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# World Mental Health Day 2024: 10 October

- ✓ Every year on 10 October, World Mental Health Day is observed.
- ✓ It is observed to promote global mental health education and to spread awareness.
- ✓ It gives an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to discuss their work.
- ✓ The theme of the World Mental Health Day 2024 is **“Mental Health at Work.”**
- ✓ On October 10, **1992**, World Mental Health Day was observed for the first time.
- ✓ This day was started by Deputy Secretary General Richard Hunter.




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# 11 October - International Day of the Girl Child




- ✓ The **International Day of the Girl Child** is celebrated annually on **October 11**.
- ✓ Objective - To raise awareness about the unique challenges girls face worldwide and promote their empowerment.
- ✓ Theme 2024 - **Girls' Vision for the Future**
- ✓ International Day of the Girl Child was established by the United Nations General Assembly in December **2011** to recognise the challenges and discrimination faced by girls worldwide and to promote their rights and empowerment.

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# Industrialist Ratan Tata passed away on 09 October 2024 at the age of 86

- ✓ Renowned industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata had been undergoing treatment at a private hospital.
- ✓ He was in critical condition. One-day state mourning has been announced by the Maharashtra government on 10 October 2024.
- ✓ He received **Padma Vibhushan in 2008**. He had previously received the **Padma Bhushan in 2000**.
- ✓ He was awarded **Order of Australia in 2023**. He received **Assam Baibhav in 2021** for contributing towards cancer care in Assam.
- ✓ He was awarded **Honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire in 2014**.
- ✓ He died at Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai, following age-related ailments.



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# Nima Rinzee Sherpa became the youngest person to climb all 14 peaks above 8,000 metres

- ✓ Nima Rinzee Sherpa, an 18-year-old **Nepali climber**, created a new world record by becoming the youngest person to climb all 14 of the world's peaks higher than 8,000 metres.
- ✓ His historic feat was completed when he successfully climbed the 8,027-metre Shisha Pangma in Tibet, culminating his two-year expedition to conquer one of the most difficult mountains on earth.
- ✓ Sherpa, who began climbing high mountains when he was 16, climbed all eight thousand mountains in 740 days.



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# Noel Tata has been appointed Chairperson of Tata Trust

- ✓ Noel Tata has been unanimously appointed Chairperson of Tata Trust, the philanthropic arm of the Tata Group.
- ✓ This decision was made during a board meeting following the passing of Ratan Tata at the age of 86.
- ✓ Noel Tata, Ratan Tata's half-brother, serves on the boards of several listed companies, including Tata Steel and Voltas.
- ✓ Tata Trusts have a 66% stake in Tata Sons, which controls Tata Trusts effectively and has a bigger role in the affairs of Tata Sons.
- ✓ Noel N. Tata has been associated with the Tata Group for 40 years and currently serves on the Board of various Tata Group Companies.
- ✓ Noel Tata is the chairman of Tata International, Tata Investment Corporation Ltd.



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# Indian Army rolls out its first overhauled T-90 Bhishma tank




- ✓ The Indian Army has rolled out its first overhauled T-90 Bhishma tank.
- ✓ It is known for its firepower, speed, and protection.
- ✓ This overhauling process showcases the indigenous maintenance and technical skills developed in the country.
- ✓ The T-90 Bhishma is 9.6 meters long and 2.8 meters wide and is approximately 47 tonnes.
- ✓ The T-90 Bhishma is equipped with a 125 mm smoothbore gun, which is capable of firing various types of shells.

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# Hizb-Ut-Tahrir and all its manifestations and front organisations declared terrorist organisations by the Center

- ✓ Hizb-ut-Tahrir (HuT) declared a terrorist organisation under the **Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA)** by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
- ✓ Hizb-ut-Tahrir was allegedly involved in radicalising gullible youth and motivating them to join terrorist organisations like ISIS and raising funds for terrorist activities.
- ✓ The goal of these organisations is to establish an Islamic state and caliphate globally, including India, by overthrowing democratically elected governments through jihad and terrorist activities.
- ✓ Hizb-ut-Tahrir is also promoting terrorism by using various social media platforms, secure apps and organising Dawah meetings to encourage gullible youth to join terrorist acts.




