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FIH Hockey Stars Awards 2024

The FIH Hockey Star Awards 2024 ceremony, which took place on November 8, 2024, in Muscat, Oman, celebrated the top performers in international hockey. Indian hockey team captain Harmanpreet Singh was named the **Men's Player of the Year**, while legendary goalkeeper PR Sreejesh was awarded the **Men's Goalkeeper of the Year**. The awards are determined by a voting process that includes national team captains, coaches, experts, and fans, as well as media representation.

FIH Hockey Star Awards 2024 – Full List of Winners

Below is the complete list of winners at the FIH Hockey Star Awards 2024:

Award Category	Winner	Country
Men's Player of the Year	Harmanpreet Singh	India
Women's Player of the Year	Yibbi Jansen	Netherlands
Men's Goalkeeper of the Year	PR Sreejesh	India
Women's Goalkeeper of the Year	Ye Jiao	China
Men's Rising Star of the Year	Sufyan Khan	Pakistan
Women's Rising Star of the Year	Zoe Diaz	Argentina
Men's Coach of the Year	Jeroen Delmee	Netherlands
Women's Coach of the Year	Alyson Annan	China
Men's Umpire of the Year	Steve Rogers	Australia
Women's Umpire of the Year	Sarah Wilson	Scotland

COP 29 UNFCCC Baku, Azerbaijan

The 29th UN Climate Summit, COP29, kicked off in Baku, Azerbaijan, on November 11, 2024, with discussions set to focus on vital climate finance mechanisms, particularly the new **"New Collective Quantified Goal" (NCQG)**. The summit, running until November 22, aims to address urgent global climate issues and secure financial commitments to assist developing nations in combating the devastating effects of climate change, caused largely by greenhouse gas emissions. COP29 has been dubbed the **"Finance COP"** due to its central focus on financial strategies, including a push for greater funding commitments and the role of the private sector in driving climate action.

Financial Commitments and Global Cooperation

COP29's key agenda is to secure agreements on climate finance, addressing the historic failure to meet previous funding targets. In 2009, developed countries pledged **\$100 billion** annually for climate finance at **COP15 in Copenhagen**, but these commitments have not been fully realized. This year, the focus is on achieving a substantial increase in funding to support developing nations transitioning to clean energy and building resilience to climate impacts. However, critics question who should contribute and how wealthy countries can be held accountable for their promises. The summit also aims to expand adaptation finance to enhance climate resilience in vulnerable countries.

The Role of Carbon Markets and Emission Targets

A critical issue for COP29 is the progress on carbon markets, especially on whether nations can use carbon trading systems to meet their emission reduction targets under the Paris Agreement. Talks on this topic have stalled for years, but some analysts view advancements on carbon trading as essential for accelerating the global shift from fossil fuels. Another significant milestone will be the announcement of updated national emission reduction goals, with countries like Brazil, the UK, and the UAE set to announce new targets during the summit.

The Road Ahead: Urgency and Global Action

COP29 presents a final opportunity for nations to set their emission reduction targets before the February 2025 deadline. With climate impacts intensifying and the need for bold action greater than ever, the summit's outcome could determine the future trajectory of global climate efforts. Despite the challenges, COP29 is an essential step toward securing the international cooperation necessary to mitigate the climate crisis.

COP summits along with their respective locations

COP Summit	Year	Location
COP1	1995	Berlin, Germany
COP2	1996	Geneva, Switzerland
COP3	1997	Kyoto, Japan
COP4	1998	Buenos Aires, Argentina
COP5	1999	Bonn, Germany
COP6	2000	The Hague, Netherlands
COP7	2001	Marrakech, Morocco
COP8	2002	New Delhi, India
COP9	2003	Milan, Italy
COP10	2004	Buenos Aires, Argentina
COP11	2005	Montreal, Canada
COP12	2006	Nairobi, Kenya
COP13	2007	Bali, Indonesia
COP14	2008	Poznań, Poland
COP15	2009	Copenhagen, Denmark
COP16	2010	Cancun, Mexico
COP17	2011	Durban, South Africa
COP18	2012	Doha, Qatar
COP19	2013	Warsaw, Poland
COP20	2014	Lima, Peru
COP21	2015	Paris, France
COP22	2016	Marrakech, Morocco
COP23	2017	Bonn, Germany
COP24	2018	Katowice, Poland
COP25	2019	Madrid, Spain
COP26	2021	Glasgow, United Kingdom
COP27	2022	Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt
COP28	2023	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
COP29	2024	Baku, Azerbaijan

55th International Film Festival of India

The 55th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is set to begin in Panaji, Goa, transforming the city into a vibrant hub of global culture and cinema. Established in 1952, IFFI has become one of Asia's leading film festivals, showcasing diverse storytelling and creativity. The 2024 edition promises an exciting lineup of films, workshops, and a focus on accessibility and inclusivity, offering a platform for filmmakers and audiences alike to engage in cultural exchange.

