

# News Digest

## NATIONAL

### PM Lays Foundation Stone of Development Projects in M.P. and Rajasthan

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation development projects on October 5 in sectors like road, rail, gas pipeline, housing and clean drinking water worth more than Rs 12,600 crore in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh. The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation, multiple projects in sectors like road, rail, aviation, health and higher education worth about Rs 5000 crores in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. The projects include laying the foundation stone for a 350-bed Trauma Centre and Critical Care Hospital Block at AIIMS, Jodhpur, 7 Critical Care Blocks under PM-ABHIM, and the development of New Terminal Building at Jodhpur Airport.



### Model Anti-Terrorism Structure under NIA for Uniform Investigation

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### Government Increases LPG Subsidy per Cylinder by Rs. 100 for Ujjwala Yojana Beneficiaries

The Government has increased the LPG subsidy per cylinder by Rs. 100 for the Ujjwala Yojana beneficiaries. Briefing the media in New Delhi on October 4, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Shri Anurag Singh Thakur said that in a major decision, the Union Cabinet approved an increase in LPG subsidy, raising it from the current Rs. 200 per cylinder to Rs. 300 per cylinder for the beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. Shri Thakur informed that the Union Cabinet also approved terms of reference to Krishna Water Dispute Tribunal-II under the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956 for its adjudication between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. He said, that the resolution of the dispute will open new avenues of growth in both the States. He also said, the Government has also approved an amendment to the Central Universities Act, 2009 for setting up of Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University in Telangana.



## INTERNATIONAL

### Norwegian Author Jon Fosse Wins Nobel Prize 2023 in Literature

Narges Mohammadi has won Nobel Peace Prize for 2023 for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all. Ms Mohammadi is still in prison. The 64-year-old Norwegian author Jon Fosse has been given the Nobel Prize in literature for his innovative plays and prose. His books include the Septology trilogy, Aliss at the Fire, Melancholy, and A Shining. The Nobel Prize in Chemistry went to



Bawendi, Brus, and Ekimov for their work on quantum dots. The discovery and synthesis of quantum dots earned Mounqi G. Bawendi, Louis E. Brus and Alexei I. Ekimov. The 2023 Nobel Prize for Chemistry, according to the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm. Quantum dots have been the main tool used by researchers to produce coloured light. They think that quantum dots will eventually help create flexible electronics, minuscule sensors, smaller solar cells, and may be encrypted quantum communication.

### Growing Partnership Between India and UAE Offer Tremendous Opportunities for Businesses

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal has said that the growing friendship and cooperation between India and UAE will offer tremendous opportunities for businesses between both the countries. Addressing the meeting of top business leaders from India and UAE hosted by Abu Dhabi Chamber, he said that the crucial areas of collaboration between India and UAE range from food security, education, energy security, climate change mitigation to space technologies. He added that the promotion of each other's cultures and initiatives like the Startup20, B20, the UAE-India Business Council and Bharat Bazaar will play important role between two nations.

### Prof. Dr Joyeeta Gupta Receives Spinoza Prize in the Field of Climate Change

Indian-origin professor Dr Joyeeta Gupta has received the Spinoza Prize, the highest distinction in Dutch science for her work in the field of climate change at a ceremony in the Netherlands. The prize was presented to her by the Netherlands' Minister for Education, Science, and Culture, Robert Dijkgraaf at The Hague on October 4. The Dutch Research Council prize is worth 1.5 million euros which Gupta intends to spend on scientific research and activities related to knowledge utilisation. Joyeeta Gupta is a Dutch environmental scientist who is professor of Environment and Development in the Global South at the University of Amsterdam.



## ECONOMY

### Repo Rate Unchanged at 6.5%



RBI's Monetary Policy Committee decided unanimously to keep the Policy Repo Rate unchanged at 6.5%. The Reserve Bank of India is keeping the repo rate constant for the fourth time in a row as it keeps a close eye on inflation. In announcing the bi-monthly monetary policy, RBI Governor Shri Shaktikanta Das stated that the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) unanimously opted to maintain the repo rate at 6.5 percent.

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## SPORTS

### Indian Men's Hockey Team Beats Japan to Win Gold

The Indian team defeated Japan by 5-1 in the hockey men's final at Asian Games 2023 held at China to clinch Gold on October 6. India's unbeaten run in Asiad continued as they thrashed champions Japan with Manpreet Singh, Harmanpreet Singh, Abhishek and Amit Rohidas scoring goals in the final. With the win, India also confirmed a qualification for the Paris Olympics 2024. India had earlier beaten Japan in their 'Pool A' match by 4-2. Harmanpreet and Manpreet ran the show at Hangzhou's GSP Stadium with the skipper adding two goals. Japan put up a brilliant fight during the first half but India utterly dominated the second half with four goals.



### Applications Invited for National Sports Awards 2023



The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has issued an application invitation for the National Sports Awards 2023. Applications for the National Sports Awards 2023 are being accepted from qualified athletes, coaches, organisations, and universities. Only online applications are being accepted through a specific Portal. By 11.59 p.m. on November 2, 2023, applicants who meet the requirements of the Award may submit their own applications without the assistance of any authorities or other individuals.

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