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WEEKLY — Current Affairs

NATIONAL NEWS

India Creates World Record With 64.2 Crore Voters Participating in LoK Sabha Polls

In this Lok Sabha polls, 31.2 crore women voters cast their votes which is also the highest ever in the world. India created a world record with 64.2 crore voters, including 31.2 crore women, participating in the Lok Sabha Election 2024. Chief Election commissioner Rajiv Kumar said that the number is 1.5 times of the voters of all G7 countries – US, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Canada. In this Lok Sabha polls, 31.2 crore women voters cast their votes which is also the highest ever in the world.

Key Points:

- Mr. Kumar highlighted a substantial reduction in repolls from 540 in the 2019 General Election to just 39 in the recent election.
- He stated that over 68,000 monitoring teams and 1.5 crore polling and security personnel participated in the electoral process.
- Chief Election Commissioner: Rajiv Kumar

NOTA Creates New Record in Madhya Pradesh, Crosses 1 Lakh Figure

In Madhya Pradesh, None of the Above, NOTA, has created a new record in Indore in the Lok Sabha election results. For the first time in the electoral history of the country, NOTA has received so many votes. According to the information so far, NOTA has received 1 lakh 55 thousand votes. At the same time, BJP candidate Shankar Lalwani from Indore is going to create a new record by winning by about 7 lakh votes. So far, the record of the highest NOTA in the country is in the name of Gopalganj in Bihar.

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India's Supreme Court Reconstitutes Gender Sensitisation Committee

The Supreme Court of India has reconstituted its **Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee**, in accordance with the Gender Sensitisation and **Sexual Harassment regulations of 2013**. The reconstitution, initiated by the **Chief Justice of India**, appoints **Justice Hima Kohli** as the Chairperson, alongside Justice BV Nagarathna as a Member and Dr. Sukhda Pritam as the Member Secretary.

Key Points:

- Justice Hima Kohli, who previously led the committee, remains the Chairperson.
- Her continuation ensures consistency in leadership for the Supreme Court Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee.

- Representatives from various legal bodies, such as the Supreme Court Bar Association, Supreme Court Advocate-on-Record Association, and Supreme Court Bar Clerks' Association, are part of the committee.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Netherlands Becomes India's Third Largest Export Destination In FY 24

According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) data, the Netherlands ranked third as an export destination in FY24, following the United States of America (USA) and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Key Points:

- In FY22, exports to the Netherlands were \$12.55 billion, and in FY21, they were \$6.5 billion.
- In FY22, the Netherlands ranked fifth among destinations for Indian exports, up from ninth in FY21.
- India's exports to the Netherlands were \$880 million in 2000-01, and they have been steadily growing since then.

About Netherlands:

Prime Minister– Mark Rutte

Capital – Amsterdam

Currency – Euro

India Participated at ITU's WSIS+20 Forum High-Level Event Held in Geneva

India participated in the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS +20) Forum High-Level Event 2024 held in Geneva, Switzerland from 27th to 31st May 2024. This marks the 20 years of progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the WSIS.

Key Points:

- India is now hosting the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2024 (WTSA-24) in New Delhi from October 15th to 24th.
- They launched the official website of the event, during the summit.
- WTSA is held every four years and sets the agenda for the ITU-T's future work.
- It's one of three conferences organized by the ITU, along with the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) and the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC).

About ITU:

Secretary-General– Doreen Bogdan-Martin

Headquarters– Geneva, Switzerland

Sri Lanka to get blue economy research fellowships from India BIMSTEC initiative

People from Sri Lanka will have chances to do their doctoral studies in India through a program introduced for **BIMSTEC** nations by the Indian High Commission in Colombo. The member countries are India, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand, Nepal, Sri Lanka.

Key Points:

- Through the BIMReN Split-Site Doctoral Fellowships, doctoral students from BIMSTEC member countries receive a research grant of up to **1 million Indian rupees**.
- They also have the chance to conduct studies at Indian research laboratories for a period ranging from **6 to 12 months**.

About Sri Lanka:

Capitals: Colombo

President: Ranil Wickremesinghe

Prime minister: Dinesh Gunawardena

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WHO Organised “Walk the Talk” Yoga Session Event in Geneva

The WHO arranged a "Walk the Talk" yoga session at the Place des Nations (Palace of Nations) in Geneva, Switzerland, in anticipation of International Yoga Day 2024 (21st June 2024). Union Health Secretary **Apurva Chandra** and WHO Director-General **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus** took part in the event.

