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## "I Apologise At Shivaji's Feet": PM Modi In Maharashtra On Statue Collapse



### Key Points:

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi apologised to Chhatrapati Shivaji and all those who were hurt by the collapse of the legendary ruler's statue at Rajkot Fort, eight months after it was inaugurated.
- ❖ "The moment I landed here, I first apologised to Shivaji over the statue collapse. I also apologise to the people who were hurt by the collapse," PM Modi said in Maharashtra's Palghar.
- ❖ "Those who consider Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj as their deity and have been deeply hurt, I bow my head and apologise to them. Our values are different.
- ❖ For us, nothing is bigger than our deity," he added.



- ❖ A 35-foot-tall statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in the state's Sindhudurg district collapsed on August 26.
- ❖ The statue was aimed at honouring the legacy of the Maratha Navy and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj towards maritime defence and security, and its historical linkage with the modern Indian Navy.
- ❖ The public works body PWD stated that the rusting nuts and bolts posed a risk to the statue's stability, yet the warnings were ignored, say critics.
- ❖ The Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance has accused the ruling government of corruption in the matter of the statue construction and demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

## Gautam Adani replaces Mukesh Ambani to become wealthiest Indian



### Key Points:

- ❖ Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani replaced Reliance Industries Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani to become the richest

Indian, as per the 2024 Hurun India Rich List.

- ❖ Shiv Nadar and family of HCL gained one spot to be the third richest with a networth of Rs 3.14 lakh crore, while Serum Institute of India's Cyrus Poonawalla slipped by one notch to the fourth position with a networth of Rs 2.89 lakh crore in 2024.
- ❖ The list, which captures Indians having a networth of over Rs 1,000 crore, grew by 220 individuals to 1,539 people in 2024.
- ❖ The cumulative wealth has seen a 46 per cent jump in the year. Actor Shah Rukh Khan made his debut on the list with a fortune estimated at Rs 7,300 crore, which was much higher than business partner Juhi Chawla with Rs 4,600 crore networth secured second place among the entertainers.

| Rank | Name                          | Net worth (in INR, crores) | Company Name                  | Residing in |
|------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1    | Gautam Adani & family         | 1,161,800                  | Adani Group                   | Ahmedabad   |
| 2    | Mukesh Ambani & family        | 1,014,700                  | Reliance Industries           | Mumbai      |
| 3    | Shiv Nadar & family           | 314,000                    | HCL Technologies              | New Delhi   |
| 4    | Cyrus S Poonawalla & family   | 289,800                    | Serum Institute of India      | Pune        |
| 5    | Dilip Shanghvi                | 249,900                    | Sun Pharmaceutical Industries | Mumbai      |
| 6    | Kumar Mangalam Birla & family | 235,200                    | Aditya Birla Group            | Mumbai      |
| 7    | Gopichand Hinduja & family    | 192,700                    | Hinduja Group                 | London      |
| 8    | Radhakishan Damani & family   | 190,900                    | Avenue Supermarts             | Mumbai      |
| 9    | Azim Premji & family          | 190,700                    | Wipro                         | Bengaluru   |
| 10   | Niraj Bajaj & family          | 162,800                    | Bajaj Auto                    | Mumbai      |

### Rahul Gandhi plans 'Bharat Dojo Yatra'



#### Key Points:

- ❖ "ACCEPTING defeat and victory." As per Congress sources, that is the idea behind the new project Rahul Gandhi is set to embark upon: 'Bharat Dojo Yatra'.
- ❖ A far – and not-so-far – cry from the Congress leader's Bharat Jodo Yatra I and II, Bharat Dojo Yatra will see him train with youngsters and children across the country in the Jiu-Jitsu Japanese martial art form during his travel programmes.
- ❖ Dojo broadly refers to a training hall or school for martial arts. The timeline for this programme "to engage with the youth", where Gandhi will also interact with those coming for the sessions, is not months but "the next few years".
- ❖ Making the announcement on National Sports Day Thursday on his X account, Gandhi attached a video giving glimpses of similar sessions held by him with youngsters during his Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra.
- ❖ Without giving details, he said a "Bharat Dojo Yatra is coming soon". Calling "inculcating values of Jiu-Jitsu among the young" entirely "Gandhi's vision", a Congress leader said: "Our leader has always believed that the perception of martial arts needs to change, and that such practices are not just combative in

nature, but have elements of respect for others, self-control, self-defence, and of accepting defeat and victory.

Jujutsu, also known as jiu-jitsu and ju-jitsu, is a family of Japanese martial arts and a system of close combat that can be used in a defensive or offensive manner to kill or subdue one or more weaponless or armed and armored opponents.

