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Home Minister Amit Shah Launches National Narcotics Helpline 'MANAS'

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the National Narcotics Helpline 'MANAS' – 1933. Through the 'MANAS' (Madak Padarth Nisedh Asuchna Kendra) helpline, citizens can share information on drug trafficking, and connect with the Narcotics Control Bureau anonymously 24 hours a day to get advice on de-addiction and rehabilitation.
- The Home Minister chaired the 7th Apex-level meeting of the Narco-Coordination Center (NCORD) in New Delhi.
- The Home Minister also virtually inaugurated the Zonal Office of the Narcotics Control Bureau - NCB in Srinagar. He also released the NCB's 'Annual Report 2023' and the Compendium on 'Drug-Free India.'
- MHA will achieve PM Modi's goal of a drug-free India by 2047 through a 3 points strategy - strengthening of institutional structure, coordination among all narco agencies and extensive public awareness campaign

Q. Recently the Union Home Minister launched 'Manas' - 1933. In context of the same, what does Manas stands for? **Madak Padarth Nisedh Asuchna Kendra**



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India And Malaysia To Increase Cooperation In Field Of Oil Palm, Other Sectors

- India and Malaysia have decided to increase cooperation between the two countries in the field of palm Oil and other sectors.
- Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan met the Minister of Plantations and Commodities of Malaysia, Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani in New Delhi.
- The Malaysian Minister is on a four-day visit to India. During the meeting, the two Ministers discussed opportunities to deepen the bilateral agriculture cooperation between India and Malaysia.
- They also discussed the market access issues related to agriculture and allied products, institutionalization of the cooperation in agriculture, and the application of digital technology in the plantation sector.

Malaysia:

- Capital: Kuala Lumpur
- Prime Minister: Anwar Ibrahim
- Currency: Malaysian ringgit

Q. With which country, India has decided to increase cooperation in the field of palm Oil? **Malaysia**



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Girish Chandra Murmu Inaugurates 'International Centre For Audit Of Local Governance' In Rajkot

- The Comptroller and Auditor General of India Girish Chandra Murmu inaugurated the International Centre for Audit of Local Governance (iCAL), at Rajkot in Gujarat. The institute, a first in the country as per the CAG office, will function out of the office building of the Accountant General (account & entitlement and Audit-1) in Rajkot and aims to set global standards for auditing local governance bodies.

How will iCAL work?

- According to the CAG's note, iCAL will be a collaborative platform for policymakers, administrators and auditors linked with local governments. It will enhance the local government auditors' independence to ensure improved financial performance assessment, service delivery, and data reporting. It will also serve as a centre of excellence for capacity building of local government auditors.
- Dinesh Patil, principal accountant general (Audit-I), Gujarat, has been given the additional charge of director general of iCAL.

Q. Recently the Comptroller and Auditor General of India inaugurated the International Centre for Audit of Local Governance (iCAL) in which city? **Rajkot**



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Ram Charan to be awarded Ambassador for Indian Art & Culture at IFFM 2024

- The Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) announced actor Ram Charan as the Guest of Honour for its 15th edition. The RRR actor will bring his star power to this prestigious annual celebration of Indian cinema in Australia. IFFM, hosted by the Victorian State Government, will take place from August 15-25, 2024.
- In addition to being the Guest of Honour, Ram Charan also be awarded the title of 'Ambassador for Indian Art and Culture' for his stellar contributions to Indian cinema. The festival will also host a retrospective of his iconic films, his remarkable journey in the film industry.
- Celebrating its 15th year, IFFM is the largest celebration of Indian cinema in the Southern Hemisphere, featuring films from across India.

Q. Which actor will be honored as the Ambassador of Indian Arts and Culture at IFFM 2024? **Ram Charan**



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Two coal mines in India now ranked among world's 5 largest mines

- Southeastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), a subsidiary of Coal India based in Chhattisgarh, has achieved a significant milestone with its Gevra and Kusmunda coal mines ranking 2nd and 4th on WorldAtlas.com's list of the world's largest coal mines.
- Located in Korba district, these mines produce over 100 million tons of coal annually, contributing about 10% to India's total coal production. The Gevra mine, operational since 1981, has a capacity of 70 million tons and produced 59 million tons in FY24.
- The Kusmunda mine produced over 50 million tons in the same period, making it the second mine in India to reach this level after Gevra.
- Both mines use advanced mining machines like the "Surface Miner" for eco-friendly operations.
- For overburden removal, the mines employ large Heavy Earth Moving Machinery (HEMM) such as 240-ton dumpers, 42 cubic meter shovels, and Vertical Rippers for blast-free operations.

