

9th World Junior Wushu Championships 2024: India wins 7 medals

Key Points:

- ❖ The Young Indian Wushu players ended their campaign at the 9th World Junior Wushu Championships 2024 by winning seven medals, including two golds, one silver, and four bronze medals.
- ❖ The Championships were held at Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei, from 22 to 30 September 2024. Wushu is a traditional Chinese sport, and the 9th World Junior Wushu Championships 2024 featured two main events: wushu sanda and wushu taolu.



Aryan Wins First Gold in the Event

- ❖ **Aryan** became the first Indian player to win a gold medal in the World Junior Wushu Championships. In the final of the 48 kg boys junior category, he defeated Gong Huanran from China.
- ❖ **Shaurya** won the second gold medal, defeating Alireza Zaman of Iran in the boy's 48 kg weight category of the children's section of the championships.
- ❖ **Nang Mingbi Borphukan** won the lone silver medal for India in the Taolu Jian Shu C Group event.
- ❖ The bronze medal was won by **Tanish Nagar** in the 56kg category, Abhijeet in the 60 kg category, Divyanshi in the 60 kg category(women), and Yuvraj in the 42 kg category. India sent a 24-member contingent to participate in the 9th World Junior Wushu Championships 2024.

9th World Junior Wushu Championships 2024

- ❖ The 9th World Junior Wushu Championships in 2024 was hosted by the International Wushu Federation (IWUF) and organised by the Wushu Federation of Brunei.
- ❖ It was held in Brunei's capital city, Bandar Seri Begawan, from 22 to 30 September 2024. 498 athletes from 50 countries participated in the event.
- ❖ The first World Junior Wushu Championships was held in 2006 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and it has been held every two years since then.
- ❖ In the 9th World Junior Wushu Championships, the taolu competition was divided into three age groups, with 64 events for both male and female participants.
- ❖ The sanda competition was divided into two age groups, with 17 events for both male and female participants. For the first time in the Championships' history, 10 events for the children's group (Group C) were also introduced.

International Wushu Federation

- ❖ The International Wushu Federation was formed in 1990 to promote and regulate wushu sports worldwide.
- ❖ Members: 160 countries/territories
- ❖ President: Gao Zhidan
- ❖ Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland, has an operational office in Beijing, China.

PM Modi Dedicates Bidkin Industrial Area of DMIC to Nation

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually dedicated the Bidkin Industrial Area in Maharashtra to the nation on 29 September 2024.
- ❖ The Bilkin Industrial Area, situated 20 km south of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, is

part of the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC).

- ❖ The main ceremony was held in Pune, where the Governor of Maharashtra, C.P. Radhakrishnan, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and other dignitaries were present.
- ❖ The project is part of the central government's "Make in India, Make for the World" programme, which aims to foster industrial growth, economic prosperity, and sustainable development in the region.
- ❖ The government of India launched the Make in India programme on 25 September 2015, and it has been in operation for 10 years.

Promoter of the Bidkin Industrial Area

- ❖ The Maharashtra Industrial Township Limited has promoted the Bidkin Industrial Area. The Maharashtra Industrial Township Limited is a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) that was formed between the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) and the National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT).
- ❖ The government of India owns the NICDIT. The MIDC holds a 51 per cent stake in the SPV, while the NICDIT holds 49 per cent.

About the Bidkin Industrial Area

- ❖ The Bidkin Industrial Area covers 7,855 acres and was developed in three phases for Rs 6,414 crore. The project has been developed under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP) as part of the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor.

About the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme

- ❖ To develop the country's industrial infrastructure and attract investment in the industrial sector, the government of India launched the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP).

- ❖ The NICDP is a central sector program jointly developed by the central government in partnership with the state government. Later, it became part of the National Infrastructure Pipeline project, which the central government launched in 2019.
- ❖ Under NICDP, 11 Industrial Corridors, with 44 industrial nodes/areas/smart cities, are being developed in four phases. The program aims to provide multimodal connectivity with complete "plug-and-play" infrastructure down to the plot level and to build resilient and sustainable future-ready cities.
- ❖ The Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) Project, approved by the government in 2007, is the first Industrial Corridor. It is being developed with the help of Japan.

Industrial Corridors in India

- ❖ The 11 Industrial Corridors are :
- ❖ Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC);
- ❖ Chennai Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC);
- ❖ Amritsar Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC);
- ❖ East Coast Industrial Corridor (ECIC) with Vizag Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC)
- ❖ Bengaluru Mumbai Industrial Corridor (BMIC);
- ❖ Extension of CBIC to Kochi via Coimbatore;
- ❖ Hyderabad Nagpur Industrial Corridor (HNIC);
- ❖ Hyderabad Warangal Industrial Corridor (HWIC);
- ❖ Hyderabad Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (HBIC);
- ❖ Odisha Economic Corridor (OEC) and
- ❖ Delhi Nagpur Industrial Corridor (DNIC).

