

YEAR END REVIEW —2024—

CURRENT AFFAIRS



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1. Viksit Bharat by 2047

Objective: Transform India into a developed nation by 2047.

- **Purvodaya Plan:**

- **Regions Covered:** Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, West Bengal, and Andhra Pradesh.
- **Focus:** Infrastructure, human resource development, and economic opportunities.
- **Aim:** Make the eastern region a growth engine.

- **Nuclear Energy Development:**

- **Initiatives:** Partnering with the private sector to set up Bharat Small Reactors, Bharat Small Modular Reactors, and developing new nuclear technologies.



Viksit Bharat@2047

2. Rooftop Solarisation Scheme

Scheme Name: PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.

- **Objective:** Provide 300 units of free electricity per month to 1 crore households through rooftop solar installations.
- **Benefits:** Annual savings of Rs.15,000 – Rs.18,000 per household, facilitates EV charging, and creates entrepreneurial and employment opportunities in the solar sector.



Rooftop solarization

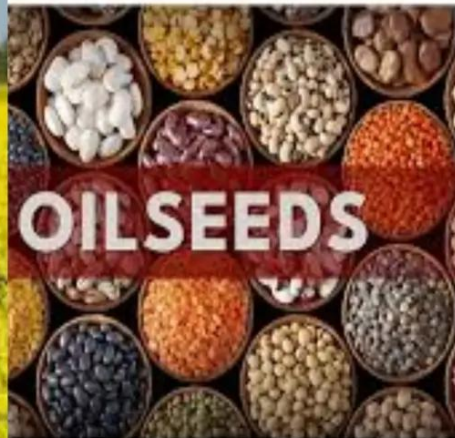
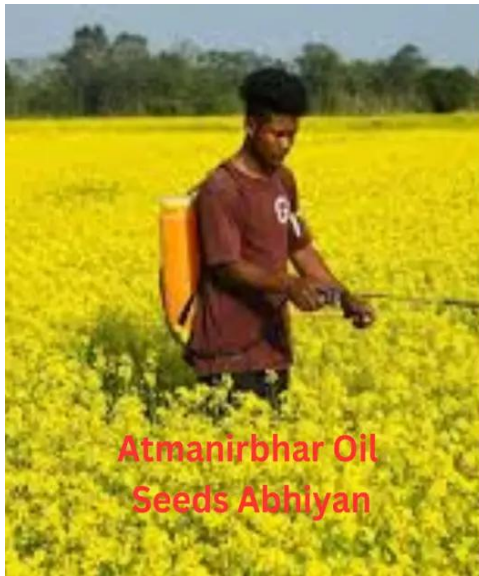
1 cr households will be enabled to obtain up to 300 units free electricity every month

Savings up to 15 to 18 thousand rupees annually for households

3. Atmanirbhar Oil Seeds Abhiyan

Objective: Achieve self-sufficiency in oil seeds.

- **Coverage:** Groundnut, mustard, soybean, sesame, and sunflower.
- **Focus Areas:** Modern farming techniques, high-yield varieties, value addition, procurement, market linkages, and crop insurance.



India's Journey Towards
Edible Oil Self-Sufficiency

6. Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan

Objective: Improve socio-economic conditions of tribal communities.

- **Coverage:** 63,000 villages in aspirational districts and tribal-majority areas.
- **Beneficiaries:** 5 crore tribal people.

7. Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs

Objective: Facilitate term loans to MSMEs without collateral.

- **Mechanism:** Pooling credit risks and a self-financing guarantee fund.
- **Guarantee Cover:** Up to Rs.100 crore per applicant.

Meri Policy Mere Hath

This program was introduced through the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana to provide crop insurance to farmers. The policy makes certain that farming communities are well-informed and resourced. The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana provides funding, and farmers who have experienced crop loss or damage will receive financial assistance.



Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan

The [Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan](#) scheme provides strategic funding for qualifying state higher education institutions to improve efficiency and access to higher education.



Support for marginal individuals for livelihood and enterprise (SMILE)

This government scheme helps marginalized individuals recover and provides them with medical facilities, counselling, skill development, and economic linkage. It is carried out with the assistance of the State and Union Territory administrations, community-based groups, local urban bodies, nongovernmental organizations, institutes, and others.



. Ayushman Bharat Yojana

The [Ayushman Bharat Yojana](#), also known as Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, was launched in 2018. It aims to provide health insurance coverage of up to Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year to over 10 crore families who are vulnerable and do not have access to quality healthcare. The scheme covers both primary and secondary healthcare services and is one of the largest healthcare schemes in the world.





MAHA KUMBH MELA AREA

— Declared a separate district —



UP's 76th district for 4 months



67 revenue villages under
4 Tehsils included



To facilitate easier management
of Maha Kumbh 2025

Source: Government of UP, Maha Kumbh 2025

Major Achievements of

SVAMITVA Scheme



- 57 lakh property cards to be distributed in 46,351 villages across 10 States and 2 UTs on 27th December 2024
- Drone surveys completed in 3.17 lakh villages across multiple States/UTs
- 2.19 crore property cards prepared for 1.49 lakh villages so far
- Real-time tracking enabled through a centralized online dashboard; property cards accessible via DigiLocker app
- Survey-grade drones and Continuous Operating Referencing System network produce high-resolution maps, transforming the process of rural land demarcation

Why We Need

SVAMITVA ? Scheme



- Provides property owners in village Abadi areas with a **“Record of Rights”** to drive rural economic transformation
- **Creates accurate land records** for rural planning and **reduces property-related disputes**
- **Enables financial stability** by allowing rural citizens to use property as a financial asset for loans and benefits
- **Facilitates proper property assessment** to increase revenue through property tax for Gram Panchayats or State exchequers
- **Develops survey infrastructure and GIS maps** for multi-departmental use and improved Gram Panchayat Development Plans






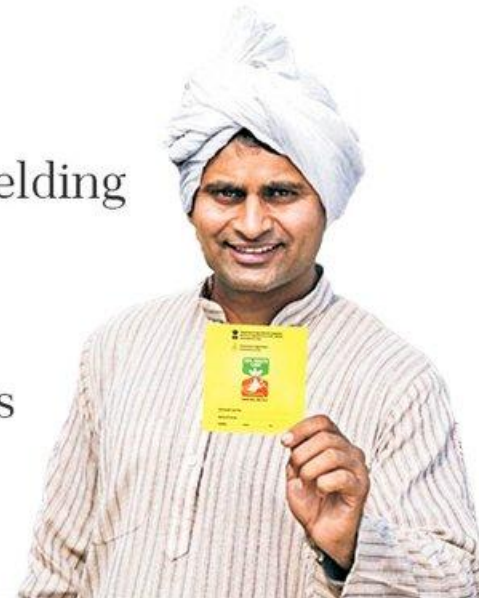
Soil Health Cards

**Transforming Farms With
A Blend Of Science & Technology**



Nationwide Program To Improve Soil Health Completes 7 Successful Years

-  Soil Health Card contains information on soil type, nutrients, water & fertilizers
-  Deeper knowledge of soil helps in yielding crops and increased productivity
-  Awareness creation amongst farmers for soil test based fertilizers recommendations





ONE NATION ONE RATION CARD

*Ensuring Food For
All Since 2019*



24.32 crore portability transactions during
1 April 2020 and 30 September 2021



23.6 crore Ration Cards have been
digitized till 3 November 2021



93.1% Ration Cards and
90.1% beneficiaries are
Aadhar-seeded



Prime Minister Narendra Modi

to participate in

NATIONAL PROGRAM OF

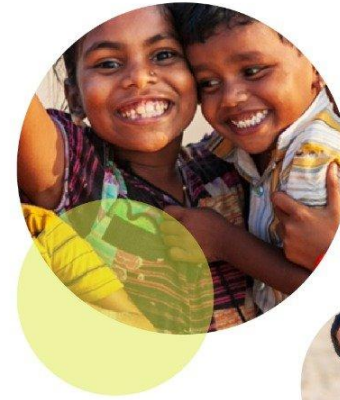
Veer Baal Diwas



26th December 2024



Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi



PM to inaugurate **Suposhit Panchayat Scheme**

3500 children, Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar awardees and dignitaries to attend the event, with cultural performances showcasing India's heritage

*Celebrating the passion, perseverance,
and potential of our young heroes*

Let's cheer for the change makers of tomorrow!





Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan - Arogya Yojana

has now been extended for
all senior citizens of age
70 years & above

Key Highlights:

- 70+ members not previously covered will get ₹5 lakh/year coverage
- Year- round registration available
- Use Aadhaar card to enroll
- Cashless treatment across 30,000+ hospitals

Note: Beneficiaries can chose between AB PM-JAY or any other Government schemes like CGHS





Mission Mausam

- › Launched on **September 11, 2024**, with a budget of **₹2,000 crores over two years**
- › The mission aims to make India **'Weather Ready'** and **'Climate Smart'**
- › It seeks to position India as a **global leader in weather and climate sciences**, focusing on accurate weather forecasting essential for agriculture and livelihoods



Objectives of Mission Mausam

- > **Improve weather forecasting** across various scales, short to extended-range, and seasonal
- > **Develop high-resolution models** for better monsoon predictions
- > **Strengthen observational networks** with advanced technology
- > **Deliver actionable advisories** for key sectors like agriculture and disaster management
- > **Foster research collaborations** with national and international institutions





Mission Mausam Implementation Strategy

- › Install **Doppler Weather Radars, Automatic Weather Stations, and rain gauges** nationwide
- › Utilize **supercomputing systems** like **Pratyush** and **Mihir** for advanced climate modelling
- › Collaborate with global organizations like the **World Meteorological Organization** to improve forecasting
- › Provide user-friendly advisories through apps (e.g., **Mausam app**), SMS services, and media channels





Swachhata Hi Sewa

Key Highlights:

- Conducted over **1450** cleanliness campaigns across India.
- Enhanced the reclaimed space for a more conducive work environment.
- Resolved **53,000** public grievances.
- Implemented unique and innovative "Best Practices" throughout the campaign.



Swachhata Hi Sewa

The CBDT has successfully met the goals of #SpecialCampaign4.0, a month-long initiative focused on cleanliness in government offices and addressing pending matters.

Key Highlights:

- Cleared out **3,20,000** physical files, freeing up **1.75 lakh sq. ft.** of office space.
- Generated **Rs 43 lakh** from the disposal of scrap materials.





Celebrating National Farmers Day



FATF

places India in its highest category



- The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is the global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog. It sets international standards that aim to prevent these illegal activities and the harm they cause to society.
- India has achieved a high-level of technical compliance across the FATF Recommendations and has taken significant steps to implement measures to tackle illicit finance.
- FATF has placed India in its highest category "regular follow-up" after mutual evaluation done during 2023-24.
- It is a distinction shared by only four G20 countries.
- FATF has recognized India's efforts in mitigating risks from money laundering, terror and proliferation financing.

FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT

- Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND) is a central nodal agency that acts as an interface between the financial section and Law Enforcement Agency (LEAs).
- FIU collects, analyses and disseminates information to LEAs about suspicious financial transactions pertaining to money laundering, terrorism and proliferation financing.

The intelligence shared by FIU-IND with the LEAs has led to:

**Rs. 983.40
crore**

worth of Assets attached

**Rs. 2,763.30
crore**

worth of criminal proceeds
identified

**Rs. 10,998
crore**

undisclosed income detected

461 kg

Narcotics/Psychotropic
substances seized

211 compliance orders with

Rs. 39.14 crore

penalty levied: Regulatory
action on Reporting Entities
by FIU

184 arrested

In Money Laundering & Terrorist
Financing (ML/TL) and other
predicate offences.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare	Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Nidhi	Improve healthcare infrastructure and services.
	Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana	Provide health insurance coverage to economically vulnerable families.
	National Digital Health Mission	Develop a digital health ecosystem and enhance healthcare delivery through technology.
	Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna	Enhance healthcare infrastructure in rural areas.
	Intensified Mission Indradhanush 3.0	Increase immunization coverage among children and pregnant women.

Ministry of Education	STARS Project	Support the strengthening of school education systems.
	Institutions of Eminence Scheme	Upgrade selected higher education institutions to world-class standards.
	<u>Mid-Day Meal</u>	Provide nutritious meals to school children to improve their health and education.
	Swach Vidyalaya Abhiyan	Ensure the availability of proper sanitation facilities in schools.
	Kala Utsav	Promote and celebrate the cultural diversity of India through arts and crafts.

Ministry of Women and Child Development	<u>Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojna</u>	Provide financial support to pregnant and lactating mothers.
	Poshan Abhiyan	Improve nutritional outcomes for children, pregnant women, and lactating mothers.
	Rashtriya Poshan Maah	Focus on enhancing nutritional awareness and interventions.
Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship	Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna	Provide skill training to youth to enhance employability.

Ministry of Rural Development	Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) Scheme	Provide a unique identification number for land parcels to improve land records.
	<u>National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP)</u>	Provide social assistance to the elderly, widows, and disabled individuals.
	<u>Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)</u>	Guarantee employment to rural households and enhance their livelihoods.
	Rashtriya Aajivika Mission	Promote self-employment and livelihood opportunities in rural areas.

Ministry of Rural Development	Gram Panchayat Development Plans	Plan and implement development projects at the village level.
	Startup Village Entrepreneurship Programme	Support entrepreneurship and startup initiatives in rural areas.
	DDU Grameen Kaushalya Yojna	Provide skill development and employment opportunities to rural youth.
	Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna	Provide affordable housing to the urban and rural poor.

Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs	Global Housing Technology Challenge	Promote innovative housing technologies and solutions.
	Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge	Improve sanitation and safety for sanitation workers.
	PM SVANIDI	Provide street vendors with loans and financial support.
	Climate-Smart City Assessment Framework	Assess and improve climate resilience of urban areas.
	Swachh Sarvekshan 2021	Evaluate and improve urban sanitation and cleanliness.

Ministry of Jal Shakti	Rashtriya Swachhta Kendra	Promote and maintain cleanliness and sanitation practices.
	Grand ICT Challenge	Use information and communication technology for water management.
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	Ambekar Social Innovation & Incubation Mission	Foster social innovation and entrepreneurship for marginalized communities.
Ministry of Finance	Saral Jeevan Bima	Provide simplified life insurance products.

Ministry of Commerce & Industry	One District One Product Scheme	Promote local products and manufacturing in each district.
	PRARAMBH: Startup India International Summit	Facilitate and promote international startup collaborations and investments.
	Merchandise Export From India Scheme	Enhance merchandise exports from India.
Ministry of Textiles	SAMARTH Scheme	Support skill development and employment in the textile sector.
	National Technical Textile Mission	Promote research and development in technical textiles.

Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways	Sagarmala Sea Plane Services	Enhance sea plane connectivity and services.
	National Authority For Recycling of Ships	Promote recycling of ships and sustainable practices.
Ministry of Labor & Employment	Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojna	Provide financial support to unemployed individuals.
	Nation Career Service Project	Enhance career services and employment opportunities.

NITI Aayog	Vision 2035	Set long-term development goals and strategies for India.
	NPMPF (National Program and Project Management Policy Framework)	Implement project management frameworks for efficient execution of government projects.
	Aatmanirbhar Bharat ARISE-Atal New India Challenge	Promote innovation and research to drive self-reliance and development.

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X-ray Polarimeter Satellite

Indian Space Research Organisation Has Successfully Launched **X-ray Polarimeter Satellite** Aboard Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle **PSLV-C58**. Ten Other Scientific Payloads Were Also Launched Along With XPoSat. This Mission Marks India's **First Dedicated Scientific Endeavour** To Study The Polarisation Of Cosmic X-rays From Celestial Sources.



X-ray Polarimeter Satellite

Following The Launch Of XPoSat, **India Has Become The Second Country** In The World After The United States To Send A Specialised Astronomy Observatory To Study **Black Holes And Neutron Stars** In Our Galaxy. The Mission Life Of The Primary Payload XPoSat Is About Five Years.



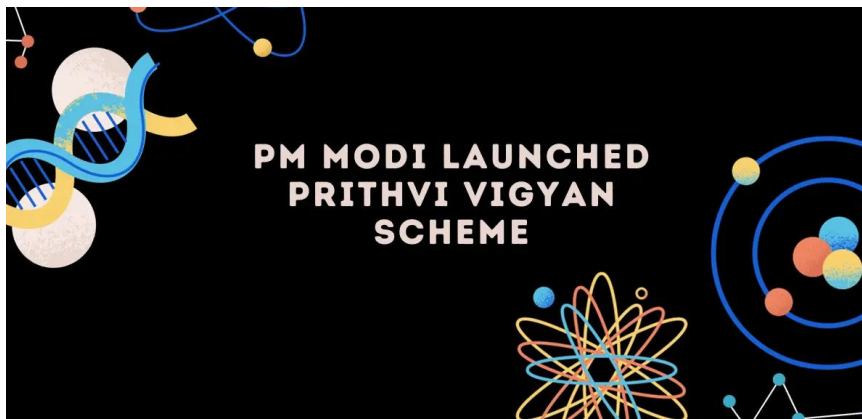
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The 10 Other Payloads Are From Takeme2space, LBS Institute Technology For Women, K J Somaiya Institute Of Technology, Inspecity Space Labs Private Ltd, Dhruva Space Private Ltd, Bellatrix Aerospace Private Ltd (Two Payloads) And Three Payloads From The ISRO.



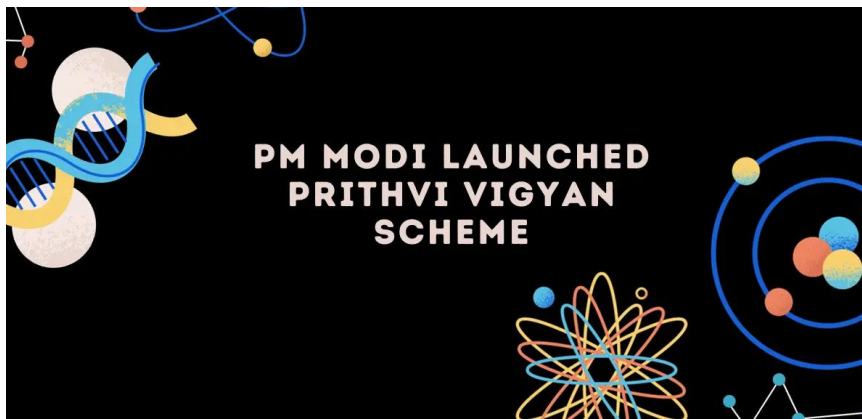
PRITHVI VIGYAN Scheme

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Launched An Ambitious Initiative Named **PRITHVI**, A Comprehensive Scheme By **Ministry Of Earth Sciences**. Aims To Revolutionize Understanding And **Interaction With Various Earth Systems**. Objectives Include: Strengthening Continuous Monitoring Of Earth's Atmosphere, Oceans, Geosphere, Cryosphere, And Solid Earth To Track And Record Essential Changes.



PRITHVI VIGYAN Scheme

Creating Advanced Models For **Better Forecasting Of Weather**, Oceanic, And Climatic Hazards, Deepening Understanding Of **Climate Change**. Venturing Into Unexplored **Polar Regions & High Seas** To Discover New Phenomena And Resources. Innovating Technologies For **Sustainable Exploitation Of Oceanic Resources**, Benefiting Society. Converting Scientific Insights Into Practical Services For Societal, Environmental, And Economic Advantages.



PRERANA Program

Department Of School Education & Literacy, Ministry Of Education, Proudly Presents Prerana: An Experiential Learning Program. Aims To Empower Students Of **Classes IX To XII With Leadership Qualities And Provide Them With A Meaningful, Unique, And Inspiring Experience. Prerana Is Driven By A Strong Commitment To The **Principles Of The Indian Education System** And The **Philosophy Of Value-based Education.****



सत्यमेव जयते

Ministry of Education
Government of India

PRERANA Program

It Fosters Respect For India's Rich Cultural Heritage And Diverse Traditions, Embodying The Spirit Of “**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**”. This Week Long Residential Program Takes Place In A Historic **Vernacular School In Vadnagar, Gujarat**. This Living City, Home To Ancient Heritage Sites And Monuments, Serves As A Powerful Symbol Of Resilience And Exemplifies The Potential For Extraordinary Growth From Ordinary Beginnings.



PRERANA Program

- Swabhiman And Vinay (Self-respect And Humility)
- Shaurya And Sahas (Courage And Daring)
- Parishram And Samarpan (Hard Work And Dedication)
- Karuna And Sewa (Compassion And Service)
- Vividhta And Ekta (Diversity And Unity)
- Satyanishtha And Shuchita (Integrity And Cleanliness)
- Navachar And Jigyasa (Innovation And Curiosity)
- Shraddha Aur Vishwas (Faith And Confidence)
- Swatantrata And Kartavya (Freedom And Responsibility)

West Bengal Secures GI Tags

West Bengal Has Successfully Obtained GI Tags For Several Products Under National GI Drive Mission. Move Aims To Protect Unique Identity And Quality Of Regional Products. **Sunderbans Honey – ‘Mouban’**: Collected By The Mouli Community. **Black Nunia Rice – ‘Prince Of Rice’** From Jalpaiguri District, **Distinctive Sarees – Tangail, Gorod, And Kadiyal.**



West Bengal Secures GI Tags

As Part Of The GI Protection Initiative, These Products Now **Enjoy Legal Recognition And Protection Against Unauthorized Use**, Ensuring The Economic Prosperity Of Local Communities And The Preservation Of West Bengal's Diverse Cultural And Agricultural Legacy.



U.S. Launches Peregrine-1 Lander To Moon

Peregrine-1 Lunar Lander, Operated By **Private Firm Astrobotic**, Successfully Launched From Cape Canaveral, Marking The **First American Lunar Mission** In 51 Years. Scheduled To Land On February 23, The Mission, Conducted Under **NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services** Initiative, Aims To Study The Moon's Surface Environment In Preparation For Upcoming Human Missions.