Q. India based Southeastern Coalfields Limited's _____ and _____ coal mines rank second and fourth respectively in the WorldAtlas.com list of world's largest coal mines. **Gevra and Kusmunda**



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S. Korea, Canada agree to enhance regional security, economic cooperation

- Top diplomats of South Korea and Canada have agreed to expand cooperation in regional security, the economy, technology and other areas.
- Foreign Minister Cho Tae-yul and his Canadian counterpart, Melanie Joly, adopted an "action plan" to further develop the comprehensive partnership in broad areas encompassing security, the economy, supply chains, technology, health and climate change.
- Cho and Joly vowed to further institutionalize bilateral cooperation by hosting talks of their senior foreign and defence officials and prepare for a high-level "two plus two" economic security dialogue through the director-general level talks later this month.
- They also expressed concern over North Korea's deepening military and economic cooperation with Russia in light of the signing of a "comprehensive strategic partnership" treaty during their summit last month.
- Joly reiterated Canada's support for efforts towards North Korea's denuclearization.

Q. Recently with which country South Korea has cooperated on ways to enhance cooperation in regional security, economy, technology and other areas? **Canada**



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Ursula von der Leyen reelected to a second term as European Commission prez

- European Parliament lawmakers re-elected Ursula von der Leyen to a second five-year term as President of the European Union's executive commission. Von der Leyen secured a comfortable majority, preventing a potential leadership vacuum.
- Parliament President Roberta Metsola announced the result, to which von der Leyen responded with raised fists in victory. She described her re-election as a triumph for “pro-European, pro-Ukraine, and pro-rule of law” lawmakers.
- The re-election ensures leadership continuity for the 27-nation bloc as it deals with various crises, including the war in Ukraine, climate change, migration, and housing shortages. Von der Leyen emphasized working for a strong Europe focused on prosperity, security, defense, and democracy.
- The Greens/European Free Alliance group supported von der Leyen after she committed to climate initiatives, improving social policies, affordable housing, and not making deals with the far right. The group's president, Bas Eickhout, highlighted the importance of opposing far-right forces that threaten democracy.