National Centre of Excellence for AVGC-XR to be set up in Mumbai

Key Points:

- ❖ The Government of India has approved the establishment of a National Centre of Excellence (NCoE) for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality (AVGC-XR) in the country.
- ❖ The proposed NCoE will be in Mumbai, Maharashtra, the hub of the Indian film industry. The NCoE is being set up on the recommendation of the Task Force on Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, and Comics in 2022.



2022 Task Force on Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, and Comics

Key Points:

- ❖ The government of India set up a Task Force on Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, and Comics (AVGC) in 2022, headed by the then Secretary of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Apurva Chandra.
- ❖ The Task Force was established after the Union Minister for Finance, Nirmala Sitharaman, announced the establishment of a task force on Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, and Comics in her budget speech for 2022-23.
- ❖ The Task Force recommended creating a National AVGC-XR (Extended Reality) Mission with a budget outlay for the integrated promotion and growth of the AVGC sector.
- ❖ It also recommended setting up a National Centre of Excellence for the AVGC sector to become an international reference point across Skilling, Education, Industry

Development and Research & Innovation for the AVGC sector.

Who will set up the NCoE?

- ❖ The NCoE for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality (AVGC-XR) will be set up by a company to be set up under section 8 of the Companies Act 2013.
- ❖ Companies with charitable objectives are set up under section 8 of the Companies Act 2013.
- ❖ The Company will be a joint venture of the Government of India in partnership with the private sector represented by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry and Confederation of Indian Industry.
- ❖ NCoE AVGC aims to create a world-class talent pool in India to serve the Indian and global entertainment industries.

Indian Institute for Immersive Creators (IIIC)

- ❖ The name of the provisional National Centre of Excellence (CoE) will be the Indian Institute for Immersive Creators (IIIC). The IIIC will be set up on the model of the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs).
- ❖ The Institute will offer specialised training-cum-learning programs to equip both amateurs and professionals with the latest skill sets in cutting-edge AVGC-XR technologies and will foster research and development in the sector.
- ❖ The Indian Institute for Immersive Creators will create a manpower pool that will revolutionise the AVGC sector and foster innovation in immersive technologies.

54th Dadashaheb Phalke Award Winner: Mithun Chakraborty

Key Points:

- ❖ The Union Ministry for Information and Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw

announced on 30 September 2024 that the jury had selected veteran Hindi and Bengali film actor Mithun Chakraborty as the recipient of the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Awards for 2022.

- ❖ Mithun Chakraborty will be the 54th recipient of the Dada Saheb Phalke Award. Last year, Waheeda Rehman received the Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Awards for 2021.



- ❖ Mithun Chakraborty will be conferred the award at the 70th National Film Festival award ceremony, which will be held on 8 October 2024. Asha Parekh, Vipul Shah, and Khusbhu Sundar were members of the Jury that selected the Dadasaheb Lifetime Achievement Award winner for 2022.

About Mithun Chakraborty

- ❖ The three-time National Films Award winner actor Mithun Chakraborty was born as Gourang Chakraborty on June 16, 1950, in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- ❖ Alumnus of the prestigious Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune, Mithun won the National Film Award for **Best Actor in his first film, Mrigayaa (1976)**.
- ❖ He won the National Film Award for his acting in the films Tahader Katha (1992) and Swami Vivekananda (1998).
- ❖ He was also a successful commercial film star, whose film Disco Dancer(1982) not only popularised disco dance in the country but also made him a household name in india.
- ❖ He has acted in Hindi, Bengali, Bhojpuri, Odia, and Telugu films. He won the

Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actor for his performance in the Hindi film Agnipath in 1990.

Dadasaheb Phalke Award

- ❖ The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is India's highest award in the field of cinema. It is presented annually at the National Film Awards ceremony by the Directorate of Film Festivals, an organisation set up by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- ❖ The recipient is honoured for their "great and outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema" and is selected by a committee consisting of eminent personalities from the Indian film industry.
- ❖ The award comprises a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) medallion, a shawl, and a cash prize of ₹1,000,000 (US\$12,000).
- ❖ Presented first in 1969, the award was introduced by the Government of India to commemorate Dadasaheb Phalke's contribution to Indian cinema.
- ❖ **Phalke (1870–1944), who is popularly known as and often regarded as "the father of Indian cinema",** was an Indian filmmaker who directed India's first fulllength feature film, **Raja Harishchandra(1913)**.



