- Air Marshal SP Dharkar Steps into Vice Chief of Air Staff Position.
- Manish Tiwary to take over as Managing Director of Nestle India, Suresh Narayanan to retire in 2025.
- Surgeon Vice Admiral Kavita Sahai, Sm, Vsm Assumes Charge As Director General Medical Services (Navy).
- Noel Tata was appointed as chairman of the Tata group's philanthropic arm Tata Trusts. He will be succeeding his half brother Ratan Naval Tata.
- DG Paramesh Sivamani takes over as 26th Director General of Indian Coast Guard. [established in 1978 by the Coast Guard Act, 1978 as an independent Armed force of India. Parent ministry: It operates under the Ministry of Defence. HQ :- Coast Guard Headquarters (CGHQ) is located at New Delhi.]
- National Conference (NC) Vice President Omar Abdullah was sworn in as J&K's new Chief Minister and Surinder Kumar Choudhary as Deputy Chief Minister (DCM).
- Rashmika Mandanna appointed national ambassador to promote cyber safety.
- Leading Indian woman scientist, Shubha Tole has been appointed as the president-elect of the International Brain Research Organisation (IBRO). She is the first scientist from a developing country to be appointed to the top position.
- Nayab Saini took oath as Haryana CM. Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya administered the oath of office.
- Justice Khanna will be the 51st Chief Justice of India and will have a tenure of 6 months in office before retiring on May 13, 2025. With CJI Chandrachud set to retire on November 10.
- Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar appointed 9th NCW (National Commission for Women)Chairperson. National Commission for Women (NCW) is an autonomous and statutory body established under the National Commission for Women Act, 1990, to protect and promote women's rights in India. First Commission was constituted on January 31, 1992, with Ms. Jayanti Patnaikas the Chairperson.
- LG Manoj Sinha Appoints Mubarak Gul as Pro Tem Speaker of J&K Assembly.
- Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), a national business association, announced the appointment of Abhyuday Jindal, Managing Director of Jindal Stainless Limited, as its new President.
- Prabowo Subianto Takes over as President of Indonesia.
- Vietnam elected Luong Cuong, a military general, as its new President, replace To Lam .
- Vipin Kumar Assumes Role as Chairman of Airports Authority of India.

AWARDS

- Nobel memorial prize in economics has been awarded to Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and James A. Robinson for research into differences in prosperity between nations. The three economists "have demonstrated the importance of societal institutions for a country's prosperity".
- Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun have been jointly awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology 2024 for the discovery of microRNA and its role in post-transcriptional gene regulation.

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- 25th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence 2024. Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar presented the 25th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence, 2024 to distinguished philanthropist, Smt. Rajashree Birla Ji, Chairperson of Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives and Rural Development at Vice-President's Enclave.
- Maharashtra Govt to Honour Laxman Shreshtha with Late Vasudeo Gaitonde Lifetime Achievement Award . Given to eminent artists for their significant contributions to the field of visual arts.
- MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity 2024 :- Vera Voronova from Kazakhstan and Ysabel Agustina Calderón Carlos from Peru have been selected.
- Odisha wins best state in 5th National Water Awards 2023. Union minister of Jal Shakti CR Paatil announced the list of winners of 5th National Water Awards, at Shram Shakti Bhawan New Delhi.
- President Murmu confers with Honorary Doctorate in Political Science during her visit to Algeria.
- TN CM M.K. Stalin honoured with Asia HRD Lifetime Achievement award.
- Nikita Porwal from Madhya Pradesh was crowned Femina Miss India World 2024 in Mumbai.
- Mohanji Receives Prestigious 2024 Humanitarian Award.
- Darasing Khurana Honored with Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award for his work towards raising awareness around mental health issues as the 'Commonwealth Year of Youth Champion'.
- Aditi Anand, a 25-year-old artist from Haryana, won the Emerging Illustrator category at the prestigious Victoria and Albert Museum's Illustration Awards for her artwork Marigolds.
- Kalidas Samman award for the year 2023 announced by Madhya Pradesh government to artist Raghupathi Bhat for his contribution to the field of painting. The award carries a cash prize of ₹5 lakh and a citation and will be conferred to Raghupathi Bhat at a function to be held in Ujjain on November 12.
- Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has been awarded with SHRM - HR Excellence Awards for 'Excellence in Inclusion, Equity & Diversity' and 'Excellence in Managing the Distributed Workforce' categories
- Boman Irani wins Best Actor award at IFFSA Toronto film festival for The Mehta Boys.

