

### Justice Sanjiv Khanna took over as the 51st Chief Justice of India

#### Key Points:

- ❖ Justice Sanjiv Khanna took over as the 51st Chief Justice of India, succeeding former Chief Justice DY Chandrachud. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to the 64-year-old judge at a ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- ❖ Justice Khanna will serve a six-month term as the Chief Justice of India. He is due to retire on May 13 next year. Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and other ministers attended the ceremony. Former Chief Justice DY Chandrachud was also present.



- ❖ Born in Delhi, Chief Justice Khanna went to Modern School Barakhamba Road before moving to St Stephen's College. He studied law at Delhi University's Campus Law College.
- ❖ Chief Justice Khanna's father, Justice Dev Raj Khanna, was a judge in the Delhi High Court and his mother Saroj Khanna a lecturer at Lady Shri Ram College.
- ❖ His uncle, Justice Hans Raj Khanna, was a Supreme Court judge remembered for his minority judgment in the Emergency era.
- ❖ Chief Justice Khanna has earlier worked as a lawyer before joining the Delhi High Court as a judge in 2005.
- ❖ He moved to Supreme Court in 2019. Chief Justice Khanna has been part of several landmark judgments, including upholding the sanctity of Electronic Voting Machines

and the revocation of Article 370 that gave Jammu and Kashmir special status.

- ❖ He was also part of the bench that declared the electoral bonds scheme unconstitutional.

#### Qualifications:

- ❖ The CJI should be a citizen of India. He/She should: Have been for at least five years a Judge of a High Court or of two or more such Courts in succession or Have been for at least ten years an advocate of a High Court or of two or more such Courts in succession, or Be, in the opinion of the President, a distinguished jurist.

#### Appointment of the CJI:

- ❖ The CJI and the Judges of the Supreme Court (SC) are appointed by the President under clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution. As far as the CJI is concerned, the outgoing CJI recommends his successor.
- ❖ The Union Law Minister forwards the recommendation to the Prime Minister who, in turn, advises the President. SC in the Second Judges Case (1993), ruled that the senior most judge of the Supreme Court should alone be appointed to the office of the CJI.
- ❖ The SC collegium is headed by CJI and comprises four other senior most judges of the court. The collegium system is the system of appointment and transfer of judges that has evolved through judgments of the SC (Judges Cases), and not by an Act of Parliament or by a provision of the Constitution.

#### Removal:

- ❖ He/She can be removed by an order of the President only after an address by Parliament has been presented to the President.

- ❖ This should be supported by a special majority of each House of Parliament (i.e., by a majority of the total membership of that House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of that House present and voting). Grounds of Removal: Proved misbehavior or Incapacity (Article 124(4)).

### Russia considers creating a 'ministry of sex'. President Putin's loyalist reviews petition

#### Key Points:

- ❖ As part of a broad initiative to focus on its falling birth rates, Russia is reportedly considering launching a new ministry, a "Ministry of Sex."
- ❖ Russian authorities are exploring various policies to encourage family growth, with creative and unusual proposals aimed at boosting the country's population, which has suffered sharp declines due to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

#### What are the unique initiatives proposed?

- ❖ One proposal involves cutting off internet and electricity between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. at night, reducing distractions and helping couples spend more intimate time together.
- ❖ Additionally, the government has considered funding first dates for young couples, with a budget of up to 5,000 roubles, as a means to encourage romantic relationships that might lead to intimacy.
- ❖ The government also plans public funding for honeymoon hotel stays of new couples, with a value of up to 26,300 roubles. This proposal aims to provide incentives for couples to consider starting family planning at the earliest.
- ❖ Stay-at-home mothers may soon be compensated for housework, with these earnings contributing to their pensions, acknowledging the value of their domestic contributions.

- ❖ Yevgeny Shestopalov, a regional health minister, suggested that Russians use work breaks as an opportunity for "procreation," urging, "You can engage in procreation during breaks because life flies by too quickly."
- ❖ Nina Ostanina, a close Putin ally and head of the Russian Parliament's Committee on Family Protection, Paternity, Maternity, and Childhood, is currently reviewing the proposal to create a Ministry of Sex, according to The Mirror.

