

# Daily Current Affairs

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### International Newspaper Design Competition

- The Hindu secured three prestigious awards at the 6th International Newspaper Design Competition organized by newspaperdesign.
- The accolades were garnered for their exceptional explainer page titled “**The science behind Neeraj’s skills**,” shedding light on Neeraj Chopra’s remarkable journey and success in athletics.



- The Hindu clinched the highest honor, the ‘**Best of Show**’ award, recognizing its outstanding contribution to newspaper design excellence.
- The publication’s insightful portrayal of Neeraj Chopra’s craft earned them the ‘**Gold**’ award in the ‘**Best of Sports Page**’ category, highlighting their prowess in sports journalism and design.
- The judges commended The Hindu for its meticulous attention to detail and engaging narrative style, awarding them an ‘**Award of Excellence**’ in the ‘**Best of Double Spread**’ category.



- The judges praised The Hindu's winning entry for its exceptional combination of visually striking **illustrations, comprehensive** explanations, and compelling storytelling, providing readers with a truly immersive and medal-worthy experience.

## UNICEF India's National Ambassador

- Bollywood actress **Kareena Kapoor Khan** has been appointed as the National Ambassador for UNICEF India. This prestigious role comes as a recognition of her long-standing association with the organization since 2014, where she has served as a Celebrity Advocate.
- Alongside Kareena's appointment, **UNICEF India** also introduced its first-ever Youth Advocates, a group of four remarkable individuals who will serve as peer leaders and champions for crucial issues affecting children and young people.



- **Gauranshi Sharma from Madhya Pradesh**, advocating for the right to play and disability inclusion.
- **Kartik Verma** from Uttar Pradesh, championing climate action and child rights advocacy. **Nahid Afrin from Assam**, raising awareness about mental health and early childhood development. **Vinisha Umashankar** from Tamil Nadu, a budding innovator and STEM pioneer.
- Kareena Kapoor Khan's association with UNICEF India has been a testament to her dedication to children's rights and welfare. As a Celebrity Advocate, she has lent her voice to various campaigns, raising awareness about issues such as education, nutrition, and child protection.



## Sunita Williams

- **Indian-American astronaut Sunita Williams** will fly to space again tomorrow on first crewed mission of **Boeing's Starliner**.
- She will make her long-awaited return to space aboard Starliner, as Boeing conducts the spacecraft's maiden human spaceflight.



- Williams, will join fellow **NASA astronaut Barry Butch Wilmore**, on the Crew Flight Test (CFT) mission, the first crewed flight of the Starliner to the International Space Station (ISS).
- Astronauts Sunita Williams and Barry Willmore will launch on early hours tomorrow, Indian time. The duo will launch atop a **United Launch Alliance**, Atlas V rocket from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida. This mission is a

crucial step in certifying the Starliner system for regular crew rotations to the orbiting laboratory.

- It will provide Nasa with a second option for transporting astronauts to the ISS alongside SpaceX's Crew Dragon.



## Food Safety And Standards Authority Of India

- India has asserted that it has one of the most stringent norms for **pesticide residues in food items** and dismissed the reports that the country's food regulator permits higher pesticide residues limits in herbs and spices.
- The **Union Health Ministry** has clarified that maximum residue limits are different for various food products based on risk assessment.



- It added that media reports claiming that the **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India** allows ten times more pesticide residue in herbs and spices are false and malicious.

- The Ministry's comments came amid reported action by the **Hong Kong food regulator and Singapore food regulator** on some products of two leading Indian brands over alleged presence of pesticide Ethylene Oxide in their samples.

## Thomas & Uber Cup 2024

- The **People's Republic of China** has reclaimed its throne as the top badminton nation, clinching both the men's and women's titles at the prestigious 2024 BWF **Thomas & Uber Cup Finals in Chengdu**.



- This remarkable feat marks the first time since 2012 that China conquered both the men's and women's world team championships.
- In the highly anticipated **Thomas Cup final, China denied Indonesia** – the most successful nation in the tournament's history – their 15th title, securing their 11th championship in the process. Mirroring their male counterparts' success, the Chinese women's team also emerged victorious, capturing the Uber Cup title in a commanding performance.

## Arabian Travel Market

- The 31st edition of the Arabian Travel Market kicked off today in Dubai with the theme **“Empowering Innovation: Transforming Travel Through Entrepreneurship.”**
- India is putting the spotlight on its lesser-known summer getaways at the Arabian Travel Market 2024, launching the **‘Cool Summers of India’** campaign to challenge perceptions and promote the country as an attractive 365-day destination.



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- This **digital campaign**, aptly named “Coolcations,” challenges the notion of India being too hot for summer travel, emphasizing its offerings in hill resorts, including the Himalayas. The campaign seeks to promote India as a holistic destination throughout the year.
- As one of the largest exhibitors at the 31st edition of the region’s premier travel trade show, the Indian contingent is leveraging ATM’s global platform to showcase not just iconic landmarks but refreshing hill stations, mountain retreats, and other summer escapes.



