




Current Affairs

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Palak-Amit pair win Gold in Mixed Air Pistol



1. Palak-Amit pair won mixed air pistol Gold

Palak Gulia and Amit Sharma clinched the gold medal in the air pistol mixed team event at the World University Shooting Championship, defeating their fellow Indians, Sainyam and Samrat Rana, with a dominant 16-12 victory. This win was part of India's impressive five-medal haul on day 2, which also included three silver medals. The competition took place at the Karni Singh Range, where the Hungarian pair of Sara Rahel Fabian and Redecsi Mate secured the bronze by defeating Chinese-Taipei 16-12.



Foot notes:

- In the qualification round, Sainyam (289) and Samrat (290) topped the leaderboard with a combined score of 579, while Palak (285) and Amit (293) finished second with a total score of 578.
- In women's trap, Neeru won silver with 43, Kirti Gupta took bronze with 32, and Zina Hrdlickova of the Czech Republic claimed gold with 45.
- Kirti topped the qualification round with 118/125, and Neeru made the final with 115.
- Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, an Olympian and 2021 World University Games gold medalist, secured silver in the 50m rifle 3-positions with a score of 458.2.
- Palak Gulia and Amit Sharma won gold in the mixed air pistol event, beating Sainyam and Samrat 16-12, with Palak also securing a team gold earlier in women's air pistol.

- In the men's 50m rifle 3-position, Jiri Privratsky edged Aishwary by 4.7 points to take the gold.

2. London is world's top city brand for second consecutive year

London has claimed the top position for the second year in a row in the newly released Brand Finance Global City Index 2024. Manchester, Liverpool, and Edinburgh each received recognition for their unique attractions, ranging from sports and music to scenic beauty. Following London in the global ranking are New York and Paris, completing the top three, with Tokyo and Dubai rising to 4th and 5th places. This ranking is based on a survey of 15,000 respondents across 20 countries, offering comprehensive global insights into the world's leading city brands.



Foot notes:

- London holds the title of the world's top city brand for the second year, as per the Brand Finance Global City Index 2024.
- The survey, the most comprehensive of its kind, involved over 15,000 respondents from 20 countries, assessing perceptions of 100 cities.
- Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) included Familiarity, Reputation, and Consideration, evaluating cities as places to live, work, study, visit, retire, and invest.
- Respondents also rated cities across 45 attributes grouped under seven pillars, like Culture & Heritage and Business & Investment.
- London ranks 3rd in Familiarity and Reputation, reflecting its strong global appeal, but lags in Consideration (19th), particularly in affordability (97th).

About UK:

President: Rishi Sunak

Founded: 1922

3. IIT Ropar developed patented Mechanical Knee Rehab Device

Researchers at IIT Ropar have made a major breakthrough in post-surgical knee rehabilitation with the development of a Completely Mechanical Passive Motion (CPM) Machine for Knee Rehabilitation, which has been awarded patent No. 553407. Unlike traditional motorized CPM machines, which are costly and require electricity, this new device is entirely mechanical. It operates using a piston and pulley system that stores air as the user pulls a handle, providing smooth, controlled motion for knee rehabilitation.

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Foot notes:

- This design eliminates the need for electricity, batteries, or motors, making it lightweight, portable, and more affordable.
- The mechanical CPM machine offers a cost-effective alternative to expensive electric models, which are often inaccessible, particularly in rural areas with unreliable power supply.
- Its portability makes it easy for patients to use at home, reducing the need for extended hospital stays and frequent rehabilitation visits.
- Continuous passive motion (CPM) therapy is vital for knee surgery recovery, aiding joint mobility, reducing stiffness, and speeding up healing.
- The new mechanical CPM machine provides a cost-effective, eco-friendly alternative to traditional electric models, making knee rehabilitation more affordable.
- The development is expected to have a lasting impact on knee rehabilitation, both in India and globally.

4. India Launches First Space Defense Exercise Antariksha Abhyas

"Antariksha Abhyas – 2024," a pioneering three-day space defense exercise, is being conducted from November 11 to 13, 2024. Organized by the Defence Space Agency under the Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff, the exercise is designed to simulate and address potential threats to space-based assets and services.



