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## Art and Culture Current Affairs



### **“The Golden Thread,” won the Golden Conch Award for Best Documentary in Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF)**

The closing ceremony of 18th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) took place in Mumbai, on 21 June 2024.

1. **Best Documentary Award:** “The Golden Thread,” an Indian documentary, won the Golden Conch Award for Best Documentary in the international category. Actress Poonam Dhillon presented the award to director Nishita Jain during the closing ceremony.
2. **Special Category Award:** In the ‘India in Amrit Kaal’ special category, Edmond Ranson received the Best Short Film award for “Life In Loom.”
3. **Best Debut Director:** Sreemoyi Singh won the Dadasaheb Phalke Chitranagari Award for Best Debut Director for her film “And, Towards Happy Alleys.”
4. **National Competition Winners:**
  - “6-A Akash Ganga” won the Silver Conch Award for Best Documentary.
  - “Salt” won the Silver Conch for Best Short Fiction.
  - “Nirjara” from NID Ahmedabad won the Silver Conch for Best Animation.
1. **International Competition Winners:**
  - “Zima” from Poland won the Silver Conch for Best Animation.
  - “Sour Milk” from Estonia won the Silver Conch for Best Short Fiction.



### **Vinod Ganatra receive the ‘Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award’ for his contribution to films**

Vinod Ganatra has become the first Indian to receive the prestigious ‘Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award’ from South Africa for his contribution to films. He was honored with the award at the 7th Nelson Mandela Children’s Film Festival for his contributions to children’s cinema.

Ganatra has won 36 national and international awards, including the ‘Janakinath Gaur Award’ from Doordarshan for his children’s program ‘Baingan Raja.’ He is the only Indian filmmaker to receive the ‘Liv Ullmann Peace Prize’ in Chicago for his Gujarati film ‘Harun-Arun.’

Ganatra has served on the jury of over 100 national, regional, and international film festivals in the past three decades. He has edited and directed more than 400 documentaries and newsreels. He has produced 25 multilingual television programs for children and youth.



## **Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) on 15 June 2024**

The 18th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) was inaugurated in Mumbai with a grand opening ceremony on 15 June 2024.

Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting L Murugan, and film celebrities Randeep Hooda, Madhur Bhandarkar, Sonali Kulkarni, and Divya Dutta attended the inauguration.

The FTII student short film “Sunflowers were the first ones to know,” which won the La Cinef Award at the 77th Cannes Film Festival, was screened at the opening ceremony.

The V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award for 2024 was presented to Subbiah Nallamuthu, an award-winning wildlife filmmaker.

MIFF 2024 will screen a total of 314 films from 59 countries in 61 languages. The festival will feature 8 world premieres, 5 international premieres, 18 Asia premieres, and 21 India premieres. For the first time, a documentary Film Bazaar is being organized this year.

A record 1,018 films were submitted for the competition sections, with 102 films selected by three Selection Committees of eminent film experts for the International and National competition sections.

MIFF screenings are being held not only in Mumbai but also in Delhi (Sirifort Auditorium), Chennai (Tagore Film Centre), Pune (NFAI auditorium), and Kolkata (SRFTI Auditorium).



## **18th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) from June 15 to 21, 2024.**

The 18th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) will be held in Mumbai from June 15 to 21, 2024.

- Screenings will also take place in Delhi, Chennai, Pune, and Kolkata.
- 314 films from 59 countries will be showcased.
- Special theme: India in Amrit Kaal.
- 17 films from Japan, Russia, Belarus, Iran, Italy, Vietnam, and Mali will be featured.
- There will be 8 world premieres, 6 international premieres, 17 Asia premieres, and 15 India premieres.
- Special curated packages include award-winning films from the Oscars and Berlinale.
- The opening film will be “Billy and Molly, an Otter Love Story”.
- MIFF has received corporate collaborations from over 20 brands for the first time.

## Economy Current Affairs



### 53rd GST Council meeting held on June 22, 2024, in New Delhi

The 53rd meeting of the GST Council, presided over by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, took place at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on June 22 2024. The next GST Council meeting tentatively scheduled for mid to late August.

#### Decisions of 53rd GST Council meeting,

- **Aadhaar-based authentication:** The council decided to implement a phased rollout of Aadhaar-based biometric authentication for registration throughout India. This aims to curb fake invoicing and improve compliance.
- **Tax rate changes:**
  - **Milk cans:** A uniform 12% GST rate was set for milk cans.
  - **Platform tickets:** Platform tickets for railway travel will now be exempt from GST.
  - **Cartons:** The GST rate on cartons was reduced from 18% to 12% to provide relief to apple farmers in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.
- **Relief for students:** Hostel accommodation services with a monthly rent exceeding ₹20,000 will be subject to GST. However, hostels charging up to ₹20,000 per month will be exempt, providing relief for students.

#### GST Council in India:

##### *Function:*

- Established under the Constitution to oversee the Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- Acts as a joint forum between the Central Government (Union Finance Minister) and all Indian states and union territories (represented by their Finance Ministers).

##### *Key Responsibilities:*

- Decides on GST tax rates (currently 5%, 12%, 18%, and 28%).
- Determines exemptions for certain goods and services.
- Sets deadlines for filing GST returns and compliance procedures.
- Recommends changes to GST laws and regulations.
- Addresses revenue sharing between central and state governments.



### RBI keep Repo Rate unchanged at 6.5%, Ups FY25 GDP forecast to 7.2%

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.50% for the eighth consecutive time. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) met on 5th, 6th, and 7th June 2024.

The standing deposit facility (SDF) rate remains at 6.25%, and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate at 6.75%.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das stated the inflation-growth balance is favorable and monetary policy must stay disinflationary, aiming for a 4% inflation target.

The RBI raised the growth projection to 7.2% from an earlier estimate of 7% for the current financial year.

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## Environment Current Affairs



### World Environment Day- June 5

**World Environment Day** is celebrated annually on **June 5** to encourage awareness and action for the protection of the environment. This United Nations Day is supported by many non-governmental organizations, businesses, and government entities.

The theme for **World Environment Day 2024** is “**Land restoration, desertification & drought resilience**”. It focuses on #GenerationRestoration, emphasizing the importance of growing forests, reviving water sources, and bringing back soils.

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## Important Days Current Affairs



### International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2024

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the 10th International Day of Yoga celebration in Srinagar on June 21, 2024. The theme for this year’s International Day of Yoga is “Yoga for Self and Society.”

Yoga nurtures physical, mental, and spiritual growth while promoting societal harmony. The enthusiastic participation of millions in recent years reflects Yoga’s profound impact on communities.

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## International Current Affairs



### [António Costa's elected as the next President of the European Council](#)

António Costa's was elected as the next President of the European Council on June 28, 2024 in **Brussels**, Belgium. His mandate will last for two and a half years, succeeding Charles Michel on December 1, 2024.

António Costa is a Portuguese politician and member of the Socialist Party. He served as the Prime Minister of Portugal from 2015 to 2022.

Italian Prime Minister Georgia Meloni was the only leader who voted against his appointment.



### [International Solar Alliance \(ISA\) : Paraguay become the 100th country to join](#)

Paraguay has become the 100th country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as a full member. Paraguay handed over its Instrument of Ratification to the ISA in New

Delhi on 26 June 2024.

The ceremony involved Paraguay's Ambassador to India, Fleming Raul Duarte, and Abhishek Singh, Joint Secretary of Economic Diplomacy and States Division at India's Ministry of External Affairs.

#### What is International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

The ISA was co-founded by India and France during the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris. The ISA aims to promote the deployment of solar energy worldwide, increase energy access, ensure energy security, and drive the transition to sustainable energy sources. The primary goal of the ISA is to contribute to the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement through rapid and massive deployment of solar energy technologies.

The ISA Framework Agreement has 119 signatory countries, with 100 having completed the ratification process to become full members. Spain joined as the 99th full member in May 2024.



## [Wikileaks Founder Julian Assange released from UK Prison after deal with US Authorities](#)

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange was released from a UK prison on June 24, 2024, ending a years-long legal battle. This came after he struck a plea deal with US authorities.

As per the conditions finalised in a tentative deal with the US Justice Department, Assange will plead guilty to criminal charges but will serve no time in US custody. Assange was charged with conspiracy to obtain and disclose national defense information. The Wikileaks files, which revealed information about the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, had been a point of contention.

Assange spent seven years in Ecuador's London embassy before being taken into custody in the UK. Swedish authorities dropped separate charges of rape and sexual assault against him in 2019.

Julian Assange will return to Australia after his release.



## [North Korea and Russia sign pact to provide all available military help if other is attacked](#)

North Korea and Russia agreed to provide immediate military assistance if either faced armed aggression, under a newly signed pact during Putin's visit to North Korea on 20 June 2024.

The agreement signifies a “comprehensive strategic partnership” between Russia and North Korea. The pact specifies that if either country faces armed invasion, the other will provide military and other assistance per Article 51 of the U.N. Charter and their national laws.

**UN Charter Article 51:** This article provides the right for collective self-defense actions by member countries.

**Historical Context:** This agreement revives a mutual defense agreement under a 1961 treaty between North Korea and the Soviet Union, which was annulled in 1990.



## [IAF participated in Exercise Red Flag 2024 at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska from 4th to 14th June 2024](#)

An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent participated in Exercise Red Flag 2024 at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska from 4th to 14th June 2024.

Exercise Red Flag is an advanced aerial combat training exercise conducted four times a year by the US Air Force. This was the second edition of Exercise Red Flag 2024.

Participating forces included the Indian Air Force, Republic of Singapore Air Force, Royal Air Force of the United Kingdom, Royal Netherlands Air Force, German Luftwaffe, and the US Air Force.

The IAF participated with Rafale aircraft and personnel, including aircrew, technicians, engineers, controllers, and subject matter experts.

Red Flag simulates realistic combat settings with multiple scenarios, featuring a demarcation of forces into Red Force (Air Defence elements) and Blue Force (Offensive Composite elements).

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## [G7 summit , from June 13th to 15th, 2024 in Apulia, Italy](#)

The recent G7 summit in Apulia, Italy, which took place from June 13th to 15th, 2024. The leaders from the G7 member states (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK, and the US) along with representatives from the European Union attended the summit. India was also invited as an Outreach Country to discuss global issues and strengthen bilateral cooperation with Italy.

The Russia-Ukraine conflict, climate change and energy security, food security, and migration were prominent topics. Leaders discussed ways to address these challenges and promote a more stable and prosperous world.

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## [Claudia Sheinbaum elected as the first woman President of Mexico](#)

Claudia Sheinbaum has been elected as the first woman President of Mexico. She is also the first President of Jewish heritage in Mexico.

Sheinbaum received nearly 58% of the vote, according to preliminary results.

