

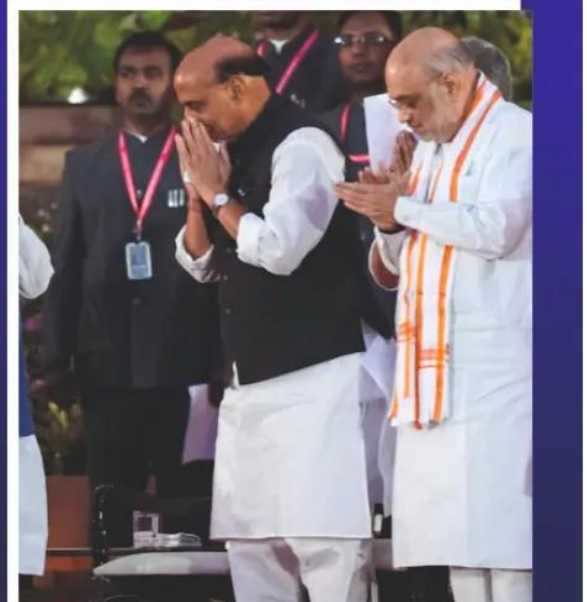
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1. List of Cabinet Ministers of India 2024 in PM Modi 3.0

The recently concluded 2024 Lok Sabha elections have paved the way for the formation of a new council of ministers under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. As the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) unanimously elected Modi as their leader on June 5th, preparations are underway for his swearing-in ceremony, which will be attended by several foreign dignitaries from the neighborhood and Indian Ocean regions.



Key Points:

- The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) became the largest single party in the 18th Lok Sabha, winning 240 seats.
- This represents a notable decline from their previous achievements of 303 seats in 2019 and 282 seats in 2014.
- Despite the decrease, the BJP's performance enabled them to establish the central government.
- The Indian National Congress, the primary opposition party, secured 99 seats in the election.

2. Peru and Slovakia sign the Artemis Accords for Peaceful Moon Exploration

Peru and Slovakia on May 30, signed NASA's Artemis Accords, making them the latest in a rapid number of countries to join the U.S.-led agreement on the safe exploration of space. Both countries signed the accords at NASA's Washington headquarters, but in

separate ceremonies with Peru the first to add its name to the accords on May 30 followed by Slovakia. Peru became 41st and Slovakia 42nd countries to do so.

Key Points:

- The Artemis Accords were introduced in 2020 by NASA and seven other nations.
- They represent a nonbinding political commitment to a set of principles that govern civil space exploration.
- Named after the Artemis Program, which is spearheaded by NASA, these accords aim to establish a sustainable human presence on the Moon and, eventually, on Mars.
- NASA is collaborating with industry and international partners in leading the Artemis Program.



About Peru:

Capital: Lima

President: Dina Boluarte

Prime Minister: Gustavo Adrianzén

3. India Exim Bank Opens Nairobi Office to Boost East Africa Trade

The Export-Import Bank of India (India Exim Bank) inaugurated its East Africa Representative Office in Nairobi, Kenya, aiming to expand India's business footprint in the resource-rich and demographically young continent of East Africa. This initiative seeks to enhance trade and investment ties between India, Kenya, and the broader East African region.



Key Points:

- Over the last ten years, there has been a substantial increase in trade between India and East Africa.
- Merchandise trade between the two regions reached US\$12.9 billion in 2022, a notable rise from US\$9.7 billion in 2013.
- India's exports to East Africa surged from US\$8.6 billion in 2013 to US\$9.4 billion in 2022.
- These figures signify a notable improvement in trade relations between India and East Africa.

About India Exim Bank:

Founded: 1982

Headquarters: Mumbai

4. Nar Singh received the Dilip Bose Lifetime Achievement Award

The All India Tennis Association (AITA) has announced the Dilip Bose award for lifetime achievement to coach Nar Singh. The first award would be presented to the 69-year-old Rohini Lokhande who was a member of the national team along with Kiran Bedi, Nirupama Mankad, Susan Das and Udaya Kumar, before she took to coaching at a young age.



Key Points:

- In 2002, the All India Tennis Association established a lifetime achievement award in honor of Dilip Bose.
- This award, accompanied by a cash prize of Rs. 50,000, will be given during the 11th National Coaches Workshop.
- The workshop is scheduled to take place at the PYC Hindu Gymkhana in Pune on June 7 and 8.