#### Russian authorities question women on their sex lives

- ❖ The efforts do not stop at these initiatives. In Moscow, officials are also collecting data on women's reproductive health as part of efforts to encourage higher birth rates. Female public sector employees have been asked to complete detailed questionnaires asking women when they became sexually active, whether they use contraceptives, experiences with infertility or past pregnancies, and if they plan to have children in the coming year.

#### Free fertility testing

- ❖ Moscow has also launched a free fertility testing programme for women. It has attracted 20,000 participants so far.

### Pakistan May Take India To Court Of Arbitration For Sport Over Champions Trophy Travel Refusal: Sources

19 February 2025 (D/N)	Pakistan v New Zealand	National Stadium, Karachi
20 February 2025 (D/N)	Bangladesh v India	Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore
23 February 2025 (D/N)	India v New Zealand	Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore
24 February 2025 (D/N)	Pakistan v Bangladesh	Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Rawalpindi
27 February 2025 (D/N)	New Zealand v Bangladesh	Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore
1 March 2025 (D/N)	Pakistan v India	Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore

#### Key Points:

- ❖ The 2025 ICC Champions Trophy will be the ninth edition of the ICC Champions Trophy, a cricket tournament that will be contested by top eight ranked One Day International (ODI) men's national teams.

- ❖ It will be organised by the International Cricket Council (ICC). It will be hosted by Pakistan from 19 February to 9 March 2025. Pakistan are the defending champions, having won the previous edition in 2017.
- ❖ Pakistan is likely to file a case with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) over India's refusal to go for the Champions Trophy 2025.
- ❖ There has been a lot of speculation over the Indian cricket team's likely participation in the competition, considering the two nations have not played a single bilateral series in more than a decade due to political issues.
- ❖ While Pakistan travelled to India for the 2023 ODI World Cup, it is unclear whether India will travel to Pakistan in 2025. According to media sources, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has proposed a 'hybrid' theory to the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) under which India will play its matches in Dubai.
- ❖ The 2009 attack on the Sri Lanka national cricket team occurred on 3 March 2009, when a bus carrying Sri Lankan cricketers, part of a larger convoy, was fired upon by 12 gunmen near Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore, Pakistan.

### Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)

	The <b>Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)</b> is an independent body. It handles disputes related to sports through arbitration and mediation. It operates separately from any sports organization.
<b>About</b>	CAS has nearly 300 arbitrators from 87 different countries, all experts in arbitration and sports law. Every year, around 300 cases are handled by CAS. CAS procedures are conducted in French or English, although another language may be used under certain conditions.
<b>Establishment</b>	CAS was established in 1984 and operates under the administrative and financial control of the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS).
<b>Headquarter</b>	<b>CAS is based in Lausanne, Switzerland</b> , with additional offices in Sydney, Australia, and New York, USA.

- ❖ However, PCB chief Mohsin Naqvi rejected any such communication, stating that Pakistan will not hold any competition matches outside of the country.

- ❖ Earlier, it was reported that the BCCI had informed the International Cricket Council (ICC) that India would not travel to Pakistan for the competition.
- ❖ "This is an ICC event and BCCI has informed the global body that it won't travel to Pakistan. It will depend on the ICC to inform the host nation about the development and then close in on the scheduling of the tournament.
- ❖ The convention is to announce the schedule 100 days prior to the commencement of the event," a BCCI source said.

### Coco Gauff of the US wins the 2024 WTA Finals

#### Key Points:

- ❖ World No. 3 Coco Gauff of the United States won her first WTA (Women Tennis Association) Finals by beating world number 7 Zheng Qinwen of China 3-6, 6-4, 7-6(2) in a 3-hour and 4-minute final.
- ❖ The doubles title was won by the pair of - Gabriela Dabrowski and Erin Routliffe, defeating the Katerina Siniakova and Taylor Townsend duo to lift the WTA Doubles title. Saudi Arabia's Capital city of Riyadh hosted the 2024 WTA Finals from 2-9 November 2024.