Her opponent, Xochitl Galvez, backed by a coalition of the National Action (PAN), Institutional Revolutionary (PRI), and Democratic Revolution (PRD) parties, received between 26.6% and 28.6% of the votes.

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## National Current Affairs



### India becomes World's Third-Largest Domestic Aviation Market

India has become the world's third-largest domestic aviation market, after the U.S. and China. This ranking is based on data from aviation analytics firm Official Airline Guide (OAG).

India's domestic airline capacity doubled in the last 10 years, from 7.9 million seats in April 2014 to 15.5 million in April 2024. India replaced Brazil as the third-largest market; Brazil is now fourth with 9.7 million seats, followed by Indonesia in fifth with 9.2 million seats. India posted the highest annual average capacity growth rate among the top five countries at 6.9%, followed by China at 6.3% and the US at 2.4%.

IndiGo and Air India, which have over 1,000 planes on order, account for 90% of domestic seats in India. Low-cost carriers (LCCs) dominate Indian domestic capacity, accounting for 78.4% in April 2024. Comparatively, LCCs account for 68.4% of domestic capacity in Indonesia, 62.4% in Brazil, 36.7% in the US, and 13.2% in China.



### Vikram Misri appointed as the new Foreign Secretary of India

The Indian government appointed Vikram Misri as the new Foreign Secretary. Misri, a 1989-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, will succeed Vinay Mohan Kwatra on July 15, 2024.

Misri is currently the Deputy National Security Adviser and will assume his new role on July 15, 2024. He has served as private secretary to three Prime Ministers: Inder Kumar Gujral, Manmohan Singh, and Narendra Modi.

He was born in Srinagar in 1964, educated in Gwalior, and holds a Bachelor's degree in history from Delhi University's Hindu College and an MBA from XLRI.

Misri's diplomatic career includes notable postings, such as India's ambassador to China during the 2020 Galwan Valley clashes, ambassador to Spain in 2014, and ambassador to Myanmar in 2016. His early career included positions at Indian embassies in Brussels and Tunis and in various Indian diplomatic missions across Africa and North America.



## [Extension of Intelligence Bureau Chief Tapan Kumar Deka for one-year](#)

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the extension of Intelligence Bureau Chief Tapan Kumar Deka for one-year until June 2025. Tapan Kumar Deka is a 1988-batch IPS officer of the Himachal Pradesh cadre.

The tenure of Bharat Lal as Secretary General of the National Human Rights Commission has also been extended for one year up to June 30, 2025.

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## [India is hosting 64th International Sugar Organisation \(ISO\) Council meeting from June 25 to 27 in New Delhi](#)

India is hosting the 64th International Sugar Organisation (ISO) Council Meeting from June 25 to 27 in New Delhi. Delegates from over 30 countries and representatives of many international organisations are participating.

Discussions will focus on critical issues of the sugar and biofuel sector. An industrial tour to a grain-based distillery in Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh will showcase India's biofuel technology. A workshop titled 'Sugar and Biofuels – Emerging Vistas' will be held at Bharat Mandapam, inaugurated by Minister Pralhad Joshi.

India is nominated as the Chair of ISO for 2024 due to being the largest consumer and second-largest producer of sugar. ISO has about 85 member countries, covering nearly 90% of global sugar production. ISO aims to foster mutual understanding and progressive approaches among major sugar-producing, consuming, and trading nations.

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## [NEET \(UG\) Examination 2024; Director NTA removed, CBI to enquire into the alleged irregularities](#)

Subodh Kumar Singh, Director General of the National Testing Agency (NTA), was removed from his position on June 23, 2024, amid controversy over the NEET examination. Pradeep Singh Kharola, Chairman and MD of India Trade Promotion Organisation, has been given additional charge of NTA's Director General.

**Investigation into NEET Irregularities:** The Ministry of Education has handed over the investigation of alleged irregularities in the NEET (UG) Examination 2024 to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

**Legislation:** The Central Government has enacted the Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, to prevent unfair practices in public examinations.

**High-Level Committee Formation:** A High-Level Committee of Experts chaired by former ISRO Chairman Dr. K. Radhakrishnan and includes six other prominent members has been formed to ensure transparent, smooth, and fair conduct of examinations by the NTA.

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## [National Testing Agency \(NTA\) postponed the Joint CSIR-UGC-NET](#)

The National Testing Agency (NTA) postponed the June edition of the Joint CSIR-UGC-NET on June 21, 2024, amid controversies regarding irregularities in the NEET-UG and UGC-NET exams.

1. **Purpose of CSIR-UGC-NET:** The Joint CSIR-UGC-NET determines eligibility for junior research fellowships and admissions to PhD programs in science courses.
  2. **New Law to Address Exam Malpractices:** The Central Government notified a stringent law to combat malpractices and irregularities in competitive exams. The new law includes severe penalties for offenders, with a maximum jail term of 10 years and fines up to ₹1 crore.
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## [10th International Day of Yoga celebrated on 21 June 2024](#)

The 10th International Day of Yoga was celebrated across India on 21 June 2024. The main function led by PM Modi was held at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.

The theme for this year is “Yoga for Self and Society,” emphasizing yoga’s role in individual well-being and societal harmony.

Indian Army personnel performed yoga in icy heights on the northern frontier and in Eastern Ladakh.

Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) personnel performed yoga at Muguthang Sub Sector in Sikkim at an altitude of more than 15,000 feet.

Border Security Force (BSF) personnel performed yoga at zero line at the Joint Check post at Attari, Amritsar.

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## [Chenab Rail Bridge : World’s highest railway bridge](#)

Indian Railways conducted a successful trial run on 20 June 2024 across the newly constructed Chenab Rail Bridge.

**Chenab Rail Bridge Height:** The bridge stands at 359 meters (1,178 feet) above the Chenab River, making it the world’s highest railway bridge.

**Bridge Length and Significance:** The Chenab Rail Bridge is 1,315 meters long and is a vital part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, aimed at connecting the Kashmir Valley with India’s national railway network. Officials expect the entire USBRL project to be completed by the end of this year.

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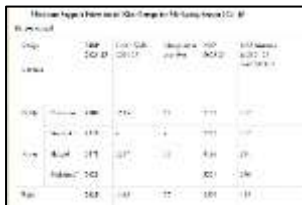
## [Government cancelled the UGC-NET June 2024 Examination; order CBI Enquiry](#)

The government has cancelled the UGC-NET June 2024 Examination. The National Testing Agency (NTA) conducted the UGC-NET June 2024 Examination on 18 June 2024 in two shifts across different cities. A fresh examination will be conducted later, with information to be shared separately.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) received inputs from the National Cyber Crime Threat Analytics Unit of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the Ministry of Home Affairs. The matter is being handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for thorough investigation.

UGC-NET, which is a Test to **determine the eligibility of Indian nationals for ‘Assistant Professor’ as well as ‘Junior Research Fellowship and Assistant Professor’ in Indian Universities.**

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## [Cabinet approves Minimum Support Prices \(MSP\) for Kharif Crops for Marketing Season 2024-25](#)

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 19 June 2024, approved an increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all mandated Kharif crops for the Marketing Season 2024-25.

The MSP increase aims to ensure remunerative prices for growers. The highest absolute MSP increases are for nigerseed (Rs. 983 per quintal), sesamum (Rs. 632 per quintal), and tur/arhar

(Rs. 550 per quintal). The Paddy (Common) has been fixed Rs. 2300 per quintal, increase of Rs 117 from the Rs 2183 in Season 2023-24.

[The Full list of Cabinet approves Minimum Support Prices \(MSP\) for Kharif Crops for Marketing Season 2024-25](#)

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## [Jake Sullivan, US NSA, met with Indian NSA Ajit Doval](#)

Jake Sullivan, US National Security Advisor, met with External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar and Indian National Security Advisor Ajit Doval in New Delhi on 17 June 2024. Comprehensive discussions were held on a broad range of

bilateral, regional, and global issues.

Sullivan and Doval attended the second annual meeting of the initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET). They reviewed the entire spectrum of Indo-US strategic ties. The US-India initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) was announced by President Biden and Prime Minister Modi in May 2022. The initiative aims to elevate and expand the strategic technology partnership and defense industrial cooperation between the governments, businesses, and academic institutions of the two countries.

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## [Pramod Kumar Mishra reappointed as the Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#)

Pramod Kumar Mishra has been **reappointed** as the **Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. The order from the

Department of Personnel and Training states that his appointment will be effective from **June 10, 2024**.

Dr. P. K. Mishra, a retired IAS officer, belongs to the 1972 batch has been closely associated with Prime Minister Modi for the past decade and has previously served as the additional principal secretary to the Prime Minister from 2014 to 2019.

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## [Ajit Doval Reappointed as National Security Adviser \(NSA\)](#)

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval will continue in his role in the Narendra Modi-led NDA government. The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet approved his appointment as NSA, effective from June 10, 2024. A 1968 batch IPS officer, Doval

is a renowned counter-terrorism expert.



Ajit Doval first became NSA in May 2014, soon after PM Modi's first term began, and continued in this role during the previous BJP-led NDA government.

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## [NEET-UG Exam: Scorecards Of 1,563 Students with Grace Marks Canceled, Retest on June 23](#)

The National Testing Agency (NTA) informed the Supreme Court that the scorecards of 1,563 candidates who received grace marks in the 2024 NEET-UG exam will be cancelled.

The retest is scheduled for June 23, and results are expected before June 30 to ensure that the July counselling process is not delayed.

Following the Supreme Court's observations on the NTA's High Powered Committee report, the compensatory marks awarded to these candidates were withdrawn.

Multiple petitions were filed in the Supreme Court seeking the recall of NEET-UG 2024 results and a fresh examination due to alleged malpractices.

Aspirants have reported issues including question paper leakage, the awarding of compensatory marks, and anomalies in the NEET 2024 questions.

NEET-UG is the entrance examination for admissions into MBBS, BDS, AYUSH, and related courses in government and private institutions across India, conducted by the NTA.

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## [Japan-India maritime exercise \(JIMEX 24\) commenced at Yokosuka, Japan](#)

Japan-India maritime exercise (JIMEX 24) commenced on 11 June 2024 at Yokosuka, Japan.

1. **Participating Navies:** The Indian Navy and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force are participating.
2. **Indian Navy Representation:** The Indian Navy is represented by the indigenous Stealth Frigate INS Shivalik.
3. **Japan Representation:** Japan is represented by the Guided Missile Destroyer JS Yugiri.

### Objectives:

- To jointly hone warfighting skills at sea.
- To enhance interoperability between the navies.
- To learn from each other's best practices.
- To facilitate operational interactions between India and Japan.

**Significance:** The exercise reaffirms the shared commitment of India and Japan towards maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region.

