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## 1. SECL becomes first coal company to open four AMRUT pharmacies.

Coal India's Chhattisgarh-based subsidiary South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) has taken a significant step towards providing affordable and accessible healthcare by inaugurating the country's 216th AMRUT pharmacy. The new facility has been set up at SECL's Indira Vihar Colony Health Centre in Bilaspur, making SECL the first coal company to operate four AMRUT pharmacies.



## 2. Senior IPS officer Praveen Vashisht appointed Special Secretary for Internal Security Affairs.

Senior IPS officer Praveen Vashisht has been appointed as the new Special Secretary (Internal Security) in the Ministry of Home Affairs. The appointment highlights his experience and leadership capabilities in internal security matters. Vashisht, who is a 1991 batch Bihar cadre officer of the Indian Police Service (IPS), is currently serving as Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs.



## 3. Kaziranga declared India's second largest butterfly diversity centre.

Kaziranga National Park, famous for its one-horned rhinoceros, is now recognised as India's second largest butterfly diversity centre. 446 butterfly species have been identified in it, making it second only to Namdapha National Park in Arunachal Pradesh. This new recognition highlights the rich biodiversity of the park.



## 4. HDFC opens first branch in Singapore to expand global presence.

HDFC Bank has officially opened its first branch in Singapore in a move towards expanding its international operations. After receiving a wholesale banking license from the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), effective October 15, 2024, the bank will be able to offer various financial products and services to Singapore residents.



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## 5. Kaksar Bridge renamed in honour of Kargil war hero Captain Amit Bhardwaj.

The Kaksar Bridge has been renamed as Captain Amit Bhardwaj Setu, honouring his sacrifice during the Kargil War. The emotional ceremony was attended by key military and civilian officials, including CEC Dr. Mohammad Jaffer Akhun and Major General K. Mahesh. On this occasion, Captain Bhardwaj's bravery and dedication to the nation was appreciated.



## 6. Akhil Sheoran wins bronze at ISSF World Cup Final in New Delhi.

India's Akhil Sheoran achieved a significant milestone by winning the bronze medal in the 50m rifle 3 positions event at the ISSF World Cup Final held in New Delhi. He won the medal with 452.6 points. The gold medal was won by Hungary's Istvan Peni with 465.3 points, while the silver medal was won by Jiri Privratsky of Czech Republic with 464.2 points. In the 41st shot of the final, Sheoran shot a best shot of 10.7 points, moving him from fourth to third.



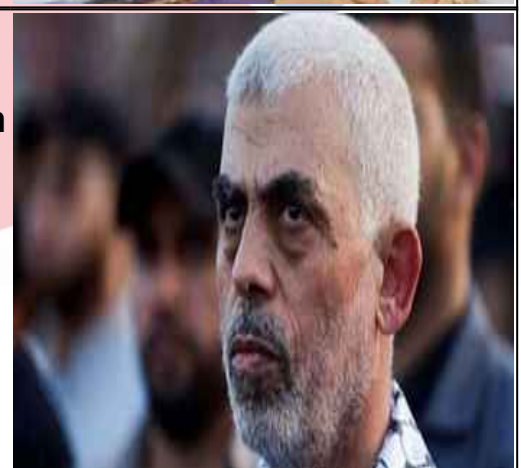
## 7. Akash Tripathi appointed in key leadership role in digital governance.

The Central Government has appointed Akash Tripathi, a 1998 batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, as Managing Director of Digital India Corporation (DIC), Union Ministry of Electronics and IT, entrusting him with important responsibility.



## 8. Hamas' new chief Yahya Sinwar I killed in Israeli attack.

Israel Defense Forces killed Hamas chief Yahya Sinwar in Gaza as part of its military operation. Sinwar, who led the attack on Israel last year, was on Israel's hit list. His death has been considered a significant achievement by Israel, while the conflict is said to continue until the release of the hostages.



**1. Who has won the silver medal in the men's trap event at the ISSF Shooting World Cup?**

- A - Anant Jeet Singh Naruka      B - Sonam Maskar  
C - Akhil Shekhawat              D - Vivaan Kapoor

Indian shooter Vivaan Kapoor won the silver medal in trap shooting at the ISSF World Cup Final held in New Delhi. He scored 44 points while competing against Olympic champions, while China's Qi Ying won the gold medal with 47 points. Vivaan expressed his resolve to win a gold medal at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.



**2. Who has been appointed as the Director of Cricket at JSW Sports, which oversees teams like Delhi Capitals and Pretoria Capitals?**

- A - Virat Kohli                              B - M.S. Dhoni  
C - Sourav Ganguly                      D - Rahul Dravid

Former Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly has been appointed as the Director of Cricket at JSW Sports. In this new role, Ganguly will oversee all cricket operations of the organisation, including the Delhi Capitals men's and women's IPL teams and Pretoria Capitals, which compete in the SA20 League.



