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Indian Railways-Wabtec JV's Marhowra Plant to Begin Exporting Evolution Series Locomotives to Africa by 2025

Wabtec Locomotive Private Limited, a joint venture between Indian Railways and Wabtec, is expanding the capabilities of its plant to export locomotives to Africa. For the first time, the plant will manufacture locomotives for export to a global customer.

This project is of strategic importance as it positions India as a global locomotive manufacturing hub and aligns with the "Make in India" and "Make for the World" initiatives under the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister. It will also enable the Marhowra plant to export standard-gauge locomotives globally, expanding the local supplier footprint and fostering long-term job creation, thereby benefiting the Indian economy.

The Marhowra plant, situated on 70 acres in Marhowra, Bihar, was established in 2018 to indigenously manufacture 1,000 state-of-the-art locomotives for Indian Railways.

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The ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 has been shifted from Bangladesh to the United Arab Emirates (UAE). This decision was made due to political unrest and instability in Bangladesh, which included the resignation of the country's prime minister and widespread protests. The tournament will now be held from **October 3 to October 20** in Dubai and Sharjah.

Group A: Australia, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka,

Group B: consists of Bangladesh, England, Scotland, South Africa, and West Indies.

The top two teams from each group will advance to the semi-finals.

The prize money for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 has reached record levels, reflecting a strong commitment to gender parity in cricket. The total prize pool for the tournament is **\$7.95 million**.

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Justice M.S. Ramachandra Rao was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court on September 2024. The swearing-in ceremony was held at the Raj Bhavan in Ranchi, where Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar administered the oath of office. The event was attended by several dignitaries, including Chief Minister Hemant Soren and Assembly Speaker Rabindra Nath Mahto.

Justice Rao, who previously served as the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, was appointed to Jharkhand as part of a larger judicial reshuffling on September 21. He is a third-generation judge with a distinguished academic background, including a degree from Osmania University and a Master's degree from the University of Cambridge

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The Indian Army is set to receive its first batch of AH-64E Apache attack helicopters by December 2024. This follows a delay caused by global supply chain issues. The batch will consist of three helicopters, with an additional three to be delivered in the coming months. These helicopters, known for their firepower, advanced targeting systems, and agility, will significantly enhance the Indian Army's combat capabilities, particularly in desert warfare along India's western front.

India signed a deal with Boeing for six Apaches, for the Army, at a cost of around USA \$ 800 million in February 2020. As part of the deal, six pilots and 24 technicians were trained by Boeing in the U.S.A

India's first paperless election held in Madhya Pradesh

India's first paperless election was held in Madhya Pradesh on September 12, 2024, during a panchayat by-election in Bhopal's Ratua Ratanpur village. The Madhya Pradesh State Election Commission introduced the paperless voting system as a pilot project. In this process, thumb impressions and

electronic signatures were used for voter identification, eliminating the need for paper records. This initiative aimed to ensure real-time accuracy, efficiency, and transparency while reducing manual errors and resource dependency, marking a significant milestone in India's election system.



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