IFFI 2024: Highlights and Key Themes

The theme of IFFI 2024, “**Young Filmmakers – The Future is Now,**” reflects the importance of youth in shaping the future of cinema. Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Dr. L. Murugan, praised the festival’s growing international stature, likening it to renowned global festivals such as Cannes. He highlighted the overwhelming response IFFI 2024 received for international film submissions, underscoring the festival’s expanding global impact.

A Diverse Film Lineup

IFFI 2024 boasts **16 curated segments** of films, ensuring that there’s something for every film lover. The program features everything from **heartwarming dramas to intense documentaries**, covering every corner of cinema. This year’s highlights include **national and international premieres**, giving audiences an exclusive first look at groundbreaking cinematic stories.

The International Cinema Segment

The **International Cinema** section brings together culturally and artistically exceptional films from across the globe. This section maintains IFFI’s reputation for showcasing the best in **international cinema**, with films selected by **esteemed experts** from the film industry. The lineup includes some of the **year’s top films**, offering a panoramic view of the world through a cinematic lens.

Indian Panorama

The **Indian Panorama** is a hallmark of IFFI, showcasing 25 **Feature Films** and 20 **Non-Feature Films** chosen from hundreds of entries. The feature category includes **five mainstream films**, with the opening film being Swatantrya Veer Savarkar (Hindi), directed by **Randeep Hooda**. The **Non-Feature Films** lineup, opening with Ghar Jaisa Kuch (Ladakhi) by **Harsh Sangani**, reflects contemporary **Indian values** and explores themes unique to India’s cultural landscape.

Best Debut Director of Indian Feature Film

IFFI 2024 introduces a new award category, the **Best Debut Director of Indian Feature Film**, dedicated to emerging voices in Indian cinema. The festival will honor **five debut films** by directors from various Indian regions, including:

- Boong (Manipuri) by **Lakshmi Priya Devi**
- Gharat Ganpati (Marathi) by **Navjyot Bandiwadekar**
- Mikka Bannada Hakki (Kannada) by **Manohara K**
- Razakar (Telugu) by **Yata Satyanarayana**
- Thanupp (Malayalam) by **Ragesh Narayanan**

These films bring fresh perspectives and unique narratives from **regional India** to a global audience, reinforcing the importance of diverse voices in Indian cinema.

Celebrating Indian Cinema's Heritage

Centenary Tribute to Indian Cinema Legends

- IFFI 2024 pays tribute to **four Indian cinema legends**: actor **Raj Kapoor**, director **Tapan Sinha**, Telugu icon **Akkineni Nageswara Rao (ANR)**, and singer **Mohammed Rafi**. As part of the centenary celebration, restored versions of their classic films will be screened, showcasing the **rich heritage of Indian cinema**. The **National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)** has spearheaded the restoration, preserving these cinematic treasures for future generations.

Special Audio-Visual Presentation

- A unique **audio-visual presentation** during the festival's opening ceremony will honor these icons, offering a glimpse into their lives and legacies. This tribute provides newer audiences with an understanding of their impact on Indian cinema and the **cultural significance** of their contributions.

Cultural Exchange: Australia as the Country of Focus

- Each year, IFFI shines a spotlight on one country to highlight its contributions to global cinema. In 2024, **Australia** takes center stage, showcasing **seven films** across various genres, from **dramas and thrillers to documentaries** and comedies. These films offer insights into **Australia's cultural diversity**, including stories from its **Indigenous communities** and modern society. This segment underscores the **India-Australia cultural partnership**, reinforced by the **Audio-Visual Co-Production Treaty** signed by the two nations.
- Beyond Screenings: Workshops, Masterclasses, and Networking Events

Red Carpet and Glitz of Cinema

- IFFI's **Red Carpet event** brings the glamour of the film industry to life, with appearances from **renowned actors, directors, and filmmakers**. This high-profile event celebrates cinema in all its glory, allowing **delegates and fans** to experience the allure of the festival firsthand.

Educational and Networking Opportunities

- In addition to screenings, IFFI offers an array of **workshops, masterclasses**, and networking events aimed at cultivating appreciation for filmmaking. The **"Creative Minds of Tomorrow"** segment, **Film Bazaar**, and **Cine Mela** provide a platform for budding talents to engage with industry experts and gain valuable insights into the world of cinema.

Inclusivity and Accessibility at IFFI 2024

- IFFI 2024 has taken significant steps toward ensuring **accessibility for all**. Venue modifications, such as **ramps, handrails, tactile pathways, and braille signage**, allow individuals with disabilities to participate fully. The festival's commitment to **inclusivity** is part of India's broader mission to create **barrier-free spaces** for national and international events, allowing everyone to enjoy the magic of cinema.

