

Weekly Current Affairs-7th To 11th October 2024 English**National News****PM Narendra Modi Inaugurates Banjara Virasat Museum in Maharashtra**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Banjara Virasat Museum in Pohardevi, Washim, Maharashtra, celebrating the rich cultural heritage of the Banjara community. The museum, a four-story structure, houses 13 galleries showcasing the legacy of the Banjara community and its leaders. Modi also paid floral tributes to Sant Sevalal Maharaj and Sant Ramrao Maharaj, spiritual icons of the community, and performed rituals at the Jagdamba Temple. He is set to launch agricultural and animal husbandry initiatives worth ₹23,300 crore.

Postmaster General Yadav Marks the Start of National Postal Week

The Department of Posts is making significant strides in expanding its service horizons by leveraging innovative technologies and services to connect with citizens across the country, especially in rural and remote areas. During the inauguration of 'National Postal Week' at the Regional PMG office in Ahmedabad. Postmaster General of North Gujarat Region, Shri Krishna Kumar Yadav, highlighted the continued relevance of traditional mail in an age dominated by digital communication.

India-UAE Investment Pact: Reducing Arbitration Time and Expanding Protection

India has recently signed a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) aimed at enhancing investor confidence and fostering stronger economic ties. One of the key changes in this agreement is the reduction of the arbitration period for foreign investors from five years to three years. This new provision allows investors to seek international arbitration if disputes are unresolved by the Indian judicial system within the stipulated timeframe. The BIT, effective from August 31, 2024, also extends protections to shares and bonds, broadening the scope of investments covered compared to the previous agreement.

Democracy in Action, Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir Voters Give Their Mandate

The recently concluded Assembly elections of Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir and the Election Commission announced the result on 8th October, 2024. In Jammu and Kashmir alliance led by INC-NC and in Haryana BJP party won the mandate from the people. The elected governments will assume the office for the next five years.

Union Cabinet Approved the National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal, Gujarat

In a significant move to preserve and showcase India's rich maritime heritage, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the development of the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat. The project will unfold in two phases, and it aligns with the government's broader vision to highlight the country's ancient maritime prowess, which dates back over 4,500 years. The National Maritime Heritage Complex is set to be a world-class museum that will boost tourism, create jobs, and promote India's cultural and maritime legacy.

PM Modi Inaugurates Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) Mumbai

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) in Mumbai, aiming to enhance youth employability and create an industry-ready workforce for Industry 4.0. The IIS, built on a 4-acre campus at the National Skill Training Institute, focuses on cutting-edge technologies like factory automation, AI, data analytics, and additive manufacturing.

Govt to set up 10 new ESIC medical colleges, extend unemployment allowance

The government, led by Labour and Employment Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, has announced the establishment of 10 new ESIC medical colleges and the extension of the unemployment allowance scheme under the Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojna until June 2026. These decisions align with the Prime Minister's Independence Day (2024) promise to add 75,000 medical seats in the next five years.

India's Textiles Sector Targets \$350 Billion by 2030

India's textiles sector is set for significant expansion, with an 11% year-on-year growth in Ready-Made Garments (RMG) of all Textiles exports, as per India's trade data of August 2024, signaling a bright future. The Textiles sector in the country is expected to grow to USD 350 billion by 2030, driven by India's inherent strengths and a strong policy framework that encourages investment and exports.

International News**Nepal Appoints Prakash Man Singh Raut as Chief Justice**

Nepal's President Ramchandra Paudel appointed Prakash Man Singh Raut as the new Chief Justice of the country. Paudel administered the oath of office and secrecy to Chief Justice Raut at a special ceremony organized at Sheetal Niwas, the President's Office.

End of an Era: Singapore Bids Farewell to Horse Racing After 181 Years

After 181 years of horse racing, Singapore hosted its final race day at the Singapore Turf Club on Saturday, as the site prepares to be repurposed for new housing developments. This decision, influenced by the growing population surpassing six million, marks a significant shift in the city-state's approach to land use, prioritizing housing over recreational activities.

