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## 1. This player created history, won football's biggest award.

The 2024 Ballon d'Or ceremony was held in Paris, where Manchester City's Spanish midfielder Rodri won the men's Ballon d'Or. 28-year-old Rodri played a key role in his club Manchester City and Spain's success at Euro 2024. He won the award, beating Real Madrid's Vinicius Junior, Jude Bellingham and Dani Carvalhal.



## 2. Central Banker of the Year Award to Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das.

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has been awarded an A+ grade for the second consecutive year in the 2024 Central Bank Report Card. The award was presented by Global Finance in Washington, D.C. The report assesses the effectiveness of central banks based on key areas such as inflation control, economic growth, currency stability and interest rate management.



## 3. PM Modi and Spain's PM Pedro Sanchez jointly inaugurate Tata Aircraft Complex in Vadodara, Gujarat.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Spain's PM Pedro Sanchez jointly inaugurated the Tata Aircraft Complex for manufacturing C-295 military transport aircraft at Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) in Vadodara, Gujarat. The project is the first private assembly line of military aircraft in India, promoting indigenous defence production under the "Make in India, Make for the World" mission.



## 4. Deepak Agarwal becomes Managing Director of NAFED.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed Deepak Agarwal, a 2000 batch IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre, as the new Managing Director of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED). The appointment is for a term of five years, which will provide stability to NAFED and improve its scope.





## 5. International Day of Care and Support 2024.

International Day of Care and Support is observed every year on October 29 to honor the achievements of caregivers and encourage laws and programs that promote care. The 2024 day will highlight the important role of empathy, solidarity, and care, especially in building strong and inclusive communities. The day emphasizes the recognition and value of care work, recognizing the essential role of both paid and unpaid care work.



INTERNATIONAL  
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## 6. Railway Protection Force launches 'Digital Memorial of Valour' to honour brave martyrs.

On October 25, 2024, Railway Protection Force (RPF) launched the 'Digital Memorial of Valour' in New Delhi, a digital memorial designed to honour the sacrifices of the gallant soldiers who laid down their lives in service to the nation. The initiative is organised as part of Shaheed Saptah, which is observed after Police Remembrance Day (21 October).



## 7. Sultan of Johor Cup: India win bronze medal, beat New Zealand 3-2 in shootout.

Goalkeeper Bikramjit Singh helped India secure a bronze medal against New Zealand in the Sultan of Johor Cup Junior Men's Hockey Tournament with his brilliant performance. The match ended in a 2-2 draw, after which India won 3-2 in a thrilling shootout. Bikramjit made three crucial saves in the shootout, while strikers Gurjot Singh, Manmeet Singh and Saurabh Anand Kushwaha converted their penalties.



## 8. Honorable ANR Award to Chiranjeevi.

On 20th September, a grand ceremony was held to celebrate the 100th birth anniversary of the legendary Akkineni Nageswara Rao, wherein the Indian government released a special postage stamp in memory of ANR. The entire Akkineni family came together on this occasion, and several esteemed guests shared their memories of ANR. At the ceremony, the Akkineni family announced the conferment of the prestigious ANR Award to Padma Vibhushan awardee Chiranjeevi for ANR's exceptional contribution to Indian cinema.



**1. Who has been appointed as the new CEO-designate of Bharti Airtel?**

**A - Shashwat Sharma**

**B - Yogesh Chaudhary**

**C - Anita Dubey**

**D - Gopal Vittal**

Bharti Airtel on Monday announced that Gopal Vittal will be promoted as executive vice president to managing director and CEO from January 1, 2026, while Shashwat Sharma will be appointed as the new MD and CEO. Vittal led Airtel over the last 12 years and the company has developed a strong portfolio across mobile, B2B, home broadband, DTH and digital services. Airtel has seen revenue market share grow by 30 to 40 per cent in the mobile sector.



**2. Who received the 'Harry Messel Award for Conservation Leadership' by IUCN?**

**A - Dr. Vandana Shiva**

**B - Dr. Sunita Narayan**

**C - Dr. Bibhab Kumar Talukdar**

**D - Dr. Rajendra Pachauri**

Conservation scientist Bibhab Kumar Talukdar of Assam has been awarded 'The Harry Messel Award' by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The award was presented at the 5th IUCN SSC Leaders Meeting held in Abu Dhabi. Talukdar has played a key role in species conservation and has been associated with the IUCN SSC since 1991.



