

**Weekly Current Affairs-10th June To 15th June 2024****National News****Priyanka Jarkiholi Youngest Tribal Woman To Win In Lok Sabha**

Congress nominee and Minister Satish Jarkiholi's daughter Priyanka Jarkiholi has won from Chikkodi, defeating incumbent MP and BJP leader Annasaheb Jolle. Priyanka Jarkiholi from Chikkodi became the youngest tribal woman to enter Parliament from an unreserved seat in Karnataka since Independence. In fact, the BJP has won all the seats in Mumbai Karnataka, except Chikkodi.

**India Expands Overseas Port Operations: Targeting Mongla Port In Bangladesh**

In a strategic move to counter China's growing influence in the region, India sets its sights on managing the Mongla Port in Bangladesh. Following the successes of Chabahar in Iran and Sittwe in Myanmar, India aims to further strengthen its commercial and security interests by expanding its overseas port operations.

**India Welcomes Egypt, Iran, UAE, Saudi Arabia And Ethiopia Joining BRICS**

India on June 10, wholeheartedly welcomed Egypt, Iran, UAE, Saudi Arabia and Ethiopia joining the BRICS as their representatives attended for the first time a key meeting of the grouping hosted by Russia. Senior diplomat Dammu Ravi led the Indian delegation at the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Nizhny Novgorod, in western Russia.

**National Commission For Indian System Of Medicine Celebrates Its 4th Foundation Day**

The National Commission for Indian Medical Systems organized a two-day National Conference, 'PRANA' Protecting Rights and Novelties in ASUS (Mind to Market for Indian System of Medicines [ISM] Professionals) in Collaboration with All India Council for Technical Education and Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell to mark its fourth foundation.

**Universities Will Be Allowed To Offer Admission Twice A Year**

Indian universities and higher education institutions (HEIs) will now be allowed to offer admissions twice a year on lines of foreign universities. The two admission cycles- followed globally also- will be July-August and January-February from the 2024-25 academic session.

**National Crime Record Bureau(NCRB) Launches Mobile App 'NCRB Sankalan Of Criminal Laws'**

National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) has launched a Mobile App "NCRB Sankalan of Criminal Laws" to serve as a comprehensive guide providing complete information about the new criminal laws at one place. The New criminal laws will come into force from the 1st of next month (July)

**Jammu & Kashmir Elevates Agricultural Partnership With New Zealand**

In a major advancement in the agricultural sector, Jammu & Kashmir on June 12, broadened its existing Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with New Zealand into a full-fledged strategic agreement. The partnership taps into New Zealand's globally recognized strengths in breeding technology, sustainable farm management and advanced disease control measures within the sheep sector. The collaboration is set to transform and revitalize both the sheep and goat sectors in the Union Territory through comprehensive training initiatives besides innovative and sustainable practices.

**India Is World's Second Largest Emitter Of Nitrous Oxide**

India is the world's second largest source of nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), a greenhouse gas that heats up the atmosphere far more than carbon dioxide. Nearly 11% of such global man-made emissions in 2020 were from India, topped only by China at 16%. The major source of these emissions comes from fertiliser usage, according to a global assessment of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions published in the journal Earth System Science Data on June 12.

**India Surpasses Hong Kong To Reclaim Fourth Spot In Global Equity Market**

India's equity market has once again outpaced Hong Kong, securing the position as the world's fourth-largest by market capitalization. With India's market value soaring to \$5.2 trillion, bolstered by a 10% surge following a post-election market rebound, it now leads Hong Kong, which stands at \$5.17 trillion after a 5.4% decline from its peak this year.

**International News****Peru And Slovakia Sign The Artemis Accords For Peaceful Moon Exploration**

Peru and Slovakia on May 30, signed NASA's Artemis Accords, making them the latest in a rapid number of countries to join the U.S.-led agreement on the safe exploration of space. Both countries signed the accords at NASA's Washington headquarters, but in separate ceremonies with Peru the first to add its name to the accords on May 30 followed by Slovakia. Peru became 41st and Slovakia 42nd countries to do so.

**India Exim Bank Opens Nairobi Office To Boost East Africa Trade**

The Export-Import Bank of India (India Exim Bank) inaugurated its East Africa Representative Office in Nairobi, Kenya, aiming to expand India's business footprint in the resource-rich and demographically young continent of East Africa. This initiative seeks to enhance trade and investment ties between India, Kenya, and the broader East African region.

