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Art and Culture Current Affairs



Payal Kapadia's "All We Imagine As Light" wins Grand Prix Award at Cannes Film Festival 2024

Filmmaker Payal Kapadia became the first Indian filmmaker to win the Grand Prix award at the [Cannes Film Festival](#) 2024. Kapadia's film "All We Imagine as Light" won the Grand Prix, the second-most prestigious prize after the Palme d'Or, which was awarded to American director Sean Baker for "Anora".

1. "All We Imagine as Light" was screened as the first Indian film in 30 years, and the first ever by an Indian female director, to be showcased in the main competition at [Cannes](#).
2. "All We Imagine as Light" is Kapadia's first feature film and an Indo-French production, telling the story of a nurse named Prabha who receives an unexpected gift from her estranged husband, causing disruption in her life.
3. Other Indian films previously selected for the [Cannes](#) competition section include works by Chetan Anand, V Shantaram, Raj Kapoor, Satyajit Ray, MS Sathyu, and Mrinal Sen. "Neecha Nagar" is the only Indian film to have won a Palme d'Or.



Anasuya Sengupta become the first Indian to win the Best Actress Award at the Cannes film Festival

Actor Anasuya Sengupta became the first Indian to win the Best Actress Award at the 77th [Cannes](#) film Festival in France on 26 May 2024. She bagged the award for her captivating performance in 'The Shameless', written and directed by the Bulgarian filmmaker Constantin Bojanov, in the Un Certain Regard section of the 77th edition of the festival.



"Sunflowers were the first ones to know", won the La Cinef Award at for Best Short at the 77th Cannes Film Festival

"SUNFLOWERS WERE THE FIRST ONES TO KNOW," directed by Chidanand Naik, won the [Cannes](#) La Cinef Award for Best Short at the 77th Cannes Film Festival. The award was announced on May 23, 2024, and Naik received it at the festival.

1. **Collaborative Effort:** The film is a collaborative project by students from the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII): Naik (Direction), Suraj Thakur (Cinematography), Manoj V (Editing), and Abhishek Kadam (Sound).
2. **Film Storyline:** The short film narrates the story of an elderly woman who steals the village's rooster, causing chaos, and leading to her family's exile due to a prophecy.
3. **About La Cinef:** La Cinef is a section of the [Cannes Film Festival](#) that encourages new talents and recognizes films from film schools globally.
4. **Selection and Competition:** Naik's film was one of 18 shorts selected from 2,263 submissions by 555 film schools worldwide.



Shyam Benegal's film 'Manthan' to be screened at the Cannes Film Festival

Director Shyam Benegal's film 'Manthan,' inspired by the milk cooperative movement of Verghese Kurien, will be screened at the [Cannes Film Festival](#) on 18 May 2024.

- The 1976 film, restored in 4K, is the only Indian film to be featured in the [Cannes Classic](#) section this year.
- The restoration was carried out by the Film Heritage Foundation, led by Shivendra Singh Dungarpur.
- The premiere will be attended by actor Naseeruddin Shah, family members of the late actress Smita Patil, the film's producers, and Shivendra Singh Dungarpur.



Ramcharitmanas, Panchatantra, and Sahrdayāloka-Locana included in UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register

UNESCO Recognition: The Ramcharitmanas, Panchatantra, and Sahrdayāloka-Locana have been included in UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register, affirming India's rich literary and cultural heritage.

Significance: This recognition by UNESCO is a source of pride for India and emphasizes the importance of preserving diverse narratives and artistic expressions globally.

Literary Impact: These works, authored by Goswami Tulsidas, Pandit Vishnu Sharma, and Acharya Anandvardhan respectively, have deeply influenced Indian literature and culture, shaping moral values and artistic expressions.

Timelessness: The timeless nature of these literary masterpieces transcends geographical and temporal boundaries, leaving a lasting impact on readers and artists worldwide.

Role of IGNCA: The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts played a crucial role in securing this recognition during the 10th meeting of the Memory of the World Committee for Asia and the Pacific in Ulaanbaatar.



Cannes Film Festival from May 14 to May 25, 2024

The 77th [Cannes Film Festival](#) [The 77th Cannes Film Festival](#) [77th Cannes Film Festival](#), an esteemed international film festival, is held annually in [Cannes](#), France.

1. **Dates and Venue:** Scheduled from May 14 to May 25, 2024, the festival will take place at the Palais des Festivals et des Congrès in [Cannes](#), a renowned gathering spot for filmmakers, celebrities, and industry insiders.
 2. **Opening Film:** "The Second Act," a French comedy directed by Quentin Dupieux, marks the festival's opening.
 3. **Indian Participation:** India is actively participating in the 12-day event, with representatives from the Government of India, State Governments, and the film industry. This year, India will host a Bharat Parv at the [Cannes Film Festival](#) for the first time.
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Baba Kedarnath Dham portals reopen on May 10, 2024

Baba Kedarnath Dham portals reopening on May 10, 2024, after six months closure during winter.

- Devotees gathering at Sonprayag and Gaurikund, last halt before Kedarnath.
 - Pilgrims booking rides on horses/mules or trekking on foot to reach the shrine.
 - Lord Kedarnath's Panchmukhi Doli arrived at Gaurikund after stopovers at Guptkashi and Ukhimath.
 - Char Dham Yatra starting on May 10 with opening of Gangotri, Yamunotri, and Kedarnath shrines.
 - Badrinath Dham portals to open on May 12.
 - Char Dham Yatra significant for Hindus, taking place from April-May to October-November.
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Economy Current Affairs



RBI approve the transfer of Rs 2.11 Lakh Crore as surplus to the Government

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved transferring Rs 2,10,874 crore as surplus to the Central Government for the accounting year 2023-24. This decision was made during the 608th meeting of the Central Board of Directors of the

RBI on 22 May 2024 in Mumbai.

- The Board, chaired by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, decided to increase the Contingent Risk Buffer (CRB) to 6.50% for FY 2023-24.
- The CRB was previously maintained at 5.50% during 2018-19 to 2021-22 and increased to 6% in 2022-23.
- The meeting was attended by RBI Deputy Governors Dr. Michael Debabrata Patra, Mr. M. Rajeshwar Rao, Mr. T. Rabi Sankar, Mr. Swaminathan J., and other Central Board Directors.

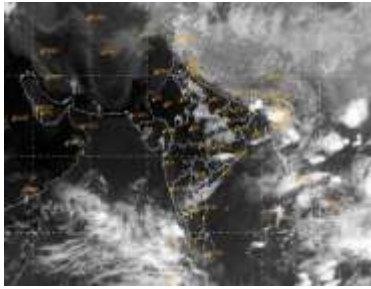


97.76% of Rs 2000 Currency Notes Returned to Banking System: RBI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has provided an update on the withdrawal of Rs 2000 denomination banknotes from circulation.

1. As of April 30, 2024, the total value of Rs 2000 banknotes in circulation has significantly decreased from Rs 3.56 lakh crore on May 19, 2023, to Rs 7961 crore.
2. This decrease indicates that 97.76% of the Rs 2000 banknotes in circulation as of May 19, 2023, have been returned.
3. The withdrawal process was initially announced through a press release dated May 19, 2023, with periodic updates from the RBI.
4. Initially, the facility for deposit and/or exchange of Rs 2000 banknotes was available at all bank branches until October 7, 2023.
5. Subsequently, the exchange facility has been available at the 19 Issue Offices of the Reserve Bank (RBI Issue Offices) since May 19, 2023.
6. Starting from October 9, 2023, these offices also started accepting Rs 2000 banknotes from individuals/entities for deposit into their bank accounts.
7. Additionally, members of the public have been able to send Rs 2000 banknotes through India Post from any post office within the country to any RBI Issue Office for credit to their bank accounts.
8. Despite the withdrawal process, Rs 2000 banknotes continue to be legal tender.

Environment Current Affairs



Onset Of Southwest Monsoon In Kerala : IMD

Southwest Monsoon rains began in Kerala, India on June 30, 2024, as reported by the India Meteorological Department (IMD). Typically, monsoon rains start in Kerala around June 1 and spread across the country by mid-July, aiding the planting of major crops like rice, corn, cotton, soybeans, and sugarcane.

- Monsoon rains provide 70% of India’s annual water supply, vital for farming and replenishing water sources.
- About half of India’s farmland relies solely on monsoon rains for irrigation.
- Overall monsoon rainfall this year is predicted to be 106% of the long-term average.
- The IMD classifies normal rainfall as 96% to 104% of a 50-year average of 87 cm (35 inches) for the June-September period.

WHY MUNGESHPUR IS UNDER LENS

► If it gets IMD's stamp, Wednesday's reading of 52.9°C at Mungeshpur in northwest Delhi will break record of 51°C in Phalodi (Raj) in May 2016

► Why the doubt? Maximum temperature in Mungeshpur 3.8°C higher than next highest temp in city – Najafgarh, at 49.1°C. An automatic weather station, Mungeshpur sometimes prone to errors

A dust storm & 'trace' rain brought brief respite on Wednesday

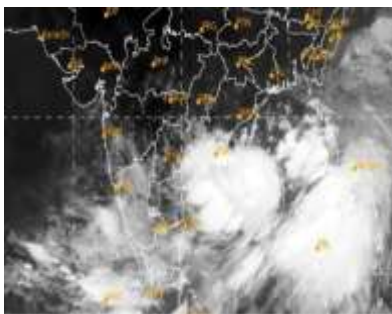
► 46.8°C logged at base station Safdarjung 2nd highest temp ever at the station after 47.2 on May 29, 1944



52.9°C in Mungeshpur, Delhi on May 29, 2024, could be due to a sensor error or local factors

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) clarified that the recorded temperature of 52.9°C in Mungeshpur, Delhi on May 29, 2024, could be due to a sensor error or local factors.

- It was reported the highest temperature reading ever recorded in Delhi and India.
- IMD is currently examining the data and sensors as the Mungeshpur reading is an outlier compared to other stations.
- IMD has five major climate stations in Safdarjung, Palam, Ayanagar, Ridge, and Lodi Road, which should be used to determine trends and extremes.
- Minister of Earth Sciences, Kiren Rijiju, stated that the Mungeshpur temperature is not yet official and is very unlikely, with senior IMD officials asked to verify the report.



Cyclone Remal : Landfall around midnight on May 26, 2024 in West Bengal

Cyclone Remal is the first pre-monsoon cyclone of 2024 in the Bay of Bengal. The landfall is expected between Sagar Island (West Bengal) and Khepupara (Bangladesh) around midnight on May 26, 2024.

Impact Areas:

- **West Bengal:** Heavy to very heavy rain in South and North 24 Parganas, Purba Medinipur, Kolkata, Howrah, and Hooghly on May 26-27.
- **Odisha:** North Odisha will experience impacts on May 26-27.
- **Northeast India:** Extremely heavy precipitation on May 27-28.
- Specific districts in West Bengal (Paschim Medinipur, Purba Bardhaman, Nadia) to receive heavy rain on May 26-27.

Alerts and Warnings:

- **Red Alert:** Coastal districts of South and North 24 Parganas in West Bengal, with wind speeds of 100-110 km/h on May 26 and 90-100 km/h on May 27, along with extremely heavy rainfall.
- **Orange Alert:** Kolkata, Howrah, and Purba Medinipur districts, with wind speeds of 80-90 km/h on May 26 and 70-80 km/h on May 27, with heavy to very heavy rain.
- **Yellow Warning:** Isolated places in Balasore, Odisha, may receive heavy to very heavy rainfall (7-20 cm) on May 26.



