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## India's Abstention in UNGA Vote on Israel's Presence in Palestinian Territories

India abstained from voting in the UN General Assembly (UNGA) on a resolution demanding Israel to end its unlawful presence in the occupied Palestinian territories within 12 months. The resolution passed with 124 votes in favor, 14 against, and 43 abstentions, with key nations like Australia, Canada, Germany, and the UK also abstaining. It condemned Israel's ongoing actions, labeling them as violations of international law, while Israel and the US opposed the resolution. Israel dismissed it as a politically motivated move, while the US warned that it could exacerbate regional tensions.

## Mamata Banerjee Calls for Resignations Over Women's Safety, Introduces New Bill



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee called for the resignation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and state chief ministers who have not effectively implemented laws to protect women. During the introduction of the Aparajita Woman and Child Bill 2024, Banerjee emphasized the need for faster investigations, prompt justice, and harsher punishments for crimes against women. She highlighted the high crime rates against women in states like Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat, contrasting them with West Bengal, where she claims women are receiving justice. The Bill, aimed at ensuring time-bound investigations and justice, was passed amidst heated scenes in the assembly, with Banerjee asking the opposition to urge the governor to sign the Bill swiftly.

## Russian Missile Strike in Poltava Kills 51, Wounds Over 200



Two Russian ballistic missiles struck an educational facility and hospital in Poltava, central Ukraine, killing at least 51 people and wounding more than 200, according to Ukrainian authorities. This deadly strike, one of the worst since the war began, partially destroyed a building at the Military Institute of Communications. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy confirmed the rescue operation, with 25 people saved, including 11 pulled from the rubble. Poltava Governor Filip Pronin declared three days of mourning following the attack.



## Lawsuit Filed Against Indian Government by Khalistani Separatist in US Court

Khalistani separatist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun has filed a civil lawsuit in the Southern District of New York, accusing the Indian government of plotting to assassinate him. The lawsuit names Indian government officials, including National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, former R&AW chief Samant Goel, and others. The court has issued a summons demanding a response from India within 21 days.



## Controversy Over Alleged Use of Animal Fats in Tirupati Laddoo Prasadam

After lab reports confirmed the presence of foreign fats, including beef tallow and fish oil, in the ghee used for Tirupati's laddoo prasadam, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams temporarily halted the use of cow-based products. The temple trust vowed to restore the prasadam's sanctity and warned suppliers of strict action.



## Teen Arrested for Posing as Fake IPS Officer in Bihar

Mithlesh Manjhi, an 18-year-old from Bihar's Jamui district, was arrested for impersonating an IPS officer after paying 2 lakh for a police uniform and pistol. He was flaunting his "rank" in his village when locals alerted police. He was flaunting his "rank" in his village when locals alerted police.



## Pakistan-Based Terrorist Farhatullah Ghori Calls for Attacks on Indian Infrastructure

Pakistan-based terrorist Farhatullah Ghori released a video urging his followers to target India's infrastructure, including train derailments in major cities like Delhi and Mumbai. He called for attacks on petrol pipelines, transport systems, and logistics chains to "cripple" India. Ghori also promoted suicide attacks against Hindu leaders and police. Indian authorities are investigating incidents, including recent attempts to derail a Vande Bharat train, as they assess the potential threat posed by the video.



## Jharkhand Imposes Internet Ban During Competitive Exams

The Jharkhand government will impose a statewide internet ban from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM on September 21 and 22 to prevent cheating during the Jharkhand General Graduate Level Combined Competitive Examination (JGGLCCE). The ban affects all 24 districts where the exams are being held.

# EDUCATION

## Rajnath Singh Highlights Importance of Sainik Schools in Building Student Values

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasized the role of Sainik schools in instilling discipline, patriotism, and courage in students during the inauguration of Shri Bhawani Niketan Sainik School. He stated that these schools go beyond academics, fostering values that shape well-rounded personalities. Singh noted that such values inspire students to contribute to the nation's progress, making Sainik schools vital in guiding society and developing future leaders.



## National Consumer Helpline Secures Rs 1 Crore Refund for Students from Coaching Centres

The National Consumer Helpline (NCH), led by the Consumer Affairs Ministry, has facilitated the refund of Rs 1 crore in enrolment fees to students across India, particularly those preparing for competitive exams like UPSC and IIT entrance tests. Following numerous complaints about unfair practices by coaching centres, NCH resolved 16,276 grievances in 2023-2024. Students reported issues such as unfulfilled promises and poor teaching quality.



