

India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2024

The India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2024 was held on December 9-10, 2024, at the Bharat Mandapam Convention Center, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Key Points

- ❖ It is supported by the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** and the **National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)**.
- ❖ This initiative aims to explore critical aspects of Internet governance, foster meaningful dialogue, and highlight India's leadership in the global digital landscape.
- ❖ This was the **fourth edition** (previous editions took place in 2021, 2022, and 2023) of the forum.
- ❖ The theme of this edition was **"Innovating Internet Governance for India"**.
- ❖ The forum focused on bridging the digital divide, enhancing trust and safety in the online environment, and leveraging advanced technologies for nation-building while emphasizing the need for a secure, inclusive, and ethically governed Internet.

20th IISS Manama Dialogue

External Affairs Minister (EAM) Dr. S. Jaishankar recently participated in the 20th IISS Manama Dialogue.

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- ❖ It is an **international security summit held in the Kingdom of Bahrain**.

- ❖ It is organized by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS).
- ❖ It is a **unique forum for ministers, policymakers and decision-makers** to debate the Middle East's most pressing foreign-policy, defence and security challenges.
- ❖ It has been held annually since 2004.
- ❖ The **theme for 2024 dialogue was:** Middle East Leadership in Shaping Regional Prosperity and Security.

Short News- Uttar Pradesh

- ❖ On **9th December 2024**, the **first validation flight successfully landed at the Noida International Airport (NIA)**, marking a significant milestone in its journey toward operational readiness. An Airbus A320 plane from Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) landed at Noida International Airport, also known as the Jewar airport. The validation flight is an important element for the aerodrome licensing process, a key requirement for running commercial operations.
- ❖ Chief minister Yogi Adityanath launched the **Ayushman Vaya Vandana Card scheme from Gorakhpur**. The scheme aims to provide free medical treatment worth up to ₹5 lakh to persons aged 70 and above.
- ❖ Nationwide, Maharashtra leads with 36.8 lakh **women ITR filers**, followed by Gujarat with 22.5 lakh and Uttar Pradesh with 20.4 lakh in the assessment year 2023-24.

- ❖ As per the education ministry, over **1.1 million children across India have been identified as 'Out of School' (OoSC) for the 2024-25 academic year.** Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Assam reported high numbers among the total 1,170,404 children who remain out of school.
 - Uttar Pradesh contributes the most with 784,228 OoSC children, followed by Jharkhand with 65,070 and Assam with 63,848

Person In News- Appointments

Sanjay Malhotra

He has been appointed **Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).**

He has been appointed as the governor for the **period of three years.**

He is a **1990-batch** Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer from the Rajasthan cadre.

He is a Computer Science graduate from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, and has a Master's in Public Policy from Princeton University, US.



Joakim Alexandersson

Swedish coach Joakim Alexandersson has been appointed as the **chief coach of India Women's U-20 and U-17 national teams** by the All India Football Federation.



Person In News- Worldwide

John Dramani Mahama

He has been appointed as the **President of Ghana.**

Ghana is a country in West Africa.

It shares its borders with Ivory Coast in the west, Burkina Faso in the north, and Togo in the east.

Its Capital is Accra.



Important Days/Dates

December 10

Human Rights Day

- ❖ It is observed every year on December 10 to mark the adoption of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)** by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948.
- ❖ The **theme for Human Rights Day 2024** is 'Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now,' which highlights the impact of human rights on people's lives every day.



Important News- Other States

Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu has unveiled the new logo of the 4th Edition of the Eaglenest Bird Festival. It is scheduled to be held from the 17th to 19th January 2025 at Khellong and Thongre village in West Kameng District.
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Miscellaneous

- ❖ **CitiusTech**, a provider of healthcare technology services, won the **2024 Geography and Global AWS Partner Award for Healthcare & Life Sciences.**

- ❖ Lt Gen KJS Dhillon (Retd) has won the Crossword Books Award for Best Non-Fiction Book in the popular choice category for his debut book **Kitne Ghazi Aaye Kitne Ghazi Gaye**.
- ❖ Veteran filmmaker Shaji N Karun has been chosen for the **JC Daniel Award 2023 for lifetime contributions to Malayalam cinema**. JC Daniel Award, the highest film award instituted by the state government, carries a purse of Rs 5 lakh, a citation and a statuette.
- ❖ Filmmaker Payal Kapadia's critically acclaimed feature debut, **"All We Imagine As Light"**, has secured **two nominations at the 82nd Golden Globes**. The nominations are in the categories of Best Motion Picture - Non-English Language and Best Director - Motion Picture for Kapadia.

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