Key Points:

- Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra, along with Director General of WHO Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and other senior officers from India's delegation, participated in the event.
- They refreshed themselves by practicing yoga asanas.
- Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra, along with Director-General of WHO Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and other senior officers from the Indian delegation, actively participated in the event.

- They revitalized themselves by engaging in yoga asanas, enhancing their energy levels for the occasion.

Krishn Kanhai's 'The Golden Krishna' Exhibition Opens In Dubai

Renowned Indian artist Krishn Kanhai unveiled his latest collection, "**The Golden Krishna**," in a grand opening ceremony on **May 31st**. The exhibition showcases Kanhai's exquisite new works centered around **Lord Krishna**.

Key Points:

- The exhibition's highlight is a stunning life-sized, three-dimensional painting of **Tirupati Balaji**.
- It's intricately made with **24-karat gold**.
- The painting is really big, it's 5 feet wide and 8 feet tall.
- This masterpiece showcases Kanhai's distinctive style, admired by art enthusiasts worldwide.

Ruchira Kamboj, India's first woman Permanent Representative to UN, retires

- Ruchira Kamboj, India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, announced her retirement on Saturday, marking the end of a career that spanned over 35 years. Kamboj, who joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1987, was the first woman to hold the prestigious position of India's Ambassador to the UN.
- On social media, Kamboj, aged 60, shared her farewell message: "Thank you, Bharat, for extraordinary years and unforgettable experiences," posted on her X handle.

STATE NEWS

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik Resigns Following Defeat Of his Pary in Assembly Elections

After losing both the State Assembly and Parliamentary elections, Odisha Chief Minister and BJD chief **Naveen Patnaik** ended his **24-year term** by resigning. He submitted his resignation to Governor Raghubar Das at the **Raj Bhavan in Bhubaneswar**.

Key Points:

- Naveen Patnaik entered state politics unexpectedly through the BJD, a party named after his father, former Odisha **CM Biju Patnaik**.
- His political journey commenced with a win in the **1998 Lok Sabha bypoll**, where he represented his father's constituency of Aska.

- Following the BJD's triumph in the **2000 Assembly elections** and its coalition with the BJP, gaining a majority, Patnaik stepped down from his union cabinet position to assume the role of CM.

About Odisha:

Capital: Bhubaneswar

Governor: Raghubar Das

RANKING & INDEX NEWS

IUCN reports: climate change is the primary factor causing over 50% of the world's mangroves to be at risk of collapse

According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s Red List of Mangrove Ecosystems, over 50% of the world's mangrove ecosystems are at risk of collapse, with nearly 1 in 5 faces severe risk. As per the study, climate change poses serious threats to 33% (1/3rd) of the mangrove ecosystems across the world.

Key Points:

- The IUCN Red List of Ecosystems (RLE) conducted its first global mangrove assessment.
- It's the first time an entire ecosystem group has been assessed worldwide using the RLE.
- Mangrove ecosystems were categorized into 36 regions, called provinces, to evaluate threats and risks.
- Over 250 experts from 44 countries participated in the study led by IUCN.

About IUCN:

Director-General -Dr. Grethel Aguilar

Headquarters- Gland, Switzerland

Establishment- 1948

Indian Universities Climb in QS 2025 Global Ranking

The most recent QS World University scores for **2025** show that Indian universities have made big strides forward. **61%** of those universities saw their scores go up. For the 13th year in a row, the **Massachusetts School of Technology (MIT)** has been ranked as the best school in the world.

Key Points:

- The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B) has climbed to **118th** place globally, marking a significant jump of **31 spots** from its previous ranking.
- Following closely behind are **IIT Delhi** and the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, securing the second and third positions in India.

- **IIT Delhi** ascended by **47 spots**, while **IIT Madras** made a remarkable leap of **58 spots**, indicating substantial progress.
- Despite these advancements, **IIT Indore** experienced a decline, slipping down by 23 places in the rankings.