DEFENCE

- The Indian Army, in collaboration with the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) is set to conduct the Second Edition of its flagship event, Chanakya Defence Dialogue-2024 will be conducted on 24th and 25th October 2024 at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.
- A mega 7,000-km long 'Vayu Veer Vijeta' car rally from Thoise in Ladakh to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh is being organised to mark the 92nd anniversary of Indian Air Force (IAF) on October 08, 2024. The rally has been organised by IAF in coordination with the veterans of Uttarakhand War Memorial.
- EURONAVAL 2024 : - India is among 104 countries invited to attend the world's largest naval defence trade show. event will be held from November 4th to 7th, 2024, at the Paris-Nord Villepinte Exhibition Centre. This year, 13 countries will be organising their own national pavilion.

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- Indian Navy and Royal Navy of Oman successfully concluded the 'Naseem Al Bahr' naval exercise off Goa from October 13 to October 18.
- 2nd edition of 'Sagar Kavach' exercise 2024 held by Indian Coast Guard across Gujarat and the Union Territory of Daman & Diu coasts. first 'Sagar Kavach' exercise of 2024 on 11 and 12 July 2024 along the coast of Andhra Pradesh.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah addresses 14th All India Home Guards and Civil Defence Conference in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. It was established in 1962, and the Civil Defence Act was passed in 1968; for contribution of Home Guards and Civil Defence volunteers during the wars of 1965 and 1971.

SPORTS & BOOKS & AUTHORS

- Five books shortlisted for Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2024. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize, established in 2018, carries a cash award of ₹15 lakh and a citation
- How Prime Ministers Decide. By Neerja Chowdhury.
- A Part Apart: The Life & Thought of B.R. Ambedkar. By Ashok Gopal
- Fire on the Ganges: Life Among the dead in Banaras. By Radhika Iyengar
- H – Pop: The Secretive World of Hindutva Pop Stars. By Kunal Purohit
- Sheikh Abdullah: The caged Lion of Kashmir. By Chitrlekha Zutshi
- World No. 1 Test all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja made history by becoming the third Indian cricketer to achieve the remarkable feat of scoring 3,000 runs and taking 300 wickets in Test cricket.
- India to host first-ever Kho Kho World Cup in 2025 Will be organised by Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI), in association with the International Kho Kho Federation, participation of 24 countries from 6 continents and will feature 16 men's and 16 women's teams. ultimate goal is to see Kho Kho recognised as an Olympic sport by 2032. Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) formed in 1955, first national championship was held in 1959.



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- Shooter Yukun Liu and Yang Jiin are ISSF athletes of the year.
- Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi won the 2024 WR Chess Masters Cup , beaten France in the finals.
- 24th National para-swimming championship in Goa From October 19 - 22 .
- Virat Kohli Becomes 4th Indian Batter to Reach 9,000 Test Runs. Pervious 3 – Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and Sunil Gavaskar.
- Bala Devi becomes first Indian woman to score 50 international goals. Bala Devi (from Manipur), often referred to as the "goal machine" of Indian women's football
- New Zealand beat South Africa and win their maiden Women's T20 World Cup title.
- In Golf, India will host the 16th edition of the Women's Indian Open in Gurugram, Haryana.
- Spain's Rodri and Bonmatí win Ballon d'Or award 2024.

MISC.

