

### International

#### India and Argentina conclude productive Joint Commission Meeting

##### About News:-

- ❖ Diana Mondino, Argentina's Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade, and Worship, wrapped up her official five-day visit to India. She met Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri, and External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar during her trip to India, which took place from October 5–9, 2024.
- ❖ The visit by Diana Mondino falls on the 75th anniversary of the two nations' diplomatic ties being established.
- ❖ During Argentina's President Mauricio Macri's state visit to India in February 2019, the two countries' tight ties were strengthened to a Strategic Partnership.



#### 7th India-Argentina Joint Commission Meeting

- ❖ Dr. S. Jaishankar and Ms. Diana Mondino co-chaired the 7th India-Argentina Joint Commission meeting, which took place in New Delhi.
- ❖ The two leaders examined their bilateral ties and talked about stepping up collaboration in infrastructure, energy, mining, space, defense, railroads, and information technology.

#### Business Meeting in New Delhi

- ❖ Ms. Diana Mondino traveled to India with a 17-person business group to investigate potential new business ventures. She co-chaired an interactive session organized by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)

in New Delhi alongside Union Minister of State for Commerce & Industry and Electronics & Information Technology, Jitendra Prasada.

#### Argentina do not want to Join BRICS

- ❖ On October 8, Ms. Diana Mondino attended an interactive session in New Delhi hosted by the Observer Research Foundation.
- ❖ During the session, she stated that Argentina has no interest in joining BRICS since it does not wish to be associated with any particular political goal.
- ❖ Argentina became the newest member of the BRICS, joining Saudi Arabia, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Ethiopia, and Egypt, at the summit held in Johannesburg, South Africa, in August 2023.
- ❖ Nevertheless, Argentina declined to become a member of BRICS following the election of Javier Milei as president.

### National

#### PM Modi to attend ASEAN-India, East Asia Summits in Laos

##### About News:-

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit Lao PDR to participate in the 21st ASEAN-India and 19th East Asia Summit.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Laos from October 10-11 to attend the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-India Summit and the East Asia Summit to drive cooperation and economic ties with the regional bloc.
- ❖ This comes as ASEAN faces challenges from Myanmar's civil conflict and rising tensions in the South China Sea.
- ❖ The visit underscores India's decade of engagement with ASEAN under the Act East Policy.



### Key Highlights:

#### ASEAN-India Summit:

- ❖ Goal: Evaluate the state of the India-ASEAN Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and map out future collaboration
- ❖ Significance: As India commemorates ten years of its Act East Policy, relations with ASEAN continue to be a key component of its Indo-Pacific strategy.

#### Summit of East Asia:

- ❖ Significance: The East Asia Summit is a top forum for strategic discussion that enables leaders to share perspectives on important regional concerns, enhancing strategic confidence in East Asia.

### State

#### Uttarakhand to host 38th National Games

##### About News:-

- ❖ Uttarakhand has been selected by the Indian Olympic Association to host the 38th Summer National Games. The next Winter Games will again be held in the state. Goa hosted the 37th National Games from September 25, 2023, to November 9, 2023.
- ❖ For the first time, the Winter Games will take place outside of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.
- ❖ From January 28 to February 14, 2025, Uttarakhand will host the 38th National Games, according to the Indian Olympic Association.
- ❖ It is anticipated that the location, activities, and other calendar details for the Game will be finalized on October 25, 2024, during the General Assembly meeting of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).



##### About the National Games

- ❖ The National Games are organised by the Indian Olympic Association and hosted by the state government. Finding national potential to represent India at the Summer Olympics is their primary goal.

- ❖ The National Games were originally intended to take place every two years, following the format of the Olympics. They were held every two years until the 24th National Games, after which they were held sporadically.
- ❖ Originally known as the All-India Olympic Games, the inaugural National Games took place in 1924 in Lahore, which is now in Pakistan. Around the time of the ninth edition in Bombay (now Mumbai) in 1940, the name was changed to National Games.

### Appointment

#### Manish Tiwary to become Nestle India MD after Narayanan retires in 2025

##### About News:-

Nestlé India Limited has chosen Manish Tiwary, the former CEO of Amazon India, as Managing Director, marking a significant change in the organization's leadership. After the current Chairman and Managing Director of the company, Suresh Narayanan retires on July 31, 2025, his term will start on August 1, 2025. With the appointment of a seasoned business leader with nearly three decades of expertise in the consumer goods and e-commerce industries, Nestlé India is entering a significant chapter with this leadership shift.

