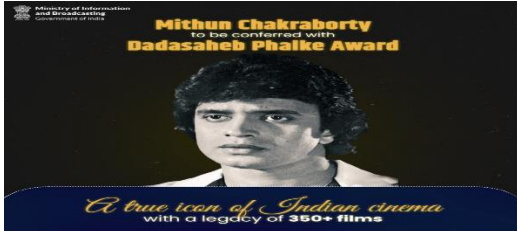


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Dada Saheb Phalke Award

Legendary Actor Mithun Chakraborty will be honoured with the **Dadasaheb Phalke Award** at the 70th National Film Awards ceremony next month.



Key Point

- ❖ The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is the **highest honour** in Indian cinema, recognising significant contributions to the growth and development of Indian films.
- ❖ Named after **Dhundiraj Govind Phalke**, who made India's first film, *Raja Harishchandra* (1913), it is part of the National Film Awards.
- ❖ The award was instituted by the Indian government in 1969 and includes a **Swarna Kamal** (Golden Lotus), a cash prize of INR 10 lakh, a certificate, a silk roll, and a shawl.
- ❖ The President of India presents the award in the presence of the Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, jury chairpersons, and representatives from film industry organisations.
- ❖ **Devika Rani Roerich** was the first recipient of the award in 1969.

IIFA Awards 2024

International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) 2024 Awards organised in Abu Dhabi.



Key Point

- ❖ Major Award Winners are
- ❖ **Best Film:** "Animal" (Directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga)
- ❖ **Best Actor:** Shah Rukh Khan for "Jawan"
- ❖ **Best Actress:** Rani Mukerji for "Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway"
- ❖ **Best Director:** Vidhu Vinod Chopra for "12th Fail"
- ❖ **Best Supporting Actor:** Anil Kapoor for "Animal"
- ❖ **Best Supporting Actress:** Shabana Azmi for "Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani"
- ❖ **Best Actor in Negative Role:** Bobby Deol for "Animal"

SpaceX Crew-9

After months of uncertainty, NASA astronaut Nick Hague and Roscosmos cosmonaut Aleksandr Gorbunov successfully docked with the International Space Station (ISS) aboard the SpaceX Dragon capsule. Their mission aims to return astronauts Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore, who have been stranded on the ISS since June 2024.



Key Point

- ❖ SpaceX launched its **Crew-9 mission** on September 28, 2024, to the International Space Station (ISS) using a Falcon 9 rocket from Cape Canaveral, Florida.
- ❖ The mission's main objective is to return NASA astronauts Butch Wilmore and Sunita Williams, who have been stranded on the ISS due to propulsion system issues with Boeing's Starliner spacecraft.
- ❖ NASA astronauts Nick Hague and Russian cosmonaut Alexander Gorbunov are aboard the SpaceX Dragon vessel, leaving two seats empty for the return of Wilmore and Williams.
- ❖ Hague and Gorbunov will spend about five months on the ISS, while Wilmore and Williams will have spent eight months in total.

BCCI Centre of Excellence

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) inaugurated the new National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru.



Key Point

- ❖ The world-class facility will now be called the **BCCI Centre of Excellence (CoE)**. Spanning over 40 acres of land in Bengaluru.
- ❖ The BCCI Centre of Excellence features a total of three world-class grounds and 86 pitches, including both indoor and outdoor areas.
- ❖ It also has 45 outdoor net pitches for practice, all separated by safety nets sourced from the UK.
- ❖ This center supports athletes in all disciplines and is not just for cricket. Its goal is to advance sports science.

India's Forex Reserves

India's foreign exchange reserves surged by **2.83 billion dollars** to touch a new lifetime high of **692.29 billion dollars** in the week ending the 20th of September.



Key Point

- ❖ The data showed that foreign currency assets, a major part of the overall foreign exchange reserves, increased by 2.057 billion dollars to 605.686 billion dollars.
- ❖ Foreign exchange reserves, commonly referred to as forex reserves, are assets maintained by a nation's central bank or monetary authority.
- ❖ Composition of Forex :
- ❖ Foreign Currency Assets, Gold Reserves, Special Drawing Rights (SDR), Reserve Position in IMF (In Descending Order)
- ❖ The country's special drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund went up by 121 million dollars to reach 18.54 billion dollars.

About Special Drawing Rights (SDR)

- ❖ An international reserve asset, created by the IMF in 1969;
- ❖ It is neither a currency nor a claim on the IMF. Rather, it is a potential claim on the freely usable currencies of IMF members.
- ❖ Value of the SDR: It is based on a basket of five currencies: Dollar, Euro, Renminbi, Yen and Pound Sterling.

Madhya Pradesh new Chief Secretary

Anurag Jain, an IAS officer from the 1989 batch, is appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh.



Key Point

- ❖ His tenure in this role will last until August 2025.
- ❖ Jain is taking over from the current Chief Secretary, Veera Rana.
- ❖ Veera Rana's extension of service is set to end on September 30, 2024.
- ❖ Anurag Jain has held significant roles in Madhya Pradesh, including two terms as Secretary to former Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- ❖ He played an important role in the implementation of the Public Services Delivery Act in Madhya Pradesh.

Short News

- ❖ In Shooting, the Indian pair of **Gautami Bhanot** and **Ajay Malik** clinched Bronze after defeating Croatia 17-9 in the Air Rifle mixed event in the ISSF Junior World Championship in Lima, Peru.

- ❖ *Udhayanidhi Stalin*, son of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin, has been sworn in as the state's new Deputy Chief Minister.
- ❖ *Gulveer Singh* of India set a new national record while winning the men's 5000m gold at the Yogibo Athletics Challenge Cup, part of the World Athletics Continental Tour, held in Niigata, Japan.
- ❖ The Telangana state government has launched the '*Telangana Darshini*' program, offering government school students the opportunity to visit historical and tourist sites free of charge.
- ❖ The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) increased India's FY25 growth forecast to 6.7%, up from the previous estimate of 6.6%, in its Interim Economic Outlook published on September 25.
- ❖ Minister of State for Steel and Heavy Industries, *Bhupathiraju Srinivasa*, said that India is currently the second-largest producer of steel, with a production of 144 million metric tonnes.
- ❖ *M V Shreyams Kumar* of Mathrubhumi was elected President of The Indian Newspaper Society (INS).



Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Where was the BCCI Centre of Excellence, inaugurated by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Kolkata

Answer – (c)

2. Who among the following has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh?

- (a) Ajit Jain
- (b) Anurag Jain
- (c) Veera Rana
- (d) Basant Pratap

Answer – (b)