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched 'Cruise Bharat Mission' from the Mumbai port on the cruise ship 'Empress'. Aimed at boosting the potential of cruise tourism in the country and doubling of cruise passenger traffic by 2029. Targets three key cruise segments - the ocean and harbour, river, inland and island.
- India's first supercapacitor manufacturing facility at Keltron Component Complex Limited (KCCL) in Kallyassery, Kannur. Keltron (PSU) in the electronics and IT industry – started in 1974. The supercapacitor manufacturing plant was developed in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the Swachh Bharat Diwas 2024, marking the 10th anniversary of the Swachh Bharat Mission at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. Launched by PM Modi on October 2, 2014, the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan includes two key components: the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban).
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan in Jharkhand, aimed at ensuring comprehensive and holistic development for tribal communities across the country will be implemented at a cost of ₹79,150 crore, It will benefit over 5 crore tribals in 549 districts across 30 States and Union Territories.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, had approved PM E-DRIVE Scheme on 11th September 2024 to promote electric mobility in the country. PM E-DRIVE - PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement, scheme has a financial outlay of ₹10,900 crore over a period of two years. Now, officially launched at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- Telangana has become the first State, in the country, to get a chapter of NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP). WEP thus far remained a scheme operated by the Centre. An initiative to promote and support women entrepreneurs across various sectors by providing them access to resources, tools and a network for enhancing their business growth

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- The 26th Water, Energy, Technology and Environment Exhibition (WETEX) 2024 began at the Dubai World Trade Centre, (1 - 3 Oct 2024), 29 leading companies participating in the Indian pavilion. The event, organized by Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) showcasing cutting-edge innovations in renewable energy, water treatment, and environmental technologies.
- The kohl stick, which is a kind of eyeliner still popular among people, was found in Yeşilova Höyük which is an ancient settlement in western Turkey.
- International Film Festival on Environment & Wildlife 'Vatavaran' Inaugurated in New Delhi, focusing on the awareness and conservation of the wetlands eco-system. Theme for the three-day film festival is "Wetlands for Life"
- Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport is set to launch India's first air train system designed to enhance connectivity between airport terminals, parking areas, and various facilities.
- Nagaland Partners with Wales for 25th Hornbill Festival. Wales is in the southwestern part of the island of Great Britain. Hornbill first festival was held in 2000.
- Bihar CM Dedicates Bapu Tower in Patna on Mahatma Gandhi's 155th Birth Anniversary.
- Lay's Becomes Official Sponsor of FIFA World Cup 2026 and FIFA Women's World Cup 2027.
- Cabinet approves conferring status of Classical Language to Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali languages . The total number of recognised classical languages in India increased to 11 . India has had 6 classical languages till now - Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Sanskrit, and Odia. Tamil was the first language to be given classical status in 2004.
- PM Internship Scheme Central government launched the pilot phase of the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme aiming to offer 1.25 lakh internship opportunities during the fiscal year 2024-25. internships to 1 crore young people over the next five years. Online portal managed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA). Selected participants will receive a monthly stipend of Rs. 4,500 from the government, with an additional Rs. 500 provided by companies as part of their corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives. one-time financial assistance of INR 6,000.
- Conference on Maritime Decarbonization in India, cohosted by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways in New Delhi.
- Union Minister for Textiles, Giriraj Singh handed over the certificate of Geographical indication (GI) registration of Pashmina wool (also known as Soft Gold) to the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh Brigadier Dr. B. D. Mishra
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Banjara Virasat Museum in Pohardevi at Washim in Maharashtra.
- United Kingdom agrees to hand over the Chagos Islands to Mauritius.
- Hurricane Milton intensified in the Gulf of Mexico on its path toward the U.S. State's western coast.
- Taiwan Receives First Shipment of Harpoon Missile Systems from the US.
- President Droupadi Murmu conferred 70th National Film Awards in New Delhi .70th National Film Awards for the year 2022, Actor Mithun Chakraborty honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, the highest recognition in the field of Cinema. (2022)
- Nobel Prize in Physics 2024: John J. Hopfield, Geoffrey E. Hinton awarded for work on machine learning with artificial neural network.

