



Rapid Fire Current Affairs

Acharya Vinoba Bhave

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Recently, the Prime Minister of India paid homage to [Acharya Vinoba Bhave](#) on his birth anniversary.

- Vinayak Narahari Bhave was born on **September 11, 1895**, in Gagode, Bombay Presidency (Maharashtra).
- Vinoba Bhave was a prominent **nonviolence activist, freedom fighter, social reformer, and spiritual teacher** who followed [Mahatma Gandhi's principles of non-violence and equality](#).
- He was the inaugural recipient of the **international Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership in 1958** and posthumously received the [Bharat Ratna in 1983](#).
- He actively participated in the [non-cooperation movement](#) and encouraged the use of **Khadi**.
- Vinoba worked to eradicate **social inequalities and championed the cause of Harijans (Dalits)**. He initiated the Sarvodaya movement, which included the [Bhoodan \(Gift of the Land\) Movement](#).

Read more: [Acharya Vinoba Bhave](#)

India to Enable Cross-Border Bill Payments for UK NRIs

- **India's Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)** is extending its reach to the UK after successful operations in **Middle Eastern countries like Oman, Kuwait, UAE, and Bahrain**.
 - Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in the UK will benefit from this system, enabling **them to pay bills conveniently through multiple payment methods**.
- BBPS serves as an interoperable and accessible one-stop ecosystem for various bill payments, including electricity, water, gas, telephone, DTH, and insurance.
- The BBPS is a [Reserve Bank of India](#) conceptualised system driven by [National Payments Corporation of India \(NPCI\)](#).
- India is showcasing its [digital payment infrastructure\(DPI\)](#) to attract international delegates' attention.

Read more: [India's Digital Public Infrastructure](#)

BIS Promoting Indian Standards at Village Level

The [Bureau of Indian Standards \(BIS\)](#) launched an initiative aimed at **promoting adherence to Indian standards at the grassroots level.**

- Through this initiative, BIS has reached out to **2.4 lakh Gram Panchayats** and embarked on a mission to sensitize **Gram Panchayat Presidents and Secretaries** across the country.
- Furthermore, BIS has developed the **BIS Care App to empower consumers with information on Indian Standards** and product certification.
- BIS is the **National Standard Body of India established under the BIS Act 2016** for the harmonious development of the activities of **standardization, marking and quality certification of goods** and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Read more: [Bureau of Indian Standards](#)

Novak Djokovic Wins 24th Grand Slam Title at US Open 2023

[Novak Djokovic](#) of **Serbia** wins his 24th **Grand Slam** title at the US Open 2023, defeating Daniil Medvedev of Russia. Djokovic moved ahead of **Serena Williams** to claim the record for the **most major singles titles won in the Open era.**

- Grand Slam tournaments, also called **majors**, are the **four most important annual tennis events.**
- The Grand Slam itinerary consists of the **Australian Open in mid-January, the French Open from around late May to early June, Wimbledon in June-July, and the US Open in August-September.**
- The Australian and United States tournaments are played on **hard courts**, the **French on clay, and Wimbledon on grass.**

Read more: [Roland-Garros\(French Open\)](#)

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