



Most Important Points for Daily News

➤ ICC Players of the Month for December 2024 Announced

International Cricket Council (ICC) recognizes exceptional individual performances in international cricket by awarding the ICC Men's and Women's Players of the Month titles. For December 2024, these honors have been bestowed upon India's Jasprit Bumrah and Australia's Annabel Sutherland, acknowledging their stellar contributions on the global cricketing stage.



➤ Cabinet Nod for 8th Pay Commission Implementation

On January, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his cabinet approved the formation of the 8th Central Pay Commission (CPC) for central government employees. This decision, announced by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, aims to revise the salaries and allowances of central government employees, along with pensioners. The 8th Pay Commission will work to address the financial needs of the workforce and ensure a timely revision of compensation structures.



➤ India's Hydrogen Train Engine Sets a Power Benchmark

India's Railway Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw, recently shared a remarkable achievement in the field of green energy technology during the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. Indian Railways has developed the world's most powerful hydrogen fuel-run train engine, setting a new benchmark in global railway innovation. The engine, built with indigenous technology, reflects India's growing capabilities in green energy and sustainable development.





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➤ ISKCON Temple Inaugurated by PM Modi in Navi Mumbai

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Sri Sri Radha Madanmohanji Temple of ISKCON in Kharghar, Navi Mumbai, on January, 2025. Built over 12 years at a cost of ₹170 crore, this temple is Asia's second-largest ISKCON temple. It stands as a fusion of spirituality and knowledge, featuring various facilities that reflect ISKCON's mission to serve society.



➤ Singapore Confers Honorary Citizenship on Tarun Das

Singapore has awarded its highest honor for non-citizens, the Honorary Citizen Award, to Tarun Das, former Director General of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), in recognition of his significant contributions to strengthening Singapore-India relations.



➤ India Set to Surpass Japan as World's Fourth-Largest Economy by 2026

India is projected to overtake Japan to become the world's fourth-largest economy by 2026, according to the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI). This optimistic outlook is underpinned by robust GDP growth forecasts and strategic policy recommendations aimed at enhancing economic resilience and fostering sustainable development.



➤ India-Spain Declare 2026 as 'Dual Year' for Culture, Tourism, and AI

In a significant diplomatic development, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar announced that India and Spain will commemorate 2026 as a 'dual year' focusing on culture, tourism, and advancements in artificial intelligence (AI). This initiative aims to strengthen bilateral ties and promote mutual understanding between the two nations.