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- India to host World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly from 14-24 Oct in New Delhi.
- Nobel Prize in chemistry awarded to David Baker, Demis Hassabis and John Jumper for work on 'protein research'
- 44th Association of Southeast Asian Nations' (ASEAN) Summit in Laos . Theme is "ASEAN: Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience".
- Nobel Prize in Literature 2024 goes to South Korean author Han Kang, For her intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life.
- Uttarakhand to host 38th National Games from January 28 to February 14 2025. Uttarakhand will also host the Winter National Games.
- Indian Navy's frontline stealth frigate, INS Talwar, arrived at Simon's Town, South Africa to participate in the 8th edition of IBSAMAR. A joint multinational maritime exercise among Indian, Brazilian, and South African Navy scheduled from 06 to 18 October 2024.
- Govt approves continuation of fortified rice supply to reduce anaemia under various government schemes, including the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) and other welfare programs, from July 2024 to December 2028.
- Cabinet approves development of National Maritime Heritage Complex in Lothal, Gujarat.
- PM Modi arrives in Laos to attend ASEAN-India and East Asia summits will participate in the 21st India-ASEAN and the 19th East Asia summits.
- The Negro River, a main tributary of the Amazon, recently dropped to its lowest level in 122 years. Rio Negro is one of the largest tributaries of the Amazon River. It is also one of the world's largest rivers in terms of discharge.
- Scientists found carbon dioxide and hydrogen peroxide on Pluto's largest moon, Charon Data captured by NASA's James Webb Space Telescope. Charon, discovered in 1978, has the distinction of being the solar system's largest moon relative in size to the planet it orbits.
- Nobel Peace Prize 2024 awarded to Japanese organisation Nihon Hidankyo Nihon Hidankyo is the only nation-wide organization of A-bomb survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki (Hibakusha).
- The central government has given its in-principle approval for Bihar's second tiger reserve in Kaimur district.
- Anita Roy became the first IPS officer to bag the gold medal in this powerlifting competition by lifting 70 kg at the Commonwealth international classic bench press competition held in South Africa.
- PM Modi congratulates RSS on its 100th year. RSS has entered its centenary year. It is a Hindu nationalist volunteer organisation founded in 1925 in Nagpur by Dr. K.B. Hedgewar in response to perceived threats to Hindu culture and society, particularly during British colonial rule.
- Northeast to hold first ever India International Science Festival. 10th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) to be hosted at IIT Guwahati from November 30th to December 3rd 2024. Theme "Transforming India into an S&T driven Global Manufacturing Hub". IISF-2024 is being coordinated by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- 77th session of the Regional Committee for Southeast Asia in New Delhi from October 7 to 9. India's Minister of Health, JP Nadda, has been elected as the Chairperson of the 77th Session. committee

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shapes WHO's health policies in the region. member nations include Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, the Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and TimorLeste.

- Global Hunger Index 2024 ranks India under 'serious' category 19th edition has ranked India 105th, which places it under the "serious" category of the analysis - across 127 countries India is among 42 countries that fall within the "serious" category, alongside Pakistan and Afghanistan, other South Asian neighbours such as Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka showing better GHI scores to be listed under the "moderate" category. Theme: The theme for the 2024 Global Hunger Index (GHI) is "How gender justice can advance climate resilience and zero hunger"
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) – World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. WTSA is the governing conference for the standardization work of the International Telecommunication Union, a United Nations agency for digital technologies, organized every four years. This is the first time that the ITU-WTSA is being hosted in India and the Asia-Pacific region.
- NASA successfully launched the Europa Clipper spacecraft from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket. to assess whether Jupiter's moon Europa has conditions suitable for life. The focus is on a vast subsurface ocean believed to exist beneath its thick icy shell.
- Kaziranga National Park Emerges as India's 2nd Butterfly Diversity Hub.
- 40th Raising Day of National Security Guard (NSG). NSG Raising Day is celebrated on 16th October. It is Federal Contingency force to deal with anti-terrorist activities. The NSG members are also known as Black Cats. NSG came into existence through the National Security Guard Act, 1986 after Operation Blue Star in 1984 (an Indian military action carried out to remove militant religious leader from the Golden Temple, Amritsar). Union Ministry for Home Affairs exercises administrative and operational control over NSG. Motto: Sarvatra Sarvottama Suraksa. Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Maharashtra government announced, that the Maharashtra State Skills Development University will be renamed the "Padma Vibhushan Ratan Tata Skills University".
- Assam Government to Revive 129 Wetlands to Mitigate Floods with the help of ADB. In a bid to enhance flood resilience and increase fish production, the Assam government has launched a major initiative to restore 129 beels (wetlands)
- Aerospace startup Space Kidz India has announced the launch of its global initiative, ShakthiSAT, mission that aims to inspire and empower 12,000 young girls from 108 countries through space exploration. It paves the way forward in the global movement to foster STEM education among young women.Space Kidz India is involved in the design, fabrication and launch of small satellites, spacecraft and ground systems...
- India's External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, addressed 23rd meeting of SCO Council of Heads of Government in Islamabad, Pakistan . Dr. Jaishankar called for combating terrorism, separatism and extremism for a closer cooperation on trade and economy. Earlier, Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif opened

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the SCO Summit 2024, calling for expanding China's ambitious programme, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), massively promoted by China's President Xi Jinping. India has not joined this project.

- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare J P Nadda inaugurated the 19th ICDRA (International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities) in New Delhi. India is hosting the ICDRA for the first time from 14th– 18th October 2024, regulatory authorities, policymakers, and health officials from over 194 WHO member states.
- Mera Hou Chongba – an annual festival observed in order to strengthen the cordial bond between the indigenous communities living in hills and valley people, held at Imphal.
- PM Modi to Attend Abhidhamma Divas Celebrations and Pali Classical Language. Recognition in New Delhi, celebrations will be hosted by the Ministry of Culture in association with the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC); witnessing participation from academicians and monks from 14 countries. The Union Cabinet on October 3 approved to confer the status of a Classical Language to Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali.
- 3rd edition of Saras Aajeevika Mela 2024 is underway at Gurugram's Leisure Valley in Haryana.
- All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi is organising its first-ever International conference - Advancements of Research & Global Opportunities for Holistic Ayurveda – AROHA-2024 from 17th October to 19th October 2024.
- The new 'Lady Justice' statue removes the blindfold and replaces the sword with the Constitution, focused on equality under constitutional law. The move was led by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, who emphasized that "the law is not blind; it sees everyone equally.
- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh dedicates India's first Airport based self-powered indoor air quality monitoring facility at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport. The off-grid air quality monitor is powered by indigenous indoor solar cells developed by CSIR-NIIST
- Kaksar Bridge renamed as Captain Amit Bhardwaj Setu in Honor of Kargil War Hero Capt. Amit Bhardwaj.
- First ASEAN-India Track 1 Cyber Policy Dialogue Held in Singapore.
- Kho Kho Federation of India, KKFI will take place between 13th and 19th January 2025, in New Delhi. World Cup's official logo and tagline, #TheWorldGoesKho.
- Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Minister of State for Coal and Mines Satish Chandra Dubey unveiled the first-ever coal gallery at the National Science Centre in New Delhi.
- The Samarth Scheme has been extended for another two years, covering the financial years 2024-25 and 2025-26. Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Textiles. Objective: aims to encourage and support the industry in creating jobs in the organized textile and related sectors, covering the entire value chain of textiles, excluding Spinning and Weaving.
- The Uttarakhand Madrasa Board plans to make Sanskrit a compulsory subject in 416 madrasahs across the state. The board is preparing to sign an MoU with the state's Sanskrit department.
- PM Modi to visit Russia from October 22-23 to attend 16th BRICS Summit in Kazan. Theme of this year's BRICS summit is "Strengthening Multilateralism for Just Global Development and Security"

