

Current Affairs

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1. India Women's Tennis Team Secures 1st-Ever Medal at Asian Championship

The Indian women's table tennis team has guaranteed its first medal at the Asian Table Tennis Championships after defeating South Korea 3-2 in the quarterfinals. Ayhika Mukherjee emerged as the star of the match, overcoming her world ranking of 92 to defeat World No. 8 Shin Yubin & World No. 16 Jeon Jihee. Ayhika Mukherjee and Manika Batra gave India a strong start with a 2-0 lead.



Foot notes:

- Manika Batra, ranked 29, won against 16th-ranked Jeon Jihee 12-14, 13-11, 11-5, 5-11, 12-10, giving India a 2-0 lead.
- Sreeja Akula, ranked 26, lost to Lee Eunhye in straight games 6-11, 10-12, 8-11, allowing Korea to stay in the match.
- Yubin evened the score with a tough 13-11, 11-4, 6-11, 7-11, 12-10 win over Manika.
- In the deciding match, Ayhika Mukherjee defeated Jihee 7-11, 11-6, 12-10, 12-10, sealing the victory for India.

2. Joe Root becomes England's Highest Run Scorer in Test match

Joe Root become England's all-time leading run-scorer in Test cricket, moving into fifth place overall. He achieved this milestone by scoring his 35th Test century during the first Test against Pakistan in Multan. Joe has accumulated 12,578 runs in 147 Tests, which is still 53 matches fewer than Sachin Tendulkar, who holds the record with 15,921 runs.

Foot notes:

- Joe Root surpassed Alastair Cook's retired total of 12,472 runs by scoring 71 runs during England's first innings on day three of the first Test against Pakistan.
- He went on to achieve his 35th Test century, finishing the day unbeaten on 176 runs.
- At 33 years old, Root moved into fifth place on the all-time Test run-scorers list in his 147th match.



3. Indian Sailors Shine with Seven Medals at Mussaanah Race Week in Oman

Indian sailors won seven medals at Mussaanah Race Week in Oman, including 1 gold, 4 silver, and 2 bronze. India dominated the Optimist Girls U-15 category. Shreya Krishna Lakshminarayanan won gold with 28 points. Kommaravelly Lahari secured the silver medal.



Foot notes:

- Shashank finished 2nd with 14 net points, just behind Oman's Abdulatif Ziyad Al Qasim, who won with 12 net points after topping three races.
- Shashank won two races (1st and 6th) but a 9th place in the second race impacted his gold chances.
- Akshat took bronze with 29 net points after seven races.
- In the ILCA-4 girls U-16 category India's Soumya Singh Patel claimed silver with 39 net points. Shagun Jha secured bronze with 49 net points. UAE's Marwa Al Hammadi won gold with 31.5 net points.
- In the ILCA-6 girls U-19 category, Maanya Reddy narrowly missed gold, finishing second with 74 net points, while UAE's Camelia Al Qubaisi won with 77 points.

4. Andres Iniesta Announces Retirement from football

Spanish football maestro Andrés Iniesta announced his retirement after a remarkable 22-year career. He represented both the Spanish national team and FC Barcelona, one of the world's top clubs.

Foot notes:

- He was part of the squad that won the 2008 UEFA European Championship.
- He contributed to Spain's triumph in the 2012 UEFA European Championship..
- **Total Appearances:** 674 matches for FC Barcelona.



- **Goals and Assists:** Scored 57 goals, Provided 135 assists.
- **Champions League:** Won 4 titles (2006, 2009, 2011, 2015).
- **Club World Cup:** Won 3 titles (2009, 2011, 2015).
- **La Liga Titles:** Secured 9 championships (2004, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2018, 2019).
- **European Super Cups:** Claimed 3 titles (2009, 2011, 2016).

5. RITES & Etihad Rail Sign MoU for Railway Infrastructure Development

RITES Limited signed a MoU with Etihad Rail to enhance cooperation in developing railway infrastructure and services in the UAE. The MoU was signed by RITES CMD Rahul Mithal and Etihad Rail CEO Shadi Malak. The MoU focuses on the supply and leasing of rolling stock, consultancy, project management, and operation. It includes capacity analysis of rail corridors to improve efficiency.