About Quacquarelli Symonds:

Founded :1990

Founder:Nunzio Quacquarelli

BANKING & FINANCE NEWS

Peru became the first South American country to adopt UPI

NPCI International and the Reserve Bank of Peru have joined forces to introduce a UPI-like real-time payments system in Peru, marking a pioneering move for South America. This collaboration aims to revolutionize Peru's financial landscape, fostering economic growth and financial inclusion by leveraging India's renowned Unified Payment Interface technology.

Key Points:

- NPCI International and the Central Reserve Bank of Peru (BCRP) have teamed up to introduce a real-time payment system in Peru, similar to India's UPI.
- This partnership marks Peru as the first South American country to adopt UPI technology.
- The collaboration aims to improve efficiency and accessibility in Peru's payment system.

About Peru:

Capital: Lima

Currency: Sol

President : Dina Boluarte

Ashok Leyland rolls out 'Sarathi Suraksha' policy

Ashok Leyland, the Indian flagship of the Hinduja Group and one of the country's leading commercial manufacturers, launched '**Sarathi Suraksha Policy**' a comprehensive insurance policy for **safeguarding the driver community**.

Key Points:

- The "Sarathi Suraksha Policy" provides coverage for **accidental death**, **permanent disability**, and **partial disability** up to **INR 10 lakh** per chassis.
- Additionally, the policy includes benefits such as **children's special education bonuses** and coverage for unintentional hospitalization.

- Starting from June 1, 2024, all Intermediate Commercial vehicles (ICV) and haulage trucks invoiced to clients are automatically covered by this insurance policy without any extra charges.
- Ashoka Leyland vehicle drivers are safeguarded by the **Sarathi Suraksha Policy**, classified as an **Unnamed GPA** (Group Personal Accident) Policy, ensuring their overall safety.

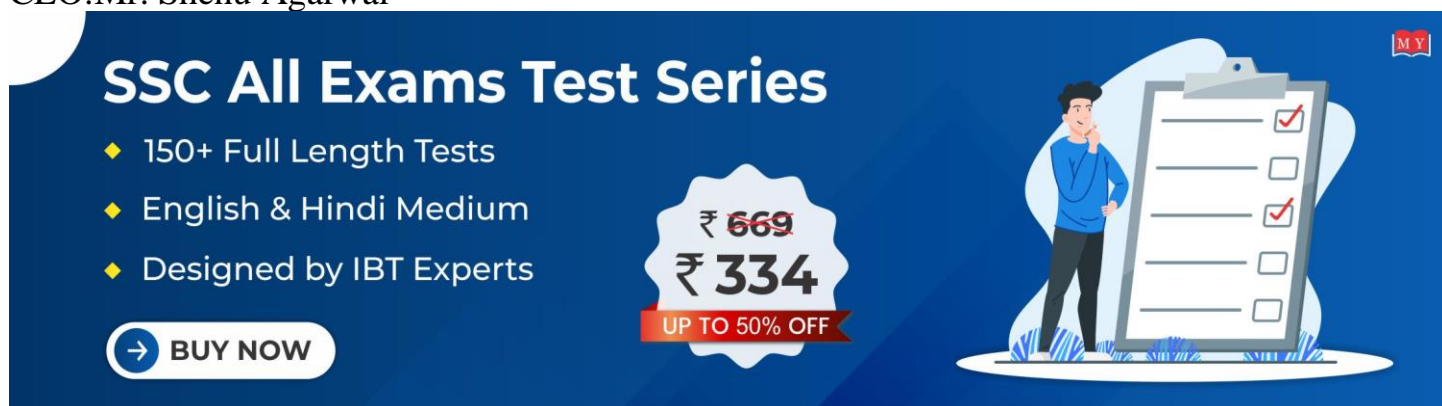
About Ashok Leyland:

Founder: Raghunandan Saran

Founded: 7 September 1948

Headquarters: Chennai

CEO: Mr. Shenu Agarwal



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SEBI introduced a new mobile app called "Saathi 2.0" to help investors manage their personal finances

The Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) launched “Saathi” (SAARTHI) 2.0” mobile application on personal finance for investors. The app introduced a **user-friendly interface** with comprehensive tools which aims to **simplify complex financial concepts**.