### First Billie Jean King Trophy for Coco Gauff

- ❖ The 2023 US Open Singles winner Coco Gauff won her first Billie Jeans King Trophy by defeating the 2024 Paris Olympic gold medal winner Zheng Qinwen.

- ❖ The winner of the WTA Finals is given the Billie Jean King Trophy. 20-year-old Coco Gauff is also the youngest player to win the WTA finals singles title. Since Russian Maria Sharapova won the WTA Singles title at the age of 17 years in 2004.
- ❖ En route to the final, Coco Gauff defeated World No.1 Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus) and World No. 2 Iga Swiatek (Poland).

#### **Gabriela Dabrowski and Erin Routliffe Lifts the Doubles Title**

- ❖ The pair of Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) and Erin Routliffe (New Zealand) defeated the duo of Katerina Siniakova (Czech Republic) and Taylor Townsend (United States) in the finals 7-5, 6-3 to win the doubles crown of the 2024 WTA Finals.
- ❖ With their victory in the WTA Doubles finals, Gabriela Dabrowski and Erin Routliffe avenged their loss to Katerina Siniakova and Taylor Townsend in the 2024 Wimbledon finals.

#### **WTA Finals**

- ❖ The WTA Finals is the season-ending tournament of the WTA, which has been held every year since 1972.
- ❖ The top eight ranked women's singles and doubles players participate in the WTA Finals.
- ❖ The WTA finals are organised by the professional women's tennis global governing body Women Tennis Association (WTA).
- ❖ The WTA has signed a three-year deal under which Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, will host the 2024, 2025, and 2026 WTA Finals.
- ❖ The top eight women players who participated in the 2024 WTA Finals were Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus), Iga Swiatek (Poland), Coco Gauff (US), Jasmine Paolini (Italy), Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan), Jessica Pegula (US), Zheng Qinwen (China) and Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic).

#### **IGNCA host the 8th International Ancient Arts Festival and Symposium**

##### **Key Points:**

- ❖ The 8th International Ancient Arts Festival and Symposium was held in New Delhi at the Indira Gandhi National Centers for Arts (IGNCA) from November 8 to 10, 2024.
- ❖ The International Ancient Arts Festival and Symposium is the country's only multi-arts event of its kind, which tries to educate the people in the ancient Indian art form along with entertaining them with performances.
- ❖ The event consists of lectures by esteemed scholars on the latest research on the healing potential of ancient art forms, along with artistic performances.

#### **Art Performance at the Ancient Arts Festival and Symposium**

- ❖ At the inaugural session of the 8th International Ancient Arts Festival and Symposium Dr. Reela Hota and her troupe presented 'Antar Yatra'. This dance drama incorporates Odissi, Chhau, and contemporary ballet to symbolise the ascension of consciousness from the base (Mooladhara) to the crown (Sahasrara) chakra.
- ❖ On the festival's final day, a Kuchipudi dance performance was given by renowned Kuchipudi exponent Yamini Reddy and her group.

#### **Organizer of the 8th International Ancient Arts Festival and Symposium**

- ❖ The 8th International Ancient Arts Festival and Symposium was organised by the Indira Gandhi National Centers for Arts (IGNCA) in collaboration with the Rays of Wisdom Society. It is also being supported by the Union Ministry of Culture.
- ❖ The Indira Gandhi National Centers for Arts (IGNCA) was established by the government of India in 1985 under the Ministry of Culture.



- ❖ It is located in New Delhi. The IGNCA works to preserve and be a major resource centre for the written, oral and visual arts. Rays of Wisdom Society is a Delhi-based non-profit organisation (NGO) that preserves and propagates classical, ancient Indian dance forms.

