



155th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi: October 2, 2024

Every year on October 2nd, India commemorates the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the revered 'Father of the Nation.' Born as Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi in Porbandar, Gujarat, on October 2, 1869, India marks his 155th birth anniversary this year.

- ❖ The title of "Mahatma" was first used for Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi in a letter from Bengali poet, author, and philosopher Rabindranath Tagore in 1915.
- ❖ On June 15, 2007, the United Nations also recognized this day as the 'International Day of Non-Violence.'

PM Modi: Unveils Bio-Gas Units in Assam

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has officially inaugurated the construction of four compressed bio-gas (CBG) plants in Assam.

- ❖ The CBG plants will be established in Guwahati, Jorhat, Sivasagar, and Tinsukia, aimed at enhancing the energy infrastructure in these regions while contributing to environmental preservation.

- ❖ In collaboration with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Oil India Ltd plans to develop a total of 25 CBG plants nationwide by 2024-25.

AP Singh, Chief of the Air Staff (CAS)

Air Chief Marshal AP Singh took over as Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) at a ceremony at Air Headquarters (Vayu Bhawan).

- ❖ The CAS was commissioned on 21 December 1984 in fighter stream of the IAF.
- ❖ He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College and National Defence College.
- ❖ He is a Qualified Flying Instructor and an Experimental Test Pilot with more than 5000 hours of service flying on a variety of fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft.

Kho Kho World Cup: India in 2025

Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) and the International Kho Kho Federation have announced that the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup will take place in India in 2025. The event will witness the participation of 24 countries from 6 continents and will feature 16 men's and as many as women's teams.

- ❖ The KKFI plans to take the sport to 200 schools across 10 cities to promote the sport.
- ❖ The federation will also run a membership drive for the school students with the aim of registering at least 50 lakh players ahead of the mega tournament.

India-Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise KAZIND-2024

The eighth edition of India-Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise KAZIND-2024 commenced in Uttarakhand. The Indian Armed Forces, comprising 120 personnel, are represented by a battalion of the KUMAON Regiment of the Indian Army.

- ❖ The joint exercise aims to enhance the joint military capability of both sides to undertake counter-terrorism operations. The exercise will focus on operations in the semi-urban and mountainous terrain.
- ❖ It will enable both sides to share best practices in tactics, techniques, and procedures of conducting joint operations.
- ❖ It will also enhance defence cooperation and facilitate the development of interoperability, bonhomie, and camaraderie between the two armies.

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal Launches 'Cruise Bharat Mission'

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal launched the 'Cruise Bharat Mission' from the Mumbai port. The Union Minister of State, Shantanu Thakur also attended the launch. The Cruise Bharat Mission aims to excel in India's vision to become a global hub for cruise tourism and promote the country as the leading global cruise destination.

- ❖ The mission aims to propel the country's cruise tourism industry by doubling cruise passenger traffic by 2029.
- ❖ The government is committed to harnessing the tremendous potential of the Blue Economy of India.
- ❖ The Cruise Bharat is a visionary initiative that will open new horizons, create unprecedented opportunities, and place India at the forefront of the global cruise tourism industry.

India: SAFF Under-17 Championship - 2024

In Football, India won the SAFF Under-17 Championship title defeating Bangladesh 2-0 in the final played at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu, Bhutan.

- ❖ India won their sixth title.
- ❖ Fair Play Award: Bhutan
- ❖ Best Goalkeeper: Aheibam Suraj Singh
- ❖ Highest Goalscorer: Sujan Dangol



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