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## Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi appointed as the next Army Chief

Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi has been appointed as the next Chief of the Army Staff. He will take charge from 30 June 2024.

The present Chief of the Army Staff, General Manoj C Pande will retired on 30th June.

Born on 1st July 1964, Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi was commissioned into the Infantry (Jammu and Kashmir Rifles) of the Indian Army on 15th December 1984. He has served as Director General Infantry and General Officer Commanding in Chief (Headquarters Northern Command) from 2022 to 2024, before getting appointed as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff.

An alumnus of the Sainik School, Rewa, National Defence College and US Army War College, Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi has M Phil in Defence and Management Studies and two Master's Degrees in Strategic Studies and Military Science. He has been decorated with the Param Vishisht Seva Medal and Ati Vishisht Seva Medal.

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## India set a world record with 64.2 crore voters in the Lok Sabha Polls

India set a world record with 64.2 crore voters in the Lok Sabha Polls. A record 31.2 crore women voters participated. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar briefed the media on 3 June 2024:

- This number is 1.5 times the combined voters of all G7 countries.
  - No major incidents of violence occurred during the election.
  - Seizures worth ten thousand crore rupees were reported, including cash, freebies, drugs, and liquor.
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## Polity Current Affairs



### Om Birla elected as the Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha

BJP MP Om Birla was re-elected as the Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha on 26 June 2024. He was elected with a voice vote as the opposition, which fielded Congress MP K. Suresh, did not press for voting.

After his election, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju escorted Mr. Birla to the Speaker's chair.

Om Birla had previously served as the Speaker in the 17th Lok Sabha since 2019.

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### Rahul Gandhi appointed Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha

On 25 June 2024, the Congress party announced Rahul Gandhi as the Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the 18th Lok Sabha. Rahul Gandhi is won from Raebareli constituency.

The position of LoP had been vacant since 2014, as no opposition party met the required minimum of 10% of the total Lok Sabha seats.

The LoP is recognized as the leader of the largest opposition party with not less than one-tenth of the Lok Sabha seats. The Congress party secured 100 seats in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, an improvement from 52 seats in 2019.

The LoP is a member of crucial committees such as Public Accounts (Chairman), Public Undertakings, Estimates, and various Joint Parliamentary Committees.

The LoP is entitled to membership in selection committees for heads of statutory bodies like the Central Vigilance Commission, Central Information Commission, CBI, NHRC, and Lokpal.

The LoP in both Houses were accorded statutory recognition under the Salaries and Allowances of Leader of Opposition in Parliament Act, 1977, with salary and allowances equivalent to a cabinet minister. The office of the LoP is not mentioned in the Constitution.

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## [First Session of the 18th Lok Sabha from June 24 to July 3, 2024.](#)

First Session of the 18th Lok Sabha which began on June 24, and scheduled to run up to July 3, 2024.

**Oath-taking ceremony:** All newly elected Members of Parliament (MPs), including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, took oath. This session marked the historic first swearing-in ceremony in the new Parliament building.

**Speaker election:** The session will witness the election of the new Lok Sabha Speaker.

**President's address:** The President of India will address the House, outlining the government's agenda.

**Possible stormy sessions:** The opposition, strengthened after the elections, staged protests highlighting concerns about democracy and the controversial NEET-UG 2024 exam.

The 264th Session of Rajya Sabha will also commence on June 27 and conclude on July 3.

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## [New criminal laws will come into force on July 1, 2024](#)

New criminal laws Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam will come into force on July 1, 2024. IPC, CrPC, and Indian Evidence Act are being replaced after consultation and Law Commission of India reports. Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) and judicial academies are providing training.

Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita will have 531 sections, with 177 provisions changed, nine new sections, 39 new sub-sections, and 44 new provisions and clarifications added. The police custody under general criminal laws is increased from 15 days to 90 days, depending on the offense.

Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita will have 358 sections, with 20 new crimes added, increased imprisonment for 33 crimes, higher fines for 83 crimes, and mandatory minimum punishment in 23 crimes. Community service penalty introduced for six crimes, and 19 sections repealed or removed.

Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam will have 170 provisions, with 24 provisions changed, two new provisions, six sub-provisions added, and six provisions repealed or deleted.

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## [N. Chandrababu Naidu took the oath of office as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh](#)

N. Chandrababu Naidu took the oath of office as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh on 12 June 2024. This is Naidu's fourth term as Chief Minister and Second term since the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh in 2014. Previously served as Chief Minister from 1995 to 2004 and from 2014 to 2019.

Ceremony attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers Amit Shah, J.P. Nadda, and Nitin Gadkari. Oath administered by Andhra Pradesh Governor S. Abdul Nazeer. Cabinet consist of 21 MLAs from TDP, three from Janasena Party, and one from BJP.

**Notable attendees:** former Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundarajan, Naidu's son Nara Lokesh, Union Minister Rammohan Naidu, actors Chiranjeevi, Rajnikanth, and Nandamuri Balakrishna.

Naidu led TDP-BJP-Janasena National Democratic Alliance to a landslide victory in assembly and parliamentary elections. TDP holds majority in 175-member assembly with 135 MLAs. Janasena Party has 21 MLAs, BJP has eight MLAs. Opposition YSR Congress Party has 11 legislators.

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## [Pema Khandu elected Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh for the third term in a row](#)

BJP leader Pema Khandu was re-elected as leader of the BJP Legislature Party in Arunachal Pradesh. Pema Khandu will become Chief Minister for the third term in a row. He will take the oath of office along with his cabinet on 13 June 2024. He became Chief Minister for the first time in 2016.

BJP won 46 seats in the 60-member Arunachal Pradesh assembly in the elections. A meeting of the newly-elected BJP MLAs was held in the presence of Bharatiya Janata Party's central observers Ravi Shankar Prasad and Tarun Chugh and Pema Khandu was unanimously elected as the leader of the legislative party. Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, who is an MP from the state, was also present at the meeting.

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## [Mohan Majhi to be the new Chief Minister of Odisha](#)

Mohan Charan Majhi will be the new chief minister of Odisha. He was elected leader of the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) legislature

party at a meeting held on 11 June 2024. The 52-year-old leader, a four-time MLA, is a prominent tribal face in Odisha.

There will two Deputy CM- Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo and Pravati Parida.

The BJP is forming its first government in Odisha after securing a majority in the assembly polls. The BJP won 78 of 147 seats in the Odisha assembly.

Rajnath Singh and union minister Bhupender Yadav were in the state capital as the party's central observers for the meeting of MLAs.



## List of Ministers with Portfolios : Modi-3 (2024)

The portfolios allocated to the members of the Council of Ministers, who have been sworn in on 9 June, 2024, are as shown in the below list.

## LIST OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WITH PORTFOLIOS

### Prime Minister

Name	Position	Portfolio Responsibilities
Shri Narendra Modi	Prime Minister	Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space; All important policy issues; and all other portfolios not allocated to any Minister.

### Cabinet Ministers

No.	Name	Portfolio
1	Shri Raj Nath Singh	Minister of Defence
2	Shri Amit Shah	Minister of Home Affairs; Minister of Cooperation
3	Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari	Minister of Road Transport and Highways

4	Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda	Minister of Health and Family Welfare; Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers
5	Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan	Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Minister of Rural Development
6	Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman	Minister of Finance; Minister of Corporate Affairs
7	Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar	Minister of External Affairs
8	Shri Manohar Lal	Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs; Minister of Power
9	Shri H. D. Kumaraswamy	Minister of Heavy Industries; Minister of Steel
10	Shri Piyush Goyal	Minister of Commerce and Industry
11	Shri Dharmendra Pradhan	Minister of Education
12	Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi	Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
13	Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh	Minister of Panchayati Raj; Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
14	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal	Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
15	Dr. Virendra Kumar	Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment

16	Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu	Minister of Civil Aviation
17	Shri Pralhad Joshi	Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Minister of New and Renewable Energy
18	Shri Jual Oram	Minister of Tribal Affairs
19	Shri Giriraj Singh	Minister of Textiles
20	Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw	Minister of Railways; Minister of Information and Broadcasting; Minister of Electronics and Information Technology
21	Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia	Minister of Communications; Minister of Development of North Eastern Region
22	Shri Bhupender Yadav	Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
23	Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat	Minister of Culture; Minister of Tourism
24	Smt. Annpurna Devi	Minister of Women and Child Development
25	Shri Kiren Rijju	Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of Minority Affairs
26	Shri Hardeep Singh Puri	Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas
27	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya	Minister of Labour and Employment; Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports
28	Shri G. Kishan Reddy	Minister of Coal; Minister of Mines



29	Shri Chirag Paswan	Minister of Food Processing Industries
30	Shri C R Patil	Minister of Jal Shakti

## Ministers of State (Independent Charge)

No.	Name	Portfolio
1	Rao Inderjit Singh	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation; Ministry of Planning; and Minister of State in Ministry of Culture
2	Dr. Jitendra Singh	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Science and Technology; Ministry of Earth Sciences; Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office; Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; and Department of Space
3	Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Law and Justice; and Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
4	Shri Jadhav Prataprao Ganpatrao	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Ayush; and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
5	Shri Jayant Chaudhary	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; and Ministry of Education

## Ministers of State

No.	Name	Portfolio
1	Shri Jitin Prasada	Minister of State in Ministry of Commerce and Industry; Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

2	Shri Shripad Yesso Naik	Minister of State in Ministry of Power; Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
3	Shri Pankaj Chaudhary	Minister of State in Ministry of Finance
4	Shri Krishan Pal	Minister of State in Ministry of Cooperation
5	Shri Ramdas Athawale	Minister of State in Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
6	Shri Ram Nath Thakur	Minister of State in Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
7	Shri Nityanand Rai	Minister of State in Ministry of Home Affairs
8	Smt. Anupriya Patel	Minister of State in Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
9	Shri V. Somanna	Minister of State in Ministry of Jal Shakti; Ministry of Railways
10	Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani	Minister of State in Ministry of Rural Development; Ministry of Communications
11	Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel	Minister of State in Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; Ministry of Panchayati Raj
12	Sushri Shobha Karandlaje	Minister of State in Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Ministry of Labour and Employment
13	Shri Kirtivardhan Singh	Minister of State in Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Ministry of External Affairs

14	Shri B. L. Verma	Minister of State in Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
15	Shri Shantanu Thakur	Minister of State in Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
16	Shri Suresh Gopi	Minister of State in Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas; Ministry of Tourism
17	Dr. L. Murugan	Minister of State in Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
18	Shri Ajay Tamta	Minister of State in Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
19	Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar	Minister of State in Ministry of Home Affairs
20	Shri Kamlesh Paswan	Minister of State in Ministry of Rural Development
21	Shri Bhagirath Choudhary	Minister of State in Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
22	Shri Satish Chandra Dubey	Minister of State in Ministry of Coal; Ministry of Mines
23	Shri Sanjay Seth	Minister of State in Ministry of Defence
24	Shri Ravneet Singh	Minister of State in Ministry of Food Processing Industries; Ministry of Railways
25	Shri Durgadas Uikey	Minister of State in Ministry of Tribal Affairs