Key Points:

- The app includes financial calculators, and has modules that explain Know Your Customer (KYC) procedures, mutual funds, Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs).
- By using this app, investors can buy and sell shares on **stock exchanges**.
- It has investor **grievances redressal mechanism** and **Online Dispute Resolution (ODR)** platform.
- It also features **various videos** which are designed specifically to **help** the investors in their **personal financing**.

About SEBI:

Founded: 1988

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founder: Government of India

RBI Moves 100 Tonnes of Gold From UK To its Vaults in India

Reserve Bank of India has moved a little over 100 tonnes of gold from the UK to its vaults in the country, marking the first time at least since early 1991, when precious metal at this scale has been added to the stock held locally.

- India's total gold reserves increased by 27.46 metric tonnes in FY24.
- During the 2009 global financial crisis, it acquired 200 tonnes of gold from the IMF.
- In the first quarter of 2024, the RBI purchased 19 tonnes of gold, exceeding its 2023 acquisition of 16 tonnes, as reported by the WGC.
- Governor of RBI Shaktikanta Das , Founded: 1935

RBI Imposed Immediate Restrictions on Edelweiss Group's EARCL and ECL Finance

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has put limits on Edelweiss Group companies, including Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (EARCL) and ECL Finance Company Limited (ECL). They did this using their authority granted by the SARFAESI Act, 2002, and the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, due to important issues they observed while supervising these companies.

Key Points:

- RBI observed incorrect valuation of SRs in both ECL and EARCL.
- The RBI discovered additional violations by EARCL.
- These violations include failure to present the supervisory letter issued by RBI during the previous inspection (2021-2022) to the company's board.
- There was also non-compliance with regulations concerning loan settlements.
- Furthermore, EARCL was found to have shared non-public information about its clients with group entities.

AGREEMENT & MOU's NEWS

MoHFW Signed MoU with MoD To Set Up Dedicated Tele MANAS Cell For Armed Forces

The Health Ministry and Defence Ministry agreed to work together on a special Tele-Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele-MANAS) Cell. Tele MANAS Cell, the National Telemental Health Helpline of MoHFW, is a pilot project for a period of two years at the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) in Pune (Maharashtra).

Key Points:

- Tele MANAS is like an online version of the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP). It provides all-day, every-day mental health services through the internet or phone.
- They've set up a free phone number, 14416, in every State and Union Territory to make it easy for people to get mental health support.

- Right now, there are 51 Tele MANAS centers working in all 36 States and Union Territories. They offer services in 20 different languages.
- Since starting in October 2022, Tele MANAS has gotten over 1 million calls and handles over 3,500 calls every day.
- The data shows that there's a big need for mental health services. This highlights how important it is to deal with mental health issues thoroughly and inclusively, especially in places like the Armed Forces.

The Department of School Education partnered with the National Book Trust to introduce Rashtriya E-Pustakalaya

The Ministry of Education's Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSE&L), under the Government of India (GoI), has entered into an MoU with the National Book Trust (NBT) to establish a framework for **Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya**, a digital library platform.

Key Points:

- Rashtriya E-Pustakalaya aims to bridge accessibility gaps, **offering 10,000+ books in 100+ languages within 2-3 years.**
- The portal, beyond English, provides access to 1,000+ non-academic books in 22+ languages from 40+ publishers, with over 1,000 books currently available.
- Books are categorized for ages **3-8, 8-11, 11-14, and 14-18 as per NEP 2020.**
- The Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya app will be downloadable on Android and iOS devices.
- It covers various genres including adventure, **mystery, literature, non-fiction, history, comics, and more.**
- Aligned with Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, emphasizing inclusivity and cultural unity.
- Provides 24/7 book access, overcoming geographical limitations.

Reliance Foundation and INCOIS partnered to empower coastal communities through an MoU

The Reliance Foundation and INCOIS, located in Hyderabad, Telangana, which is part of the Ministry of Earth Sciences under the Government of India, signed an agreement to support people living in coastal regions.

