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## Indian Coast Guard signs MoU for Marine Conservation

- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Habitats Trust and HCL Foundation for marine conservation in New Delhi.
- The primary objective of this initiative is to implement critical conservation efforts, including the removal of ghost nets, mapping and classifying areas affected by ghost gear, and enhancing understanding to prioritize cleanup efforts.
- Under this MoU, surveys will be conducted in ecologically sensitive regions to monitor and protect marine biodiversity.
- The ICG, Habitats Trust, and HCL Foundation will work together to involve coastal communities in conservation activities, fostering stewardship of marine ecosystems.

### Indian Coast Guard (ICG):

- Established: 1st February 1977.
- Primary Role: The ICG is responsible for safeguarding India's maritime interests and enforcing maritime law, including anti-smuggling, anti-piracy, and marine environmental protection.
- Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- Director General (DG): The position has been vacant since 18 August 2024. The current Additional Director General is S. Paramesh.

**Q.** Which organizations signed an MoU with the Indian Coast Guard for marine conservation? **The Habitats Trust and HCL Foundation**



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## India's Dhanush Loganathan Wins Bronze at IWF Junior World Championships 2024

- Dhanush Loganathan won the bronze medal in the men's 55kg category at the IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships 2024, held in Leon, Spain.
- The 17-year-old lifted a total of 231kg (107kg in snatch + 124kg in clean and jerk).

### Achievements:

- Won a bronze medal in the total category (combined snatch and clean & jerk).
- Also secured a bronze medal in the snatch event.
- Finished 13th in the clean and jerk.

### Gold and Silver Medalists:

- **Gold:** Vietnam's K Duong, with a total lift of 253kg (115kg in snatch + 140kg in clean and jerk).
- **Silver:** Japan's Kotaro Tomari, with a total lift of 247kg (108kg in snatch + 139kg in clean and jerk).
- **Indian Contingent:** India's team for the Junior World Championships includes three men and six women weightlifters. Payal (women's 45kg) and Panchami Sonowal (women's 49kg) also competed but did not secure medals.

**Q.** Name the Indian, who won the bronze medal in the men's 55kg category at the IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships 2024? **Dhanush Loganathan**



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## Punjab Lifts Hockey Junior Men's National Championship Trophy

- **Event:** Punjab won the 14th Hockey India Junior Men's National Championship 2024, held at the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium in Jalandhar.

### Final Match:

- Punjab defeated Uttar Pradesh in a shootout after a 3-3 draw in regular time.
- Punjab won the shootout 4-3 to clinch the title.

### Key Goal Scorers:

- **For Punjab:** Sukhwinder Singh (5'), Jarman Singh (33'), and Jobanpreet Singh (39').
- For Uttar Pradesh: Ajeet Yadav (31'), Suraj Pal (48'), and Akash Pal (54').
- Shootout:
- **For Punjab:** Japnit Singh, Sukhwinder Singh, Jarman Singh, and Lovenoor Singh scored.
- For Uttar Pradesh: Akash Pal, Nitish Bhardwaj, and Ajeet Yadav scored.
- **Third Place Match:** Haryana defeated Karnataka 5-0 to secure third place.

**Q.** Which team won the 14th Hockey India Junior Men's National Championship 2024? **Punjab**



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## **Kaviyoor Ponnamma (1945-2024): The ‘golden mother’ of Malayalam cinema finds eternal rest**

- Malayalam veteran actress Kaviyoor Ponnamma passed away after undergoing treatment for age-related ailments.
- Kaviyoor Ponnamma was a prominent figure in Malayalam cinema and her illustrious career spanned over six decades.
- Ponnamma was known for her iconic mother roles. She started her journey as a singer, she transitioned to acting through theatre.
- Her notable films include Asuravithu, Velutha Kathreena, KarakanaKadal, Theerthayathra, Nirmalyam, Chenkol, Bharatham, Santanagopalam, Sukrutham, and many more. She also lent her voice as a playback singer in eight films and appeared in over 25 television series.
- Ponnamma was noted for playing the mother to many prominent actors such as Sathyan, Madhu, Prem Nazir, Soman, Sukumaran, Mammooty,™ and Mohanlal. In addition to her mother's roles, she portrayed diverse characters, including negative roles. She acted in around 1,000 films and even produced the movie Meghatheertham.

**Q.** Name the ‘golden mother’ of Malayalam cinema, who passed away recently? **Kaviyoor Ponnamma**



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## Finance Ministry Notifies Direct Tax Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme, 2024

- The Union Finance Ministry notified the Direct Tax Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme, 2024, which will come into effect on October 1.
- **Purpose:** The scheme allows taxpayers to settle appeals, write petitions, and special leave petitions pending in the Supreme Court, high courts, and appellate tribunals as of the cutoff date of July 22.
- **Operational Date:** While the scheme's operational date has been announced, the final date for completion is yet to be determined.
- **Settlement Process:** Taxpayers with direct tax appeals pending can opt to settle by paying the full tax amount, thereby waiving any interest and penalties associated with the appeal.
- **Background:** The scheme was initially introduced in 2020 to facilitate the settlement of direct tax appeals pending until January 31, 2020, when 483,000 appeals were pending, involving Rs 4.96 trillion.
- **Current Statistics:** As of now, there are 544,000 appeals before the Commissioner of Income-Tax (Appeals), with the disputed amount rising to Rs 10.6 trillion.
- **Transfer Pricing Issues:** Transfer pricing remains a significant concern in tax disputes among multinationals, with provisions for secondary adjustment tax in such cases.