26	Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse	Minister of State in Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
27	Shri Sukanta Majumdar	Minister of State in Ministry of Education; Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
28	Smt. Savitri Thakur	Minister of State in Ministry of Women and Child Development
29	Shri Tokhan Sahu	Minister of State in Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
30	Shri Raj Bhushan Choudhary	Minister of State in Ministry of Jal Shakti
31	Shri Bhupathi Raju Srinivasa Varma	Minister of State in Ministry of Heavy Industries; Ministry of Steel
32	Shri Harsh Malhotra	Minister of State in Ministry of Corporate Affairs; Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
33	Smt. Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya	Minister of State in Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
34	Shri Murlidhar Mohol	Minister of State in Ministry of Cooperation; Ministry of Civil Aviation
35	Shri George Kurian	Minister of State in Ministry of Minority Affairs; Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
36	Shri Pabitra Margherita	Minister of State in Ministry of External Affairs; Ministry of Textiles

**Official List : Portfolios allocated to the members of the Council of Ministers**  
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## **Narendra Modi sworn in as Prime Minister for his third consecutive term**

Narendra Modi was sworn in as Prime Minister of India on 9 June 2024 for his third consecutive term. President Droupadi Murmu administered the Oath of Office and Secrecy at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

31 Cabinet Ministers, 5 Ministers of State (Independent Charge), and 36 Ministers of State took oath.

### *Key Cabinet Ministers:*

- Senior BJP leaders who took oath include Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, Nitin Gadkari, Dr. S. Jaishankar, Piyush Goyal, Dharmendra Pradhan, Nirmala Sitharaman, and BJP President J.P. Nadda.
- Other significant figures include Kiren Rijju, Pralhad Joshi, Giriraj Singh, Ashwini Vaishnav, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Bhupender Yadav, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Annapurna Devi, Hardeep Singh Puri, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, G. Kishan Reddy, C.R. Patil, Dr. Virendra Kumar, and Jial Oram.
- Former Chief Ministers who took oath as Cabinet Ministers include Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Manohar Lal, and Sarbanand Sonowal.
- Other notable figures include H.D. Kumaraswamy, Jiten Ram Manjhi, Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu, and Chirag Paswan.
- Ministers of State (Independent Charge) include Rao Inderjit Singh, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Arjun Ram Meghwal, Prataprao Jadhav, and Jayant Chaudhary.

### *Ministers of State:*

36 Ministers of State took oath, including BJP MPs Jitin Prasada, Shripad Yesso Naik, Pankaj Chaudhary, Nityanad Rai, Krishan Pal, V. Somanna, S.P. Singh Baghel, Shobha Karandlaje, Suresh Gopi, Raksha Khadse, Ajay Tamta, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Kamlesh Paswan, Harsh Malhotra, Satish Dubey, Ravneet Singh Bittu, and representatives from other parties such as Ramdas Athawale (RPI), Ram Nath Thakur (JD-U), Anupriya Patel (Apna Dal-S), and Dr. Pemmasani Chandrasekhar (TDP).

### *International Attendance:*

Leaders from neighboring countries and the Indian Ocean region attended, including the President of Sri Lanka, President of Maldives, Vice-President of Seychelles, Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Prime Minister of Mauritius, Prime Minister of Nepal, and Prime Minister of Bhutan.

### *Dignitaries and Celebrities:*

Attendees included Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Chief Justice of India Dr. D.Y. Chandrachud, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister-designate N. Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Ministers of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Manipur, Haryana, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, actors Rajnikanth, Shah Rukh Khan, Akshay Kumar, Vikrant Massey, filmmaker Rajkumar Hirani, and business tycoons Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani.



## [Modi to take oath as Prime Minister for a third term on Sunday](#)

Newly elected MPs of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) are expected to meet on 8 June 2024 to elect Narendra Modi as their leader. This election will pave the way for Modi to take oath as prime minister for a third term, with the swearing-in likely on 9 June 2024(Sunday).

Senior NDA members, including TDP's N Chandrababu Naidu and JD(U)'s Nitish Kumar, will join Modi to present the list of supporting parliamentarians to President Droupadi Murmu.

The NDA has 293 MPs, comfortably above the majority mark of 272 in the 543-member Lok Sabha.

World leaders including Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Sri Lanka President Ranil Wickremesinghe, Nepal PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal and Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu are set to attend the function.



## [NDA leaders elected Prime Minister Narendra Modi as their leader](#)

National Democratic Alliance (NDA) leaders unanimously elected Prime Minister Narendra Modi as their leader during a meeting on 5 June 2024, in New Delhi. According to sources, PM Modi will take the oath for the third time on June 8, 2024.

- The meeting was held at Modi's residence in New Delhi.
- Key attendees included BJP President J P Nadda, Union Ministers Rajnath Singh and Amit Shah.
- Leaders from various NDA constituent parties also attended, including:
  - N Chandrababu Naidu (Telugu Desam Party)
  - Nitish Kumar (Janata Dal (United) and Bihar CM)
  - Eknath Shinde (Shiva Sena (Shinde Group) and Maharashtra CM)
  - Chirag Paswan (Lok Janshakti Party (Ramvilas))
  - Anupriya Patel (Apna Dal)
  - Jayant Chaudhary (RLD)
  - H D Kumaraswamy (JD(S))
  - Jitan Ram Manjhi (Hindustani Awami Morcha)
  - Pawan Kalyan (Jan Sena Party)
  - Other NDA leaders

The participation of N Chandrababu Naidu and Nitish Kumar in the NDA meeting is a significant step as the support of their parties is crucial for the BJP to form the government. This time, the BJP fell 32 seats short of the majority mark of 272 and will need to rely on its allies to form a government.



## Lok Sabha 2024 Results: BJP Emerges Triumphant with 240 Seats

The results of the Lok Sabha elections 2024 have been officially declared by Election Commission of India. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has emerged as the single largest party victory with 240 seats.

### Detailed Seat Distribution:

Party Name	Seats
Bharatiya Janata Party – BJP	240
Indian National Congress – INC	99
Samajwadi Party – SP	37
All India Trinamool Congress – AITC	29
Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam – DMK	22
Telugu Desam – TDP	16
Janata Dal (United) – JD(U)	12
Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) – SHSUBT	9
Nationalist Congress Party – Sharadchandra Pawar – NCPSP	8
Shiv Sena – SHS	7

Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) – LJPRV	5
Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party – YSRCP	4
Rashtriya Janata Dal – RJD	4
Communist Party of India (Marxist) – CPI(M)	4
Indian Union Muslim League – IUML	3
Aam Aadmi Party – AAP	3
Jharkhand Mukti Morcha – JMM	3
Janasena Party – JnP	2
Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) (Liberation) – CPI(ML)(L)	2
Janata Dal (Secular) – JD(S)	2
Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi – VCK	2
Communist Party of India – CPI	2
Rashtriya Lok Dal – RLD	2
Jammu & Kashmir National Conference – JKN	2
United People’s Party, Liberal – UPPL	1



Asom Gana Parishad – AGP	1
Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) – HAMS	1
Kerala Congress – KEC	1
Revolutionary Socialist Party – RSP	1
Nationalist Congress Party – NCP	1
Voice of the People Party – VOTPP	1
Zoram People’s Movement – ZPM	1
Shiromani Akali Dal – SAD	1
Rashtriya Loktantrik Party – RLTP	1
Bharat Adivasi Party – BHRTADVSIP	1
Sikkim Krantikari Morcha – SKM	1
Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam – MDMK	1
Aazad Samaj Party (Kanshi Ram) – ASPKR	1
Apna Dal (Soneylal) – ADAL	1
AJSU Party – AJSUP	1

All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen – AIMIM	1
Independent – IND	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>543</b>

## Key Highlights:

- **BJP's Resounding Victory:** The Bharatiya Janata Party has won 240 seats. BJP with the support his alliances Telugu Desam (16) and Janata Dal (United) – (12) and some other regional party securing a majority in the Lok Sabha.
- **INC's Position:** The Indian National Congress has secured 99 seats, reflecting a significant opposition presence.
- **Regional Parties:** The Samajwadi Party, All India Trinamool Congress, and Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam have shown strong performances with 37, 29, and 22 seats respectively.



## Andhra Pradesh and Odisha State Assembly Results

Counting of votes for the State Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha was conducted on June 4, 2024.

### Andhra Pradesh Assembly Polls:

- **Total Seats:** The State Assembly has a total of 175 seats.
- **Telugu Desam Party (TDP):** Won 135 seats.
- **Janasena Party:** Won 21 seats.
- **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP):** Secured 8 seats.
- **YSR Congress Party (YSRCP):** Won 11 seats.
- **Key Individual Wins:**
  - YSRCP candidate and Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy won the Pulivendula Assembly seat by over 61,000 votes.
  - TDP Chief and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu won the Kuppam Assembly constituency.

### Odisha Assembly Polls:

- **Total Seats:** The State Assembly has a total of 147 seats.
- **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP):** Bagged 78 seats.
- **Biju Janata Dal (BJD):** Won 51 seats.
- **Congress:** Secured 14 seats.
- **Communist Party of India (Marxist) CPI(M):** Bagged 1 seat.
- **Independent Candidates:** Won 3 seats.
- **Key Individual Wins:**
  - BJD President and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik won from the Hinjili Assembly constituency.



## [New Record: NOTA \(None of the Above\) option received over 2 lakh votes in Indore](#)

The NOTA (None of the Above) option received over 2 lakh votes in Indore. This marked a new record for the highest votes secured by NOTA. counting for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections took place on June 4, 2024.

1. Congress candidate Akshay Kanti Bam withdrew his nomination on the last day and joined BJP.
2. The Congress party then urged voters to choose the NOTA option.
3. BJP candidate Shankar Lalwani won the Indore seat by a margin of 10,08,077 votes.
4. NOTA secured 2,18,674 votes, more than any other candidate except the BJP winner.
5. The next highest votes were for BSP candidate Sanjay Solanki, who received 51,659 votes.



## [Assembly Election Result : BJP and SKM retain power in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim respectively](#)

### **BJP Wins Assembly elections in Arunachal Pradesh:**

- The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has returned to power in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The BJP secured a landslide victory, winning 46 out of 60 seats.
- Prominent BJP winners include Ninong Ering, Dr. Mahesh Chai, Tai Nikio, Homchun Ngamdang, Wangling Lowangdong, Tsering Lamu, and Chakat Aboh.

### **SKM Wins Assembly elections in Sikkim:**

- The ruling Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) has secured another term in Sikkim.
- SKM won 31 out of 32 seats. The Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF) won only one seat.
- Incumbent Chief Minister and SKM President Prem Singh Tamang won from both Rhenock and Soreng Chakung Constituencies.