India and Maldives Boost Ties with \$750 Million Currency Swap Deal

India has extended significant financial aid to the Maldives by signing a \$750 million currency swap agreement to ease the country's foreign exchange crisis. This includes a \$400 million swap and an additional ₹3,000 crore (\$357 million) under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework, available until 2027. The agreement was sealed during a meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu, who is on a five-day visit to India. Both leaders discussed key economic and security collaborations, adopting a "vision statement" that reinforces their partnership.

India-Maldives Ties Strengthened: RuPay Card Launch and Airport Upgrade

The recent inauguration of a new runway at Hanimadhoo International Airport and the launch of the RuPay card in the Maldives signify a pivotal moment in the evolving relationship between India and the Maldives. Conducted through a virtual ceremony, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu marked these developments as essential steps to enhance economic ties and boost tourism cooperation.

Unified Cross-Border Payments: UPI and AANI Link-Up

Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has informed that the Indian and UAE governments are working on interlinking the UPI of India and the AANI of UAE. It will facilitate seamless cross-border transactions between two countries. This will benefit over 3 million Indians residing in the UAE enabling them to use the power of UPI and AANI.

Hurricane Milton Approaches: Residents Evacuate Tampa Bay Area

As Hurricane Milton threatens the Florida coast, residents of the Tampa Bay region are evacuating in droves, fearing a potentially catastrophic storm. With preparations underway to safeguard against dangerous storm surges, severe winds, and possible tornadoes, officials are urging residents to evacuate while they still can. Craig Fugate, former FEMA director, emphasized the urgency: "Today's the last day to get ready." Meanwhile, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis announced the deployment of over 300 dump trucks to clear debris from

Hurricane Helene, highlighting the ongoing challenges the state faces.

Protests Erupt in Pakistan Following 40% Tax Hike Under IMF Bailout

Pakistan is witnessing widespread protests after the government raised taxes by 40% as part of a \$7 billion bailout deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). This move, aimed at stabilizing a faltering economy plagued by high inflation and depleted foreign reserves, has pushed many citizens to the brink, exacerbating an already critical cost of living crisis. As basic necessities become increasingly unaffordable, the population's patience wears thin, posing a significant challenge for Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's coalition government.

Bangladesh Forms Nine-Member Constitution Reform Commission

Bangladesh's interim government has established a nine-member Constitution Reform Commission, headed by Bangladeshi-American professor Ali Riaz, to review and propose reforms within 90 days. The commission, formed after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina resigned, aims to create a more representative and democratic framework. Members include professors, legal experts, and student representatives, with student Mahfuj Alam serving as special assistant to Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus. The commission is part of broader reforms announced by Yunus, which include commissions for judiciary, police, electoral system, public administration, and anti-corruption.

Tunisia's President Kais Saied Secured Second Five-Year Term

President Kais Saied has secured a second five-year term as Tunisia's leader in an election marked by both overwhelming numbers and significant concerns. The Independent High Authority for Elections of Tunisia (ISIE) announced on October 7, 2024, that Saied had won a staggering 90.7 percent of the votes cast, a figure that has raised eyebrows among democratic observers worldwide.

China's 'Anaconda Strategy' Tightens Grip on Taiwan

Beijing is systematically increasing pressure on Taiwan through a multifaceted strategy that military officials describe as the "Anaconda Strategy," aimed at compelling Taipei to accept reunification as inevitable. Although the situation around Taiwan has been relatively stable compared to global conflicts like those in Ukraine, this calm may be deceptive. Chinese military activities are intensifying, with a marked increase in air and naval incursions near Taiwan, raising concerns about a potential blockade or cyber warfare aimed at crippling Taiwan's economy and communications.

Young Sherpa Conquers World's Tallest Mountains at 18

An 18-year-old Nepali mountaineer, Nima Rinji Sherpa, made history on Wednesday by becoming the youngest person to summit all 14 of the world's 8,000-meter (26,246-foot) peaks. His remarkable achievement was sealed after successfully reaching the summit of Tibet's 26,335-foot Shisha Pangma.

