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DAILY UPDATE 1 : IMPORTANT DAY

# NATIONAL PAPER BAG DAY



### World Paper Bag Day : 12 July :-

World Paper Bag Day is a yearly celebration held on July 12 to raise awareness about the environmental benefits of utilizing paper bags instead of plastic bags. This day also honors Francis Wolle's creation of the first paper bag machine, which he created in 1852. He later secured a patent for the machine, and paper bags became the buzz of town. Paper bags are an excellent concept that has helped to alleviate the difficulties caused by plastic pollution. According to The World Counts, an estimated 100 million tonnes of plastic are used every year.



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### **Malala Day : 12 July :-**

Malala Day is a yearly event celebrated on July 12th to honor Malala Yousafzai's persistence and advocacy. On July 12, 2013, the United Nations observed International Malala Day for the first time, a year after she was fatally shot by a Taliban gunman in Pakistan for criticizing the country's limitations on female education. Former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who served as UN Special Envoy for Global Education at the time, addressed the UN gathering. The day also coincides with Malala's birthday.



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### DAILY UPDATE 3: AGREEMENT



#### **CSIR And MSSRF Sign MoU For Rural Livelihood Generation :-**

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the M. S. A Research Foundation (MSSRF) have signed an MoU to collaborate on creating employment in rural, tribal, and farming communities. The MoU entails developing a framework and meaningful association for the transfer of affordable, proven, and selected technologies with societal relevance available across CSIR laboratories/institutions, as well as mentoring SHGs/NGOs/FPOs and other voluntary organizations chosen by MSSRF for livelihood generation and empowerment of women and tribal populations.

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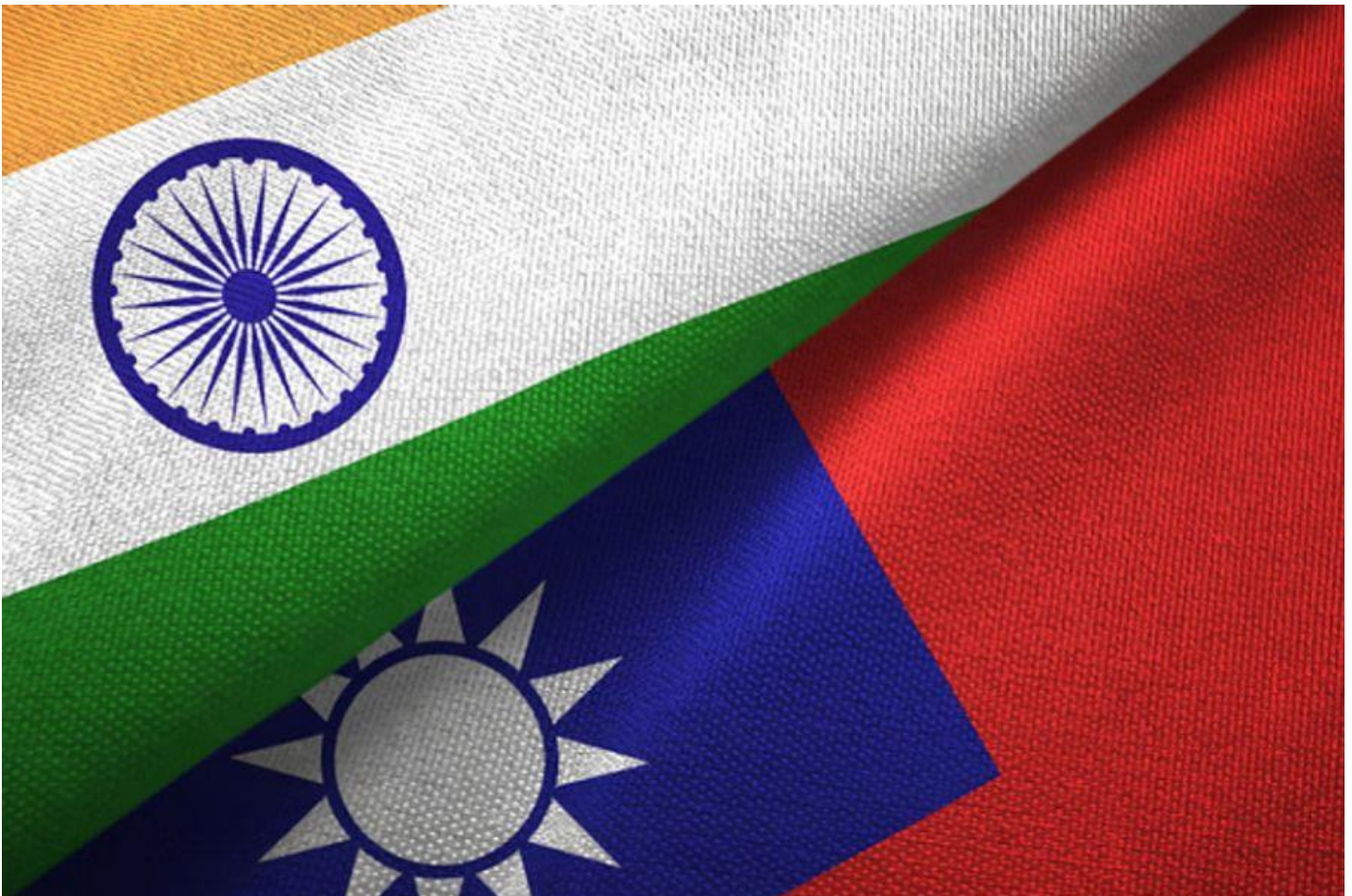
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### **India-Taiwan Mutual Recognition Agreement For Organic Products :-**

The Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) for organic products between India and Taiwan went into effect on July 8, 2024, over the 9th Working Group on Trade Meeting in New Delhi. The execution of the MRA between India and Taiwan



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is a watershed moment because it is the first bilateral agreement for organic products. The implementing Agencies for the MRA are Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India and Agriculture and Food Agency, Ministry of Agriculture (AFA), Taiwan.

### DAILY UPDATE 5 : APPOINTMENT





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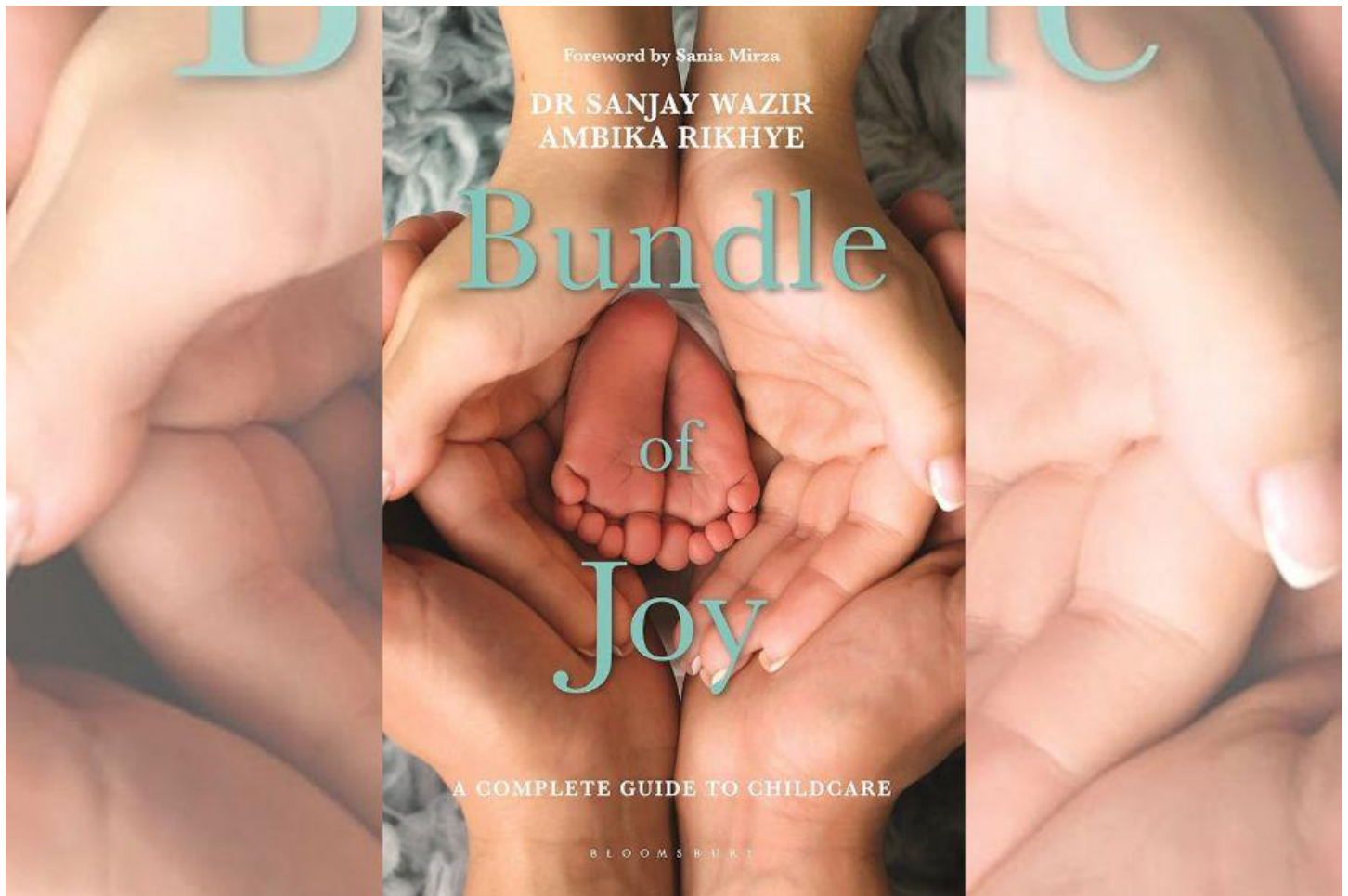
### **Rajat Sharma Elected As NBDA President :-**