Waheeda Rehman: 2021, Hindi Film, Actor	Asha Parekh: 2020, Hindi Film, Actor.	Rajinikanth: 2019, Tamil, Hindi, Actor
Amitabh Bachchan: 2018, Hindi Film, Actor	Vinod Khanna: 2017, Hindi Film, Actor.	

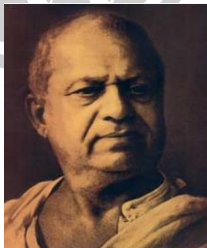
- ❖ The first recipient of the award was actress Devika Rani, who was honoured at the 17th National Film Awards. As of 2023, there have been 53 awardees. Among those, actor Prithviraj Kapoor (1971) and actor Vinod Khanna (2017) are

the only posthumous recipients. Mithun Chakraborty will be honoured with this award for the year 2022 on October 8, 2024 during 70th National Film Awards.

Dadasaheb Phalke

Key Points:

- ❖ Dhundiraj Govind Phalke popularly known as Dadasaheb Phalke (30 April 1870 – 16 February 1944), was an Indian producer-director screenwriter, known as "the Father of Indian cinema".
- ❖ His debut film, Raja Harishchandra, was the first Indian movie released in 1913, and is now known as India's first full-length feature film. He made 95 feature-length films and 27 short films in his career, spanning 19 years, until 1937, including his most noted works: Mohini Bhasmasur (1913), Satyavan Savitri (1914), Lanka Dahan (1917), Shri Krishna Janma (1918) and Kaliya Mardan (1919). In his honor, the Dadasaheb Phalke Award was instituted as highest honorary award under the National Film Awards by the Government of India.



- ❖ Dadasaheb Phalke was born on 30 April, 1870 at Trimbakeshwar town near Nashik district of Maharashtra. He had completed his basic education in 1885 at Sir J.J School of Arts, Mumbai and in 1890 he went to Vadodara, Gujarat to study about drawing, painting and photography.
- ❖ In Godhra (Gujarat), Dadasaheb Phalke began his career as a Photographer, but after the death of his first wife and child due to an outbreak of plague, he had left photography work. Then he went to

Germany to get introduced with new technologies.

- ❖ From the school time itself, he had acquired a variety of interest in magic. At that time he also experimented variety of special effects. In Germany he met Carl Hertz a magician and also worked with him. After some time he got an opportunity to work as a Draftsman in an Archaeological Survey of India but due to lack of interest he left the job and came back to Maharashtra. There, he started a business of the printing press.
- ❖ When he watched a silent movie "The Life of Christ" by Ferdinand Zecca in Mumbai's 'AmericaIndia Theatre' his life turned and decided to make "Raja Harishchandra" a silent and the first full length feature film. No doubt he had fulfilled the dream of Indian Cinema.

SUBHADRA Yojana

Key Points:

- ❖ The Odisha government on Sunday announced that eligible women beneficiaries waiting for financial assistance under its flagship Subhadra Yojana would get their first installment in the second phase disbursement on October 9.
- ❖ Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida said the registration and verification process are underway and so far, over 97 lakh women have registered under the scheme that is aimed at benefiting around 1.08 crore women of the state.
- ❖ "Those who apply till October 7 for assistance under Subhadra Yojana will be put under verification. Those eligible will be provided the first installment of Rs 5,000 in the second phase on October 9. Over 40 lakh beneficiaries will get the assistance as a Dussehra bheti (gift)," she said.
- ❖ The state government has planned a grand event at Baripada to disburse the second phase assistance.

- ❖ Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi along with his cabinet colleagues will attend the function. The first and the beneficiary number one crore will be felicitated on the occasion.
- ❖ Parida said the second phase installment will be released from Mayurbhanj's Baripada, known as 'Dwitiya Srikhetra', where only women devotees pull the chariot of Devi Subhadra during Rath Yatra.
- ❖ Mayurbhanj is also the home district of President Droupadi Murmu. The highest number of Subhadra beneficiaries are also from the district.

8th edition of India -Kazakhstan military EX KAZIND 2024 Start in Auli

Key Points:

- ❖ India -Kazakhstan joint military exercise KAZIND -2024 commenced at the mountainous Surya Foreign Training node in Auli, Uttarakhand, on 30 September 2024.
- ❖ The 8th edition of KAZIND-2024 will be held in Auli from 30 September to 13 October 2024.
- ❖ The last edition of the annual bilateral military exercise was held in Otar, Kazakhstan, from 30 October to 11 November 2023.
- ❖ For the first time, the Air Forces of both countries and the Airborne Assault Forces of Kazakhstan participated.



