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1. Preethi Pal Becomes First Indian Woman To Win Two Paralympic Medals In Athletics

At Paris Paralympics 2024, Indian Para Athlete Preethi Pal secured yet another medal for India, clinching a Bronze medal in the Women's 200 meters – T35 Final. She won the medal with a personal best timing of 30.01 seconds. With this win, she became the first track and field Indian Woman Para Athlete to win two medals at the Paralympics.



Foot Note:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised Preethi Pal's historic achievement.
- In a social media post, he called her an inspiration for the people of India.
- He highlighted her dedication as truly remarkable.

2. India, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Maldives sign Charter and MoU for establishment of Colombo Security Conclave Secretariat

India, Maldives, Mauritius, and Sri Lanka have signed a Charter and MoU to establish the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Secretariat in Colombo. This initiative aims to address security and stability challenges in the Indian Ocean Region. The signing ceremony was hosted by the Sri Lankan government in Colombo.



Foot Note:

- National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and representatives from the Maldives, Mauritius, and Sri Lanka signed the documents on behalf of their respective countries.
- Ajit Doval emphasized the Colombo Security Conclave's role in addressing traditional, non-traditional, and emerging hybrid security challenges.
- He stressed the importance of sustained regional cooperation across various security pillars.

About Sri Lanka:

Capitals: Colombo

President: Ranil Wickremesinghe

Prime Minister: Dinesh Gunawardena

3. PM Modi Lays Foundation Stone for Vadhvan Port, India's Largest Deep-Water Port

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation for the Vadhvan Port project on August 30. Located in the Palghar district of Maharashtra, about 150 km from Mumbai, Vadhvan Port will become India's largest deep-water port. The project involves an investment of ₹76,220 crore.



Foot Note:

- The Vadhvan Port will have an annual capacity of 300 million tonnes.
- It will feature 9 container terminals and 4 multipurpose berths.
- Construction costs will be shared between the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority and Maharashtra Maritime Board in a 74:26 ratio.
- The project will be developed under a public-private partnership (PPP) model, covering core infrastructure, terminals, and commercial facilities.

4. HAL and SAFHAL to Develop 'Aravalli' Engine for India's Future Multi-Role Helicopters

SAFHAL is a joint venture between HAL and the French firm Safran Helicopter Engines. The partnership with SAFHAL marks a critical step towards technological self-reliance in India's aerospace and defence sector, according to HAL chief B. Ananthakrishnan.

Foot Note:

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Bengaluru, has signed a contract with SAFHAL Helicopter Engines.
- They will jointly design, develop, and produce a new engine named 'Aravalli'.



- The engine will be used in the future 13-tonne Indian Multi-Role Helicopter (IMRH) and its 5-tonne deck-based version, the Deck-Based Multi-Role Helicopter (DBMRH).

5. V Satish Kumar takes additional charge as Indian Oil Chairman

V Satish Kumar has taken on the additional role of Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IndianOil), while continuing as Director (Marketing), a position he has held since October 2021. With a career spanning 35 years, Kumar also served as Director (Finance) for a year starting in October 2022, during a time of geopolitical tensions stemming from the Ukraine-Russia conflict.



Foot Note:

- Kumar has overseen IndianOil's marketing efforts nationwide, ensuring continuous petroleum supplies during natural calamities and disruptions.
- Under his leadership, IndianOil achieved its highest physical performance in the past three years.
- The company has become a leader in sales of high-octane fuels, green lubricants, and clean energy solutions such as E-mobility and bio-fuel blends.

6. Nishad Kumar's Silver Jump Adds To India's Medal Haul At Paris Paralympics

India's Nishad Kumar secured a silver medal in the men's T47 high jump final at the Paris Paralympics on September 2. Kumar, who previously claimed silver in Tokyo, recorded his season-best jump of 2.04 meters to finish in second place. Townsend-Roberts of the United States claimed the gold medal with a season-best jump of 2.08 meters, pulling ahead of India's Nishad Kumar. Russia's Georgii Margiev took home the bronze.



Foot Note:

- Nishad Kumar won a silver medal in the men's high jump – T47 final.
- He matched his second-place finish from Tokyo three years ago.
- Achieved his season-best performance with a leap of 2.04 meters.
- India has won a total of seven medals at the ongoing Paralympics.
- The tally includes one gold, two silvers, and four bronzes.

7. President Emmanuel Macron Awarded Olympic Order in Gold for Paris 2024 Success

In a ceremony that underscored his exceptional contributions to the Olympic movement, President Emmanuel Macron of France was awarded the Olympic Order in gold. This

prestigious distinction was bestowed upon him by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in recognition of his unwavering support for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 and his commitment to the Olympic ideals championed by Pierre de Coubertin. Macron's involvement was pivotal in making the Paris 2024 edition a resounding success, symbolizing global unity and the enduring power of sport.



Foot Note:

- Emmanuel Macron fully supported Paris's bid to host the 2024 Olympic Games after his 2017 election as President of France.
- His enthusiasm was both political and personal, reflecting a deep understanding of the Olympic movement.
- From his first visit to the IOC headquarters in Lausanne, his vision for the Games was clear.
- Macron saw the Olympics as a powerful force to unite both France and the world.

8. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Takes Over As AOC-In-C, Central Air Command

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Vayu Sena Medal, Vishisht Seva Medal, assumed the appointment of Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Central Air Command on September 1. Air Marshal Dixit was commissioned into the fighter stream of IAF on December 6, 1986. The Air Officer is an experimental test pilot and a qualified flying instructor with more than 3300 hours of flying experience on a variety of aircraft in the IAF inventory.



Foot Note:

- Dixit is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College (Bangladesh), and National Defence College.
- He has actively participated in key operations like Op-Safed Sagar and Op-Rakshak.
- With a career spanning over 37 years, he has held several significant field and staff appointments.

9. Rubina Francis Wins Bronze In Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1

Rubina Francis etched her name in Paralympic history on August 31, with a bronze medal in Paris. She rose on the occasion and clinched a bronze in the women's 10m air pistol SH1 event. Para-athletes never have an easy journey, as they have to fight against all odds and show



grit and resilience to reach the top, which was also the case with Rubina.

Foot Note:

- A 25-year-old from Jabalpur was born with talipes, or club foot, which affected her stability while shooting.
- Despite this challenge, she became an inspiration through her perseverance.
- From a young age, she dreamed of emulating her idol, Olympic silver medalist Gagan Narang.
- Achieving this goal was difficult due to her condition, which made it hard for her to stand steady.

10. World Coconut Day Observed on 2nd September

World Coconut Day was established in 2009 by the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC), an intergovernmental organization under the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. The APCC, representing 19 coconut-producing countries in the Asia-Pacific region, chose September 2 to commemorate the organization's founding in 1969.



Foot Note:

- Increase public awareness of coconuts' health benefits and their versatility as a food and industrial product.
- Encourage sustainable coconut farming and processing to protect the environment and ensure industry longevity.
- Support the livelihoods of millions who depend on coconut cultivation and related industries.

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