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The Peregrine Lander Carries **Five NASA Payloads** And 15 Other Components Designed To Measure Radiation, Surface And Subsurface Water Ice, Magnetic Fields, And The Exosphere. Notably, It Includes The **First Latin American Scientific Instruments** Destined For The Lunar Surface.



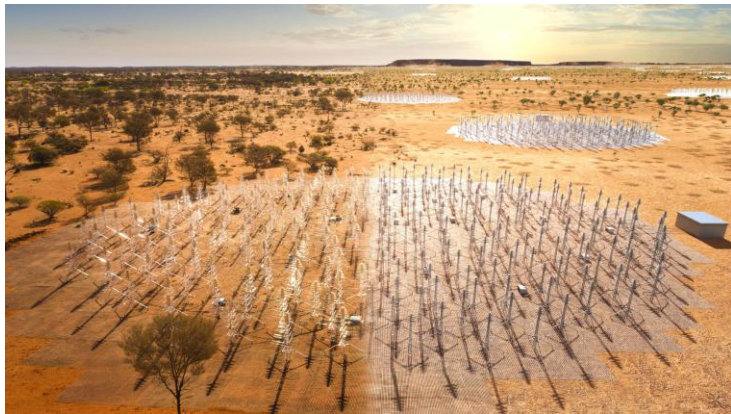
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Additionally, **Five Miniature Moon Rovers**, Non-scientific Payloads Like A Bitcoin-loaded Coin, And A “**Lunar Dream Capsule**” Filled With Messages From Children Worldwide Are Part Of The Mission. Astrobotic Is The First Of Three US Companies Deploying Landers Through CLPS, With Intuitive Machines And Firefly To Follow.



Square Kilometer Array

India Had Decided To Formally Join **Square Kilometer Array Project**, An **International Scientific Collaboration** Working To Build The **World's Largest Radio Telescope**. India Had Already Been **Contributing** To The Project For The Past Several Years, But The **Full Member Status**, Which Offers Greater Scientific Opportunities To Use The Upcoming Facility, Requires Countries To Sign And **Ratify An International Treaty**, And Also Make A Financial Commitment.



Why In News

India Approved Rs 1,250 Crore For Project, Which Includes Its Funding Contribution For Construction Phase. **India Already Decided To Build A Gravitational Wave Detector To Join International LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory) Network**, & Full Member Of ITER Project, Which Is Working To Harness Energy From Nuclear Fusion Reactions.



Square Kilometer Array

SKA Was Founded In 2019 And Has 16 Consortium Members: Australia, South Africa, Canada, China, India, Japan, South Korea, The UK, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Sweden, And Italy. **Aims To Build World's Largest** And Most Sensitive Radio Telescope, Combining Cutting-edge Technology With A Vast Collecting Area To Address A Wide Range Of Scientific Questions In Astronomy, Astrophysics, And Cosmology.



Square Kilometer Array

It Will **Not Be A Single Large Telescope**, But A **Collection Of Thousands Of Dish Antennas** Operating As A Single Unit. It Appears That **USD 2.4-billion Project** (2021 Prices) Would Eventually Have A Lesser Collecting Area Than One Square Kilometre, But The Original Name Has Been Retained. Antennas, **About 200** Of Them In **South Africa & 130,000 In Australia**, Being Installed In Sparsely Populated Locations, Far Away From Human Activities As Possible.





10 YEARS OF
**MISSION
INDRADHANUSH**



Strengthening routine immunization planning & execution

Launch Date


December 25, 2014

11 types of vaccines
are provided in this
programme





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Strengthening routine immunization planning & execution

Objectives

- ➔ Generating a high demand for **immunization services** by addressing communication challenges
- ➔ Enhancing **political, administrative & financial commitment** through advocacy with key stakeholders
- ➔ Ensuring that the **unvaccinated & partially vaccinated** children are **fully immunized** as per the national immunization schedule



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IMMUNIZATION COVERAGE

	2015	2024
Children	37 lakh+	5.46 cr.
Pregnant Women	About 37 lakh	1.32 cr.

Source: Press Information Bureau

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Farsi As India's New Classical Language

Government Of India, Under **New Education Policy**, Has Decided To **Include Farsi (Persian)** As One Of **Nine Classical Languages** Of India. This Announcement Was Made By External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** During A Two-day Visit To Iran, Highlighting The Cultural, Literary, And Linguistic Connections Between Iran And India. Farsi, Also Known As **Persian**, Is An Indo Iranian Language Belonging To Iranian Branch Of The **Indo-Iranian Languages**.



Farsi As India's New Classical Language

The Language Is Known For Its **Extensive Literary Heritage**, With Poets Like Rumi And Hafez Making Significant Contributions To Persian Literature. Before Farsi's Inclusion, India Recognized **Six Languages** As Classical: Tamil (2004), Sanskrit (2005), Kannada (2008), Telugu (2008), Malayalam (2013), And Odia (2014).



Farsi As India's New Classical Language

Recognition As **Classical Language** Brings Several Benefits, Such As International Awards For Scholars, Establishment Of Centre Of Excellence For Studies In Classical Languages, Creation Of Professional Chairs For Classical Languages In Central Universities. **8TH Schedule** Of Indian Constitution Lists The Official Languages Of The Republic Of India, **Including 22 Languages.**



Sr. No.	MoU/Agreement	Objective
1	MoU between India and Kuwait on Cooperation in the field of Defence.	This MoU will institutionalize bilateral cooperation in the area of defence. Key areas of cooperation include training, exchange of personnel and experts, joint exercises, cooperation in defence industry, supply of defence equipment, and collaboration in research and development, among others.
2.	Cultural Exchange Programme (CEP) between India and Kuwait for the years 2025-2029.	The CEP will facilitate greater cultural exchanges in art, music, dance, literature and theatre, cooperation in preservation of cultural heritage, research and development in the area of culture and organizing of festivals.
3.	Executive Programme (EP) for Cooperation in the Field of Sports (2025-2028)	The Executive Programme will strengthen bilateral cooperation in the field of sports between India and Kuwait by promoting exchange of visits of sports leaders for experience sharing, participation in programs and projects in the field of sports, exchange of expertise in sports medicine, sports management, sports media, sports science, among others.
4.	Kuwait's membership of International Solar Alliance (ISA).	The International Solar Alliance collectively covers the deployment of solar energy and addresses key common challenges to the scaling up of use of solar energy to help member countries develop low-carbon growth trajectories.

Ayodhya Ram Mandir

The Consecration Ceremony Of Ayodhya's Ram Temple Will **Held On January 22. Chandrakant B Sompura, 81**, And His Son Ashish, 51, Designed The Temple Complex In **Nagara Style Architecture**. Sompura, The Principal Architect Of The Ayodhya Ram Mandir, Was **First Approached To Design** And Build The **Temple In 1989 By Ashok Singhal**, President Of VHP (Vishva Hindu Parishad).



Ayodhya Ram Mandir

Decades Later, His Two Sons, **Nikhil And Ashish Sompura**, Have Assisted Him In The Creation Of The Ram Mandir. The Temple, **Constructed In The Nagara Style**, Stands On A Solid Stone Foundation. Approximately Two Lakh Bricks Inscribed With Lord Ram's Name In Various Languages, Collected Over 30 Years, Are Integrated Into The Temple Structure.



Ayodhya Ram Mandir

The Temple Stands On A **12-foot Jagati** And An **Upper Plinth Known As The Mahapeeth**. The Stepped Shikharas Rise High Over The Five Mandapas And The One Over The Garba Griha Is The Tallest At 161 Feet. The Kuda Mandapa Is Three Stories High. There Will Be 300 Pillars Across The **Mandapas And 44 Teak Doors**.



First Pilot Project To Make Jet Fuel From Alcohol

1st Pilot Technology Project To Make Jet Fuel From Alcohol Was Inaugurated By Hardeep Singh Puri In **Pune**. Project Will Produce **Sustainable Biological Aviation Fuel**, Set Up In Praj Udyog Group In Pirangut Industrial Estate **Near Pune**. Minister Said, There Is **Huge Demand For This Bio Aviation Fuel** In Global Market & It Is Big Challenge To Provide Necessary Raw Materials For It.



First Pilot Project To Make Jet Fuel From Alcohol

He Congratulated Engineers Of **Praj Udyog Group** For Setting Up This **Project In India Before Brazil And Expressed Confidence** That This Project Will Truly Be A Pioneer For The World. This Biofuel Production Industry Will Have A Huge Scope In Future As Even If **At Least 1% Of Total Aviation Fuel Used In India** Is Blended With This Sustainable Bio Aviation Fuel, At Least 14 Crore Litres Of Biofuel Will Be Needed Every Year.



Padma Awards for year 2024

The Government Announced **Padma Awards For Year 2024**. List Comprises Five Padma Vibhushan, 17 Padma Bhushan, And 110 Padma Shri Awards. Thirty Of The Awardees Are Women And The List Also Includes Eight Persons From The Category Of Foreigners / NRI / PIO / OCI And Nine Posthumous Awardees.



S.No.	Awardee Name	Field	State/Country
1.	Ms. M Fathima Beevi	Public Affairs	Kerala
2.	Shri Hormusji N Cama	Literature & Education	Maharashtra
3.	Shri Mithun Chakraborty	Art	West Bengal
4.	Shri Sitaram Jindal	Trade & Industry	Karnataka
5.	Shri Young Liu	Trade & Industry	Taiwan
6.	Shri Ashwin Balachand Mehta	Medicine	Maharashtra
7.	Shri Satyabrata Mookherjee	Public Affairs	West Bengal
8.	Shri Ram Naik	Public Affairs	Maharashtra
9.	Shri Tejas Madhusudan Patel	Medicine	Gujarat
10.	Shri Olanchery Rajagopal	Public Affairs	Kerala
11.	Shri Dattatray Ambadas Mayaloo alias Rajdutt	Art	Maharashtra

12.	Shri Togdan Rinpoche	Others – Spiritualism	Ladakh
13.	Shri Pyarelal Sharma	Art	Maharashtra
14.	Shri Chandreshwar Prasad Thakur	Medicine	Bihar
15.	Ms. Usha Uthup	Art	West Bengal
16.	Shri Vijaykanth	Art	Tamil Nadu
17.	Shri Kundan Vyas	Literature & Education – Journalism	Maharashtra

S.No.	Awardee Name	Field	State
1.	Ms. Vyjayantimala Bali	Art	Tamil Nadu
2.	Shri Konidela Chiranjeevi	Art	Andhra Pradesh
3.	Shri M Venkaiah Naidu	Public Affairs	Andhra Pradesh
4.	Shri Bindeshwar Pathak	Social Work	Bihar
5.	Ms. Padma Subrahmanyam	Art	Tamil Nadu

Category	Winners	Achievement
Physiology or Medicine	Victor Ambros, Gary Ruvkun	Discovery of microRNA and its role in gene regulation.
Physics	John Hopfield, Geoffrey Hinton	Foundational discoveries in artificial neural networks and machine learning.
Chemistry	David Baker, Demis Hassabis, John Jumper	Innovations in protein structure prediction and design using AI.
Literature	Han Kang	Poetic prose exploring historical traumas and human fragility.
Peace	Nihon Hidankyo	Advocacy for a nuclear-free world, representing atomic bomb survivors.
Economic Sciences	Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, James A. Robinson	Studies on how institutions affect economic prosperity.

Award	Recipient	Field
Padma Vibhushan	Vyjayantimala Bali	Art
	Konidela Chiranjeevi	Art
Padma Bhushan	M Fathima Beevi	Public Affairs
	Hormusji N Cama	Journalism
Padma Shri	Khalil Ahamad	Art
	Rezwana Choudhary Bannya	Art

Award	Recipient	Movie
Best Picture	The Fabelmans	–
Best Director	Steven Spielberg	The Fabelmans
Best Actor	Brendan Fraser	The Whale
Best Actress	Michelle	Everything Everywhere All at Once

16th Finance Commission

Government Appointed **Four Members Of The Sixteenth Finance Commission**, With The Approval Of The President Of India. Former Secretary **Ajay Narayan Jha**, Former Special Secretary, Expenditure **Annie George Mathew**, Executive Director, Artha Global **Dr. Niranjana Rajadhyaksha** Have Been Appointed As Full Time Members. Group Chief Economic Advisor Of State Bank Of India, **Dr. Soumya Kanti Ghosh** Has Been Appointed As Part Time Member.



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Sixteenth Finance Commission Was Constituted On **31st December With Arvind Panagariya**, Former Vice-chairman, NITI Aayog As Its Chairman. The Sixteenth Finance Commission Has Been Requested To Make Its Recommendations Available By October 31, 2025, Covering An Award **Period Of 5 Years** Commencing 1st Of April, 2026.



Kachchhi Kharek Gem

Kachchhi Kharek Indigenous Date Variety From Arid Region Of **Kutch In Gujarat**, Recently Been Awarded Prestigious GI Tag. **2nd Fruit From Gujarat**, After **Gir Kesar Mango**, To Be Distinguished With Such An Honour.

Characterized By Qualities, Reputation, Or Attributes Unique To That Area.

Receiving A GI Tag Is A Significant Milestone For The **Farmers In Kutch**, As It Provides Their **Indigenous Date Variety** With A Distinct Identity.



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This Recognition Is Expected To **Open New Avenues** For Marketing And Processing, Potentially Leading To **Better Pricing And Encouraging Higher Export Prices**, Benefitting Local Farmers. Dates In Kachchh Have A **History Of 400-500 Years**. It Is Believed That **Date Palm Groves** In Region Developed From **Seeds Brought By Settlers Who Visited Middle East For Haj And Trade**.



UNESCO World Heritage List

Ministry Of Culture Announced That India Is Nominating '**Maratha Military Landscape**' For Inclusion In **UNESCO World Heritage List** For 2024-25 Cycle.

The Culture Ministry Said That '**Maratha Military Landscapes**' Represents Extraordinary Fortification And Military System Envisioned By Maratha Rulers, Showcasing Vibrant History Of India.



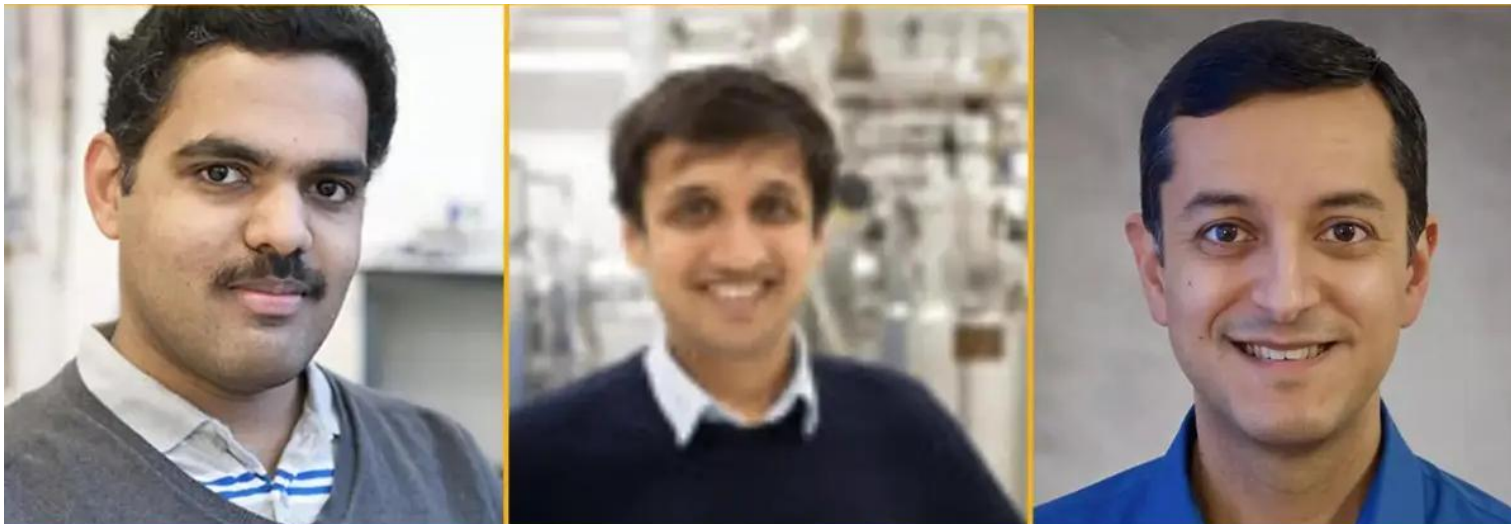
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It Said That **Twelve Components Of This Nomination Are** -- Salher Fort, Shivneri Fort, Lohgad, Khanderi Fort, Raigad, Rajgad, Pratapgad, Suvarnadurg, Panhala Fort, Vijay Durg, And Sindhudurg In Maharashtra, And Gingee Fort In Tamil Nadu. They Showcase Strategic **Military Powers Of Maratha Rule** In Ancient India. "Represent An Extraordinary Fortification And Military System Envisioned By Maratha Rulers.



UK Prize In London

Prestigious Blavatnik Awards Recognize Exceptional Contributions Of Rahul R Nair, Mehul Malik, Tanmay Bharat, Totaling 480,000 Pounds In Grants. Rahul R Nair, Materials Physicist At University Of Manchester, Has Been Honored As Laureate In Physical Sciences & Engineering For His Pioneering Work In Developing Innovative Membranes Using 2D Materials. Professor



UK Prize In London

Professor **Mehul Malik**, A Quantum Physicist At Heriot-watt University, Is Pioneering Quantum Communications With His Research. **Dr. Tanmay Bharat**, A Structural Microbiologist At The MRC Laboratory Of Molecular Biology, Utilizes Cryo-electron Tomography To Uncover Atomic-level Details Of Cell Surface Molecules.



GHAR Portal

Ministry Of Women And Child Development Pioneered Development Of **Two Pivotal Portals: The Track Child Portal And The GHAR – GO Home And Re-unite Portal**. Play A Crucial Role In **Tracking Missing And Found Children**, Enhancing Restoration And Repatriation Processes, And Safeguarding Welfare Of Vulnerable Minors Under Purview Of Juvenile Justice System.



GHAR Portal

Developed In Collaboration With Stakeholders Such As **Ministry Of Home Affairs**, Crime And Criminal Tracking & Network Systems, And Various State Governments/UT Administrations, Empowers Authorities And Citizens Alike To Monitor **Whereabouts Of Missing Children Effectively**. Through “Khoya-paya” Feature, Citizens Are Encouraged To Report Sightings Or Information About Missing Children, Fostering Community Involvement In Child Protection Efforts.



Bharat Ratna

In A Statement On Announcement Of Conferring **Bharat Ratna To Mr. Advani** Said Ever Since He Joined The **Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh** As Its Volunteer At The Age Of Fourteen, He Sought Reward In Dedicated And Selfless Service Of India. Mr. Advani Remembered Two Persons With Whom He Had The Honour Of Working Closely - Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya And Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.



Unified Payments Interface At Eiffel Tower

Prime Minister Narendra Modi Lauded The Formal Launch Of The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) At The Iconic Eiffel Tower In Paris, Saying It "Marks A Significant Step Towards **Making UPI Global.**"



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The Announcement Was Made In **Paris At An Event** Organised By The Indian Embassy In France To Celebrate India's **Republic Day**, It Added. At Present, Indian Tourists Rank As The **Second Largest Group** Of International Visitors To The Eiffel Tower, It Said.



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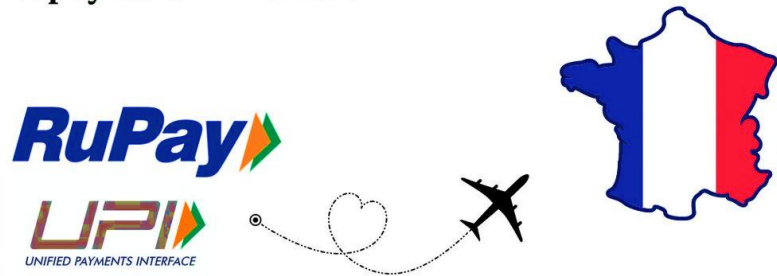
In 2023, India And France Committed To Nurturing A Thriving Ecosystem And Building Collaborations That Empower Their Citizens And Ensure Their Full Participation In The Digital Century. Eiffel Tower Is The First Site In Europe, And France The First Country On The Continent, That Will Accept UPI Payments.



Unified Payments Interface At Eiffel Tower

NPCI International Payments Limited And France's Lyra Collect Executed An Agreement To Implement UPI In France And Europe. Indian Tourists Can Effortlessly Make Payments **By Scanning A QR Code Generated On The Merchant's Website.**

MoU has been signed between NPCI, International and Lyra Network of France for 'Acceptance of UPI & Rupay Card in France'.



Grammy Awards 2024

Prominent Indian Musicians **Shankar Mahadevan And Zakir Hussain's** Fusion Band Shakti Bagged The Prestigious **Grammy Award**. They Clinched Award In **Best Global Music Album** Category For Their Latest Album This Moment. Album Consisted Of **Eight Songs** By John Mclaughlin, Zakir Khan, Shankar Mahadevan, V Selvaganesh And Ganesh Rajagopalan.



Grammy Awards 2024

Zakir Hussain Bagged **Grammy In Best Global Music Performance** Category For Contribution To **Pashto Alongside Bela Fleck & Edgar Meyer**, Featuring Rakesh Chaurasia. Indian Classical Flute Artist **Rakesh Chaurasia** Managed To Win Dual Grammy For His Collaborative Album *As We Speak* In Best Contemporary Instrumental & Best Global Music Performance Categories. The 66th Annual Grammy Awards 2024 Are Being Held At Crypto . Com Arena In Los Angeles.



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Operation Smile-X

In January, 2024 A Total Of 3,479 Child Labourers Were Rescued From Across Telangana State Through Operation Smile- X, A Month-long Operation Organised By The Telangana Police. State Police Carries Out This Operation In January Every Year To Trace And Rescue Missing And Trafficked Children. Cyberabad Police Alone Rescued 718 Children – 301 Boys And 28 Girls From Within The State; 360 Boys And 29 Girls Belonged To Other States.