5. India has been ranked 176th in the recently published Environmental Performance Index 2024

Analysis of EPI data indicates that financial resources, effective governance, human development, and regulatory quality play vital roles in improving a nation's sustainability. By highlighting these connections, the EPI promotes sustainable development for a more secure and equitable environmental future.



Key Points:

- The EPI helps decision-makers identify the factors behind high environmental performance.
- The framework categorizes 58 indicators into 11 issue categories and three policy objectives.
- At each level, the weights are displayed as a percentage of the total score.

6. Raj Priy Singh Appointed Director in Department of Rural Development

Raj Priy Singh, an Indian Forest Service (IFoS) officer of the 2010 batch, has been appointed as the Director in the Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Rural Development. His appointment follows a recommendation for Central deputation by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and is governed by the Central Staffing Scheme (CSS).



Key Points:

- Raj Priy Singh has been appointed as Director in the Department of Rural Development.
- This appointment falls under the Central Staffing Scheme.
- The duration of his appointment is five years.
- His term begins from the date he assumes charge of the post.
- The appointment remains effective until further orders, or until the completion of five years, whichever occurs earlier.

7. Vellayan Subbiah Named EY World Entrepreneur of the Year 2024

Vellayan Subbiah, Executive Vice Chairman of Tube Investments of India (TII) and Chairman of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Co Ltd., secured the prestigious EY World Entrepreneur of the Year 2024 award, marking the fourth time an entrepreneur from India has won this global title. His visionary leadership and transformative strategies have propelled both TII and Chola to unprecedented success, earning him recognition on the global stage.



Key Points:

- Subbiah embarked on his entrepreneurial journey with a foundation in engineering and strategic consulting.
- He transitioned into a leadership role within his family's business.
- At Cholamandalam Investment and Finance, he navigated through difficult periods and eventually ascended to the position of Chairman.
- Under his leadership, the company experienced impressive growth in market capitalization.
- Following his success at Cholamandalam, Subbiah assumed control of Tube Investments of India (TII).
- He implemented substantial changes to the business model of TII.
- Through his efforts, TII witnessed significant growth in its share price.

8. Magnus Carlsen, Ju Wenjun Win Norway Chess Titles

The prestigious Norway Chess Tournament witnessed an electrifying conclusion as the reigning World No. 1, Magnus Carlsen, etched his name into the annals of chess history by claiming his sixth title. In a gripping final round, Carlsen outmanoeuvred the formidable Fabiano Caruana in an intense Armageddon match, solidifying his dominance on the global stage.



Key Points:

- Pragganandhaa Rameshbabu, a young Indian prodigy, demonstrated his exceptional talent.
- He managed to draw against the formidable Hikaru Nakamura in a highly tense classical match.
- Despite winning the subsequent Armageddon encounter, Pragganandhaa finished third overall.
- Hikaru Nakamura maintained his dominance, securing the top spot.

9. Carlos Alcaraz has won the men's singles title at French Open 2024

The French Open 2024 witnessed a thrilling conclusion as the young Spanish sensation, Carlos Alcaraz, emerged victorious in the men's singles final. In a gruelling five-set battle against the formidable Alexander Zverev, Alcaraz showcased his resilience and skill, conquering the German with a scoreline of 6-3, 2-6, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2.



Key Points:

- Alcaraz, aged only 21, has made a significant mark in tennis history.
- He has become the youngest man in the Open era to win Grand Slam titles on hard court, clay, and grass surfaces.
- This remarkable achievement highlights his versatility and steadfast determination in tennis.
- Iga Swiatek, the determined player, secured victory once more at Roland Garros stadium in the women's singles final.
- This 23-year-old Polish tennis star won her fourth French Open title.
- Her dominance on clay courts further establishes her reputation as a master of the surface.

10. Renowned wildlife conservationist AJT Jaan Singh has passed away

The world of wildlife conservation has lost a pioneering figure with the passing of A.J.T. Johnsingh, a renowned wildlife field biologist and conservationist, in Bengaluru at the age of 78. Johnsingh's impact on the field of wildlife conservation was far-reaching.



Key Points:

- Johnsingh started his journey in the early 1970s as a Zoology lecturer in Sivakasi.
- His regular field trips to the forests sparked a deep passion within him.
- This passion motivated him to pursue a Ph.D. in wildlife studies.
- In the early 1980s, his groundbreaking research on elephants played a pivotal role.
- His work influenced the Government of India to establish Project Elephant.

- Project Elephant is a major initiative aimed at safeguarding elephants and their habitats.

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