The News Broadcasters & Digital Association (NBDA) has overwhelmingly selected India TV chairman Rajat Sharma as president. He succeeds Avinash Pandey, the previous CEO of ABP Network. Sharma stated that the TV news sector is at a critical point, and the NBDA must work together to advance the interests of the genre, which is under enormous pressure. NBDA is the largest organisation of news broadcasters and digital media in India, consisting of almost all major news networks in the country.

**DAILY UPDATE 6 : BOOKS**



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### **Paediatrician Sanjay Wazir And Author Ambika Rikhye Launch Their Book 'Bundle Of Joy' :-**

Dr Sanjay Wazir, a paediatrician and neonatologist, and Ambika Rikhye, a content strategist for GurgaonMoms, recently launched their book 'Bundle of Joy'. Bloomsbury India published the book, which serves as a handbook for every parent looking for answers to their day-to-day challenges. Neela Kaushik, the founder of GurgaonMoms, also discussed how the book is similar to a parenting bible in that it covers a variety of topics. The book also delves deeper into many unspoken issues that children go through like mental health issues, eating disorders, sleep issues, cyberbullying and so on.



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DAILY UPDATE 7 : DEFENCE



### Uttar Pradesh Defence Corridor Boosts Industrial Growth :-

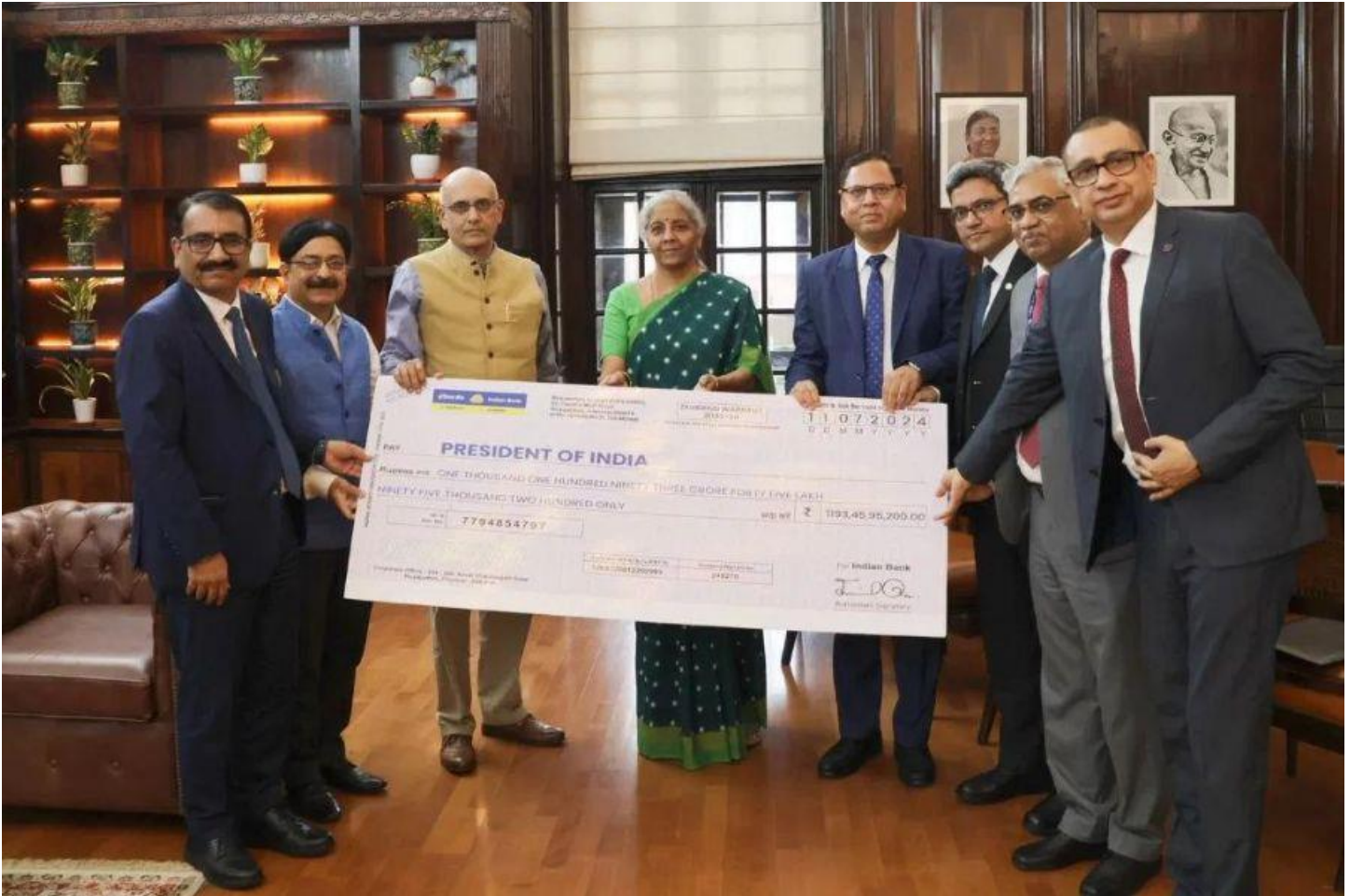
The Uttar Pradesh (UP) government has inked over 150 defense manufacturing agreements for ₹25,000 crore (about \$3 billion USD). This plan fits with India's record-breaking annual defense production, which reached ₹1.27 trillion (\$15.4 billion USD) in fiscal year 2023-24, up 16.7% from the previous year. The defence projects are strategically located within the UP Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC), spanning six nodes across Lucknow, Kanpur, Jhansi, Aligarh, Chitrakoot, and Agra districts.





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### DAILY UPDATE 8 : ECONOMY