Operation Smile-X

Most Children Were Rescued From **Child Labour**, But One Missing Child Was Also Rescued By The Cyberabad Police. The Police **Worked In Coordination With** The Departments Of Women Development And Child Welfare, Labour And Health; Child Welfare Committees; District Child Protection Units; And NGO's To Identify 'Black Spots', Where Children Were Found In Vulnerable Conditions, According To A Press Release.



Digital National Museum Of Epigraphy

Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy Recently Laid The **Foundation Stone For The Country's Digital National Museum Of Epigraphy** At The Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad. This Initiative Builds Upon The Announcement Made Last Year By Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Regarding The **Establishment Of The Bharat Shared Repository Of Inscriptions.**



Digital National Museum Of Epigraphy

The Goal Of This Project Is To **Digitize One Lakh Ancient Inscriptions**, Ensuring Their Accessibility To A Wider Audience And Facilitating Scholarly Research & Commitment To **“Vikas Bhi Virasat Bhi”**.



Bharat Ratna

Government Announced India's Highest Civilian Award **Bharat Ratna To Former** Prime Ministers

PV Narasimha Rao, Chaudhary Charan Singh

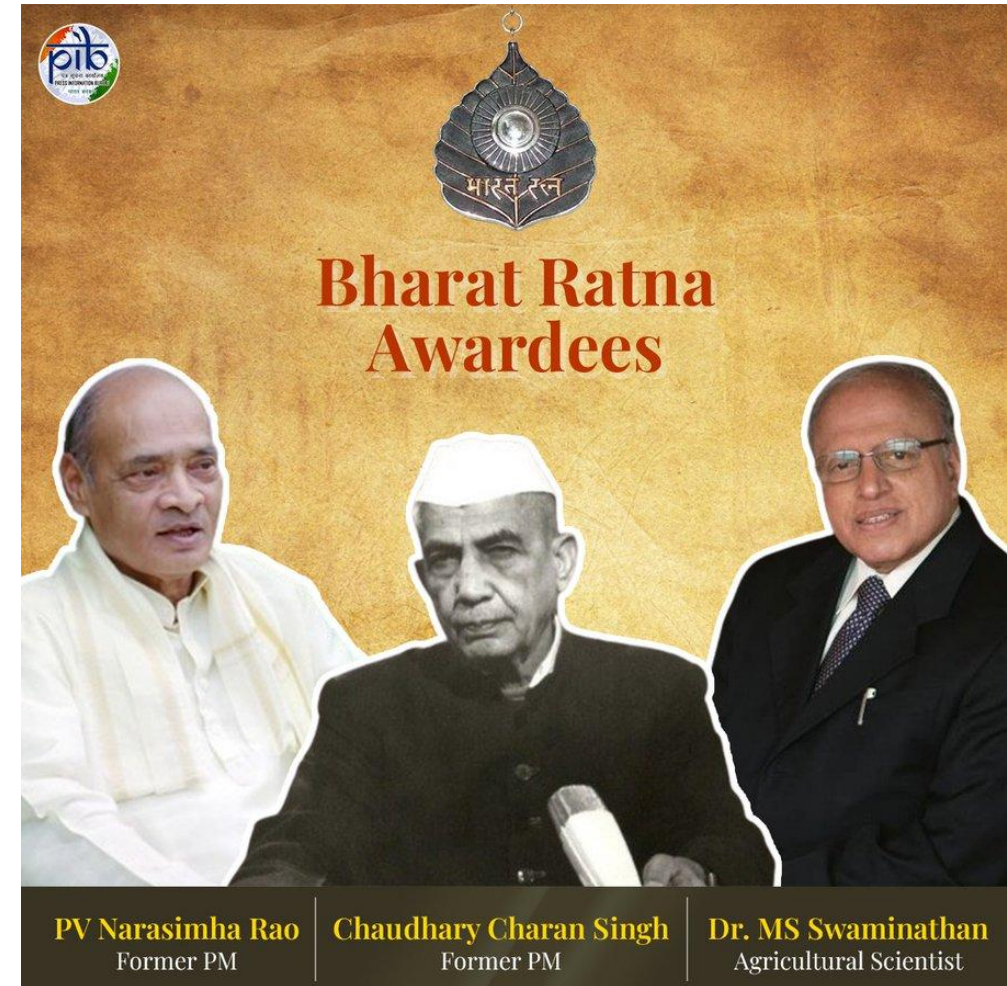
Father Of Green Revolution, Dr. M S Swaminathan.

Expressing Delight Over Announcement, PM Modi

Said **PV Narasimha Rao** Garu As A Distinguished

Scholar And Statesman, Served India Extensively

In Various Capacities.



Bharat Ratna

He Said That His Visionary Leadership Was Instrumental In Making India **Economically Advanced** And Laying A Solid Foundation For The Country's Prosperity And Growth. Remembering The Contribution Of Former **Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh**, Mr Modi Said, The Bharat Ratna Is Dedicated To His Incomparable Contribution To The Country.



Bharat Ratna

He Had Dedicated His Entire Life To The **Rights And Welfare Of Farmers**. Mr Modi Also Lauded His Stand Against The Emergency And Said Chaudhary Charan Singh's Dedication To The Farmer And His Commitment To Democracy Is Inspiring To The Entire Nation.



Bharat Ratna

Prime Minister Expressed Immense Joy Over The Announcement Of **Bharat Ratna To Dr. MS Swaminathan** For His Monumental Contributions To Agriculture And Farmers' Welfare. PM Modi Said He Played A Pivotal Role In Helping India Achieve **Self-reliance In Agriculture** During Challenging Times And Made Outstanding Efforts Towards Modernizing Indian Agriculture.



World's First Green Hydrogen Plant

Cochin International Airport Ltd In Kerala Entered Into An MOU With **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd** To Set Up **Green Hydrogen Plant** In Premises To Produce **1000 KW Of Power**. Project Is Said To Be **First Green Hydrogen Plant** In An **Airport In World**. As Per Agreement, BPCCL Will Oversee Establishment Of The **Integrated Green Hydrogen Plant & Fueling Station At Kochi Airport**, While CIAL Will Contribute Land, Water And Green Energy Resources.



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MOU Was Signed At **Thiruvananthapuram**. Cochin International Airport Is In Forefront Of Deploying Green Energy And Is The **World's First Airport To Be Fully Powered By Solar Energy**. It Has A Cumulative Installed Capacity Of 50 MW Producing Two Lakh Units Of Power Per Day Through Big Solar Power Plants And A Hydel Station.



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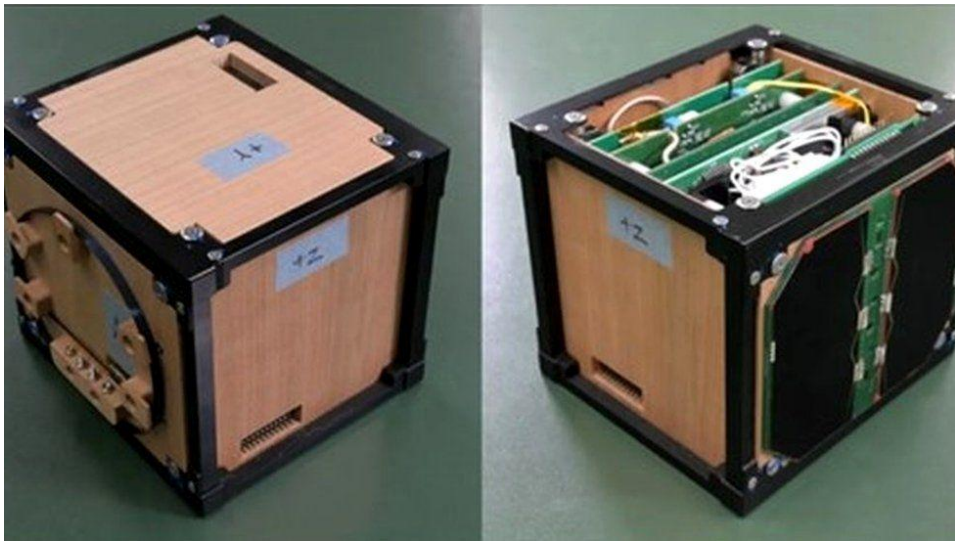
NASA & JAXA, World's First Wooden Satellite, Dubbed LignoSat Probe.

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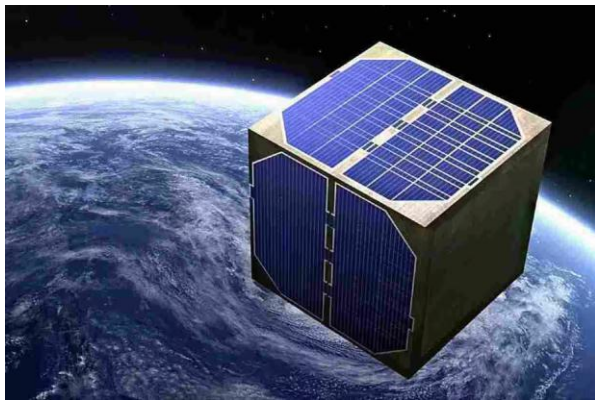
Operations By Prioritizing Sustainability. The LignoSat Probe Represents A

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Traditional Metallic Satellites Contribute To **Atmospheric Pollution Upon Re Entry**, Potentially Harming Earth's Fragile Ozone Layer. Constructed From Wood Sourced From **Magnolia Trees**, The LignoSat Probe Offers A **Biodegradable Alternative** To Conventional Spacecraft Materials. Unlike Metal Counterparts, Wooden Satellites **Incinerate Into Harmless Ash Upon Atmospheric Re-entry**, Minimizing Environmental Damage.



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Rigorous Testing Aboard The **International Space Station** Has Validated Viability Of Wood As A Space Grade Material. If Proven Effective, **Wood May Become A Viable Material** For Future Satellite Endeavors, Fostering A More Sustainable Approach To Space Exploration.



France's Highest Civilian Medal

French Authorities Awarded Indian Member Of Parliament And **Author Shashi Tharoor** The Distinction Of **'Chevalier De La Legion D'honneur'** (Knight Of The Legion Of Honour) – The Highest French Civilian Honour. It Recognizes His Long Standing Contribution In Fostering Indo French Ties. He Has Authored Over **20 Fiction And Non-fiction Literary Works** With A Recent Political Book On **Hindu Nationalism** Sparking Intense Debates.



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Legion Of Honour Medal Created In **1802 By Napoleon Bonaparte** As A Military Order Was Later Expanded To Cover Eminent Services Advancing French Interests Globally. It Is The Highest Civilian Award Given By The French Republic For **Outstanding Service To France**, Regardless Of The Nationality Of The Recipients.



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Prestigious Order Bears The Motto “Honneur Et Patrie” (Honour And Fatherland). List Of Distinguished Indians Who Have Been Honored **With Legion Of Honour Includes Influential Figures** Such As JRD Tata, Satyajit Ray, Pandit Ravi Shankar, Zubin Mehta, E Sreedharan, Amitabh Bachchan, Lata Mangeshkar, Shah Rukh Khan, And Many Others.



Sudarshan Setu

Addressing A Gathering After Dedicating To Nation **Country's Longest, About 2.32 Km. Long**, Signature Stayed Bridge '**Sudarshan Setu**' Connecting Okha Mainland And Beyt Dwarka Island At Dwarka In Gujarat, The Prime Minister Said That His Decades Old Dream Of Going To The Deep Waters Of The Ocean To See The Ancient Dwarika Has Come True.



Sudarshan Setu

The PM Also **Inaugurated And Laid The Foundation Stone** For Projects Worth More Than **4150 Crore**. Sudarshan Setu Has A Unique Design, **With Footpaths Decorated With Verses From Srimad Bhagavad Gita And Images Of Lord Krishna** On Either Side. It Also Has **Solar Panels Installed On The Upper Parts** Of The Footpath, Which Generate **One Megawatt Of Electricity**.



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The Bridge Will **Ease Transportation And Significantly Reduce** The Time Spent By Devotees Traveling Between Dwarka And Bet Dwarka. Before The Construction Of The Bridge, **Pilgrims Had To Rely On Boat Transport** To Reach Bet Dwarka. Prime Minister Dedicated The **Rajkot -Okha , Rajkot- jetalsar M-Somnath And Jetalsar-vansjalia** Rail Electrification Projects To The Country.



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Prime Minister Will Also Lay The Foundation Stone And Dedicate To The Nation More Than **200 Health Care Infrastructure Projects** Worth More Than 11,500 Crore Rupees Across 23 States And Union Territories.



World's Largest Grain Storage

Launching Multiple Key Initiatives For The Cooperative Sector At **Bharat Mandapam In Delhi**, Mr Modi Said The **World's Largest Storage Plan Of 700 Lakh Metric Tons** Will Be Completed In The Next Five Years At A Cost **Of 1.25 Lakh Crore Rupees**. He Said That It Would Enable **Farmers To Store Their Produce & Sell It At Right Time AT Their Own Needs** While Also Helping To **Avail Loans From Banks**.



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PM Also Laid Foundation Stone For Additional **500 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies** Across Country For Construction Of Godowns & Other Agri Infrastructure & A Project For Computerization In **18 Thousand PACS Across The Country**. He Underlined **Cooperatives Are An Ancient Concept For India**. He Said That Through The **New Cooperation Ministry**, The Government Aims To Bring Together The **Fragmented Powers Of The Agricultural Sector Of India**.



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The PM Reiterated The Government's Goal Of Establishing **Two Lakh Cooperative Societies** In The Coming Years. Giving The Example Of **Farmers Producers Organisation**, Growing Entrepreneurship Among The Small Farmers In Villages. 8000 FPO's Out Of A Target Of 10 Thousand FPO's Are Already Functional In The Country. More Than **25 Thousand Cooperative Units** Are Functional In The Fishery Sector.



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Luxembourg has emerged as the third-largest country for FPIs in India, exceeding Mauritius, with its Assets Under Custody (AUC) growing by 30% to ₹4.85 lakh crore. Globally, Luxembourg's equity assets are now second only to the United States, attributed to strengthened India-Europe ties and collaborations, including those with GIFT City.

World's First Om-Shaped Temple

World's **First Ever Temple** Designed In **Iconic Om Shape** Has Been Inaugurated In **Village Of Jadan, Pali District Of Rajasthan**. This Architectural Masterpiece, Spanning Across **250 Acres**, Is Not Only Expected To Attract Tourists But Will Also Boast An **Impressive Visual Presence** Visible From Space.



World's First Om-Shaped Temple

This Groundbreaking Endeavor Marks A Significant Milestone As It Pioneers The Creation Of Such A Distinctive Temple Globally. The **'Om Aakar' Temple**, Following The **Nagara Style Commonly** Seen In North India, Pays Tribute To The Region's Rich Cultural And Architectural Heritage.



World's First Om-Shaped Temple

Temple Complex Boasts **1,008 Idols Of Lord Mahadev**, Including **12 Jyotirlingas**.

The Structure Stands At **135 Feet**, Supported By **2,000 Pillars**, And

Accommodates **108 Rooms**. Notably, The Tomb Of **Guru Madhavanand Ji** Is

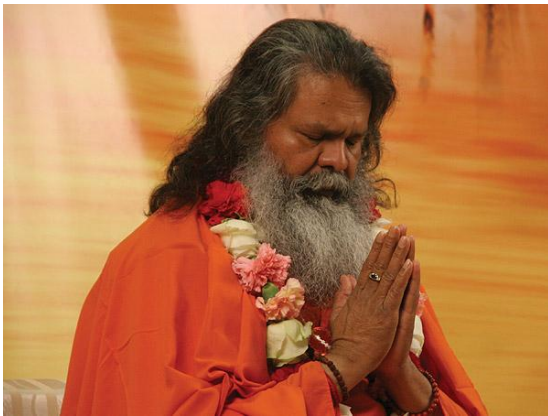
Positioned At The Center Of The Premises. The Foundation Stone For The

Temple **Was Laid In 1995**.



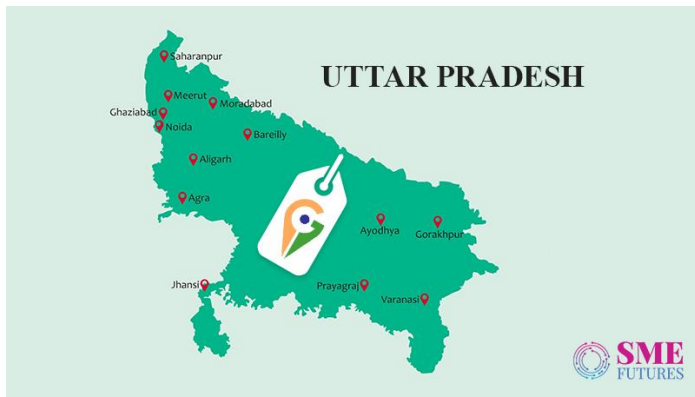
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Temple Associated With **Om Ashram**, Founded By Vishwa **Guru Maha Mandleshwar Paramahansa Swami Maheswara** Nanda Puriji Maharaj. Ashram Follows **Hindu Traditions** & Om Mantra, Considered A Mahamantra, Holds A Central Place In Its Spiritual Practices. It Stands As A Testament To **Cultural Heritage**, Spiritual Devotion, And Architectural Innovation, Offering A Unique Experience For Visitors And Devotees Alike.



UP Leads with Most GI Tagged Products

State Of Uttar Pradesh Has Taken The Lead In Having The **Highest Number Of Geographical Indication (GI) Certified Products** In The Country. With The Recent Addition Of **15 New Products**, Uttar Pradesh Now Boasts A Total Of **69 Gi-tagged** Products, Surpassing Tamil Nadu's 58. The **Holy City Of Varanasi** Has Emerged As A Leader In GI-tagged Goods Production, With A Remarkable **30 Certified Products** – The Highest From A Single Geographical Area.



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Banaras Thandai (A Refreshing Milk-based Drink)

Banaras Tabla (A Popular Indian Percussion Instrument)

Banaras Shehnai (A Traditional Wind Instrument)

Banaras Lal Bharwamirch (Red Chili Peppers)

Chiraigaon Karonda (A Fruit Variety From Varanasi)

Banaras Lal Peda (A Sweet Delicacy)

Banaras Mural Painting (A Traditional Art Form)

Jaunpur Imarti (A Sweet Dish)

Mathura Sanjhi Craft (A Traditional Art Form)

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Bundelkhand Kathiya Gehu (A Wheat Variety)

Pilibhit Bansuri (A Type Of Flute)

Sambhal Bone Craft

Chitrakoot Wooden Craft & Toys

Moonj Craft

Rampur Patchwork

Varanasi's Diverse Offerings

International Culture Award

Professor Meena Charanda, Principal Of Kalindi College, Delhi University, Has Been Awarded The Prestigious '**International Culture Award**' For The Year 2024. Prof. Charanda Received This Honour In Recognition Of Her Remarkable Work In The Field Of **Education And Social Service**. Prof. Charanda Was **Presented With**: A Memento, A Plaque , A Shield , A Citation From The University.



International Culture Award

Prof. Charanda Has Been Teaching In The Political Science Department Of Kalindi College For More Than Two Decades. Prof. Charanda Has Authored A Book On The **Role Of Dalit MLAs In The Uttar Pradesh** Assembly. She Has Published More Than 50 Articles In Various Newspapers And Magazines.



India's First AI-Based Film 'IRAH'

Amidst Growing Buzz Around Artificial Intelligence, Trailer And Song Launch Event **For India's First Hindi Film** On This Subject, **"IRAH,"** Took Place In Mumbai. Produced By **Big Films Media** And Directed By **Sam Bhattacharjee**. The Trailer Of **"IRAH"** Offers A Glimpse Into The **Dark Underbelly Of AI Technology**, Highlighting Its Potential Misuse And Negative Repercussions.



India's First AI-Based Film 'IRAH'

Director Sam Bhattacharjee Elaborated On The Film's Thematic Depth, Emphasizing The **Pivotal Role Of Technology** And Data In Contemporary Society. He Credited The Lead Actor, Rohit Bose Roy, For His Commitment To The Project And Highlighted The **Extensive Three-year Effort Invested** In The Film's VFX Production.



GI Tag

Three Traditional Products From Tripura Have Recently Received Prestigious GI Tag. The Products Are Matabari Pera Prasad, Rignai Pachara Textiles And Risa.

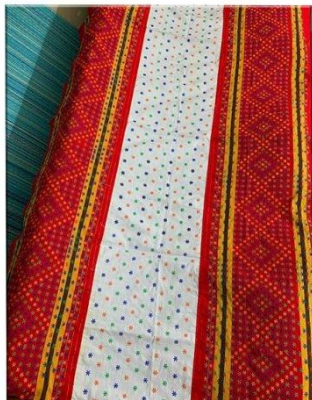
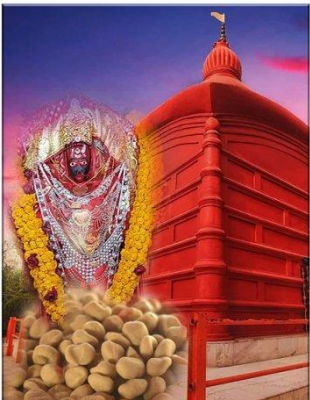
With This, Tripura Now Has 4 GI Protected Products. The 'Matabari Pera Prasad' Is A Sweet Offering At The Renowned Tripureswari Temple In Tripura. '

Rignai Pachara' Is A Traditional Hand-woven Attire Meticulously Crafted By Skilled Artisans Using Indigenous Materials And Techniques.