IFFI's Legacy: A Premier Platform for Global Cinema

- Founded in **1952**, the International Film Festival of India is one of **Asia's most prestigious film festivals**. Since **2004**, Goa has served as its permanent home, attracting **filmmakers and cinephiles** from around the globe. Organized by the **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** in collaboration with the **Entertainment Society of Goa**, IFFI has gained accreditation from the **International Federation of Film Producers' Associations (FIAPF)**, cementing its status as one of the world's most respected competitive film festivals.
- Following the recent merger of film media units, **NFDC** now manages the event, which continues to strengthen cultural ties and build an **international appreciation for Indian and global cinema**.

National Affairs

- **Nirmala Sitharaman**, India's Finance Minister, launched the **National MSME Cluster Outreach Programme** in Bengaluru, in collaboration with the Department of Financial Services and SIDBI. The event, attended by key officials, connected around 150 MSME clusters virtually, focusing on improving access to financial services and fostering MSME growth across the country. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** has announced the signing of an agreement to establish the **BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Energy Centre** in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The agreement, formalized by MEA Secretary Jaideep Mazumder and BIMSTEC Secretary General Indramani Pandey, aims to enhance energy cooperation among BIMSTEC member states. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **Kartarpur Sahib Corridor, connecting India and Pakistan, marks its fifth anniversary** on November 9, 2024. Inaugurated by Prime Minister Modi in 2019, it allows Indian pilgrims to visit the Gurdwara Sri Kartarpur Sahib, where Guru Nanak Dev Ji spent his final years. The corridor is a significant step in religious diplomacy, offering visa-free access to the sacred site. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Li Quanhai was re-elected president of World Sailing for a new four-year term at the General Assembly in Singapore on November 9, 2024. He secured 55 votes, defeating Rodion Luka (UKR) and Philippe Rogge (BEL), marking a significant achievement as the only Chinese president of an Olympic International Federation. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud** concluded his tenure as the 50th Chief Justice of India on Sunday, after two years of landmark rulings and reforms. His leadership greatly influenced the Indian judiciary, emphasizing judicial independence, transparency, and accessibility, leaving a lasting legacy. ([Click here to read article](#))

- **Hindalco Industries Ltd.**, the metals division of the Aditya Birla Group, has been ranked the world's most sustainable aluminium company for the fifth consecutive year in the 2024 S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment. With a score of 87 points, the company improved by 9 points from 2023 and led its closest competitor by 22 points. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **5th National EMRS Cultural & Literary Fest and Kala Utsav**, organized by NESTS (National Education Society for Tribal Students), is being held from November 12-15, 2024, in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The event, hosted by OMTES, celebrates the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, with the theme "A Tribute to Bhagwan Birsa Munda & Tribal Freedom Fighters," highlighting the rich cultural and historical ties of India's tribal communities. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **Ministry of Coal** launched the Mine Opening Permission module on the Single Window Clearance System (SWCS) portal on November 7, 2024, to streamline the approval process for opening coal mines. ([Click here to read article](#))
- In a historic 4-3 decision on November 8, 2024, the Supreme Court overturned its 1967 ruling in the Azeez Basha case, which had denied Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) minority institution status. This landmark judgment allows AMU's minority status to be reassessed in light of its historical, administrative, and founding context, under the protection of Article 30 of the Indian Constitution. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to undertake a **crucial three-nation tour** from November 16-21, which will include attending the **G20 Summit in Brazil**, visiting Nigeria, and concluding with a state visit to Guyana. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** has approved the creation of the Central Industrial Security Force's (CISF) **first-ever all-women battalion**, announced on 12th November, 2024. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The government approved 12 research projects worth ₹13.3 crore on 12th November, under the **National Technical Textiles Mission**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **President Droupadi Murmu** inaugurated the Swami Vivekananda Vidya Mandir school at Zanda Chowk in Silvassa on 13th November. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF)** is back at **Pragati Maidan, Delhi, from November 14 to 27**, showcasing India's commitment to "Vocal for Local, Local to Global" with products from across the country and the world. ([Click here to read article](#))
- On November 13, the **Supreme Court of India** issued guidelines to **prevent the demolition of people's homes and private properties by the government solely based on accusations of a crime**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **The 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention** will be held from January 8 to January 10, 2025, in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The official website for the 18th PBD Convention was launched. ([Click here to read article](#))
- PM Modi inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for multiple development projects worth over Rs 6,640 crore in Jamui on the occasion of **Janjatiya Gaurav Divas (Tribal Pride Day)**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is leading efforts under the Clean Ganga Mission to preserve the river's biodiversity, including endangered species like the Ganga Dolphin. A key initiative is the launch of a Dolphin Ambulance to rescue injured dolphins, helping restore the ecological balance of the Ganga and protect its flora and fauna. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate the **first-ever Bodoland Mohotsov on 15th November at 6:30 PM** at the **SAI Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in New Delhi**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- At the inauguration of Symbiosis International University's first international campus in Dubai Knowledge Park, External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and UAE Minister Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan emphasized the event's importance for strengthening education and bilateral ties between India and the UAE. ([Click here to read article](#))

