

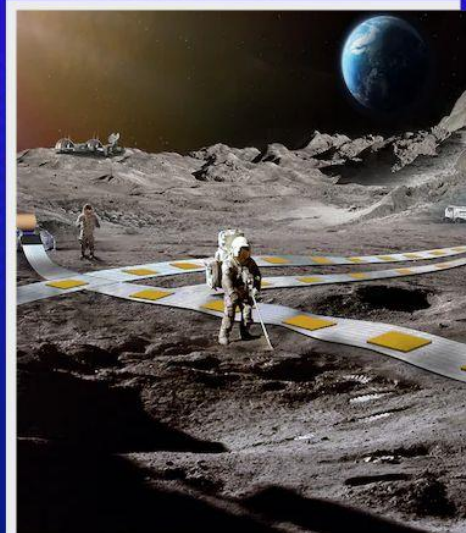
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## Current Affairs

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#### Foot Notes:

- NASA is creating a lunar railway system named Flexible Levitation on a Track (FLOAT) for transporting payloads on the moon.
- FLOAT aims to support the daily operations of a sustainable lunar base in 2030s.



#### About NASA:

CEO: Bill Nelson

Headquarters: D.C

Founded: 1958

### 2. Government lifted the Floor Price on Basmati Rice

The Indian government has abolished the \$950 per tonne minimum export price (MEP) on basmati rice in response to declining paddy prices. The Commerce Ministry has directed the Agricultural and Processed Foods Export Development Authority (Apeda) to process basmati exports without a floor price.

#### Foot notes:

- New Delhi exports 4 million to 5 million metric tons of basmati to countries such as Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and the US.



- A floor price of \$1,200 per metric tonne was set in August to address rising domestic rice prices amid a tight domestic supply and export ban on non-basmati white rice.
- In 2023-24, the country's basmati rice exports totalled \$5.9 billion. In the 2022-23 FY, exports were valued at \$4.8 billion and amounted to 45.6 lakh.

### 3. Asian Cricket Council Launches Women's U-19 T20 Asia Cup

Asian Cricket Council President Jay Shah announced the launch of Women's U-19 T20 Asia Cup, which will be held biennially and serve as a preparatory event for the Under-19 T20 World Cup. The decision was made during the ACC Executive Board meeting chaired by Shah, who is set to become ICC chairman on December 1.



- In a significant stride towards fostering the growth of women's cricket, the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) has announced the launch of the Women's Under-19 T20 Asia Cup.
- This groundbreaking decision was made during the ACC Executive Board Meeting in Kuala Lumpur.
- This tournament is designed to give emerging female cricketers from Asia the chance to compete on an international stage, providing them with essential experience and preparation.
- It aims to improve the performance of Asian teams on the global stage.

### 4. Microsoft AI plans to invest 4 billion Euros in France

Microsoft will invest 4 billion Euros (\$4.32 billion) in developing AI, data center, and cloud infrastructure in France. Also, Amazon plans to invest 1.2 billion euros (\$1.3 billion) to enhance its AI capabilities and expand its logistics network for faster deliveries.



#### Foot Notes:

- The investment includes bringing up to 25,000 advanced GPUs by 2025.
- The company will expand data centers in Paris and Marseille.
- A new data center campus will be developed in Mulhouse, Grand East Region.

#### About Microsoft:

CEO: Satya Nadella

Headquarters: Washington

Founded: 1975

**About France:**

Capital: Paris

Prime Minister: Emmanuel Macron

Currency: Euro

**5. India won nine gold medals on the second day of the South Asian Junior Athletics Championship in Chennai**

On Day 2 of the South Asian Junior Athletics Championship, the Indian team had a remarkable performance, winning 19 medals, including nine gold. This brought India's total gold medal count to 12, following the three gold medals won on the opening day of the championship.