Monsoon will arrive in Kerala towards the end of May: IMD

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicts the south-west monsoon will likely arrive in Kerala towards the end of this month (May 2024).

Kerala has been experiencing sporadic rains recently. These rains have significantly reduced the temperature in the state.



Powerful Solar Storm hit Earth causing Celestial Light Displays in Skies from Australia to Britain

An unusually powerful solar storm hit Earth on the night of May 10, causing celestial light displays from Australia to Britain. The solar storm poses a threat of potential disruptions to Earth's communications networks, satellites, and power grids as it continues into the weekend.

1. The solar storm was caused by coronal mass ejections (CMEs), expulsions of plasma and magnetic fields from the Sun.
2. It was upgraded to an 'extreme' geomagnetic storm, the first since the 'Halloween Storms' of October 2003.
3. More Coronal Mass Ejections are expected to impact the planet in the upcoming days.
4. Social media was filled with images of auroras from northern Europe to Australia, New Zealand, and neighboring islands in the Pacific Ocean.

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5. The solar flares originated from a large cluster of sunspots; 17 times wider than Earth.
 6. The Sun is nearing the peak of an 11-year cycle, resulting in increased solar activity.
 7. Fluctuating magnetic fields during geomagnetic storms can create currents in long wires, potentially causing power outages and issues in engineering.
 8. Spacecraft are vulnerable to high levels of radiation during solar storms, but Earth's atmosphere shields the planet.
 9. Pigeons and other species with internal biological compasses may be impacted by geomagnetic storms.
 10. The Carrington Event, the most powerful geomagnetic storm in recorded history, occurred in September 1859.
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Important Days Current Affairs



Buddha Purnima celebrated on May 23, 2024

Buddha Purnima (also known as Buddha Jayanti or Buddha's Birthday) celebrated on **May 23, 2024**:

1. **Birth Anniversary of Gautam Buddha:** Buddha Purnima marks the birth of **Prince Siddhartha Gautama**, who later became **Gautama Buddha**, the founder of Buddhism.
2. **Significance:** Celebrated on the **Full Moon Day in Vaishakha**, it holds religious importance in Hinduism. Lord Buddha is believed to be an incarnation of **Lord Vishnu**.
3. **Enlightenment:** Gautama Buddha attained enlightenment under the **Bodhi Tree in Bodh Gaya** on this auspicious day.
4. **Commemorates Three Major Events:** Buddha Purnima commemorates three significant events in Buddha's life: his **birth, enlightenment, and death (Parinirvana)**.
5. **Pilgrimage Sites:** Lumbini in Nepal (where Buddha was born), Bodh Gaya (where he attained enlightenment), and Kushinagar (where he left his body) are major pilgrimage sites for Buddha's followers



International Day for Biodiversity 2024 **Theme: Be part of the Plan**

The International Day for Biodiversity (IDB) is celebrated annually on 22 May. It commemorates the adoption of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) on 22 May 1992.

- The day promotes support for the CBD, its Protocols, and related action frameworks.
- The theme for Biodiversity Day 2024 is "Be part of the Plan."



Anti-Terrorism Day: 21 May 2024, **death anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi**

Anti-Terrorism Day observed on 21 May 2024. The day marks the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who was assassinated on May 21, 1991 by a suicide bomber of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) at Sriperumbudur, a village near Chennai.

Anti-Terrorism Day is observed to educate people about the negative impact of terrorism and violence on society and the nation.



World Honey Bee Day is observed on May 20th

World Honey Bee Day is observed on May 20th to raise awareness about the importance of honeybees and other pollinators.

- The day also commemorates Slovenian Anton Janša, born in 20 May, 1734, a pioneer of beekeeping. Slovenia values beekeeping highly, with a strong beekeeping tradition and a national motto reflecting this.
- Honeybees are crucial pollinators, essential for over one-third of the world's food crops.
- Bees produce honey by collecting nectar from flowers, but their populations are declining due to habitat loss, pesticide use, and climate change.
- Actions to protect bees include planting bee-friendly gardens, supporting local beekeepers, reducing pesticide use, and spreading awareness.



World Telecommunication Day – May 17

World Telecommunication Day: Celebrated annually on May 17 since 1969 to commemorate the founding of ITU and the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention in 1865. Instituted by the Plenipotentiary Conference in Malaga-Torremolinos in 1973.

World Information Society Day: Established following the World Summit on the Information Society in November 2005. The UN General Assembly declared May 17 as World Information Society Day in March 2006, focusing on the importance of ICT and related issues raised by WSIS.



World Football Day – 25th May

The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 25th May as World Football Day. This proclamation occurred during the 80th plenary meeting of the General Assembly in New York.

1. The year 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of the first international football tournament during the 1924 Summer Olympic Games in Paris.
2. The resolution was passed unanimously by the 193-member General Assembly.



Mother's Day: Second Sunday in May

Mother's Day is a special occasion celebrated in various countries around the world to honor mothers and mother-figures. In the United States, Mother's Day is observed on the **second Sunday in May**.

Origin:

The modern form of Mother's Day originated in the United States. Anna Jarvis, inspired by her mother Ann Reeves Jarvis (a peace activist during the American Civil War), campaigned to establish Mother's Day as a recognized holiday.

The first Mother's Day service took place in **1907** at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia.



World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day : May 8

World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is observed annually on May 8 to celebrate the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

- The date was chosen because it marks the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).
- Henry Dunant was born on May 8, 1828, in Geneva, Switzerland, and passed away on October 30, 1910.
- Dunant was also the recipient of the first Nobel Peace Prize in 1901.
- The idea for an annual international action to promote peace was introduced after World War I.
- The proposal for an annual International Red Cross Day was adopted in 1948, with the first celebration occurring on May 8 of that year.
- The official title of the day evolved over time, becoming "World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day" in 1984.

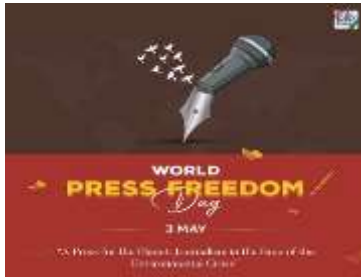


International Sun Day on May 3rd

Government of India commemorates International Sun Day on May 3rd, 2024, highlighting the benefits of solar energy for a greener planet.

- Ministry of New and Renewable Energy organizes 'Run for Sun' Marathon in New Delhi to raise awareness about solar power's role in mitigating climate change.
- Marathon demonstrates India's commitment to solar energy and environmental sustainability.

- Solar Stops set up in six Indian cities to educate citizens about solar energy through interactive installations.
- Solart, an All-India Intra-School Solar Art Competition, announced to promote awareness of solar energy among school students through artistic expressions.



World Press Freedom Day observed on May 3rd

World Press Freedom Day observed on May 3rd every year to celebrating press freedom and independence.

- Theme for this year: “A Press for the Planet: Journalism in the Face of the Environmental Crisis.”
- United Nations General Secretary António Guterres emphasizes journalists’ role in informing the public about environmental and climate emergencies.
- Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1993, following UNESCO General Conference recommendations.
- Marks the anniversary of the Windhoek Declaration, a statement of free press principles.

Windhoek Declaration?

The Windhoek Declaration is a statement of free press principles that was put together during a UNESCO seminar on “Promoting an Independent and Pluralistic African Press” in Windhoek, Namibia, in 1991. It emphasizes the importance of press freedom, independence, and pluralism as essential components of democratic societies. The declaration calls for the establishment, maintenance, and fostering of an independent, pluralistic, and free press, both in print and broadcast media, in countries transitioning to democracy. It serves as a landmark document advocating for press freedom globally.



International Labour Day, also known as May Day

International Labour Day, also known as May Day is observed on May 1 every year to honors workers worldwide.

- The day commemorates workers’ contributions to achieving economic and social rights globally.
- Originated from the Haymarket Affair in 1886 when a labor demonstration demanding an eight-hour workday turned violent in Chicago.
- In 1889, European socialist parties united to establish May 1 as International Labour Day, and it has been observed annually since then.

International Current Affairs



Gitanas Nausėda, President of Lithuania, has been re-elected for a second five-year term

Gitanas Nausėda, the incumbent President of Lithuania, has been re-elected for a second five-year term. The election took place on May 12, 2024.

- Nausėda won in a landslide victory over Prime Minister Ingrida Šimonytė.
- Preliminary figures show Nausėda secured 74.5% of the votes, while Šimonytė received 24.1%.
- During his presidency, Nausėda has strongly supported Ukraine and provided refuge to those fleeing repression in Belarus and Russia.



WIPO adopted a new treaty related to intellectual property (IP), genetic resources, and associated traditional knowledge

On May 24, 2024, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) member states adopted a groundbreaking new treaty related to intellectual property (IP), genetic resources, and associated traditional knowledge.

1. **Historic Breakthrough:** The treaty marks a historic breakthrough after decades of negotiations. It is the **first WIPO Treaty** to address the interface between intellectual property, genetic resources, and traditional knowledge.
2. **Inclusion of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities:** This treaty includes provisions specifically for **Indigenous Peoples** as well as **local communities**. It recognizes their role in the protection and management of genetic resources and traditional knowledge.
3. **Disclosure Requirement for Patent Applicants:** Once the treaty enters into force with **15 contracting parties**, it will establish a **new disclosure requirement** for patent applicants whose inventions are based on genetic resources and/or associated traditional knowledge. This requirement aims to ensure transparency and fair benefit-sharing.
4. **25-Year Negotiating Journey:** Negotiations for this treaty began at WIPO in **2001**, following a proposal by **Colombia** in **1999**. The inclusion of Indigenous Peoples and local communities was notable during these discussions.
5. WIPO Director General **Daren Tang** welcomed the adoption of the treaty.



UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak announced a general election on July 4, 2024

UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak announced a general election date set for July 4, 2024. On 22 May 2024, Sunak requested the dissolution of parliament from His Majesty the King Charles III, who granted the request.

- This will be Sunak's first time facing the public in a general election as Prime Minister, after becoming Conservative Party leader in October 2022.
- The upcoming vote is the third since the Brexit referendum in 2016.
- Sunak aims to leverage better economic data to appeal to voters affected by cost-of-living increases.
- Halving inflation from historic highs above 11.0 percent at the end of 2022 was one of Sunak's five key pledges.
- Inflation slowed to a near three-year low at 2.3 percent in March 2024, with Finance Minister Jeremy Hunt claiming this as proof of the plan's success.
- Political commentators suggest Sunak might be seeking an electoral boost from the improved economic outlook, despite trailing in polls to the Labour party.
- Critics argue that the improved economic conditions are more due to global economic changes than government policy.



To Lam become new President of Vietnam

Vietnam's National Assembly approved To Lam as the country's next President on 22 May 2024. The appointment followed the resignation of former President Vo Van Thuong amid a corruption crackdown nearly two months earlier.

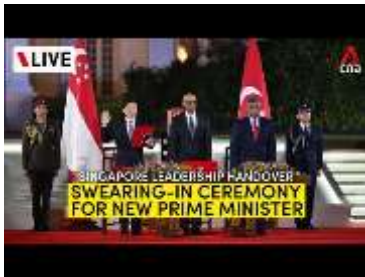
- To Lam becomes the third President of Vietnam in less than 18 months, a notable change in a country known for its political stability.
- As President, To Lam is now the third most powerful figure in Vietnam, following the Party Chief and Prime Minister.
- To Lam is known as a hardliner, particularly in his dealings with Vietnamese activists, with numerous dissidents and bloggers jailed during his tenure as the Minister of Public Security.



Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi was killed in a helicopter crash

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi was killed in a helicopter crash near the Azerbaijan border on May 20, 2024.

1. The helicopter carrying Raisi and Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian crashed in mountainous terrain; all passengers were killed.
2. The crash wreckage was found after an overnight search in blizzard conditions.
3. Raisi's death was confirmed by Vice President Mohsen Mansouri and state television.
4. Raisi, elected in 2021, was a hardliner and potential successor to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.
5. Raisi was known for tightening morality laws, cracking down on protests, and engaging in nuclear talks.
6. Supreme Leader Khamenei assured there would be no disruption to state affairs following Raisi's death.



Lawrence Wong sworn in as the Singapore Prime Minister

Singapore's deputy leader Lawrence Wong was sworn in as the nation's fourth Prime Minister on 15 May 2024. Fifty-one-year-old Wong succeeds 72-year-old Lee Hsien Loong, who stepped down after two decades at the helm.

Lee's resignation marked the end of a family dynasty led by his father Lee Kuan Yew; Singapore's charismatic first leader who transformed the colonial trading outpost into a business-friendly, affluent country during 31 years in office.

Since becoming an independent nation in 1965, Singapore has only had three Prime Ministers, all from the ruling People's Action Party.



India and Iran signed a long-term contract for operating the Shahid-Beheshti Port Terminal in Chabahar

India and Iran signed a long-term contract for operating the Shahid-Beheshti Port Terminal to enhance cooperation and make Chabahar Port a regional trade transit and connectivity hub.

- The Indian delegation, led by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, witnessed the signing of the 10-year contract with Iran's Minister for Roads and Urban Development, Mehrdad Bazrpash.
- India Ports Global Ltd (IPGL) will invest approximately \$120 million in equipping and operating the port under the contract.
- Chabahar Port serves as an important transit port for trade with Afghanistan and Central Asian countries and is a flagship project of India-Iran cooperation.
- India has been involved in developing and upgrading Chabahar Port's infrastructure to facilitate trade with landlocked Afghanistan and Central Asian countries.
- Chabahar Port is situated in Iran's Sistan-Baluchistan province and provides a shorter trade route between India, Iran, Afghanistan, and Central Asia.
- India Ports Global Limited (IPGL) operates the Chabahar Port through its subsidiary, India Ports Global Chabahar Free Zone (IPGCFZ), since December 2018.



United Nations General Assembly supported a Palestinian bid for full U.N. membership

The United Nations General Assembly supported a Palestinian bid for full U.N. membership on May 10. The General Assembly recommended the U.N. Security Council to reconsider the matter favorably.

- The vote reflected global support for the Palestinian bid after the U.S. vetoed it in the Security Council the previous month.
- The resolution passed with 143 votes in favor, 9 against (including the U.S. and Israel), and 25 abstentions.
- This resolution doesn't grant full U.N. membership to Palestine but acknowledges its qualification to join.



India surpasses Japan to become the world's third-largest solar power generator

India surpasses Japan to become the world's third-largest solar power generator in 2023, according to Ember report. Global Electricity Review 2024 released alongside the world's first open dataset on electricity generation, covering 80 countries representing 92% of global electricity demand.

- Solar power's share in global electricity production reaches a record 5.5% in 2023.
- India sees the fourth-largest increase in solar generation (+18 TWh) in 2023, following China, the United States, and Brazil, accounting for 75% of overall growth.

- India expands solar generation capacity significantly from ranking ninth in 2015 to 5.8% share in 2023.
- Globally, solar power generation increases sixfold between 2015 and 2023, with India experiencing a seventeen-fold increase during the same period.
- IEA forecasts solar power to constitute 22% of global electricity generation by 2030.
- COP28 goal to triple global renewables capacity by 2030 could help achieve this trajectory.
- India aims to triple renewable capacity by 2030, but Ember's analysis highlights the need for substantial annual capacity additions to meet this target.



Russia's Vladimir Putin Sworn in as President of Russia for fifth term

President Vladimir Putin sworn in for his fifth term on May 7, 2024 at a ceremony held at Kremlin, Moscow, Russia

- Putin has been in power since 1999, now starting a new mandate amidst the conflict in Ukraine.
- Russian forces have regained initiative in Ukraine and seek to advance further in the east.
- At 71, Putin maintains dominance in domestic politics and confronts Western countries over Ukraine, accusing them of aiming to weaken Russia.



Arabian Travel Market (ATM) from 6th to 9th May 2024 at the Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC)

Arabian Travel Market (ATM) took place from 6th to 9th May 2024 at the Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC) in Dubai, UAE. It is a premier global trade show that brings together travel professionals, industry leaders, and visionaries.

Theme: Empowering Innovation – Transforming Travel Through Entrepreneurship:

Record-Breaking Participation: ATM 2024 featured a record-breaking **2,300 exhibitors** from **165 countries**. Approximately **41,000 visitors** attended the event, making it a vibrant hub for travel professionals.

Ministry of Tourism, Government of India is also participating in **Arabian Travel Mart 2024**.

Networking and Opportunities: ATM provided a unique opportunity to make long-lasting business relationships. Attendees explored breathtaking destinations, travel technology solutions, airlines, hotels, and more.



Mount Ruang Volcano Eruptions: Recent Activity and Impact

Mount Ruang Ruang is a 725-meter (2,400-foot) volcano located on Ruang Island in North Sulawesi, Indonesia. It is one of approximately 130 active volcanoes in the country. Ruang island, North Sulawesi, home to 9,800 people, evacuated due to continuous explosive eruptions. Sam Ratulangi Airport in

Manado closed due to volcanic ash spread.

Recent Eruptions:

- On April 17, 2024, Mount Ruang erupted.
- On April 30, 2024, Mount Ruang erupted again, spewing ash almost 2 kilometers (more than a mile) into the sky.
- The Indonesian geological service raised the alert level of the volcano to the highest level after detecting increased volcanic activity.

Previous Eruptions:

- Mount Ruang Ruang has a history of eruptions dating back to at least 1808.
 - Indonesia situated on the “Pacific Ring of Fire,” an area of high seismic activity.
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Jeremiah Manele elected as the new Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands

Jeremiah Manele was elected as the new Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands on May 2, 2024, succeeding incumbent Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare.

1. Manele, a former foreign minister, won 31 votes against Opposition leader Matthew Wales’ 18 votes in the 50-seat parliament.
 2. The national election saw Sogavare’s government lose half of its seats, prompting intense lobbying from both government and opposition parties to win support from independents.
 3. The election outcome was closely watched by China, the U.S., and Australia due to its potential impact on regional security, especially considering Sogavare’s controversial security pact with China in 2022.
 4. Manele pledged to continue the Solomon Islands’ international policy of being “friends to all and enemies to none.”
 5. Manele’s OUR party won 15 seats, and formed a renewed coalition with two micro parties to gain a majority in the parliament.
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National Current Affairs



Apurva Chandra, Health Secretary of India, appointed Chairperson of Committee A at the 77th World Health Assembly (WHA)

Apurva Chandra, Union Health Secretary of India, has been appointed as the Chairperson of Committee A at the 77th World Health Assembly (WHA) by the World Health Organisation (WHO). The WHA event is scheduled from May 27 to June 1 in Geneva, with India chairing Committee A.

- Committee A is responsible for discussions on universal health coverage, public health emergency preparedness and response, antimicrobial resistance, climate change, and sustainable financing for WHO.
- The World Health Assembly includes sessions from three main committees: Plenary, Committee A, and Committee B.



Government extend tenure of Chief of the Army Staff General Manoj Pande for one month

The Appointments Committee of Cabinet approved a one-month extension for Chief of the Army Staff General Manoj Pande.

- His service is extended until 30th June, beyond his normal retirement age of 31st May.
- General Pande was appointed as the Army Chief on 30th April, 2022.
- He was commissioned in December 1982 in the Corps of Engineers (The Bombay Sappers).



IndiaSkills 2024, India's biggest skill competition, started in New Delhi.

IndiaSkills 2024, India's biggest skill competition, started on 15 May 2024 in [New Delhi](#).

1. **Participants:** Over 900 students from 30 states and Union territories are competing.
2. **Categories:** Competitions are held in 61 different skill areas, ranging from traditional crafts to the latest technologies.

3. **Inauguration:** Skill development Secretary Atul Kumar Tiwari inaugurated the event, highlighting its benefits for both youth and industries.
4. **Next Steps:** Winners will train with top industry trainers to prepare for the WorldSkills Competition in Lyon, France, in September.
5. **WorldSkills Details:** The WorldSkills Competition will feature 1,500 competitors from over 70 countries.



India-France Joint Military Exercise “Shakti” from May 13 to May 26 at Umroi, Meghalaya

The 7th edition of the India-France Joint Military Exercise “Shakti” began on May 13 and runs until May 26 at Umroi, Meghalaya.

- Conducted every two years, alternating between India and France, with the previous edition held in France in November 2021.
- Indian contingent comprises 90 personnel primarily from the Rajput Regiment, alongside other arms and services, with observers from the Indian Navy and Air Force.
- French contingent includes 90 personnel from the 13th Foreign Legion Half-Brigade (13th DBLE).
- Focuses on operations in semi-urban and mountainous terrain, aiming for high physical fitness and refining tactical operations.
- Tactical drills encompass various scenarios like responding to terrorist actions, establishing Joint Command Posts, securing helipads, conducting Special Heliborne Operations, and employing drones.
- Aims to promote inter-operability, camaraderie, and defense cooperation between India and France, enhancing bilateral relations.



Dileep Sanghani elected as Chairman of Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO)

Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) conducted its 15th RGB elections for its Board of Directors, covering members from over 36,000 cooperative societies at IFFCO

Sadan, [New Delhi](#). Dileep Sanghani emerged as the Chairman of IFFCO, with Balvir Singh as the Vice Chairman.

1. The elections for 21 Directors were held on May 9, 2024.
2. Managing Director IFFCO, Dr. US Awasthi, lauded the fair and transparent conduct of the elections and congratulated the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and all board members.
3. The election process began with the launch of an innovative election portal, ensuring fair, equal, and transparent participation.

4. With over 36,000 cooperative societies, IFFCO undertook the monumental task of electing RGB members, reflecting the vastness and complexity of its operations.



Air India Express Crew Members go on mass 'Sick Leave'

Air India Express experienced a major disruption with over 70 flights cancelled or delayed due mass sick leave of senior crew members.

1. Flight cancellations and delays began on 7 May night and continued into 8 May morning, leading to grounded flights on both domestic and international routes.
2. Some senior crew members reportedly switched off their mobile phones just before flight operations, citing health issues, leaving no alternative staff available.
3. Civil Aviation authorities are investigating the issue while Air India Express issued an apology to affected passengers.
4. Passengers affected by cancellations are offered full refunds or complimentary rescheduling to another date.
5. The incident underscores operational challenges faced by the airline industry, following a similar situation with Vistara on April 1, where over 100 flights were impacted due to pilots calling in sick.



Indian Coast Guard partners with Jindal Steel & Power for the supply of indigenous marine-grade steel

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Jindal Steel & Power (JSP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on May 7 in [New Delhi](#) to increase indigenous content in shipbuilding, particularly focusing on enhancing the supply of indigenous marine-grade steel.

1. The partnership highlights the importance of public-private partnerships in addressing complex security challenges, emphasizing collaboration between government agencies and the private sector.
2. Key benefits outlined in the MoU include ensuring quality, grades, and dimensions of marine-grade steel, with designated steel plants earmarked for manufacturing.
3. The timely supply of marine-grade steel to shipbuilding yards serving the ICG is a crucial aspect of the partnership.