States in the News

- Uttarakhand, a state rich in culture and tradition, observes a unique festival known as **Igas Bagwal**. This festival, also called **Budhi Diwali** or **Harbodhni Ekadashi**, is celebrated in the mountainous regions with reverence and joy, precisely **11 days after Diwali**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the state's first double-decker electric bus at the Aakanksha Haat programme in Indira Gandhi Pratishthan. This initiative aims to modernize public transport, ease urban traffic congestion, and promote eco-friendly travel, contributing to environmental conservation. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Delhi Metro launched a new bike taxi service on November 11, 2024, available through the official Delhi Metro app, DMRC Momentum (Delhi Sarthi 2.0). In partnership with First And Last Mile Connectivity India Pvt. Ltd., the service offers a dedicated bike taxi option for women, improving commuter convenience and safety. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Mahesh Kumar Khichi**, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate, emerged victorious in the Delhi mayoral polls. ([Click here to read article](#))
- For the first time, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has introduced a localized weather forecasting system for the **Sabarimala pilgrimage**. ([Click here to read article](#))

- Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the Jauljibi Mela 2024 in Pithoragarh, calling it an "invaluable heritage" that fosters harmony among India, Tibet, Nepal, and neighboring regions. He also launched 18 development projects worth ₹64.47 crores, focusing on rural and agricultural sectors. ([Click here to read article](#))

International Affairs

- Canada has reported its first presumptive human case of H5 bird flu in British Columbia, where a teenager tested positive for the H5 influenza virus. Health authorities called it a rare event, highlighting the country's ongoing efforts to monitor and manage avian diseases. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The Government of Canada has officially terminated its Student Direct Stream (SDS) program, which was popular among Indian students for its expedited study permit processing. Effective immediately, students from India and 13 other countries who previously used the SDS will now have to apply through the standard study permit system. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Tayyab Ikram has been re-elected as President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) for a second consecutive term. At the 49th FIH Congress in Muscat, Oman, he won with 79 votes out of 126, defeating competitor Marc Coudron of Belgium, who received 47 votes. This marks a significant achievement for Pakistan's hockey. ([Click here to read article](#))
- In a major political shift, Mauritius' opposition is on track for victory in the recent legislative elections, with Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth conceding defeat on November 11th. Opposition leader Dr. Navin Ramgoolam is set to become prime minister for the third time, heading the Alliance of Change coalition. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The UN's World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has issued a "red alert" on climate change, warning that 2024 is on track to be the hottest year on record. Global temperatures from January to September were 1.54°C above pre-industrial levels, largely due to the warming impact of an El Niño event. ([Click here to read article](#))

- Businessman Alix Didier Fils-Aime has been sworn in as Haiti's new prime minister, pledging to tackle the country's security challenges and restore stability. He replaces Garry Conille, who was ousted after just five months in office due to a power struggle with Haiti's transitional council over ministerial appointments. ([Click here to read article](#))
- President-elect Donald Trump has chosen Republican Rep. **Elise Stefanik to serve as U.S. Ambassador** to the United Nations, marking his first Cabinet pick for his second term. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Australia has appointed its **first Anti-Slavery Commissioner, Chris Evans**, who serve a five-year term starting in December 2024. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Scarecrow Incorporated, based in Tokyo's Shibuya Ward, has secured the world's first patent for its animal supplement, Pinfenon (S) (R). This innovative product is designed to treat and prevent cardiac disorders in dogs by reducing atrial natriuretic peptide (ANP) levels. ([Click here to read article](#))
- China's \$1.3 billion megaport in Chancay, Peru, majority-owned by Chinese shipping giant Cosco, aims to strengthen trade links between South America and Asia. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Former Democratic Congresswoman **Tulsi Gabbard** was appointed as the **Director of National Intelligence (DNI)** by U.S. President-elect Donald Trump on **November 13**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- A new dataset released at the UN climate talks shows that cities in Asia and the U.S. are the biggest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions, with Shanghai leading the list, followed by Tokyo, New York, and Houston. ([Click here to read article](#))

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- India and Russia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly manufacture the Pantsir air defence missile-gun system, a major step in advancing India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative in the defense sector. The agreement was formalized between Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL) and Russia's Rosoboronexport (ROE). ([Click here to read article](#))

Books and Authors

- Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal launched the book '*Maa-Mother*' in New Delhi, with Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan and West Bengal Governor Dr. C.V. Anand Bose in attendance. The book, centered on the theme of motherhood, explores the subject through poetry. The book '*Maa-Mother*' was penned by Dr. Davendra Kumar Dhodawat, the Additional Secretary to the Governor of Kerala. ([Click here to read article](#))
- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar** launched his new book, **Why Bharat Matters**, at the Mohammed Bin Rashid Library in **Dubai, UAE**. ([Click here to read article](#))