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- Government of the Philippines partners with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) .To host the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR) from 14 to 18 October 2024 in Manila.Theme “Surge to 2030: Enhancing ambition in Asia-Pacific to accelerate disaster risk reduction”.
- Hurricane Oscar makes landfall in Eastern Cuba.
- 2024 Economic Freedom of the World report ; 29th edition - compiled by Canada’s Fraser Institute. Hong Kong ranked No 1 out of 165 jurisdictions . India :- 84th (last year's 87th position) ; China (104th), and Russia (119th)
- Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) 2024 , Measures acute multidimensional poverty across more than 100 developing countries. theme - Poverty Amid Conflict. Report was jointly published by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI). First launched in 2010 . MPI uses 10 indicators to track deprivation across three dimensions: health, education, and living standards.
- A Book Titled “Mountain Mammals of the World” By M.K. Ranjitsinh.
- Odisha prepares for Severe Cyclonic Storm ‘Dana,’ Landfall Expected. The name "Dana" was contributed by Qatar.
- MISSION BASUNDHARA 3.0 aims to provide land rights to Indigenous people in Assam. Under this, steps will also be taken to digitize various land-related services and publish maps for the benefit of the people of the state. Mission Basundhara was started in 20
- Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya launched 'eShram-One Stop Solution' for unorganised workers. eShram portal was launched by Ministry of Labour & Employment on 26th August 2021, and more than 30 crore workers have already registered themselves on eShram in a span of 3 years.
- The 15th edition of the ITU (International Telecommunications Union) Kaleidoscope Academic Conference will begin in New Delhi. Theme - Innovation and Digital Transformation for a Sustainable World.
- Egypt declared malaria free by WHO. Globally, 44 countries and one territory have now been certified as malaria-free.
- The Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 16) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) held in Cali, Colombia .Theme - Peace With Nature. This will be the first Biodiversity COP since the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) at COP 15 in December 2022 in Montreal, Canada.
- India-Pakistan agree to extend Sri Kartarpur Sahib Corridor agreement for another five years.
- Ministry of Information & Broadcasting announced that Australia has been nominated as the “Country of Focus” at the 55th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI), to be held in Goa .
- Israel Joins Asian Development Bank (ADB) as 69th Member Country.
- Assam's eminent conservation scientist Bibhab Kumar Talukdar was awarded ‘The Harry Messel Award’ for Conservation Leadership by the Species Survival Commission (SSC) of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) . Award was presented to him during the 5th IUCN SSC Leaders’ Meeting in Abu Dhabi.

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- India Ranks 79th out of 142 in World Justice Project's 'Rule of Law' Index 2024. Globally, the top-ranked country is Denmark, followed by Norway, Finland, Sweden, and Germany. country with the lowest score is Venezuela.
- Amitabh Bachchan presented the ANR National Award to veteran actor Chiranjeevi in Hyderabad, commemorating the 100th birth anniversary of Akkineni Nageswara Rao.
- Annual Srub-La Festival, celebrating Ladakh's harvest season and cultural richness.

BANKING AWARENESS

- RBI enhances transaction limits on UPI123 & UPI Lite. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced a series of measures around UPI123Pay and UPI Lite to encourage wider adoption of UPI. It increased the transaction cap for UPI123Pay to Rs 10,000 from the current cap of Rs 5000. It also enhanced the per transaction limit on UPI Lite to Rs 1000 from the current cap of Rs. 500.
- Google and Muthoot Finance Partner to Offer Gold-Backed Loans via Google Pay.
- BoB proposes to Sell Oman Operations to Bank Dhofar as part of rationalisation of foreign operation. Rationalization of foreign operations in banking is the process of reorganizing a bank's overseas operations to improve efficiency. BoB : - Founded : 20 July 1908 ; Headquarters : Vadodara, Gujarat MD & CEO : Debadatta Chand.
- RBI and Maldives Monetary Authority Sign \$400 Million Currency Swap Agreement. RBI entered into a Currency Swap Agreement with the Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA) under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework 2024-27. A currency swap agreement between two countries is a contract to exchange currencies with predetermined terms and conditions for liquidity support, or to ensure adequate foreign currency to avoid the Balance of Payments (BOP) crisis till longer arrangements can be made. These swap operations carry no exchange rate or other market risks as transaction terms are set in advance.
- IFC Partners with Axis Bank for India's First Blue Loan of \$500 Million. The International Finance Corporation (IFC), which is part of the World Bank Group and focuses on private sector lending, has partnered with Axis Bank to provide a loan of \$500 million (around ₹4,200 crore) aimed at developing a blue finance market and increasing funding for green projects in India. This marks the IFC's first blue investment in India and the first blue financing deal made by a financial institution in the country. Indian navy signs MOU with Bajaj Allianz life insurance for providing insurance to naval civilians. This initiative is a key highlight of 2024, declared as the "Year of Naval Civilians" provides Naval Civilians with voluntary life insurance options at competitive rates.
- Average monthly income of rural households goes up by over 57% between 2016-17 and 2021-22, says NABARD survey. A recent survey by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has revealed that average monthly income of rural household grew by 57.6 per cent in 5 years.