### **Election Context:**

- Counting of votes for Assembly elections in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim was held on 2 June 2024.
- Polling for the seats was held on 19 April, alongside the first phase of Lok Sabha elections.

## Science and Technology Current Affairs



### [DRDO handed over the Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket \(MR-MOCR\) to the Indian Navy](#)

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) handed over the Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket (MR-MOCR) to the Indian Navy on 26 June 2024 in New Delhi.

The Microwave Obscurant Chaff is a niche technology developed by DRDO's Defence Laboratory in Jodhpur. This technology obscures radar signals and creates a microwave shield around platforms and assets, reducing radar detection.

Special type of fibres has been assembled in the medium range chaff rocket. When fired, the rocket forms a microwave obscurant cloud in space, spreading over a sufficient area.

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### [ISRO successfully conducted the third and final landing experiment of its Reusable Launch Vehicle 'Pushpak'](#)

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conducted the third and final landing experiment of its Reusable Launch Vehicle 'Pushpak' on June 23, 2024 at the Aeronautical Test Range in Chitradurga, Karnataka.

The experiment, named RLV LEX-03, demonstrated autonomous landing capability.

The Chinook helicopter released Pushpak from an altitude of 4.5 kilometers. Pushpak autonomously executed cross-range correction maneuvers and accomplished a precise horizontal landing at the runway center line, approaching with a speed of 320 kmph.

The experiment reaffirmed ISRO's expertise in acquiring critical technologies for the development of a reusable launch vehicle, which will help reduce launch costs and advance space exploration.

Pushpak employed multi-sensory fusion including an inertial sensor, radar altimeter, flush air data system, Pseudolite system, and NavIC navigation system.

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## [Sunita Williams and Barry Wilmore safely safely docked with the International Space Station \(ISS\)](#)

Sunita Williams, a 58-year-old Indian-American astronaut, and Barry Wilmore, a NASA astronaut, launched aboard the Boeing Starliner from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on June 5. On June 7, 2024, they safely docked with the International Space Station (ISS).

- The mission, Boeing Crew Flight Test (CFT), aims to certify the Starliner for regular crewed flights to the ISS under NASA's Commercial Crew Program.
- If successful, Starliner will become the second private spacecraft, after SpaceX's Crew Dragon, to transport astronauts to and from the ISS.
- The astronauts will spend about a week aboard the ISS, conducting tests and validating Starliner's systems, before returning to Earth with a parachute-assisted landing in the western US.
- The ISS is a collaborative project involving NASA, Roscosmos, ESA, JAXA, and CSA, serving as a microgravity laboratory and orbiting Earth at approximately 400 kilometers (250 miles). It has been continuously occupied since November 2000.

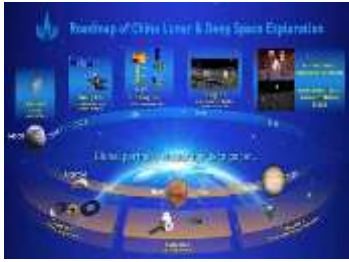


## [Indian-origin NASA astronaut Sunita Williams becomes first woman to pilot new Spacecraft on maiden crewed test flight](#)

Indian-origin NASA astronaut Sunita Williams, along with Butch Wilmore, became the first to fly to space aboard the Boeing Starliner's first-ever crewed mission. The 59-year-old Williams created history by becoming the first woman to fly on the maiden mission of a new human-rated spacecraft.

The crew was launched on 5 June 2024 aboard the United Launch Alliance's Atlas V rocket from Space Launch Complex-41 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida. This is the third attempt, with weather being 90% favorable for the launch. Butch, 61, is commanding the flight, and Williams is piloting it. The duo will stay at the International Space Station for about a week before returning to Earth aboard the reusable crew capsule.

The Starliner mission aims to carry astronauts and cargo for future NASA missions to low Earth orbit and beyond.



## China landed a spacecraft, Chang'e-6, on the far side of the moon in sample retrieval mission

China landed an uncrewed spacecraft, Chang'e-6, on the far side of the moon on June 2, 2024, aiming to retrieve the first rock and soil samples from this region.

This mission enhances China's status in the global competition to exploit lunar minerals for sustaining long-term astronaut missions and moon bases, with similar interests from countries like the United States.

China's lunar ambitions include a manned mission around 2030, with Russia as a partner. This follows their 2020 Chang'e-5 mission, which retrieved samples from the moon's near side.

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## Sports Current Affairs



### [Kiran Pahal qualified for the Paris Olympics in women's 400m](#)

Kiran Pahal from Haryana qualified for the Paris Olympics. She clocked 50.92 seconds in the semifinals of the women's 400m at the National Inter-state Athletics Championships in Panchkula. She secured her spot at the Paris Games by finishing within the automatic standard of 50.95 seconds for the Olympics. Pahal, 24, became the second fastest women's 400m runner in Indian history, behind Hima Das (50.79 seconds). Pahal finished ahead of Devy Aniba Zala of Gujarat (53.44) and Sneha K from Kerala (53.51).

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### [India reached the final of T20 World Cup after defeating England](#)

India defeated England by 68 runs in Guyana and reached into the finals of the 2024 T20 World Cup. Team India scores 171 and bowled out the England for 103 in 16.4 overs. Brief score:

- India 171/7 (Rohit Sharma 57, Suryakumar Yadav 47; Chris Jordan 3-37)
- England 103 (Harry Brook 25, Jos Buttler 23; Axar Patel 3-23, Kuldeep Yadav 3-19).

Axar Patel was named 'Player of the Match' for his vital three-wicket haul and a quickfire 10 runs off 6 balls.

India's victory marks their third entry into a T20 World Cup final, following their triumph against Pakistan in 2007 and their loss to Sri Lanka in 2014.

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### [Harmanpreet Singh to Caption of Indian Hockey Team at Olympic 2024](#)

Hockey India announced a 16-member Indian men's hockey team for the Paris 2024 Olympics, scheduled from 26th July to 11th August. The team will be led by Harmanpreet Singh (Caption), with Hardik Singh as the vice-captain.

- Veteran goalkeeper PR Sreejesh is part of the squad.
- The defence line consists of Harmanpreet Singh, Jarmanpreet Singh, Amit Rohidas, Sumit, and Sanjay.
- The midfield includes Raj Kumar Pal, Shamsher Singh, Manpreet Singh, Hardik Singh, and Vivek Sagar Prasad.

- The forward line features Abhishek, Sukhjeet Singh, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, Mandeep Singh, and Gurjant Singh.
- Goalkeeper Krishan Bahadur Pathak, midfielder Nilakanta Sharma, and defender Jugraj Singh are named as alternate.

India is placed in Pool B with Belgium, Australia, Argentina, New Zealand, and Ireland. To advance to the Quarter-Finals, India must secure a top-four finish in their pool. Pool A includes the Netherlands, Germany, Great Britain, Spain, South Africa, and France.

The Indian men's team has a rich Olympic history with 12 medals: 8 Gold, 1 Silver, and 3 Bronze. The current team aims to add another medal to this tally.

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## [Men's T20 World Cup: India Advanced to Semi-Finals by defeating Australia](#)

India advanced to the semi-finals of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup after defeating Australia by 24 runs on 24 June 2024 in St. Lucia.

- India posted a target of 206 runs.
- Rohit Sharma scored 92 off 41 deliveries and was awarded Player of the Match.
- Suryakumar Yadav contributed 31 runs off 16 balls.
- Australia scored 181 for seven in 20 overs, with Travis Head scoring 76 runs from 43 balls.

India will face England in the semi-final in Guyana on 27 June 2024.

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## [Neeraj Chopra won the Gold medal in the men's javelin throw at the World Athletics Continental Gold Tour](#)

Olympic and World Champion Neeraj Chopra won the Gold medal in the men's javelin throw at the World Athletics Continental Gold Tour at the Paavo Nurmi Stadium in Turku, Finland, on June 18, 2024.

Chopra's best effort was 85.97 meters, topping an eight-man field. He began with a throw of 83.62 meters. Local favorite Oliver Helander temporarily took the lead with an 83.96-meter throw in the second round. Chopra reclaimed the top spot with his best throw of 85.97 meters on his third attempt.

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## [Divya Deshmukh won the World Junior Girls' Chess Championship](#)

India's Divya Deshmukh won the World Junior Girls' Chess Championship at the Gift City Club in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, on 13 June 2024.

- Divya defeated Bulgaria's Beloslava Krasteva in the final round.
  - She secured her maiden U-20 title by winning the 10th round in 26 moves.
  - Divya finished the championship unbeaten, with nine wins and two draws.
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## ICC T20 World Cup : India defeated Pakistan by 6 runs

India secured a thrilling victory against Pakistan in a low-scoring encounter during the ICC T20 World Cup on June 10, 2024 at Nassau County International Cricket Stadium, New York

Result: India won by six runs

### **Inning 1 (India):**

- India scored 119 runs for 10 wickets in 19 overs
- Top Performers: Rishabh Pant (42 runs), Arshdeep Singh (3 wickets), Jasprit Bumrah (3 wickets)

### **Inning 2 (Pakistan):**

- Pakistan scored 113 runs for 7 wickets in 20 overs
- Top Performer: Mohammad Rizwan (31 runs)

Player of the Match: Jasprit Bumrah (India)

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## Carlos Alcaraz win his 1st French Open title

**Carlos Alcaraz** won his first **French Open** title by defeating **Alexander Zverev** in a five-set final on 9 June 2024 at **Roland Garros**.

Alcaraz overcame cramps and made a comeback after being 2-1 down in sets. **Final scoreline:** 6-3, 2-6, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2 in favor of Alcaraz.

At **21 years old**, Alcaraz is the youngest man to win **Grand Slam titles on all three surfaces** (clay, grass, and hard court).

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## Sunil Chhetri's Farewell Match Ends in Goalless Draw Against Kuwait

Kuwait held India to a goalless draw in the World Cup qualification game on 6 June 2024. The match was the farewell game for Indian skipper Sunil Chhetri.

Chhetri, who retired after this match, ended his international career with 94 goals from 151 matches.

Despite both teams creating scoring opportunities, neither side managed to goal. India will now face Asian champions Qatar in their final group game.

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## [Indian boxers Jasmine Lamboria and Amit Pangal qualify for Paris Olympic](#)

Indian boxers Jasmine Lamboria and Amit Pangal have secured quotas for the [Paris Olympics](#). Their qualification came after impressive performances on 2 June 2024.

### **Amit Pangal's Performance:**

Amit Pangal won against Liu Chuang of China. He achieved a 5-0 victory [in](#) the men's 51 kg quarter-final.