**Q.** What was the total disputed amount associated with direct tax appeals when the Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme was first introduced in 2020? **Rs 4.96 trillion**



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## Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh appointed as next IAF chief

- Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh, who has more than 5,000 hours of flying experience, will be the next chief of the Indian Air Force, succeeding Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari.
- Singh, currently serving as the Vice Chief of Air Staff, will take charge of the force on September 30.
- **Experience:** Over 5,000 flying hours; Vice Chief of Air Staff.
- **Service Tenure:** Commissioned in 1984, spanning nearly 40 years.
- **Background:** Alumnus of National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College, and National Defence College.
- **Key Roles:** Fighter squadron commander, MiG-29 upgrade lead, and project director for Tejas.
- **Staff Positions:** Air Defence Commander, Senior Air Staff Officer at Eastern Air Command.

### Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF) Overview:

- **Salary:** Around ₹2.5 lakh per month (excluding allowances).
- **Selection:** Senior-most Air Marshal, chosen based on experience and merit.
- **Tenure:** 3 years or until the age of 62, whichever comes first.

**Q.** What key role did Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh hold before becoming the Chief of the IAF? **He served as the Vice Chief of Air Staff.**



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## Arundhati Roy's first memoir 'Mother Mary Comes to Me' to release in September 2025

- Booker-winning writer Arundhati Roy's first work of memoir, "Mother Mary Comes to Me", will hit the stands in September next year.

### Book Overview

- Title: Mother Mary Comes to Me
- Author: Arundhati Roy, Booker Prize-winning writer.
- Publication Date: September 2025.
- Genre: Memoir.

### Theme and Inspiration

- **Core Theme:** The memoir explores Roy's complex relationship with her mother, Mary Roy, described as "my shelter and my storm."
- **Motivation:** Written in response to the death of her mother, a prominent women's rights activist, in September 2022.
- **Personal Reflection:** Roy reflects on her intense emotional response to her mother's passing and her decision to leave home at 18, emphasizing her love and the necessity of distance.

**Q.** Which award-winning novel is Arundhati Roy best known for? **The God of Small Things.**





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## Oyo acquiring US hospitality chain with 1,500 motels for \$525 million

- Oravel Stays, the parent company of the global travel technology company Oyo, has agreed to acquire G6 Hospitality, the leading economy lodging franchisor and parent company of Motel 6 and Studio 6 brands, from Blackstone Real Estate for \$525 million, in an all-cash transaction.

### Acquisition Details

- **Acquirer:** Oravel Stays, parent company of Oyo.
- **Target Company:** G6 Hospitality, which includes the Motel 6 and Studio 6 brands.
- **Transaction Value:** \$525 million in an all-cash deal.
- **Seller:** Blackstone Real Estate.

### Oyo's Growth in the U.S.

- **Market Entry:** Oyo launched in the U.S. in 2019.
- **Current Operations:** Operates over 320 hotels across 35 states.
- **Recent Additions:** Added nearly 100 hotels to its U.S. portfolio in 2023.
- **Future Goals:** Plans to add another 250 hotels in 2024.

**Q.** Who is the founder and CEO of Oravel Stays?  
**Ritesh Agarwal**



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## Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo elected president of NRAI

- Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo has been elected as the president of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).

### Background

- **Former Role:** Kalikesh is a former Member of Parliament from Odisha.
- **Caretaker Position:** He has been managing the NRAI's day-to-day operations since the position became vacant after Raninder Singh's resignation.

### Context of Resignation

- **Government Directive:** The Sports Ministry issued a directive under the National Sports Code (NSC) limiting the tenure of heads of national sports federations (NSFs) to a maximum of 12 years.
- **Raninder Singh's Tenure:** Raninder Singh served as president from December 29, 2010, to December 29, 2022, exceeding the 12-year limit.
- **Achievements During Caretaker Tenure:** Under Kalikesh's leadership as caretaker, India won three bronze medals at the Paris Olympics, breaking a medal drought from the 2016 Rio and 2020 Tokyo Games.
- **Tenure Details:** Presidency Duration: Kalikesh will serve as president until 2025, coinciding with the next NRAI general body elections.

**Q.** Until when will Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo serve as president of the NRAI? **Until 2025**



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## **Atishi Takes Oath As Delhi Chief Minister, Youngest Leader To Hold Top Post**

- Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Atishi took oath as the chief minister of Delhi, replacing Arvind Kejriwal who resigned earlier.
- Saurabh Bharadwaj, Gopal Rai and Kailash Gahlot took oath as ministers, having retained their positions in the new government.
- Imran Hussain also took oath as a minister.
- Sultanpur Majra legislator Mukesh Ahlawat is the new face in the cabinet.
- The tenure of the Atishi government will be brief as the assembly polls in Delhi are due in February next year.
- Atishi, 43, was chosen as the leader of legislature party ahead of Kejriwal handing over his resignation to lieutenant governor Vinai Kumar Saxena.
- As a minister in Kejriwal's Cabinet, Atishi, with 14 portfolios including finance, education, and revenue, was amongst those holding the fort while he was in jail.

**Q.** What significant roles did Atishi hold while serving in Kejriwal's Cabinet? **14 portfolios, including finance, education, and revenue.**



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