India Joins 44th Codex Nutrition Committee Meeting

India participated in the 44th session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) held in Dresden, Germany from October 2 to October 6, 2024. As a key contributor, India made pivotal interventions on significant agenda items.

UNGA Elects 18 New Members to Human Rights Council for 2025-2027 Term

The UN General Assembly (UNGA) has elected 18 new members to the 47-member Human Rights Council for the 2025-2027 term. This decision was made through a secret ballot held recently, with countries like Benin, Bolivia, Colombia, Cyprus, Qatar, and Thailand among the newly elected. The newly elected members will begin their three-year terms on January 1, 2025. The Human Rights Council, based in Geneva, plays a crucial role in promoting and protecting human rights globally. The elections reflect a commitment to staggered terms, ensuring continuity within the Council's composition.

President Murmu's Historic African Visit: Strengthening Ties

President Droupadi Murmu is set to embark on a significant state visit to Algeria, Mauritania, and Malawi from October 13 to 19, 2024. This marks the first-ever visit by an Indian head of state to these three African nations, highlighting India's commitment to enhancing its partnerships on the continent. The visit follows a year after the African Union became a permanent member of the G20 during India's presidency, reinforcing India's strategic engagement with Africa.

State News**Vishnu Deo Sai: 'Jal-Jagar' Initiative Redefines Water Conservation**

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai inaugurated the Jal-Jagar Mahotsav at the Ravishankar Reservoir in Gangrel Dam, Dhamtari, marking a significant milestone in the state's water conservation initiatives. This event highlights the district administration's innovative strategies to address groundwater depletion, gaining recognition for its proactive approach.

Kaimur Approved as Bihar's Second Tiger Reserve

The central government has given its in-principle approval for Bihar's second tiger reserve in Kaimur district. This decision follows a proposal from the Bihar government to develop the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary (KWLS) into a tiger reserve. Valmiki

Tiger Reserve (VTR) in West Champaran was the only tiger reserve in Bihar until now.

Economy News**RBI Monetary Policy Meeting 2024: Repo Rate Unchanged and Other Key Outcomes**

The Indian rupee has shown resilience against the US dollar, settling at 83.97 due to active intervention from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Despite ongoing pressure from foreign portfolio outflows, rising crude oil prices, and a strengthening dollar index, the RBI's strategies have kept the rupee from breaching the psychologically significant 84 mark. Market experts believe that RBI's presence in various currency markets has been crucial in preventing a sharp depreciation.

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Business News**LIC Increases Stake in Bank of Maharashtra to 7.10% via QIP**

The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has significantly boosted its stake in Bank of Maharashtra from 4.05% to 7.10%, as disclosed in an exchange filing on October 5, 2024. This increase follows the allotment of 25.96 crore equity shares priced at ₹57.36 each through a Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP). This strategic move reflects LIC's confidence in the bank's growth potential and is aimed at strengthening its balance sheet to support expansion plans.

Global Skincare Sensation Augustinus Bader Arrives in India Through Reliance's Tira

Reliance's beauty platform Tira announced the launch of globally luxury skincare and haircare brand Augustinus Bader for the Indian Market. Known for its scientifically advanced and award-winning formulas, Augustinus Bader products are now available exclusively on Tira.

DigiLocker Partners with UMANG App for Seamless Access to Government Services

DigiLocker, a secure cloud-based platform for document storage and verification, has integrated with the UMANG app to enhance access to various government services. This collaboration aims to simplify citizen interactions with the government, enabling users to manage multiple services

through a single platform. To utilize this integration, users need to update the DigiLocker app, install the UMANG app, and access a range of services conveniently. This partnership marks a significant step in India's digital governance efforts, providing authenticated documents equivalent to originals as per regulatory standards.

Appointment News

India Announces Key Ambassadorial Appointments

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has announced a significant diplomatic appointment with Sanjeev Kumar Singla being named as India's next Ambassador to France. This strategic move represents an important shift in India's diplomatic corps and brings a wealth of experience to one of India's crucial European partnerships.