**3. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI)?**

**A - Rajesh Kumar**

**B - Vipin Kumar**

**C - Mohit Sharma**

**D - Arun Singh**

On October 28, Vipin Kumar, a 1996 batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre, was appointed as the chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI). Prior to this, he was serving as additional secretary in the Ministry of Education, where he oversaw the Samagra Shiksha Yojana, National Education Policy-2020 and PM-Shri scheme.



**4. Which league was awarded the 'Best Sports League of the Year' at the CII Sports Business Awards 2024?**

**A - Indian Premier League (IPL)**

**B - Pro Kabaddi League**

**C - Hockey India League**

**D - Indian Super League (ISL)**

The Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) has received the prestigious 'Best Sports League of the Year' award at the CII Sports Business Awards 2024. The award was given at a ceremony held in New Delhi on October 18, which was also the day the 11th edition of PKL began.

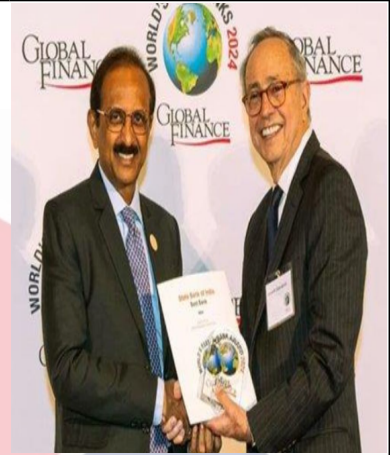




**5. Which bank was awarded the title of 'Best Bank in India' by Global Finance Magazine for 2024?**

- A - ICICI Bank  
B - HDFC Bank  
C - State Bank of India  
D - Axis Bank

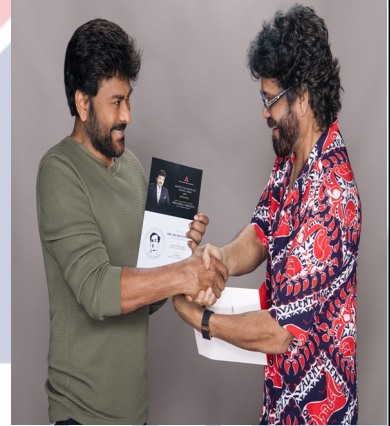
State Bank of India (SBI) was recognised as the Best Bank in India for 2024 during the annual meetings of the IMF and World Bank in Washington. The honour was given by Global Finance Magazine at its 31st Annual Best Bank Awards ceremony. SBI Chairman CS Setty was presented with the award for the bank's outstanding services and commitment to promoting financial inclusion.



**6. Who was awarded the ANR National Award presented by Amitabh Bachchan in Hyderabad to commemorate Akkineni Nageswara Rao's 100th birth anniversary?**

- A - Rajinikanth  
B - Mohanlal  
C - Chiranjeevi  
D - Kamal Haasan

The legendary Akkineni Nageswara Rao's 100th birth anniversary was celebrated with a grand ceremony on September 20, with the Government of India releasing a special postage stamp in his memory. The entire Akkineni family and several esteemed guests were present on the occasion, who shared memories related to ANR.



**7. Which country did India defeat in the shootout to win the bronze medal in the Sultan of Johor Cup?**

- A - Australia  
B - Malaysia  
C - England  
D - New Zealand

Thanks to the brilliant performance of goalkeeper Bikramjit Singh, India won the bronze medal by defeating New Zealand 3-2 in the shootout in the Sultan Johor Cup Junior Men's Hockey Tournament. The match ended 2-2, with Bikramjit making three important saves. India took an early 2-0 lead with goals from Dilraj Singh and Manmeet Singh. India's defense remained strong in the first half, but lost a penalty corner in the 19th minute.



**8. Who was given the title of 'City with the Best Public Transport System' at the 17th Urban Mobility India Conference in the year 2024?**

- A - Jammu  
B - Bhubaneswar  
C - Srinagar  
D - Gurgaon

Bhubaneswar bagged the title of "City of the Best Public Transport System" at the 17th India Urban Mobility (UMI) Conference cum Exhibition. The three-day event was held at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, where cities were selected in various categories. Kochi was adjudged the city with the most sustainable transport system, Srinagar the best non-motorised transport, and Gandhinagar the best safety system.





## One Liner

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8. 17th Urban Mobility India Conference in the year 2024 Who was given the title of 'City with the Best Public Transport System' in the International Business Conference? - **Bhubaneswar**
9. Where has India's first "Writers Village" been inaugurated? - **Dehradun**
10. Who has been named the top central banker in the Central Bank Report Cards 2024 by Global Finance magazine? - **Shaktikanta Das**

