



Rajnath Singh inaugurates Indian Coast Guard Commanders Conference

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 41st Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Commanders' Conference on September 24, 2024, in New Delhi. This three-day event, running until September 26, serves as a platform for senior ICG leaders to discuss critical issues related to national and maritime security. The discussions focus on strategic, operational, and administrative matters in light of the growing geopolitical challenges in maritime security.

- ❖ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh highlighted that 31 ICG ships worth over Rs 4,000 crore are being constructed by Indian shipyards.
- ❖ He also highlighted the government's commitment to strengthening the ICG with indigenous equipment, as part of the "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" initiative

Alok Ranjan: National Crime Records Bureau

Senior IPS officers Alok Ranjan and Amit Garg have been appointed as the heads of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA) respectively.

- ❖ Additionally, four IPS officers from the 1993 batch have been promoted to Special Director in the Intelligence Bureau. Other key appointments include Praveer Ranjan and Vitul Kumar in CISF and CRPF, respectively.

Ekalabya Puraskar for 2024.

Pratyasa Ray, a rising star in swimming, was selected for the prestigious Ekalabya Puraskar for 2024.

- ❖ Ray secured six medals - four gold, one silver and a bronze - in the Khelo India University Games in Guwahati in February this year.
- ❖ The Ekalabya Puraskar committee comprising jury members drawn from various sectors were unanimous in selecting Ray for the prestigious award at a meeting here.

World Gorilla Day

September 24 is celebrated as World Gorilla Day. It was established to raise awareness about gorilla conservation and the threats these majestic animals face in the wild, such as habitat loss, poaching, and diseases. The day also

honors the work of organizations and individuals dedicated to gorilla conservation, particularly in Africa, where most gorilla species are found.

- ❖ The specific name, gorilla, has been adopted, a term used by Hanno, in describing the “wild men” found on the coast of Africa, probably one of the species of the Orang.

Comprehensive Cancer Multi-Omics Data Portal

India recently launched its first comprehensive cancer multi-omics data portal under the Indian Cancer Genome Atlas (ICGA).

- ❖ This innovative platform provides open access to clinically correlated data from Indian cancer patients, specifically focusing on breast cancer initially.
- ❖ The portal integrates various types of molecular data, including DNA, RNA, and protein profiles, which are linked with patient clinical outcomes.
- ❖ The portal currently holds data from 50 breast cancer patients and aims to expand to over 500 patients in the next year

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India recently signed key agreements with the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF), focusing on creating a clean and fair economy. These agreements, signed during a meeting in Delaware, USA, aim to enhance cooperation among IPEF member nations on clean energy, climate resilience, and the promotion of green technologies. The agreements will also boost efforts to combat corruption, improve tax transparency, and create a predictable business environment.

- ❖ The "Clean Economy" agreement will facilitate the development of clean energy, reduce reliance on fossil fuels, and encourage investments in green technologies, including concessional funding for projects.
- ❖ This pact is expected to significantly benefit India's small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) by integrating them into global value chains.

- ❖ The "Fair Economy" agreement, on the other hand, will focus on promoting transparency and anti-corruption efforts, including the sharing of information to tackle economic crimes across borders.



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