BCCI Appointment of New Anti-Corruption Unit Chief

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has made a significant move in its fight against corruption by appointing retired IPS officer Sharad Kumar as the new chief of its Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU). This strategic appointment brings decades of law enforcement experience to cricket administration.

Air Marshal SP Dharkar Steps into Vice Chief of Air Staff Position

Air Marshal SP Dharkar, a distinguished fighter pilot with an impressive 3,600 hours of flying experience, took over as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff. His extensive expertise in aviation and leadership positions within the Indian Air Force is expected to bolster the operational readiness and strategic capabilities of the service.

Manish Tiwary Appointed as Managing Director of Nestlé India Limited

In a significant leadership transition, Manish Tiwary, former head of Amazon India, has been appointed as the Managing Director of Nestlé India Limited. His tenure will begin on 1st August 2025, following the retirement of the company's current Chairman and Managing Director, Suresh Narayanan, who will step down on 31st July 2025. This leadership change marks an important phase for Nestlé India as it moves forward under the guidance of a seasoned business leader with nearly three decades of experience in the consumer goods and e-commerce sectors.

Banking News

RBI and Maldives Monetary Authority Sign \$400 Million Currency Swap Agreement

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA) have signed a currency swap agreement

under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework for 2024-2027. This agreement allows the Maldives to access up to \$400 million under the US Dollar/Euro Swap Window and Rs 30 billion under the Indian Rupee (INR) Swap Window.

RBI Deputy Governor M. Rajeshwar Rao's Tenure Extended for One Year

The government has approved a one-year extension for M. Rajeshwar Rao as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), effective October 9, 2024. This decision was made by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, following a notification dated October 4. Rao's tenure was initially set for three years starting from October 2020, and this marks his second consecutive one-year extension.

Science & Technology News

WHO Certifies India's Triumph Over Trachoma Elimination

The World Health Organization (WHO) has officially validated India's elimination of trachoma as a public health problem, marking a significant achievement in public health. Trachoma, caused by the bacterium *Chlamydia trachomatis*, is one of the leading causes of global blindness. WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus praised India for its commitment to combating this debilitating disease, joining the ranks of Nepal and Myanmar in the WHO South-East Asia Region and 19 other countries worldwide that have achieved this milestone.

India's Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (Lupex) Approved

India's National Space Commission has officially approved the Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (Lupex), marking the country's fifth lunar mission. This mission follows the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 in August 2023, which made India the fourth nation to land on the Moon. Lupex is a collaborative endeavor between India's ISRO and Japan's JAXA, aimed at exploring the Moon's resources, particularly water in its polar regions.

Marburg Virus Outbreak in Rwanda: A Public Health Crisis

The recent outbreak of Marburg virus in Rwanda has raised significant alarm, marking the first reported cases in the country. As of late September 2024, health officials confirmed 26 cases, including 12 fatalities, with over 80% of infections occurring among healthcare workers. The Marburg virus is one of the deadliest pathogens known, causing severe hemorrhagic fever with a case fatality rate ranging from 24% to 88%. Given Rwanda's limited healthcare resources, this outbreak poses a substantial threat to the country's already fragile health system.

World's Highest Imaging Cherenkov Telescope Unveiled in Ladakh

On October 4, 2024, Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and Chairman of the

Atomic Energy Commission, inaugurated the Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) Observatory in Hanle, Ladakh. This monumental facility is the largest imaging Cherenkov telescope in Asia and stands as the highest of its kind in the world, located at an altitude of approximately 4,300 meters.

Schemes and Committees News

GREEN Meghalaya Plus Scheme Unveiled by CM in Tura

Conrad K Sangma, Meghalaya Chief Minister launched the GREEN (Grassroot level Response Towards Ecosystem Enhancement and Nurturing) Meghalaya Plus (GMP) Scheme in the first week of October in the state. The main purpose for the launching of the scheme is for conservation and enhancement of forest cover.

