

**10<sup>th</sup> September, 2024**

### India and UAE sign civil Nuclear Energy Agreement

In a first, India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) signed a MoU for civil nuclear cooperation and long-term supply of liquefied natural gas (LNG). The deal between the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and the Emirates Nuclear Energy Company (ENEC)-led Barakah Nuclear Power Plant Operations and Maintenance took place during the Indian visit of Sheikh Khalid bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi.



(The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Khaled Bin Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Hyderabad House in New Delhi)

### Ministry of Defence (MoD) signs Rs 26,000 crore contract with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)

The Defence Ministry on Monday signed a ₹26,000-crore contract with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for 240 AL-31FP aero engines for Su-30MKI aircraft. The Russian engines are assembled under license by HAL in India.



The contract was signed by the senior officials of MoD and HAL in the presence of Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane and Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari. HAL is committed to delivering 30 engines annually, with the complete supply of 240 engines slated for completion over the next eight years.

### Tuhin Kanta Pandey appointed as Finance Secretary

The government has appointed Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Tuhin Kanta Pandey as Finance Secretary. He replaces TV Somanathan, who has been appointed as the new Cabinet Secretary of India, succeeding Rajiv Gauba in August. Mr Pandey was the secretary of the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM).

### Randhir Singh: Olympic Council of Asia president

Veteran sports administrator Randhir Singh was unanimously elected president of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) in its 44th General Assembly held here on

Sunday. Singh, who is the first Indian to become full-time president of the continental body, will hold the top job for four years.

### World Suicide Prevention Day: 10th September

World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) is organized by the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP). WHO has been a co-sponsor of the day. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness around the globe that suicide can be prevented. The theme for World Suicide Prevention Day for 2024-2026 is "Changing the Narrative on Suicide" with the call to action "Start the Conversation".



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