**3. India's first self-powered indoor air quality monitoring facility, "Pawan Chitra", was inaugurated by Dr Jitendra Singh at which airport?**

- A - Thiruvananthapuram International Airport      B - Chennai International Airport  
C - Bengaluru International Airport      D - Delhi International Airport

Union Minister of State for Science and Technology (Independent Charge) Dr Jitendra Singh unveiled India's first airport based self-powered indoor air quality monitoring facility, Pawan Chitra, at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport.



**4. Who has been recommended by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud as the next Chief Justice of India?**

- A - Justice B.V. Nagaratna              B - Justice Surya Kant  
C - Justice Sanjiv Khanna              D - Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra

Chief Justice of India Justice D.Y. Chandrachud has recommended the appointment of Justice Sanjiv Khanna, the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court, as his successor. Chandrachud will retire on November 8, and if the government approves, Khanna will become the 51st Chief Justice of India, whose term will end on May 13, 2025.



**5. In which state, all residential schools were renamed as 'Maharshi Valmiki Residential Schools' on the occasion of Maharishi Valmiki Jayanti?**

- A - Tamil Nadu  
B - Karnataka  
C - Andhra Pradesh  
D - Maharashtra

The state government led by Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has decided to rename all government residential schools as Maharishi Valmiki Residential Schools. Along with this, Raichur University will be renamed as Maharishi Valmiki University. The announcement was made on the occasion of Valmiki Jayanti, which is celebrated on October 17.



**6. Who was honoured at the 2024 Conscious Company Awards in Johannesburg for global humanitarian work?**

- A - Dalai Lama  
B - Sri Sri Ravi Shankar  
C - Mohanji  
D - Sadhguru

Renowned humanitarian Mohanji received a special honour for his global humanitarian leadership at the 9th Conscious Company Awards held in Johannesburg, South Africa on September 19, 2024. The award recognises ethical and visionary leaders who demonstrate conscious leadership in organisations.



**7. Which bank has received a mutual fund distribution licence from the Association of Mutual Funds in India in October 2024?**

- A - India Post Payments Bank  
B - Jio Payments Bank  
C - Fino Payments Bank  
D - Airtel Payments Bank

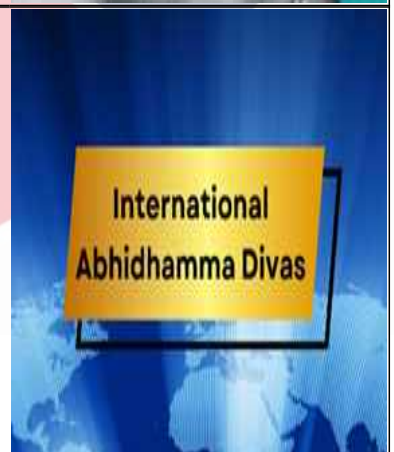
Jio Payments Bank, a subsidiary of Jio Financial Services, has received a mutual fund distribution license, issued by the Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi). This allows distribution of direct plans of mutual fund schemes under the Category 1 Execution-Only Platform (EOP).



**8. When is International Abhidhamma Day celebrated?**

- A - 16 November  
B - 20 September  
C - 17 October  
D - 15 December

International Abhidhamma Day is celebrated on October 17, highlighting the profound philosophical tradition of Buddhism. India, the birthplace of Buddhism, has preserved the teachings of Gautama Buddha, which focus on mental discipline, self-awareness and ethical conduct.





## One Liner

1. Who has won the silver medal in the men's trap event at the ISSF Shooting World Cup. - **Vivaan Kapoor**
2. Who has been appointed as the Director of Cricket at JSW Sports, which oversees teams like Delhi Capitals and Pretoria Capitals. - **Sourav Ganguly**
3. India's first self-powered indoor air quality monitoring facility, "Pawan Chitra", was inaugurated by Dr Jitendra Singh at which airport. - **Thiruvananthapuram International Airport**
4. Chief Justice D.Y. Who has been recommended by Chandrachud as the next Chief Justice of India? - **Justice Sanjiv Khanna**
5. On the occasion of Maharishi Valmiki Jayanti, all residential schools in which state were renamed as 'Maharishi Valmiki Residential Schools'? - **Karnataka**
6. Who was honoured at the 2024 Conscious Company Awards in Johannesburg for global humanitarian work? - **Mohan Ji**
7. Which bank has received mutual fund distribution license from the Association of Mutual Funds in India in October 2024? - **Jio Payments Bank**
8. When is International Abhidhamma Day celebrated? - **17 October**
9. Which Indian artist won the Emerging Illustrator category for the artwork "Marigolds" at the Victoria & Albert Museum's Illustration Awards? - **Anjali Mehta**
10. When will India's sovereign bond be included in the Financial Times Stock Exchange Russell Emerging Markets Government Bond Index (EMGBI)? - **September 2025**

