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Let's check this news about (AK-203 Rifles ) Then, we will move ahead.

# India-Russia JV Delivers 35000 AK-203 Rifles to Indian Army

Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL), a joint venture between India and Russia, has delivered 35,000 AK-203 assault rifles to the Indian Army. The AK-203, a modern, gas-operated firearm designed by Mikhail Kalashnikov, is manufactured in India using Russian technology. This marks the first production of AK-200 series rifles outside Russia and aims for 100% localisation of production in India.



[Image Source: India Today]

## **Defence Production Hit Record High in FY 2023-24**

India achieved its highest indigenous defence production value in FY 2023-24, reaching ₹1,26,887 crore, a 16.7% increase from ₹1,08,684 crore in FY 2022-23. Defence Public Sector Undertakings contributed 79.2%, with the private sector contributing 20.8%. Defence exports also grew to ₹21,083 crore, a 32.5% rise, exporting military hardware to approximately 85 countries.



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[Image Source: India Today]

# Union Minister for Coal and Mines Launches NIRMAN Portal

Coal India Limited (CIL) has launched the NIRMAN scheme to provide financial assistance of ₹1 lakh to meritorious candidates from SC/ST, female and third-gender categories, who have cleared UPSC prelims 2024 and reside in CIL's operational districts. The scheme aims to support underprivileged candidates in their pursuit of civil services.



[Image Source: India Today]

# Banknotes with 3D hologram technology issued by Japan

Japan introduced new banknotes featuring 3D hologram technology to combat counterfeiting. Holograms are intricate, three-dimensional images created using light interference, preserving the depth and properties of real objects. They are visible to the naked eye and challenging to replicate, serving as effective security measures across various sectors including finance, medicine, and defence.

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[Image Source: BBC News]

## Rare Vampire Squid Spotted by Scientists

Scientists recently discovered a rare vampire squid in the South China Sea, only the second living species ever found. This small cephalopod inhabits deep, dark ocean depths, exhibiting characteristics of both squids and octopuses. Unique adaptations like non-functional chromatophores and bioluminescent photophores to produce light, enable its survival in this extreme environment. Additionally, it boasts the largest eyes relative to the body size of any known animal, aiding its scavenging lifestyle.



[Image Source: Wikipedia]

## SEHER Programme

NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) and TransUnion CIBIL have collaborated to launch SEHER, a program aimed at enhancing the financial literacy and business skills of women entrepreneurs. It aims to facilitate women's access to financial tools, enabling business growth and job creation. This collaboration supports WEP's mission to enhance financing opportunities for women in India's MSME sector.

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[Image Source: NDTV]

## Lokpath Mobile App Launched by the MP Government

The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh recently introduced the Lokpath Mobile App aimed at swiftly resolving road-related issues within the State. Citizens can report road problems like potholes via the app, ensuring swift resolution within seven days. The initiative aims to enhance road maintenance accountability across the State, starting with major highways and expanding to rural roads in subsequent phases.



[Image Source: India Today]

## **Robot Suicide**

A robotic government servant named "Robot Supervisor" employed by Gumi City Council in South Korea was found damaged at the bottom of stairs, leading to speculation of "robot suicide." Its malfunction, possibly due to operational stress, halted plans for further robotic deployment, prompting reflections on the ethical and safety implications of integrating robots into public service.

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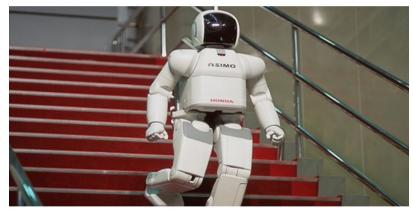








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[Image Source: BBC News]

# Global Conclave on Plastic Recycling and Sustainability (GCPRS)

The Global Conclave on Plastics Recycling and Sustainability (GCPRS), organised by All India Plastic Manufacturers' Association (AIPMA) and Chemical and Petrochemicals Association (CPMA), will take place at Bharat Mandapam in Pragati Maidan from July 4–7, 2024. It aims to address plastic pollution through enhanced recycling efforts, fostering industry-government collaboration, and showcasing innovations like biodegradable plastics to spur business opportunities in India's growing recycling market.



## Juventus Signs Goalkeeper Di Gregorio from Monza

Juventus has officially signed goalkeeper Michele Di Gregorio from fellow Serie A side Monza for 18 million euros. The 26-year-old Italian, known for his excellent shot-stopping abilities and footwork, was last season's Serie A Best Goalkeeper. He kept 12 clean sheets for Monza in the previous season.

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