### Rare H5 Bird Flu Case Found in Canadian Patient in B.C, Canada

#### Key Points:

- ❖ Canada has reported its first-ever presumptive human case of H5 bird flu, with British Columbia confirming the diagnosis.
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- ❖ A teenager tested positive for avian influenza caused by the H5 influenza virus, marking a significant development in the country's efforts to monitor and manage the spread of avian diseases. The case was disclosed through an official statement on the province's website, with health authorities calling it a rare event.

#### Location of Incident

- ❖ The presumptive human case of H5 bird flu was reported in the Fraser Health region of British Columbia, Canada.

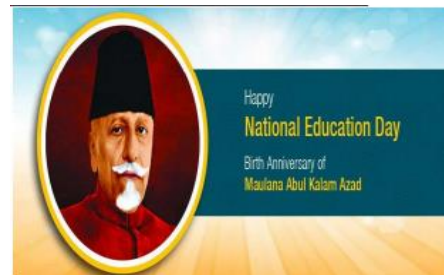
#### Patient Details

- ❖ A teenager, currently receiving care at BC Children's Hospital, tested positive for the H5 influenza virus (avian flu).
- ❖ The positive test was confirmed at the BC Centre for Disease Control's Public Health Laboratory.

### National Education Day 2024: Honoring Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

#### Key Points:

- ❖ Every year on November 11, India observes National Education Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of independent India. Every year on November 11, India observes National Education Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of independent India.



- ❖ This day emphasizes the importance of education in shaping the nation's future and serves as a reminder of Azad's vision for an educated and empowered India. With a significant portion of India's population under the age of 35, the importance of quality education and skill development has never been more critical.

#### History and Significance of National Education Day

- ❖ Declared by the Government of India in 2008, National Education Day honours the monumental contributions of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad to India's education system. Azad, born on November 11, 1888, was not only a prominent freedom fighter but also a visionary leader who saw education as the cornerstone of national progress and individual empowerment.

### Azad's Contributions to Indian Education

#### Key Points:

- ❖ Azad's tenure as Education Minister saw the establishment of several pivotal educational institutions. He played a vital role in founding:

- ❖ All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
- ❖ University Grants Commission (UGC)
- ❖ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur
- ❖ Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)
- ❖ Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) For his visionary contributions, Azad was awarded the Bharat Ratna posthumously in 1992. National Education Day thus not only celebrates Azad's contributions but also the broader significance of education as a fundamental right and a driving force for social and economic progress.

### Tayyab Ikram Re-elected FIH President

#### Key Points:

- ❖ Tayyab Ikram was re-elected as President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) with 79 votes, defeating Marc Coudron in the 49th FIH Congress in Muscat, Oman. His two-year term will complete the mandate of the previous president, Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra. Tayyab Ikram has been re-elected as the President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) for a second consecutive term, a significant achievement for Pakistan's hockey.



- ❖ At the 49th FIH Congress in Muscat, Oman, Ikram secured 79 votes out of 126, surpassing his competitor, Marc Coudron of Belgium, who received 47 votes. His re-election not only signifies personal recognition but also reinforces Pakistan's growing influence in global hockey.

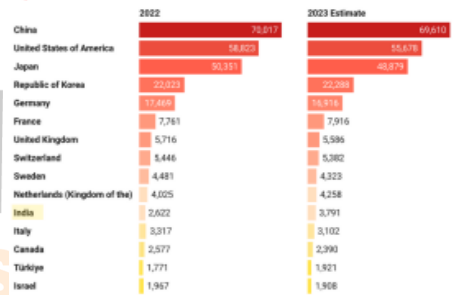
### India ranked 6th in WIPO Global Patent Filings in 2023

#### Key Points:

- ❖ India has, for the first time, has been ranked 6th in the world for Global Patent Filings in 2023. According to the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) annual World Intellectual Property Indicators Report 2024, global patent filing increased by 15.7 % in 2023, primarily due to a strong increase in patent filing in India. In 2023, the maximum patent filing was in China (1.64 million), followed by the United States of America (518,364), Japan (414,413), South Korea (287,954), Germany (133,053) and India (64,480).