Banking/Economy/Business News

- Tata Power has teamed up with Noida International Airport (NIA) to invest Rs 550 crore in renewable energy, including a 13 MW solar facility and 10.8 MW of wind power. This partnership supports NIA's sustainability goals and Tata Power's commitment to sustainable infrastructure in India's aviation sector. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has approved three major projects totaling Rs. 725.62 crore under the "Expansion and Modernization of Fire Services in the States." The projects, aimed at enhancing fire safety infrastructure, benefit Chhattisgarh (Rs. 147.76 crore), Odisha (Rs. 201.10 crore), and West Bengal (Rs. 376.76 crore). ([Click here to read article](#))
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$200 million loan to improve urban infrastructure and climate resilience in Uttarakhand through the Uttarakhand Livability Improvement Project. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Public Sector Banks (PSBs) reported strong performance in the first half of FY 2024-25, with an 11% year-on-year growth in aggregate business, reaching Rs 236 trillion. Net profit surged 25.6% to Rs 85,520 crore, and operating profit grew by 14.4%. ([Click here to read article](#))
- In a significant step forward for the development of **Amaravati, the capital city of Andhra Pradesh**, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have agreed to **grant a loan of ₹13,500 crore** for its development. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) confirmed that SBI, HDFC Bank, and ICICI Bank will remain Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs). Starting April 2025, SBI and HDFC Bank will face increased additional capital requirements. The D-SIB framework, updated in 2023, designates these banks as too important to fail and mandates higher capital buffers for financial stability. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced a new framework that allows **Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs)** to convert their investments into **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** if their holdings exceed the **10% equity threshold in Indian companies**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- In the fortnight ending November 1, 2024, credit and deposit growth nearly aligned, with credit increasing by 11.9% and deposits growing by 11.83% year-on-year. This marks a shift from the previous period, where credit growth had consistently outpaced deposits, reflecting the impact of RBI's regulatory measures and a slowdown in sectors like unsecured loans and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs). ([Click here to read article](#))
- India's merchandise exports grew by 17.3% in October 2024, reaching \$39.2 billion, the fastest pace in 28 months. This growth was driven by pre-Christmas inventory buildup in Western countries, boosting demand for products like engineering goods, electronics, chemicals, and garments. ([Click here to read article](#))

- India's **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)**-based inflation surged to a **4-month high of 2.36%** in **October**, up from **1.84%** in **September**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- India's outward foreign direct investment (FDI) reached \$3.7 billion in October 2024, a notable increase from \$2.55 billion in October 2023, according to the RBI. However, it showed a slight decline from \$3.77 billion in September 2024. ([Click here to read article](#))
- State Bank of India (SBI) is aiming to secure a **\$1.25 billion five-year loan**, which would be the largest dollar-denominated loan from **India's financial sector in 2024**. The loan, arranged by **CTBC Bank, HSBC, and Taipei Fubon Bank**, will be used for general corporate purposes. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Reliance Industries and Walt Disney** have finalized an \$8.5 billion merger of their Indian media assets, concluded on 14th November. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Nvidia and SoftBank Corp have unveiled the world's first AI and 5G-integrated telecom network, 5G AI-RAN, which transforms base stations into AI-powered computing hubs. This innovation, launched through the AI-RAN Alliance at Mobile World Congress, marks a major leap in telecom technology by enabling simultaneous management of AI and 5G operations. ([Click here to read article](#))

Appointments/Resignations

- On November 11, 2024, Justice Sanjiv Khanna was sworn in as the 51st Chief Justice of India, succeeding Justice D.Y. Chandrachud. His appointment, following Chandrachud's recommendation, was officially notified by the Centre on October 24. Justice Khanna will serve a six-month term until May 13, 2025, bringing a legacy of significant rulings to his new role. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Sonu Sood**, the celebrated actor, humanitarian, and philanthropist, has taken on an exciting new role as the **Brand Ambassador and Honorary Tourism Advisor** for Thailand. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Mara Kocho** has been recommended as the **next Managing Director (MD) of the North Eastern Handicrafts & Handlooms Development Corporation Limited (NEHHDC)**, a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER). ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Arvindar Singh Sahney** has been appointed as the **new chairman of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the nation's largest oil firm**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **The Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI)** announced that **Amandeep Johl** will take over as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) starting January 2025. ([Click here to read article](#))