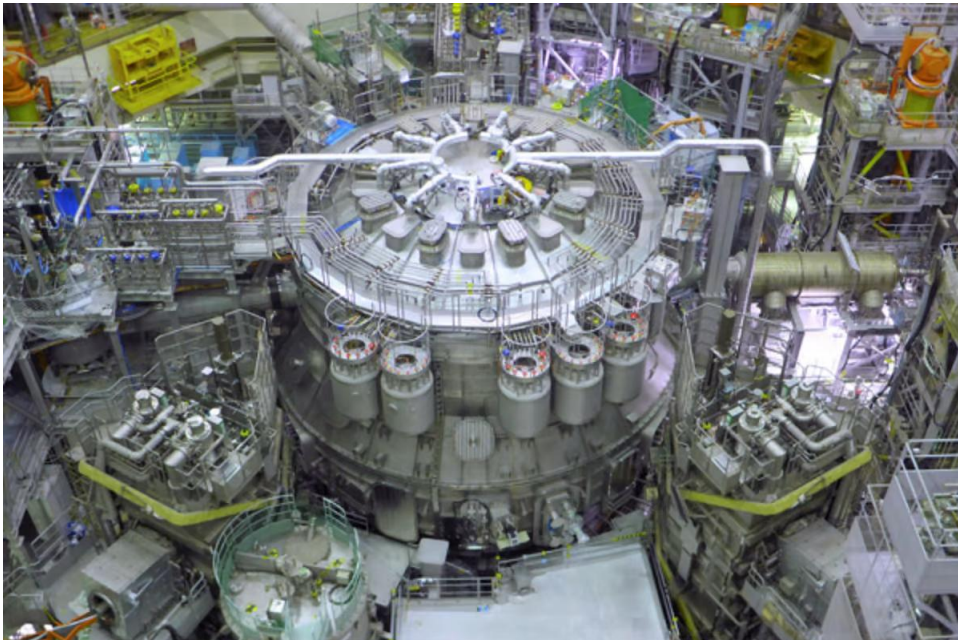
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Risa, Another Traditional Product From Tripura, Received The GI Tag Earlier This Month. Known For Its Surprising And Stylish Designs, Exclusive Multi- Colour Combinations, And Lasting Texture, Risa Carries Great Significance For The Art Of Tripuri. In Addition To The Recently Recognised Products, The **Queen Pineapple Of Tripura** Had Already Received A GI Tag Through The Initiative Of The North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation (NERAMAC).



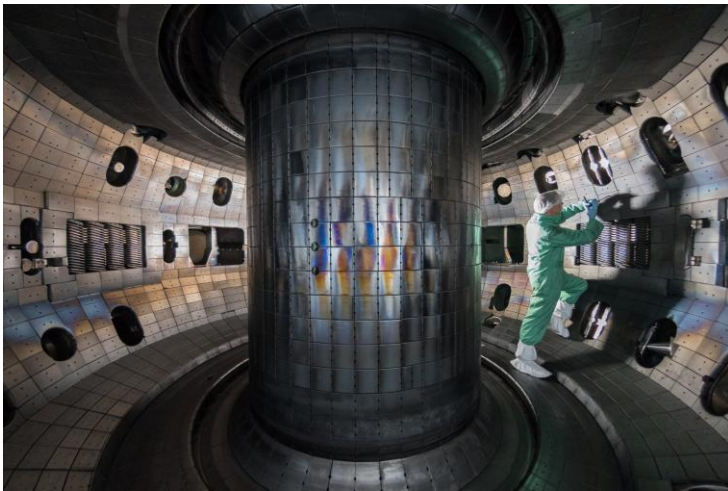
Artificial Sun

Scientists In **South Korea** Have Set A New World Record Using The Korea **Superconducting Tokamak Advanced Research (KSTAR)** Device, An “**Artificial Sun**” Nuclear Fusion Reactor. They Generated **Plasma Temperatures Of 100 Million Degrees Celsius** For A **Duration Of 48 Seconds**.



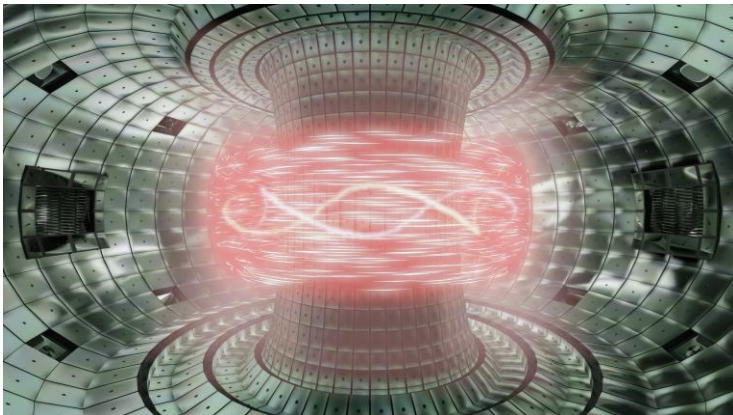
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The Achieved **Temperature Of 100 Million Degrees Celsius** Is A Remarkable Seven Times Hotter Than The Sun's Core, Which Has A Temperature Of Approximately **15 Million Degrees Celsius**. Nuclear Fusion Aims To Replicate The **Reaction That Powers The Sun** And Other Stars, By Fusing Two Atoms To Release Immense Amounts Of Energy.



Artificial Sun

Fusion Has The Potential To Provide Limitless Energy Without Carbon Pollution, Making It A Promising Alternative To Traditional Energy Sources. The Most Common Approach To Achieving Fusion Energy Involves The Use Of A **Doughnut-shaped Reactor Called A Tokamak**, In Which Hydrogen Variants Are Heated To Extreme Temperatures To Create Plasma.



Sittwe Agreement Approved

India Gained Operational Control Over Sittwe Port In Myanmar, Following Approval From Ministry Of External Affairs. Agreement Allows **India Ports Global A Company** Fully Owned By Ministry Of Ports, Shipping And Waterways, To Manage Entire Port On **Kaladan River**, Marking **India's Second Overseas Port Acquisition After Chabahar In Iran.**



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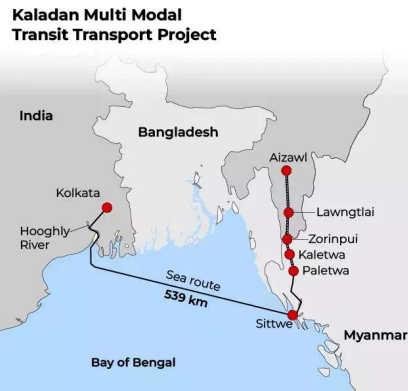
The Deal Includes A Long-term Lease Arrangement, Subject To **Renewal Every Three Years**, Enabling India To Undertake Substantial Development Initiatives At The Port. The Port Development Is Integral To **Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project**, Aimed At **Enhancing Connectivity** Between Sittwe In Myanmar And Mizoram In India, Facilitated By Waterways And Road Networks.

Kaladan Multi Modal
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The Port's Development Aligns With **India's Strategy To Uplift Landlocked** Northeastern States By Reducing Transportation And Logistic Costs, Thereby Fostering Economic Growth And Regional Integration. Amidst Myanmar's Civil Unrest, Particularly In The **Rakhine State** Where Sittwe Is Situated, Security Concerns Loom Large Due To Ongoing Conflicts Between The Myanmar Army And Insurgent Groups Like The Arakan Army.



India Invokes Peace Clause

India Has Once Again Utilized **Peace Clause At The World Trade Organization** For The Fifth Consecutive Time, Citing **Rice Subsidies Exceeding** The Prescribed Limit During The 2022-23 Marketing Year. Despite Breaching The **10% Domestic Support Ceiling**, India Faces No Immediate Repercussions Due To **The Peace Clause Provision**, Agreed Upon At The 2013 Bali Ministerial.



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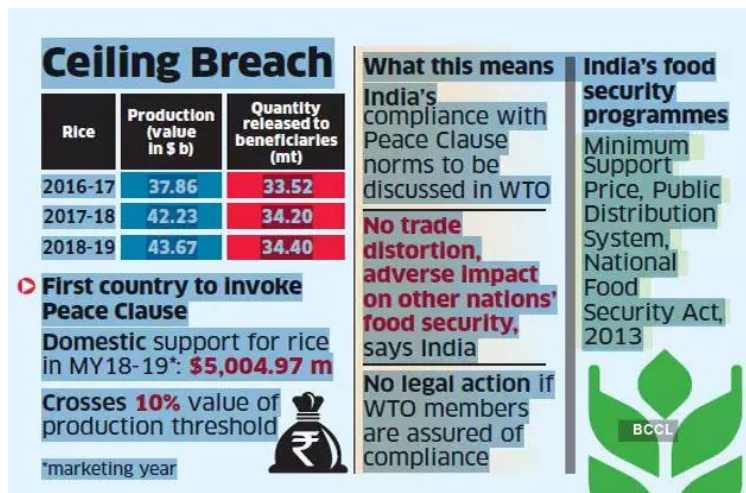
India's **Rice Production In 2022-23** Amounted To \$52.8 Billion, With Subsidies Totaling \$6.39 Billion, Surpassing **10% Domestic Support Ceiling By 2%**. India Justified Its Actions Clarifying That Subsidies Were Essential For **Meeting Domestic Food Security Needs**, For Impoverished & Vulnerable Population. India Persistently Advocated For Amendments To **Formula Determining Food Subsidy Caps &** Urged For Expedited Resolutions To Issue Of Public Stockholding.



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The Current Subsidy Ceiling Calculation, Based On The Reference Price Of 1986-88, Is Deemed Outdated By India, Necessitating An **Update To Reflect Current Economic Realities**. India's Repeated Breaches Of Suggested Subsidy Limits Have Drawn Scrutiny Under WTO Trade Norms, Making A Lasting Resolution Crucial For Future Trade Negotiations And Stability.



GI Tag

GI Registry Office Based In Chennai Announced That The **Tiranga Barfi Of Varanasi** And The **Dhalua Murti Metal Casting** Craft Have Been Included In The Prestigious GI Category. UP GI Product **Tally Reaches 75. Tiranga Barfi Holds A Special Place In The Hearts Of Varanasi's Residents. During The Struggle For Freedom, This Tricolored Sweetmeat Was Ingeniously Crafted To Facilitate Secret Meetings And Information Exchange Among Revolutionaries.**



GI Tag

Saffron Hue Is Derived From Saffron, **Green Color** Comes From Pistachio, White Shade By **Khoya & Cashew Nuts**. **Dhalua Murti Metal Casting Craft**, Originating From Kashipura Locality Of Varanasi Gained National Recognition For Intricate & **Exquisite Metal Idols**. Craftsmen Mastered Art Of **Casting Idols** Of Deities Such As Maa Annapurna, Lakshmi- Ganesh, Durgaji , And Hanumanji , Along With Various Instruments, Bells, Thrones, And Seals For Minting Coins.



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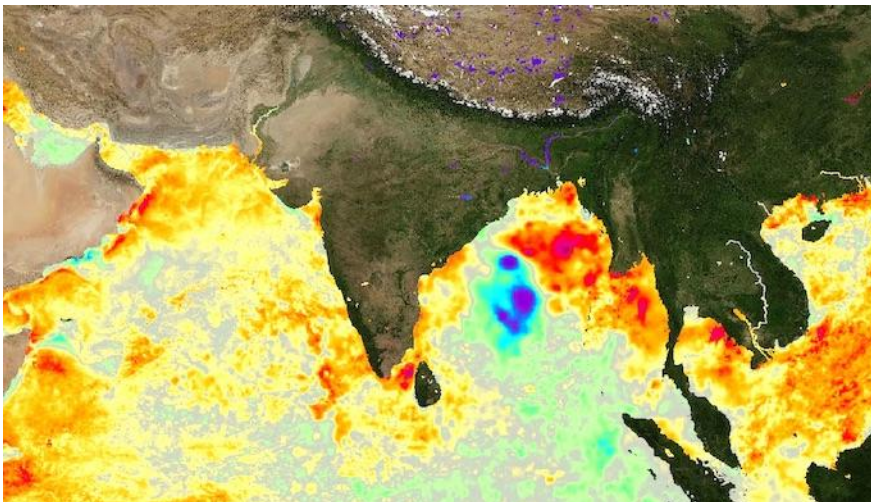
Rapid Warming of Indian Ocean

Indian Ocean Basin, **World's Fastest Warming Ocean**, Is Projected To Experience Accelerated Warming At An Alarming Rate Of **1.7°C To 3.8°C Per Century** Between 2020 And 2100, According To A Recent Report Led By Scientists From Indian Institute Of Tropical Meteorology, Pune. Increase In **Frequency And Intensity Of Severe** Weather Events.



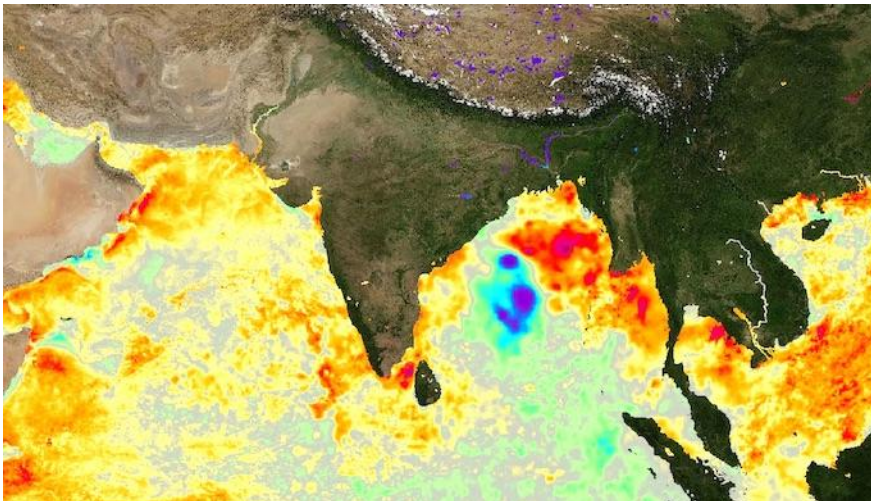
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Prolonged Marine Heatwaves, Rising From Current 20 Days Per Year To 220-250 Days. Changes In Indian Ocean Dipole Events, With 66% Increase In Extreme Events & 52% Decrease In Moderate Events By End Of 21st Century. Influence On Monsoon Development & Cyclone Formation. Ocean Warming Not Limited To Surface Heat Content Increasing In Depths Up To 2,000 Meters.



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Current Rate Of Increase: 4.5 Zetta-joules Per Decade. Projected Future Rate: 16-22 Zetta-joules Per Decade. **Equivalent To Energy Of One Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Detonation** Every Second For A Decade. Northwestern Indian Ocean To Experience Worst Warming. **Warming From 1950-2020: 1.2°C** & Further Warming Projected From 2020-2100: 1.7°C To 3.8°C



Nakshatra Sabha

Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board Has **Teamed Up With Starscapes**, An Astro-tourism Company, To Introduce **Nakshatra Sabha**, Intending To Immerse Participants In Various Activities Such As **Special Solar Observations**, **Astrophotography Contests**, And Camping Under The Stars. Aims **To Attract Astronomy Enthusiasts**, Adventurers, And Travellers To Uttarakhand, Fostering Engagement With Cosmos While Enjoying State's Natural Beauty.



Nakshatra Sabha

Scheduled To Commence In Early June At **George Everest In Mussoorie**, Nakshatra Sabha Will Span Until Mid-2025, Featuring Immersive Events Across Uttarakhand. These Events Will Explore Potential Night Sky Sites In Districts Like Uttarkashi, Pithoragarh, Nainital, And Chamoli, Supplemented By **Educational Seminars And Webinars** Led By Field Experts.



Nakshatra Sabha

Nakshatra Sabha Not Only Offers **Professional Development Opportunities** For Local Residents But Also Aims To Bolster Local Economies And Advocate For Preserving Night Skies.



UNESCO Guillermo Cano Prize 2024

Palestinian Journalists Covering Crisis In Gaza Named **Laureates Of 2024**

UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize. Announcement Comes From Recommendation Of An **International Jury Of Media Professional.**

Ongoing Conflict In Gaza Has Had Severe Repercussions For Journalists, With UNESCO Reporting The Deaths Of **26 Journalists And Media Workers.**



UNESCO Guillermo Cano Prize 2024

In Gaza, **Organization Is Distributing Essential Supplies**, Establishing Safe Working Spaces. **Established In 1997** UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize Recognizes Individuals Who Made Exceptional Contributions To Defense & Promotion Of Press Freedom. **Named After Colombian Journalist Guillermo Cano Isaza**, The Prize Honors His Legacy And Is Funded By Various Foundations And Organizations Committed To Press Freedom.



Green Oscar Whitley Gold Award 2024

Dr. Purnima Devi Barman, A Wildlife Biologist From Assam, Recognized With Prestigious Whitley Gold Award For Exemplary Conservation Efforts Aimed At Protecting The Endangered Greater Adjutant Stork And Its Wetland Habitat.

This Accolade, Often Referred To As The ‘**Green Oscar**’, Highlights Her Remarkable Contributions To Wildlife Conservation And Underscores The Importance Of Grassroots Efforts In Safeguarding Biodiversity .



Green Oscar Whitley Gold Award 2024

Dr. Barman's Journey In Conservation Began With Greater Adjutant Stork, Locally Known As "**Hargila**" In Assamese. Her Intervention Became Crucial As **Population Of Hargila** Dwindled To A Mere **450 Birds In Northeast** India. Her Collaborative Initiatives, In Partnership With Local **Wildlife NGO Aaranyak**, Have Led To A **Quadrupling Of The Stork Population**, With Numbers Now Exceeding 1,800.



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Dr. Barman's Project **Focuses On Community-driven Conservation** And Aims To Bolster Number Of Greater Adjutant Breeding Pairs, With A Special Emphasis On **Empowering Local Women** As Advocates For Conservation. With A Goal To Double **Global Population Of Greater Adjutant Stork** To 5,000 By 2030, Dr. Barman Plans To Implement Scale- Up Measures Across India And Cambodia, The Stork's Range.



Kutch Ajrakh

The Traditional Artisans Of '**Kutch Ajrakh**' Have Been Bestowed With GI Certificate By Controller General Of Patents, Designs, And Trademarks. Ajrakh Is A **Textile Craft** That Holds A Revered Place In The Cultural Tapestry Of Gujarat, Particularly In The Regions Of Sindh, Barmer, And Kutch, Where Its Legacy Spans Millennia.



Kutch Ajrakh

The Art Of Ajrakh Involves A Meticulous Process Of **Hand-block Printing On Treated Cotton Cloth**. The Name “Ajrakh” Is Derived From The Word “**Azrak,**” Meaning **Indigo**, A Well-known Substance Most Often Employed As A **Powerful Dye** To Achieve A Bluish Effect. Traditionally, Ajrakh Prints Consisted Of **Three Colors**: Blue, Representing The Sky; Red, Signifying The Land And Fire; And White, Symbolizing The Stars.



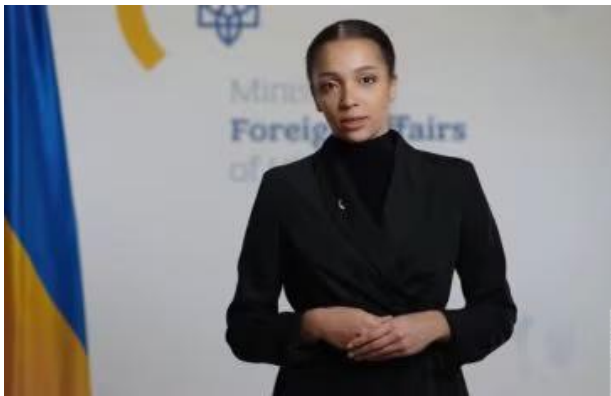
Kutch Ajrakh

The Fabrics Are Treated With Vegetable And Mineral Colors, Ensuring Their Vibrant Hues And Longevity. The Art Of Ajrakh Has Been Practiced In The Kutch Region For Over 400 Years, **Introduced By The Sind Muslims.**



Victoria Shi

Ukraine Unveiled An **AI-generated Spokesperson, Named Victoria Shi**, Deliver Official Statements From Its Foreign Ministry. Victoria Shi Made Her Debut, Appearing Dressed In A **Dark Suit And Displaying Human-like Gestures And Speech**. Despite Her AI-powered Appearance, The Ukrainian Foreign Ministry Has Assured That The Content Of Shi's Statements Will Be Crafted And Verified By Human Staff, Ensuring Accuracy And Reliability.



Victoria Shi

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba Highlighted That The Introduction Of A Digital Spokesperson Is Aimed At **Saving Time And Resources**, Allowing Diplomats To Focus On Other Crucial Aspects Of Their Work. The Spokesperson's Name, Victoria Shi, Is A Combination Of The Words "**Victory**" And The Ukrainian Phrase For Artificial Intelligence, "**Shtuchniy Intelpekt**."



Victoria Shi

Shi's Appearance And Voice Are Modeled After Rosalie Nombre, A Singer And Former Contestant On Ukraine's Version Of **"The Bachelor,"** Hailing From The Now Russian-controlled City Of Donetsk. To Prevent The Spread Of Misinformation And Ensure The Authenticity Of Shi's Statements, The Foreign Ministry Will Accompany Each Presentation With A QR Code.



Victoria Shi

This Code Will Link To Text Versions Of The Statements On The Ministry's Official Website, Providing An Additional Layer Of Verification. Victoria Shi Is Set To Address Various Issues, **Including Consular Services**, Which Have Recently Become A Contentious Topic In Ukraine



2024 Pulitzer Prize Winners Announced

Prestigious **Pulitzer Prizes For 2024** Were Announced By Columbia University In The United States Of America. The Awards, Considered The Most Prestigious In The Fields Of Journalism And Arts, Were Conferred University On The Recommendation Of The Pulitzer Prize Board.



2024 Pulitzer Prize Winners Announced

The Pulitzer Prize Was Established By **Joseph Pulitzer**, A Newspaper Owner Who, In **1904**, **Provided Funds** For The Foundation Of The Pulitzer Prize As An Incentive For Excellence In Journalism, Arts, And Culture. He Donated Money To The Faculty Of Journalism At Columbia University To Administer The Prizes. The First Pulitzer Prizes **Were Awarded In 1917**, And They Continue To Recognize Outstanding Achievements In These Fields Annually.



