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## Current Affairs

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### 1. Priyanka Goswami Wins Gold At Austrian Racewalking Championships

- **Event and Location:** Priyanka Goswami won the gold medal in the women's 10km race walk event at the Austrian Race Walking Championships held in Innsbruck.
- **Winning Time:** She completed the 10km race walk in 47 minutes and 54 seconds, securing her first win of the season.
- **National Record:** Although her specialty is the 20km race walk, in which she holds the national record of 1:28:45.
- **Personal Best:** Priyanka Goswami has a personal best of 45 minutes and 47 seconds in the 10km event, achieved in 2022.
- **Challenges Overcome:** Despite being given a one-minute penalty and having a fever, Goswami still managed to finish first and win the gold medal, showcasing her determination and resilience.



### 2. India's First E-Waste Recycling Park to Be Set Up in Delhi

- **Location and Size:** The e-waste eco park will be set up in Holambi Kalan, North Delhi, spanning 11.4 acres of land.
- **Processing Capacity:** The park is designed to process 51,000 metric tonnes of e-waste annually,



covering 106 item categories, which is nearly 25% of Delhi's total e-waste.

- **Investment and Revenue:** The project involves a capital investment of 150 crore and an operational cost exceeding 325 crore, expected to generate over 350 crore in revenue.
- **Features and Benefits:** The park will include dedicated zones for dismantling, refurbishing, component testing, plastic recovery, and a second-hand electronics market.
- **Environmental Impact:** The park aims to promote sustainable production and consumption, reduce dependency on raw materials, and minimize landfill use, aligning with India's commitment to a circular economy and environmentally safe waste management.

#### Foot notes:

##### About Delhi-

- **Lieutenant Governor:** Vinai Kumar Saxena
- **Chief Minister:** Rekha Gupta

### 3. Russia to Build Eight Nuclear Reactors in Iran

- **Number of Reactors and Location:** Russia will construct eight nuclear power plants in Iran, with four of them located in the southern province of Bushehr.
- **Existing Collaboration:** The Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant, Iran's first and only operational nuclear power facility, was completed by Russia in May 2011 and has been central to Iran's civilian nuclear energy program.
- **Contract Background:** The construction of the eight nuclear power plants is part of a previously signed contract between Iran and Russia, highlighting their ongoing cooperation in the nuclear energy sector.
- **Iran's Nuclear Power Generation Plans:** The Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) aims to triple the country's nuclear power generation capacity as part of its broader energy development strategy.
- **Construction of Additional Units:** Iranian companies are currently building units 2 and 3 at the existing Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant, while Russia will focus on constructing the eight new nuclear reactors.



#### Foot notes:

##### About Russia-

- **Capital:** Moscow
- **Currency:** Ruble
- **Prime Minister:** Mikhail Mishustin

#### 4. India's first underwater museum & artificial coral reef will be developed in Maharashtra

- **Location and Project Overview:** The underwater museum and artificial coral reef will be developed near Nivati Rock in Sindhudurg's Vengurla taluka, Maharashtra, using the decommissioned Indian Navy warship INS Guldar.
- **Project Funding:** The Union Tourism Ministry has approved 46.91 crore for the project under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment scheme.
- **INS Guldar Details:** The 1,120-tonne vessel, measuring 83.9 meters long and 9.7 meters wide, was retired on January 12, 2024, and gifted to the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation by the Indian Navy.
- **Environmental and Tourism Goals:** The project aims to promote marine conservation, biodiversity, and eco-tourism, offering scuba diving experiences and potential submarine tours to showcase the underwater world.
- **Implementation and Timeline:** Environmental cleaning of the ship was completed by April 15, 2025, and Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders Limited was tasked with scuttling the vessel near Nivati Rock.



#### Foot notes:

##### About Maharashtra-

- **Capital:** Mumbai
- **Governor:** C. P. Radhakrishnan
- **Chief Minister:** Devendra Fadnavis

#### 5. Justice N S Sanjay Gowda Sworn in as Gujarat High Court judge

- **Transfer from Karnataka High Court:** Justice Gowda was transferred from the Karnataka High Court to the Gujarat High Court as part of a broader initiative by the Supreme Court Collegium to infuse inclusivity and diversity in high courts.



- **Swearing-in Ceremony:** He took oath on June 9, 2025, administered by Chief Justice Sunita Agarwal in the presence of fellow judges, Advocate General Kamal Trivedi, senior advocates, and other dignitaries.
- **Background and Experience:** Justice Gowda, 58, began his legal career in 1989 and was appointed as an Additional Judge of the Karnataka High Court in November 2019.
- **Expertise:** He has handled various cases related to service law, labour rights, land acquisition, municipal governance, and RTI regulations, showcasing his strong grasp of constitutional, administrative, and labour laws.

