



### Quad Summit - 2024

The 2024 Quad Summit was held on September 21, 2024, in Delaware, USA, hosted by U.S. President Joe Biden. The leaders from the Quad nations, including Prime Ministers Narendra Modi (India), Anthony Albanese (Australia), and Fumio Kishida (Japan), gathered to discuss regional security, health initiatives, and technological collaboration in the Indo-Pacific.

The Quad (Quadrilateral Security Dialogue) was initially established in 2007 as an informal strategic forum involving the United States, India, Japan, and Australia.

#### Key Goals of the Quad Summit:

- ❖ **Indo-Pacific Security:** Strengthening the security and stability of the Indo-Pacific region, often in response to concerns about the rise of China's influence.
- ❖ **Climate Change:** The Quad countries aim to collaborate on combating climate change, reducing emissions, and encouraging green energy.
- ❖ **Technology and Cybersecurity:** Enhancing cooperation on emerging technologies, cybersecurity, and ensuring the free and open development of technologies.

- ❖ **Health Security:** Post-pandemic health collaboration, including vaccine distribution, strengthening supply chains for medical goods, and preventing future pandemics.
- ❖ **Economic Collaboration:** Promoting free, open, and rules-based trade in the Indo-Pacific, including addressing challenges in global supply chains. The Quad summit, typically held at high-profile locations, showcases the member countries' shared values and commitment to maintaining a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific region. It often results in joint statements and initiatives to address global challenges.

### Laapataa Ladies': India's entry for Oscars 2025

Kiran Rao's "Laapataa Ladies" has been picked as India's official entry for Oscars 2025.

The Hindi film, a light-hearted satire on patriarchy, was chosen from a list of 29 films, including Bollywood hit "Animal", Malayalam National Award winner "Aattam" and Cannes winner "All We Imagine As Light".

The 13-member selection committee headed by Assamese director Jahnu Barua "unanimously" decided on "Laapataa Ladies", produced by Aamir Khan and Rao, for reckoning in the best international film category at the Academy Awards.

### Rhea Singha wins Miss Universe India 2024 crown

Rhea Singha, a 19-year-old from Gujarat, was crowned Miss Universe India 2024. Singha emerged victorious against 51 finalists during the grand finale that took place in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

### Kumar Tuhin appointed as next Ambassador of India to Netherlands.

Kumar Tuhin, a 1991-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Netherlands. Prior to this, he served as the Director General of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). His diplomatic career includes key roles such as Ambassador to Hungary and High Commissioner to Namibia.

### World Rhino Day on September 22

World Rhino Day is celebrated on September 22 every year. This day was first announced in 2010 by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) South Africa and has since become an international event aimed at raising awareness about the five species of rhinoceros—Black, White, Indian, Javan, and Sumatran rhinos—and the challenges they face, including poaching and habitat loss.

### Pakistan appoints Lieutenant- General Asim Malik as new ISI chief

Asim Malik to take over on September 30 as new ISI chief

First change in Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) leadership since 2021.

Lt Gen Muhammad Asim Malik is currently serving as an Adjutant General at the General headquarter in Rawalpindi.

### Renames Pune Airport

The [Eknath Shinde](#)-led Maharashtra government on Monday approved a proposal to rename Pune's Lohegaon International Airport as "Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj Pune International Airport".

**Megastar Chiranjeevi entered the Guinness World Record as the Most Prolific Film Star in Indian Cinema.**

Telugu star Chiranjeevi was recently honoured by The Guinness World Records as the Most Prolific Film Star in Indian Cinema. The honour was presented to the South superstars by Aamir Khan and a member of the Guinness Records team. Incidentally, the award was also presented to him on the same date as his debut in 1978, September 22.

The Waltair Veerayya actor set a record for his dance performances with over 537 songs and 24,000 dance moves in 46 years. No other actor in and outside India has achieved this milestone. Reportedly, the Guinness team only included 143 films, while Chiranjeevi has acted in over 150 films.



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