### **Jasmine Lamboria's Performance:**

Jasmine Lamboria defeated Marine Camara of Mali. She secured a 5-0 victory in the women's 57 kg quarter-final.

### **Other Indian Qualifiers:**

Four other Indian boxers have also qualified for the [Paris Olympics](#). These include Nishant Dev, Nikhat Zareen, Preeti Pawar, and Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain.



## [ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 from 1 to 29 June 2024 in West Indies and United States](#)

ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 is co-hosted by the West Indies and the United States from **1 to 29 June 2024**.

This is the ninth edition of the T20 World Cup, a biennial Twenty20 International (T20I) tournament organized by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

This cricket event features 20 teams competing across **55 games** for the right to be crowned **ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 champions**.

### **20 Teams participating [in](#) the 2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup are:**

[India](#), Pakistan, Ireland, Canada, USA, England, Australia, Namibia, Scotland, Oman, New Zealand, West Indies, Afghanistan, Uganda, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Netherlands, Nepal.



## [Nishant Dev, becomes first Indian male boxer to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games](#)

Nishant Dev, a world championships bronze medalist, is the first Indian male to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. He qualified by defeating Moldova's Vasile Cebotari with a unanimous 5-0 decision in the men's 71 kg category quarterfinal at the World Boxing Qualifiers on 31 May 2024.

Dev is the fourth Indian pugilist to qualify for the Paris Olympics, joining Nikhat Zareen (women's 50kg), Preeti (54kg), and Lovlina Borgohain (75kg). Lovlina Borgohain is a Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist.

Nishant Dev is currently the only Indian male boxer qualified for the Summer Games.

## States Current Affairs



### Film City in Greater Noida : YEIDA and Babu Project sign Agreement

The Uttar Pradesh state government signed an agreement on 27 June 2024 to develop a film city in Greater Noida. Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) and Bebu Project LLP, owned by film producer Bonnie Kapoor and Ashish Bhootani.

The project has an estimated cost of 1,510 crore rupees. The film city is planned to be completed within the next eight years. The initial phase, expected to be completed in three years, will focus on establishing essential film-related facilities and a film institute.

The film city will offer world-class film production amenities, including studios, open sets, hospitality services, and office spaces. The aim is to position the film city as a premier destination for filmmakers.



### New Recruitment Policy in Uttar Pradesh to Ensure Fair Competitive Exams

The Uttar Pradesh government is planning new policies to ensure fair recruitment exams due to alleged irregularities in competitive exams.

#### Key points of the new policies include:

1. **Appointment of Agencies:** Four agencies will conduct the recruitment examinations.
2. **Exam Location Restrictions:** Candidates must take exams outside their home board area, with exceptions for disabled individuals and women.
3. **Phased Exams for Large Numbers:** Exams with more than four lakh candidates will be conducted in two phases.
4. **OMR Sheet Scanning:** Scanning of OMR sheets will be done by the Commission and the Board to prevent result rigging.
5. **Examination Centers:** Two categories of examination centers will be established:
  - **Category 1:** Government Inter Colleges, Medical Colleges, and Engineering Colleges.
  - **Category 2:** Aided schools. Centers will not be set up in schools and colleges without financial support.
1. **Police Exam Controversy:** The UP Police Recruitment and Promotion Board canceled the constable recruitment exam due to a leaked question paper, affecting over 48 lakh candidates. Following this, the chairperson of the Board, Renuka Mishra, was sacked and replaced by Rajeev Krishna.
2. **Investigation of Irregularities:** An order has been issued to investigate alleged irregularities in the Review Officer/Assistant Review Officer (RO/ARO) exams.

These measures are aimed at restoring the integrity of the recruitment process in the state.

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### [Prem Singh Tamang sworn in as the Chief Minister of Sikkim for a second consecutive term](#)

Prem Singh Tamang, the president of the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM), was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Sikkim for a second consecutive term on June 10, 2024. The swearing-in ceremony took place at Paljor Stadium in Gangtok, where Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya administered the oath of office and secrecy.

The SKM secured a landslide victory in the assembly polls, winning 31 out of 32 seats in the assembly. Tamang's leadership played a crucial role in the party's success, and he was unanimously elected as the leader of the legislature party during a meeting on June 2.

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## Miscellaneous Current Affairs



### Hajj, one of the largest religious gatherings in the world, began in Saudi Arabia

The annual Hajj pilgrimage, one of the largest religious gatherings in the world, officially began in Saudi Arabia on Friday (14 June 2024). **Two million** Muslim pilgrims embarked on their spiritual journey. After circling the Kaaba, Islam's holiest site, and converging on a vast tent camp in the nearby desert, the pilgrims engage in a day and night of prayer.

Nearly 1.75 lakh pilgrims from India are participating in the Haj rituals. Out of the Indian pilgrims, 1,40,020 have traveled through the Haj Committee, and about 35,000 through private operators. Over 5,000 Indian women are participating in the pilgrimage without a Mehram (male guardian).

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### Around 40 Indians died, 50 Injured in a fire at a labour housing facility in Kuwait

Around 40 Indians died and over 50 were injured in a fire at a labour housing facility in Mangaf, Kuwait on June 12, 2024.

The Indian Embassy in Kuwait is working with Kuwaiti authorities and the involved company to gather full details. Injured individuals are receiving medical care in five government hospitals, with most in stable condition.

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar discussed the incident with his Kuwaiti counterpart Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya. Dr. Jaishankar was assured that the incident will be fully investigated and responsibilities will be assigned.

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## Current Affairs MCQ Questions: 1 to 30 June 2024

**Q: Who has been appointed as the new Foreign Secretary of India?**

- A) Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- B) S. Jaishankar
- C) Vikram Misri
- D) Ruchira Kamboj

**Ans : C) Vikram Misri**

The Indian government appointed Vikram Misri as the new Foreign Secretary. Misri, a 1989-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, will succeed Vinay Mohan Kwatra on July 15, 2024.

**Q: Who has been elected as the next President of the European Council?**

- A) Angela Merkel
- B) Emmanuel Macron
- C) António Costa
- D) Pedro Sánchez

**Answer: C) António Costa**

António Costa's was elected as the next President of the European Council on June 28, 2024 in **Brussels**, Belgium. His will succeeding Charles Michel on December 1, 2024.

**Q: Which country did India surpass to become the third-largest domestic aviation market?**

- A) Indonesia
- B) Germany
- C) Brazil
- D) Japan

**Ans : C) Brazil**

India has become the world's third-largest domestic aviation market, after the U.S. and China.

**Q: Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) and Bebu Project LLP signed an agreement to develop a Film City at which location?**

- A) Faridabad
- B) Yamuna Nagar
- C) Greater Noida
- D) Lucknow

**Ans : C) Greater Noida**

The Uttar Pradesh state government signed an agreement on 27 June 2024 to develop a film city in Greater Noida. Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) and Bebu Project LLP, owned by film producer Bonnie Kapoor and Ashish Bhootani.

**Q: Who qualified for the Paris Olympics 2024 in the women's 400m event?**

- A) Hima Das
- B) Devy Aniba Zala
- C) Sneha K
- D) Kiran Pahal

**Ans : D) Kiran Pahal**

Kiran Pahal from Haryana qualified for the Paris Olympics. She clocked 50.92 seconds in women's 400m at the National Inter-state Athletics Championships in Panchkula.

**Q: Who won the 2024 T20 World Cup semifinal between India and England?**

- A) India
- B) England
- C) The match was abandoned
- D) It ended in a tie

**Ans : A) India**

India defeated England by 68 runs in Guyana and reached into the finals of the 2024 T20 World Cup.

**Q: Who was re-elected as the Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha on 26 June 2024?**

- a) K. Suresh
- b) Rahul Gandhi
- c) Om Birla
- d) Kiren Rijiju



## c) Om Birla

BJP MP Om Birla was elected as the Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha. He had previously served as the Speaker in the 17th Lok Sabha.

## Q: What happens when the Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket (MR-MOCR) is fired?

- a) It explodes on impact
- b) It forms a microwave obscurant cloud in space
- c) It releases flares
- d) It emits a high-frequency sound

## Ans : b) It forms a microwave obscurant cloud in space

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) handed over the Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket (MR-MOCR) to the Indian Navy on 26 June 2024 in New Delhi.

## Q: Who is the captain of the Indian men's hockey team for the Paris 2024 Olympics?

- a) PR Sreejesh
- b) Manpreet Singh
- c) Harmanpreet Singh
- d) Hardik Singh

## Ans : c) Harmanpreet Singh

Hockey India announced a 16-member Indian men's hockey team for the Paris 2024 Olympics, scheduled from 26th July to 11th August.

## Q: Which country became the 100th full member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) in June 2024?

- a) Spain
- b) Paraguay
- c) India
- d) France

## Ans : b) Paraguay

The ISA was co-founded by India and France during the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris. Paraguay has become the 100th country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as a full member in New Delhi on 26 June 2024.

**Q: India will face which team in the semi-final of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup?**

- A) Australia
- B) West Indies
- C) England
- D) New Zealand

**Ans : C) England**

India advanced to the semi-finals of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup after defeating Australia by 24 runs on 24 June 2024 in St. Lucia. India will face England in the semi-final in Guyana on 27 June 2024.

**Question: Who is the founder of WikiLeaks?**

- A) Julian Assange
- B) Edward Snowden
- C) Chelsea Manning
- D) Glenn Greenwald

**Answer: A) Julian Assange**

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange was released from a UK prison on June 24, 2024, ending a year-long legal battle. This came after he struck a plea deal with US authorities.

**Q: Who was appointed as the Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the 18th Lok Sabha on 25 June 2024?**

- A) Mallikarjun Kharge
- B) Sonia Gandhi
- C) Rahul Gandhi
- D) KC Venugopal

**Ans : C) Rahul Gandhi**

**Q: Why was the position of Leader of Opposition vacant for 2014 to 2024?**

- A) No opposition party met the required minimum of 10% of the total Lok Sabha seats
- B) The position was abolished
- C) The ruling party opposed the appointment
- D) There was a lack of eligible candidates

**Ans : A) No opposition party met the required minimum of 10% of the total Lok Sabha seats**

The position of LoP had been vacant since 2014, as no opposition party met the required minimum of 10% of the total Lok Sabha seats.

**Q: What is a significant aspect of this first Session of the 18th Lok Sabha which began on June 24, 2024?**

- a) Introduction of a new voting system
- b) First oath-taking ceremony in a newly built Parliament building
- c) Introduction of a no-confidence motion against the Prime Minister
- d) Farewell address by the outgoing President

**Ans : b) First oath-taking ceremony in a newly built Parliament building**

This session marked the historic first swearing-in ceremony of newly elected Members of 18th Lok Sabha, in the new Parliament building.

