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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".

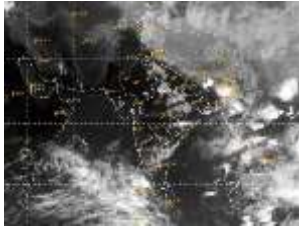
1. "All We Imagine as Light" was screened is the first Indian film in 30 years, and the first ever by an Indian female director, to be showcased in the main competition at Cannes.
2. "All We Imagine as Light" is Kapadia's first feature film and an Indo-French production, telling the story of a nurse 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 become the first Indian to win the Best Actress Award at the 77th Cannes film Festival 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.

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.



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.

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.

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 extends 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).

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.

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 crores 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 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).

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.
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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.
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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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)

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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