Defence News

- The Defence Space Agency is conducting *Antariksha Abhyas – 2024*, a three-day exercise from November 11-13, to simulate and address threats to space-based assets and services, marking a groundbreaking initiative in space defense. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Sri Lanka Coast Guard (SLCG) held their 7th Annual High-Level Meeting in Colombo on November 11, 2024.** ([Click here to read article](#))
- On November 12, 2024, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the first flight test of the Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM) with a range of 1,000 km. The test took place at the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur, Odisha. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Air Marshal **Ashutosh Dixit, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Central Air Command**, inaugurated the Indian Air Force (IAF) C-295 Full Motion Simulator (FMS) facility on November 11, 2024, at Air Force Station Agra. ([Click here to read article](#))
- India's industrial production grew by 3.1% in September 2024, recovering from a 0.1% contraction in August. This growth was driven by strong manufacturing performance and modest increases in electricity generation and mining. However, the growth rate slowed compared to 6.4% in September 2023, signaling a more tempered industrial recovery. ([Click here to read article](#))
- India's inflation rate for October 2024 stood at 6.21%, with rural areas experiencing higher inflation at 6.68%, compared to 5.62% in urban areas. The Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) rose by 10.87%, with rural inflation at 10.69% and urban inflation at 11.09%. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Chief of Defence Staff **General Anil Chauhan** chaired the **35th Tri-Services Commanders' Conference (TSTCC)** at the **Southern Naval Command, Kochi**, on 13 November 2024. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **The Indian Navy** conduct the fourth edition of its nationwide coastal defence exercise, **Sea Vigil-24, on November 20 and 21.** ([Click here to read article](#))
- In a move to **strengthen Rajasthan's defence industrial base**, the Army's Jaipur-based South Western Command has established a think tank named **Gyan Shakti.** ([Click here to read article](#))
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully completed a series of flight tests for the **Guided Pinaka Weapon System**, conducted as part of the Provisional Staff Qualitative Requirements (PSQR) Validation Trials. ([Click here to read article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- Kunal Dalal, Managing Director of JBCN Education, was awarded Education Leader of the Year at the Education World India School Ranking Awards 2024-2025 in Gurgaon. The recognition highlights his visionary leadership and commitment to developing a progressive network of international schools. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Veteran Australian filmmaker Phillip Noyce**, renowned for his acclaimed works such as *Clear and Present Danger*, *Salt*, and *Rabbit-Proof Fence*, will be honored with the prestigious **Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award** at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI). ([Click here to read article](#))
- The ICC has announced the winners of the Players of the Month for October 2024, with New Zealand's all-rounder Amelia Kerr and Pakistan's spinner Noman Ali taking the honors. ([Click here to read article](#))
- British author **Samantha Harvey** has won the prestigious **Booker Prize for Fiction** for her novel "Orbital," a thought-provoking and imaginative exploration set in the unique setting of the **International Space Station (ISS).** ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **Commonwealth of Dominica** has announced that it award **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** its highest national honour, the **Dominica Award of Honour**, in recognition of his significant contributions to the island nation, particularly during the **COVID-19 pandemic.** ([Click here to read article](#))
- Manoj Bajpayee's film *The Fable* won the Best Film award at the 38th Leeds International Film Festival, securing recognition in the Constellation Feature Film Competition. Directed by Raam Reddy, the film has been praised for its unique storytelling and magical realism, marking a significant achievement for both Indian and international cinema. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL)** has received global recognition at the prestigious 'Airport Excellence Awards' during the **Saudi Airport Exhibition 2024**, held on November 12 at the **Riyadh International Convention and Exhibition Center.** ([Click here to read article](#))

Summits and Conferences News

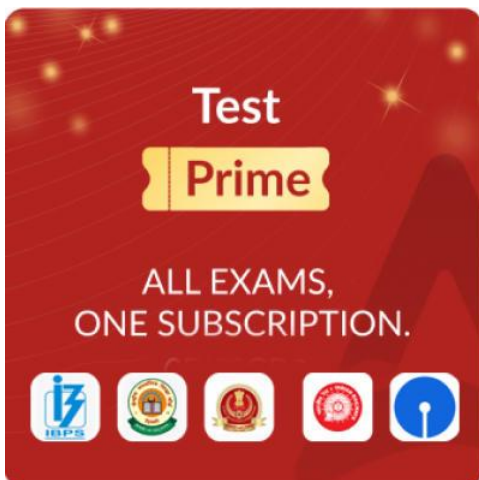
- On November 12, 2024, Union Minister for Power, Shri Manohar Lal, chaired the Conference of Power Ministers in New Delhi. The conference addressed key issues in the power sector, including operational performance, the financial health of DISCOMs, and the integration of renewable energy. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **India's Minister for Communications, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia**, inaugurated the **25th Meeting of the South Asian Telecommunication Regulators' Council (SATRC-25)** in New Delhi. ([Click here to read article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- London has retained its position as the world's top "city brand" for the second consecutive year, according to Brand Finance's Global City Index. The ranking, based on a survey of 15,000 people across 20 countries, places London first, followed by New York, Paris, Tokyo, Dubai, Singapore, Los Angeles, Sydney, San Francisco, and Amsterdam in the top 10. ([Click here to read article](#))
- India ranked 6th globally in intellectual property filings for the first time in 2023, according to the WIPO Global Patent Filing Report. This milestone follows a 15.7% growth in patent filings, marking the fifth consecutive year of double-digit growth, with over 64,480 patents filed in 2023. ([Click here to read article](#))
- India has reached a major milestone in intellectual property (IP) rights, ranking among the top 10 countries globally for patents, trademarks, and industrial designs, according to the WIPO's 2024 World Intellectual Property Indicators. ([Click here to read article](#))