**European Commission Excludes Tanzania From Conservation Grant**

The European Commission (EC) has made a significant decision regarding Tanzania's eligibility for a conservation grant under its NaturAfrica initiative. This decision has implications for conservation efforts in East Africa, particularly concerning the Eastern Rift Savannahs and Watersheds (ERiSaWa) component of the initiative.

**Portugal To Use Golden Visa Scheme To Help Migrants**

Portugal plans to adapt its golden visa scheme to allow wealthy foreigners seeking residency rights to invest in affordable housing for locals or accommodation for migrants.

**French President Dissolves Parliament After EU Election Defeat**

In response to his party's heavy loss in the European Parliamentary elections, French President Emmanuel Macron has dissolved the National Assembly and called for snap parliamentary elections. The far-right Rassemblement National (RN) secured a significant victory, winning 31.5% of the vote compared to Macron's Renaissance Party's 15.2%. Macron announced the dissolution of the National Assembly in an hour-long national address, citing the need to restore trust in the French electoral process.

**India & UAE Forge New Path With Local Currency Settlement System**

India and the UAE have embarked on a groundbreaking initiative with the introduction of the Local Currency Settlement System (LCSS), aimed at transforming their economic relations. This system allows transactions between the two nations to be conducted in their respective domestic currencies—Indian Rupees and UAE Dirhams—thus reducing reliance on intermediary currencies like the US Dollar. The LCSS promises to significantly cut transaction costs and settlement times, fostering a more streamlined and efficient trade environment.

**WHO Recognises 3rd Indian Institute For Traditional Medicine Research**

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has designated the National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH) in Hyderabad, under the Ministry of Ayush, as a WHO Collaborating Centre (CC) for traditional medicine research. Established in 1956, NIIMH has been a pioneer in various digital initiatives of Ayush. This recognition, announced on Friday, has been granted for a period of four years, marking NIIMH as the third Indian institute to receive such an honor.

**State News**

**Prem Singh Tamang Sworn In As Sikkim Chief Minister**

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) supremo Prem Singh Tamang on June 10 took oath as the Chief Minister of the Himalayan state for the second consecutive term. The 56-

year-old politician was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya at a function held in Paljor Stadium in Gangtok.

**Chandrababu Naidu Reaffirms Amaravati as Sole Capital of Andhra Pradesh**

A day before his swearing-in as the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh, TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday announced that Amaravati will be the sole capital of the state.

**Chandrababu Naidu Sworn In as Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister for 4th Term**

Three years after vowing to enter the Assembly only as Chief Minister, N. Chandrababu Naidu has been sworn in for his fourth term as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. The oath-taking ceremony, held near Gannavaram Airport in Kesarapalli on the outskirts of Vijayawada, saw the attendance of key figures including PM Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah.

**Assam Launches 'Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina' Scheme to Promote Girl Education**

The Assam government has taken a commendable step towards promoting girl education and addressing the issue of child marriage in the state. On June 12, 2024, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced the launch of the Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina (MMNM) scheme, which was approved by the Assam government cabinet.

**Economy News**

**Moody's Maintains Stable Outlook On Three Indian PSU Banks' Ratings**

Moody's Ratings (Moody's) on Friday affirmed the Baa3 ratings on three Indian public sector banks — Bank of Baroda (BOB), Canara Bank, and Punjab National Bank (PNB). The rating agency maintained stable outlooks on the long-term ratings of all three banks, citing improved credit metrics, strong profitability, and adequate liquidity buffers. Moody's believes that India's strong operating environment will continue to support their credit fundamentals over the next 12-18 months.

**World Bank Retains India's FY25 Growth Forecast At 6.6%**

In its latest biannual Global Economic Prospects, the World Bank maintains India's growth projection at 6.6% for FY25, affirming its status as the fastest-growing among the largest economies. The forecast reflects a moderate pace of expansion following a high growth rate in FY 2023/24. Over the subsequent three fiscal years, India is expected to sustain an average growth of 6.7%, with projections of 6.7% for FY26 and 6.8% for FY27.

## Rankings &amp; Reports News

**Aquaculture Overtakes Wild Fisheries For First Time: UN Report**

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations released The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture 2024, its flagship report providing a comprehensive analysis of the global and regional status and trends in fisheries and aquaculture. It shows, for the first time in 2022, that aquaculture production exceeded fisheries.

