

**International**

**Putin inaugurated as president for fifth term with Russia under tight grip**



- ❖ As Vladimir Putin embarks on his fifth term as President of Russia,
- ❖ the nation finds itself at a critical juncture, with global attention keenly focused on the trajectory of Putin's leadership and Russia's evolving role on the world stage.
- ❖ Putin's fifth presidential term begins amidst heightened authoritarianism, international tensions, and a continued focus on sustaining the conflict in Ukraine.

**National**

**India surpasses Japan to become third largest solar power generator in 2023**



- ❖ Rapid solar energy deployment in India pushed the country past Japan to become the world's third-largest solar power generator in 2023.
- ❖ The report by global energy think tank Ember said India ranked ninth in solar energy deployment in 2015.
- ❖ India generates 5.8 per cent of electricity from solar power
- ❖ India behind China, US, Brazil in terms of solar power generation
- ❖ Solar world's fastest-growing electricity source for 19 years

**Maharashtra**

**Election Commission Successfully Conducts Voting at Raireshwar, Maharashtra's Highest Polling Booth in Baramati**



- ❖ The Election Commission successfully conducted a logistical feat to ensure smooth proceedings for 160 voters at the picturesque Raireshwar Fort, nestled at a staggering altitude of 4,491 feet, the highest polling booth in the Baramati constituency during the third phase of Lok Sabha polls on May 7.
- ❖ Situated 30 kilometres from Bhor taluka in Pune rural, the polling party drove to the foothills of Raireshwar to reach the polling station.
- ❖ From there, a further 18 km journey via Rairi leads to the base of Raireshwar, where polling teams trek for an hour with the aid of an iron ladder to reach the polling station.

**Economics**

**RBI lifts restrictions on Bank of Baroda's 'BoB World' mobile app, allows onboarding customers**



- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the lifting of restrictions on Bank of Baroda's BoB World mobile application, permitting the bank to onboard customers immediately.

- ❖ This decision follows the RBI's directive in October 2023 to suspend customer onboarding on the app due to supervisory concerns.
- ❖ "The Bank will now resume onboarding new customers in the BoB World application. The Bank remains committed to ensure adherence and compliance of regulatory guidelines," the filing said.

### Appointment

#### IRDAI approves appointment of Keki Mistry as Chairman of HDFC Life



- ❖ IRDAI officially approved Keki Mistry's appointment as Chairman of HDFC Life.
- ❖ This endorsement came after the insurer's board unanimously selected Mistry for the role, effective immediately upon regulatory approval.

### Sport

#### India Clinches 3 Gold, And 2 Bronze Medals At Asian Open Pickleball Championships In Vietnam



- ❖ India put up a dominant show to return with three gold and two bronze medals at the Asian Open Pickleball Championship in Vietnam. In the mixed doubles intermediate 35+ category.

#### Gold Medal:

- ❖ Sachin Pahwa and Priyanka Chhabra defeated Ruben Hellberg and Chitlada Hemasee in the mixed doubles category.
- ❖ Isha Lakhani and Pei Chuan Kao won against Dang Kim Ngan and Tyak K.
- ❖ Aniket Patel and Rohit Patil defeated Nik Alessandro Isagan and Lester Ga.

#### Bronze Medal:

- ❖ Vijay Menon defeated Yu Hsuan Cher.
- ❖ Priyanka Chhabra defeated Marissa Phongsirikul

### Award

#### Pawan Sindhi Honored with Global Pride of Sindhi Award 2024 for Outstanding Social Work



- ❖ The Global Pride of Sindhi Award 2024 is a well-deserved honor for Mr. Pawan Sindhi, recognizing his exceptional efforts in making a positive impact on society.
- ❖ His dedication to the betterment of humanity serves as an inspiration to others, encouraging them to actively contribute to the welfare of society.
- ❖ The award ceremony in Mumbai celebrated his dedication to humanity, peace, and prosperity.

**Defence**

**Indian Army's Kharga Corps and the Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted a three-day joint exercise in Punjab**



- ❖ The Indian Army's Kharga Corps, under the aegis of the Army's Western Command, successfully conducted a three-day joint exercise with the Indian Air Force (IAF) at multiple locations in Punjab.
- ❖ The exercise aimed to refine processes and validate the employment of attack helicopters in support of mechanized operations in developed terrain
- ❖ The exercise, titled "Gagan Strike-II," incorporated various force multipliers, including Apache and ALH-WSI helicopters, Unarmed Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), and special forces of the Indian Army.

**Obituary**

**Game of Thrones actor Ian Gelder passes away at 74 of cancer**



- ❖ Renowned for his portrayal of Kevan Lannister in HBO's epic series 'Game of Thrones', actor Ian Gelder has passed away at the age of 74.

- ❖ His husband, Ben Daniels, confirmed Gelder's passing due to bile duct cancer in a social media post.
- ❖ Gelder remembered for his significant contribution to acting, leaving behind a legacy in film and TV.

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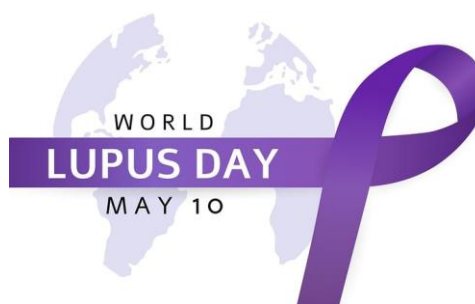
**Indian Coast Guard Partners With Jindal Steel & Power For Indigenous Marine Steel Supply**



- ❖ The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Jindal Steel & Power (JSP) inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in New Delhi aimed at enhancing indigenous content in ship building.
- ❖ This partnership seeks to bolster the supply of indigenous marine-grade steel, vital for the nation's maritime security.
- ❖ The MoU highlights the pivotal role of public-private partnerships in addressing complex security challenges.
- ❖ Director General: Rakesh Pal

**Important day**

**10 May- World Lupus Day**





- ❖ Every year on May 10, people worldwide observe World Lupus Day.
- ❖ Its purpose was to make us more aware of the fact that the seemingly unrelated symptoms are actually signs of a chronic, crippling autoimmune disease.
- ❖ Lupus is a complex and debilitating autoimmune disease that affects millions of people worldwide.