#### PSU Banks Pay ₹6,481 Crore Dividend To Govt For FY 2023-24 :-

Four public sector banks, comprising Canara Bank and Indian Bank, handed over dividend checks totaling Rs 6,481 crore to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for fiscal year 2023-24. Similarly, Canara Bank MD and CEO K Satyanarayana Raju handed up a dividend check for Rs 1,838.15 crore. Indian Bank, situated in Chennai, issued a dividend of Rs 1,193.45 crore for fiscal year 2023-24. Bank of India also paid a dividend of Rs 935.44 crore, which was delivered by its MD and CEO, Rajneesh Karnatak. In addition, Mumbai-based financial institution EXIM Bank presented a dividend cheque of Rs 252 crore for 2023-24.



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### DAILY UPDATE 9 : SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



#### **Europe's Ariane 6 Rocket Launched After 4-Year Delay :-**

Europe's newest rocket, the Ariane 6, just completed its maiden voyage, putting satellites into orbit and restoring the continent's independent access to space. European space authorities praised the successful launch, keen to move on after recent setbacks, including a four-year delay in the development of Ariane 6. The Ariane 6 rocket, selected by the ESA in 2014, is capable of placing satellites in geostationary orbit 36,000 kilometres above Earth, as well as deploying satellite constellations at lower altitudes.



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DAILY UPDATE 10 : SPORTS



### **PV Sindhu, Sharath Kamal Confirmed As India's Flag Bearers For Paris Olympics :-**

Ace Shuttler PV Sindhu will be India's female flag bearer at the opening ceremony of the 2024 Paris Olympics. PT Usha also stated that table tennis ace Sharath Kamal will join badminton superstar Sindhu as India's flag bearers at the Paris



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Games. In 2020, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) amended its protocol to allow one female and one male athlete to carry the flag together at the Olympic Games' opening ceremony. Boxing icon Mary Kom and former hockey captain Manpreet Singh were India's flag bearers at the Tokyo Olympics.