Category	Winner
Public Service	Pro Publica (Joshua Kaplan, Justin Elliott, Brett Murphy, Alex Mierjeski, and Kirsten Berg)
Investigative Reporting	Hannah Dreier (The New York Times)
International Reporting	Staff of The New York Times
Editorial Writing	David E. Hoffman (The Washington Post)
Breaking News Photography	Photography Staff of Reuters
Feature Photography	Photography Staff of Associated Press
Audio Reporting	Staff of the Invisible Institute and USG Audio

Category	Winner
Fiction	Night Watch by Jayne Anne Phillips
Drama	Primary Trust by Eboni Booth
History	No Right to an Honest Living: The Struggles of Boston's Black Workers in the Civil War Era by Jacqueline Jones
Biography	King: A Life by Jonathan Eig Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom by Ilyon Woo
Memoir and Autobiography	Liliana's Invincible Summer: A Sister's Search for Justice by Cristina Rivera Garza
Poetry	Tripas: Poems by Brandon Som
Music	Adagio (For Wadada Leo Smith) by Tyshawn Sorey
General Nonfiction	A Day in the Life of Abed Salama: Anatomy of a Jerusalem Tragedy by Nathan Thrall

Russia's Batagaika Crater

Batagaika Crater, Also Spelled As Batagay, Often Referred To As The “**Gateway To The Underworld**,” Is In The Permafrost Regions Of Siberia, Russia And Is Known For Its Significant Size And Rapid Expansion. The Crater Is Growing At An **Alarming Rate Of 35 Million Cubic Feet** Every Year Due To The Thawing Of The Permafrost.



Russia's Batagaika Crater

Permafrost Thaw Rate Around Crater's Cliff Face Is Currently Estimated At **Approximately 40 Feet (12 Metres) Per Year**, Contributing To The Increasing Size Of This Geological Feature.



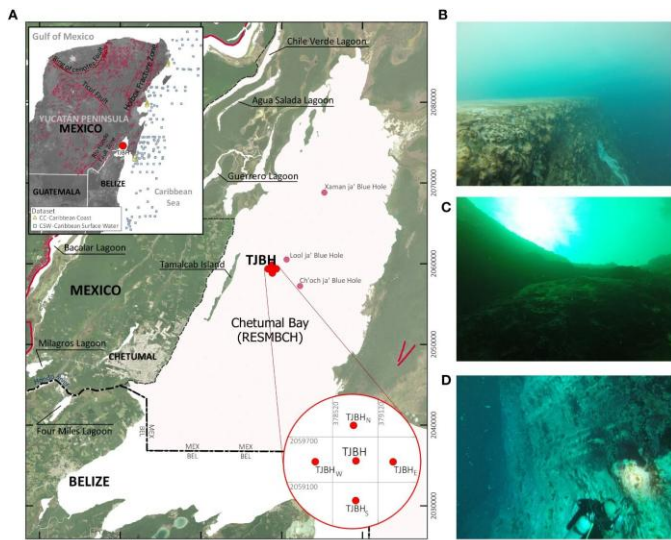
World's Deepest Blue Hole

Scientists Recently **Unveiled Taam Ja' Blue Hole In Mexico's** Chetumal Bay As The Deepest Known Blue Hole Globally, Plunging To An **Astounding Depth Of 1,380 Feet**. Surpassing Its Predecessor, The **Sansha Yongle Blue Hole**, By 480 Feet. Despite Exhaustive Efforts, Researchers Were Unable To Fathom Its Depths, Encountering Potential Hindrances Such As Underwater Ledges Or Formidable Currents At 1,380 Feet.



World's Deepest Blue Hole

There Is Widespread **Conjecture Regarding The Presence Of Undiscovered Life Forms** Inhabiting Recesses Of **Taam Ja' Blue Hole**. Scientists Postulate That This Submerged Domain Might House A **Labyrinth Of Caverns And Passageways** Bustling With Unseen Aquatic Life, Adept At Flourishing In The Harsh Conditions Of Darkness And Pressure.



NASA Captures Yin-Yang Crater

NASA's International Space Station Recently Took A Unique Picture Of A Strange Hole On Mount Nemrut In Turkey, Which Is A **Dormant Stratovolcano**. Crater Was Split In Half, Making It Look Like Chinese **Yin-yang Sign**. Height Of Mount Nemrut Is **9,672 Feet** (2,948 Meters), And It Is Where The **Eurasian And Arabian Tectonic Plates** Meet.



NASA Captures Yin-Yang Crater

Volcano Erupted Last Time It Was Very Active In 1650, Creating A Big **Caldera That Is 5.3 Miles (8.5 Km) Across** And Almost 2,000 Feet (610 M) Deep. Caldera Was Mostly Made By A **Single Big Eruption About 250,000 Years Ago**. The Huge Eruption Also Made A Big Lava Flow That **Blocked A River** And Formed **Lake Van, Which Is Turkey's Biggest Lake**, On The Eastern Side Of The Mountain.



Calcium Carbide

Food Safety And Standards Authority Of India Alerted Traders, Fruits Handlers And Food Business Operators Operating Ripening Chambers To Strictly Ensure Compliance With The **Prohibition On Calcium Carbide** For Artificial Ripening Of Fruits. FSSAI Is Also Advising Food Safety Departments Of States And UT's To Remain Vigilant And Take Serious Action Against Persons Indulging In Such Unlawful Practices.



Calcium Carbide

Calcium Carbide, Commonly Used For Ripening Fruits Like Mangoes, Releases Acetylene Gas Which Contains Harmful Traces Of Arsenic And Phosphorus.

These Substances, Also Known As '**Masala**', **Can Cause Serious Health** Issues Such As Dizziness, Frequent Thirst, Irritation, Weakness, Difficulty In Swallowing, Vomiting And Skin Ulcers. **Acetylene Gas Is Equally Hazardous To** Those Handling It.



Calcium Carbide

Health Ministry Said There Are Chances That Calcium Carbide May Come In Direct Contact With Fruits During Application And Leave Residues Of Arsenic And Phosphorus On Fruits. Due To These Dangers, The Use Of **Calcium Carbide For Ripening Fruits** Has Been Banned Under Food Safety And Standards (Prohibition And Restrictions On Sales) Regulations, 2011. FSSAI Has Permitted The Use Of Ethylene Gas As A Safer Alternative For Fruit Ripening In India.



First Country to Lose All Glaciers

Venezuela Has Become The **First In Modern History** To Lose All Its Glaciers, With The Reclassification Of The **Humboldt Glacier** As An Ice Field, Its Final Icy Vestige. This Event Serves As A Stark Reminder That **Climate Change Is Not A Distant Threat** But An Urgent Crisis Demanding Immediate Action. Once Home To Six Glaciers Nestled In The **Andes Mountains** At Approximately **5,000 Meters** Above Sea Level, Venezuela Saw The **Disappearance Of Five By 2011**.



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Scientists Initially Estimated That The **Humboldt Glacier** Would Endure For Another Decade, But Its Rapid Melting Has Defied Expectations. Now Reduced To **Less Than 2 Hectares**, The Humboldt's Downgrade From A Glacier To An Ice Field Underscores The Alarming Pace Of Glacial Retreat. For Nations Like Venezuela, Glacier Loss Represents **Not Only An Environmental Crisis But Also** A Cultural Tragedy.



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Glaciers Hold Deep **Cultural Significance**, Shaping Regional Identities And Supporting Activities Like Mountaineering And Tourism. The Loss Of These Icy Landmarks Reverberates Beyond Environmental Concerns, Profoundly Affecting Communities' Way Of Life.



International Day of the Markhor

UNGA Proclaimed May 24 As **International Day Of The Markhor**. Resolution, Sponsored **By Pakistan And Eight Other Countries**, Aims To Raise Awareness And Promote Conservation Of This Species Found Across Mountainous Regions Of Central And South Asia. **Markhor**, Also Known As **“Screw-horned Goat,”** Is **National Animal** Of Pakistan. It Is A Majestic Wild Goat Known For Its Striking **Spiral-shaped Horns**, Which Can Grow Up To **1.6 Meters** (5.2 Feet) In Length.



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Current Estimated Population Of Markhor Ranges Between **3,500 And 5,000**, With The Majority Found In The **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa** Province Of Pakistan, Followed By Gilgit- Baltistan And Balochistan. Despite This Positive Trend, The **Markhor Remains Categorized As “Near Threatened”** On The IUCN Red List Of Threatened Species And Is Included In **Appendix I** Of CITES Since 1992.



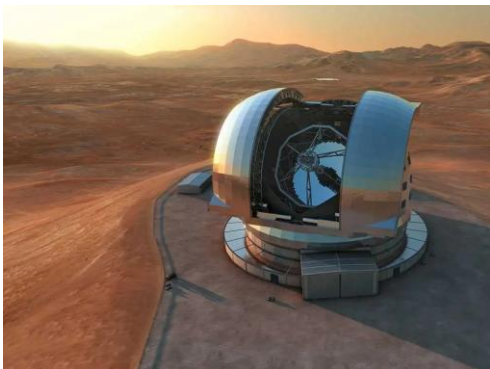
World's Highest Observatory

University Of Tokyo Has Inaugurated The **Atacama Observatory (TAO)**, Which Has Been Awarded A Guinness World Record For Being The **Highest Observatory In The World**. Situated At A Staggering **5,640 Meters** Above Sea Level On The Summit Of **Cerro Chajnantor** In The Antofagasta Region Of Chile, TAO Stands As **A Testament To Human Ingenuity And Determination**.



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At The Heart Of TAO Lies A **6.5-meter Optical-infrared Telescope**, Designed To Unravel The Mysteries Of The Universe. **TAO's Location** Was Carefully Chosen For Its Exceptional Atmospheric Conditions. With **Minimal Water Vapor** In The Atmosphere, The Observatory Offers An **Unparalleled Vantage Point** For Observing Mid-infrared Wavelengths, Which Are Typically Absorbed By Water Vapor At Lower Altitudes.



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Romalo Ram Associated With Which Language

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NASA's Magellan Mission

Direct Geological Evidence Of Recent Volcanic Activity On Venus Has Been Confirmed For 2nd Time, by Data From **NASA's Magellan Mission**. Scientists In Italy Detected Surface Changes Indicating New Rock Formations From Lava Flows Linked To Volcanic Eruptions That Occurred While Spacecraft Was In Orbit. **From 1990 To 1992**, NASA's Magellan Mission, Managed By The **Jet Propulsion Laboratory** In Southern California, Mapped 98% Of Venus's Surface.



It shows the areas of Sif Mons and the Niobe Planitia on Venus

NASA's Magellan Mission

Led By Davide Sulcanese Of D'annunzio University In Pescara, Italy, The Study Analyzed Magellan's Radar Data To Uncover New Lava Flows In Two Locations: **Sif Mons In Eistla Regio** And The **Western Part Of Niobe Planitia**. These Findings Suggest Venus Is **More Volcanically Active** Than Previously Thought, With Volcanic Activity Comparable To That On Earth.



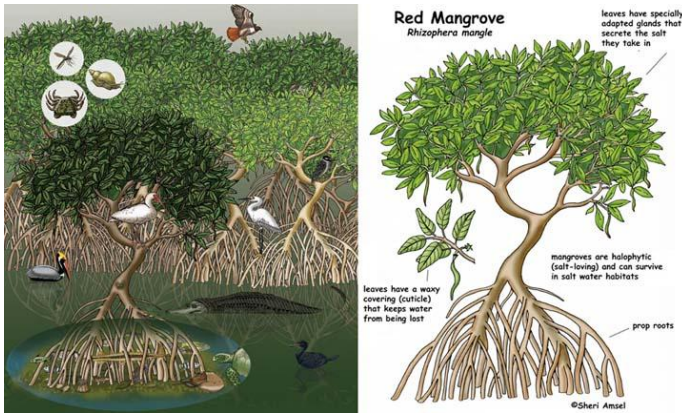
NASA's Magellan Mission

Changes In A **Vent Associated** With The Volcano Maat Mons Were Identified, Showing **Molten Rock Filling The Vent's Crater** And Spilling Down Its Slopes. The **Sif Mons Eruption** Produced About 30 Square Kilometers Of New Rock, While The **Niobe Planitia Eruption** Yielded About 45 Square Kilometers. These Findings Highlight The Significance Of **Upcoming Missions Like NASA's VERITAS** (Venus Emissivity, Radio Science, InSAR, Topography, And Spectroscopy).



Mangroves Labeled Critically Endangered

Coastal Mangroves In Tamil Nadu, Sri Lanka & Maldives Were Recently Rated As **“Critically Endangered”** By IUCN. AT To IUCN’s First Global **Assessment Of Mangrove Ecosystems**. Parts Of South India, Sri Lanka, The Maldives, & Warm, Temperate Northwest Atlantic Have Been Named As Severely Endangered. Mangroves Are Very Important For Protecting Biodiversity, Giving Local People Important Goods And Services, And Reducing The Effects Of Climate Change.



Mangroves Labeled Critically Endangered

Protecting The Coast, Fishing, And Keeping The Water Clean Depend On These Habitats. In Tamil Nadu, The Area Of Mangroves Has **Grown From 23 Square Kilometres** In 2001 To 45 Square Kilometres In 2021, According To The Indian State Of Forest Report. **Forming 20 Village Mangrove Groups** Was An Initiative By The State To Get Local People Involved In Conservation Efforts And Encourage Ownership And Long-term Use Of Mangrove Resources.



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After The Gaja Cyclone Tamil Nadu Coastal Restoration Mission, Which Is Backed By The **World Bank**, Has Restored **About 25 Square Kilometres** Of Mangroves In Several Districts. They Have Plans To Restore Another 15 Square Kilometres As Well. The Goal Of These Projects Is To Bring Life Back To The Mangrove Environments And Make Them Better Able To Support Wildlife And People In The Area.



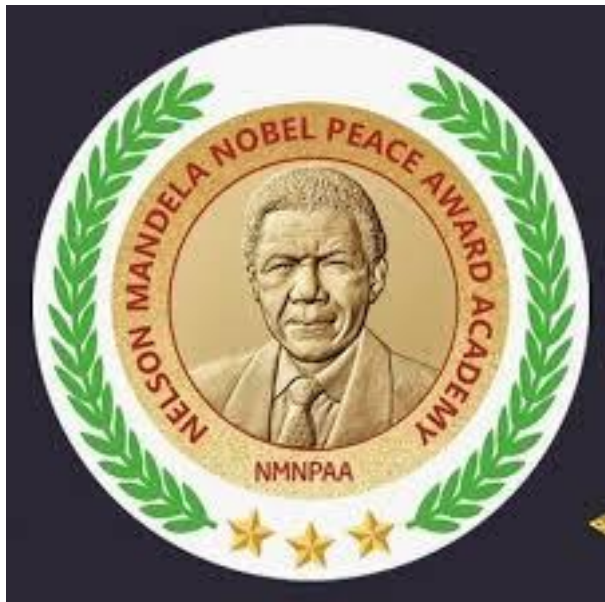
Nelson Mandela Award

National Institute Of Mental Health And Neuro Sciences In Bengaluru Has Been Awarded The Nelson Mandela Award For Health Promotion For 2024 By The World Health Organization (WHO). The Institute Is An Institute Of National Importance Under The Ministry Of Health And Family Welfare.



Nelson Mandela Award

The Nelson Mandela Award For Health Promotion, **Established By WHO In 2019**, Recognizes Individuals, Institutions, Governmental Or Non-governmental Organizations That Have Demonstrated Remarkable Contributions To Health Promotion.



'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' Campaign

PM Narendra Modi Launched '**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**' Campaign To Commemorate World Environment Day. He Planted A **Peepal Tree Sapling** At Buddha Jayanti Park In Delhi. Called Upon Everyone, In India And Around The World, To Plant A Tree In The Coming Days As A Tribute To Our Mother.



'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' Campaign

P.M Planted A Tree In Line With Our Commitment To **Protecting Mother Nature And Making Sustainable Lifestyle** Choices. India Has Undertaken Numerous Collective Efforts Which Have Led To **Increased Forest Cover Across** The Nation. This Is Great For Our Quest Towards Sustainable Development. It Is Also Commendable How Local Communities Have Risen To The Occasion And Taken A Lead In This.



Ramsar List

India Added Two Bird Sanctuaries From Bihar, **Nagi And Nakti** – To ‘Ramsar Sites’ List, Taking Tally To **82**. Both **Man-made Reservoirs** Situated In **Jhajha Forest Range** Of Jamui District In Bihar. **Nakti Bird Sanctuary** Was Developed Primarily For **Irrigation Through** The Construction Of Nakti Dam. Wetland And Its Surrounding Area Have Provided Habitat For Over **150 Species Of Birds, Mammals, Fish, Aquatic Plants, Reptiles And Amphibians**.



Ramsar List

They include **Globally Threatened Species**, including the endangered **Indian Elephant** and a vulnerable native **Catfish** (Wallago attu). A Ramsar site is a **Wetland Site** designated to be of international importance under the Ramsar Convention, also known as the **Convention on Wetlands**, an international environmental treaty signed on 2 February 1971 in Ramsar, Iran, under the auspices of UNESCO.



India's First Biosphere in a Tiger Reserve

Two Environmentalists, **Jai Dhar Gupta & Vijay Dhasmana** Created India's First Biosphere In A Tiger Reserve, Called **Rajaji Raghathi Biosphere** Within The Rajaji National Park In Uttarakhand. Biosphere Overlooks The Rocky **White Raghathi Riverbed**, Nestled In The Shivalik Foothills. The Biosphere Is A **35-acre Private Forest Initiative** Aimed At Identifying And **Reviving Rare And Endangered Species** Of Native Trees While Protecting The Area From **Poachers And Mining**.



India's First Biosphere in a Tiger Reserve

“Thousands **Of Non-native Eucalyptus Trees** Were Removed Within Days Of Acquiring The Land , Land Was **Contoured To Retain Water**, Prevent Erosion, And Promote Groundwater Recharge.” They Are Also Developing A **Second Biosphere Above The Koyna River** In The Buffer Zone Of The Sahyadri Tiger Reserve Near Pune, Maharashtra, Along The Western Ghats.



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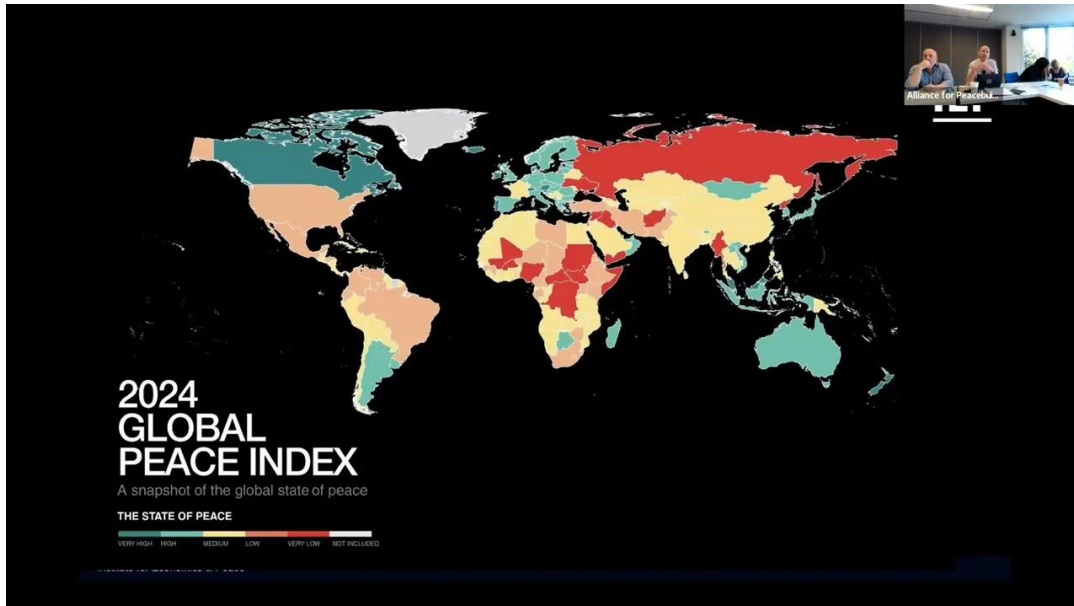
Global Peace Index 2024

Global Peace Index 2024, Published By **Institute For Economics & Peace**, Provides A Comprehensive Measure Of Global Peacefulness, Evaluating **163 Independent States &** Territories. This Report Highlights Trends, Results, & Economic Impacts Of Violence Across World, Offering Valuable Insights Into Current State Of Peace & Factors Influencing It. The Average Level Of Global Peacefulness Deteriorated By 0.56% In 2024.

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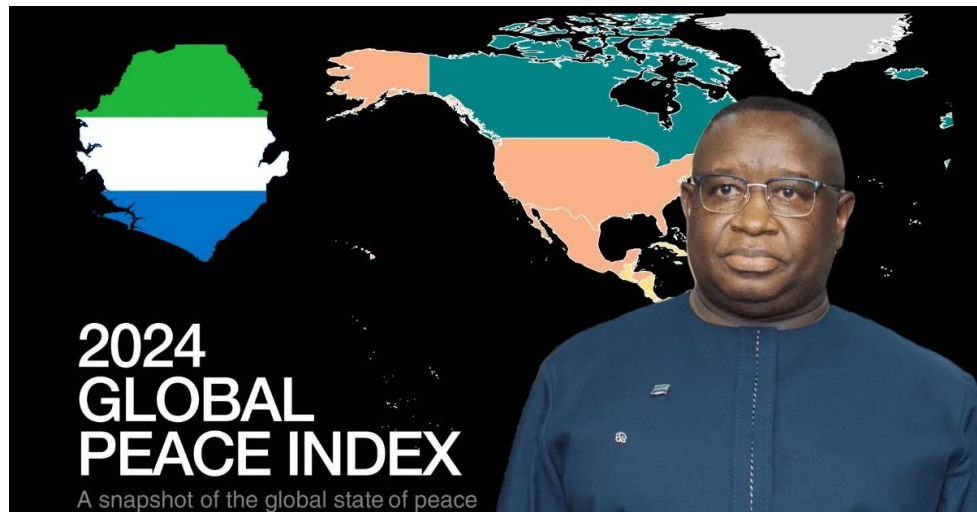
Global Peace Index 2024

In The Past Year, **65 Countries Recorded Improvements** In Peacefulness, While **97 Countries Saw Deteriorations**. **Most Peaceful Countries:** Iceland Remains The Most Peaceful Country, A Position It Has Held Since 2008, Followed By Ireland, Austria, New Zealand, And Singapore.