Foot notes:

- **Objective:** Enhance India's ability to secure strategic space interests and integrate space capabilities into military operations for national security.
- **Focus:** Raise awareness of operational dependencies on space-based assets among defense stakeholders and identify vulnerabilities to improve resilience.
- India is well-positioned with a legacy in space exploration and growing military capabilities.
- Emphasis on innovation and collaboration with DRDO, ISRO, and academic institutions.
- Space is increasingly "congested, contested, competitive, and commercial."
- Aligns with India's goals of technological advancement, resilience, and space security.
- Strengthens India's position in a complex, militarized, and commercially active space environment.

5. CBI Wales appointed Russell Greenslade as new Director

Russell will transition to CBI Wales from his current role as Chief Executive of Swansea Business Improvement District (BID), a position he has held since 2009. With over 20 years of leadership experience, he has built a strong reputation for supporting Welsh businesses and championing economic initiatives that promote community growth and prosperity.



Foot notes:

- He previously served as the Chief Executive of Swansea Business Improvement District (BID) since 2009.
- **Leadership Experience:** Greenslade brings over 20 years of leadership experience to his new role.
- **Support for Welsh Businesses:** He is known for his strong advocacy for Welsh businesses and economic initiatives.
- **Focus on Economic Growth:** Greenslade has a well-established reputation for enhancing business communities and fostering prosperity.

About CBI Wales:

CEO: Alison Orrells

Founded: 1965

6. Justice Sanjiv Khanna takes oath as 51st Chief Justice of India

Justice Sanjiv Khanna took the oath of office as the 51st Chief Justice of India, succeeding Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, whose term concluded on November 10, 2024. Justice Khanna's appointment, based on Justice Chandrachud's recommendation, was officially announced by the Centre on October 24. He will hold the position for a six-month term, until May 13, 2025, bringing with him a legacy of landmark rulings. The oath was administered by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan.



Foot notes:

- **Background:** Justice Khanna comes from a distinguished family of judges. His father, Justice Dev Raj Khanna, was a former Delhi High Court judge, and his uncle, Justice HR Khanna, is famous for his dissent in the 1976 ADM Jabalpur case.
- **Legal Career:** Began as an advocate in 1983, rising through the Delhi High Court ranks before joining the Supreme Court in 2019.
- **Notable Positions:** Served as senior standing counsel for the Income Tax Department and as the standing counsel for NCT of Delhi before his judicial elevation.

- **Judicial Career:** Involved in key cases like the scrapping of electoral bonds, the abrogation of Article 370, and the use of EVMs.
- **Successor:** Succeeds Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, whose term ended on November 10, 2024.

7. Hindalco ranked world's most sustainable aluminium company

Hindalco achieved the top ranking in the 2024 S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment, earning an impressive score of 87 points. The company excelled in various ESG areas, including climate strategy, waste management, and employee development. It has notably reduced its specific greenhouse gas emissions by 19.54% and recycles 85% of its operational waste. Founded by the Aditya Birla Group in 1958 as Hindustan Aluminium Corporation Limited, Hindalco continues to lead in sustainability and corporate responsibility.



Foot notes:

- Hindalco maintained a governance score of 84%, outperforming its closest competitor by 12 percentage points.
- Demonstrating its ESG commitment, Hindalco invests in sustainability and targets net-zero emissions.
- Specific GHG emissions have been reduced by 19.54% from its FY 2011-12 baseline.
- In FY24, 85% of Hindalco's operational waste was recycled, with a zero-waste-to-landfill target by 2030; three units already certified.
- The company aims to source 30% of its energy from renewables by 2030.
- Hindalco led in the social category with an 89% score, 26 points above the next peer, investing 154 crore in FY24 community programs, benefiting over 2.5 million people.
- Hindalco achieved the 100th percentile in climate strategy, waste management, resource use, community engagement, and employee development, reinforcing its sustainability leadership.

About Hindalco:

CEO: Satish Pai

Founded: 1958

8. Tata Power, Noida International Airport partnered for renewable energy

Tata Power has indeed partnered with Noida International Airport for a major renewable energy integration project, which includes a substantial investment of 550 crore. Under this agreement, Tata Power will supply 10.8 MW of wind power and establish an onsite

13 MW solar power capacity, meeting the airport's energy requirements through sustainable sources. The company is also responsible for developing essential utilities and will provide operation and maintenance services for a period of 25 years, supporting the airport's long-term energy infrastructure and sustainability goals.