International patent applications by origin (PCT System)

Top 15 Countries



Source: WIPO

- ❖ According to the WIPO report, More than 35 lakh patents were filed in 2023 across the world. The number of patents filed in India in 2023 was 64,480. The country's growth rate in patent filing was 15.7 % compared to 2022. The patent filing in India has shown the 5th consecutive year of a double-digit growth rate. Patent and industrial design applications more than doubled between 2018 and 2023, and trademark applications increased by 60%.
- ❖ For the first time, India was included in the top 10 countries of the world for three main intellectual property (IP) rights: patents, Industrial design applications, and trademark applications.

### Theatre Command Level Ex Poorvi Prahar to commerce along China border

#### Key Points:

- ❖ The Indian Army, Indian Air Force and the Indian Navy will jointly commence a command-level tri-service theatre exercise code-named 'Poorvi Prahar' along the India-China border.
- ❖ The Poorvi Prahar exercise will be held from 10-18 November 2024. The exercise assumes significance in the Indian government's effort to set up an integrated theatre command in India.
- ❖ The Poorvi Prahar exercise will take place along the mountainous terrain of the India-China border in the eastern theatre. It will be held from the airfields of Assam in Dibrugarh, Jorhat, and Tezpur to the valleys and mountains of Arunachal Pradesh along the India-China border.
- ❖ Theatre in the military refers to a specific geographical area, whether in the sea, air, or land. These areas could potentially become areas of conflict or war in the future.

### Hyderabad to host international poultry expo from November 27

#### Key Points:

- ❖ The Indian Poultry Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA) will organise a three-day poultry expo in Hyderabad from November 27.
- ❖ A technical seminar with the theme 'Unlocking Poultry Potential' will be held on November 26. Over 400 exhibitors from about 50 countries will take part in the expo. Over 40,000 poultry farmers and others in the ecosystem are expected to participate in the 16th edition of the event.



- ❖ The Knowledge Day event on November 26 will feature sessions on modern poultry production, innovations in feed mills nutrition, and animal health. The seminar provides an exceptional opportunity to learn from the best minds in the industry.

### Senior National Wrestling Championship set to be held in Bengaluru in December

#### Key Points:

- ❖ The Karnataka Wrestling Association will host the 2024 Senior National Wrestling Championship in Bengaluru from 6th to 8th December.
- ❖ This prestigious event will showcase India's top wrestlers, including Olympic Bronze Medalist Aman Sehrawat and U-20 World Champion Antim Panghal, among others.
- ❖ The championship marks a significant moment as it will be held in Karnataka for the first time, aiming to revive the sport's legacy in the region.
- ❖ The Competitions will span three disciplines: Free Style, Greco Roman Style, and Women's Wrestling.

### China's Li Quanhai re-elected as World Sailing president

#### Key Points:

- ❖ Li Quanhai was re-elected as president of World Sailing for a new four-year term at the organization's Annual General Meeting, continuing as the only Chinese president of an Olympic International Sports Federation.
- ❖ Founded in Paris in 1907, World Sailing is recognized by the International Olympic Committee as the global governing body for sailing, with 137 member national authorities. The organization holds leadership elections every four years, and Li first assumed the presidency in November 2020.



## UN Climate Change Conference starts in Azerbaijan

### Key Points:

- ❖ The 29th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29) kick off in the Azerbaijani capital Baku, aiming to address escalating climate challenges. Leaders from around the world are set to gather in Baku for the event, running until Nov. 22.
- ❖ The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is a multilateral treaty established in 1992, following the first assessment report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).



- ❖ A key focus of COP29 will be on finance, as trillions of dollars are required for countries to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect lives and livelihoods from the worsening impacts of climate change.
- ❖ Its main aim is to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations to prevent dangerous human-induced interference with the climate system. Since entering into force in 1994, the UNFCCC has served as the foundation for global climate negotiations, leading to significant agreements like the Kyoto Protocol in 1997 and the Paris Agreement in 2015.
- ❖ Today, 198 Parties participate in annual meetings to assess progress and forge responses to the climate crisis.