- **The Incredible India Pavilion** has drawn strong visitor interest, with over 100 participants including state tourism boards from Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, as well as luxury hotels and wellness resorts. India’s diverse cultural attractions and tourism offerings are being highlighted through the sizable pavilion, one of the largest at the event.
- The country’s participation comes as its inbound tourism sector experiences a remarkable revival, with foreign tourist arrivals in **2023 surging 64% compared** to 2022 as pandemic impacts waned. India is focused on positioning itself as a

**365-day destination in the strategic Middle East** market through this ATM showcase.

- Tourism is a major economic contributor, with the **MENA region comprising a key source market**. The four-day ATM provides Indian players an opportunity to network, attract visitors from the region, and drive the sector's growth through showcasing their varied offerings.
- The 31st edition has drawn over 2,300 exhibitors from 165 countries, with 41,000 attendees expected .The Arabian Travel Market, also known as ATM, is a leading global event for travel and tourism professionals in the Middle East. Held annually in Dubai, it serves as a platform for businesses in the inbound and outbound tourism sectors.

## 4×400 Metre Relay Teams

- **Indian men's and women's 4×400 metre relay** teams have qualified for Paris Olympics after finishing second in their respective second-round heats at the World Athletics Relays in the Bahamas.



- In the **women's competition, the quartet** of Rupal Chaudhary, M R Poovamma, Jyothika Sri Dandi and Subha Venkatesan clocked 3 minutes and 29.35 seconds to finish second behind Jamaica in heat number one to book a Paris Games ticket.
- Later, the **men's squad** of Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Muhammed Ajmal, Arokia Rajiv and Amoj Jacob finished with a collective timing of 3 minutes and 3.23 seconds to also finish second in their heat, behind USA.
- The top two teams in each of the three heats in the second round were to qualify for the Olympics to be held from the 26th of July to the 11th of August.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Who Is Named As UNICEF's India National Ambassador**

- A. Kareena Kapoor
- B. Shilpa Shetty
- C. Alia Bhatt
- D. Karishma Kapoor

**ANSWER: A**

**2. Thomas & Uber Cup 2024 Is Held In**

- A. Paris
- B. New York
- C. Chengdu
- D. Muscat

**ANSWER: C**

**3. Which Organization Advised All States And Uts To "Completely Prohibit" All Harmful Sharp Threads Or "Manjha"**

- A. National Green Tribunal
- B. Animal Welfare Board of India
- C. National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board
- D. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

**ANSWER: B**

**4. GSI Discovered Ancient Fossils In Which Hills Of Meghalaya**

- A. South Garo Hills
- B. East Khasi Hills
- C. West Khasi Hills
- D. Jaintia Hills

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Koraput Kalajeera Rice Got GI Status, Is Cultivated In Which State**

- A. Punjab
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh

**ANSWER: B**



**6. Where Was Event Titled “Localizing The SDG’s: Women In Local Governance In India Lead The Way” Organized**

- A. London
- B. Paris
- C. New York
- D. New Delhi

**ANSWER: C**

**7. High Mobility Artillery Rocket System Is Developed By Which Country**

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. India
- D. USA

**ANSWER: D**

**8. Which African Country Declared Mpox Outbreak Across Country A Health Emergency**

- A. Rwanda
- B. Ghana
- C. Congo
- D. Somalia

**ANSWER: C**

**9. India Agreed To Enhance Cooperation In Energy & Local Currency Settlement With Which African Country**

- A. Kenya
- B. Tanzania
- C. Senegal
- D. Nigeria

**ANSWER: D**

**10. Bhadra Tiger Reserve Is Located In Which State**

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka
- C. Gujarat
- D. Maharashtra

**ANSWER: B**

**11. Red Colobus Monkeys Primarily Found In Which Region**

- A. African Savanna
- B. Amazon Rainforest
- C. Western Australia
- D. Mississippi Valley

**ANSWER: A**

**12. Cricketer Devon Thomas Banned By ICC, Belongs To Which Country**

- A. England
- B. Australia
- C. West Indies
- D. Pakistan

**ANSWER: C**

**13. Supreme Court, What Percent Of Seats Has Been Reserved Specifically For Women In The Bar Association Committee**

- A. 25%
- B. 30%
- C. 32%
- D. 33%

**ANSWER: D**

**14. India & Netherlands Organized Which Round Of Foreign Consultations In Hague**

- A. 11th
- B. 12th
- C. 13th
- D. 14th

**ANSWER: B**

**15. Lipulekh, Limpiyadhura And Kalapani, Are Disputed Territories Between Which Two Countries**

- A. Nepal & Bhutan
- B. India & Nepal
- C. India & Myanmar
- D. India & Bhutan

**ANSWER: B**

**16. Koothandavar Festival, Is Celebrated In Which State**

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Sikkim
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Telangana

**ANSWER: A**

**17. How Much Has Fossil Fuel Capacity In India Increased During FY24**

- A. 1.65%
- B. 2.44%
- C. 3.50%
- D. 3.80%

**ANSWER: B**

**18. Who Has Been Appointed As Secretary At Director Level In National Jute Board, Kolkata**

- A. Ajay Kumar
- B. Rajeev Saxena
- C. Shashi Bhushan Singh
- D. Arvind Kumar

**ANSWER: C**

**19. Which Country Hosted The World HRD Congress**

- A. India
- B. USA
- C. Thailand
- D. Philippines

**ANSWER: D**

**20. The Rulers Of Which Among Following Dynasties Called Themselves “Brahmakshatriya”**

- A. Palas
- B. Senas
- C. Pratiharas
- D. Chahamanas

**ANSWER: B**