Sports News

- Pankaj Advani clinched his 28th world title by defeating England's Robert Hall 4-2 at the IBSF World Billiards Championship in Doha on November 9, 2024. This victory marked his seventh consecutive World Billiards Championship win. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **GM Aravindh Chithambaram** made a remarkable late surge in the final rounds, winning the last two classical games to secure the **Chennai Grand Masters 2024 title**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, launched a nationwide initiative to combat doping in sports, encouraging athletes, coaches, and the sporting community to use the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) India's 'Know Your Medicine (KYM)' app. ([Click here to read article](#))



- **Tim Southee, New Zealand's all-time leading wicket-taker**, has announced his decision to **retire from international cricket** after the completion of the current ICC World Test Championship campaign. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **Prajnesh Gunneswaran**, the Indian tennis star who won a **bronze medal in singles at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games**, announced his **retirement from professional tennis**. ([Click here to read article](#))

Schemes and Committees News

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated five "Nari Shakti" branches of Union Bank of India in Bengaluru, Chennai, Visakhapatnam, and Jaipur. These branches are designed to promote financial inclusion and support women entrepreneurs, particularly in manufacturing and services. The initiative focuses on empowering women with accessible finance, skills training, and advisory services, aligning with India's goal of gender-focused economic growth. ([Click here to read article](#))

Science and Technology News

- Scientists have discovered a new fire-resilient species of *Dicliptera*, named *Dicliptera polymorpha*, in the Northern Western Ghats of India. Found in the fire-prone grasslands of Talegaon-Dabhade, this species is notable for its ability to thrive in harsh conditions and its rare dual-blooming behavior. ([Click here to read article](#))
- IIT Madras is partnering with ISRO to establish a Centre of Excellence for research in 'Fluid and Thermal Sciences'. With seed funding of Rs 1.84 Crore from ISRO, the center will focus on advancing research in these key areas crucial for space exploration. ([Click here to read article](#))

Important Days News

- **National Education Day**, observed on November 11 each year, honors the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Education Minister. Declared in 2008, the day celebrates Azad's significant contributions to shaping India's education system. Azad, a freedom fighter and visionary, believed that education was crucial for national progress and individual empowerment. ([Click here to read article](#))
- **World Quality Week**, celebrated from **November 11 to November 15, 2024**, highlights the importance of quality management across various sectors like manufacturing, healthcare, education, and IT. Organized by the Chartered Quality Institute (CQI), The theme for 2024, "Quality: From Compliance to Performance," emphasizes the shift from just meeting standards to driving superior organizational performance. ([Click here to read article](#))

- World Immunization Day, observed annually on November 10th, highlights the vital role of vaccines in protecting public health, preventing diseases, and saving lives. Established by the WHO in 2012, it marks the anniversary of the WHO's Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI), launched in 1974. ([Click here to read article](#))
- World Pneumonia Day**, observed each year on **November 12**, is dedicated to raising awareness about pneumonia, a potentially life-threatening yet **preventable and treatable respiratory illness**. The theme for **World Pneumonia Day 2024**, "Every Breath Counts: Stop Pneumonia in Its Tracks,". ([Click here to read article](#))
- World Diabetes Day (WDD)** is observed on **14 November** every year to raise awareness about the increasing prevalence of diabetes, its impact on global health, and the importance of preventive measures. **Diabetes and well-being** is the theme for World Diabetes Day 2024-26. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Every year, on **November 14**, India celebrates **Children's Day**, also known as **Bal Diwas**, to honor and uplift its young citizens. This significant day also marks the **birth anniversary of India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru**. ([Click here to read article](#))
- All India Cooperative Week is celebrated from November 14 to 20 each year to honor the contributions of cooperative societies in India. The 71st edition in 2024 carries the theme "Role of Cooperatives in Building Viksit Bharat," emphasizing their importance in the nation's economic and social development, particularly in rural areas. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Birsa Munda Jayanti**, also known as **Janjatiya Gaurav Divas or Tribal Pride Day**, is celebrated on **November 15th** every year. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Jharkhand Foundation Day** is celebrated on **November 15th** each year. ([Click here to read article](#))
- National Press Day** is observed every year on **November 16** to commemorate the establishment of the **Press Council of India (PCI)** in 1966. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The **International Day for Tolerance** is observed every year on **November 16** to promote mutual understanding among cultures and encourage tolerance among individuals. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (WDR)** is observed on the **third Sunday of November** each year. ([Click here to read article](#))