Key Points:

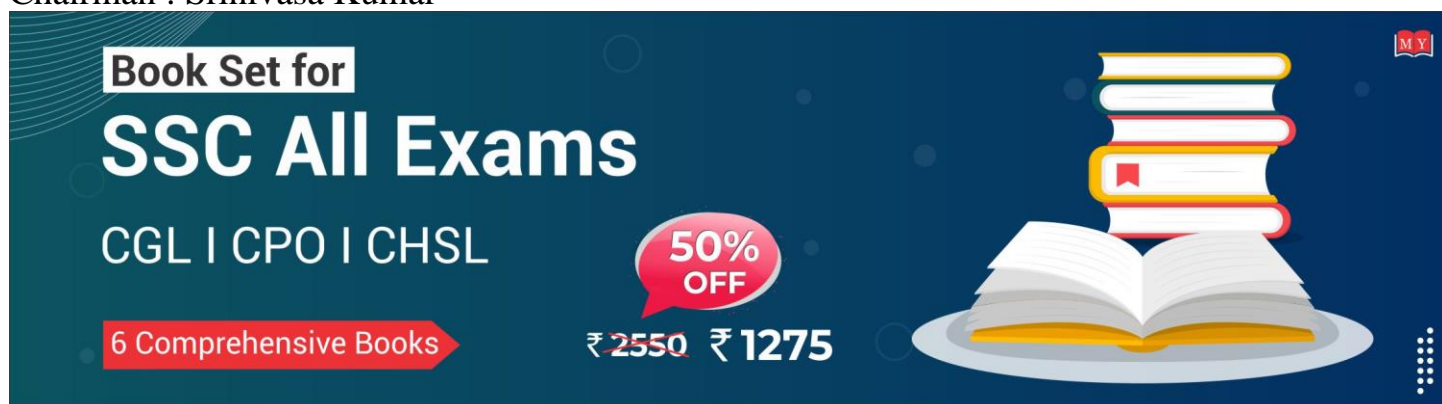
- Reliance Foundation and INCOIS will use ocean data to improve preparedness for climate challenges and disasters.
- Reliance Foundation aims to assist around 25% of active marine fishing families across eight states in India.

- Reliance Foundation helps women access resources and schemes to boost earnings from fishing and related activities.
- They promote sustainable practices in the ocean economy by linking vulnerability maps with resilience efforts.
- They implement the 'Tsunami Ready Villages' program to safeguard coastal communities from tsunamis.

About INCOIS :

Founded : 1999

Chairman : Srinivasa Kumar



WMO & FAO Signed MoU to strengthen their collaboration & improve climate services in agriculture

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) agreed to work together more closely. They want to make weather and climate information better for farmers. Their goal is to help farmers deal with changes in weather and become more resilient to climate challenges.

Key Points:

- WMO is specialized agency of the United Nations (UN) for meteorology (weather and climate), operational hydrology and related geophysical sciences.
- It was established in 1950 and became a specialized agency of the UN in 1951.
- WMO's Secretary General– Celeste Saulo and Headquarters– Geneva
- FAO's Director-General– Qu Dongyu and Headquarters– Rome, Italy

SCIENCE & TECH NEWS

ISRO develops PraVaHa software for aerodynamic design and analysis

ISRO, through its Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), has introduced the PraVaHa software, a Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) tool aimed at facilitating aerodynamic design and analysis for aerospace vehicles.

Key Points:

- PraVaHa stands for "Parallel RANS Solver for Aerospace Vehicle Aero-thermo-dynamic Analysis."
- It is designed to simulate both external and internal flows on different types of vehicles, such as launch vehicles, winged, and non-winged re-entry vehicles.
- PraVaHa is specifically tailored for aerospace applications, offering detailed analysis capabilities for aerodynamic and thermodynamic aspects.
- PraVaHa utilizes advancements in CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics) technology to provide precise predictions for intricate aerodynamic flows.
- It enables faster simulation turnaround times, especially on High-Performance Computing Clusters.
- The software's adaptability extends to both CPU and GPU architectures, ensuring compatibility with current and future supercomputing facilities.

About ISRO:

Headquarters: Bengaluru

Founded: 15 August 1969

Founder: Vikram Sarabhai

DEFENCE NEWS

IAF Participates in 'Red Flag 24-2' Exercise in Alaska, USA

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has landed its most advanced fighter aircraft, Rafale, at the Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, United States of America (USA), to participate in the multinational Red Flag 24-2 exercise.

