



Supreme Court unveils new 'Lady Justice' statue

The familiar 'Lady Justice' statue, long associated with courts and legal institutions, has been redesigned by the Supreme Court of India as part of an effort to move away from its colonial legacy. Traditionally depicted with a blindfold and a sword, the statue's updated version removes the blindfold and replaces the sword with the Constitution, signaling a new era for Indian justice.

- ❖ **Blindfold Removed:** The statue of 'Lady Justice,' previously blindfolded to symbolize impartiality, has now had the blindfold removed in the Supreme Court's updated version.
- ❖ **Constitution in Place of Sword:** One of the most striking changes in the new statue is the replacement of the sword with the Constitution in 'Lady Justice's' left hand.
- ❖ **Retaining the Scales of Justice:** Though the sword has been replaced, the scales in 'Lady Justice's' right hand have been retained. These scales continue to symbolize the balance of justice, ensuring that courts weigh the facts and arguments from both sides before reaching a fair and impartial decision.

Rashmika Mandanna appointed: National Brand Ambassador of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre

Actor Rashmika Mandanna has been appointed the National Ambassador for Promoting Cyber Safety by the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

- ❖ As the ambassador, Rashmika will spearhead nationwide cyber awareness campaigns to educate the public on the dangers of cybercrime, including online fraud, deepfake videos, cyberbullying, and AI-generated malicious content.

China emerges as India's top import source: April-September 2024

China has emerged as India's top import source with USD 56.29 billion worth of inbound shipments during the April-September period of this fiscal, according to the commerce ministry data.

- ❖ During the period, the US emerged as the top export destination for the country with outbound shipments increasing by 5.62 per cent to USD 40.38 billion.

- ❖ The imports from China rose by 11.5 per cent during the first half of this fiscal. The imports stood at USD 50.48 billion during April-September 2023.
- ❖ Top 10 import sources of India were China, Russia, the UAE, the US, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Korea, Switzerland and Singapore.

Kaziranga National Park: India's second butterfly diversity Hub

Kaziranga National Park has emerged as India's second butterfly diversity hub with the discovery of over 446 species, a new milestone for the park known for its iconic wildlife.

- ❖ This remarkable finding follows years of research led by Dr. Monsoon Jyoti Gogoi, a local scientist.
- ❖ Kaziranga now ranks second only to Namdapha National Park in Arunachal Pradesh for butterfly diversity.

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