- ✓ An alleged member of the HuT was also arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

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# Rafael Nadal announced his retirement from professional tennis

- ✓ Rafael Nadal, 38, will make his last appearance for **Spain** at the **Davis Cup** final in Malaga in November.
- ✓ The Davis Cup knockout stage will be played from November 19-24.
- ✓ He has won 92 ATP-level singles titles, including 36 Masters titles, and one Olympic gold medal, 63 of which have been won on clay courts.
- ✓ He has won 22 Grand Slam titles including 14 French Open titles.
- ✓ Nadal also won an **Olympic gold medal in 2008** and contributed to Spain's success by winning five Davis Cup titles.
- ✓ A five-time year-end world number one, he has remained in the ATP top 10 for an incredible 17 years, from 2005 until March 2024.
- ✓ He spent 209 weeks ranked as the world's top player and won at least one title every year from 2004 to 2022.



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# 2024 Nobel Prize in Literature awarded to South Korean writer Han Kang

- ✓ The Nobel Committee of the **Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences** made the announcement.
- ✓ The award is given for her “intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life.”
- ✓ According to the Nobel Committee, **she is the first South Korean writer to win the award**.
- ✓ Previously, **“The Vegetarian”** (2007), the author’s most internationally recognised work, won the **Man Booker International Prize in 2016**.
- ✓ Kang began her career in 1993 with the publication of several poems in the magazine Literature & Society.
- ✓ The Nobel Prize in Literature, with a monetary award of **11 million Swedish kronor (about $1 million)**, will be presented to Han Kang at a ceremony in Stockholm on December 10, 2024.



- ✓ The Nobel Prize in Literature has been awarded 117 times between 1901 and 2024 to 121 Nobel laureates.
- ✓ In 1901, the first Nobel Prize in Literature was awarded to the poet and philosopher **Sully Prudhomme** of the French Academy.

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# PM Modi unveiled a 10-point plan to strengthen India-ASEAN ties

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a 10-point plan to strengthen India-ASEAN comprehensive partnership.
- ✓ PM Modi addressed the 21st India-ASEAN Summit.
- ✓ This 10-point plan will further strengthen the India-ASEAN partnership, including celebrating 2025 as the ASEAN-India Year of Tourism.
- ✓ Prime Minister Modi also announced the celebration of the decade of Act East Policy through different activities, including Youth Summit, Start-up Festival, Hackathon, Music Festival, etc.
- ✓ The Prime Minister also announced a regular mechanism of ASEAN-India Cyber Policy Dialogue for strengthening digital and cyber resilience and organising a workshop on Green Hydrogen.
- ✓ India-ASEAN trade has doubled to over USD 130 billion in the past decade.




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# Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) Mumbai inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi




- ✓ The foundation stone of various development projects worth over Rs 7600 crore was laid in Maharashtra by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- ✓ The Prime Minister also inaugurated the Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) in Mumbai as a significant step towards enhancing the employability of Indian youth for national and global opportunities.
- ✓ It aims to develop an industry-ready workforce for Industry 4.0 through hands-on training in cutting-edge technologies such as factory automation, digital manufacturing, mechatronics, artificial intelligence, data analytics, and additive manufacturing.

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- ✓ Established through the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model, the institute is a collaboration between the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India and Tata IIS (a Section 8 Company under Tata Trusts).
- ✓ Built on a sprawling 4-acre campus within the National Skill Training Institute (NSTI) at Chunabhatti, Mumbai, IIS is designed to prepare an industry-ready workforce equipped with cutting-edge technology and hands-on training.
- ✓ IIS Mumbai will provide specialized training in key areas such as Factory Automation, Digital Manufacturing, Mechatronics, Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics and Additive Manufacturing.

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# Repo rate remained unchanged at 6.50% for the tenth consecutive time

- ✓ It was decided by the Reserve Bank of India to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.50% for the tenth consecutive time.
- ✓ The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting was held on October 7, 8 and 9.
- ✓ As a result, the **Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate remains at 6.25%** and the **Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate at 6.75%.**
- ✓ The RBI has maintained status quo on the benchmark interest rate through February 2023.
- ✓ Additionally, the decision was taken by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) to change the monetary policy stance to 'neutral' and clearly focus on sustainable alignment of inflation with the target while supporting growth.