Key Points:

- The IAF will enhance its skills by training alongside top combat aircraft and weapon systems.
- This marks the first training opportunity for the IAF Rafale with the F-35 stealth fighters.
- The Red Flag exercise is a multinational exercise designed to replicate a realistic and challenging environment.
- It brings together aircrew and equipment from different nations and different services.
- There are two distinct Red Flag exercise locations at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada and in Alaska.

- The exercise in Nevada is organised by the United States Air Force Warfare Center (USAFWC).

About Indian Air Force :

Chief of Air staff – Vivek Ram Chaudhari

Headquarters –Delhi

Founded – 1932

Helen Mary, 1st woman brigadier in Pakistan from minority community

Dr. Helen Mary Roberts, a Christian lady, became the first woman to be promoted to the rank of one-star officer in Pakistan's 77-year military history. Her ascension coincides with increased attention being paid to atrocities against minorities in the nation with a majority of Muslims, particularly against Christians. In a historic move, the Pakistani Army elevated Dr. Helen Mary Roberts, a Christian woman, to the esteemed rank of Brigadier in the nation with a majority of Muslims.

Key Points:

- Data from the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics in 2021 indicates that 96.47% of the population are Muslims.
- Hindus make up 2.14% of the population, while Christians represent 1.27%.
- Ahmadi Muslims account for 0.09%, with the remaining 0.02% categorized as "others."
- Dr. Helen Mar Roberts holds the position of senior pathologist in the Pakistan Army Medical Corps, with the rank of Brigadier.
- With 26 years of service in the Army, she has demonstrated dedication and commitment.
- The Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), representing the Pakistan Armed Forces, highlighted Dr. Roberts as a prime example of merit and national representation within the Army.

About Pakistan:

Capital : Islamabad

President : Asif Ali Zardari

Indian Air Force and Navy Participate in Mega Multinational War Games

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has deployed its formidable Rafale fighter jets for the two-week multinational air exercise Red Flag, which commenced on May 30 in Alaska. The IAF contingent, supported by IL-78 air-to-air refuelers and C-17 transport aircraft, arrived at the Eielson Air Force Base in the United States for the advanced aerial combat training exercise.

Key Points:

- The Indian Navy is deploying the indigenous stealth frigate INS Shivalik for the biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise.

- RIMPAC 24 is scheduled to be held in Hawaii from June 25 to August 2.
- The deployment aims to enhance interoperability with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, the U.S. Navy, and other participating partner navies.
- INS Shivalik's participation underscores India's commitment to maritime security and cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

SPORTS NEWS

Rohit Sharma become the first cricketer in the world to hit 600 sixes in international matches

The Indian cricket team, led by captain Rohit Sharma, kicked off their campaign at the 9th ICC T20 World Cup with a resounding 8-wicket victory over Ireland. The match, played at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium in New York, USA, saw Jasprit Bumrah's magnificent bowling performance of 2 for 6 runs earn him the 'Man of the Match' award.

Key Points:

- Rohit Sharma became the second player globally and the first Indian to hit 100 sixes in ICC's T20 and ODI tournaments, following Chris Gayle's 127 sixes.
- He's the third player, alongside Virat Kohli and Babar Azam, to score over 4000 runs in T20I cricket.
- Rohit Sharma also joined the exclusive club of Virat Kohli and Mahela Jayawardene by scoring 1000 runs in the T20 World Cup, totaling 1015 runs in 40 matches.

Kedar Jadhav has declared that he is retiring from all types of cricket

The 39-year-old dashing batsman, the only World Cupper from Pune, chose the social media for the announcement after leading his Kolhapur team to 54-run loss in the Maharashtra Premier League opener against Ratnagiri at Gahunje.

Key Points:

- He is **captained the Kolhapur Tuskers** in the Maharashtra Premier League, which got underway in Pune on **June 2 2024**.
- Jadhav also represented India in the **2019 World Cup**.
- His last One Day International (ODI) match for India was against **New Zealand** in Auckland on **February 8, 2020**.

R Praggnanandhaa Beats World No 2 Fabiano Caruana: Enter Top 10 World Ranking

Indian teenage chess sensation R Praggnanandhaa continued with his dominating ways in the ongoing Norway Chess competition as he defeated the world number two player Fabiano Caruana in round five in a classical chess game on Saturday night.