Global Peace Index 2024

Yemen Is Now The Least Peaceful Country, Followed By Sudan, South Sudan, Afghanistan, And Ukraine. Europe Continues To Be The Most Peaceful Region, Despite A Slight Deterioration In Peacefulness Over The Past Year. Middle East & North Africa Remains The Least Peaceful Region, With Significant Conflicts In Countries Like Yemen And Sudan Contributing To Its Low Ranking.



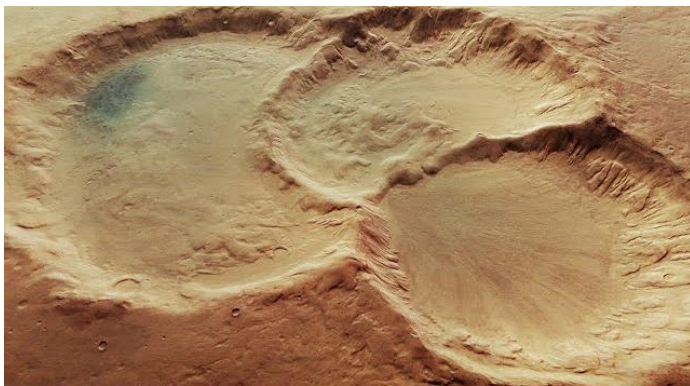
Three Craters on Mars

'Lal', 'Mursan' And 'Hilsa'. These Are Names Given To Three Craters On The Surface Of Mars Discovered By Ahmedabad-based Physical Research Laboratory . Lal Has Been Named After Physicist From Varanasi, Late Professor **Devendra Lal**. The Other Two Have Been Named After **Mursan Town** In UP's Hathras District, And **Hilsa Town In Nalanda** District Of Bihar.



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Largest Of These Craters, Approximately 65 Kilometres In Diameter, Named “Lal Crater”. In The Case Of **Lal Crater**, Identified Substantial Sedimentary Deposits, Providing Compelling Evidence That **Water Once Flowed Across** The Martian Surface. **Discovery Of These Craters** Was Facilitated By SHARAD (Mars Shallow Radar Sounder), A Cutting-edge Subsurface Sounding Radar Mounted On NASA’s Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO).



UNESCO City Of Literature

UNESCO Honored **Kozhikode As India's First "City Of Literature"**. Kozhikode Has Been Home To **Numerous Cultural Icons** Including Two Jnanpith Laureates. **"City Of Literature Day"** Was Made Official By Mayor M. Beena Philip On June 23. To Honor And Support Literary Excellence In The City, **Six Different Awards** Will Be Given Out Every Year.



UNESCO City Of Literature

Anakkulam Cultural Center Is Also Called The “City Of Literature Center.” **City’s Much-acclaimed Writer M.T. Vasudevan Nair** Was Honored With The Kozhikode Corporation’s Diamond Jubilee Award, Which Showed The City’s Commitment To Its Literary Heroes.



Srinagar – ‘World Craft City’

Srinagar, Largest City Of The Union Territory Of Jammu And Kashmir, Has Designated As A ‘**World Craft City**’ By The World Crafts Council. **Srinagar Is Known** As A “World Craft City” Shows How Skilled And Dedicated The People Who Work There Are. Their Traditional **Craftsmanship And Skills** Have Not Only Made Their Culture Richer But They Are Also Admired Around The World.



Srinagar – ‘World Craft City’

Goal Of Award Is To Honor & Protect Wide Range Of Crafts That Are Unique To Srinagar. Aileen Osborn Webb Started Non-profit World Crafts Council In 1964 To Promote And Encourage Craftsmanship Around The World. It Was Created After Talks Between Foreign Craft Representatives In New York City, Which Led To Its Joining UNESCO. The WCC Is Split Into Five Areas: Africa, Asia-pacific, Europe, Latin America, And North America. Its Main Office Is In Belgium.



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Digital Agriculture Mission

Union Cabinet Has Approved **Digital Agriculture Mission With Total Cost Of 2817 Crore Rupees**. Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw **Digital Agriculture Mission** Is Being Developed On Lines Of The Structure Of **Digital Public Infrastructure For Agriculture**. Cabinet Has Approved **Crop Science For Food And Nutritional Security** At A Total Cost Of 3979 Crore Rupees.



Digital Agriculture Mission

Government Has Also Decided To Strengthen **Agriculture Education, Management, And Social Science At A Cost Of 2291** Crore Rupees. Cabinet Approved Sustainable **Livestock Health And Production** With Cost Of 1702 Crore Rupees. It **Approved Sustainable Development Of Horticulture** With Cost Of 860 Crore Rupees.



Digital Agriculture Mission

Cabinet Has Decided To Strengthen The **Krishi Vigyan Kendra** With The Cost Of 1202 Crore Rupees And **Natural Resources Management** With A Cost Of 1115 Crore Rupees. Cabinet Also Approved **A 309 Kilometre Long New Line Project** Providing The Shortest Rail Connectivity Between Two Major Commercial Hubs – Mumbai And Indore – At Total Cost Of 18,036 Crores.



Ramon Magsaysay Award

Miyazaki's Works, Including:

- "My Neighbor Totoro"
- "Spirited Away"
- "Princess Mononoke"
- "Howl's Moving Castle"
- "Ponyo"
- "The Boy And The Heron".

Ramon Magsaysay Award

Ramon Magsaysay Award, Established In 1957, Stands As One Of The Most Prestigious Honors In Asia. It Was Created To Commemorate **Ramon Magsaysay, The** Third President Of The Philippines, Who Was Known For His Integrity In Governance And Public Service.

'Aparajita' Bill

West Bengal Assembly Unanimously Passed The **'Aparajita Woman And Child Bill** (West Bengal Criminal Laws And Amendment) 2024'. **West Bengal Becomes First State** To Amend Central Laws Dealing With Rape, Gang-rape, And Sexual Crimes Against Children. **'Aparajita' Bill Is Named** Tribute To Trainee Doctor Raped And Murdered At RG Kar Medical Centre And Hospital Last Month.



What is West Bengal's **Aparajita** Bill?

'Aparajita' Bill

The Bill's Key Provisions Include:

Death Penalty: Imposed For Rape If The Victim Dies Or Suffers Severe Brain Damage.

Life Sentence: Without Parole For Those Convicted Of Rape.

Aparajita Task Force: Punishment Within 21 Days Of Preliminary Report.

'Aparajita' Bill

Enhanced Safety Measures: Installation Of CCTV Cameras And Increased Security On Routes Used By Female Healthcare Workers, With An Allocation Of Rs 120 Crores.

'Ratri Saathi' Provision: Extends The Duty Hours For Female Workers, Ensuring Their Safety During Night Shifts.

'Dekho Apna Desh, People's Choice 2024

The Voting For **Dekho Apna Desh, People's Choice 2024**, Is Open. Aim Of The **Nation-wide Poll** Is To Engage With Citizens To Identify The Most **Preferred Tourist Attraction** Sites And Understand Tourist Perceptions **Across Five Tourism Categories**, Which Are Spiritual, Cultural Heritage, Nature, Wildlife, Adventure, And Others.



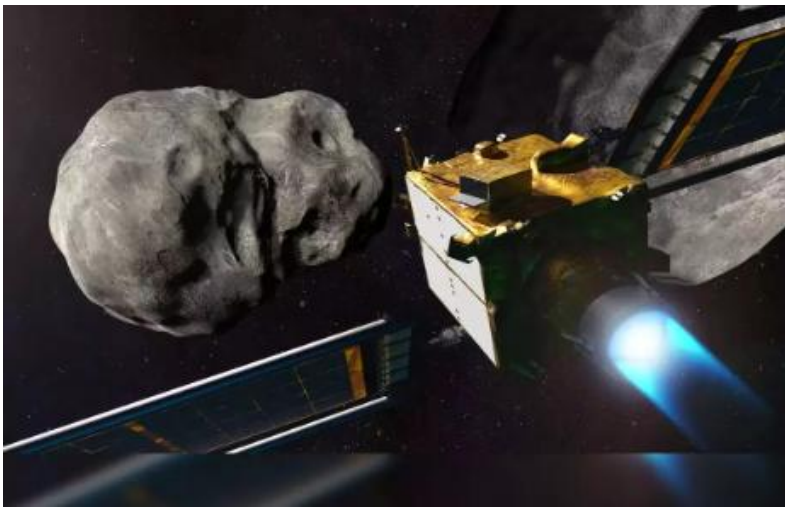
First Human-Made Meteor Shower

NASA's DART Mission Made History By Successfully Crashing A Spacecraft Into **Asteroid Moonlet Dimorphos**. Step Forward In **Protecting Earth From Possible Asteroid Impacts** By Testing Ways To Change Direction Of Threatening Space Objects. **DART Mission's Impact**, Debris From Dimorphos Has Been Scattered Into Space.



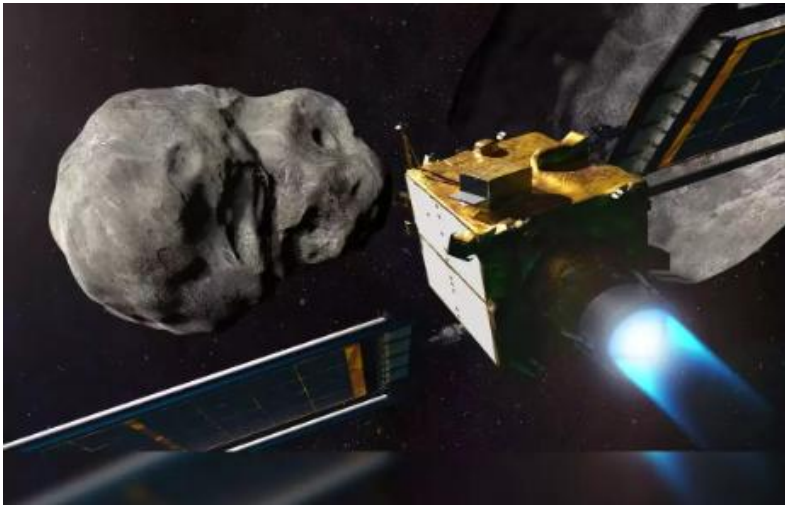
First Human-Made Meteor Shower

Scientists Believe That **More Than 2 Million Pounds** Of Material Could Eventually Reach Earth & Mars. It Could Create A **Meteor Shower**, Known As **“Dimorphids,”** In Next 10 To 30 Years, Leading To Periodic Meteor Displays. **Double Asteroid Redirection Test** Was Launched In 2021 As NASA’s First Attempt To Move An Asteroid From Its Path.



First Human-Made Meteor Shower

Technique Is Called **“Kinetic Impact.”** **Spacecraft Hit Dimorphos,** Managed To Shorten Its Orbit Around **Larger Asteroid Didymos By 33 Minutes.** It Proved That Using A Spacecraft To Change An Asteroid’s Path Is Possible. It Is The **First Time Humans Have** Intentionally Changed The Movement Of A Celestial Body.



First Indian President Of Olympic Council Of Asia

On September 8, 2024, A Landmark Moment In **Asian Sports History** Unfolded As **Randhir Singh**, A Veteran Sports Administrator, Was Elected As President Of **Olympic Council Of Asia**. Momentous Event Took Place **During 44th General Assembly** Of Continental Body In New Delhi.



Randhir Singh Elected as First Indian President of Olympic Council of Asia

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Marking **First Time An Indian** Has Ascended To This Prestigious Position. Mr. Singh Took Over As Acting President Following The **Suspension Of Sheikh Ahmad Al- fahad Al - sabah**, Who Was: Handed A 15-year Ban From Sports Administration In May 2024 Sanctioned For Ethics Breaches



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First ANRF Governing Board Meeting

HIGHLIGHTS of First meeting of Governing Body of Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) chaired by Prime Minister



- Need for upgradation and standardisation of institutions
- Scientific monitoring of utilisation of resources for research and innovation.
- Promoting fundamental research for advancement of knowledge
- Development of dashboard for easier tracking of information related to research and development.
- Flexible and transparent funding for Researchers
- ANRF strategies to align with the goals of Viksit Bharat 2047.
- Centres of Excellence to be set up to support interdisciplinary research in humanities and social sciences



PM E-DRIVE Scheme

Union Cabinet, Chaired By PM Modi, Approved **PM Electric Drive Revolution In Innovative Vehicle Enhancement Scheme** To Promote **Electric Mobility In India**. Scheme, With An **Outlay Of Rs 10,900 Crore** Over Two Years, Aims To Expedite **EV Adoption, Improve Air Quality, &** Reduce Environmental Impact Of Transportation.



PM E-DRIVE Scheme

Subsidies And Incentives: Rs. 3,679 Crore Allocated For Subsidies To Incentivize e-2Ws, E-3Ws, E-ambulances, e-trucks, And e-buses, Supporting Over 28 Lakh Electric Vehicles.

e-voucher System: Aadhaar-authenticated E-vouchers Will Be Generated For Buyers, Which Will Be Signed And Submitted To Dealers, To Claim Reimbursements.

e-ambulances: Rs. 500 Crore Dedicated To Introduction Of e -Ambulances, Ensuring Safer, More Comfortable Patient Transport With New Safety Standards.

PM E-DRIVE Scheme

PM E-DRIVE Scheme Is A Pivotal Step Towards **Reducing Pollution, Securing Fuel Resources,** And Fostering Sustainable Transportation Solutions Aligned With India's **Net-zero 2070 Target.** The Initiative Will Attract Investments, Boost EV Ecosystem, And Enhance India's Leadership In Global Clean Mobility.



Port Blair Renamed As Sri Vijaya Puram

Shri. Amit Shah Announced Decision On **Renaming Port Blair In Andaman And Nicobar Islands To Sri Vijaya Puram**. Decision Has Been Taken To Free Nation From **Colonial Imprints**. **Sri Vijaya Puram Symbolizes** Victory Achieved In India's Freedom Struggle & Andaman And Nicobar Islands' Unique Role In It.



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A&N Hosted **First Unfurling Of Tiranga** By Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Island Territory That Once Served As **Naval Base Of Chola Empire** Is Today Poised To Be Critical Base For Our **Strategic And Development Aspirations. Veer Savarkar**, At This Place Also Houses The **Cellular Jail In Which Veer Savarkar** And Other Freedom Fighters Struggle For An Independent India.



NPS-Vatsalya Scheme

In Pursuance Of Announcement In Union Budget 2024-25, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Will Launch **The NPS-Vatsalya Scheme** In New Delhi. Ms Sitharaman Will **Launch An Online Platform** For Subscribing To **NPS Vatsalya**, Release Of Scheme Brochure, And Distribute **Permanent Retirement Account Number (PRAN) Cards To New Minor Subscribers.**



NPS-Vatsalya Scheme

NPS Vatsalya Scheme Will Allow Parents To Save For Their Children's Future By Investing In A **Pension Account And Ensuring** Long-term Wealth With The Power Of Compounding. The Scheme Offers Flexible Contributions And Investment Options, Allowing **Parents To Invest Rs. 1,000 Annually** In The Name Of The Child.



'One Nation, One Election'

Government Accepted **Recommendations Of High Level Committee** Constituted For Exploring The Idea Of **One Nation, One Election**, Paving The Way For Simultaneous Elections Across The Country. **Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw** Said It Will Be Implemented In **Two Phases**.



'One Nation, One Election'

First Phase, **Lok Sabha And Assembly Elections** Will Be Held Simultaneously, While **Local Bodies's Elections** Like Panchayats And Municipalities Will Be Conducted Within **100 Days Of General Elections**. Minister Informed Us That Government Has Approved **Chandrayaan-4 Mission And The Venus Orbiter Mission** To Give A Boost To The Country's Science And Technology Sector.



'One Nation, One Election'

Total Fund Approved For Venus Orbiter Mission Is **One Thousand 236 Crore Rupees**, Out Of **Which 824 Crore Rupees** Will Be Spent On The Spacecraft.
Approved The Continuation Of Schemes Of **Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)** To Provide Remunerative Prices To Farmers And To Control Price Volatility Of Essential Commodities For Consumers.



'One Nation, One Election'

Total Financial Outgo Will Be **35 Thousand Crore Rupees**. Approved **Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gramme Abhiyan** With A Total Outlay Of **79 Thousand 156 Crore Rupees**. Improve The Socio-economic Condition Of **Tribal Communities By Developing Enabling Infrastructure**, Ensuring Economic Empowerment, And Providing Access To Quality Education And Health.



Bio-RIDE Scheme

Cabinet Approved **Biotechnology Research Innovation & Entrepreneurship Development** Scheme To Boost Biotechnology Research, Innovation, Entrepreneurship With **Outlay Of ₹9,197 Crore. Merges Two Existing Programs** Biotechnology Research And Development & Industrial And Entrepreneurship Development, New Component '**Bio-manufacturing & Bio-foundry.**'

Bio-RIDE

Cabinet approves 'Biotechnology Research Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (Bio- RIDE)'



Bio-RIDE

Cabinet approves 'Biotechnology Research Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development (Bio- RIDE)'



- Bio-RIDE is a merger of Biotechnology Research and Development & Industrial & Entrepreneurship Development (I&ED) of Department of Biotechnology with a new component ie Biomanufacturing and Biofoundry
- Proposed outlay of the unified scheme is **Rs.9197 cr** from 2021-22 to 2025-26
- Implementation of Bio-RIDE Scheme will
 - Promote Bio-Entrepreneurship
 - Advance Innovation
 - Facilitate Industry-Academia Collaboration
 - Encourage Sustainable Biomanufacturing
 - Support researchers through Extramural funding
 - Nurture Human Resource in Biotechnology sector



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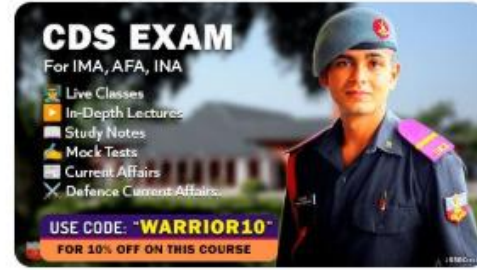
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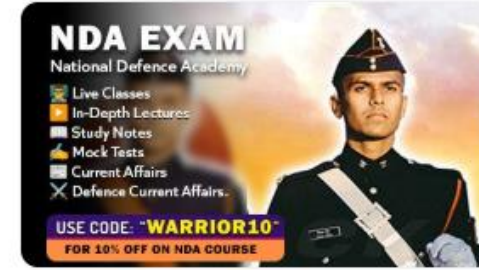
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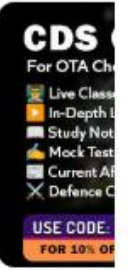
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Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak

Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak Has Been Awarded To **463 Personnel Of Various States And Union Territories**, Central Armed Police Forces And Central Police Organisations For The Year 2024. Medal To Recognize **Excellent Work, And Boost** The Morale Of The Officers In The Fields Of **Special Operation, Investigation, Intelligence And Forensic Science.**

Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak (Gold)



Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak

Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak Was Instituted By The **Ministry Of Home Affairs On 1st February 2024**. Medal Will Be Announced Every Year On The Occasion Of The **Birth Anniversary Of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel On 31st Of October**.

Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak (Gold)

Obverse



Ribbon



Reverse



Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak

The Award Will Be Conferred On Members Of The **Police Forces, Security Organization, Intelligence Wing, National Security Guard** In Consideration For Excellence In Operations, Exceptional Performance, Indomitable And Daring Intelligence Service.

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Aandhi Village's Journey To Zero-Waste Transformation

Aandhi, Village In Jaipur District, Is Adopting A Zero-waste Model. This Initiative Is Driven By **Green Technology**. Aims To Convert Various Types Of Waste Into Valuable Resources. Includes Food Waste, Agricultural Waste, Wastewater, And Hospital Waste. Innovative Technology Interventions Have Been Installed To Support This Transformation.

Aandhi Village's Journey To Zero-Waste Transformation

Key Components Include:

Organic Waste Bio-methanation Plant

Vermifiltration Technology

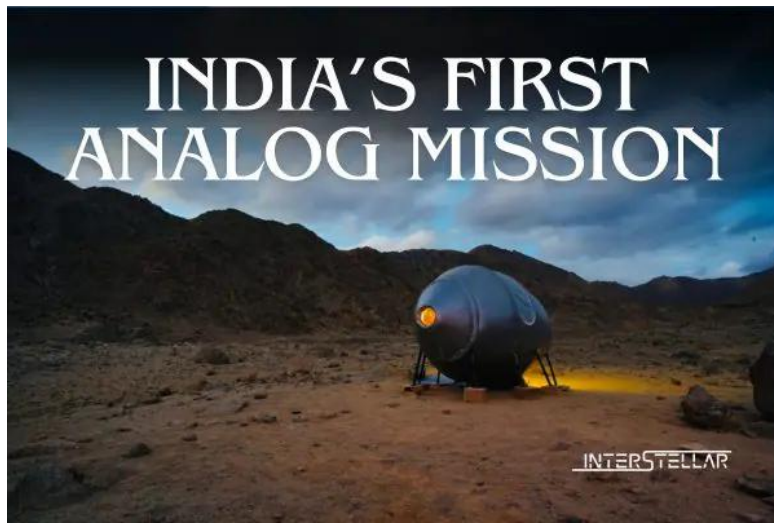
Constructed Wetlands

Resource Recovery Centre (RRC)

These Technologies Work Together To Create A Sustainable Waste Management System.

