

# News Digest

## NATIONAL

### India will be the Growth Engine of the World in the Coming Years: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has said that India will be the growth engine of the world in the coming years. Addressing the BRICS Business Leaders' Dialogue in Johannesburg, South Africa on August 22, the Prime Minister said that despite economic turmoil in the global economy, India today remains the world's fastest-growing major economy. He expressed confidence that India will soon be a five trillion dollar economy. During the three-day BRICS Summit, a decision has been taken for the expansion of the five-member Bloc - Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa- BRICS. Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and UAE will now become full members of BRICS. During a conversation on the sidelines of the Summit, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi raised concerns with the Chinese President Xi Jinping over unresolved issues along LAC.



### India Becomes First Nation to Reach South Pole of Moon



India has created history as it became the first country to land on the South Pole of the lunar surface on August 23. The Vikram lander had a flawless touchdown at a site close to the lunar South Pole. Meanwhile Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on August 25 said that Rover mobility operations have commenced, and the historic Chandrayaan-3 Mission was running on schedule, with all systems working normally. ISRO Chairman Shri S. Somnath informed that Lander Module payloads have been turned on, and instruments aboard the lander and rover will now study the moon's mineral composition and the seismic activities in its atmosphere. Pragyan lunar rover rolled out from the Vikram lander and took its first "walk on the moon" on August 24. The indigenous rover's exploration of the lunar surface began a day after India became the fourth country to successfully land on the moon.

### 69th National Film Awards

The 69th National Film Awards have been announced. Briefing media, Chairperson of the Feature Film Jury Shri Ketan Mehta said that Rocketry: The Nambi Effect directed by R Madhavan has been adjudged as the Best Feature Film for the year 2021. Allu Arjun has won the Best Actor Award for Pushpa: The Rise. Alia Bhatt and Kriti Sanon will share the Best Actress Award for 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' and 'Mimi'. Ek Tha Gaon Directed by Srishti Lakhera has been named the Best Non-Feature Film of the year. Nikhil Mahajan will get National Film Award for Best direction for his Marathi film 'Godavari'. Shreya Ghoshal bagged the Best Female Playback Singer for the song 'Mayava Chayava' from the film 'Iravin Nizhal' and Kaala Bhairava won the Best Male Playback Singer for the song 'Komuram Bheemudo' from the film 'RRR'. Chandrabose will receive the Best Lyrics award Telugu Film 'Konda Palam'. Shoojit Sircar's biographical historical drama 'Sardar Udham Singh' bagged the Best Hindi Film. Master Bhavin Rabari will get the Best Child Artist Award for Gujarati Film 'Chhhello Show'.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Former US President Donald Trump Released on Bond after Surrendering in Election Subversion Case

Former US president Donald Trump was arrested on racketeering and conspiracy charges on August 24 at a Georgia jail. He had surrendered for trying to overturn the 2020 election results in Georgia. However, the ex president was released on a 2 lakh dollars bond. He headed back to his home in New Jersey after the release. This marks the fourth time that the former president has turned himself in after criminal charges were brought against him. Earlier this month, Trump was indicted in Atlanta along with 18 others including his ex-chief of staff, Mark Meadows, and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani under a racketeering statute normally associated with gang members and organized crime. This comes after the presidential debate in Milwaukee on Wednesday featuring his leading rivals for the 2024 Republican nomination, a contest in which he remains the leading candidate despite broad legal troubles.

## ECONOMY

### PM GatiShakti Recommends four Infrastructure Projects

The 54th Network Planning Group meeting under PM GatiShakti has recommended four infrastructure projects worth more than seven thousand 600 crore rupees. The meeting was chaired by Special Secretary, Logistics, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade Sumita Dawra in New Delhi on August 24. During the meeting, two projects each of Road, Transport and Highways Ministry and Railways Ministry were assessed. The Network Planning Group examined four-lane Thiruvananthapuram Outer Ring Road, under Bharatmala Pariyojana, in Kerala worth more than Rs 4,767 crores. This project corridor is a part of Mumbai-Kanyakumari Economic Corridor. The project is essential to provide smooth and

faster connectivity to Eastern Region from Northern Region and will boost the economic growth in economically backward regions. The planning group also deliberated on a new broad gauge railway Line between Pushkar - Merta in Rajasthan with a project cost of over Rs. 799 crore. The proposed new line will provide direct connectivity from Central India to Northern India as well as to Western border.

### Government Issues Advisory Against Betting Advertisements:

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has advised all stakeholders, including the media entities, online advertisement intermediaries and social media platforms, to immediately refrain from showing advertisements/promotional content on betting/gambling in any form. The Ministry has cited the recent Central Government action against a network of agents who had collected substantial money from users of gambling apps that had subsequently funneled the funds out of India to reiterate that advertisements of gambling/betting platforms pose significant financial and socio-economic risk for the consumers, especially youth and children. It has further added that this mechanism has linkages to money laundering networks, thereby threatening the financial security of the country.

### Digital Healthcare Effective Preventive Tool Against Lifestyle Disorders



Digital healthcare can be an effective preventive tool against a host of diseases ranging from lifestyle disorders like Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus to infectious diseases like Covid. This was stated by the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh on August 24 at the 3rd Healthcare Leaders Summit in New Delhi on the topic of "India's digital roadmap for Healthy India for accessible and affordable healthcare". The minister added, PPP model is the need of the hour in healthcare sector to put an end to the urban-rural dichotomy. He said, "Preventive healthcare and widespread mass screening will help achieve our economy the expected rate of growth set out by PM Modi"

## SPORTS

### R. Praggnanandhaa Settles for Silver After Losing to Magnus Carlsen in World Cup final 2023

In Chess, Magnus Carlsen of Norway beat India's R. Praggnanandhaa in tie-breaks to win the title of the FIDE Chess World Cup 2023 at Baku in Azerbaijan. In the final on August 24, Carlsen won the World Cup after drawing the second tie-break against Praggnanandhaa. Final score was Carlsen 1.5 and Praggnanandhaa 0.5. While Carlsen got Gold, Praggnanandhaa bagged silver. After three days and four games of intensely nery chess across two formats, Magnus Carlsen finally managed to win the FIDE World Cup for the first time in his career. Praggnanandhaa etched his name in the history books of Indian chess. He had become the first Indian after Viswanathan Anand to reach the final and was a victory away from joining the Indian legend at the top.



### Indian shooter Amanpreet Singh clinches gold in Men's 25 metre standard pistol event at ISSF World Championship in Azerbaijan



Indian shooter Amanpreet Singh won the gold medal in Men's 25 metre standard pistol shooting event at the ISSF World Championship 2023 in Baku, Azerbaijan, on August 23. In the Women's 25 metre Standard Pistol shooting event, while Tiyaana, Yashita Shokeen and Kritika Sharma failed to make it to the medal round in the individual competition, they managed to win the team bronze with a combined score of 1601. The two medals on the day took India's tally in the Championship to nine - five gold and four bronze medals.

### Rajeshwari Kumari Secures Another Shooting Spot for India in Paris 2024 Olympics

In shooting, Rajeshwari Kumari has secured another shooting spot for India in the Paris 2024 Olympics. She finished fifth in the women's trap final at the ISSF World Championship 2023 in Baku, Azerbaijan on August 25, and won India's first spot in the women's trap event. The ISSF World Championship 2023 serves as a qualifying event for the Paris Olympics 2024. The best four finishers, one from each country, in each of the 12 Olympic individual shooting events receive a seat on their national teams, giving a total of 48 shooters.



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