



CURRENT AFFAIRS OF OCTOBER 2024

Awards

The Venezuelan leaders who have been chosen for the 2024 Sakharov Prize for the Freedom of Thought – **Ms. María Corina Machado and Mr. Edmundo González Urrutia**

Defence

The place at which the 31st edition of the Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) is being conducted from 23 to 29 Oct 2024 – **Visakhapatnam**

The Indo-Oman bilateral naval exercise conducted by the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of Oman off Goa from 13 to 18 October 24 was named – **Exercise Naseem-Al-Bahr**

The first ship of the two Multi Purpose Vessel project, built by L&T, Shipyard for the Indian Navy, launched on 14 Oct 24 at L&T, Kattupalli is named – **Samarthak**

The defence sector public sector undertaking which has become the 14th PSE to attain Maharatna status – **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited**

Persons

The contestant from Ujjain who has been crown Femina Miss India 2024 at a beauty pageant in Mumbai – **Ms. Nikita Porwal**

The judge of Supreme Court whose name has been recommended for the post of the Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India – **Justice Sanjiv Khanna**

The leader of National Conference party who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Union Territory, Jammu and Kashmir – **Shri Omar Abdullah**

The Chairman of Tata Group and Tata Sons, recipient of Padma Vibhushan and Padma Bhushan, who passed away on 09 October 2024 – **Shri Ratan Naval Tata**

The first woman President of Mexico who has taken over on 01 October 2024 – **Ms. Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo**

Places

The place in Gujarat where TATA Aircraft Complex for manufacturing of C-295 aircraft was jointly inaugurated by the Prime Ministers of India and Spain – **Vadodara**

Sports

The Spanish female professional footballer of Barcelona club who has been awarded the 2024 Ballon d'Or Féminin – **Aitana Bonmatí**

The Spanish professional footballer of Manchester City club who has been awarded the 2024 Ballon d'Or – **Rodri**

The footballer from Manipur who has become the first Indian female footballer to score 50 international goals by scoring her 50th international goal during the 2024 SAFF Women's Championship in Nepal against Pakistan – **Ngangom Bala Devi**

The Spanish tennis star and winner of 22 Grand Slam Singles titles who has announced his intention to retire after playing in the Davis Cup finals in November 2024 – **Rafael Nadal**

The team which has won the Irani Cup 2024-25 by defeating Rest of India team in a match played at Lucknow – **Mumbai**

Miscellaneous

The well-known Hollywood actor and environmentalist after whom a new Himalayan snake species has been named (*Anguiculus dicaprio*) – **Leonardo DiCaprio**

The tropical cyclone which affected the states of Odisha and West Bengal causing disruption of rail and road services and forcing evacuation of coastal population was named – **Cyclone Dana**

The tropical cyclone which caused extensive devastation in Mexico and the US state of Florida was named – **Hurricane Milton**

The eye disease which India has eliminated as a public health problem becoming the third country in the South-East Asia Region to do so – **Trachoma**

The Indian languages which have been conferred the status of Classical Language as approved by the Union Cabinet – **Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Bengali and Assamese**

17th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2024

Venue: Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat today

#	Category	Winner
1.	City with the Most Sustainable Transport System	Kochi
2.	City with the Best Public Transport System	Bhubaneswar
3.	City with the Best Non-Motorized Transport System	Srinagar
4.	City with the Best Safety and Security System & Record	Gandhinagar
5.	City with the Best Intelligent Transport System (ITS)	Surat
6.	City with the Most Innovative Financing Mechanism	Jammu
7.	City with Best Record of Public Involvement in Transport	Bengaluru
8.	Metro Rail with the Best Multimodal Integration	Bengaluru
9.	Metro Rail with the Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction	Mumbai

Nobel Prizes 2024

#	Field	Winners	Contribution
1.	Medicine	Victor Ambros	for the discovery of microRNA and its role in post-transcriptional gene regulation
		Gary Ruvkun	
2.	Chemistry	David Baker	for computational protein design
		Demis Hassabis	for protein structure prediction
		John Jumper	
3.	Physics	John Hopfield	for foundational discoveries and inventions that enable machine learning with artificial neural networks
		Geoffrey Hinton	
4.	Peace	Nihon Hidankyo (Japanese organisation)	for its efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons and for demonstrating through witness testimony that nuclear weapons must never be used again
5.	Economic Sciences	Daron Acemogly	for studies of how institutions are formed and affect prosperity
		Simon Johnson	
		James Robinson	
6.	Literature	Han Kang	for her intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life.

Important Days of October

International Day of Older Persons: 01 October

Designated by: United Nations General Assembly

First Observed in: 1991

Theme: **Ageing with Dignity: The Importance of Strengthening Care and Support Systems for Older Persons Worldwide**

<p>International Day of Non-Violence: 02 October Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2007</p>
<p>World Teachers' Day: 05 October Established by: UNESCO Theme: Valuing teacher voices: towards a new social contract for education First Observed in: 1994</p>
<p>World Habitat Day: 1st Monday of October (07 October) Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 1986 Theme: Engaging youth to create a better urban future</p>
<p>World Post Day: 09 October Designated by: Universal Postal Union First Observed in: 1969 Theme: 150 years of enabling communication and empowering peoples across nation</p>
<p>World Mental Health Day: 10 October Designated by: World Health Organisation Theme: Mental Health at Work First Observed in: 1992</p>
<p>World Sight Day: 10 October (2nd Thursday of October) Designated by: International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness Theme: Children, Love Your Eyes First Observed in: 2000</p>
<p>International Day of the Girl Child: 11 October Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Girls' vision for the future First Observed in: 2012</p>
<p>International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction: 13 October Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Empowering the next generation for a resilient future First Observed in: 1989</p>
<p>International Day of Rural Women: 15 October Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2008</p>
<p>World Food Day: 16 October Designated by: Food and Agricultural Organisation Theme: Right to foods for a better life and a better future First Observed in: 1980</p>
<p>International Day for Eradication of Poverty: 17 October Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Ending Social and Institutional Maltreatment Acting together for just, peaceful and inclusive societies First Observed in: 1993</p>

<p>World Development Information Day: 24 October Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 1972</p>
<p>United Nations Day: 24 October The day marks the coming into effect of the UN Charter (the founding document of UNO) in 1945. To mark the UN Day 2024, Tonic Sonic Cytoacoustics organised a World Music Peace Concert on Friday, 25 October 2024 at AIIMS, New Delhi.</p>
<p>World Day for Audiovisual Heritage: 27 October Designated by: UNESCO First Observed in: 2005</p>
<p>World Cities Day: 31 October Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Youth Leading Climate and Local Action for Cities First Observed in: 2014</p>

16th BRICS SUMMIT 2024

- Dates held: 22 to 24 October 2024
- Venue: Kazan, Russia
- Chair: Russian President Vladimir Putin
- Participants: Russia, India, China, South Africa, Brazil, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, United Arab Emirates

2024 ICC Women's T20 World Cup

- Dates held: 03 to 20 October 2024
- Venue: United Arab Emirates
- Winners: **New Zealand**
- Runners-up: South Africa
- Player of the series: **Amelia Kerr** (New Zealand)
- Most runs: Laura Wolvaardt (223) (South Africa)
- Most wickets: Amelia Kerr (15) (New Zealand)

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