**Q: Where is the 64th International Sugar Organisation (ISO) Council Meeting held in India?**

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi
- C) Bengaluru
- D) Hyderabad

**Ans : B) New Delhi**

India hosted the 64th International Sugar Organisation (ISO) Council Meeting from June 25 to 27 in New Delhi.

**Q: Which country is the largest consumer and second-largest producer of sugar?**

- A) Brazil
- B) India
- C) China
- D) Thailand

**Ans : B) India**

Brazil is the largest producer of Sugarcane.

**Q: Who has been given a one-year extension as the Chief of the Intelligence Bureau in June 2024?**

- A) Ajit Doval
- B) Rajiv Jain
- C) Tapan Kumar Deka
- D) Arvind Kumar

**Ans : C) Tapan Kumar Deka**

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the extension of Intelligence Bureau Chief Tapan Kumar Deka for one-year until June 2025.

**Q: Who was removed from the position of Director General of the National Testing Agency (NTA) in June, 2024 after irregularities in the NEET (UG) Examination 2024?**

- A) Pradeep Singh Kharola
- B) Subodh Kumar Singh
- C) Dr. K. Radhakrishnan
- D) Dr. Randeep Guleria

**Ans : B) Subodh Kumar Singh**

Subodh Kumar Singh, Director General of the National Testing Agency (NTA), was removed from his position on June 23, 2024, amid controversy over the NEET examination. Pradeep Singh Kharola, Chairman and MD of India Trade Promotion Organisation, has been given additional charge of NTA's Director General.

**Q: What act has the Central Government enacted to prevent unfair means in public examinations?**

- A) Public Examination (Prevention of Cheating) Act, 2024
- B) Public Examination (Prevention of Malpractices) Act, 2024
- C) Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024
- D) Public Examination (Integrity and Fairness) Act, 2024

**Ans : C) Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024**

The Central Government has enacted the Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, to prevent unfair practices in public examinations.

**Q: Who is the chairperson of the High-Level Committee of Experts constituted to ensure transparent, smooth, and fair conduct of examinations by the NTA. ?**

- A) Dr. Randeep Guleria
- B) Prof. B. J. Rao
- C) Dr. K. Radhakrishnan
- D) Prof. Aditya Mittal

**Ans : C) Dr. K. Radhakrishnan**

A High-Level Committee of Experts chaired by former ISRO Chairman Dr. K. Radhakrishnan and includes six other prominent members has been formed to ensure transparent, smooth, and fair conduct of examinations by the NTA.

**Q: Where was the third and final landing experiment of ISRO's Reusable Launch Vehicle 'Pushpak' successfully conducted?**

- A) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- B) Aeronautical Test Range, Chitradurga, Karnataka
- C) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Kerala
- D) Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

**Ans : B) Aeronautical Test Range, Chitradurga, Karnataka**

**Q: Who chairs the meetings of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council?**

- a) The President of India
- b) The Prime Minister of India
- c) The Union Finance Minister
- d) The Governor of the RBI

**Ans : c) The Union Finance Minister**

The 53rd meeting of the GST Council, presided over by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, took place at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on June 22 2024.

**Q. How many tax rate slabs are currently recommended by the GST Council (as of June 2024)?**

- a) Two
- b) Three
- c) Four
- d) Five

**Ans : c) Four**

GST tax rates (currently 5%, 12%, 18%, and 28%).

**Q: What is the primary reason for the Uttar Pradesh government implementing new policies for recruitment exams in June 2024?**

- A) To increase the number of candidates
- B) To ensure exams are conducted in a free and fair manner
- C) To reduce the duration of exams
- D) To lower the exam fees

**Ans : B) To ensure exams are conducted in a free and fair manner**

The Uttar Pradesh Police constable recruitment exam was cancelled due to a leaked question paper, affecting over 48 lakh candidates.

**Q: Which Indian documentary won the Golden Conch Award for Best Documentary in the international category at the 18th Mumbai International Film Festival?**

- A) Life in Loom
- B) And, Towards Happy Alleys
- C) The Golden Thread
- D) 6-A Akash Ganga

**Ans : C) The Golden Thread**

“The Golden Thread,” an Indian documentary, directed by director Nishita Jain won the Golden Conch Award for Best Documentary in the international category during closing ceremony of 18th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) took place in Mumbai, on 21 June 2024.

**Q: What is the purpose of the Joint CSIR-UGC-NET exam?**

- A) To determine eligibility for undergraduate admissions
- B) To determine eligibility for junior research fellowships and PhD admissions in science courses
- C) To assess eligibility for government jobs
- D) To qualify for medical school admissions

**Ans : B) To determine eligibility for junior research fellowships and PhD admissions in science courses**

National Testing Agency (NTA) postponed the June 2024 exam of the Joint CSIR-UGC-NET on June 21, 2024, amid controversies regarding irregularities in the NEET-UG and UGC-NET exams.

**Q: What did North Korea and Russia agree to provide under their newly signed pact during Putin visit to North Korea on 20 June 2024?**

- A) Economic assistance
- B) Military assistance
- C) Diplomatic support
- D) Humanitarian aid

**Ans : B) Military assistance**

North Korea and Russia agreed to provide immediate military assistance if either faced armed aggression.

**Q: Article 51 of the U.N. Charter, provides for the right of:**

- A) Economic sanctions
- B) Collective self-defense actions
- C) Environmental protection
- D) Humanitarian intervention

**Ans : B) Collective self-defense actions**

North Korea and Russia signed “comprehensive strategic partnership” under **UN Charter Article 51** to provide all available military help if other is attacked

**Q: How high is the Chenab Rail Bridge above the Chenab River?**

- A) 250 meters
- B) 300 meters
- C) 359 meters
- D) 400 meters

**Ans : C) 359 meters**

**Chenab Rail Bridge** stands at 359 meters (1,178 feet) above the Chenab River, making it the world’s highest railway bridge.

**Q: Where was the main function for the 10th International Day of Yoga held in 2024?**

- A) New Delhi
- B) Leh
- C) Srinagar
- D) Lucknow

Ans : C) Srinagar

The main function led by PM Modi was held at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.

**Q. What is the new MSP for Paddy (Common) for the Marketing Season 2024-25?**

- A) Rs. 2183 per quintal
- B) Rs. 2300 per quintal
- C) Rs. 2203 per quintal
- D) Rs. 2625 per quintal

**Answer:** B) Rs. 2300 per quintal

Union Cabinet on 19 June 2024, approved an increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all mandated Kharif crops for the Marketing Season 2024-25.

**Q.: What is the purpose of the UGC-NET exam conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) ?**

- A) University Grants Commission (UGC)
- B) Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)
- C) National Testing Agency (NTA)
- D) UPSC

**Answer:** C) National Testing Agency (NTA)

The government has cancelled the UGC-NET June 2024 Examination. The National Testing Agency (NTA) conducted the UGC-NET June 2024 Examination on 18 June 2024

**Q.: What is the purpose of the UGC-NET exam conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) ?**

- A) To determine eligibility for undergraduate admissions in Indian universities
- B) To determine eligibility for 'Assistant Professor' and 'Junior Research Fellowship and Assistant Professor' in Indian universities
- C) To evaluate the performance of Indian university staff
- D) To certify the quality of higher education institutions in India

**Answer:** B) To determine eligibility for 'Assistant Professor' and 'Junior Research Fellowship and Assistant Professor' in Indian universities

**Q: Who won the Gold medal in the men's javelin throw at the World Athletics Continental Gold Tour in Finland on June 18, 2024?**

- a) Johannes Vetter
- b) Thomas Röhler
- c) Magnus Kirt
- d) Neeraj Chopra



**Answer:** d) Neeraj Chopra

Neeraj Chopra is Olympic and World Champion in the men's javelin throw

**Q.: When do we celebrate the International Day of Yoga every year?**

- a) June 11
- b) June 21
- c) July 21
- d) June 1

**Ans :** b) June 21

10th International Day of Yoga celebration on June 21, 2024,

**Q: What is the theme for this year's International Day of Yoga?**

- a) Yoga for Peace
- b) Yoga for Health
- c) Yoga for Self and Society
- d) Yoga for the World

**Ans :** c) Yoga for Self and Society

PM Modi will participate in the 10th International Day of Yoga celebration in Srinagar on June 21, 2024

**Q: Who is the first Indian to receive the prestigious 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award' from South Africa for his contribution to films?**

- a) Satyajit Ray
- b) Vinod Ganatra
- c) Mira Nair
- d) Shyam Benegal

**Ans :** b) Vinod Ganatra

He was honored with the award at the 7th Nelson Mandela Children's Film Festival for his contributions to children's cinema.

**Q: Who is the US National Security Advisor (NSA)?**

- A) Antony Blinken
- B) Jake Sullivan
- C) Lloyd Austin
- D) Kamala Harris

**Ans :** B) Jake Sullivan

Jake Sullivan, US National Security Advisor, met with External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar and Indian National Security Advisor Ajit Doval in New Delhi on 17 June 2024

**Q: What annual meeting did Jake Sullivan attend with and Ajit Doval during India visit in June 2024?**

- A) Indo-US Defense Summit
- B) Annual Trade and Economic Dialogue
- C) Second annual meeting of the initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET)
- D) Global Climate Change Conference

Ans : C) Second annual meeting of the initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) Sullivan and Doval attended the second annual meeting of the initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET). They reviewed the entire spectrum of Indo-US strategic ties.

**Q: What is the purpose of the US-India initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET)?**

- A) To promote cultural exchanges between the two countries
- B) To elevate and expand the strategic technology partnership and defense industrial cooperation
- C) To negotiate trade agreements
- D) To address climate change issues

Ans : B) To elevate and expand the strategic technology partnership and defense industrial cooperation

The initiative aims to elevate and expand the strategic technology partnership and defense industrial cooperation between the governments, businesses, and academic institutions of the two countries.

**Q: When will the new criminal laws Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, Bharatiya Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam come into force?**

- A) January 1, 2024
- B) April 1, 2024
- C) July 1, 2024
- D) October 1, 2024

Ans : C) July 1, 2024

New criminal laws Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, Bharatiya Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam will come into force on July 1, 2024.

**Q: What laws are being replaced by the new criminal laws on July 1, 2024?**

- A) Constitution of India
- B) IPC, CrPC, and Indian Evidence Act
- C) Consumer Protection Act
- D) Right to Information Act

**Ans :** B) IPC, CrPC, and Indian Evidence Act

IPC, CrPC, and Indian Evidence Act are being replaced after consultation and Law Commission of India reports. Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) and judicial academies are providing training.

**Q: Which cities, apart from Mumbai, are hosting MIFF screenings this year?**

- A) Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, and Jaipur
- B) Delhi, Chennai, Pune, and Kolkata
- C) Delhi, Bangalore, Pune, and Chennai
- D) Hyderabad, Kolkata, Chennai, and Ahmedabad

**Ans : B) Delhi, Chennai, Pune, and Kolkata**

The 18th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) was inaugurated in Mumbai on 15 June 2024.