**Infosys Ranks Among Top 100 Most Valuable Global Brands**

Infosys, a leading information technology company, has secured its position among the 100 most valuable brands in the world for the third consecutive year. This recognition comes from Kantar, a prominent marketing data and analytics business, further solidifying Infosys' reputation as a global brand powerhouse.

**India Slips to 129th Rank on Global Gender Gap Index 2024**

India has slipped two places to rank 129th on the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Gender Gap index, while Iceland retained its top position in the rankings published on June 12. Within South Asia, India was ranked fifth after Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Bhutan, while Pakistan was ranked last. Iceland was followed by Finland, Norway, New Zealand, and Sweden in the top five, while the U.K. was ranked 14th, and the USA was at 43rd place.

**Visakhapatnam Port Achieves Top 20 Ranking In World Bank's CPPI**

The Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) has secured the 18th position in the World Bank's Container Port Performance Index (CPPI), marking a significant milestone for India's maritime industry. This achievement underscores the exemplary efforts of Terminal Operator M/s. Visakha Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd. (VCTPL) in enhancing operational efficiency and service delivery.

**Global Peace Index 2024: An Overview**

The Global Peace Index (GPI) 2024, published by the Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP), provides a comprehensive measure of global peacefulness, evaluating 163 independent states and territories. This report highlights the trends, results, and economic impacts of violence across the world, offering valuable insights into the current state of peace and the factors influencing it.

## Business News

**GAIL To Set Up India's Largest Ethane Cracker Project With Rs 60,000 Crore Investment In MP**

GAIL (India) plans to establish a 1500 KTA Ethane Cracker Project in Sehore, Madhya Pradesh, with an estimated capex of Rs 60,000 crore. The project aims to produce a range of ethylene derivatives, bolstering the petrochemical infrastructure in the region.

**Tata Communications Secures Five-Year Broadcasting Deal With World Athletics**

Tata Communications has finalized a significant five-year agreement with World Athletics to provide broadcasting services, enhancing global coverage of premier events starting from the Tokyo World Championships. This partnership marks Tata Communications as a pivotal supplier, committed to innovation and audience engagement.

## Agreement News

**G7 Agrees \$50bn Loan For Ukraine Using Russian Assets**

The G7 has agreed to leverage frozen Russian assets to secure a \$50 billion loan for Ukraine to aid in its defense against Russian invasion. US President Joe Biden emphasized this move as a firm stance against Russia, while President Vladimir Putin condemned it as theft.

## Appointment News

**Raj Priy Singh Appointed Director In Department Of Rural Development**

Raj Priy Singh, an Indian Forest Service (IFoS) officer of the 2010 batch, has been appointed as the Director in the Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Rural Development. His appointment follows a recommendation for Central deputation by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and is governed by the Central Staffing Scheme (CSS).

**InderPal Singh Bindra Appointed As CCI Secretary**

Indian Revenue Service officer InderPal Singh Bindra will soon take charge as the Secretary of the Competition Commission of India (CCI). Bindra will replace IRS officer Anupama Anand, who has resigned within eight months of joining the regulator.

**Lt General Upendra Dwivedi Named New Army Chief**

Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi take over as the next Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) on June 30. In his career of over 39 years, he has served as Northern Army Commander and Director General (DG) infantry amongst other appointments.



**Lt Gen Waker-Uz-Zaman Appointed Army Chief Of Bangladesh**

Jun 11, Lieutenant General Waker-Uz-Zaman was named Bangladesh's next Army chief for a three-year term and will assume charge on June 23. Lt Gen Zaman, 58, would concurrently be upgraded to the rank of a four-star general on the day he assumed charge.

**Prem Prabhakar Appointed MD And CEO Of SBICAP Ventures Limited**

SBICAP Ventures Limited (SVL) has named Prem Prabhakar as its new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, effective from June 4, 2024. With over 24 years of extensive banking experience, Prabhakar joins SVL from State Bank of India (SBI), where he held various senior roles including General Manager and Chief Dealer. His expertise in treasury operations and strategic leadership will guide SVL in achieving its growth objectives and enhancing investor relations.

**Ajit Doval Reappointed National Security Adviser (NSA)**

The Centre on June 13 reappointed former IPS officer Ajit Doval as the National Security Adviser (NSA). His appointment will be co-terminus with the term of Prime Minister Narendra Modi or until further orders.

**Banking News****RBI Raises Bulk Fixed Deposit Limit To Rs 3 Crore From Rs 2 Crore**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced a revision in the threshold for bulk fixed deposits, increasing the limit from Rs 2 crore to Rs 3 crore. This adjustment reflects the RBI's strategy to refine liquidity management and align deposit classifications with current economic needs.