Foot notes:

- MoU includes capacity analysis of UAE rail corridors to improve efficiency and trade routes.
- Focus on innovation and advanced IT for train operations, passenger management, and maintenance.
- Supports India's vision for the India-Middle East Economic Corridor (IMEC), linking India to Europe via the Middle East.
- Collaboration on rolling stock supply/leasing, consultancy, project management, and services like repair and maintenance.
- Aims to modernize and enhance railway services in the UAE and the region.

6. Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2024 goes to David Baker, Demis Hassabis and John M. Jumper

David Baker won half of the 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work on computational protein design, while the other half was awarded jointly to Demis Hassabis and John Jumper for their breakthroughs in protein structure prediction.



Foot notes:

- The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awards the Nobel Prizes for Physics and Chemistry.
- The Nobel Foundation partners with Karolinska Institute for the Medicine Nobel, Swedish Academy for the Literature Nobel, Norwegian Nobel Committee for the Peace Nobel.

- The 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry is the 116th awarded, with 115 previous prizes and 194 recipients between 1901 and 2023.

7. Nepali Mountaineer Sets Record as Youngest to Summit All 8,000m Peaks

Nima Rinji Sherpa, an 18-year-old from Nepal, set a world record as the youngest mountaineer to summit Earth's 14 highest peaks. He reached the top of Tibet's Mount Shishapangma at 06:05 local time. This achievement makes him one of the few to conquer all of the world's "eight-thousanders" mountains over 8,000 meters high, recognized by the International Mountaineering and Climbing Federation. Sherpa accomplished this remarkable feat in just 740 days, having started climbing at the age of 16.



Foot notes:

- Nima Rinji Sherpa's latest ascent adds to his record-breaking achievements as the youngest to scale G1, G2, Nanga Parbat, Mount Everest, and Lhotse within 10 hours.
- His Mount Shishapangma climb fulfills a personal goal to challenge the stereotype of Sherpas as mere helpers.
- He dedicates this summit to all Sherpas who aspire to push beyond traditional expectations.

8. Harmanpreet Kaur climbs to 12th spot in T20I rankings

India's women's cricket captain, Harmanpreet Kaur, has climbed four positions to reach the 12th spot in the T20I batting rankings. She joins Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma, and Jemimah Rodrigues as the fourth Indian woman cricketer in the top 20, holding 610 rating points. Meanwhile, Shreyanka Patil has made a significant jump of nine places, landing at 29th in the T20I bowling rankings.

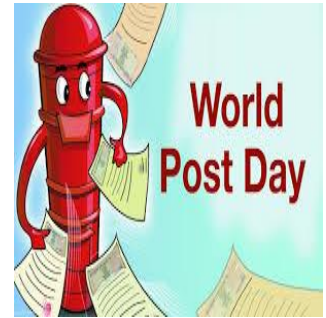


Foot notes:

- Veteran off-spinner Deepti Sharma has dropped two places to rank fourth.
- Seamer Renuka Singh Thakur has maintained her position at fifth.
- The rankings were released during the ongoing T20 World Cup.
- Pakistan spinner Sadia Iqbal made history by briefly becoming the first from her country to top the rankings.
- She surpassed long-time No. 1 Sophie Ecclestone before ultimately finishing in second place.

9. World Postal Day celebrated on 9th October

Celebrated every year on October 9, World Post Day emphasizes the crucial role of the postal system in everyday life, global communication, and economic growth. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), founded in 1874 in Bern, Switzerland, which laid the foundation for contemporary international mail exchange.



Foot notes:

- **Theme:** “150 Years of Enabling Communication and Empowering People across Nations.”
- The UPU was established to enhance international mail services and unify postal systems, simplifying mail exchange between countries.
- World Post Day was proclaimed at the UPU Congress in Tokyo in 1969 to highlight the significance of postal services.

10. National Icon Ratan Tata passed away

Ratan Tata, chairman emeritus of one of India's biggest conglomerates, Tata Sons, has died at 86. He became chairman of the \$100 billion steel-to-software conglomerate in 1991 and ran the group founded by his great-grandfather more than a hundred years ago until 2012.




Foot notes:

- He served as the chairman of Tata Group and Tata Sons from 1990 to 2012.
- He founded the telecommunications company Tata Teleservices in 1996.
- In 2009, Ratan Tata fulfilled his promise to make the world's cheapest car accessible to the middle class. The Tata Nano, priced at Rs. 1 lakh, became a symbol of innovation and affordability.
- In 2004, he acquired Iconic British car brands - Jaguar and Land Rover

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