Key Points:

- Pragganandhaa's rise to the top ten reflects his growing prominence and talent in the world of chess.
- He achieved this by defeating Fabiano Caruana, the world number two player, in a classical chess game.
- This was Pragganandhaa's first time beating both world number one Magnus Carlsen of Norway and world number two Caruana in classical chess.

India's D.P Manu Clinches Gold in Javelin Throw at Taiwan Athletics Open

- India's DP Manu claimed the gold medal in the men's javelin throw event at the Taiwan Open 2024 in Taipei with a throw of 81.58m on Saturday. The Asian Athletics Championship silver medallist achieved his best throw in his final attempt. The Taiwan Open is a World Athletics Continental Tour bronze-level meet, offering crucial ranking points.
- Manu's throws at the Taiwan Open progressed steadily, starting with a 78.32m effort and a 76.80m throw in his second attempt. He then improved with throws of 80.59m and 81.52m in his third and fifth attempts, respectively.



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Nayana James Clinches Gold Medal in Women's Long Jump at Taiwan Athletics Open

Nayana defeated Sumire Hata from Japan, the current Asian champion, to win the gold medal. Hata earned the silver with a jump of 6.37m, while Yu Jeongmi from the Republic of Korea took bronze with 6.14m.

Key Points:

- Nayana has achieved her fourth podium finish of the season.
- Previously, she claimed victory in the Indian Open Jumps Competition in March, recording a personal best of 6.67m.
- She also won the Federation Cup last month.
- In April, Nayana secured the silver medal at the Indian Grand Prix-1 in Bengaluru.

AWARDS NEWS

Sanya Malhotra has won the Best Actress award at the New York Indian Film Festival 2024

At the prestigious New York Indian Film Festival 2024, Sanya Malhotra has etched her name in glory by winning the Best Actress award for her captivating performance in the film "Mrs." This triumph marks a significant milestone in Malhotra's burgeoning career and underscores her exceptional talent as an actress.

Key Points:

- "Mrs" is a thought-provoking adaptation of the Malayalam movie "The Great Indian Kitchen," exploring societal pressures and marital expectations.
- Malhotra's portrayal of a woman facing the challenges of marriage while seeking her own identity has been praised by both audiences and critics.
- The film addresses the issue of societal conformity, and Malhotra's nuanced performance has struck a chord, depicting a woman's journey to find her voice and identity amid traditional norms.

APPOINTMENT & PERSON IN NEWS

Sheikh Sabah Al Khalid Al Sabah has become the Crown Prince of Kuwait

Sheikh Meshal recently dissolved parliament for as many as four years amid the widespread political dysfunction that's gripped Kuwait. Kuwait Emir named the small nation's new crown prince, nearly six months after he took the throne. Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al Sabah will become next in line to the throne.

Key Points:

- Sabah replaced Mohammad Al Sabah as the foreign minister.
- He also served as the minister of state for cabinet affairs after a reorganization on December 14, 2011, until Mohammad Abdullah Al Mubarak Al Sabah took over.
- Sabah became the first deputy prime minister on August 4, 2013.
- Following the resignation of Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Sabah became Kuwait's eighth prime minister on November 19, 2019.
- He resigned from the government on April 5, 2022, which was accepted by the emir on May 10, 2022.

About Kuwait:

Capital: Kuwait City

Currency: Kuwaiti Dinar

Rakesh Mohan Joshi has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor of IIFT

Rakesh Mohan Joshi, an international trade and management expert, has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), a prestigious business school under the Ministry of Commerce.

Key Points:

- Joshi assumed the position of Vice-Chancellor at IIFT, a prestigious institution focused on international trade and management education.
- Before becoming Vice-Chancellor, he worked as the Dean at IIFT and served as the Director at the Indian Institute of Plantation Management in Bengaluru.
- IIFT officially announced Joshi's appointment as Vice-Chancellor, expressing pride in his new role.

About IIFT :

Chairman: Ratnadeep Lal

Founded:2002

PV Sindhu Appointed Brand Ambassador For Tobacco Control

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, organized an event to observe World No Tobacco Day 2024. This year's theme, "**Protecting Children from Tobacco Industry Interference,**" highlights the urgent need to shield youth from the detrimental influences of tobacco consumption. During the event, the Union Health Secretary, **Shri Apurva Chandra**, addressed the gathering through a video message, focusing on the devastating **impact of tobacco use**.