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- ✓ These decisions are in line with the objective of achieving the medium-term target for consumer price index (CPI) inflation within a range of 2% plus or minus 4% while supporting growth.
- ✓ Real gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 6.7% in the first quarter of FY2024-25, driven by private consumption and investment.
- ✓ The next meeting of the MPC is scheduled from December 4 to 6, 2024.

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# President Droupadi Murmu will be the first Indian president to visit Algeria, Mauritania, and Malawi

- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu will be on a visit to three African countries - Algeria, Mauritania and Malawi from October 13-19.
- ✓ This will be the first-ever visit by an Indian Head of State to these three African nations.
- ✓ After 39 years, **She will be the first-ever President from India to visit Algeria at the level of head of state or head of government.**
- ✓ The President will address the India-Algeria Economic Forum. She will also inaugurate the India Corner at Hamma Garden at Jardin d'essai.
- ✓ She will also inaugurate an India centre at the Hamma Botanical Garden.

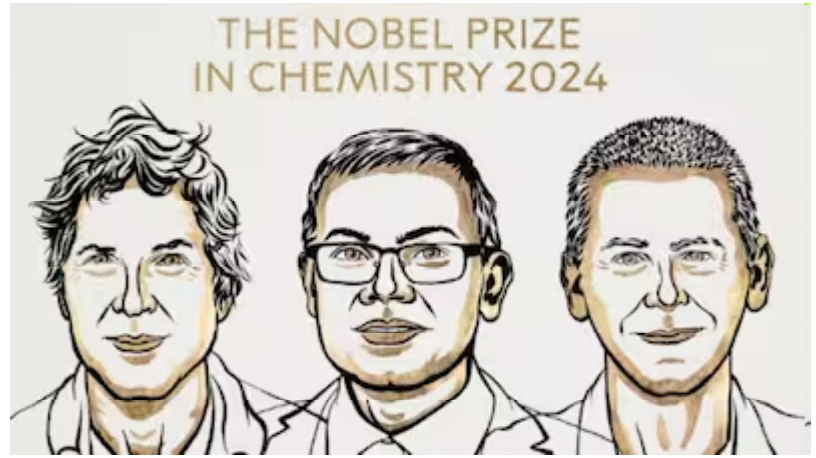


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# Nobel Prize in chemistry has been awarded jointly to David Baker, Demis Hassabis and John Jumper

- ✓ The Nobel Prize for 2024 in Chemistry was awarded to David Baker “for computational protein design” along with Demis Hassabis and John M. Jumper “for protein structure prediction”.
- ✓ David Baker led a team that developed a new protein using bespoke software methods in 2003.
- ✓ Hassabis and Jumper received the award for their role in developing an artificial intelligence model called **AlphaFold 2.**
- ✓ It could predict the structures of millions of proteins.
- ✓ **This year’s chemistry prize also continued a new tradition in this category of the award going to non-chemists**.




- ✓ In 2023, Nobel Prize in chemistry was given to Moungi G. Bawendi, Louis E. Brus, and Alexei I. Ekimov for the discovery and synthesis of quantum dots.
- ✓ Baker works at the University of Washington in Seattle, and Hassabis and Jumper work at Google DeepMind in London.

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# ‘Study In India’ Campaign has been launched by India at UAE Education Show




- ✓ Its ‘Study in India’ campaign has been officially launched by India at the **20th International Education Show in Sharjah**.
- ✓ The campaign is organized by **EdCIL**, a Miniratna company under the Ministry of Education.
- ✓ It seeks to position India as a leading global education hub.
- ✓ Ahmed Mohamed Obaid Al Naboodah of the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Yatin Patil, Deputy Consul General of India in Dubai inaugurated the India Pavilion at Expo Centre Sharjah.

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- ✓ The ‘Study in India’ programme showcases over 590 Indian universities and institutions.
- ✓ Study in India portal is a centralized platform designed to streamline the entire application process for international students.
- ✓ India’s higher education sector is ranked as the second largest in the world.
- ✓ The International Education Show is organized in cooperation with the Sharjah Private Education Authority.
- ✓ It is organized by Expo Centre Sharjah with the support of the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI).
- ✓ More than 100 universities and educational institutions from over 20 countries take part in the event.