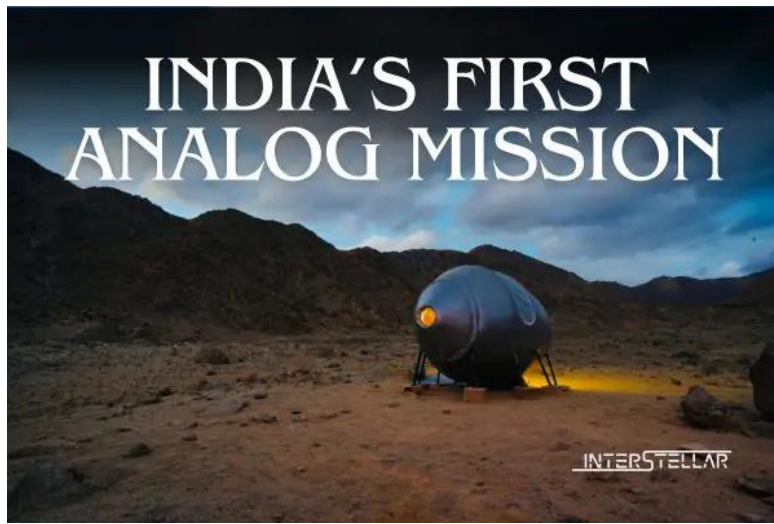
India's First Analog Space Mission

ISRO Has Started The Country's First Analog Space Mission At Leh In Ladakh, Where Space Agency Will Simulate Life In An Interplanetary Habitat. Move Assumes Significance As **India Is Planning To Send A Human To The Moon In The Near Future.**



India's First Analog Space Mission

Analog Space Missions Are Field Tests In Locations On Earth That Have **Physical Similarities To Extreme Space Environments. Ladakh Has Been Chosen For** Such A Mission As Geographical Features Of The Area – Dry And Cold Climate, Barren Land, High-altitude Terrain And Extreme Isolation – **Closely Resemble Martian And Lunar Landscapes.**



India's First Analog Space Mission

Mission Includes A **Compact, Inflatable Habitat Named Hab-1**, Which Is Equipped With Essentials Like A Hydroponics Farm, Kitchen, And Sanitation Facilities. Analog Space Mission At Leh Is A **Collaborative Effort By Human Spaceflight Centre**, ISRO, AAKA Space Studio, University Of Ladakh, IIT Bombay, And Supported By Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council.

India's National Large Solar Telescope Project

Sun Is Crucial For Life On Earth, Yet We Know Little About It. Solar Storms Can Disrupt Satellites And Technology. India Is Addressing This Gap By Establishing The **National Large Solar Telescope (NLST)** In Ladakh. Aims To Enhance Our **Understanding Of Solar Activity.** The **NLST Will Be A Two-Metre Class Optical And Near-infrared Observational Facility.**



India's National Large Solar Telescope Project

It Will Investigate **Solar Magnetic Fields And Their Dynamics**. This Precision Is Vital For Studying The **Sun's Behaviour**. **Solar Storms, Or Coronal Mass Ejections**, Release Vast Amounts Of **Plasma And Magnetic Fields Into Space**. Some Of This Can Impact Earth, Causing **Geomagnetic Storms**.



India's National Large Solar Telescope Project

These Storms Can **Disrupt Radio Communications** And GPS Signals. Therefore, **Predicting Solar Activity Is Essential** For Safeguarding Technology-dependent Life On Earth.



India To Launch ESA Mission PROBA-3

Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh Said That **India Will Launch The European Space Agency Mission Named PROBA-3** Next Month From The Sriharikota Space Station. The **Mission Will Study The Sun's Faint Corona Closer To The Solar Rim. Space Technology Also Fosters The Creation Of Smart Cities** By Providing Navigation, Satellite Imaging, Terrain Mapping Among Others.



India To Launch ESA Mission PROBA-3

India's Vision To Increase Their Contribution In The Global Space Economy **From 2 Percent To 10 Percent** In The Coming Years. **Proba-3** Mission That Demonstrates The **Use Of Precise Satellite Formation** Flying Technologies: The Mission Involves Launching **Two Small Satellites That Will Fly Together** In A Precise Formation To **Mimic A Single, Large Structure In Space.**



India To Launch ESA Mission PROBA-3

This Will Test The Ability Of Satellites To Work Together In A Coordinated Manner. Two Satellites Will Work Together To Form A 144-meter-long Solar Coronagraph, Which Will Create An Artificial Eclipse To Study The Sun's Corona. Coronagraph Will Block Out Sun's Bright Surface Light, Allowing Scientists To Study Sun's Corona.



PM- Vidyalaxmi scheme

Government Approved The **PM- Vidyalaxmi Scheme** To Provide **Financial Support To Meritorious Students**. Students Will Be Eligible To Get **Collateral-free And Guarantor-free Loans** To Pursue **Higher Education**. As Per The Scheme, **Loan Amount Up To 7.5 Lakhs Rupees** Will Be Provided **75 Percent Credit Guarantee** By The **Government** To Support Banks To Expand Coverage.



Cabinet Decisions
6th Nov 2024

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PM-Vidyalaxmi
Collateral-free, Guarantor-free Education Loans
Maximising access to quality Higher Education for **Yuva Shakti**

- Total outlay ₹ 3600 Crore
- Financial assistance to meritorious students securing admission in top **860 HEIs of India**
- Benefitting **22 Lakh+** new students every year

PM- Vidyalaxmi scheme

3% Interest Subvention For Loans Up To 10 Lakh Rupees Will Also Be Provided During The Moratorium Period For Students With An Annual Family Income Of Upto Eight Lakh Rupees. This Scheme Is Expected To Benefit Seven Lakh Students.



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Rapid Apophis Mission For Space Safety

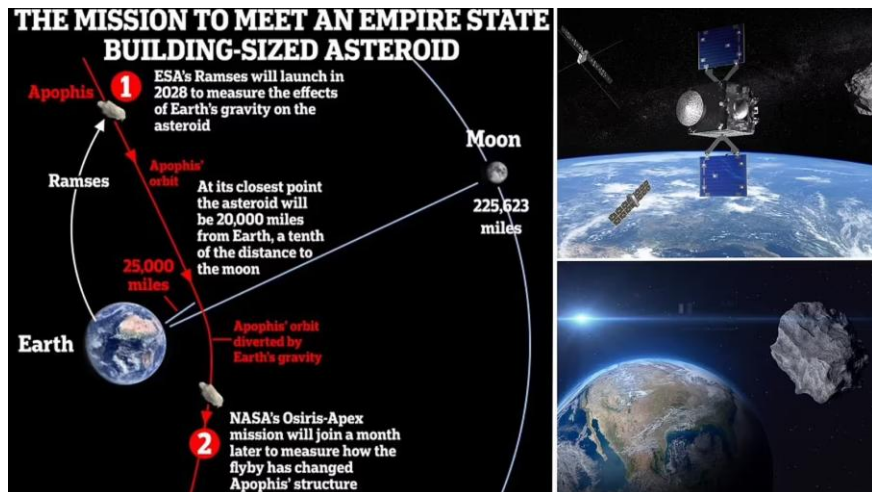
European Space Agency Started Initial Planning For A **Mission To Explore A Large Asteroid Called Apophis**, Officially Known As Asteroid (99942). This Mission, Named The **Rapid Apophis Mission For Space Safety (RAMSES)**, Is Designed To Reach **Apophis In February 2029**.



Rapid Apophis Mission for Space Safety (RAMSES)

Rapid Apophis Mission For Space Safety

NASA Is Also Preparing Its Mission, Osiris-apex, To Examine Apophis During The Same Close Approach. Apophis Was Discovered In 2004 And Is Roughly 340 Meters (1,115 Feet) In Diameter. Due To Its Size, It Could Cause Severe Destruction If It Hit Earth. It's Expected To Pass Safely By On April 13, 2029, Coming Within About 19,794 Miles (31,860 Kilometers) Of Our Planet.



Rapid Apophis Mission For Space Safety

Earth Is At Constant Risk From These Objects. However, Detecting These Objects Alone Isn't Enough. It's Also Important To **Develop Ways To Deflect Or Redirect Them If One Is On A Collision Course With Earth.**



Rapid Apophis Mission For Space Safety

The **RAMSES Mission Will Observe Changes In Apophis's Orbit, Rotation, And Shape As It Comes Near Earth. Nasa's Osiris-apex Mission Will Investigate Its Surface By Disturbing Dust To Reveal The Asteroid's Layers Underneath.**



67th Grammy Awards

Other Nominees In This Category Are **“Warriors Of Light” By Radhika Vekaria** And **“Triveni” By Entrepreneur And Musician Chandrika Tandon**, Created In Collaboration With Flautist Wouter Kellerman And Cellist Eru Matsumoto. The 2025 Grammy Awards Are Scheduled To Take Place On February 2, Next Year, **At The Crypto.Com Arena In Los Angeles.**



India Achieves WOAH Reference Laboratory Status

Indian Council Of Agricultural Research-national Research Centre On Equines (ICAR-NRC Equine) Has Been Designated As A **World Organisation For Animal Health Reference Laboratory For Equine Piroplasmosis**. This Status Enhances India's **Reputation In Global Animal Health**.



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India Achieves WOAH Reference Laboratory Status

India Is Home To Approximately **0.55 Million Equines**. This Includes **Around 0.34 Million Horses** And Ponies, **0.12 Million Donkeys**, And 0.08 Million Mules. Major States With High **Equine Populations Include Uttar Pradesh**, Rajasthan, Gujarat, And Haryana. Laboratory Will Provide **Advanced Diagnostic Services**.



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It Will Also Share Technical Expertise And Lead Research Initiatives On **Equine Piroplasmosis**. ICAR-NRC Equine Is The **Fourth Laboratory In India's Animal Husbandry Sector** To Receive This Status.



2024 Booker Prize

British Author **Samantha Harvey** Has Won The 2024 Booker Prize For Her Novel **Orbital, The First Book Set In Space** To Win The Prize. **Orbital** Contemplates The World From A Different Viewpoint As It Follows A **Team Of Astronauts Aboard** The International Space Station.



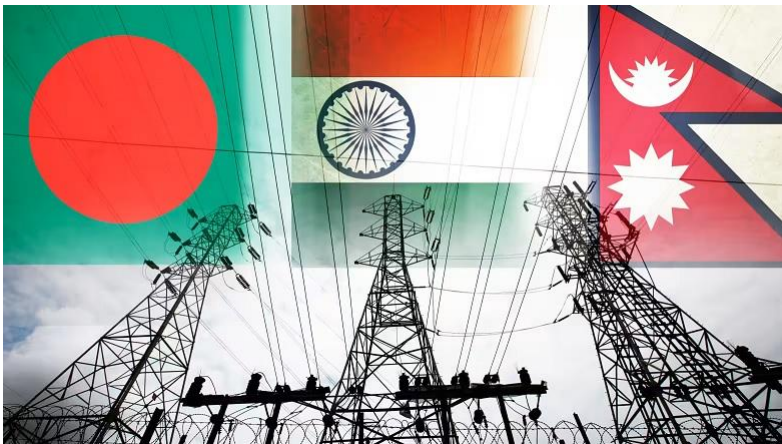
2024 Booker Prize

Ms Harvey Is The **First Woman To Win The Award Since 2019**. She Will Receive 50,000 Pounds. She Dedicated The Prize To “All The People Who Speak For The Earth And Work For Peace.” The Name Of The Winner Was Announced At A Ceremony At **London’s Old Billingsgate**.



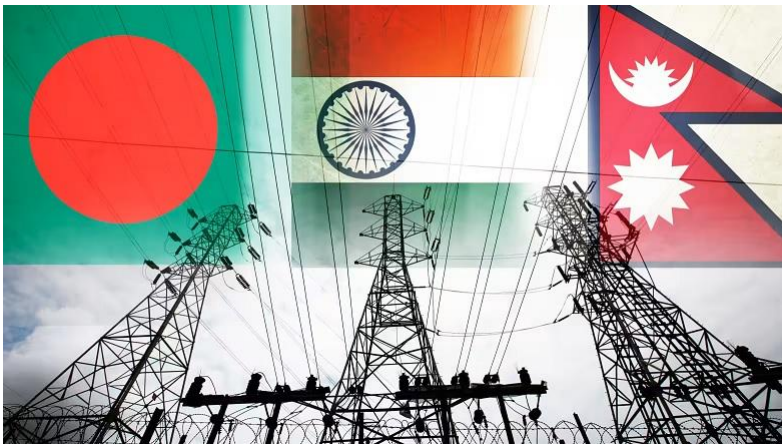
1st Trilateral Power Transaction Nepal To Bangladesh

The **First Trilateral Power Transaction** – From Nepal To Bangladesh Through Indian Grid, Was Inaugurated. This Historic Occasion Marks The **First Trilateral Power Transaction** Which Has Been Carried Out Through The **Indian Grid**, With An Export Of Up To **40 MW Of Power** During The Visit Of The Former Nepal Prime Minister, Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' To India Last Year.



1st Trilateral Power Transaction Nepal To Bangladesh

Following This, A Tripartite Power Sales Agreement Between **NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam**, Nepal Electricity Authority And Bangladesh Power Development Board Was Signed On **3rd October This Year** In Kathmandu. The Start Of This Power Flow From Nepal To Bangladesh Through India Is Expected To **Boost Sub-regional Connectivity** In The Power Sector.



Dominica To Confer Highest National Honour

Dominica Has Announced To Confer Its **Highest National Honour To Prime Minister Narendra Modi**, In Recognition Of His Contributions To Dominica **During The COVID-19 Pandemic** And His Dedication To Strengthening The Partnership Between India And Dominica.



Dominica to Award Its Highest National Honour to PM Modi

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President Of Dominica Sylvanie Burton Will Confer The Award During The Upcoming **India- Caricom Summit**, Scheduled To Take Place In Georgetown, Guyana. India Supplied Dominica With **70 Thousand Doses Of The AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine**.



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The Award Also Recognizes India's Support For Dominica In **Healthcare, Education And Information Technology**, As Well As His Role In Promoting **Climate Resilience-building Initiatives** And Sustainable Development On A Global Level.



Dominica to Award Its Highest National Honour to PM Modi

Country	Dominica
Capital	Roseau
Currency	East Caribbean Dollar (XCD)
Prime Minister	Roosevelt Skerrit
President	Luis Rodolfo Abinader

Grand Commander Of The Order Of The Niger Award

Prime Minister Has Been Conferred With The **'Grand Commander Of The Order Of The Niger'** Award By Nigeria. PM Narendra Modi Noted That An Indian Prime Minister Is Visiting **Nigeria After Seventeen Years.**



Grand Commander Of The Order Of The Niger Award

He Said **India Is Sending 20 Tonnes Of Humanitarian Aid** To Support Nigeria In Its Flood Relief Efforts. He Congratulated Nigeria For **Becoming A Partner Country Of BRICS**. Mr Modi Expressed Confidence That India And Nigeria Will Bring The Issues **Affecting Global South In Front Of The Rest Of The World**.



Valdecy Urquiza

Brazilian Federal Police **Commissioner Valdecy Urquiza** Has Been Elected As The New Secretary General Of Interpol At The Organization's **92nd General Assembly**, Held In Glasgow, Scotland. Outgoing Secretary **General, Jurgen Stock**. **Interpol General Assembly** Is An Annual Event Where Member Countries Convene To Discuss Critical Global Policing Issues.



Valdecy Urquiza Elected New Secretary General of Interpol

Valdecy Urquiza

India Was Represented By:

- Praveen Sood, Director Of The Central Bureau Of Investigation (CBI).
- Vijayendra Bidari, Joint Director In The Federal Anti-corruption Agency.



Valdecy Urquiza

About Interpol	– Full Name: International Criminal Police Organization.
	– Headquarters: Lyon, France.
	– Founded: 1923.
	– Member Countries: 195.
	– Mission: Facilitate international police cooperation and combat transnational crime.

Valdecy Urquiza

INTERPOL NOTICES

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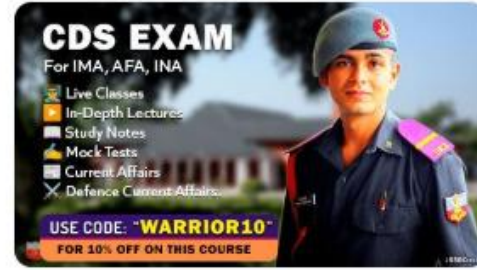
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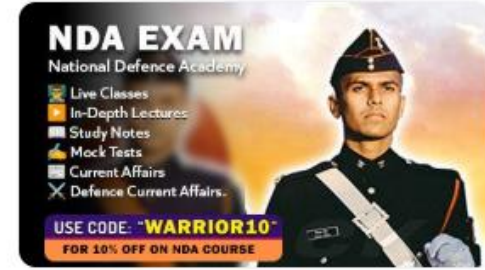
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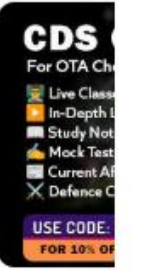
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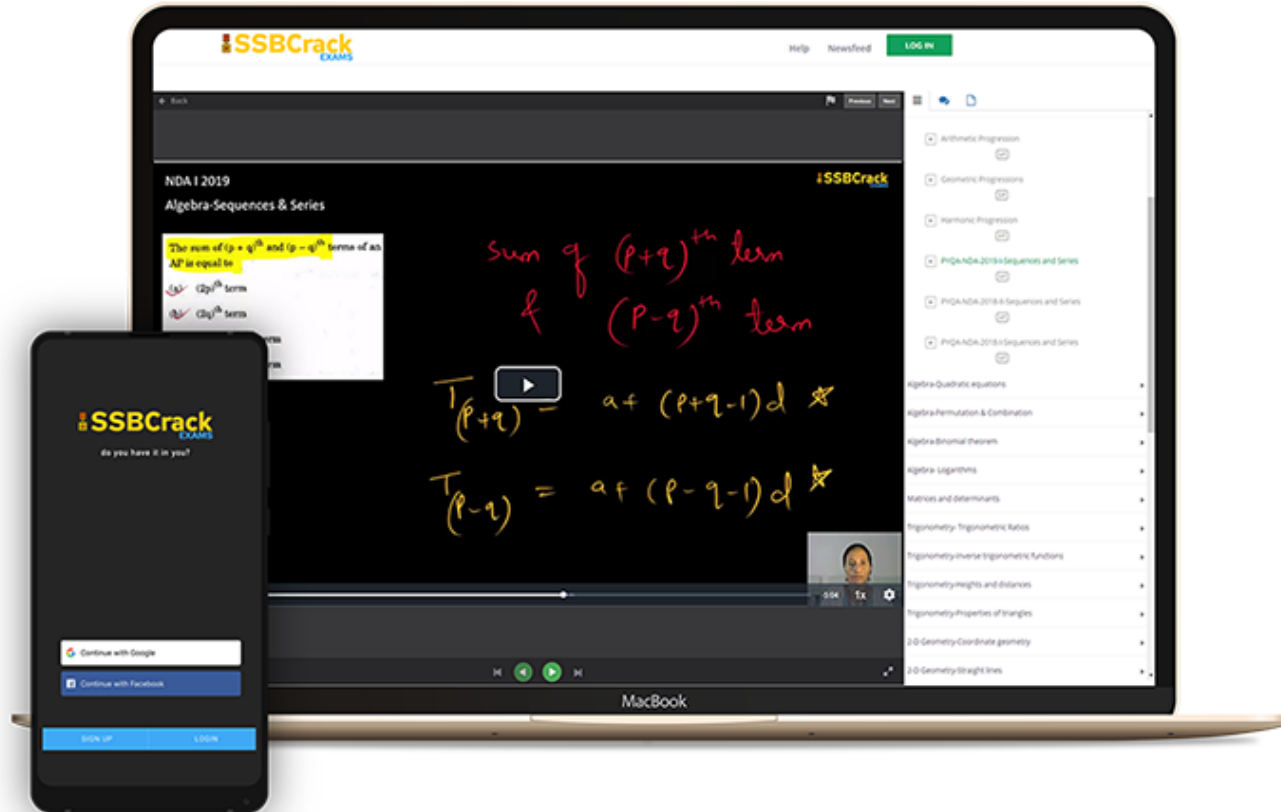


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Bima Sakhi Yojana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi Will Launch **LIC's Bima Sakhi Yojana** And Lay **The Foundation Stone** Of The Main Campus Of **Maharana Pratap Horticultural University** At Panipat In Haryana. The Main Campus And Six Regional Research Stations, Spread Over 495 Acres, Will Be Established At A Cost Of Over **700 Crore Rupees**.



Bima Sakhi Yojana

Bima Sakhi Yojana, An Initiative Of The Life Insurance Corporation Of India, Is Designed To Empower Women Aged 18 To 70 Years, Who Are Class X Pass. They Will Receive Specialized Training And A Stipend For The First Three Years To Promote Financial Literacy And Insurance Awareness.



Bima Sakhi Yojana

After Training, They Can Serve As **LIC Agents** And The **Graduate Bima Sakhis** Will Have The Opportunity To Qualify For Being Considered For Development Officer Roles In LIC.



UNGA Declares December 21 As World Meditation Day

UN General Assembly Unanimously Adopted A **Resolution Declaring December 21 As World Meditation Day**, Co-sponsored By India & Supported By Countries Like Liechtenstein, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Mexico, Andorra. Resolution Emphasizes Meditation's Role In **Achieving Comprehensive Well-being**, Inner Peace, And Coping With Modern Challenges Such As Stress And Anxiety.



UNGA Declares December 21 As World Meditation Day

December 21, Marking The Winter Solstice, Is Considered An Auspicious Time In Indian Tradition For Reflection And Spiritual Growth. It **Complements The International Day Of Yoga Observed** On June 21 (Summer Solstice), Highlighting India's Decade-long Leadership In Promoting Wellness Practices Globally.