#### Foot notes:

#### About Gujarat-

- **Capital:** Gandhinagar
- **Governor:** Acharya Devvrat
- **Chief Minister:** Bhupendrabhai Patel

### 6. Bengaluru Becomes India's 'Leopard Capital', Surpassing Mumbai

- **Leopard Population:** Bengaluru has an estimated 80-85 leopards, surpassing Mumbai's recorded population of about 54, according to a year-long camera-trap survey by the Holématti Nature Foundation.
- **Survey Details:** The survey used over 250 camera traps across 282 square kilometers of mixed habitat, including Bannerghatta National Park and surrounding areas like Turahalli and Hesaraghatta.
- **Bannerghatta National Park:** The park is home to 54 leopards, with the remaining 26-31 leopards roaming the private, public, and restricted forests on the city's outskirts.
- **Conservation Challenges:** Habitat loss due to urbanization is a major threat to Bengaluru's leopard population, and human-wildlife conflict may increase if conservation efforts aren't stepped up.
- **Unique Biodiversity:** Bengaluru is the only major Indian city whose outskirts still harbor a wide variety of large mammals, including tigers, dholes, elephants, gaur, and sambar, in addition to leopards.



### 7. Mumbai Ranks 6th Globally in Under-Construction Data Centre Capacity

- **Global Ranking:** Mumbai has secured the 6th position worldwide in under-construction data center capacity, surpassing established hubs like London and Dublin.
- **Capacity Under Construction:** The city had 335 MW of data center capacity under construction at the end of 2024, which will expand its operational capacity by 62% once completed.
- **Key Drivers:** The growth is driven by surging demand fueled by the expansion of cloud computing and AI workloads, with Asia Pacific cities demonstrating strong growth momentum.
- **Regional Significance:** Mumbai accounts for 42% of India's projected under-construction capacity, solidifying its position as a significant contributor to the region's growth and a major data center hub in India.
- **Future Prospects:** The city is expected to benefit from upcoming infrastructure projects, including three undersea data cable projects landing in Mumbai, which will significantly increase India's internet capacity and speed.



## 8. India's First Indigenous Anti-Submarine Shallow Water Craft Delivered

- **Design and Construction:** INS Arnala is designed and built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, in partnership with L&T Shipbuilders, with over 80% indigenous content.
- **Key Features:** The ship is 77.6 meters long, has a displacement of 900-1490 tonnes, and can reach speeds of up to 25 knots. It has an endurance of 1800 nautical miles and is powered by a Diesel Engine-Waterjet combination.
- **Operational Capabilities:** INS Arnala is designed for underwater surveillance, search and rescue operations, and Low-Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO). It can also undertake anti-submarine warfare operations in coastal waters and lay advanced mines.
- **Armament and Sensors:** The ship is equipped with one RBU-6000 anti-submarine rocket launcher, lightweight torpedo-tube launchers, and a 30mm Naval Surface Gun. It also features advanced sonar equipment, including hull-mounted sonar and towed low-frequency variable-depth sonar.
- **Commissioning and Significance:** INS Arnala was delivered to the Indian Navy on May 8, 2025, and is scheduled to be commissioned.



### Foot notes:

### About Indian Navy-

- **Founded:** 26 January 1950
- **Headquarters:** Nausena Bhawan, Delhi
- **Chief of Naval Staff:** Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi

### 9. Katrina Kaif becomes global brand ambassador for the Maldives

- **Campaign Name:** Katrina Kaif has been appointed as the Global Brand Ambassador for Visit Maldives' "Sunny Side of Life" campaign, promoting luxury travel and summer tourism in the Maldives.
- **Role and Responsibilities:** As the ambassador, Kaif will help promote the Maldives' natural beauty, marine biodiversity, and luxury experiences to attract a wide range of travelers worldwide.
- **Target Markets:** The campaign targets key markets including India, the UK, Russia, and parts of Europe, aiming to drive bookings for Summer 2025 and beyond.
- **Maldives' Tourism Goal:** The appointment aligns with Visit Maldives' long-term objective of sustaining the destination's profile in a competitive global tourism landscape.
- **Timing and Significance:** The announcement coincides with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to the Maldives, signaling a thaw in relations between the two countries after a period of diplomatic tension.



### 10. India's population Reaches 1.46 billion according to UN Report

- **Population Projection:** India's population is estimated to reach 1.46 billion in 2025, making it the most populous country in the world.
- **Fertility Rate Decline:** The total fertility rate (TFR) in India has dropped to 1.9 births per woman, which is below the replacement level of 2.1.
- **Demographic Shift:** India's population is undergoing significant changes, with 24% of people aged 0-14, 17% aged 10-19, and 26% aged 20-24.
- **Life Expectancy:** Life expectancy at birth is projected to be 71 years for men and 74 years for women in 2025.



- **Reproductive Agency:** The UN report emphasizes the importance of reproductive agency, allowing individuals to make informed choices about their reproductive health.



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