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# The integration of the UMANG app with DigiLocker has been announced by the National e-Governance Division







- ✓ This has been done to provide citizens seamless access to a wide range of government services.
- ✓ With this collaboration, users will be allowed to manage multiple services through a single platform.
- ✓ The UMANG app is accessible to all Android users.
- ✓ Services of the UMANG app can be accessed through the DigiLocker app.
- ✓ **DigiLocker** is a flagship initiative under the Digital India program.
- ✓ It is aimed at providing secure cloud-based storage of documents.
- ✓ The UMANG app provides a single platform for all Indian citizens to access pan-India e-Government services, spanning from Central to Local Government organisations.

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# Indian women's team created history by winning bronze medal at the Asian Table Tennis Championships

- ✓ The India team won the first-ever medal in the women's team category at the Asian Table Tennis Championships.
- ✓ In the semifinals, India registered a 1-3 loss to Japan while in the other semifinal, China lost to Hong Kong by 3-0.
- ✓ In the semifinals, Ayhika Mukherjee lost to Miwa Harimoto by 2-3.
- ✓ Manika Batra however brought back India into the tie with a 3-0 win over Satsuki Odo.
- ✓ India defeated South Korea in the quarterfinals by 3-2 to secure the medal.




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# Bihar to develop Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary as tiger reserve, gets Centre's nod

- ✓ The **Bihar government will develop the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary (KWLS)** as the state's second tiger reserve.
- ✓ The **Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR)**, which is the state's only national park, has reached its capacity, and now the state government was finalising modalities for translocating the big cats to KWLS.
- ✓ The Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary is spread over an area of 1,504.96 sq km.
- ✓ The KWLS is bounded in the north by Bhojpur, Buxar and parts of UP's Ghazipur, in the south by the districts of Palamu and Garhwa of Jharkhand and in the west by the districts of Sonabhadra and Varanasi of UP. On its east are the Aurangabad and Jehanabad districts of Bihar.



- ✓ The sanctuary supports sizable populations of leopard, sloth bear, chital, sambar, wild pig, nilgai, and chowsingha, besides about 70 species of birds.

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**About Bihar**

**Capital:** Patna

**Chief Minister**: Nitish Kumar (9th time)

**Deputy CM**: Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha

**Governor:** Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

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# Indian Navy Collaborates with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance to Provide Insurance for Naval Civilians

- ✓ **The Indian Navy** has signed an **MoU with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance to offer life insurance options,** including term insurance, tailored specifically for Naval Civilians, thereby providing essential financial security for their families.
- ✓ The year 2024 has been declared the **"Year of Naval Civilians"** by the Indian Navy, underscoring its commitment to improving the work environment and overall quality of life for civilian staff.
- ✓ This new initiative aligns with the Navy's focus on fostering inclusivity, instilling a sense of belonging, and promoting welfare measures to support its civilian workforce.
- ✓ Chief of Naval Staff of India : Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi
- ✓ Vice-chief of Naval Staff of India : Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan



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# UPI transactions volume increases 52% to 78.97 bn in Jan-Jun: Report

- ✓ Instant payment system **Unified Payment Interface (UPI) transaction volumes recorded a 52 percent year-on-year surge to 78.97 billion** in the first six months of 2024, according to a report.
- ✓ In its India Digital Payments Report for the first half of 2024 (January to June), payment technology service provider Worldline that UPI continues to rule the payment market.
- ✓ The number of UPI transactions rose significantly from 8.03 billion in January 2023 to 13.9 billion by June 2024. This volume growth was matched by an increase in transaction value, which climbed from Rs 12.98 trillion in January 2023 to an impressive Rs 20.07 trillion in June 2024.
- ✓ In terms of volume and value contribution, PhonePe emerged as the top UPI app, followed by Google Pay and Paytm. However, average ticket size (ATS) of UPI transactions saw a decline of 8 percent, the report noted.




- ✓ The average ticket size (ATS) of all UPI transactions in H1 2023 was Rs 1,603, while it dropped to Rs 1,478 in 1H 2024.

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- ✓ ATS consists of person-to-person (P2P) and person-to-merchant (P2M) transactions. ATS in P2P transactions registered an almost flat year-on-year rise from Rs 2,812 to Rs 2,836. ATS for P2M transactions dropped from Rs 667 to Rs 643, representing a 4 percent reduction.
- ✓ According to the research, they collectively accounted for almost 53 percent of the overall transaction value and 68 percent of the transaction volume.
- ✓ E-commerce, gaming, utilities, government services, and financial services made up around 81 percent of the overall transaction volume and 74 percent of the total transaction value in the online industry.