**Q: Who received the V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award for 2024?**

- A) Madhur Bhandarkar
- B) Randeep Hooda
- C) Subbiah Nallamuthu
- D) Divya Dutta

**Ans : C) Subbiah Nallamuthu**

Subbiah Nallamuthu, is an award-winning wildlife filmmaker.

**Q: What is the name of the advanced aerial combat training exercise conducted four times a year by the US Air Force, which saw participation from the Indian Air Force, Republic of Singapore Air Force, Royal Air Force of the United Kingdom, Royal Netherlands Air Force, German Luftwaffe, and the US Air Force in June 2024?**

- A) Exercise Air Show
- B) Exercise Friend Force
- C) Exercise Green Sea
- D) Exercise Red Flag

**Ans : D) Exercise Red Flag**

An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent participated in Exercise Red Flag 2024 at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska from 4th to 14th June 2024.

**Q: Who won the World Junior Girls' Chess Championship in 2024?**

- A) Beloslava Krasteva
- B) Divya Deshmukh
- C) Magnus Carlsen
- D) Viswanathan Anand

Ans : B) Divya Deshmukh

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**Q.: Where does the Hajj, an annual Muslim pilgrimage take place?**

- A) Jerusalem
- B) Mecca
- C) Medina
- D) Cairo

**Correct Answer: B Mecca**

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**Q: In which of the following locations and during what timeframe did the G7 Summit 2024 occur?**

- a) Tokyo, Japan in 03th to 05th April 2024
- b) Apulia, Italy from June 13th to 15th, 2024
- c) Berlin, Germany in 10th to 12th May 2024
- d) Ottawa, Canada in 23th to 25th December 2023

Ans : b) Apulia, Italy from June 13th to 15th, 2024

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**Q: What is the purpose of the NEET-UG examination conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA)?**

- A) For admissions into engineering courses
- B) For admissions into MBBS, BDS, AYUSH, and related courses
- C) For admissions into law courses
- D) For admissions into management courses

Answer: B) For admissions into MBBS, BDS, AYUSH, and related courses

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**Q: Who has been re-appointed as the National Security Advisor (NSA) in the Narendra Modi-led NDA government?**

- A) Rajiv Gauba
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Ajit Doval
- D) S. Jaishankar

Answer: C) Ajit Doval

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**Question: Who has been reappointed as the Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi?**

- A) Pramod Kumar Mishra
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Ajit Doval
- D) S. Jaishankar

Answer: A) Pramod Kumar Mishra

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**Q: Who has been elected Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh for the third time in 2024?**

- A) Kiren Rijiju
- B) Nabam Tuki
- C) Pema Khandu
- D) Tapir Gao

Answer: C) Pema Khandu

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**Q: Who became the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh on 12 June 2024?**

- A) Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy
- B) Pawan Kalyan
- C) N. Chandrababu Naidu
- D) K. Chandrashekar Rao

Answer: C) N. Chandrababu Naidu

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**Q: Around 40 Indians died, and 50 were injured in a fire at a labour housing facility in which country on June 12, 2024?**

- A) United Arab Emirates
- B) Saudi Arabia
- C) Kuwait
- D) Qatar

Ans : C) Kuwait

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**Q: Who has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Odisha?**

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo
- C) Mohan Charan Majhi
- D) Pravati Parida

**Answer:** C) Mohan Charan Majhi

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**Q: Who has been appointed as the next Chief of the Army Staff?**

- A) General Manoj C Pande
- B) Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi
- C) General Bipin Rawat
- D) Lieutenant General Raj Shukla

**Answer:** B) Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi

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**Q: The maritime exercise (JIMEX 24) conducted in June 2024 was between the navies of which countries?**

- A) India and China
- B) India and Japan
- C) Japan and South Korea
- D) India and Australia

**Answer:** B) India and Japan

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**Q: Who was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Sikkim for a second consecutive term on June 10, 2024?**

- A) Pawan Kumar Chamling
- B) Prem Singh Tamang
- C) Bhaichung Bhutia
- D) Hemant Soren

**Answer: B) Prem Singh Tamang**

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**Q: Which film will be the opening film of the 18th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF)?**

- A) "The Journey of a Lifetime"
- B) "Tales of the Heart"
- C) "Billy and Molly, an Otter Love Story"
- D) "Echoes of the Past"

**Ans : C) "Billy and Molly, an Otter Love Story"**

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**Q: Who was sworn in as India's Prime Minister for a rare third consecutive term?**

- A) Yogi Adityanath
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Manmohan Singh
- D) Amit Saha

**Answer: B) Narendra Modi**

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**Q: Who did Carlos Alcaraz defeat to win his first French Open title?**

- a) Novak Djokovic
- b) Roger Federer
- c) Alexander Zverev
- d) Rafael Nadal

**Ans : c) Alexander Zverev**

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**Q: Who became the youngest man to win Grand Slam titles on all three surfaces (clay, grass, and hard court) at the age of 21?**

- a) Novak Djokovic
- b) Roger Federer
- c) Rafael Nadal
- d) Carlos Alcaraz

Ans : d) Carlos Alcaraz

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**Q: What is the current policy repo rate (unchanged at 6.50% for the eighth consecutive time) as decided by the Reserve Bank of India on 7 June 2024?**

- a) 6.25%
- b) 6.50%
- c) 6.75%
- d) 7.00%

**Answer:** b) 6.50%

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**Q: What is the name of the mission in which Sunita Williams and Barry Wilmore were safely docked with the International Space Station (ISS) on June 7, 2024?**

- A. Starliner Test Flight
- B. NASA Crew Mission
- C. Boeing Crew Flight Test (CFT)
- D. SpaceX Crew Mission

Ans : C. Boeing Crew Flight Test (CFT)

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**Q: What is the International Space Station (ISS)?**

- A. A lunar base established by NASA
- B. A collaborative spacecraft orbiting Earth, used for scientific research and international cooperation
- C. A Mars rover developed by ESA
- D. A space tourism station run by private companies

Ans: B. A collaborative spacecraft orbiting Earth, used for scientific research and international cooperation

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**Q: Who is Sunil Chhetri?**

- A) An Indian cricketer
- B) A Bollywood actor
- C) An Indian footballer
- D) A renowned chef

**Answer: C) An Indian footballer**

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**Q: Who is expected to be elected as the leader of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) MPs?**

- a) N Chandrababu Naidu
- b) Nitish Kumar
- c) Narendra Modi
- d) Mukesh Dalal

Ans : c) Narendra Modi

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**Q: Who is the Prime Minister of Bangladesh?**

- a) Ranil Wickremesinghe
- b) Pushpa Kamal Dahal
- c) Sheikh Hasina
- d) Mohamed Muizzu

Ans : c) Sheikh Hasina

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**Q: When do we celebrate World Environment Day every year?**

- A) January 1
- B) April 22
- C) June 5
- D) September 21

**Correct Answer: C) June 5**

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**Q: What is the primary cause of ozone depletion in the Earth's atmosphere?**

- A) Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)
- B) Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>)
- C) Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)
- D) Nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)

**Correct Answer: C) Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)**

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**Q: Which gas is responsible for the greenhouse effect?**

- A) Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>)
- B) Nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>)
- C) Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)
- D) Argon (Ar)

**Correct Answer: C) Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)**

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**Q: Why is the participation of N Chandrababu Naidu and Nitish Kumar in the NDA meeting for formation of Govt is significant?**

- a) They are new members of the NDA.
- b) Their parties' support is crucial for the BJP to form the government.
- c) They were absent from previous meetings.
- d) They opposed the NDA leadership.

**Answer: b) Their parties' support is crucial for the BJP to form the government.**

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**Q: Who became the first to fly to space aboard the Boeing Starliner's first-ever crewed mission in June 2024?**

- a) Neil Armstrong and Sunita Williams
- b) Buzz Aldrin and Rakesh Sharma
- c) Chris Hadfield and Kaplana Chawala
- d) Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore

**Answer: d) Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore**

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**Q: Which Lok Sabha seat set a record for the highest votes secured by NOTA in the 2024 elections?**

- A) Mumbai South
- B) Indore
- C) Bangalore North
- D) Delhi Central

Ans : B) Indore

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**Q: Which party won the most seats in the Odisha Assembly polls?**

- A) Congress
- B) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- C) Biju Janata Dal (BJD)
- D) CPI(M)

Ans : B) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

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**Q: How many seats did the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) win in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections?**

- A) 240
- B) 220
- C) 200
- D) 260

Ans : A) 240

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**Q: How many seats did the Indian National Congress (INC) win in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections?**

- A) 75
- B) 99
- C) 120
- D) 135

Ans : B) 99

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**Q: What world record did India set in the recent Lok Sabha Polls 2024?**

- A) Most number of repolling instances
- B) Highest number of Code of Conduct violation
- C) Highest total number of boot capturing incidents
- D) Highest total number of voters

**Answer:** D) Highest total number of voters

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**Q: Who has been elected as the first woman President of Mexico?**

- A) Xochitl Galvez
- B) Claudia Sheinbaum
- C) Margarita Zavala
- D) Rosario Robles

**Answer:** B) Claudia Sheinbaum

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**Q: Which party won the majority in the Arunachal Pradesh Assembly elections held in April 2024?**

- A) Indian National Congress (INC)
- B) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- C) Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF)
- D) Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM)

**Ans :** B) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

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**Q: Which political party won the majority in the Sikkim Assembly elections held in April 2024?**

- A) Indian National Congress (INC)
- B) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- C) Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF)
- D) Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM)

**Ans :** D) Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM)

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**Q: In which category did Amit Pangal secure his Olympic quota?**

- A) Men's 57 kg
- B) Men's 51 kg
- C) Women's 57 kg
- D) Women's 51 kg

Ans : B) Men's 51 kg

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**Q: What is the main objective of China's Chang'e-6 mission?**

- A) To establish a moon base
- B) To retrieve the world's first rock and soil samples from the moon's far side
- C) To conduct a manned mission to the moon
- D) To explore the moon's surface for water

B) To retrieve the world's first rock and soil samples from the moon's far side

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**Q: Who became the first Indian male to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games?**

- A) Vasile Cebotari
- B) Nikhat Zareen
- C) Nishant Dev
- D) Lovlina Borgohain

**Answer:** C) Nishant Dev

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**Q: Which institution received the 2024 Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion from the WHO?**

- A) AIIMS
- B) NIMHANS
- C) IIT Bengaluru
- D) PGIMER

**Answer:** B) NIMHANS

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**Q: Which countries are co-hosting the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024?**

- A) India and England
- B) Australia and New Zealand
- C) West Indies and United States
- D) South Africa and Sri Lanka

**Answer:** C) West Indies and United States

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