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Airport Digi Yatra Facility

Recently on September 6, "The Digi Yatra facility was made available at **nine more airports** in the country, taking the **total to 24 airports**, where the digital platform has simplified the cumbersome task of managing multiple documents for lakhs of people.

Key Point:

- ❖ The Union Civil Aviation Minister inaugurated the Digi Yatra facility for nine airports at **Visakhapatnam International Airport**. The eight other airports are **Coimbatore, Dabolim, Indore, Bagdogra, Ranchi, Patna, Raipur and Bhubaneswar airports**.
- ❖ Digi Yatra simplifies the process by managing boarding passes, ID proofs and luggage tags while navigating the airport congestion.
- ❖ The airport entry time for a passenger has been reduced to 5 seconds from an average of 15 seconds in the manual process.

Agni 4, Ballistic Missile

The Ministry of Defense has recently successfully launched the medium-range ballistic missile **Agni 4**. The launch was done successfully from the Integrated Test Range in **Chandipur, Odisha**.

About Agni-4 -

- ❖ This missile can hit targets up to 4,000 kilometers.
- ❖ The total weight of the Agni 4 missile is around 17000 kg.
- ❖ The length of this missile is around 20 meters.
- ❖ This missile is capable of carrying a nuclear weapon weighing one ton.
- ❖ It is capable of flying up to a height of 900 km.
- ❖ Many modern equipment have been installed in this missile, it also has a ring laser gyro inertial navigation system.

Note: In April this year, a new generation nuclear-capable Agni-Prime ballistic missile with a range of 1,000 to 2,000 kilometers was successfully test fired from Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.

Sports

Archer Harvinder Singh and sprinter Preeti Pal will be India's flag-bearers at the Paris 2024 Paralympics closing ceremony.

Key Points:

- ❖ Both Harvinder and Preeti created history by participating in the Games in the French capital, while India reached its highest ever Paralympic medal tally at Paris 2024.
- ❖ 33-year-old Harvinder Singh became the first Indian archer to win a **gold medal** at the Paralympics after defeating Poland's Lukasz Cizek 6-0 in the men's individual recurve final.
- ❖ Harvinder had won a bronze medal in the individual recurve event at Tokyo 2020, India's first archery medal at the Paralympics.
- ❖ Preeti Pal won **bronze medals** in the women's 100m and 200m races in the T35 category at Paris 2024. Preeti Pal became the first Indian athlete to win a track medal at the Paralympics.

5th Defence Cooperation Dialogue

The 5th Defence Cooperation Dialogue between India and Maldives was held on 06 September 2024 in New Delhi.

- ❖ **Leadership:** The Indian delegation was led by Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane, while the Maldives delegation was led by Chief of Defence Staff General Ibrahim Hilmy of the Maldives National Defence Force.

Major Aspects:

- ❖ The two sides also exchanged views on some other areas of shared interests such as high-level exchanges and capacity building projects.
- ❖ Various aspects of participation in the upcoming bilateral military exercises were also discussed. The dialogue will advance the shared interests of the two countries in the near future and bring stability and prosperity to the Indian Ocean Region.

Worldwide News

China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The most powerful typhoon of the decade, Yagi, has struck a popular tourist island south of mainland China, bringing potentially destructive winds and torrential rain to the region. ❖ Super Typhoon Yagi made landfall in Wenchang city, northeast of Hainan Island, with winds of 223 km/h (138 mph). ❖ Yagi is the most powerful typhoon to hit Hainan since Rammasun in 2014, which killed 46 people.
US, UK, EU, first AI treaty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ According to the Council of the European Union's human rights body, the first legally binding international AI treaty will be open for signature by the countries that negotiated it, including EU members, the United States and Britain. ❖ The AI Convention, which has been in the works for several years and was adopted in May after discussions between 57 countries, addresses the risks posed by AI while promoting responsible innovation. ❖ The AI Convention focuses primarily on the protection of human rights of people affected by AI systems.

Conference / Summit

India-Saudi JCDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The sixth meeting of the India-Saudi Arabia Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JCDC) was held in Riyadh on September 4, a significant step towards strengthening bilateral defence ties. ❖ The high-level talks were co-chaired by India's Joint Secretary (Armed Forces) Amitabh Prasad and Saudi Arabia's Deputy Defence Minister for Strategic Affairs Major General Salman bin Awadh Al-Harbi. ❖ The talks covered various aspects of military cooperation, including joint exercises, exchange of experts, training programmes and industry collaboration.
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Important Days

Brazil Independence Day	7 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Brazil's Independence Day is celebrated every year on September 7 to commemorate the birth of the nation. ❖ Brazil gained independence from the Portuguese on September 7, 1822. ❖ In 1889, the monarchy ended in Brazil and it became a republic.
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