Nijut Moina Scheme Launched in Assam to Fight Child Marriage

In a significant move to fight against child marriage in Assam, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma of Assam has initiated the disbursement of monthly financial assistance under the Nijut Moina scheme. This step marks a decisive phase in the government's ongoing battle against this social issue, aiming to provide crucial support to families and empower young girls to pursue their education and well-being.

77th WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has commenced its 77th Regional Committee session for Southeast Asia in New Delhi, marking a significant gathering of health leaders from across the region. This three-day conference, running from October 7 to 9, brings together health ministers and delegates from eleven member states to address critical public health challenges and forge collaborative solutions. JP Nadda, India's Minister of Health, has been elected as the Chairperson of the 77th Session, bringing his extensive experience in health policy to guide the deliberations.

Atal Pension Yojana Crosses 7 Crore Enrollments Milestone

The Atal Pension Yojana (APY), launched in 2015 to provide a universal social security system for all, particularly the underprivileged and workers in the unorganized sector, has achieved a major milestone. As of FY 2024-25, total enrollments have surpassed 7 crore, with over 56 lakh new enrollments added in the current financial year. This achievement highlights the success of the scheme in reaching vulnerable sections of society.

Humsafar Policy: Transforming India's Highway Infrastructure

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has unveiled a groundbreaking initiative to revolutionise the travel experience on India's

national highways. The Humsafar Policy, launched on Tuesday, represents a comprehensive approach to enhancing highway infrastructure and services, promising to transform the journey for millions of travellers across the country.

Summits & Conference News

44th and 45th ASEAN Summits Kick Off in Vientiane, Laos

The 44th and 45th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summits and related events began on October 9 in Vientiane, Laos, focusing on the theme "ASEAN: Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience." Lao President Thongloun Sisoulith urged member countries to uphold peace, stability, and sustainable development while honoring their commitments to multilateralism. This year marks a significant opportunity for ASEAN to build a more integrated and resilient community in response to pressing challenges.

Awards & Honors News

MIDORI Prize 2024 Recognizes Conservation Leaders from Kazakhstan and Peru

The MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity 2024 has been awarded to Vera Voronova from Kazakhstan and Ysabel Agustina Calderón Carlos from Peru for their exemplary contributions to biodiversity conservation and sustainability. Voronova, the executive director of the Association for the Conservation of Biodiversity of Kazakhstan, has led efforts to restore ecosystems and protect endangered species in Central Asia, benefiting rural communities. Calderón Carlos, founder of Sumak Kawsay in Peru, has been recognized for her work in preventing the decline of pollinators, particularly through her "Bee Honey Route," which combines honey production with community development and ecosystem restoration.

2025 National Anubhav Awards: Honoring Public Service Impact

The National Anubhav Awards Scheme recognizes the contributions of retiring and retired government employees by encouraging them to share their valuable experiences and insights. The initiative is spearheaded by the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW), under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions, Government of India.

Celebrating Excellence in Indian Cinema at the National Film Awards

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting confers the prestigious National Film Awards along with cinema's highest honor, the Dadasaheb Phalke Award each year. The 70th National Film Awards were conferred on 8 October 2024 by Hon. President Draupadi Murmu.

Baker, Hassabis, Jumper Awarded Nobel 2024 in Chemistry for Pioneering Protein Research

The 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded to David Baker for his innovative work in computational protein design and to Demis Hassabis and John M. Jumper for their groundbreaking AI-based protein structure prediction. These discoveries, recognized by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, represent major advancements in understanding and designing proteins.

Important Dates News**World Cotton Day 2024, Celebrating Cotton's Global Impact**

As the world marks the fifth anniversary of World Cotton Day on October 7, 2024, we delve into the significance of this global celebration that honors one of agriculture's most versatile and valuable crops. Cotton, far beyond its well-known role in textiles, has emerged as a cornerstone in various industries, from medical supplies to animal feed and edible oil production.

World Habitat Day 2024, Empowering Youth for a Sustainable Urban Future

World Habitat Day, celebrated annually on the first Monday of October, is a global observance dedicated to raising awareness about the fundamental right to housing. Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1985, the day serves as a reminder that everyone deserves a safe, decent, and affordable place to live. This year the day was celebrated on the 7th of October.