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# World Bank ups India's growth forecast for FY25 to 7% due to rising private consumption

- ✓ The **World Bank upped** India's **economic growth forecast** for the current fiscal year, ending in March 2025, to **7% year-on-year, up from April's estimate of 6.6%,** helped by a rebound in agricultural output and increased private consumption.
- ✓ The RBI's rate-setting panel retained its real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) forecast at 7.2 per cent for FY25.
- ✓ With this, the RBI has now pegged growth rate for Q2 at 7% (reduced from 7.2%), Q3 at 7.4% (up from 7.3%) and Q4 at 7.4%. For Q1 FY26, the growth rate was kept at 7.3%.




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# RBI approves appointment of Partha Sengupta as MD & CEO of Bandhan Bank

- ✓ **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved** appointment of former Indian Overseas Bank MD & CEO **Partha Pratim Sengupta as MD & CEO of Bandhan Bank for a period of three years.**
- ✓ Sengupta, a career banker, was groomed at State Bank of India and rose through the ranks to the role of deputy managing director and chief credit officer, before moving to IOB to head it for around two years till December 2022.
- ✓ **Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**
- ✓ **MD of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company -** Ravindra Kumar Kunda
- ✓ **Deputy Governor of RBI -** M. Rajeshwar Rao (reappointment for 1 year)



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- ✓ **Executive Director of RBI -** Aviral Jain
- ✓ **New Members of Monetary Policy Committee -** Ram Singh, Saugata Bhattacharya, Nagesh Kumar (replace Ashima Goyal, Shashanka Bhide, Jayanth Varma)
- ✓ **MD & CEO for IndusInd Bank -** Sumant Kathpalia (reappointment for 3 years)

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# Uttarakhand to host 38th National Games in 2025

- ✓ The **38th edition of the National Games (Summer & Winter)** will be held in **Uttarakhand from January 28 to February 14, 2025**, the Indian Olympic Association announced.
- ✓ The **37th National Games** were held in **Goa** from 25 September to 9 November 2023. Maharashtra claimed the top spot with a whopping 228 medals, including 80 gold.
- ✓ This will be the first time Winter Games are held outside Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. The National Games, organized by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), aim to identify talent for the Summer Olympics.
- ✓ The first National Games were held in 1924 in Lahore, originally called the **All-India Olympic Games**.






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# Cabinet approves supply of fortified rice under welfare schemes till Dec 2028 at cost of Rs 17,082 cr

- ✓ **The Union Cabinet**, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, has **approved the continuation of the universal supply of Fortified Rice** under all schemes of the Government including Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) and Other Welfare Schemes etc. in its present form, from July 2024 and **upto December 2028.**
- ✓ The rice fortification initiative will continue as a central sector initiative with 100% funding by the Government of India as part of PMGKAY (Food Subsidy), thus providing a unified institutional mechanism for implementation.
- ✓ Food fortification has been used globally as a safe and effective measure to address anaemia and, micronutrient malnutrition in the vulnerable population.



- ✓ Rice is an ideal vehicle for supplying micronutrients in the Indian Context as 65% of India's population consumes rice as a staple food.
- ✓ Rice fortification involves the addition of **Fortified Rice Kernels (FRK)** enriched with **micronutrients (Iron, Folic Acid, Vitamin B12)** as standards prescribed by FSSAI regular rice.

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# IIT Indore launches Affordable Device for Early Breast Cancer Detection

- ✓ **IIT Indore** has **introduced a new device for the early detection of breast cancer**, specifically designed to help women in rural and remote areas.
- ✓ This device, created by Prof. Srivathsan Vasudevan, is an important step in making cancer screening more affordable and accessible.
- ✓ The device uses Photoacoustic Spectral Response (PASR) technology, which combines light and sound to detect abnormal changes in tissue. This helps identify cancer at an early stage.
- ✓ What makes this device special is its low cost. Once it is commercially produced, it will cost about one-tenth of traditional methods like MRI and CT scans, making it much more affordable for people in poor and underserved areas.
- ✓ This new cost-effective device, made in India, could change that by offering a cheaper, reliable option for early cancer detection, helping to close the gap in healthcare for rural communities.