Q. Who has been re-elected as President of the European Union's executive commission? **Ursula von der Leyen**

Kroll's Celebrity Brand Valuation
Report 2023

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Virat Kohli

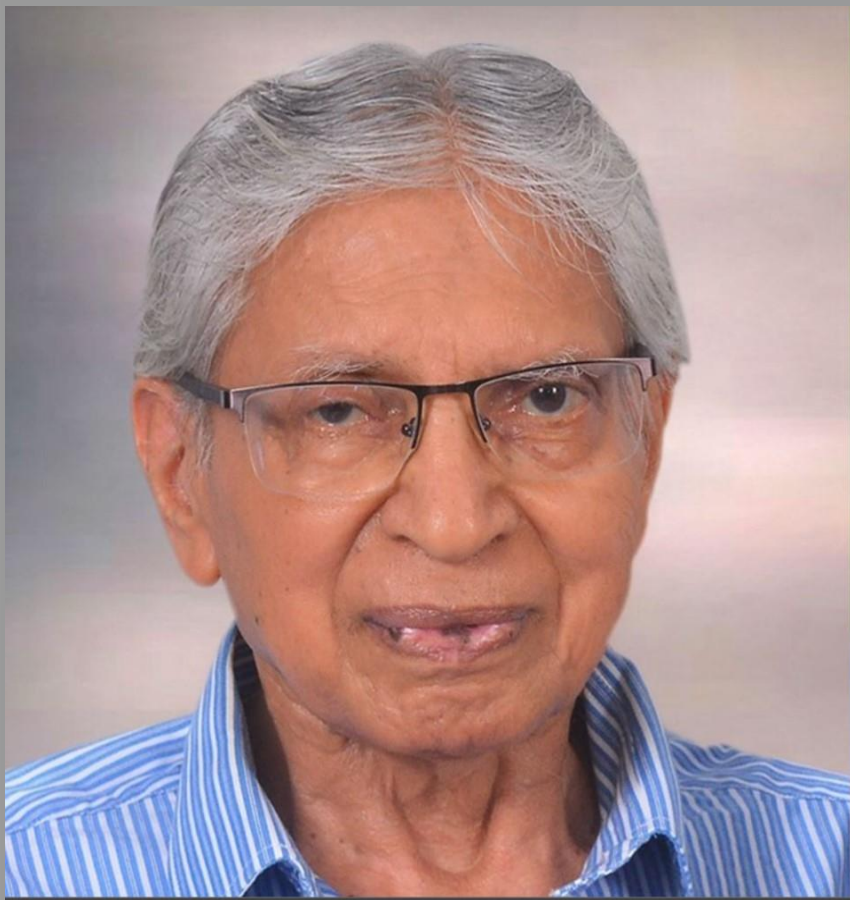
EMERGES AS INDIA'S MOST
VALUED CELEBRITY WITH
A BRAND VALUE OF \$227.9 MILLION

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**Virat Kohli Tops Celebrity Brand Valuation
In 2023**

- Virat Kohli is India's most valued celebrity with a brand value of USD 227.9 million marking a significant increase of nearly 29% from USD 176.9 million in 2022.
- Consultancy firm Kroll shared a list ranking India's most influential celebrity brands in which Virat Kohli featured on the top followed by Ranveer Singh who slipped to the second spot with a brand value of USD 203.1 million.
- The report, titled Kroll's Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2023, features Shah Rukh Khan at the third spot after the success of films like "Jawaan" and "Pathaan"- with a brand value of USD 120.7 million in 2023.
- Akshay Kumar is at the fourth place with a brand value of USD 111.7 million, down from third in 2022 while Alia Bhatt dropped to fifth from fourth with a valuation of USD 101.1 million.
- Deepika Padukone is at the sixth place with a brand value of USD 96 million.

Q. According to Kroll's Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2023, which Indian celebrity topped the list with a brand value of USD 227.9 million? **Virat Kohli**



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Two Indian space scientists honoured at international space scientists meet

- Two Indian space scientists, Prahlad Chandra Agrawal and Anil Bhardwaj, were honoured with prestigious awards by the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR), the world's first scientific body dedicated to space science research.
- Agrawal, one of the seniormost space scientists in India received the Harrie Massey Award at the 45th COSPAR scientific assembly, which opened in Busan, South Korea.
- The award citation said the Harrie Massey Award recognises outstanding contributions to space research in which a leadership role is of particular importance.
- Anil Bhardwaj, was awarded the Vikram Sarabhai Medal, which honours outstanding space science research in developing countries.
- This medal was instituted jointly by COSPAR and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

Q. Which Indian scientist received the Harrie Massey Award at the 45th COSPAR scientific assembly, which opened in Busan, South Korea? **Prahlad Chandra Agrawal**



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India Sets Electronics Manufacturing Target Of 500 Billion US Dollars By 2030

- India has set a target to achieve 500 billion US dollar in electronics manufacturing in value terms by 2030.
- This ambitious target comprises 350 billion dollar from finished goods manufacturing and 150 billion dollar from components manufacturing.
- NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery launched the report titled Electronics: Powering India's Participation in Global Value Chains in New Delhi.
- The Report extensively analyses India's electronics sector, emphasizing its potential and challenges. It also outlines specific interventions needed for India to emerge as a global manufacturing hub for electronics.
- Global Value Chains are critical in modern manufacturing, involving international collaboration across design, production, marketing, and distribution. The report highlighted that India's electronics sector has experienced rapid growth, reaching 155 billion US dollar in 2023.
- The production has nearly doubled from 48 billion dollar in 2017 to 101 billion dollar in 2023, driven primarily by manufacturing mobile phones.

Q. India has set a target of achieving US\$ 500 billion in electronics manufacturing in value terms by which year ?
2030



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