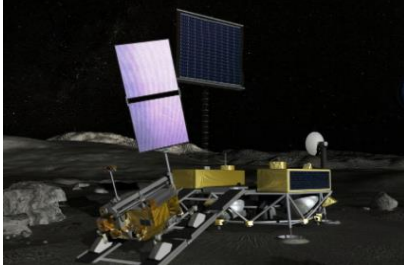
##### Key Points:-

- ❖ Nestlé's success in India can be attributed in large part to Suresh Narayanan. Having worked for the Nestlé Group for more than 26 years, under his direction the firm has grown and gone through several stages of expansion, including managing crises like the Indian Maggi noodle scandal. Narayanan, who is well-known for his ability to handle crises and his strategic thinking, has assisted Nestlé India in enhancing its position in the fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) sector.
- ❖ His term will formally end on July 31, 2025, at the end of business hours. Manish Tiwary will then take over as the new Managing Director.



### Science & Technology

#### National Space Commission Approved India's Fifth Lunar Mission



#### About News:-

- ❖ The Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (Lupex) has received approval from the National Space Commission, India's highest authority on space projects. The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) and the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) are working together on the Lupex project.
- ❖ Sending an astronaut to the Moon and ensuring their safe return is part of India's larger lunar goals.

#### Key Points:

- ❖ **Mission Length:** Compared to Chandrayaan-3's 20 days, Lupex seeks to stay on the moon for up to 100 days.
- ❖ **Lander and Rover:** ISRO will build the lander system, while JAXA will design the rover and rocket. Compared to the Pragyan rover from Chandrayaan-3, which weighed only 26 kg, the Lupex rover will weigh approximately 350 kg.
- ❖ **South Pole of the Moon** The mission's goal is to land near the southernmost point of the moon in order to explore water and other resources, as well as examine how water interacts with the regolith on the moon.
- ❖ **Future Developments:** As part of Lupex, ISRO's Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) will create a new lander engine intended for prospective lunar landings by humans.
- ❖ **Cabinet Approval:** Lupex plans to get cabinet approval shortly after the Union cabinet approves Chandrayaan-4, allowing ISRO to start making plans.

### Award

#### Han Kang of South Korea wins Nobel Literature Prize 2024



#### About News:-

Renowned South Korean novelist Han Kang has been granted the Nobel Prize in Literature 2024 for her powerfully beautiful language that exposes the frailty of human existence and tackles historical traumas. This honor emphasizes the profound influence of her writing, which explores the intricate interactions between social and personal history.

#### Key Points:

- ❖ In 2016, the author's most well-known piece of writing, "The Vegetarian" (2007), was awarded the Man Booker International Prize. This book explores the lines separating the self from the body as well as between violence and peace, much like a lot of Han's other works.
- ❖ One of Han's best-known pieces, "Human Acts" (2014), perfectly captures her literary style. The 1980 Gwangju Uprising, which claimed hundreds of lives of unarmed people and students, served as the inspiration for the book. Han crafts a menacing representation of violence, resiliency, and memory by fusing several experiences.
- ❖ The Nobel Committee emphasized how Han's work skillfully combined the psychological and physical dimensions of human suffering. Her writing frequently refers to this "double exposure of pain" and makes links with Eastern intellectual traditions.
- ❖ Han's 2012 short story "Europa" is another example of her literary talent. Identity, desire, and the difficulty of true fulfillment are among the issues explored in the story, which highlights Han's talent for developing nuanced people and provocative situations.

## Defence

### Indian-Italian Naval Carrier Strike Groups Exercise off West Coast

#### About News:-

The Indian Navy and Italian Navy conducted a historic bilateral maritime engagement from October 1st to 6th. The engagement included the first-ever Carrier Strike Groups (CSG) exercise from both navies.



#### Key Points:-

- ❖ The naval exercises took place on October 5th and 6th off India's western coast to enhance interoperability.
- ❖ The sea phase, on 5 and 6 October, was led by the two carriers INS Vikramaditya and ITS Cavour along with INS Visakhapatnam and ITS Alpino. The two-day exercises focused on air defence, maritime manoeuvres, and joint operations between the air arms of the two navies.
- ❖ The two CSGs held intense operations with their integral fighter aircraft and helicopters for combined large-force engagements, air combat, helicopter, and search-and-rescue missions. They also coordinated weapon firings and joint manoeuvres to underscore joint operations and command-and-control capabilities and enhance interoperability.

## Sport

### 'King Of Clay' Rafael Nadal To Retire From Tennis

#### About News:-

- ❖ Rafael Nadal, one of the best men's tennis players of the open era, has declared his retirement from the game. His final competition as a professional player will be the forthcoming Davis Cup Final in Spain. The Davis Cup Final of 2024 will be held in Malaga, Spain, from November 19-24. On November 19, 2024,



Rafael Nadal will play for Spain when they play the Netherlands in the quarterfinals

- ❖ On October 10, 2024, Rafael Nadal announced his retirement via his social media channels.
- ❖ Rafael Nadal has ties to India as well. In Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh, he inaugurated the Rafael Nadal Tennis School in 2010. In addition to teaching dropout youngsters computer science, math, English, and sports, the school also offers 150 students a year of quality health care and dietary assistance.