Lok Sabha Election: 3rd Phase Voter turnout – 64.58%

Voter turnout for the 3rd phase of Lok Sabha elections on June 7, 2024, was approximately 64.58%.

- Assam recorded the highest turnout at 81.61%, while Maharashtra had the lowest at 53.95%.
- Other states' turnout percentages: Bihar (58.18%), Chhattisgarh (71.06%), Goa (75.20%), Gujarat (58.98%), Karnataka (70.41%), Madhya Pradesh (66.05%), Maharashtra (61.44%), Uttar Pradesh (57.34%), and West Bengal (75.79%).
- Union Territory Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu had a turnout of 69.87%.
- Over 1300 candidates, including about 120 women, contested in this phase.
- In the 2019 elections, BJP won 72 of the 93 seats contested in this phase.
- The elections span seven phases from April 19 to June 1, with counting scheduled for June 4.

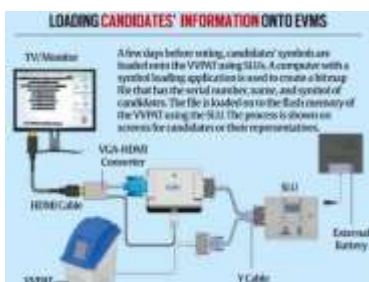


Sanjaya Kumar Mishra sworn in as President of GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT)

Justice (Retd.) Sanjaya Kumar Mishra sworn in as President of GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) on May 6, 2024, in New Delhi by Nirmala Sitharaman. Mishra, former Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court, appointed as first President of GSTAT after selection process led by Search-cum-Selection Committee headed by Chief Justice of India.

1. GSTAT serves as Appellate Authority under Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, handling appeals against orders of first appellate authority under the Act and respective State/Union Territories GST Acts.
2. Government designates Principal Bench in New Delhi and 31 State Benches. Process underway for appointing Judicial and Technical Members.

Aim of GSTAT: Provide swift, fair, and effective resolution of GST disputes, reduce burden on higher courts, enhance efficiency of GST system, promote transparency in tax environment.



ECI issues direction for handling and storage of Symbol Loading Units (SLU) in compliance of Supreme Court Order

The Election Commission of India (ECI) issues a new protocol on 1 May 2024 for handling and storing Symbol Loading Units (SLU) in compliance with a Supreme Court order.

- Under the new guidelines, SLUs are sealed and stored after completing the symbol loading process in VVPATs (Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails).
- SLUs are to be stored along with Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) for at least 45 days following the declaration of election results.
- The ECI directs Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) to establish infrastructure to implement the revised protocols.
- The protocols are applicable to all symbol loading processes in VVPATs from May 1, 2024, onwards.



SMART: Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo system

DRDO conducted a successful flight test of the Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system on May 1, 2024, from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.

- SMART system aims to bolster the Indian Navy's anti-submarine warfare capabilities beyond conventional ranges.
- The system comprises advanced sub-systems like a two-stage solid propulsion system, electromechanical actuator system, and precision inertial navigation system.
- It carries an advanced light-weight torpedo as its payload with a parachute-based release mechanism.
- The missile was launched from a ground mobile launcher, and various mechanisms like symmetric separation, ejection, and velocity control were validated during the test.



India denies alleged assassination plot against Khalistani Leader Gurpatwant Singh Pannun

India has **strongly** denied a recent report published in **The Washington Post** (Newspaper of US) regarding an alleged **assassination plot** targeting **Khalistani separatist leader Gurpatwant Singh Pannun** in the United States. The report claimed that a **RAW (Research and Analysis Wing) official**, **Vikram Yadav**, was involved in the plot, with approval from the then Indian spy agency chief, **Samant Goel**.

The **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** spokesperson **Randhir Jaiswal** said that the report is “**unwarranted and unsubstantiated**”. MEA emphasized that there is an ongoing investigation by the **High-Level Committee** set up by the **Government of India** to address security concerns related to organized criminals, terrorists, and other networks.

Gurpatwant Singh Pannun is a prominent figure in the **Khalistan movement** and serves as the legal advisor and spokesperson for **Sikhs for Justice**, an organization advocating for a separate Sikh state. The Indian government has designated Pannun as a **terrorist**.



Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi take over as Chief of the Naval Staff

Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi assumed the position of Chief of the Naval Staff on April 30, 2024, succeeding Admiral R Hari Kumar.

1. Admiral Tripathi's previous roles include serving as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command.
 2. He has a specialization in Communication and Electronic Warfare and has served in various capacities on frontline warships, including as Signal Communication Officer, Electronic Warfare Officer, Executive Officer, and Principal Warfare Officer of Guided Missile Destroyer INS Mumbai.
 3. Admiral Tripathi has commanded several Indian naval ships, including Vinash, Kirch, and Trishul.
 4. He is a distinguished recipient of the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and the Nausena Medal for his exceptional devotion to duty.
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Polity Current Affairs

State-Wise Approximate Voter Turnout in Phase - 5 (7:45 PM)

S. No.	State / UT	No. PCs	Approximate Voter Turnout %
1	Bihar	05	52.60
2	Jammu and Kashmir	01	54.67
3	Jharkhand	03	63.00
4	Ladakh	01	67.15
5	Maharashtra	13	49.01
6	Odisha	05	60.72
7	Uttar Pradesh	14	57.79
8	West Bengal	07	73.00
Above 8 States/UTs (49 PCs)		49	57.47

Voter turnout 57.51% in fifth phase of Lok Sabha elections 2024

The fifth phase of Lok Sabha elections concluded on 20 May 2024 with a voter turnout of 57.51% across 49 parliamentary constituencies in eight States and Union Territories.

- Assembly Elections in Odisha:** Polling also ended for 35 Assembly constituencies in Odisha.
- Voter Turnout by Region:**
 - West Bengal: 73%
 - Ladakh: 67.15%
 - Jharkhand: 63%
 - Odisha: 60.72%
 - Uttar Pradesh: 57.79%
 - Jammu and Kashmir: 54.67%
 - Bihar: 52.60%
 - Maharashtra: 49.01%
- Polling Details:** Voting began at 7 AM and concluded at 6 PM.
- Eligible Voters:** Over 8.95 crore voters were eligible, including 4.69 crore males, 4.26 crore females, and 5409 third-gender electors.
- Key Candidates:** Notable candidates included Rahul Gandhi, Rajnath Singh, Smriti Irani, Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Piyush Goyal, Chirag Paswan, Omar Abdullah, and Rohini Acharya.
- Upcoming Phases:** The remaining election phases will continue until June 1, with vote counting scheduled for June 4.



Lok Sabha election: 67.71 % Voter turnout for the fourth phase

Voter turnout for the fourth phase of the Lok Sabha election held on May 13, 2024, was recorded at 67.71%. Polling took place in 96 Lok Sabha seats across nine states and one Union Territory.

- Andhra Pradesh had the highest turnout at 78.25%, while Bihar had 57.06% and Telangana had 64.93%.
- Jammu and Kashmir had a turnout of 37.98%, Jharkhand 65.31%, and Madhya Pradesh 70.98%.
- Maharashtra recorded 59.64%, Odisha 73.97%, Uttar Pradesh 58.05%, and West Bengal 78.44%.

- Seats contested: Andhra Pradesh (25), Telangana (17), Uttar Pradesh (13), Maharashtra (11), Madhya Pradesh (8), West Bengal (8), Bihar (5), Jharkhand (4), Odisha (4), and one seat from Jammu and Kashmir.
- Total candidates in the fray: 1,717.
- The Election Commission reported peaceful polling.
- Polling has been completed for State Legislative Assemblies of Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Andhra Pradesh, and 28 assembly seats of Odisha.



Supreme Court gave temporary bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal

The Supreme Court gave temporary bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on 10 May 2024. He is allowed to campaign in the ongoing general elections.

The Enforcement Directorate arrested Kejriwal, a key leader of Aam Admi Party (AAP), on March 21 in connection with corruption allegations related to Delhi's liquor policy.

Lok Sabha Election began on April 19 and more than half the total 543 seats were completed with the third phase on May 7. The Delhi will vote on May 25. Voting concludes on June 1 and counting is set for June 4.



Raireshwar Fort, the highest polling booth of Maharashtra in the Baramati constituency

The Election Commission accomplished a logistical marvel by facilitating voting for 160 voters at [Raireshwar Fort](#), the highest polling booth of Maharashtra in the Baramati constituency, located at 4,491 feet altitude.

1. **Journey to the Polling Station:** Driving to the foothills of Raireshwar and further trekking 18 km via Rairi village. From there, a one-hour arduous trek, assisted by an iron ladder, led them to the polling station.
2. **Dedicated Election Staff:** Despite the rugged terrain, election staff and officers were determined to ensure the democratic process, carrying essential voting machinery like EVMs and VVPAT devices to the polling station.
3. **Significance of [Raireshwar Fort](#):** Raireshwar Fort, historically significant and situated at a height of 4,505 feet, falls under the Baramati constituency, comprising six assembly seats.
4. **Maharashtra's Contribution to Lok Sabha:** With 48 Lok Sabha seats, Maharashtra is the second-largest contributor to the lower house of Parliament.



International delegation to observes India's General Election

75 delegates from 23 countries participate in the International Election Visitors' Programme (IEVP) hosted by the Election Commission of India (ECI) in New Delhi.

- Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar highlights India's role in global democracy, emphasizing voluntary registration and voting, with the ECI promoting participation through awareness programs.
 - The scale of India's electoral process is emphasized, with 970 million eligible voters and over 15 million polling personnel expected to be involved across 1 million polling stations.
 - Briefings cover various aspects of the Indian General Elections 2024, including Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT), IT initiatives, and media and social media's role.
 - Delegates will visit six states to observe polling and preparedness in different constituencies, with the programme ending on May 9, 2024.
 - The delegation, comprises representatives from countries such as Bhutan, Mongolia, Australia, Madagascar, Fiji, among others, along with participation from organizations like the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) and media teams from Bhutan and Israel.
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Science and Technology Current Affairs



Agnikul Cosmos launched World's 1st Rocket with fully 3D-Printed Engine

IIT Madras' startup, Agnikul Cosmos, launched the world's first rocket with a single-piece 3D printed engine. It was launched from India's first privately developed launchpad, 'Dhanush,' established by Agnikul at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, at 7:15 a.m. on May 30, 2024.

- **Rocket Details:** The rocket, named Agnibaan SORTeD (SubOrbital Technological Demonstrator), is India's first semi-cryogenic engine-powered rocket that is entirely designed and manufactured indigenously.
- **Test Flight Objectives:** The test flight aims to demonstrate in-house and homegrown technologies, gather crucial flight data, and ensure the optimal functioning of systems for Agnikul's orbital launch vehicle, the 'Agnibaan'.
- **Agnibaan Specifications:** Agnibaan is a two-stage rocket with a capacity to carry up to 300 kg to a height of 700 km. The rocket engines are powered by liquid oxygen or kerosene.
- **Flexibility:** The rocket can access both low- and high-inclination orbits and is designed to be completely mobile.



DRDO successfully flight-tested the RudraM-II air-to-surface missile from a Su-30 MK-I platform

DRDO successfully flight-tested the RudraM-II air-to-surface missile from a Su-30 MK-I platform of the Indian Air Force in Odisha on 29 May 2024.

RudraM-II is an indigenously-developed solid-propelled air-launched missile system.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated DRDO, IAF, and industry on the successful test, stating it consolidates

DRDO Chairman Dr. Samir V Kamat praised the DRDO team's efforts leading to the successful test.