Key Points:

- Shri Apurva Chandra highlighted the Government's proactive approach in implementing measures at multiple levels—**local, national, regional, and global**—to reduce tobacco prevalence and exposure to tobacco smoke, promoting healthier communities.
- He revealed the primary focus areas for tobacco control initiatives in 2024, which consist of enforcing India's National Tobacco Control Law – **COTPA 2003 rigorously**.
- The initiatives aim to intensify public awareness campaigns, **enhance the number of tobacco-free educational institutions**, and establish tobacco-free villages across the country.

Claudia Sheinbaum Elected as First Woman President Of Mexico

Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo has been elected as the first woman president of Mexico after what was a historic landslide win on Sunday. Ms Claudia, who will take office on October 1, will replace her mentor, outgoing President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador.

Key Points:

- During her victory speech, Ms. Claudia expressed gratitude to the Mexicans who supported her and assured them she wouldn't disappoint.

- She specifically thanked millions of Mexican women and men who voted for her on the historic day.
- Ms. Claudia's statement, as quoted by AFP, emphasized her commitment to not letting down those who placed their trust in her.

About Mexico:

Capital: Mexico City

President: Andrés Manuel López Obrador

IMPORTANT DAYS NEWS

Russian Language day observed on 6th June

UN Russian Language Day is observed annually on **June 6th** and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2010. This day is dedicated to promoting the study and appreciation of the Russian language. It coincides with the birthday of **Aleksandr Pushkin**, one of the most prominent Russian writers and creators.

Key Points:

- The birthday of **Aleksandr Pushkin**, regarded as the father of contemporary Russian literature, is commemorated on February **6th, 1799**.
- Pushkin's literary journey began at a young age, with his first poem being published when he was just **15 years old**.
- Russian, a Slavic language, ranks as the eighth most spoken language globally and is known for its **fascinating characteristics**.
- It is considered one of the most accessible languages to learn, offering an opportunity to explore its extensive history and delve into the works of celebrated Russian writers.

World Environment day observed on 5th June

Every year on June 5th, World Environment Day raises public awareness about various concerns such as increasing deforestation, which contributes to global warming. In 1972, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) passed a resolution, designating June 5th as World Environment Day during the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment.

Key Points:

- The inaugural World Environment Day took place in 1973 under the theme "Only One Earth."
- Since its inception, World Environment Day has been observed every year on June 5th.

- Each year, a different host country and theme are selected for World Environment Day celebrations.
- Organised by: United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
- Theme: “**Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience**”

OBITUARY NEWS

Keladi dynasty expert Gunda Jois passes away in Karnataka

Gunda Jois, a scholar in the history of the Keladi dynasty, passed away at his son's residence at Alalekoppa in Sagar, Shivamogga district of Karnataka, on June 2 evening. He was 94. He is survived by his son and two daughters.

Key Points:

- Jois established a museum at Keladi in 1960, which has proven instrumental in facilitating research on the dynasty for numerous students.
- In 2005, Kuvempu University assumed control of the museum.
- The museum features a diverse array of exhibits including manuscripts, sculptures, paintings, historical documents, and artifacts, all open for public viewing.

About Karnataka:

Capital: Bengaluru

Chief Minister: Siddaramaiah

Governor: Thawar Chand Gehlot

Maguni Kuanr, a famous puppeteer who received the Padma Shri award, has passed away

Maguni Charan Kuanr, a famous puppeteer who was honored with the Padma Shri award, has passed away at the age of 88 in Keonjhar, Odisha. He was born in 1937 in the same place. Maguni Kuanr received the Padma Shri award in 2023 from Droupadi Murmu, the President of India. He was recognized for his lifelong dedication to the art world, specifically for preserving the ancient art of rod puppetry and popularizing traditional rod puppet dances.

Key Points:

- Maguni Charan Kuanr was inspired by his father, Baishnab Charan Kuanr, to pursue puppetry.
- He helped bring recognition to Kandhei Nach (rod puppetry) outside of Odisha.
- Maguni Charan Kuanr not only created his own puppets but also designed costumes and narrated the plays performed.
- He founded a group of puppeteers called Utkal Vishwakarma Kalakunja Kandhei Nach, which was based in Keonjhar, Odisha.

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