Indian Air Force Day 2024, Theme, Significance and Historical Journey

As India prepares to commemorate the 92nd Indian Air Force Day on October 8, 2024, the nation stands united in honoring the exceptional dedication and sacrifices of its air warriors. This significant occasion serves as a reminder of the Indian Air Force's (IAF) remarkable journey from its humble beginnings to becoming one of the world's most formidable aerial forces. The chosen theme, "Bhartiya Vayu Sena: Saksham, Sashakt, Atmanirbhar" (translating to Potent, Powerful, and Self-Reliant), encapsulates the IAF's vision for the future. This theme resonates deeply with India's broader objective of achieving self-sufficiency in defense capabilities while maintaining operational excellence.

World Mental Health Day 2024

World Mental Health Day, observed annually on October 10, was first initiated in 1992 by the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH). This global observance aims to raise awareness about mental health issues and mobilize efforts in support of mental health care worldwide.

National Postal Day 2024, Celebrating India's Postal Heritage

Every year on October 10th, India commemorates National Postal Day, a significant observance that marks the establishment of the Indian Postal Service. This annual celebration serves as a tribute to the vast network of postal workers and the crucial role they play in connecting the nation through communication services. The day holds particular importance as it commemorates the founding of the postal service during the East India Company's rule, establishing a legacy that continues to evolve and serve the nation's communication needs.

Sports News**Nitish Kumar Unveils Logo, Mascot for Upcoming Women's Asian Champions Trophy**

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar unveiled the logo and mascot for the Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024. Scheduled to take place in Rajgir from November 11 to 20, the tournament will feature the mascot named 'Gudiya,' inspired by Bihar's state bird, the sparrow. The unveiling marks a significant step toward creating a vibrant atmosphere for the upcoming championship.

Dipa Karmakar Announces Retirement: The End of a Historic Gymnastics Journey

Dipa Karmakar, India's trailblazing gymnast, who narrowly missed out on a podium finish at the Rio 2016 Olympics, has announced her retirement from the sport. Famous for performing the risky "Prodnova" vault, often called the "vault of death," Karmakar leaves behind a legacy of courage and determination that redefined Indian gymnastics.

The End of an Era: Andrés Iniesta Announces Retirement

Andrés Iniesta, The Spaniard, maestro of the game announced retirement from professional football after a long 22 years serving in the field. The player who represented the National team of Spain and FC Barcelona, one of the best clubs in the world.

38th National Games to be Held in Uttarakhand

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has chosen Uttarakhand as the host for the 38th Summer National Games, scheduled to take place from 28th January to 14th February 2025. This announcement marks a significant achievement for the state, as it will be hosting the prestigious event for the first time, followed by the upcoming Winter Games, which will be held outside Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh for the first time. The 37th National Games, held in Goa from 25th September to 9th November 2023, paved the way for Uttarakhand's momentous turn to showcase its capabilities on the national sporting stage.

Obituaries News

Tata Sons Chairman Ratan Tata Passes Away At 86

Tata Sons Chairman, Ratan Tata passed away on 9 October 2024 at the age of 86 due to prolonged age-related illness at Breach Candy Hospital, Mumbai. His passing marks the end of an era, as Tata's leadership and vision left an indelible mark on India's business and philanthropic landscape. His contributions to the Tata Group, the Indian economy, and global business have cemented his legacy as one of the greatest industrialists of all time.

Defence News

Visakhapatnam Hosts Malabar 2024 Naval Drill

MALABAR exercise will kick off from 8th October in Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. It will be hosted by India, this year's exercise will see the participation of Australia, Japan, and the United States of America beginning with the Harbour Phase in Visakhapatnam, followed by the sea phase. The exercise will be conducted from 8th October to 18th October.

DefConnect 4.0: A Step Towards Indigenous Defence Innovation

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate DefConnect 4.0 on October 7, 2024, at the Manekshaw Centre in Delhi, marking a major milestone in advancing indigenous defence innovation. Organised by Innovations for Defence Excellence – Defence Innovation Organisation (iDEX-DIO) under the Ministry of Defence's Department of Defence Production, the event brings together various stakeholders to promote collaboration and innovation in the defence ecosystem.