TCS and IIT Bombay collaborate to create India's First Semiconductor Chip Imaging Tool

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-Bombay) to develop India's first quantum diamond microchip imager.

Over the next two years, TCS experts will collaborate with Dr. Kasturi Saha from IIT-Bombay to develop the tool.

Potential Impact: The quantum diamond microchip imager aims to improve precision in examining semiconductor chips, reduce chip failures, and enhance the energy efficiency of electronic devices.

Applications: Semiconductor chips are crucial in various industries, including communications, computing, healthcare, military systems, transportation, and clean energy.

Technological Innovation: The tool will use defects in a diamond's structure, known as Nitrogen-Vacancy (NV) centers, to non-invasively and non-destructively map semiconductor chips, similar to an MRI in hospitals.



Sunita Williams, an Indian-origin astronaut, is set to fly into space for the third time

Sunita Williams, an Indian-origin astronaut, is set to fly into space for the third time. Boeing Starliner will carry Williams and Butch Wilmore to the International Space Station.

1. **Spacecraft:** She will be piloting Boeing's Starliner, which is the first crewed spacecraft for the company.
 2. **Launch Date:** The launch is expected to take place between June 1 and June 5, 2024, after a previous postponement due to a technical snag.
 3. **Mission Details:** Williams will be part of the Boeing Crew Flight Test to the International Space Station.
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Gopi Thotakura became the first Indian space tourist

Gopi Thotakura from Andhra Pradesh became the first Indian space tourist and the second Indian to venture into space on Blue Origin's NS-25 mission.

1. **Mission Details:** Blue Origin completed its seventh human spaceflight and the 25th flight for the New Shepard program on 19 May 2024.
2. **Crew Members:** The six-member crew included Gopi Thotakura, Mason Angel, Sylvain Chiron, Kenneth L. Hess, Carol Schaller, and former Air Force Captain Ed Dwight.
3. **Previous Indian Space Traveler:** Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma was the first Indian citizen to fly to space in 1984.



ISRO successfully conducts hot testing of PS4, Additive Manufactured Liquid Engine

Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) achieved a milestone by successfully hot testing a liquid rocket engine manufactured through Additive Manufacturing (AM) technology on May 9, 2024.

1. The engine tested was the PS4 engine of the PSLV upper stage, traditionally manufactured through machining and welding methods.
2. The redesigned engine, using the Design for Additive Manufacturing (DfAM) concept, was produced in a single-piece using Laser Powder Bed Fusion, eliminating 19 weld joints and reducing raw material usage and production time significantly.
3. Manufacturing of the engine was carried out by M/s [WIPRO 3D](#), an Indian industry, and hot testing was conducted at ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri.
4. Prior to hot testing, detailed flow, thermal modeling, structural simulation, and cold flow characterization were carried out, leading to four successful developmental hot tests of integrated engine, validating performance parameters.
5. The engine successfully passed the full qualification duration of 665 s during hot testing, meeting expected performance parameters.
6. Plans are underway to incorporate this Additive Manufactured PS4 engine into the regular PSLV program.

Sports Current Affairs



Indian teenage chess player R. Praggnanandhaa defeated world number one Magnus Carlsen in the classical format

Indian teenage (18 Years old) chess player R. Praggnanandhaa defeated world number one Magnus Carlsen in the classical format for the first time at the ongoing Norway Chess tournament on 29 May 2024.

Magnus Carlsen of Norway is World Number one. During round three, R. Praggnanandhaa came out victorious against Magnus Carlsen to take the sole lead in the open section of the six-player tournament.

At the end of the third round, Praggnanandhaa's tally is 5.5 out of nine points, while Carlsen has slipped to the fifth spot.



IPL 2024 Winner and Awards Summary

Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) won the IPL 2024 by defeating Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) by eight wickets. This win marks KKR's third IPL trophy, with previous wins in 2012 and 2014.

Prize Money: KKR received Rs. 20 crore as winners, and SRH received Rs. 12.5 crore as runners-up.

Individual Awards:

- Emerging Player: Nitish Kumar Reddy (SRH)
- Ultimate Fantasy Player and Most Valuable Player: Sunil Narine (KKR)
- Orange Cap: Virat Kohli (RCB) with 741 runs
- Purple Cap: Harshal Patel (PBKS) with 24 wickets
- Most Sixes: Abhishek Sharma (SRH) with 42 sixes
- Most Fours: Travis Head (SRH) with 64 fours
- Best Strike Rate: Jake Fraser-McGurk (DC) with SR 234.05
- Catch of the Season: Ramandeep Singh (KKR)
- Fair Play Award: Sunrisers Hyderabad
- Pitch and Ground Award: Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium, Hyderabad

Final Match Awards:

- Player of the match: Mitchell Starc
- Fantasy player of the match: Mitchell Starc
- Most sixes in the match: Venkatesh Iyer
- Most fours in the match: Rahmanullah Gurbaz
- Most dot balls in the match: Harshit Rana



Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) won their third Indian Premier League (IPL) trophy

Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) won their third Indian Premier League (IPL) trophy. The final took place on 26 May 2024, with KKR defeating Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) by eight wickets.

- KKR lost the toss but bowled out SRH for 113 in 18.3 overs, the lowest total in an IPL final.
- KKR chased down the target of 114 in just 12.3 overs, with 57 balls to spare.
- **Top Performers for KKR:** Venkatesh Iyer: Unbeaten 52 runs, Rahmanullah Gurbaz: 39 runs
- **Key Bowler for KKR:** Andre Russell took 3 wickets.
- **Player of the Match:** Mitchell Starc



Dipa Karmakar become First Indian Gymnast to win Gold in Asian Gymnastics Championship

Dipa Karmakar won India's first-ever gold medal at the Asian Gymnastics Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on 26 May 2024. She secured the gold in the women's pole-vault final with an average score of 13.566.

Dipa Karmakar Achievements

- First Indian gymnast to win a gold medal at the Asian Championships.
- First female Indian gymnast to compete in the Olympics (Rio 2016).
- Achieved fourth place in the women's vault at the Rio 2016 Olympics, the best performance by an Indian gymnast in the Summer Games.
- First Indian to win a gold medal at an international gymnastics' competition (2018 FIG World Cup in Mersin, Turkey).



Nikhat Zareen and Minakshi won gold medals in boxing at the Elorda Cup 2024

Indian boxers Nikhat Zareen and Minakshi won gold medals at the Elorda Cup 2024 in Astana, Kazakhstan on May 19, 2024.

- Nikhat Zareen triumphed in the women's 52 kg category, defeating Zhazira Urakbayeva of Kazakhstan 5-0.
- Minakshi won in the women's 48 kg category, beating Uzbekistan's Rahmonova Saidahon 4-1.
- Anamika (50 kg) and Manisha (60 kg) both earned silver medals. Anamika lost 1-4 to China's Wu Yu, and Manisha was defeated 0-5 by Kazakhstan's Viktoriya Gafeeva.
- The Indian boxing team finished the Elorda Cup 2024 with a total of 12 medals: 2 gold, 2 silver, and 8 bronze.



Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won the Men's doubles title at the Thailand Open

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won the Men's doubles title at the Thailand Open Badminton tournament on May 19, 2024.

- They defeated the Chinese pair Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi with scores of 21-15, 21-15.
- To reach the final, the Indian duo beat Lu Ming-Che and Tang Kai-Wei of Chinese Taipei 21-11, 21-12.
- This tournament is significant for Satwik and Chirag as they first won it in 2019, marking their first Superseries or Super 500 level victory.
- The Indian pair is ranked world number three and were the top seeds in this tournament.



Indian Football Legend Sunil Chhetri announced his retirement

Sunil Chhetri, Indian football legend and current national team captain, announced his retirement. His final match will be against Kuwait on June 6, at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata.

- Chhetri debuted on June 12, 2005, against Pakistan.
- He is India's all-time top scorer with 94 goals in 150 international matches.

- Chhetri is the third-highest active international goal-scorer, behind Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi.
- His retirement marks the end of a significant era in Indian football, characterized by his passion, leadership, and remarkable achievements.



Manika Batra became first Indian Women to break into top 25 of the world Women's singles table tennis rankings.

Manika Batra became the first Indian woman to break into the top 25 of the world Women's singles table tennis rankings.

- She achieved a career-best ranking of 24.
- This ranking followed her success in the Saudi Smash, where she reached the quarterfinals.
- She equalled G. Sathyan's record for the highest rank achieved by an Indian in singles table tennis.
- Manika is a 2018 Commonwealth Games gold medallist in both individual and team categories.
- She jumped 15 spots in the rankings following her performance in Jeddah.



Magnus Carlsen win World Rapid and Blitz Poland Chess Tournament

Magnus Carlsen claimed victory in the World Rapid and Blitz Poland event after defeating all nine other players in a row on May 12, 2024. Magnus Carlsen claimed victory after defeating all nine other players in a row.

- R Praggnanandhaa, an Indian chess player, defeated Magnus Carlsen, the world number one, on May 11, 2024.
- Wei Yi, China Chess player secured second position.
- The event featured three Indian prodigies: D Gukesh, Praggnanandhaa, and Arjun Erigaisi, along with other top grandmasters like Anish Giri, Nodirbek Abdusattorov, and Vincent Keymer.
- Praggnanandhaa finished in fourth place with 19 points, while Erigaisi secured the fifth position with 18 points.
- D Gukesh, the World Chess Championship challenger, ended in the last spot with 12.5 points.



Aman Sehrawat qualify for 2024 Paris Olympics in the men's 57kg freestyle category

Indian wrestler Aman Sehrawat has become the first Indian male wrestler to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympics. He secured a Paris quota in the men's 57kg freestyle category at the World Wrestling Olympic Qualifiers in Istanbul, Turkiye.

Sehrawat beat Chongsong Han of Korea 12-2 in the semi-final to secure quota for Paris Olympic. This is India's secure sixth quota in wrestling for the 2024 Olympics. All of the previous five quotas were obtained by the Indian women wrestlers.



Indian 4x400m relay teams, both men and women, secured spots in the Paris Olympics

Indian 4x400m relay teams, both women and men, secured spots in the Paris Olympics after finishing second in their respective second-round heats at the World Athletics Relays in Nassau, Bahamas.

1. The men's team, consisting of Muhammad Anas Yahiya, Muhammad Ajmal, Arokia Rajiv, and Amoj Jacob, secured second place in their heat, trailing only behind the USA.
2. In the women's tournament, Jamaica finished first in the first heat, with the Indian team comprising Rupal Chaudhary, M R Poovamma, Jyothika Sri Dandi, and Subha Venkatesan securing second place.
3. The top two teams from each of the three heats during the second round advanced to the Olympics, scheduled from July 26 to August 11.
4. With these achievements, India now has 19 track and field competitors heading to Paris, including Neeraj Chopra, the reigning javelin throw champion.



Women's T20 Cricket World Cup from 3 to 20 October in Bangladesh

The ninth ICC Women's T20 Cricket World Cup 2024 is scheduled to take place from 3 to 20 October in Bangladesh. The schedule was announced at an event in Dhaka, attended by officials from the ICC and the President of the Bangladesh Cricket Board, along with the captains of the Indian and Bangladesh women's teams.

1. Ten teams will participate in the tournament, playing a total of 23 matches over 18 days.

2. The matches will be held at two venues in Bangladesh: the Shere Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Dhaka and the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium in Sylhet.
3. The opening match of the T20 World Cup will be between South Africa (runners-up of 2023) and England on the first day.
4. On the same day, Bangladesh will face Qualifier 2 in the evening match in Dhaka.
5. India will play New Zealand on 4th October at Sylhet in their first match of the tournament.