**Foot notes:**

- Anisha won India's first gold of the day in women's discus throw with a 49.91m effort, breaking the previous record of 48.60m set by A Bajwa in 2018.
- Amanat Kamboj secured silver with a throw of 48.38m, while Sri Lanka's JH Gauranganie took bronze with 37.95m.
- Neeru Pahtak claimed the ninth gold for India in the women's 400m with a time of 54.50 seconds. Sandra Mol Sabu won silver with 54.82 seconds, and Sri Lanka's K Takshima Nuhansa earned bronze with 55.27 seconds.
- In the men's 110m hurdles, Sri Lanka's WP Sandun Koshala won gold with 14.06 seconds, ahead of India's Nayan Pradip Sarde, who took silver with 14.14 seconds. Sri Lanka's E Vishwa Tharuka won bronze with 14.27 seconds.



**About Chennai:**

**Chief Minister:** Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin

**6. The Government of India has renamed Port Blair to 'Sri Vijayapuram'**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah declared that Port Blair will be renamed 'Shri Vijayapuram' to eliminate symbols of colonialism. Sri Vijaya Puram is the capital city of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

**Foot notes:**

- Shah emphasized the island's significance to India, highlighting its "unique role in our country's independence and history."
- This island, once was a naval base during the Chola Empire, is now poised to advance the country's security and development.
- This island is where Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose first hoisted the tricolour and



Where other freedom fighters fought for India's Independence in the Cellular Jail.

**About Andaman and Nicobar Island:**

**Governor:** Devendra Kumar Joshi

**Chief Minister:** Shri Keshav Chandra

**7. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to Open IDAX-24 in Jodhpur**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the "India Defence Aviation Exposition (IDAX-24)" in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, and attended the Tarang Shakti exercise at Jodhpur Air Force Station. The expo, held from September 12-14, 2024, showcased technologies from DPSUs, DRDO and startups to global air force decision-makers.



**Foot notes:**

- The Tarang Shakti exercise, a major multinational air drill, included participation from air forces of seven countries and observers from 16 others.
- Additionally, 16 countries are participating as observers, with some Air Force Chiefs potentially attending the event.
- The air show featured performances by Suryakiran, Sarang, and Sukhoi-30, and was attended by the Defence Minister, Indian Army Chiefs and foreign Air Force Chiefs.

**About Jodhpur:**

**Known as:** Sun City

**Chief Minister:** Ashok Gehlot

**8. Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh will launch an online portal to track the Special Swachhata Campaign 4.0**

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh will launch the online web portal during a virtual meeting with Nodal Officers and Appellate Authorities from all 84 Government of India ministries/departments. The meeting will also feature addresses from the Secretary of DARPG, the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and the Secretary of the Railway Board.



**Foot notes:**

- **Preparatory Phase:** September 16-30, 2024
- **Implementation Phase:** October 2-31, 2024
- **Focus:** Saturation approach in Swachhata and reducing pendency across all Government of India offices.
- The Swachhata Special Campaign 3.0 Portal has been launched to reduce pendency in government operations.

- The campaign focuses on improving overall cleanliness in government offices and enhancing public experience.

### 9. RINL Wins CII-GBC National Energy Leader Award for Sixth Consecutive Year

Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited has received the National Energy Leader Award from the Confederation of Indian Industry – Green Business Centre (CII-GBC) for the sixth consecutive year, in recognition of its outstanding accomplishments in energy efficiency and conservation.



#### Foot notes:

- In Hyderabad, K. Sudhakar, GM of Energy Management Department (EMD-I/c), and his team received the award from Milind Deora, Secretary of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power.
- RINL also won the “Excellent Energy Efficient Unit Award” for the eighth consecutive year. These accolades highlight RINL’s commitment to energy conservation through:
  - Waste Heat Recovery Systems
  - Pulverized Coal Injection (PCI) in Blast Furnaces
  - Waste Recycling and Energy Benchmarking

#### About RINL:

**CEO:** Atul Bhatt

**Headquarters:** Visakhapatnam

**Founded:** 1982

### 10. Belarusian bodybuilder Ilya 'Golem' Yefimchik passed away

- Illia 'Golem' Yefimchyk, renowned as the world's most monstrous bodybuilder, died at 36 from a heart attack.
- He is known for his impressive size and dedication, has passed away at 36. Nicknamed “The Mutant”.
- Yefimchyk was renowned for his towering physique, standing 6 feet tall and weighing over 340 pounds. His extreme diet, which included up to 16,500 calories per day.



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