VSHORADS 4th Gen Missile Tested by DRDO

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully carried out three flight-tests of the advanced fourth-generation Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) at the Pokhran Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan on October 3-4. The tests mark a significant step in enhancing India's defense capabilities, showcasing the missile's precision and reliability in engaging fast-moving aerial targets.

Training Deployment: Indian Navy Ships Land in Muscat

The Indian Naval Ships Tir and Shardul, along with the Indian Coast Guard Ship Veera, from the First Training Squadron (1TS) of the Indian Navy, have successfully arrived in Muscat, Oman, as part of their long-range training deployment. This visit underscores the Indian Navy's commitment to enhancing maritime cooperation and strengthening ties with regional partners.

Indian Navy Commissions New Deep-Water Survey Vessel

The Indian Navy has received its latest large Survey Vessel for deep water hydrographic mapping specially designed, Nirdeshak (Yard 3026), second of four Survey Vessel (Large) ships, steered by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau and being built at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata was delivered to the Indian Navy.

Army Commanders' Summit in Sikkim: Border Security in Focus

The Second Army Commanders' Conference of 2024 began on October 10 in a hybrid format at a forward location in Gangtok, Sikkim. Bringing together senior leaders of the Indian Army, the conference serves as a crucial platform to review the nation's overall security landscape, address key conceptual issues, and devise strategies to tackle emerging challenges.

Indian Navy Partners with Bajaj Allianz for Naval Civilians' Insurance Coverage

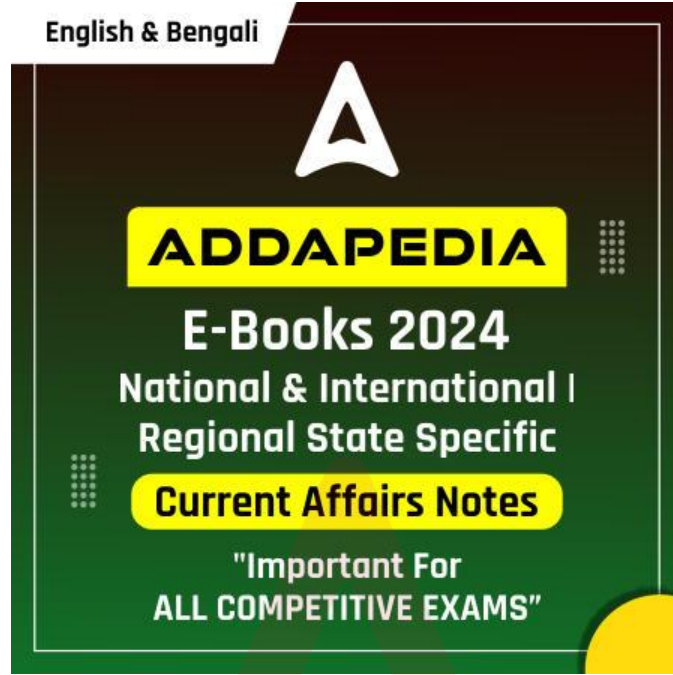
In line with its focus on enhancing the welfare of Naval Civilians, the Indian Navy has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance. This initiative is a key highlight of 2024, declared as the "Year of Naval Civilians." It underscores the Navy's commitment to financial security and inclusivity for its civilian workforce, particularly by offering affordable life insurance options, including term insurance, to safeguard their families in the event of an untimely death.

Books & Authors News

A New Book "War" By Veteran Investigative Journalist Bob Woodward

Veteran investigative journalist Bob Woodward, best known for his role in uncovering the Watergate scandal, is set to release his latest book titled War, which has already begun to shake the political landscape. This highly anticipated book delves deep into the dynamics of power between former U.S. President Donald Trump, current President Joe Biden, and Russian President Vladimir Putin, revealing shocking insights into their leadership and the ongoing global crises.

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