

National News

PM Modi to launch PM Vishwakarma Scheme

- **Indian Prime Minister Modi** is scheduled to launch the "**PM Vishwakarma Scheme**" on the occasion of **Vishwakarma Jayanti** on **September 17, 2023** at the India International Convention and Exhibition Center complex in the national capital, **New Delhi**.
- The scheme aims to not only **financially support artisans** in **urban** and **rural areas** across the country, but also to keep alive the culture, age-old tradition and variety of **heritage**, and to make progress through **arts** and **crafts** including **local products**.

Vande Bharat Sleeper System Train Introduction Project.

- **The Indian Railways** will soon introduce the **first version of Vande Bharat Bed System (Sleeper)** trains.
- According to a recent notification issued by the **Central Railway Department**, the Vande Bharat train of this type will be manufactured in the **current financial year** and rolled out in **March 2024**. It will be a **12-coach train** of Vande Metro and will be used for **short distance travel**, the notification said.

A Sambhota fair and Exhibition are organized.

- **The Embassy of India in Nepal** along with **Nepal Buddhist Federation** and **India-Nepal Foundation** have jointly organized a **two-day exhibition** and **conference** on "**Sambhota or Bodhi Script**" at the **Nepal Arts Forum in Kathmandu**, the capital of **Nepal**.
- It is notable that the "**Sambhota script**" was mainly developed by **Acharya Sambhota** after the **sixth century** in **Nepal, Bhutan, Tibet** and **India** to transmit the sermons of the **Great Buddha**.

Infosys is the only Indian company in the top 100 list of world's best companies.

- **Infosys** has recently secured the status of being the **only Indian company to feature in the World's Top 100 Companies for 2023 ranking** jointly published by **online data platform Statista** and **renowned Time magazine**.
- It is notable that India's IT company **Infosys** is **ranked 64th** with a score of almost **88.38 out of 100** in this ranking list. In this list, **Apple, Microsoft** and **Alphabet** lead the rankings and are seen as special.

CSIR-NIScPR is planning to organize a conference on 'Scientific Knowledge Convention Event'.

- **CSIR-NIScPR** has organized a conference titled '**Scientific Knowledge Convention Event**' on **15th September 2023** in the national capital **New Delhi**.
- **Dr. Ranjana Aggarwal, Director, CSIR-NIScPR**, organized the event. It is notable that the conference is organized under the flagship initiative of **CSIR organization One Week One Lab**. The initiative is running on the theme that "**Research initiatives always create a social impact**".

State news

Madhya Pradesh government has decided to provide LPG cylinders at Rs.450.

- In the state of **Madhya Pradesh**, under the **Pradhanmantri Ujjawala scheme** and **Mukhyamantri Laadli Behna Yojana**, the state government has announced that all women registered in the state will get "**household gas cylinders**" worth **Rs 450**.
- **Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** has launched the registration process for this flagship program on **September 15, 2023** and the state government and other concerned agencies and departments will **re-deposit this additional amount** in the bank account of the eligible women of the state and they will start getting a **household cylinder for almost just 450 rupees per month**, the chief minister said.

The Prime Minister of India has launched various development projects worth around ₹ 3,055 crore in Chhattisgarh.

- According to a recent official statement issued by SECL, Prime Minister Modi dedicated **Phase-I of South East Coal Company (SECL) Eastern Railway Project**, constructed at a cost of ₹ 3,055 crore at Raigarh in Chhattisgarh, to the nation on **September 15**.
- It is notable that this **124 km stretch between Dharamjaygarh and Kharsia** is aimed at transporting all materials including coal and other raw materials from SECL's coal mines and **Mand-Raigat coal mines** spread across the district around **Raigarh region** to various end-use projects including **power generation projects**.

Appointments

Appointment of Rahul Navin as Director-in-Charge of ED.

- **Rahul Navin**, the country's **top IRS officer**, has been appointed as the **Director-in-Charge** of the **Enforcement Directorate (ED)**, according to a recent notification issued by the central government.
- The post was appointed on **September 15, 2023**, following the expiry of the tenure of **Sanjay Kumar Mishra**, the current incumbent, the notification said. It is reported that he will remain in **charge until further orders**.

Awards

The "Plasma Arc" photo has won the "Best Astronomy Photographer" award for 2023.

- A photograph of a **giant "Plasma Arc"** next to the **Andromeda galaxy**, the closest **"Massive Spiral-like System"** to our **Milky Way**, has won the September 2023 **"Best Astronomy Photographer of the Year"** award for the **Amateur Astronomers Group**.
- Titled **"Andromeda, the Unexpected"**, the photo depicts a **giant plasma arc next to the Andromeda plume**. It is notable that the photograph was taken by **Yann Sainy, Marcel Drechsler and Xavier Strottner**.
 - **Andromeda - The closest "Spiral Galaxy" to our Milky Way.**

Economic news

Indian Bank has launched an initiative called 'IB SAATHI'.

- Central Public Sector Institution **Indian Bank** on **September 16 2023** announced the country's flagship initiative **'IB SAATHI'** to provide an **integrated ecosystem** to **all stakeholders** in the financial sector through business and economists.
- It is significant that this initiative has been initiated by the **Chief Executive Officer of the bank, SL Jain**. (**IB-Sustainable Access and Aligning Technology for Holistic Inclusion (SAATHI)**) - It aims to provide **enhanced user experience** to customers by providing **basic services and value-added offerings**.

Important day

World Patient Safety Day 2023

- Every year **September 17th** is observed as **"World Patient Safety Day"** to raise awareness of **global patient safety, reduce harm to patients in hospitals** and increase **global understanding** of their safety.
- It is notable that this day has been established by the **World Health Organization (WHO) in 2019**. **"Engaging patients for patient safety"** is the theme for this year.