**Bank Of India Acquires 6.1% Stake In CCIL IFSC**

The Bank of India has acquired a 6.125% stake in the Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. (IFSC) for ₹6.125 crore, aiming to enhance its strategic presence in GIFT City IFSC. This acquisition reflects the bank's commitment to the growth and development of GIFT City as a global financial hub.

**RBI Initiatives To Combat Online Payment Frauds And Streamline Financial Operations**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has initiated several measures to address the increasing risks of payment frauds and to enhance operational efficiencies in the banking sector. To combat the rising incidence of domestic payment frauds, which surged by 70.64% to Rs 2,604 crore in the six-month period ended March 2024, the RBI plans to set up a Digital Payments Intelligence Platform. This platform will utilize advanced technologies to mitigate fraud risks. A committee headed by A.P. Hota, former MD & CEO of NPCI, has been formed to examine the setup of this digital infrastructure, with recommendations expected within two months.

**SBI Revolutionizes SME Lending With 'SME Digital Business Loans'**

In a groundbreaking move, the State Bank of India (SBI) has launched 'SME Digital Business Loans', aiming to sanction loans within an astonishing 45 minutes. Recognizing the pivotal role of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in its growth strategy, SBI has streamlined the borrowing process, eliminating traditional credit underwriting and appraisal procedures.

**Finance Ministry Caps Arbitration Value At ₹10 Core**

In a bid to streamline dispute resolution involving government or public sector enterprises (PSEs), the Finance Ministry has set a cap of ₹10 crore for arbitration cases. This move aims to mitigate the perceived challenges of lengthy proceedings and potential misconduct among arbitrators. The Ministry also advises against automatically including arbitration clauses in large government contracts, emphasizing mediation and judicial adjudication as viable alternatives.

**Science & Technology News****ISRO Gives Details On Indo-French TRISHNA Mission**

Space agency ISRO has announced a joint Indo-French infrared earth observation satellite mission, TRISHNA (Thermal Infra-Red Imaging Satellite for High-Resolution Natural Resource Assessment), to monitor surface temperature and water management around the world.

**Scientists Discover Smallest Great Ape That Only Grew To Size Of Toddler**

Scientists have discovered a new species of great ape which lived 11 million years ago and only ever grew to the size of a human toddler, making it the smallest known to science. The now-extinct ape species, which has been named *Burionius manfredschmidi*.

**Three Craters On Mars Named For Physicist Devendra Lal, Towns In UP, Bihar**

'Lal', 'Mursan' and 'Hilsa'. These are the names given to three craters on the surface of Mars recently discovered by Ahmedabad-based Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), that hint at the red planet's wet past. Lal has been named after legendary cosmic ray physicist from Varanasi, the 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.

**Woman Entrepreneur Successfully Develops AI Tool 'Divya Drishti'**

A woman-led start-up has successfully developed an AI-based tool that creates a "robust and multi-faceted authentication system" by combining facial recognition with gait analysis. This innovative solution marks a "significant advancement" in biometric authentication technology, offering "enhanced accuracy and reliability".

## Summits & Conference News

### Indian Tripartite Delegation At The 112th Session Of International Labour Conference (ILC)

The Indian tripartite delegation led by Secretary (Labour & Employment), Ms. Sumita Dawra, participated in the 112th session of the International Labour Conference (ILC) of International Labour Organisation (ILO) being held in Geneva, Switzerland.

### G7 Summit: PM Modi Leaves For Italy On June 13, 1st Foreign Trip This Term

Prime Minister Narendra Modi leaves for Italy to attend the 50th G7 leaders' summit. It will be his first trip abroad after assuming charge as the Prime Minister for the third term. Modi, accompanied by a high-level delegation, will attend an outreach session on the summit on June 14. The session will be focused on issues relating to artificial intelligence, energy, Africa and the Mediterranean.

### India-IORA Cruise Tourism Conference Concludes In New Delhi

The two day India-IORA Cruise Tourism Conference concluded in New Delhi on June 14. Officials and experts from the Indian Ocean Rim Association, IORA Member States including Bangladesh, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Seychelles and Tanzania participated in the Conference.