## The Origins of Langar: Guru Nanak's Vision of Equality

Langar, a hallmark of Sikhism, began in the 1520s when Guru Nanak observed social divisions even during shared meals. At Kartarpur, he noticed that people of different castes and communities remained separated, reinforcing societal inequalities. To challenge this, Guru Nanak introduced the tradition of langar—a communal meal where everyone, regardless of caste, religion, or status, sat together as equals. This act was revolutionary, promoting equality and unity at a time when rigid social hierarchies prevailed. Today, langar continues to serve as a powerful expression of service, compassion, and social justice, symbolizing the equality of all people.



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## BLOG

## The Role of Soft Skills in Education

Soft skills, such as communication, teamwork, adaptability, and emotional intelligence, play a vital role in education today. While academic knowledge is essential, soft skills are increasingly recognized as crucial for success in both personal and professional spheres. These skills help students navigate real-world challenges, improve collaboration, and build leadership abilities. Schools are now integrating soft skills into their curricula to prepare students for a dynamic, interconnected world where emotional and social intelligence is key to thriving.

# SPORTS

## Five-Year-Old Teghbir Singh Becomes Youngest Asian to Summit Mount Kilimanjaro



Teghbir Singh, a five-year-old from Punjab, achieved the remarkable feat of becoming the youngest Asian to scale Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak, at 5,895 meters. He reached the summit on August 23, overcoming challenges like altitude sickness and minus 10-degree temperatures. This accomplishment matches the world record set by a five-year-old Serbian boy. Teghbir attributed his success to the support of his family and guidance from his coach, Bikramjit Singh Ghuman, a retired handball coach.



## D Gukesh Leads India to Historic Gold at 2024 Chess Olympiad

Grand Master D Gukesh showcased remarkable skill at the 2024 Chess Olympiad, guiding India to its first-ever gold medal in the prestigious event. Gukesh won an impressive 9 out of 10 games, securing the individual gold on Board 1. His victory against Iran's Parham Maghsoodloo in the eighth round with the black pieces highlighted his strategic mastery. Gukesh's live rating surged to 2785, bringing him within reach of the elite 2800 rating, a feat only achieved by 15 players in history.

## Sangram Singh's Historic MMA Debut

Indian wrestler and Commonwealth Heavyweight Champion Sangram Singh made a remarkable debut in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) at the Gama International Fighting Championship in Tbilisi, Georgia. Competing in the 93 kg weight class, Singh secured victory in just 1 minute and 30 seconds, setting a new record for the fastest win by an Indian fighter in this division. This outstanding performance has established him as a formidable force in international MMA right from his first fight.



## Paralympic Archers Honored as National Icons by ECI

Ms. Sheetal Devi and Shri Rakesh Kumar, fresh off their bronze medal win in Archery at the 2024 Paris Summer Paralympics, were honored by the Election Commission of India (ECI) at Nirvachan Sadan. Recognized for their exceptional sporting achievements, they were appointed as national icons for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

# TECHNOLOGY

## Tata Electronics Partners with Tokyo Electron for Semiconductor Equipment



Tata Electronics has signed a memorandum of understanding with Tokyo Electron Limited (TEL) to acquire equipment and services for its semiconductor chip units under construction in Gujarat and Assam. The collaboration will also focus on training Tata Electronics' workforce and advancing research and development. This partnership aims to accelerate semiconductor infrastructure development for India's first Fab in Dholera, Gujarat, and the assembly and test facility in Jagiroad, Assam.

## Mahindra Group Launches AI Division to Boost Business Operations

Mahindra Group has established a dedicated AI division aimed at accelerating the adoption of artificial intelligence across its various businesses, including automotive, real estate, and hospitality. Positioned at the corporate level, the division will centralize AI efforts and integrate them into mainstream operations. Bhuwan Lodha, formerly leading digital operations for the group's auto sector, has been appointed to head the division, which is tasked with driving success through advanced AI technologies.