Foot notes:

- Tata Power Trading Company Ltd. (TPTCL) will supply 10.8 MW of wind power to Noida International Airport (NIA), supported by Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd. (TPREL), which will set up a 13 MW onsite solar unit.
- These renewable sources will cover a significant portion of NIA's energy needs, reflecting Tata Power's commitment to sustainable airport infrastructure.
- Tata Power will also develop essential electrical systems for the airport, providing operation and maintenance for 25 years, with an investment of ₹550 crore (approximately \$66 million).
- The investment will establish a reliable and smart energy network at NIA, supporting clean energy goals.
- The first phase of NIA, featuring one runway and terminal, will handle up to 12 million passengers annually, with a projected capacity of 70 million upon full completion.
- This partnership marks a new benchmark for sustainable infrastructure in India's aviation sector, with Tata Power at the forefront of eco-friendly airport development.

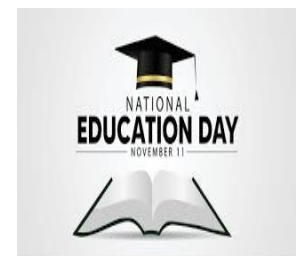
About Tata Power:

CEO: Praveer Sinha

Founded: 1911

9. National Education Day is celebrated on 11th November

National Education Day, celebrated annually on November 11 in honor of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first education minister, commemorates his contributions to advancing scientific knowledge and primary and secondary education in India. This day highlights the vital role of education in shaping the nation's future, encouraging creativity and innovation. Let's explore the significance and history of National Education Day and reflect on some inspiring quotes by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.



Foot notes:

- India observes National Education Day each year on November 11 to honor Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first education minister after independence.
- In 2024, National Education Day will be celebrated on Monday, November 11, focusing on the theme of inclusive, high-quality education.
- This theme emphasizes equipping individuals with skills and knowledge for a changing world, fostering critical thinking, creativity, and emotional intelligence.
- As the first education minister, Azad prioritized education for the rural poor and girls, promoted adult literacy, advocated free and compulsory education for children up to age 14, expanded primary education, and diversified secondary education with vocational training.

10. Veteran Tamil Actor Delhi Ganesh passed away at 80

Veteran Tamil actor Delhi Ganesh, known for his versatile performances in supporting roles over a distinguished four-decade career, passed away at the age of 80 on the night of November 9, 2024, due to health complications. In a heartfelt statement, his family shared, “We deeply regret to inform that our father, Mr. Delhi Ganesh, has passed away on November 9 around 11 PM.” His mortal remains are in Ramapuram, Chennai, with last rites planned for November 11. Delhi Ganesh's career spanned over 400 films, where he skillfully portrayed roles ranging from comedic to villainous and touching supporting characters.

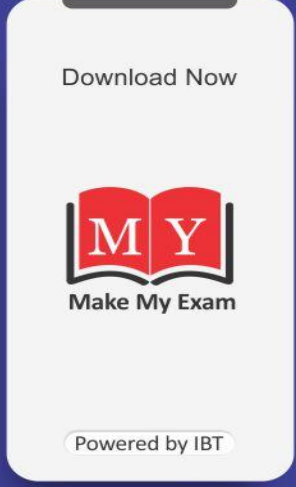


Foot notes:

- Delhi Ganesh began his film career in 1976 with Pattina Pravesam, directed by K. Balachander, who also gave him his stage name.
- He briefly played a lead role in Engamma Maharani (1981) but gained fame through his extensive work in supporting roles.
- Some of his notable films include Sindhu Bhairavi (1985), Nayakan (1987), Michael Madana Kama Rajan (1990), Aahaa..! (1997), and Thenali (2000), where he blended humor with depth.
- Ganesh earned the Tamil Nadu State Film Award Special Prize for Pasi (1979) and received the Kalaimamani award in 1994 from then-Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa.
- In later years, he appeared in television and short films, notably as Alfred Pennyworth in What If Batman Was from Chennai and in Dhuruvangal Pathinaaru (2016).
- He was an active member of the Delhi-based theater group Dakshina Bharata Nataka Sabha, where he honed his acting skills through live performances.

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