Indian Women 4×400 Meter Relay Team Qualifies For Paris Olympics 2024

The Indian women's 4×400 metre relay team has qualified for Paris Olympics 2024. Team finishing second in its second-round heat at the World Athletics Relays at Nassau in Bahamas.

Rupal Chaudhary, M R Poovamma, Jyothika Sri Dandi and Subha Venkatesan clocked 3 minutes and 29.35 seconds to finish second behind Jamaica to book a Paris Games ticket.



India T20 World Cup Squad for upcoming T20 World Cup

The Board of Cricket Control of India (BCCI) named India's 15-member squad for the upcoming T20 World Cup set to begin on June 1 in the USA and the West Indies.

Rohit Sharma will be leading his troops, while Hardik Pandya has been named the vice-captain.

India T20 World Cup Squad:

Squad: Rohit Sharma (Captain), Hardik Pandya (Vice Captain), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant (WK), Sanju Samson (WK), Shivam Dube, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Arshdeep Singh, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohd. Siraj

- Rishabh Pant marking his comeback to international cricket and Sanju Samson also included in the squad.
- India will begin their World Cup campaign against Ireland on June 05 2024 in New York.

Miscellaneous Current Affairs



Indian mountaineer Satyadeep Gupta became the first person to scale Mt. Everest and Mt. Lhotse twice in one season

Indian mountaineer Satyadeep Gupta became the first person to scale Mt. Everest and Mt. Lhotse twice in one season. Gupta set a record by being the first Indian to traverse from Mt. Everest to Mt. Lhotse in 11 hours and 15 minutes.

- He conquered the 8,516-meter-high Mt. Lhotse at noon and then ascended the 8,849-meter-high Mt. Everest at 12:45 am, midnight.
- This achievement is the first Double Dual Ascent of Mt. Everest and Mt. Lhotse in a single season.
- Gupta was accompanied by climbing guides Pastemba Sherpa and Nima Ungdi Sherpa.
- He previously summited Mt. Everest on May 21 and Mt. Lhotse on May 22.



Major Radhika Sen, awarded the UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year for 2023

Major Radhika Sen, an Indian peacekeeper, awarded the UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year for 2023 for her service in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). She is recognized for empowering local communities, especially women and girls, during her deployment from March 2023 to April 2024.

- Major Sen, born in 1993 in Himachal Pradesh, joined the army after graduating as a biotech engineer and pursuing a Master's degree from IIT [Bombay](#).
- India is the eleventh largest contributor of women peacekeepers to the UN, with 124 currently deployed. Major Sen is the second Indian to receive the award after Major Suman Gawani in 2019.



Purnima Shrestha become first woman to climb Mount Everest three times in 13 days

Purnima Shrestha, a 32-year-old mountaineer from Gorkha, Nepal, and a photojournalist become first woman to climb Mount Everest three times in the same season.

- Achieved the triple ascent in just 13 days.
- Surpassed the previous record of any woman summiteer for climbing Everest thrice in a single season.
- Has climbed Everest four times, with her first summit in 2018.
- Her achievement symbolizes the empowerment of female climbers and serves as an inspiration for women to pursue their dreams.



Arti, Pink E-Rickshaw driver from Bahraich district, Uttar Pradesh, won the Amal Clooney Women's Empowerment Award 2024

Arti, an 18-year-old Pink E-Rickshaw driver from Uttar Pradesh from Bahraich district, Uttar Pradesh, won the Amal Clooney Women's Empowerment Award on 22 May 2024.

- The award was presented at the Prince's Trust Awards in London, where Arti met King Charles III at Buckingham Palace.
- Arti's work centers on the Pink E-rickshaw initiative in India, offering safe, eco-friendly transportation for women with battery-powered rickshaws that reduce pollution.
- The award honors young women who have overcome adversity and made a significant impact on their community.
- Arti's work in a male-dominated field has improved women's safety in her community, and she aims to secure a better future for her daughter.
- Arti traveled to the Buckingham Palace reception in a pink rickshaw, symbolizing sustainable transport.
- The Prince's Trust International, founded by King Charles, supports young people in 20 countries.
- Project Lehar, in collaboration with the Prince's Trust International and the Aga Khan Foundation, introduced Arti to the Pink E-Rickshaw scheme.
- Arti's journey from a small village to Buckingham Palace highlights determination, innovation, and community impact.



India's rank on Travel & Tourism Development Index improved to 39th place, the highest in South Asia

The Travel & Tourism Development Index 2024 (TTDI) is published by the World Economic Forum on May 21, 2024. India's rank on the TTDI 2024 has improved to 39th place, the highest in South Asia and among lower-middle-income economies.

Key rankings for India:

- Price Competitiveness: 18th
- Air Transport Infrastructure: 26th
- Ground and Port Infrastructure: 25th
- Natural Resources: 6th
- Cultural Resources: 9th
- Non-Leisure Resources: 9th

Sustainability: India scores well for travel and tourism demand sustainability despite a decline compared to 2019.

Overall TTDI Score: India's score is 2.1% below its 2019 level due to global inflationary supply-side trends, with declines in price competitiveness and air transport and tourist services infrastructure.

Reference : [Travel & Tourism Development Index 2024](#)

Kareena Kapoor Khan appointed as National Ambassador for UNICEF India

Kareena Kapoor Khan appointed as National Ambassador for UNICEF India in May 2024. She will support UNICEF India's mission focusing on children's rights, including early childhood development, health, education, and gender equality.

- Kareena Kapoor Khan has been associated with UNICEF India since 2014 as a Celebrity Advocate, advocating for girls' education, gender equality, foundational learning, immunization, and breastfeeding.
 - During the COVID-19 pandemic, she emphasized the importance of children's learning and safe return to school.
 - She has participated in UNICEF's global campaigns on #EveryChildRights.
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Current Affairs MCQ Questions: 1 to 31 May 2024

Q: Which major crops are aided by the monsoon rains in India?

- A) Wheat, barley, oats, and rye
- B) Rice, corn, cotton, soybeans, and sugarcane
- C) Potatoes, tomatoes, onions, and garlic
- D) Apples, oranges, bananas, and mangoes

Answer: B) Rice, corn, cotton, soybeans, and sugarcane

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Q: What is the 50-year average rainfall for the June-September period, according to the IMD?

- A) 70 cm (28 inches)
- B) 80 cm (32 inches)
- C) 87 cm (35 inches)
- D) 100 cm (40 inches)

Answer: C) 87 cm (35 inches)

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Q.: By when do the southwest monsoon rains typically spread across the whole country?

- A) Mid-June
- B) End of June
- C) Mid-July
- D) End of July

Answer: C) Mid-July

[Detail News](#)

Q: What is the name of the world's first rocket with a single-piece 3D printed engine launched by Agnikul Cosmos on May 30, 2024?

- A) Agnibaan
- B) Agnibaan SOrTeD
- C) Dhanush
- D) Atmanirbhar

Answer: B) Agnibaan SOrTeD

[Detail News](#)

Q: Indian teenage player R. Praggnanandhaa defeated world number one Magnus Carlsen in the classical format of which game in May 2024?

- A) Tennis
- B) Badminton
- C) Chess
- D) Table Tennis

Answer: C) Chess

[Detail News](#)

Q: What is the name of the indigenously-developed solid-propelled air-launched missile system that was successfully tested from the Su-30 MK-I platform?

- a) BrahMos
- b) RudraM-II
- c) Akash
- d) Nag

Ans : b) RudraM-II

[Detail News](#)

Q: Who was named the United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year for 2023?

- A. Major Suman Gawani
- B. Major Radhika Sen
- C. Major Antonio Guterres
- D. Major Ruchira Kamboj

Ans : B. Major Radhika Sen

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Q: What did the India Meteorological Department (IMD) clarify about the temperature reading of 52.9°C in Mungeshpur, Delhi on May 29, 2024?

- A. It was officially confirmed
- B. It could be due to a sensor error or local factor
- C. It was recorded in all major stations
- D. It is normal temperature

Ans : B. It could be due to a sensor error or local factor

[Detail News](#)

Q: What historic feat did Indian mountaineer Satyadeep Gupta achieve?

- A. First person to scale Mt. Everest three times in one season
- B. First person to scale Mt. Everest and Mt. Lhotse twice in one season
- C. First person to scale Mt. Everest and Mt. K2 in one season
- D. First Indian to scale Mt. Everest in 11 hours and 15 minutes

Ans : B. First person to scale Mt. Everest and Mt. Lhotse twice in one season

[Detail News](#)

Q: Who was re-elected as the President of Lithuania in 2024?

- A) Ingrida Šimonytė
- B) Gitanas Nausėda
- C) Dalia Grybauskaitė
- D) Valdas Adamkus

Answer: B) Gitanas Nausėda

[Detail News](#)

Q: Which two organizations have partnered to develop India's first quantum diamond microchip imager?

- A) Infosys and IIT-Delhi
- B) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and IIT-Bombay
- C) Wipro and IIT-Madras
- D) HCL Technologies and IIT-Kanpur

Answer: B) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and IIT-Bombay

[Detail News](#)

Q: Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of Committee A at the 77th World Health Assembly (WHA)?

- A) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
- B) Apurva Chandra
- C) Harsh Vardhan
- D) Randeep Guleria

Answer: B) Apurva Chandra (Apurva Chandra, Union Health Secretary of India)

[Detail News](#)

Q: Which player won the Orange Cap for scoring the most runs in IPL 2024?

- A) Abhishek Sharma
- B) Virat Kohli
- C) Travis Head
- D) Nitish Kumar Reddy

Ans : B) Virat Kohli

[Detail News](#)

Q: Who won the Purple Cap for taking the most wickets in IPL 2024?

- A) Mitchell Starc
- B) Harshal Patel
- C) Sunil Narine
- D) Jake Fraser-McGurk

Ans : B) Harshal Patel

[Detail News](#)

Q: Who became the first woman to climb Mount Everest three times in the same season?

- a) Junko Tabei
- b) Purnima Shrestha
- c) Pasang Lhamu Sherpa
- d) Lhakpa Sherpa

Ans : b) Purnima Shrestha

[Detail News](#)

Q: What key aspect does the new WIPO treaty address for the first time?

- A. International trade tariffs
- B. The interface between intellectual property, genetic resources, and traditional knowledge
- C. Global internet regulations
- D. International labor laws

Answer: B. The interface between intellectual property, genetic resources, and traditional knowledge

[Detail News](#)

Q: Who became the first Indian to win the Best Actress Award at the 77th Cannes Film Festival?

- A) Priyanka Chopra
- B) Deepika Padukone
- C) Anasuya Sengupta
- D) Alia Bhatt

Answer: C) Anasuya Sengupta

[Detail News](#)

Q: For which film did Anasuya Sengupta win the Best Actress Award at the 77th Cannes Film Festival?

- A) The Beautiful
- B) The Shameless
- C) The Fearless
- D) The Graceful

Answer: B) The Shameless

[Detail News](#)

Q: Who became the first Indian filmmaker to win the Grand Prix award at the Cannes Film Festival?

- A) Mira Nair
- B) Payal Kapadia
- C) Anurag Kashyap
- D) Satyajit Ray

Answer: B) Payal Kapadia

[Detail News](#)

Q: For which film did Payal Kapadia win the Grand Prix award at the Cannes Film Festival?