**RINL & IOCL ink MoU towards the supply of hydraulic and lubricating oils & greases to RINL**



**Key Points:**

- ❖ The corporate entity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, RINL has signed an MoU with M/s. IOCL for the supply of hydraulic and lubricating oils & greases for a period of 5 years from 2024 to 2029.
- ❖ This MoU between RINL & IOCL will stand as a benchmark to show how a progressive collaborative work can be taken by different industries towards Nation building.
- ❖ IOCL will provide technical support to RINL, Visakhapatnam steel plant in the field of lubrication, condition monitoring of critical and large

hydraulic and lube systems, total bulk oil handling, and used oil management.

**Rajasthan & MP govts to develop 'Shri Krishna Gaman Path' connecting Mathura to Ujjain**



**Key Points:**

- ❖ Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma announced a new religious circuit called 'Shri Krishna Gaman Path' which will connect Krishna's birthplace Mathura with Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ This new circuit will be built connecting the places where Krishna left his footprints while travelling to Ujjain from his birthplace in Mathura.
- ❖ Both governments will work jointly for the development of this circle while identifying the places where he (Krishna) left his footprints while travelling from Mathura to Ujjain.
- ❖ The development of the Shri Krishna Gaman Path will be a joint effort between the states of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, demonstrating inter-state cooperation in the realm of cultural and religious tourism.

### PM Modi chairs 44th PRAGATI Interaction



#### Key Points:

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has chaired the meeting of the 44th edition of PRAGATI, the ICTbased multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, involving Centre and State governments.
- ❖ It was the first meeting of PRAGATI in the third term of the Narendra Modi Government. In the meeting, seven significant projects were reviewed including two projects relating to road connectivity, two rail projects and one project each of the Coal, Power and Water Resources sectors.
- ❖ The cost of these projects totalled more than 76 thousand 500 crore rupees. The projects relate to Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Odisha, Goa, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh and Delhi.
- ❖ During the interaction, the Prime Minister also reviewed AMRUT 2.0

and public grievances related to the Jal Jeevan Mission.

- ❖ These projects together inter-alia address water issues in urban and rural areas. Up to the 44th edition of PRAGATI meetings, 355 projects having a total cost of over 18 lakh crore rupees have been reviewed.

### Government launches She-Box portal to make workplaces safer for women



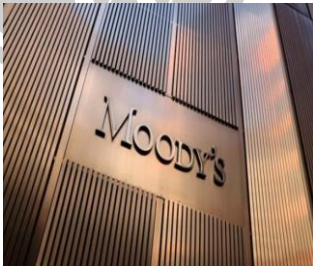
#### Key Points:

- ❖ The government has launched the She-Box portal to make workplaces safer for women. Women and Child Development Minister Annpurna Devi launched the portal in New Delhi.
- ❖ She-Box portal is a centralized platform for registering and monitoring complaints of sexual harassment of women at the workplace.
- ❖ This platform provides facility to file complaints, track its status and ensure a time-bound processing of complaints by Internal Committees
- ❖ This initiative is a critical step forward in providing a

more efficient and secure platform for addressing workplace-related sexual harassment complaints.

- ❖ She said, the government is committed to creating a safer and more inclusive working environment for women in the country. She expressed confidence that with the help of portal complaints can be safely registered without personal information being publicly accessible. The She-Box portal and the new website of the ministry can be accessed at [shebox.wcd.gov.in](http://shebox.wcd.gov.in) and [wcd.gov.in](http://wcd.gov.in).

**Moody's Ratings raises India's GDP growth forecast to 7.2 percent for 2024**



#### Key Points:

- ❖ Moody's Ratings has raised its real GDP growth projections for India, forecasting a robust 7.2 percent growth for the fiscal year 2024, up from a previous estimate of 6.8 percent.
- ❖ The New York-based global rating agency has also raised its growth

projections to 6.6 percent for 2025, up from 6.4 percent.

- ❖ The report attributes these revised projections to strong, broad-based growth, driven by resilient private consumption and improved business conditions.

#### Small Industry Day



#### Key Points:

- ❖ Small Industry Day is observed on 30 August every year. This day recognises the contributions of small businesses and industries to the economy.
- ❖ It also highlights the crucial role that small enterprises play in fostering innovation, creating jobs, and driving economic growth.
- ❖ Theme 2024 – Leveraging Power and Resilience of Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) to Accelerate Sustainable Development and Eradicate Poverty in Times of Multiple Crises
- ❖ The origins of Small Industry Day can be traced back to the year 2000 when the Indian government introduced a comprehensive policy package for small-scale industries (SSI).

- ❖ To mark this significant development, the Ministry of Small-Scale Industries declared August 30 as Small Industries Day.
  - ❖ The first celebration took place on August 30, 2001, when the Ministry organised a convention for small entrepreneurs in the national capital.
- ❖ Over time, both government institutions and the public have recognised the importance of these enterprises.



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