About KAZIND Military Exercise

- ❖ The bilateral India-Kazakhstan KAZIND was first held in 2016. It is an annual military exercise held alternately in both countries.
- ❖ The KAZIND exercise is a battalion-level military exercise that includes personnel from both the Army and the Air Force.
- ❖ In this year's exercise, the Indian contingent comprises 120 personnel, including a battalion of the Kumaon Regiment of the Indian Army and a contingent of the Indian Air Force personnel.
- ❖ The Kazakhstan contingent is represented mainly by personnel from its Army and also a contingent of its Airborne Assault Troopers.

Focus of the KAZIND 2024 Exercise

Key Points:

- ❖ The 8th edition of the KAZIND exercise will focus on counterinsurgency/counterterrorism operations in the mountainous, semi-urban scenario under the United Nations mandate.
- ❖ Both the military forces will hone their skills in Special Heliborne Operations, Cordon and Search operations, besides employment of drones and counter-drone systems, among others.
- ❖ The exercise will also increase military-to-military relations between the two armed forces and strengthen the defence ties between the two countries.

India Kazakhstan Defence Ties

Key Points:

- ❖ India established diplomatic ties with Kazakhstan on 22 February 1992, after it declared independence from the Soviet Union on 16 December 1991.
- ❖ In July 2015, India and Kazakhstan signed the 'Defence and Military Technical Cooperation.

- ❖ The agreement provides for a framework for bilateral cooperation in the defence sector, which includes military-technical cooperation, military education and training, and joint exercises,
- ❖ In 2018, Kazakhstan troops were deployed under the Indian command for the United Nations peacekeeping mission in Lebanon.

PM Modi Virtually Inaugurates Development Projects Worth ₹11,200 Crore in Maharashtra

Key Points:

- ❖ As the Assembly election approaches, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on September 29, 2024, virtually inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various projects worth ₹11,200 crore in Maharashtra. This event comes after his scheduled visit to Pune on September 26 was cancelled due to heavy rain in the city.

Shankh Air: India's Newest Airline Set to Launch

Key Points:

- ❖ Shankh Air, India's latest airline, is poised to make its debut by the end of 2024 after receiving approval from the civil aviation ministry.
- ❖ This marks a significant development for Uttar Pradesh as Shankh Air aims to become the state's first scheduled airline, establishing hubs in Lucknow and the upcoming Noida International Airport.
- ❖ The airline plans to focus on both inter- and intrastate routes, targeting areas with high demand and limited direct flight options.



NATO to Establish Northern Land Command in Eastern Finland

Key Points:

- ❖ NATO plans to set up a new land command in Finland near the Russian border in 2025, to lead land force operations in northern Europe during potential military conflicts.
- ❖ Finland, which joined NATO last year after Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, is preparing for the alliance's presence on its territory.
- ❖ Finnish Defence Minister Antti Hakkanen announced the proposal to establish the command at Finland's Army Headquarters in Mikkeli.
- ❖ The center, named the Multi Corps Land Component Command, will work under NATO's U.S.-based Norfolk Joint Force Command and Finland's own land force command.



India's Forex Reserves Hit Record High of \$692.3 Billion

Key Points:

- ❖ India's foreign exchange reserves reached a record high of \$692.3 billion as of September 20, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India on September 27.
- ❖ The reserves increased by \$2.84 billion during the week, following a total rise of \$19.3 billion over the previous five weeks. The rise in reserves was driven by the Reserve Bank of India's interventions in the forex market and inflows into local stocks and bonds.

OECD Revises India's FY25 Growth Forecast Upward to 6.7%

Key Points:

- ❖ The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) raised India's FY25 growth forecast to 6.7%, up from 6.6%, in its Interim Economic Outlook released on September 25.
- ❖ Inflation is projected to rise to 4.5%, compared to the earlier estimate of 4.3%. The Indian economy is expected to grow even faster at 6.8% in FY26, marking a 20 basis points increase from the May forecast.
- ❖ The OECD emphasized that India will remain the fastest-growing economy in 2024 and 2025, ahead of China, the US, and other G20 nations.

GST Council Establishes GoM on Compensation Cess

Key Points:

- ❖ The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council has formed a 10-member Group of Ministers (GoM), chaired by Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, to address the future taxation of luxury, sin, and demerit goods as the compensation cess is set to expire in March 2026.
- ❖ The GoM comprises representatives from Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal, with a report expected to be submitted by December 31.