- A) A Night of Knowing Nothing
- B) The Lunchbox
- C) All We Imagine as Light
- D) Masaan

Answer: C) All We Imagine as Light

[Detail News](#)

Q: Who became India's first-ever gymnast to win gold medalist at the Asian Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on 26 May 2024?

- A) Mary Kom
- B) PV Sindhu
- C) Dipa Karmakar
- D) Saina Nehwal

Answer: C) Dipa Karmakar

[Detail News](#)

Q: The government approved a one-month extension for the Chief of the Army Staff up to 30th June 2024. What is the name of this Army Chief?

- A) General Bipin Rawat
- B) General Manoj Pande
- C) General Dalbir Singh Suhag
- D) General VK Singh

Answer: B) General Manoj Pande

[Detail News](#)

Q: Which team lifted the Indian Premier League (IPL) trophy in 2024?

- A) Chennai Super Kings
- B) Mumbai Indians
- C) Kolkata Knight Riders
- D) Sunrisers Hyderabad

Answer: C) Kolkata Knight Riders

[Detail News](#)

Q: What prestigious award did Arti, Pink E-Rickshaw driver from Uttar Pradesh win on 22 May 2024?

- A) Nobel Peace Prize
- B) Amal Clooney Women's Empowerment Award
- C) International Women of Courage Award
- D) Global Humanitarian Award

Ans : B) Amal Clooney Women's Empowerment Award

[Detail News](#)

Q: What is the name of the first pre-monsoon cyclone of 2024 in the Bay of Bengal, make landfall on 26 May 2024?

- A) Cyclone Fani
- B) Cyclone Amphan
- C) Cyclone Yaas
- D) Cyclone Remal

Ans : D) Cyclone Remal

[Detail News](#)

Q: Which prestigious award did "SUNFLOWERS WERE THE FIRST ONES TO KNOW" win at the 77th Cannes Film Festival?

- A) Palme d'Or
- B) La Cined Award for Best Short
- C) Best Director Award
- D) Jury Prize

Ans : B) La Cined Award for Best Short

[Detail News](#)

Q: On which day is Buddha Purnima celebrated?

- A) New Moon Day in Vaishakha
- B) Full Moon Day in Vaishakha
- C) New Moon Day in Ashadha
- D) Full Moon Day in Ashadha

Answer: B) Full Moon Day in Vaishakha

[Detail News](#)

Q: Where did Gautama Buddha attain enlightenment?

- A) _Sarnath
- B) _Bodh Gaya
- C) Varanasi
- D) Lumbini

Answer: B) Bodh Gaya

[Detail News](#)

Q: Which of the following is NOT one of the events commemorated on Buddha Purnima?

- A) Birth of Gautama Buddha
- B) Enlightenment of Gautama Buddha
- C) Death (Parinirvana) of Gautama Buddha
- D) Marriage of Gautama Buddha

Answer: D) Marriage of Gautama Buddha

[Detail News](#)

Q.: What is the name of the Indian-origin astronaut set to fly into space for the third time?

- A) Kalpana Chawala
- B) Sunita Williams
- C) Rakesh Sharma
- D) Sunil Gupta

Ans : B) Sunita Williams

[Detail News](#)

Q.: Which spacecraft will Sunita Williams be piloting for her upcoming mission?

- A) SpaceX Dragon
- B) Boeing Starliner
- C) Orion
- D) Soyuz

Ans : B) Boeing Starliner

[Detail News](#)

Q. What amount did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approve to transfer as surplus to the Central Government for the accounting year 2023-24?

- A. Rs 1.5 Lakh crore
- B. Rs 1.85 Lakh crore
- C. Rs 2.11 Lakh crore
- D. Rs 2.82 Lakh crore

Ans : C. Rs 2.11 Lakh crore

[Detail News](#)

Q: Who was approved as Vietnam's next President on 22 May 2024?

- A. Vo Van Thuong
- B. To Lam
- C. Nguyen Phu Trong
- D. Pham Minh Chinh

Ans : B. To Lam

[Detail News](#)

Q: Who is the Prime Minister of the UK?

- A. Boris Johnson
- B. Keir Starmer
- C. Rishi Sunak
- D. Theresa May

Ans:C. Rishi Sunak

[Detail News](#)

Q: Rishi Sunak is the leader of which political party in the UK?

- A. Labour Party
- B. Liberal Democrats
- C. Green Party
- D. Conservative Party

Ans : D. Conservative Party

[Detail News](#)

Q: When is Anti-Terrorism Day observed?

- a) April 21
- b) May 21
- c) June 21
- d) July 21

Ans : b) May 21

[Detail News](#)

Q: Anti-Terrorism Day marks the death anniversary of which former Indian Prime Minister?

- a) Indira Gandhi
- b) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- c) Rajiv Gandhi
- d) Lal Bahadur Shastri

Ans : c) Rajiv Gandhi

[Detail News](#)

Q: When is the International Day for Biodiversity (IDB) celebrated?

- a) April 22
- b) May 22
- c) June 22
- d) July 22

Ans : b) May 22

[Detail News](#)

Q: What is the theme for Biodiversity Day 2024?

- a) "Protect Our Planet"
- b) "Save the Future"
- c) "Be part of the Plan"
- d) "Act Now for Nature"

Ans : c) "Be part of the Plan"

[Detail News](#)

Q: What is India's rank on the World Economic Forum's Travel & Tourism Development Index 2024, published by World Economic Forum (WEF)?

- a) 29th
- b) 39th
- c) 49th
- d) 59th

Ans : b) 39th

[Detail News](#)

Q: What event led to the death of Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi in May 2024?

- A) Assassination
- B) Heart Attack
- C) Helicopter Crash
- D) Car Accident

Answer: C) Helicopter Crash

[Detail News](#)

Q: What was the voter turnout for the fifth phase of Lok Sabha elections on 20 May 2024?

- A) 45.32%
- B) 57.51%
- C) 62.78%
- D) 70.25%

Answer: B) 57.51%

[Detail News](#)

Q: Which state recorded the lowest voter turnout in the fifth phase?

- A) Bihar
- B) Jharkhand
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: C) Maharashtra

[Detail News](#)

Q: Who made history as the first Indian space tourist?

- A) Rakesh Sharma
- B) Gopi Thotakura
- C) Kalpana Chawla
- D) Sunita Williams

Answer: B) Gopi Thotakura

[Detail News](#)

Q: Who was the first Indian citizen to fly to space in 1984?

- A) Sunita Williams
- B) Rakesh Sharma
- C) Kalpana Chawla
- D) Gopi Thotakura

Answer: B) Rakesh Sharma

[Detail News](#)

Q: Who won the Men's doubles title at the Thailand Open 2024 Badminton tournament?

- A) Lu Ming-Che and Tang Kai-Wei
- B) Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi
- C) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty
- D) Lee Yong Dae and Yoo Yeon Seong

Ans : C) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty

[Detail News](#)

Q: Who won the gold medal in the women's 52 kg category boxing at the Elorda Cup 2024?

- A) Anamika
- B) Manisha
- C) Minakshi
- D) Nikhat Zareen

Ans : D) Nikhat Zareen

[Detail News](#)

Q: Who won the gold medal in the women's 48 kg category boxing at the Elorda Cup 2024?

- A) Anamika
- B) Manisha
- C) Minakshi
- D) Nikhat Zareen

Ans : C) Minakshi

[Detail News](#)

Q: When is World Honey Bee Day observed?

- A) April 20th
- B) May 20th
- C) June 20th
- D) July 20th

Ans : B) May 20th

[Detail News](#)

Q: Which monsoon normally set in over Kerala towards the end of May / first week of June every year?

- A) North-east monsoon
- B) South-west monsoon
- C) Winter monsoon
- D) Summer monsoon

Answer: B) South-west monsoon

[Detail News](#)

Q: Which director's film 'Manthan' is set to be screened at the Cannes Film Festival on 18 May 2024?

- A) Satyajit Ray
- B) Shyam Benegal
- C) Rajkumar Hirani
- D) Mira Nair

Answer: B) Shyam Benegal

[Detail News](#)

Q: What is the theme of the film 'Manthan'?

- A) Indian independence movement
- B) Milk cooperative movement
- C) Industrial revolution
- D) Space exploration

Answer: B) Milk cooperative movement

[Detail News](#)

Q: When did Sunil Chhetri announce his retirement from international football?

- A) After the 2023 AFC Asian Cup
- B) After the match against Kuwait on June 6, 2024
- C) After the 2024 FIFA World Cup
- D) After the match against Pakistan on June 12, 2023

Ans : B) After the match against Kuwait on June 6, 2024

[Detail News](#)

Q: What significant milestone does Sunil Chhetri hold in Indian football?

- A) Most matches played
- B) Youngest debutant
- C) Highest goal-scorer
- D) Most assists

Ans : C) Highest goal-scorer

[Detail News](#)

Q: When do we celebrate World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD)?

- A) April 17
- B) May 17
- C) June 17
- D) July 17

Answer: B) May 17

[Detail News](#)

Q: What is the next step for the winners of the India Skills 2024 event?

- a) They will receive monetary awards and certificates.
- b) They will get the opportunity to study abroad.
- c) They will train with top industry trainers to prepare for the WorldSkills Competition in Lyon, France.
- d) They will be offered immediate employment in top companies.

Ans : c) They will train with top industry trainers to prepare for the WorldSkills Competition in Lyon, France.

[Detail News](#)

Q: Who was sworn in as Singapore's fourth Prime Minister on 15 May 2024?

- A) Lee Hsien Loong
- B) Lawrence Wong
- C) Lee Kuan Yew
- D) Halimah Yacob

Ans : B) Lawrence Wong

[Detail News](#)

Q: Who became the first Indian woman to break into the top 25 of the world Women's singles table tennis rankings?

- A) Suthirtha Mukherjee
- B) Mouma Das
- C) Manika Batra
- D) Ankita Das

Ans : C) Manika Batra

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Q: Where does the Cannes Film Festival take place annually?

- a) Paris
- b) Cannes
- c) London
- d) New York

Ans : b) Cannes

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Q: Which day is proclaimed as World Football Day by the United Nations General Assembly?

- a) 24th May
- b) 25th May
- c) 26th May
- d) 27th May

Ans : b) 25th May

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Q: In which city were the 1924 Summer Olympic Games held, where the first international football tournament with representation from all regions took place?

- a) Berlin
- b) Tokyo
- c) Paris
- d) London

Ans : c) Paris

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Q: Which organization included the Ramcharitmanas, Panchatantra, and Sahṛdayāloka-Locana in its Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register?

- a) UNICEF
- b) UNESCO
- c) WHO
- d) World Bank

Ans : b) UNESCO

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Q: Who authored the Ramcharitmanas?

- a) Acharya Anandvardhan
- b) Goswami Tulsidas
- c) Pandit Vishnu Sharma
- d) Ramesh Chandra Gaur

Ans : b) Goswami Tulsidas

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Q: In the 7th edition of the Joint Military Exercise “Shakti” from May 13 to May 26 at Umroi, Meghalaya, which country’s contingent participates alongside the Indian Army?

- a) Russia
- b) France
- c) United States
- d) United Kingdom

Ans : b) France

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Q: Which of the following states had completed polling for its State Legislative Assembly along with the Lok Sabha election by phase 4?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Karnataka
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Tamil Nadu

Ans : c) Andhra Pradesh

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Q: India and Iran signed a long-term contract for operating which port?