Ken- Betwa River Linking Project

PM Narendra Modi Laid Foundation Stone Of Country's **First Ambitious And Multipurpose Ken-Betwa National River Linking Project** In Khajuraho, MP, On 100th Birth Anniversary Of **Former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee**. The PM Also Inaugurated The **Country's First Omkareshwar Floating Solar Project** And Performed Bhoomi Pujan Of 1,153 **Atal Gram Sushasan Bhawans**.



Ken- Betwa River Linking Project

Mr. Modi Also Released A **Stamp And Coin In Memory Of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.**

Referring To The Government's Efforts To **Promote Tourism** In The Country, Mr.

Modi Said, The **Central Government Is Constantly Making** Efforts To Increase

Facilities For All Tourists From The Country And Abroad, And To Make It Easier

To Travel Here. We Have Made Schemes Like **E-visa For Foreign Tourists.**



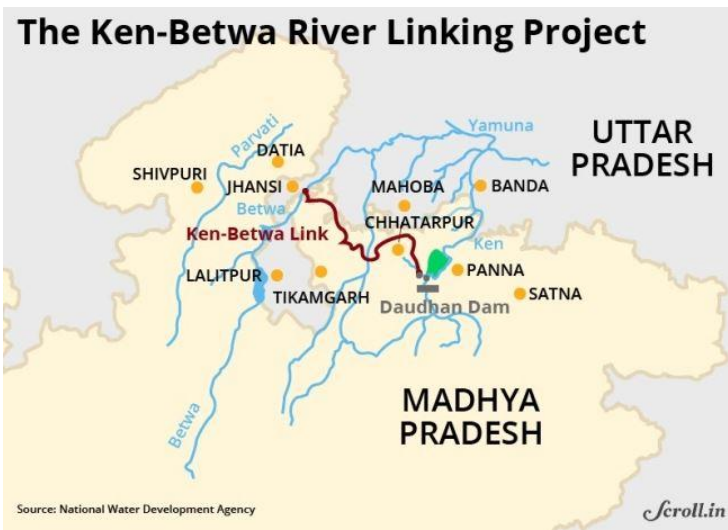
Ken- Betwa River Linking Project

Cost Of The Ken- Betwa National River Linking Project Is **Rs 44 Thousand 605 Crores. 90 Percent Of The Project Expenditure Will Be Borne By The Central Government And 10 Percent By The Respective State Governments. This Project Will Provide Irrigation Facilities In More Than 8 Lakh Hectares Of Area.**



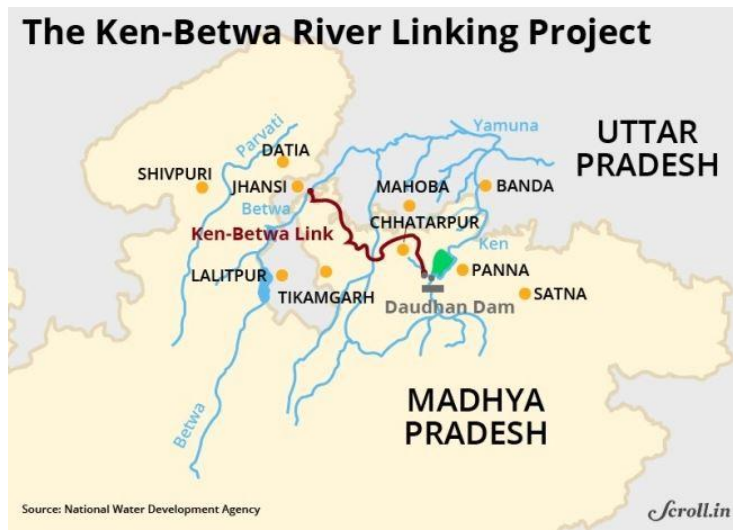
Ken- Betwa River Linking Project

Ken-Betwa Link National Project Will Also Provide **Drinking Water Facilities To The 44 Lakh Population Of 10 Districts** Of Madhya Pradesh. This Project Will **Generate 103 MW Of Hydropower And 27 MW Of Solar Power**. This Project Will Also Provide Irrigation Facilities On More Than 2.51 Lakh Hectares And **Drinking Water Facilities To A 21 Lakh Population Of Uttar Pradesh**.



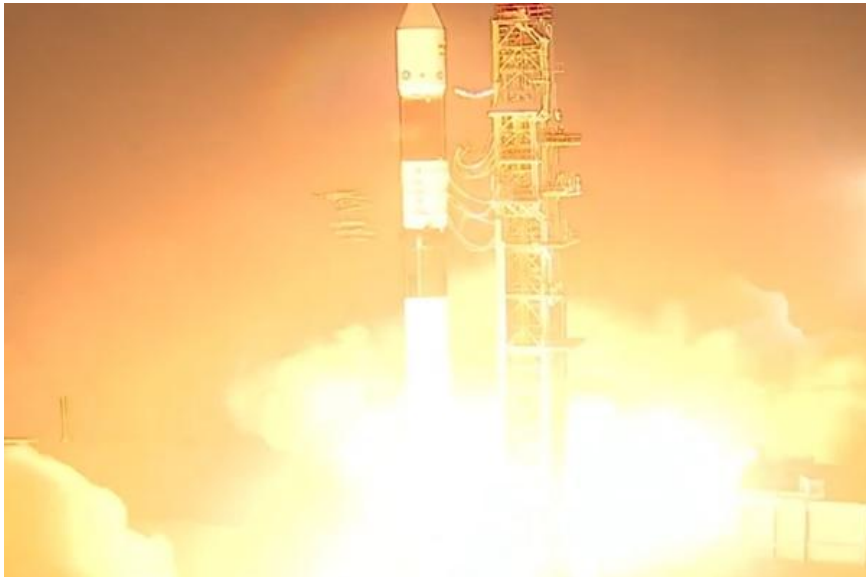
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Most Importantly, It Will Improve The Condition Of The **Water Level In The Drought-prone** Bundelkhand Region, Promote Industrialisation, Increase Investment And Tourism And Provide Employment Opportunities.



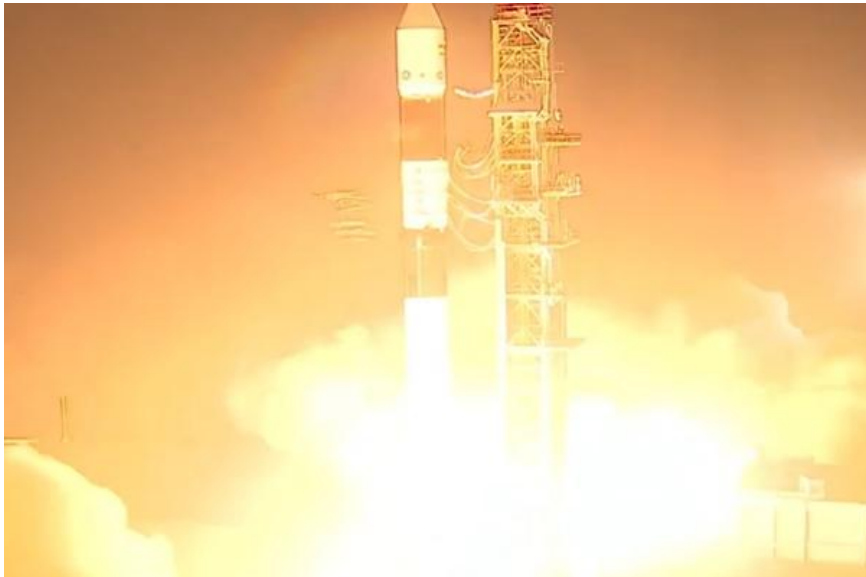
SpaDeX And 24 Payloads

ISRO Successfully Launched The Ambitious **Space Docking Experiment (Spadex) Mission** Along With **24 Experiments Packed In** With The Launch Vehicle. The PSLV With The Two, **220 Kilogram Each, Satellites** Lifted Off From The Satish Dhawan Space Centre In Sriharikota.



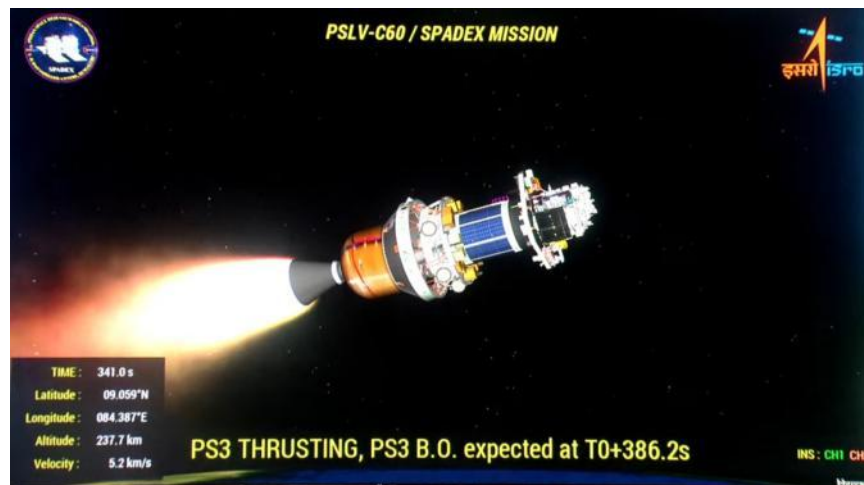
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Lift-off Was Delayed By Just **Two Minutes To Avoid Collision** With Other Satellites In Same Orbit Above Earth. The Two Spacecraft Will Now Be Directed Towards Achieving **Space Docking In The Next 10 Days** Likely On January 7. Spadex Aims To Demonstrate **Advanced In-space Docking Technology**.



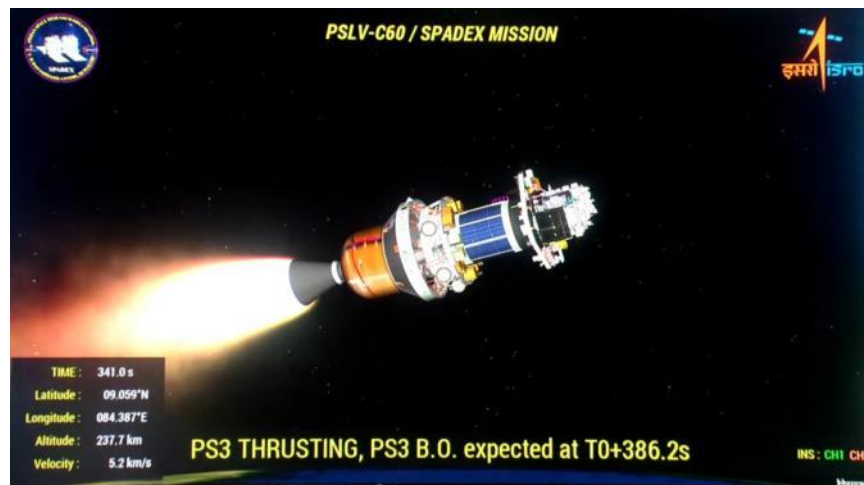
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Two Spacecraft—**SDX01 (Chaser)** And **SDX02 (Target)** Are Set To Be Deployed Into **Low Earth Orbit With A Small Relative Velocity** Between Them. **Managed By The ISRO Telemetry, Tracking And Command Network (ISTRAC)**, Initially, They Will **Drift Apart To A Distance** Of Approximately 10-15 Kilometers.



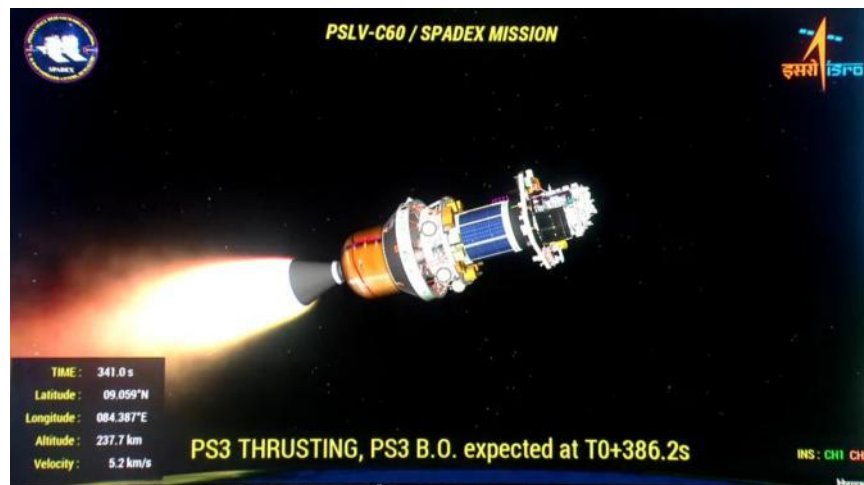
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Once This Distance Is Reached, The Drift Will Be Arrested, **And Onboard Systems Will Undergo Thorough** Health Checks. After Confirming System Functionality, **The Chaser Will Begin Its Approach Toward The Target Satellite** In Carefully Controlled Increments.



SpaDeX And 24 Payloads

Proximity With Target Will Be Reduced Stepwise: **First To About 5 Kilometers**, Then To 1.5 Kilometers, And Ultimately Leading To Docking. Each Satellite Is Equipped With Advanced Payloads, Including An **Imaging System And A Radiation Monitoring Device** Designed To Measure **Electron And Proton Radiation Levels** In Space. Essential For Future **Human Spaceflight Missions**.








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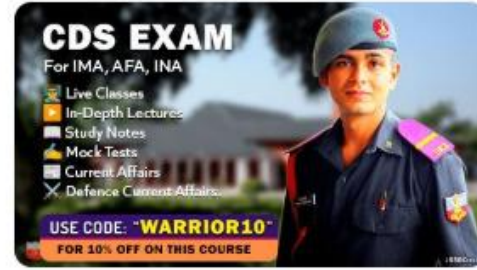
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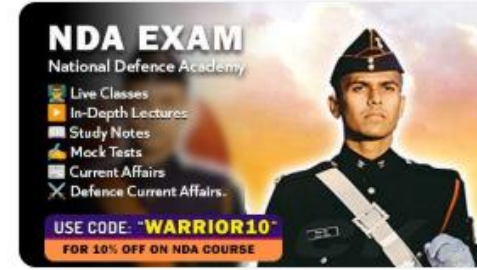
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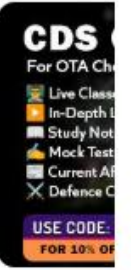
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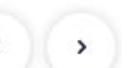


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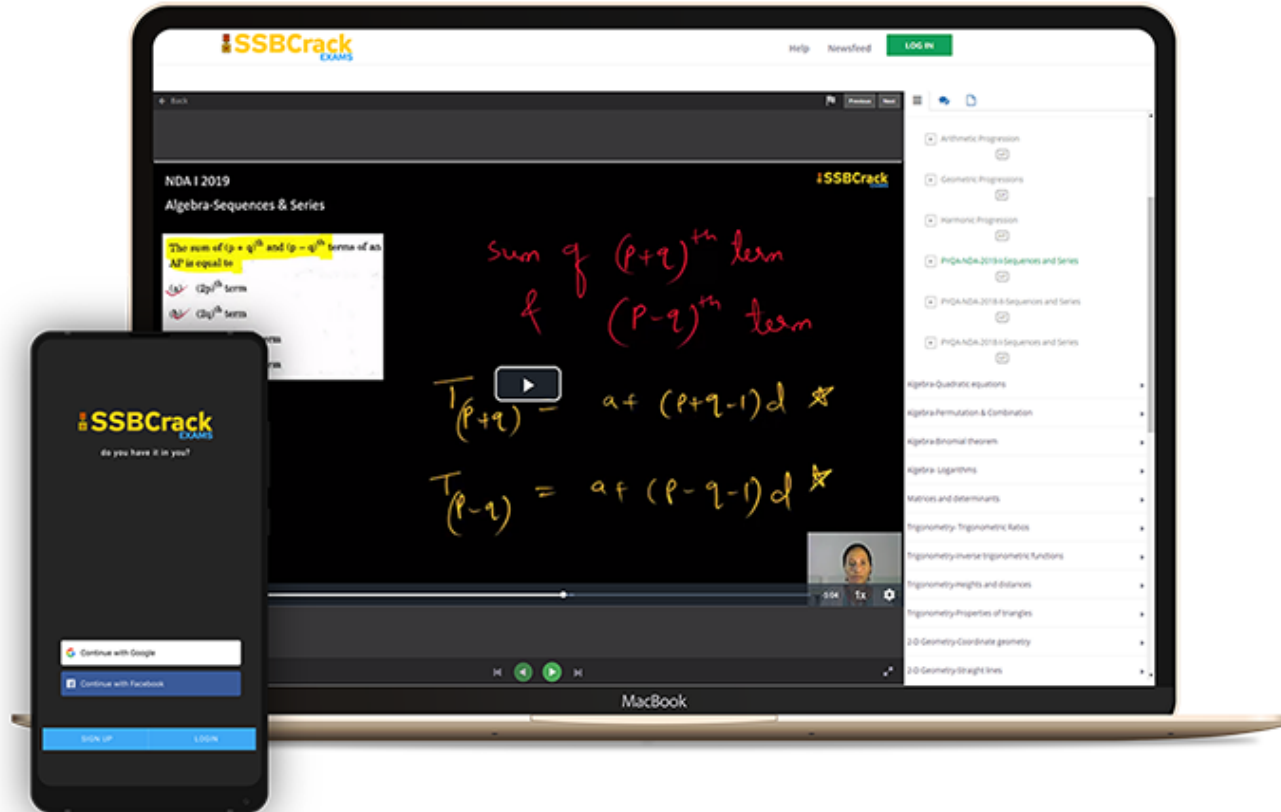


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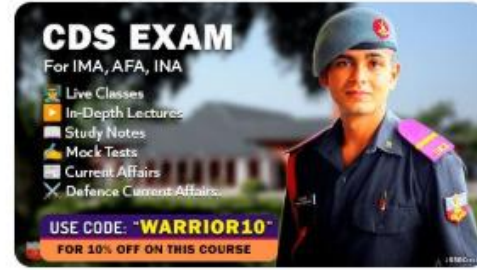
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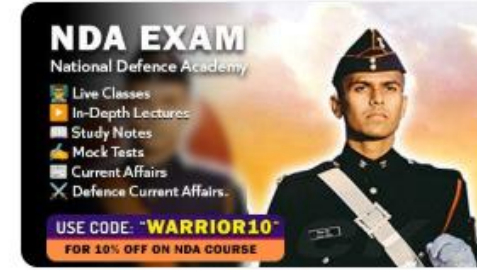
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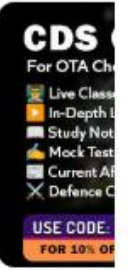
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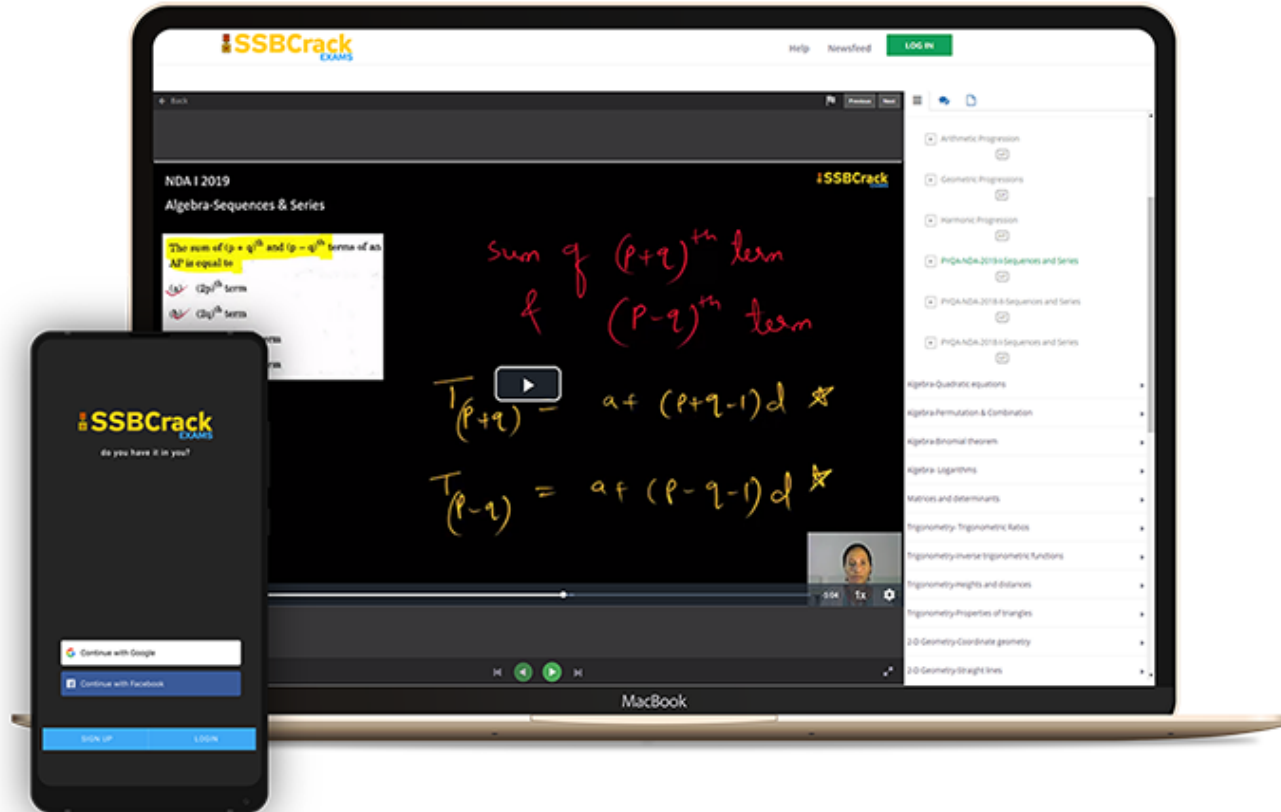


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