## Awards & Honors News

### Vellayan Subbiah Named EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2024

Vellayan Subbiah, Executive Vice Chairman of Tube Investments of India (TII) and Chairman of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Co Ltd., secured the prestigious EY World Entrepreneur of the Year 2024 award, marking the fourth time an entrepreneur from India has won this global title. His visionary leadership and transformative strategies have propelled both TII and Chola to unprecedented success, earning him recognition on the global stage.

### SEBI Honoured With 'Best Conduct Of Business Regulator' Award By The Asian Banker

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has been awarded the Asia-Pacific region's 'Best Conduct of Business Regulator' by The Asian Banker. The award was received by SEBI's Whole Time Member, Kamlesh Chandra Varshney, at a ceremony held in Hong Kong.

## Important Dates News

### World Day Against Child Labor 2024, Date, Theme, History and Significance

On June 12, the World Day Against Child Labour is observed globally. Its objective is to spark the growing global movement against child labour. The United Nations believes

that child labour could be eradicated if people and governments focused on the primary cause and recognized the connection between social justice and child labor. "Let's act on our commitments: End Child Labour" is the theme of World Day Against Child Labour 2024.

### United Nations Declares 2025 as the Year to Focus on Quantum Advancements

The United Nations General Assembly has officially declared 2025 as the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology. On June 7, 2024, the 193-member Assembly passed a resolution co-sponsored by Ghana and six other countries, acknowledging the significance of this groundbreaking field of study.

### World Blood Donor Day 2024- Date, Theme and History

On June 14, 2024, the world will unite to commemorate World Blood Donor Day, an annual event that recognizes the incredible contributions of voluntary blood donors. This year's theme, "20 years of celebrating giving: thank you blood donors!" marks a significant milestone, highlighting two decades of gratitude and appreciation for those who have generously given the gift of life.

## Sports News

### Sumit Nagpal Wins his 6th ATP Challenger Tennis Title

Indian tennis sensation Sumit Nagpal has etched his name in history by winning the prestigious Heilbronn Neckarcup 2024 ATP Challenger Tennis tournament in Germany. This remarkable achievement marks Nagpal's sixth ATP Challenger title, a feat that solidifies his position as India's top-ranked men's singles player.

### Puja Tomar Becomes First Indian To Win In UFC

Indian strawweight Puja Tomar became the first ever Indian to win a bout in the UFC as she defeated Brazil's Rayanne Amanda dos Santos via split decision at the UFC Louisville on June 8. Puja Tomar beat Rayanne Amanda dos Santos 30-27, 30-27, 29-28.

### India Named Hosts For 2025 FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup

In a landmark decision, the Executive Board of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) has designated India as the host country for the inaugural FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup featuring 24 teams, set to take place in December 2025. This decision underscores FIH's commitment to expanding opportunities for National Associations and promoting diversity in the sport.

### Gudakes Motie and Chamari Athapaththu Named ICC Players of the Month for May

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has named Gudakesh Motie of the West Indies as the ICC Men's Player of the Month for May 2024. Chamari Athapaththu of Sri Lanka has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for May 2024.

**Shruti Vora First Indian To Win 3 Star GP In Dressage, Closes In On Paris Dream**

Shruti Vora, astride Magnanimous, has become the first Indian rider to win a three-star Grand Prix event- a historic achievement for the Indian equestrian. Shruti scored 67.761 points in the CDI-3 event in Lipica, Slovenia from June 7-9. The Indian finished ahead of Moldova's Tatiana Antonenco (Aachen), who scored 66.522. Austria's Juliane Jerich (Quarter Girl) completed the top 3 with a score of 66.087.

**Divya Deshmukh and Kazybek Nogerbek Triumph at FIDE U-20 World Chess Championship 2024**

The 2024 FIDE U-20 World Chess Championship, organized by the International Chess Federation (FIDE), witnessed a remarkable achievement as 18-year-old Divya Deshmukh from Nagpur, India, clinched the FIDE Under-20 Girl's World Chess Championship title. Deshmukh's triumph marks her as the fourth Indian woman to win this prestigious title, following in the footsteps of chess legends Koneru Humpy, Harika Dronavalli, and Soumya Swaminathan.

**Obituaries News****William Anders, Apollo 8 Astronaut Who Took 'Earthrise' Photo From Space, Killed In Plane Crash**

Retired astronaut William Anders, one of the first three humans to orbit the moon, who captured the "Earthrise" photo during NASA's Apollo 8 mission, died on June 7 when the small plane, he was piloting, crashed in Washington state.