- a) Chittagong Port
- b) Shahid Beheshti Port in Chabahar
- c) Port of Colombo
- d) Port of Karachi

Ans : b) Shahid Beheshti Port in Chabahar

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Q: What new trade route will be opened up by the agreement between India and Iran regarding the Chabahar port?

- a) Between India and China
- b) Between South Asia and Central Asia via Iran
- c) Between India and Japan
- d) Between South Asia and Europe via Iran

Ans : b) Between South Asia and Central Asia via Iran

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Q: Who is the first Indian male wrestler to qualify for the 2024 Paris Olympics?

- a) KD Jadhav
- b) Aman Sehrawat
- c) Sushil Kumar
- d) Yogeshwar Dutt

Ans : b) Aman Sehrawat

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Q: In which category did Aman Sehrawat secure a Paris quota for the Olympics?

- a) Men's 65kg freestyle
- b) Men's 57kg freestyle
- c) Men's 74kg freestyle
- d) Men's 86kg freestyle

Ans: b) Men's 57kg freestyle

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Q: What caused the powerful solar storm that hit Earth on May 10, 2024?

- a) Solar flares
- b) Coronal mass ejections (CMEs)
- c) Lunar eclipse
- d) Solar eclipse

Ans : b) Coronal mass ejections (CMEs)

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Q: What is the approximate frequency of the solar activity cycle mentioned in the passage?

- a) 7 years
- b) 11 years
- c) 50 years
- d) 100 years

Ans : b) 11 years

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Q: Who won the World Rapid and Blitz Poland chess tournament in May 2024?

- a) Wei Yi
- b) Arjun Erigaisi
- c) R Praggnanandhaa
- d) Magnus Carlsen

Correct Answer: d) Magnus Carlsen

[Detail News](#)

Q: Which Indian Chess Player defeated world number one Magnus Carlsen in the Superbet rapid and blitz chess tournament in May 2024?

- a) Vishwanath Anand
- b) R Praggnanandhaa
- c) Arjun Erigaisi
- d) D. Gukesh.

Ans : b) R Praggnanandhaa

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Q: Mother's Day is celebrated?

- A) First Sunday in May
- B) Second Sunday in May
- C) Third Sunday in May
- D) Fourth Sunday in May

Answer: B) Second Sunday in May

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Q: Why was Arvind Kejriwal arrested by the Enforcement Directorate?

- a) In connection with corruption allegations related to Delhi's healthcare policy
- b) In connection with corruption allegations related to Delhi's education policy
- c) In connection with corruption allegations related to Delhi's liquor policy
- d) In connection with corruption allegations related to Delhi's transportation policy

Ans : c) In connection with corruption allegations related to Delhi's liquor policy

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Q: What is the outcome of the General Assembly's resolution on May 10, regarding Palestinian membership?

- a) Grants full U.N. membership to Palestine
- b) Rejects Palestinian membership entirely
- c) Acknowledges Palestine's qualification to join the U.N.
- d) Recommends military intervention in the region

Ans : c) Acknowledges Palestine's qualification to join the U.N.

[Detail News](#)

Q: Who emerged as the Chairman of IFFCO following the elections in May 2024?

- a) Balvir Singh
- b) Dileep Sanghani
- c) Dr. US Awasthi
- d) Jagdeep Singh Nakai

Ans : b) Dileep Sanghani

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Q: Which liquid rocket engine did ISRO successfully hot test through Additive Manufacturing (AM) technology on May 9, 2024?

- a) PS1 engine
- b) PS2 engine
- c) PS3 engine
- d) PS4 engine

Ans : d) PS4 engine

[Detail News](#)

Q: Which of the following shrines are part of the Char Dham Yatra mentioned in the passage?

- a) Gangotri, Yamunotri, Kedarnath, and Badrinath
- b) Rameswaram, Dwarka, Puri, and Kedarnath
- c) Tirupati, Vaishno Devi, Shirdi, and Kedarnath
- d) Mahabalipuram, Amarnath, Somnath, and Badrinath

Ans : a) Gangotri, Yamunotri, Kedarnath, and Badrinath

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Q: According to the Global Electricity Review 2024, which country has overtaken Japan to become the world's third-largest solar power generator in 2023?

- a) China
- b) India
- c) Brazil
- d) United States

Ans : b) India

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Q: Indian Coast Guard (ICG) partnered with which private company for the supply of indigenous marine-grade steel?

- a) Reliance Industries
- b) Tata Steel
- c) Jindal Steel & Power (JSP)
- d) Bharat Forge Limited

Ans : c) Jindal Steel & Power (JSP)

[Detail News](#)

Q: How many Lok Sabha seats does Maharashtra contribute, making it the second-largest contributor to the lower house of Parliament (Lok Sabha) ?

- a) 28
- b) 38
- c) 48
- d) 58

Ans : c) 48

[Detail News](#)

Q: The senior crew member of which airline go on mass sick leave suddenly on 7 & 8 May 2024, causing disruption of more than 70 flights?

- a) Indigo
- b) Vistara
- c) Air India Express
- d) Emirates

Ans : c) Air India Express

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Q: Vladimir Putin has been President of Russia since:

- a) 2000
- b) 1999
- c) 2005
- d) 2008

Ans : b) 1999

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Q: Which state recorded the highest voter turnout during the 3rd phase of Lok Sabha elections?

- a) Bihar
- b) Assam
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Uttar Pradesh

Ans : b) Assam

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Q: When is World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day observed?

- a) May 7
- b) May 8
- c) May 9
- d) May 10

Ans : b) May 8

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Q: Why was May 8 chosen as the date for World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day?

- a) It marks the end of World War I
- b) It is the birthday of Henry Dunant
- c) It is the anniversary of the International Red Cross
- d) It is the anniversary of the Nobel Peace Prize

Ans : b) It is the birthday of Henry Dunant

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Q: Who is Henry Dunant?

- a) Founder of the United Nations
- b) Founder of the International Red Cross
- c) Founder of the World Health Organization
- d) Founder of the European Union

Ans : b) Founder of the International Red Cross

[Detail News](#)

Who is the first President of the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT)?

- A) Justice Sanjay Kumar Mishra
- B) Justice (Retd.) Sanjaya Kumar Mishra
- C) Justice Ramesh Gupta
- D) Justice (Retd.) Rajesh Singh

Ans : B) Justice (Retd.) Sanjaya Kumar Mishra

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Q: Which Indian athletes comprised the men's 4x400m relay team qualifying for the Paris Olympics?

- a) Rupal Chaudhary, M R Poovamma, Jyothika Sri Dandi, and Subha Venkatesan
- b) Muhammad Anas Yahiya, Muhammad Ajmal, Arokia Rajiv, and Amoj Jacob
- c) Neeraj Chopra, Muhammad Ajmal, Arokia Rajiv and Rajesh Ramesh
- d) Amoj Jacob, Neeraj Chopra, Muhammad Ajmal and Subha Venkatesan

Ans : b) Muhammad Anas Yahiya, Muhammad Ajmal, Arokia Rajiv, and Amoj Jacob

[Detail News](#)

Question : What is the Arabian Travel Market?

- A) A global trade show for travel professionals and industry leaders.
- B) A popular travel blog focused on Middle Eastern destinations.
- C) A sustainable tourism initiative in Dubai.
- D) A luxury hotel chain in the UAE.

Ans : A) A global trade show for travel professionals and industry leaders.

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Question: Who was appointed as the National Ambassador for UNICEF India in May 2024?

- a) Priyanka Chopra
- b) Kareena Kapoor Khan
- c) Deepika Padukone
- d) Aishwarya Rai Bachchan

Answer: b) Kareena Kapoor Khan

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Q.: How many countries' representatives participated in the International Election Visitors' Programme (IEVP) hosted by the Election Commission of India (ECI)?

- a) 75
- b) 23
- c) 6
- d) 15

Ans : b) 23

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Q.: Who is the Chief Election Commissioner of India as on May 2024.

- A) Sunil Arora
- B) Sushil Chandra
- C) Om Prakash Rawat
- D) Rajiv Kumar

Ans : D) Rajiv Kumar

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Q.: Which of the following athletes was NOT a part of the Indian women's 4×400 metre relay team that qualified for the Paris Olympics 2024?

- a) Rupal Chaudhary
- b) M R Poovamma
- c) Hima Das
- d) Jyothika Sri Dandi

Ans : c) Hima Das

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Q.: When and where is the ninth ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 scheduled to take place?

- a) 3 to 20 October in England
- b) 3 to 20 October in Bangladesh
- c) 1 to 18 November in Australia
- d) 5 to 22 September in India

Ans : b) 3 to 20 October in Bangladesh

[Detail News](#)

Q: What does World Press Freedom Day mark the anniversary of?

- a) The establishment of the United Nations
- b) The Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- c) The Windhoek Declaration
- d) The Birth Anniversary of William Shakespeare

Ans : c) The Windhoek Declaration

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Q: Windhoek Declaration of UNESCO is related to:

- a) Education standards in developing countries
- b) Protection of cultural heritage sites
- c) Promotion of free press principles
- d) Wildlife conservation efforts

Ans : c) Promotion of free press principles

[Detail News](#)

Q: What is the location of Mount Ruang volcano?

- A) Java, Indonesia
- B) Bali, Indonesia
- C) North Sulawesi, Indonesia
- D) Sumatra, Indonesia

Ans : C) North Sulawesi, Indonesia

[Detail News](#)

Question: When is International Sun Day celebrated?

- a) May 1st
- b) May 2nd
- c) May 3rd
- d) May 4th

Ans : c) May 3rd

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Question: Who was elected as the new Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands on May 2, 2024?

- a) Manasseh Sogavare
- b) Jeremiah Manele
- c) Matthew Wales
- d) Anthony Albanese

Ans : b) Jeremiah Manele

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Question: Despite the withdrawal process, what is the status of Rs 2000 banknotes?

- a) They are no longer legal tender
- b) They can only be used for specific transactions
- c) They are still legal tender
- d) They can only be exchanged at specific locations

Ans : c) They are still legal tender

[Detail News](#)

Q: When is International Labour Day observed?

- a) June 1
- b) May 15
- c) April 1
- d) May 1

Ans : d) May 1

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Q: What is the Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system designed to enhance?

- a) Airborne surveillance
- b) Anti-submarine warfare capabilities
- c) Ground-based missile defense
- d) Cybersecurity operations

Ans : b) Anti-submarine warfare capabilities

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Q: What is SLU in the context of elections?

- a) Single Log Unit
- b) Symbol Loading Unit
- c) Security Locking Unit
- d) Surveillance Logging Unit

Ans : b) Symbol Loading Unit

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Q: Who recently assumed the position of Chief of the Naval Staff?

- a) Admiral R Hari Kumar
- b) Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi
- c) Admiral Sunil Lanba
- d) Admiral Karambir Singh

Ans : b) Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi

[Detail News](#)

Question: As per The Washington Post report, which terrorist was the alleged target of the assassination plot of Indian Intelligence Agency?

- a) Maulana Masood Azhar
- b) Gurpatwant Singh Pannun
- c) Talwinder Singh
- d) gurbachan Singh

Ans : b) Gurpatwant Singh Pannun

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Question: Who is the current chief of RAW (Research and Analysis Wing)?

- A) Vikram Yadav
- B) Samant Goel
- C) Gurpatwant Singh Pannun
- D) Ajit Doval

Correct Answer: B) Samant Goel

[Detail News](#)

Question: Who has been named as the captain of India's 15-member squad for the upcoming T20 World Cup?

- a) Virat Kohli
- b) Hardik Pandya
- c) Rohit Sharma
- d) Ravindra Jadeja

Ans : c) Rohit Sharma

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