



JP Nadda elected chair of WHO South-East Asia Regional Committee

Union Health Minister JP Nadda was elected as the Chairperson of the 77th session of the World Health Organization (WHO)'s Regional Committee for Southeast Asia.

- ❖ The committee, the annual governing body of WHO in the region, plays a crucial role in shaping the organization's health policy across Southeast Asia.
- ❖ The three-day session, which began in New Delhi, is being attended by health ministers and delegates from member countries, including Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, the Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Timor-Leste.
- ❖ The session will focus on enhancing accessible public health systems and addressing pressing epidemiological and demographic challenges.

Shri Ajit Vinayak Gupte appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Federal Republic of Germany

- ❖ Senior diplomat Ajit Vinayak Gupte has been appointed India's next ambassador to Germany.
- ❖ He is currently India's envoy in Egypt.
- ❖ "Ajit Vinayak Gupte (IFS: 1991), presently Ambassador of India to Egypt, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Federal Republic of Germany.
- ❖ He is expected to take up the assignment shortly," the MEA said in a statement.

The 2024 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine jointly to Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun.

The Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet has today decided to award the 2024 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine jointly to Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun for the discovery of microRNA and its role in post-transcriptional gene regulation

This year's Nobel Prize honors two scientists for their discovery of a fundamental principle governing how gene activity is regulated.

Gymnast Dipa Karmakar Announces Retirement After 25 Years.

Dipa Karmakar, India's trailblazing gymnast, has officially announced her retirement from competitive gymnastics after a remarkable 25-year career.

- ❖ Known for her historic performance at the 2016 Rio Olympics and her mastery of the Produnova vault, Karmakar expressed deep gratitude for her journey in the sport.
- ❖ Dipa Karmakar achieved numerous milestones, including a bronze at the 2014 Commonwealth Games and a gold at the 2018 Artistic Gymnastics World Cup

Sanath Jayasuriya appointed Sri Lanka's full-time head coach

- ❖ Sanath Jayasuriya, the former Sri Lanka batter, has been appointed as the full-time head coach of the Sri Lanka men's team.
- ❖ Jayasuriya's contract is effective from October 1, 2024 and will run until March 31, 2026.

RBI Deputy Governor Rajeshwar Rao's tenure extended

India's government approved the re-appointment of Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor M. Rajeshwar Rao for a period of one year starting Oct. 9 or until further orders.

Rao was first appointed deputy governor in September 2020 for a period of three years and was given a one-year extension in 2023. With the latest re-appointment, Rao would serve a total of five years in the position.



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