#### Among the Tennis World's Modern Greats

- ❖ The renowned "big three" in professional tennis—Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer, and Novak Djokovic—had controlled the game for more than 20 years.
- ❖ Born in Spain At the age of 15, Rafael Nadal entered the professional tennis circuit and became the youngest male player to win a match.
- ❖ Rafael Nadal, better known by his nickname Rafa, was a superb clay-court player. He was the master of clay-court tennis, the French Open. At the French Open, he set a record with 14 singles victories, earning the moniker "King of Clay."

#### List of Rafael Nadal's accomplishments

- ❖ During his stellar career, Rafael Nadal has won several tennis titles.
- ❖ 22 Grand Slam singles titles: 14 French Open, 4 US Open, 2 Wimbledon, 2 Australian Open.
- ❖ Olympic Medals: 2 gold medals. Singles gold medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and gold in the men's double at the 2016 Rio Olympics.
- ❖ ATP No.1 Player: He was the ATP World No.1 ranked player for five years-2008, 2010, 2013, 2017, and 2019. He won 92 ATP titles and was the number-one ranked player for 209 weeks
- ❖ Davis Cup: He has been part of the Spanish Davis Cup-winning team on five occasions: 2004, 2008, 2009, 2011, and 2019.

## Obituary

### **P. Venugopal former Director of AIIMS passes away**

#### **About News:-**

On October 8, 2024, Dr. P. Venugopal, a renowned heart surgeon and the former director of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), passed away quietly at the age of 82. Throughout his lengthy career, Venugopal performed over 50,000 heart surgeries and is renowned for executing the first heart transplant in India. His contributions to medicine have had a lasting impact on the area of cardiac care. Within the medical world, he was highly esteemed for his pioneering spirit and ethics.

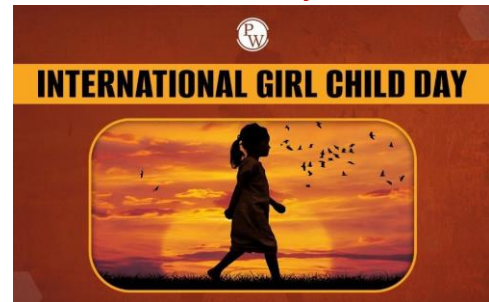


#### **Key Points:-**

- ❖ Born in Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh, on July 6, 1942, Venugopal completed his MBBS and advanced surgical degrees at AIIMS, New Delhi. In 1974, he opened the first open-heart surgery clinic at AIIMS after completing his studies in the United States. After taking over as head of AIIMS in 2003, he was instrumental in founding the Cardiothoracic Sciences Centre, which saw the execution of several ground-breaking procedures, including the nation's first heart transplant on August 3, 1994.
- ❖ In 1998, Venugopal received the Padma Bhushan in recognition of his noteworthy contributions to medicine. In 2023, he co-wrote the memoir Heartfelt, which described his innovative path in cardiac surgery. In addition to his accomplishments in surgery, he taught more than 100 cardiac surgeons globally and developed cutting-edge methods including stem cell treatment for heart restoration. Future generations of medical professionals are continually motivated by his dedication to improving cardiac care.

## Important Day

### **International Girl Child Day – 11 October**



#### **About Day:-**

International Girl Child Day 2024 will be observed on October 11th, focusing on the empowerment of girls through education, healthcare, and protection from violence and discrimination. This global event highlights the need for gender equality and promotes the rights and well-being of girls. By supporting initiatives and raising awareness, individuals and organizations can contribute to building a more equitable and just world for girls everywhere.

#### **Theme "Girl's Vision for the Future".**

#### **History of International Day of the Girl Child**

- ❖ The International Day of the Girl Child was established by the United Nations General Assembly on December 19, 2011, through Resolution 66/170. The day, observed annually on October 11, aims to recognize the rights of girls and the challenges they face worldwide.
- ❖ The foundation for this observance was laid at the 1995 Beijing Conference, where the Beijing Declaration was adopted, specifically addressing girls' rights for the first time. The day highlights the need for gender equality, focusing on education, health, and protection, and aligns with the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals to ensure girls are not left behind in global progress.

#### **International Day of the Girl Child 2024 Objectives**

- ❖ The International Day of the Girl Child 2024 focuses on empowering girls and breaking the barriers they face in society, particularly those related to poverty, exclusion, and gender stereotypes.

- ❖ This year's objectives emphasize the vital role girls play in sustainable food systems, encouraging their participation as innovators and entrepreneurs in efforts to alleviate poverty and ensure food security.
- ❖ By promoting gender equality, the day aligns with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, advocating for the inclusion of girls in achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.
- ❖ The celebration also highlights the importance of ensuring the rights of girls, especially those with disabilities and from marginalized communities, fostering long-term empowerment and equitable opportunities for future generations.



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