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# Sanjeev Kr Singla appointed as India's next Ambassador to France

- ✓ **Diplomat Sanjeev Kumar Singla** has been **appointed as India's next Ambassador to France.**
- ✓ An Indian Foreign Service officer of batch 1997, Singla presently serves as the Ambassador of India to Israel. His contributions to shaping India's foreign policy towards Israel have been described as significant.
- ✓ Singla handled sensitive matters, particularly the complex Israel-Palestine conflict, with caution and diplomacy.
- ✓ His careful approach to these issues ensured that India maintained balanced relations in the region during volatile times.

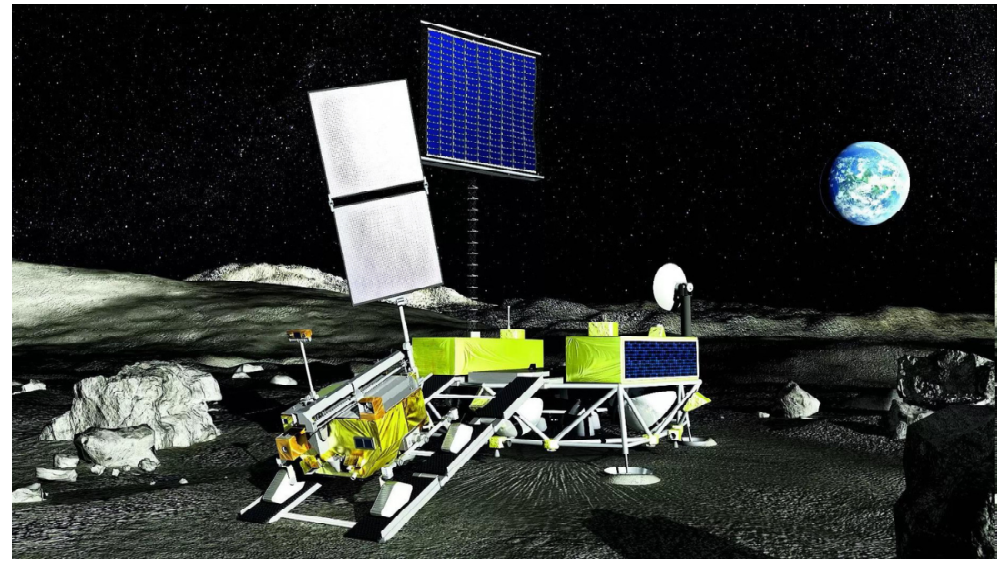


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# National Space Commission approves India's Fifth Lunar Mission 'Lupex'

- ✓ After the success of Chandrayaan-3 in August 2023, **India's National Space Commission (NSC)** has **approved a new lunar mission, called the Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (Lupex).**
- ✓ This mission is a **partnership between India's space agency ISRO and Japan's space agency JAXA,** and it will focus on exploring the Moon's resources, especially water at the lunar south pole.
- ✓ The collaborative moon expedition, set to touch down at the precise southern tip of the moon (90-degree latitude), is focused on exploring the moon for water and other valuable resources.
- ✓ In this mission, JAXA (Japan) will build the rover and the rocket, while ISRO (India) will build the lander that will carry the rover to the Moon's surface.



- ✓ The Lupex rover will be about 350 kg in weight, much larger than the Pragyan rover from Chandrayaan-3, which weighed just 26 kg.

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- ✓ Lupex's information will help plan future missions to the Moon, including those that may bring lunar samples back to Earth. It is also part of India's larger plan to send astronauts to the Moon by **2040**.

**Objectives of the Lupex Mission:**

- ✓ The main goal of the Lupex mission is to study water and other important resources on the Moon.
- ✓ Scientists want to understand how much water is present, where it is located, and whether it is just on the surface or also beneath the Moon's soil, known as regolith.

**How long will the Mission Last?**

- ✓ Lupex is designed to operate for up to 100 days on the Moon's surface. This is a longer time compared to previous lunar missions, allowing the mission to gather more information.
- ✓ It will explore areas that are permanently shadowed places that sunlight never reaches - using special tools for drilling and on-site experiments.