**Tragic Plane Crash Claims Lives of Malawi's Vice President and Others**

Malawi Vice President Saulos Chilima and nine other people, including his wife, were killed as the plane they were onboard crashed in the Chikangawa mountain range, said President Lazarus Chakwera. The aircraft carrying Chilima, who was being seen as the presidential candidate in next year's general elections in Malawi, went missing.

**Mumbai Cricket Association Honorary President Amol Kale Passes Away During India-Pak Match**

Mumbai Cricket Association president Amol Kale has passed away due to cardiac arrest in New York. Kale had travelled to United States and watched the India vs Pakistan match live from the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium along with MCA secretary Ajinkya Naik and apex council member Suraj Samat on June 9.

**Legendary Sarod Maestro Pandit Rajeev Taranath Passes Away at 91**

The Indian classical music fraternity mourns the loss of the illustrious Sarod maestro Pandit Rajeev Taranath, who breathed his last on June 11, 2024, at the age of 91. The

veteran musician, who was undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Mysuru for a fracture, passed away around 6:30 PM.

**Defence News****Army Launches Integrated Generator Monitoring, Control System 'Vidyut Rakshak'**

A tech-based innovation, an integrated generator monitoring, protection and control system, developed by the Indian Army was launched on June 5. 'Vidyut Rakshak', developed by the Army Design Bureau (ADB) was launched by the Army's Vice Chief Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi.

**Japan-India Maritime Exercise JIMEX-24 Kicks Off In Yokosuka**

The 8th edition of the Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX-24) has commenced at Yokosuka, Japan, hosted by the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF). Indian Navy's INS Shivalik and Japan's JS Yugiri are participating.

**Adani Defence And EDGE Group Forge Global Defence Partnership**

Adani Defence and Aerospace has announced a strategic cooperation agreement with UAE-based EDGE Group, aimed at integrating their defence and aerospace capabilities. This partnership will leverage their combined product portfolios to cater to global and regional defence needs, emphasizing advancements in technology and bilateral cooperation between India and the UAE.

**Launch Of LSAM 13 (Yard 81) Fifth Barge Of 08 X Missile Cum Ammunition (MCA) Barge Project**

The launch of 'Missile Cum Ammunition Barge, LSAM 13 (Yard 81)', the fifth Barge of 08 x Missile Cum Ammunition Barge project, built by MSME Shipyard. M/s SECON Engineering Projects Pvt Ltd (SEPPL), Visakhapatnam for Indian Navy, was undertaken on 10 Jun 24 at M/s Vinayaga Marine Petro Ltd, Mira Bhayandar, Maharashtra (launch site of M/s SECON Engineering Projects Pvt Ltd). The launching Ceremony was presided over by Cmde Manish Vig, General Manager (QA), ND(Mbi).

**Books & Authors News****Bill Gates Unveils "Source Code": A Memoir Revealing His Remarkable Journey**

Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates has revealed plans to release his highly anticipated memoir, titled "Source Code: My Beginnings." Set to hit the shelves on February 4, 2025, this literary endeavour promises to offer an intimate glimpse into the life and experiences that shaped one of the world's most influential tech pioneers.

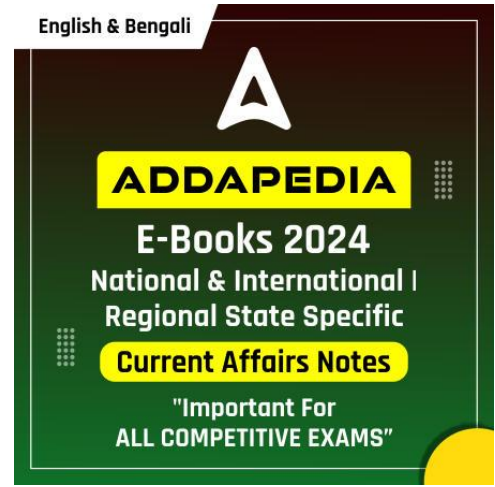
**Miscellaneous News****Oxford University Agrees To Return Stolen 500-Year-Old Bronze Idol To India**

Oxford University's Ashmolean Museum has decided to return a 16th-century bronze sculpture of Saint Tirumankai Alvar to India, following a formal request from the Indian government. The 60cm-tall statue, believed to have been stolen from a temple in Tamil Nadu, was acquired by the museum in 1967 from Sotheby's auction house. The decision comes after an independent researcher alerted the museum to the statue's origins, prompting the museum to notify the Indian High Commission.

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