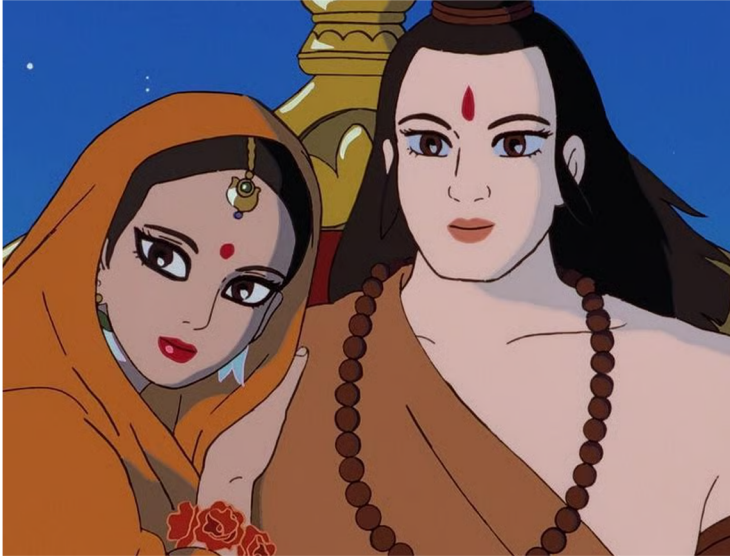


## Biden and Modi Announce Advanced Semiconductor Plant in India



US President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have welcomed the establishment of a new advanced semiconductor fabrication plant, focused on sensing, communication, and power electronics for national security, telecommunications, and green energy. The plant, part of the GlobalFoundries' GF Kolkata Power Center in West Bengal, aims to strengthen resilient and sustainable semiconductor supply chains. It will drive advancements in R&D for chip manufacturing, benefiting zero-emission vehicles, IoT devices, AI, and data centers.

# ENTERTAINMENT



## The Legend of Prince Rama" Set for Theatrical Release in 2024

The iconic animated film Ramayana: The Legend of Prince Rama will debut in Indian theaters on October 18, 2024, in four languages—Hindi, English, Tamil, and Telugu. Originally banned in 1995, the film, created through an Indo-Japan collaboration, returns to screens during the festive Dussehra and Diwali season. Distributed by Geek Pictures India, AA Films, and Excel Entertainment, this visually dynamic anime adaptation of the timeless epic is expected to resonate with audiences of all ages.



## Rannvijay Singha Returns as Host for MTV Roadies Season 20

Rannvijay Singha is set to return as the host of MTV Roadies for its 20th season, Roadies Double Cross, reigniting excitement among fans. In a recently released promo, Rannvijay makes a stylish entrance on a motorcycle, clad in a leather jacket, as the crowd cheers him on. Known as the face of many of the show's most successful seasons, his comeback promises to elevate the thrill of the popular youth-based reality series. With his signature charisma, Rannvijay teases fans with the question, "So, will you become a Roadie?" creating buzz for the new season.



## Johnny Depp to Receive Lifetime Award at Rome Film Festival

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Johnny Depp will be honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Rome Film Festival, where his directorial biopic Modi: Three Days on the Wing of Madness will be screened.



## Laapataa Ladies Chosen Entry for Oscars 2025

India has selected Kiran Rao's film Laapataa Ladies as its official entry for the 97th Academy Awards in 2025, competing in the Best International Feature Film category. The movie was chosen from 29 entries, including popular contenders like Animal.

# REAL-ESTATE

## Sebi Imposes Penalties on Anmol Ambani for Loan Approval Violations



The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has imposed a Rs 1 crore penalty on Anmol Ambani for failing to exercise due diligence in approving corporate loans during the Reliance Home Finance case. Krishnan Gopalakrishnan, Chief Risk Officer of Reliance Housing Finance, was fined Rs 15 lakh. Anmol approved a Rs 20 crore loan to Accura Productions just three days after the board directed a halt to such loans. Sebi's investigation highlighted his actions as a breach of duty, following earlier sanctions against Anil Ambani and others for fund diversion.

## Nvidia CEO Highlights India's Opportunity in AI During Meeting with PM Modi



Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang emphasized that India is at a pivotal moment to capitalize on opportunities in artificial intelligence (AI) following his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New York. Huang stated, "This is India's moment," highlighting AI's transformative potential and its role in democratizing computing. He noted Nvidia's collaboration with Indian companies, startups, and educational institutions to harness AI's capabilities.

## Piyush Goyal Proposes Dedicated Startup Township



Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has proposed the creation of a dedicated township for startups in India, aiming to replicate the success of Silicon Valley. This focused township would provide essential resources, mentorship, and financial support to foster innovation, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing among entrepreneurs.

## Director's Desk

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### Real Estate's Role in Economic Recovery

The real estate sector plays a pivotal role in driving economic recovery, especially in post-pandemic times. As infrastructure development accelerates, the industry not only creates jobs but also stimulates growth across various sectors, from construction to finance. Demand for both residential and commercial spaces is evolving, driven by hybrid work models, e-commerce expansion, and renewed interest in sustainable living.