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# IFC partners with Axis Bank to provide $500 million climate loan in India

- ✓ The **International Finance Corporation (IFC)** has **partnered with Axis Bank to provide a $500 million loan** to help develop a blue finance market and scale up financing of green projects in India.
- ✓ This is IFC's first blue investment in India and the first blue transaction by a financial institution in the country.
- ✓ Blue loans are financing instruments that raise and earmark funds for investments such as water and wastewater management, reduction of marine plastic pollution, restoration of marine ecosystems, sustainable shipping, eco-friendly tourism, and offshore renewable energy.
- ✓ This transaction is also the largest green financing by IFC in the country. The funding will enable Axis Bank to expand its climate finance portfolio.




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# Air Marshal SP Dharkar appointed as the next IAF Vice Chief

- ✓ **Air Marshal SP Dharkar,** a distinguished fighter pilot, has been **appointed as the next Vice Chief of Air Staff.**
- ✓ He will succeed Air Marshal AP Singh, who is set to become the Chief of Air Staff.
- ✓ With more than 3,600 flying hours, Air Marshal Dharkar brings extensive experience to the position.
- ✓ He is an alumnus of the Rashtriya Indian Military College in Dehradun, the National Defence Academy in Pune, the Defence Services Staff College in Wellington, and the Air War College in the United States.



**Recent Appointment in Defence Sector**

- ✓ **First woman DG of Armed Forces Medical Services** - Arti Sarin
- ✓ **Chief of Indian Air Force** - Amar Preet Singh (replace V.R. Chaudhari)
- ✓ **DG of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)** - Amrit Mohan Prasad
- ✓ **DG of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)** - Rajwinder Singh Bhatti
- ✓ **Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Central Air Command** - Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

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# India's Prasanth Kumar re-elected as president of AAAI

- ✓ **GroupM Media India,** the Indian arm of the US-based media investment group's chief executive officer (CEO) - South Asia, **Prasanth Kumar**, has been **re-elected as the president of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) for the year 2024-25.**
- ✓ The AAAI is a not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed trade association of advertising agencies, formed in 1945.
- ✓ Prasanth Kumar is a GroupM veteran with over two decades of experience in advertising, having worked in other organisations as well.
- ✓ He has previously worked at Pepsi, The Hindu, The Media Edge, and McCann Erickson before joining GroupM. He also served as vice-president of AAAI during 2020-22.

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# Ravindra Kundu takes charge as Cholamandalam MD

- ✓ **Ravindra Kumar Kundu** has been appointed **as the Managing Director of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company for a five-year term**.
- ✓ Kundu's journey at Cholamandalam began in 2000 when he joined as a Senior Executive in Marketing. Over the years, he progressed through various leadership roles, overseeing critical functions such as credit, collections, and business operations.
- ✓ With over 36 years of experience in the automobile and financial services sectors, Kundu has been a key figure in the company, serving as Executive Director since January 2020.




**Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- ✓ **Deputy Governor of RBI** - M. Rajeshwar Rao (reappointment for 1 year)
- ✓ **Executive Director of RBI** - Aviral Jain

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- ✓ **New Members of Monetary Policy Committee** - Ram Singh, Saugata Bhattacharya, Nagesh Kumar (replace Ashima Goyal, Shashanka Bhide, Jayanth Varma)
- ✓ **MD & CEO for IndusInd Bank** - Sumant Kathpalia (reappointment for 3 years)
- ✓ **Chairman of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank** - Parveen Kumar Gupta

# GRSE delivers second survey vessel INS Nirdeshak to Indian Navy




- ✓ **Defence PSU Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd** delivered **survey vessel INS Nirdeshak to the Indian Navy**.
- ✓ INS Nirdeshak is the second in a series of four such vessels being constructed by GRSE, with the first delivered to the Navy 10 months ago in December 2023.
- ✓ These are the largest survey vessels for the Indian Navy to be built in the country.

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- ✓ At 110 metres long, INS Nirdeshak will join INS Sandhayak, the first Survey Vessel Large (SVL) delivered by GRSE, to keep the country's naval forces equipped with the latest survey data, which is essential for operations.
- ✓ The Sandhayak-class SVLs can undertake surveys of maritime limits and collect oceanographic and geographical data for defence applications, which adds muscle to India's maritime capabilities.
- ✓ 19th east asia sumit
- ✓ Tunisia president
- ✓ Pslv c37
- ✓ Lothal maritime heritage complex

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