

10th September 2024**Second International Buddhist Media Conclave**

Second International Buddhist Media Conclave to be organised in Delhi on 11th September

Key Points

- ❖ **Organizers:** International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) and the Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF) are organizing the 2nd International Buddhist Media Conclave.
- ❖ **Theme of the conclave:** The theme “**Mindful Communication for Conflict Avoidance and Sustainable Development**”.
- ❖ **Guest of honor:** **Shri Baichung Bhutia**, the former captain of the Indian Football Team is to be the Guest of Honour.
- ❖ The event will be attended by representatives of the media from 18 countries.
- ❖ **Objective:** The primary objective of the 2nd International Buddhist Media Conclave will focus on how Buddhist teachings can be assimilated into modern media practices to address global crises and enhance trust in media institutions.
- ❖ **Aim:** The conclave aims to foster ethical journalism, promote mindful communication, and establish a network of Buddhist media professionals across Asia.

The first conclave brought together around 150 delegates, including Buddhist journalists and media personalities from 12 different countries and laid a strong foundation for integrating Buddhist principles into media practices.

Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water crafts

On 9th September 2024, in Kerala, two indigenously designed and constructed **Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water crafts** built for the Indian Navy were launched at the Cochin Shipyard.

Key Points

- ❖ This is the fourth and fifth anti-submarine warfare shallow watercraft being built for the Navy.
- ❖ They will be christened **INS Malpe** and **INS Mulki** once commissioned into the Indian Navy.
- ❖ **Capabilities:** The vessels are capable of conducting **anti-submarine operations in coastal waters**, low-intensity maritime and mine-laying operations, besides subsurface surveillance and search and rescue operations.
- ❖ **Equipment:** They are equipped with light-weight torpedoes, anti-submarine warfare rockets, a close-in weapon system, and remote-controlled guns.

Chintan Shivir

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment organised a 2-day National Review Conference in Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points

- ❖ The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, hosted a two-day National Review Conference **titled “Chintan Shivir” at Agra in Uttar Pradesh.**
- ❖ The conference brought together the Ministers of Social Justice and Social Welfare Departments from all States and Union Territories (UTs), senior officials, and other key stakeholders, to discuss the implementation of various schemes and policies aimed at the upliftment of marginalized communities across the country.
- ❖ **Chaired:** The “Chintan Shivir” was chaired by **Dr. Virendra Kumar, Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment**, along with B. L. Verma and Ramdas Athawale, Union Ministers of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, and other senior officials.
- ❖ **Aim:** The primary aim of the conference was to review the progress of key social justice schemes and their implementation at the State level.

Semicon India 2024

UP govt to host Semicon India 2024 at India Expo Mart.

Key Points

- ❖ The Uttar Pradesh government will host Semicon India 2024 at the India Expo Mart in Greater Noida from September 11 to 13.
- ❖ **Organizers:** This event, which will be organised in collaboration with SEMI, Messe Muenchen India, and the Electronic Industries Association of India.
- ❖ **Aim:** It aims to elevate India's semiconductor sector and establish the country as a significant global contender.
- ❖ This year's Semicon India Exhibition and Conference will be held alongside Electronica India and Productronica India, the largest electronics fairs in Southeast Asia.



Way Ahead

- ❖ This landmark event will unite a wide range of domestic and international companies, providing a prime opportunity to explore India's burgeoning semiconductor sector and discover new business prospects.

First India- GCC Foreign Ministers Meet

On 9th September 2024, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar attended the first India-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Riyadh.

Key Points

- ❖ **Aim:** This meeting aims to strengthen ties between India and the Gulf nations.
- ❖ **Focus areas:** The inaugural GCC Foreign Ministers meeting focused on enhancing cooperation across various sectors, including trade, investment, and energy.
- ❖ The GCC region has nearly 8.9 million Indian expatriates and serves as a major trading partner, this diplomatic engagement holds significant importance for India's foreign policy.

During his visit, Dr. Jaishankar had also visited key cultural sites in Riyadh on the first day of his two-day tour to Saudi Arabia, emphasizing the historical ties between India and the kingdom.

The minister toured the **Saudi National Museum, the King Abdulaziz Foundation for Research and Archives (DARAH), and Murabba Palace.**

Nuakhai

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended warm wishes on the occasion of Nuakhai.

Key Points

- ❖ Nuakhai marks the first harvest of the kharif season and the festival is mainly observed by people of **Western Odisha**.
- ❖ **'Nua' means new and 'khai' is food.**
- ❖ Nuakhai is observed on "panchami ththi" (the fifth day) of the lunar fortnight of the month of Bhadrapada (August–September), the day after Ganesh Chaturthi, to welcome the new rice of the season.
- ❖ Nuakhai is also called **Nuakhai Parab or Nuakhai Bhetghat.**
- ❖ The festival marks the consumption of first harvested crops.



Niveshak Mashal

IEPFA organised 'Niveshak Mashal' annual half marathon to promote financial literacy and investor awareness.


Key Points

- ❖ The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), in collaboration with the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and Pardada Pardadi Educational Society (PPES), organised the annual half marathon "Niveshak Mashal" in Anupshahr, Uttar Pradesh.


- ❖ **Purpose:** It is to promote financial literacy and investor awareness at the PPES Campus.
- ❖ The marathon saw enthusiastic participation from over 4,500 individuals, including students from more than 45 schools and local community members.
- ❖ This initiative highlights **IEPFA's ongoing commitment** to reaching diverse communities and promoting financial literacy through innovative methods, fostering a culture of informed financial decision-making across India.

The **Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)** was set up on September 7, 2016, under the aegis of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, for administering the Investor Education and Protection Fund for making refunds of shares, unclaimed dividends, and matured deposits/debentures, among other things, to investors.

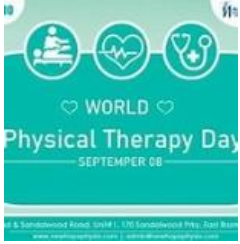
Person In News- Appointment

Tuhin Kanta Pandey	He is a senior IAS officer who has been appointed as the Finance Secretary.	
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Reports/Titles

Most Influential People in AI 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Union Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani and actor Anil Kapoor are among Indians who have been honoured in Time magazine's prestigious list of the 100 "Most Influential People in AI 2024". ❖ The list features 15 Indian or Indian-origin people. Among them are Sundar Pichai of Google, and Satya Nadella of Microsoft. ❖ Other Indians or Indian-origin leaders in AI in the list include Rohit Prasad, SVP and head scientist of Artificial General Intelligence, Amazon; Shiv Rao, Co-founder and CEO, Abridge; Anant Vijay Singh, Product Lead at Proton; Dwarkesh Patel, Host, Dwarkesh Podcast; Amandeep Singh Gill, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology; and Vinod Khosla, Founder, Khosla Ventures.
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Important Days/Dates

September 8	World Physiotherapy Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ World Physiotherapy Day is observed globally on September 8. ❖ It is a day that honours the work of physiotherapists and promotes the importance of physiotherapy in healthcare. ❖ In 1996, 8 September was designated as World PT Day. ❖ This is the date World Physiotherapy was founded in 1951. ❖ In 2024 the day focuses on low back pain and Physiotherapy.
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Miscellaneous

- ❖ The **Indian Army and Indian Air Force** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya** to enhance the skills and capability building of personnel in logistics operations.

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