The 2024 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize: Honoring Mathematical Excellence

Key Points:

- ❖ The world of mathematics is set to celebrate another brilliant mind as the 2024 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize finds its recipient.
- ❖ This prestigious award, which recognizes outstanding contributions in mathematics, particularly those influenced by the legendary Srinivasa Ramanujan, will be bestowed upon Alexander Dunn of the Georgia Institute of Technology, U.S.



Udhayanidhi Stalin Took Oath as Deputy CM of TamilNadu

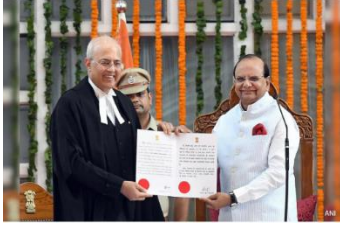
- ❖ The Chief Minister of TamilNadu M. K. Stalin's son Udhayanidhi Stalin took the oath as the new Deputy Chief Minister of the state. The cabinet reshuffle and several members were also changed.



Justice Manmohan was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court

Key Points:

- ❖ As a Chief Justice of Delhi High-court Justice Manmohan took the Oath of Office in the Capital of India. The Oath was administered by Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena at a ceremony where the new Chief Minister of Delhi also attended the event.



IPS Nalin Prabhat Set to Take Charge as DGP of J&K from October 1

- ❖ The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) appointed IPS Nalin Prabhat as the Director General of Police (DGP) of Jammu and Kashmir. He is set to assume charge from October 1. Till then, he will work as the Special Director-General (DG) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police.



As a New President of INS Shreyams Kumar Elected as a Chair

Key Points:

- ❖ M V Shreyams Kumar of Mathrubhumi was elected President of The Indian Newspaper Society (INS), an apex body of publishers of newspapers, magazines and periodicals in the country. He will succeed Rakesh Sharma of Aaj Samaj.



'Telangana Darshini' Program for Students to Visit Historical Sites

Key Points:

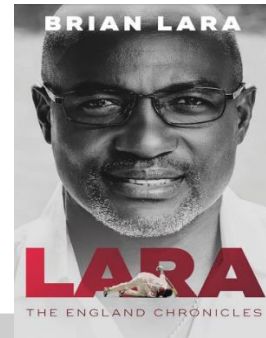
- ❖ Telangana state government launched the 'Telangana Darshini' Program to those government school students to explore historical and tourist sites at no cost. It is also designed to enrich the educational experiences of government school students.



LARA: The England Chronicles – A Cricket Legend's Journey

Key Points:

- ❖ Brian Lara stands as a singular figure in the annals of cricket history. His uniqueness is not just a matter of opinion but a fact etched in the record books of the sport. The cricketing world has not seen a batsman quite like him before, and it's almost certain that we won't see one like him again.



Gulveer Singh of India Broke The National Record in 5000m in Japan

- ❖ India's Gulveer Singh set a new national record en route to winning the men's 5000m gold in the Yogibo Athletics Challenge Cup of World Athletics Continental Tour at Niigata, Japan. Gulveer won the race with a time of 13:11.82 to improve upon his own national record earlier this year.



Centre Of Excellence Inaugurated by BCCI in Bengaluru

- ❖ To expand the cricketing infrastructure, BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket In India) inaugurated the new state of art facilities which are called the Centre Of Excellence

in the outskirts of the Bengaluru city. Which is also called New National Cricket Academy.



International Translation Day 2024, Date, History, Theme and Significance

Key Points:

- ❖ Every year on September 30, the world comes together to observe International Translation Day, a day dedicated to honoring the invaluable contributions of translators and language specialists worldwide.
- ❖ This special occasion serves as a platform to recognize the achievements of these professionals who play a crucial role in promoting international communication, understanding, and collaboration.
- ❖ By facilitating dialogue and fostering mutual comprehension across linguistic boundaries, translators are instrumental in advancing and strengthening global peace and security.



Dame Maggie Smith, A Legendary Actress Passes at 89

Key Points:

- ❖ The world of entertainment mourns the loss of one of its brightest stars. Dame Maggie Smith, the celebrated British actress renowned for her roles in Harry Potter and Downton Abbey, has passed away at the age of 89. Her family confirmed the news in a heartfelt statement, sharing that she died peacefully in a hospital surrounded by close friends and family.



Renowned Poet Keki N. Daruwala Dies at the Age of 87

Key Points:

- ❖ A former IPS officer and renowned poet Keki N. Daruwala who left lasting impressions for a long time and inspiration for most young writers dies at the age of 87 in New Delhi. He is also the Sahitya Akademi Award winner.



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