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- SBI Card and Singapore Airlines (SIA) introduced a co-branded credit card in India called the KrisFlyer SBI Card. KrisFlyer SBI Card is Singapore Airlines' first co-branded credit card in India. The card is available in two versions – KrisFlyer SBI Card and KrisFlyer SBI Card Apex. The KrisFlyer SBI Card provides 3,000 KrisFlyer miles, and the Apex variant offers 10,000 miles.
- Shri AK Saxena, CMD, MOIL assumed additional charge of the post of CMD at Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd (RINL), the corporate entity of Visakhapatnam steel plant. Navaratna PSE under the Ministry of Steel. Visakhapatnam Steel Plant fondly called Vizag Steel. RINL was established in 1982.
- Reserve Bank of India has approved the reappointment of Parveen Kumar Gupta as Non-Executive Chairman of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank. Parveen Kumar Gupta retired as a Managing Director of State Bank of India HQ: Varanasi ; incorporated on April 30, 2016.
- Govt grants second one-year extension to RBI Deputy Governor M Rajeshwar Rao. He was appointed as RBI Deputy Governor in October 2020 for a period of three years. RBI has four deputy governors at any given time.
- Federal Bank join hands with Bhashini to boost Chatbot Feddy with Vernacular Language Support.
- RBI Monetary Policy Committee meeting: policy rate unchanged at 6.5% for 10th time in a row. Reserve Bank of India kept the repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent for a tenth time in row. Retail inflation - unchanged at 4.5 per cent - FY2025 GDP growth - 7.2 per cent - FY2025 . FPI flows have seen a turn around from outflows of \$4.2 billion to inflows of \$19.2 billion between June-October this year.
- Chiratae Ventures honours Narayana Murthy with the Patrick J. McGovern Award. Chiratae Ventures is one of India's largest homegrown venture capital funds. Narayana Murthy, Founder of Infosys Limited, was awarded the India Lifetime Achievement Award, Shantanu Narayen, Chair and CEO at Adobe, won the Global Lifetime Achievement Award.
- India's Exports Rise 4.86% to \$393.22 Billion from April to September.
- India has extended a new line of credit amounting to Rs 487.60 crore to the government of Mauritius for financing replacement of nearly 100 km of obsolete water pipeline in Mauritius . This is the first-ever rupee-denominated Line of Credit to have been extended by India for project financing to any country under the Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS).
- Maldivian President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu decides to introduce India's UPI in Maldives.
- Indian tourists will be able to make transactions in Indian rupees on UPI-enabled apps without going through the hassle of converting currency. India's UPI has been operational in several international locations, including UAE, Sri Lanka, France, Malaysia, Singapore, Nepal, the UK, and Mauritius.
- RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das has said that India's growth story remains intact likely to see real GDP growth at 7.2 per cent for the Financial Year 2024-25. CPI inflation for 2024-25 is projected at 4.5 per cent.
- India's growth forecasted average of 6.8 per cent for the fiscal year 2024-25 and 6.6 percent for 2025-26, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence.

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- The National Payments Corporation of India has approved Paytm to onboard new UPI users, following earlier restrictions. This approval is significant after the Reserve Bank of India imposed limits on Paytm Payments Bank Limited for new UPI user onboarding. Paytm can now facilitate UPI transactions through SBI, Axis Bank, HDFC Bank, and YES Bank as a Third-Party Application Provider.
- Indian-born Pam Kaur appointed first female CFO of HSBC.
- Pension regulator PFRDA has appointed Chitra Jayasimha as the Chairperson of the Board of National Pension System (NPS) Trust .
- State Bank of India(SBI) was recognised as the Best Bank in India for 2024 by Global Finance Magazine of the US at its 31st Annual Best Bank Awards.
- Bharti Airtel Announces Shashwat Sharma as New CEO effective from January 1, 2026 .
- Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) has recommended the name of Ashok Chandra for the post of MD & CEO at Punjab National Bank (PNB), the country's second largest public sector bank.
- RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das ranks top central banker By the US-based Global Finance magazine . This is the second consecutive year that he has been ranked as the top central banker globally.
- Amitabh Chaudhry Re-Appointed as MD and CEO of Axis Bank by RBI for three more years, effective January 1. Bank was incorporated on 3rd December 1993. Headquartered : Mumbai.
- Deepak Agarwal Appointed as Managing Director of NAFED for a period of five years. National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) was established on the Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October 1958.

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