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**Amar Preet Singh Named Chief of Indian Air Force**



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### 1. Amar Preet Singh appointed as Chief of IAF

Air Marshal AP Singh was born on October 27, 1964. He was commissioned into the fighter pilot stream of the Indian Air Force in December 1984. He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College, and National Defence College. Singh holds qualifications as a Flying Instructor and an Experimental Test Pilot.



#### Foot notes:

- The Centre has appointed Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh as the next Chief of the Air Staff.
- Air Marshal Singh was commissioned into the fighter pilot stream of the Indian Air Force in December 1984.
- He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College, and National Defence College.
- Amar Preet Singh is a Qualified Flying Instructor and Experimental Test Pilot, with over 5,000 flight hours on various fixed and rotary wing aircraft.

### 2. Indian Dhanush Loganathan won bronze medal in the IWF Junior World Championship

Loganathan Dhanush made history as the first Indian to win a medal at the IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships, securing a bronze in the men's 55kg category. The gold medal was awarded to K. Duong of Vietnam, who lifted a total of 253 kg, while Tomari Kotaro of Japan took the silver with a total of 247 kg.

**Foot notes:**

- The 17-year-old lifted 231kg (107kg snatch+124kg clean and jerk) in the event.
- Last year, Dhanush won a bronze medal in the men's 49kg weight division at the Weightlifting Youth World Championships in Albania, lifting a total of 200 kg (88 kg + 112 kg).
- In 2022, he claimed his second consecutive youth gold medal at the National Weightlifting Championships.
- He also earned a youth bronze medal at the Asian Championships in Tashkent.



**3. Vishakhapatnam artist Vijay Kumar sets records with his millet art**

Visakhapatnam artist Moka Vijay Kumar has earned a spot in the India Book of Records 2024 as an IBR Achiever, recognized for his exceptional accomplishments. He received this title for creating 50 paintings of renowned figures, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the late APJ Abdul Kalam, using millets as his medium.



**Foot notes:**

- Moka Vijay Kumar has been practicing millet art for nearly three years.
- He has created over 300 artworks using grains.
- His goal is to raise awareness about social issues and promote the nutritional benefits of millets.
- He presented one of his paintings to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu in Amaravati.

**4. World boxing champion Nikhat Zareen joins Telangana police as DSP**

Nikhat Zareen was born on June 14, 1996 in Nizamabad, Telangana. Her journey in boxing began at a young age, and she quickly rose through the ranks to become one of India's most celebrated athletes.

**Foot notes:**

- Renowned boxer Nikhat Zareen has joined the Telangana Police as a Deputy Superintendent of Police.
- The two-time world boxing champion submitted her joining report to Director General of Police Jitender.



- As a native of Nizamabad district, Nikhat Zareen is a two-time world boxing champion who also earned a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games and a bronze medal at the Asian Games.

### 5. Nike Appoints Elliott Hill as New CEO

Nike Inc. has named Elliott Hill as its new president and CEO. Hill, returning to the company after a short break, will tackle challenges including a 24% drop in stock and a recent decline in revenue. After two years as an intern, Hill transitioned to sales and quickly advanced through the ranks.



#### Foot notes:

- Hill's journey with Nike started in 1988 as an intern, and he gradually advanced through various leadership positions until his retirement in 2020.
- After graduating from Ohio University's sports marketing program, Hill worked diligently to secure a job at Nike.
- He convinced a company representative who had spoken in his class to give him a chance, often noting that all his classmates had found jobs except him.
- He attributes his strong work ethic to his upbringing in a working-class Texas neighborhood, raised by a single mother.

### 6. Jasprit Bumrah becomes 6th Indian fast bowler

Jasprit Bumrah became the sixth Indian pacer to reach 400 international wickets during the first Test against Bangladesh at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai. Bumrah achieved this milestone by taking three wickets during the second session of play.



#### Foot notes:

- Bumrah first dismissed Shadman Islam (2 off 6 balls) by bowling him out with a delivery that angled back in.
- In the 13th over, he claimed Mushfiqur Rahman (8 off 14 balls), who edged to the slips, where KL Rahul took a sharp catch.
- Returning for his second spell, Bumrah removed Hasan Mahmud (9 off 22 balls), with Virat Kohli safely catching the ball in the slips.
- India was bowled out for 376, thanks to a remarkable 199-run partnership for the seventh wicket that rescued them from a precarious position of 144/6.

### 7. Muktesh Pardeshi appointed as India's new envoy to Turkey

Shri Muktesh Kumar Pardeshi (IFS: 1991), presently Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Turkiye.

**Foot notes:**

- Muktesh Pardeshi is currently the secretary at the Ministry of External Affairs, overseeing the overseas Indian affairs department.
- He manages India's diaspora relations and policies regarding overseas Indians.
- He also served as India's High Commissioner to New Zealand and Ambassador to Mexico.



**About Turkey:**

**Capital:** Ankara

**President:** Recep Tayyip Erdogan

**8. Cate Blanchett received Donostia Award at the SSFF**

Cate Blanchett was presented with the inaugural Donostia Award at the 72nd San Sebastian Festival during a gala at the Kursaal Centre. She expressed her "honor" in receiving the festival's highest accolade and passionately advocated for the "desire to know."

**Foot notes:**

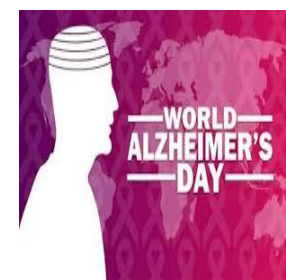
- Cate Blanchett called her career "eclectic and strange," reflecting on its diverse journey.
- She stated that a creative life involves doubts and uncertainties, urging humility and a willingness to learn.
- The ceremony concluded with a screening of "Rumours," one of Blanchett's recent acting roles.
- The Australian star celebrated for her performances in films like 'The Aviator', 'The Lord of the Rings' trilogy, and the Oscar-nominated 'Tar'.



**9. World Alzheimers Day observed on September 21**

The theme for World Alzheimer's Day 2024 is "Time to act on dementia, Time to act on Alzheimer's." Alzheimer's disease was first identified in 1901 by Alois Alzheimer, a German psychiatrist, when he diagnosed it in an elderly woman. The disease was subsequently named in his honor.

**Foot notes:**



- Alzheimer's disease was first diagnosed in 1901 by German psychiatrist Alois Alzheimer in an elderly woman, and the illness is named after him.
- In 1994, to mark its 10th anniversary, Alzheimer's Disease International established World Alzheimer's Day on September 21 each year.
- Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death and ranks as the 7th deadliest disease globally.
- Early symptoms include difficulty recalling events, conversations, and daily activities, which can also impact physical health.

### **10. Veteran Malayalam actor Kaviyoor Ponnamma passed away**

Kaviyoor Ponnamma, celebrated for her graceful portrayal of motherly roles, appeared in over 700 films in the regional language. The veteran Malayalam actress passed away at a private hospital in Kochi on Friday at the age of 79.

#### **Foot notes:**

- Ponnamma starred in over 700 films, renowned for her graceful portrayal of motherly roles, and had been receiving treatment for age-related illnesses for nearly a month.
- She began her acting career in the early 1960s, playing the mother of the late veteran actor Sathyan when she was just 20.
- She started acting in plays at the age of 14, debuting in "Mooladhanam," a work by acclaimed playwright Thoppil Bhasi.
- She received the Kerala State Award for Second Best Actress four times.



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