Obituaries News

- Harinder Singh Sodhi, also known as 'Billy,' a legendary figure in Indian polo, passed away at 86 due to age-related issues. A respected player with a rare plus-five handicap, he was a stalwart of the sport and received the Arjuna Award for his contributions. His legacy in Indian polo is widely admired. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Pandit Ram Narayan, a pioneering sarangi virtuoso, passed away on November 8, 2024, at the age of 96 in Mumbai. He was celebrated for transforming the sarangi from a traditional accompaniment into a prominent solo instrument in Hindustani classical music, leaving behind a lasting legacy in the world of Indian classical music. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Mahendra Singh Mewar, former BJP Member of Parliament and a member of the Mewar royal family, passed away on November 10, 2024, at the age of 83. He died after a prolonged illness while being treated at a private hospital in Udaipur, Rajasthan. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Noted Tamil actor '**Delhi**' **Ganesh**, renowned for his remarkable versatility in over 400 films, passed away late Saturday night at the age of 80. ([Click here to read article](#))
- The music world mourns the loss of legendary Mridangam artist and scholar, Varadarao Kamalakara Rao, who passed away at 88 in Rajahmundry. Known for his mastery and innovative techniques, Rao made significant contributions to Indian classical music and inspired generations with his exceptional rhythm. ([Click here to read article](#))
- Princess Mikasa**, the **oldest member of Japan's royal family**, passed away at the age of 101. ([Click here to read article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- Tropical Storm Sara made landfall in northern Honduras, near Brus Laguna, on Thursday, bringing heavy rain and flooding risks to Central America and southern Mexico. ([Click here to read article](#))
- New Delhi's Sarai Kale Khan Chowk was renamed Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chowk on the occasion of his 150th birth anniversary. The change was announced by Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar. ([Click here to read article](#))

Static Takeaways

Sr. No	Orgn./Banks/Country/State/UTs	Static Details
1	World Meteorological Organization (WMO)	Estd. Year - 1950 President - Abdulla Al Mandous Headquarters - Geneva, Switzerland
2	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	Estd. Year - 1967 Director General - Daren Tang Headquarters - Geneva, Switzerland

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3	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	Estd. Year - 1992 Headquarters - The UNFCCC secretariat is located in Bonn, Germany
4	Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO)	Estd. Year - 1968 Director General - Dr. Manu Korulla Headquarters - New Delhi
5	Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)	Estd. Year - 1969 Chairman - S. Somnath Headquarters - Bengaluru
6	Indian Meteorological Organization (IMD)	Estd. Year - 1875 Director General - Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra Headquarters - New Delhi
7	Indian Coast Guard (ICG)	Estd. Year - 1977 (Formally in 1978) Director General - Paramesh Sivamani Headquarters - New Delhi
8	Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)	Estd. Year - 1959 Chairman - Arvindar Singh Sahney Head office - New Delhi
9	Reserve Bank Of India (RBI)	Estd. Year - 1935 Governor - Shashikant Das Head office - Mumbai
10	State Bank of India (SBI)	Estd. Year - 1955 Chairman - Challa Sreenivasulu Setty Head office - Mumbai
11	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Estd. Year - 1966 Chairman - Masatsugu Asakawa Head office - Manila, Philippines
12	SoftBank Group Corp.	Estd. Year - 1990 Chairman - Masayoshi Son Head office - Tokyo, Japan
13	Tata Power	Chairman - Natarajan Chandrasekaran
14	Minister of Finance	Nirmala Sitharaman
15	Minister of Home Affairs	Amit Shah
16	Minister of Power	Manohar Khattar
17	Minister of Communications	Jyotiraditya Scindia
18	Minister of Law and Justice	Arjun Ram Meghwal
19	Canada	President - Justin Trudeau Capital - Ottawa Currency - Canadian Dollar
20	China	President - Xi Jinping Capital - Beijing Currency - Yuan
21	Japan	PM - Shiegru Ishiba Capital - Tokyo Currency - Yen
22	Haiti	President - Jovenel Moise Capital - Port-au-Prince Currency - Gourde

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23	Mauritius	PM - Dr. Navin Ramgoolam Capital - Port Louis Currency - Mauritian Rupee
24	Australia	PM - Anthony Albanese Capital - Canberra Currency - Australian Dollar
25	Commonwealth of Dominica	PM - Roosevelt Skerrit Capital - Roseau Currency - East Caribbean Dollar
26	Uttar Pradesh	Governor - Anandiben Patel CM - Yogi Adityanath Capital - Lucknow
27	Delhi	L. Governor - Vinai Kumar Saxena CM - Atishi Marlena Capital - New Delhi
28	Rajasthan	Governor - Haribhau Kisanrao Bagade CM - Bhajan Lal Sharma Capital - Jaipur

