

Weekly Current Affairs-27th May To 1st June 2024**National News****Jyoti Ratre Becomes India's Oldest Woman to Conquer Mount Everest**

Jyoti Ratre, an entrepreneur and fitness enthusiast from Madhya Pradesh, has etched her name in history by becoming the oldest Indian woman to conquer Mount Everest. Ratre's triumphant ascent to the summit of the world's highest peak comes precisely six years after Sangeeta Bahl, at the age of 53, earned the title of 'India's oldest woman to climb Mount Everest' on May 19, 2018.

India Successfully Tests Anti-Radiation Missile 'Rudram-II'

India has achieved a significant milestone with the successful flight test of the indigenously developed anti-radiation missile Rudram-II. Fired from a Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft off the coast of Odisha, this missile is poised to become a vital asset for the Indian Armed Forces, serving as a force multiplier in suppression of enemy air defenses (SEAD) missions.

Government Raises Retirement & Death Gratuity Limits To Rs 25 Lakh

The Indian government has raised the maximum limit of retirement gratuity and death gratuity from Rs 20 lakh to Rs 25 lakh, effective from January 1, 2024. This revision, issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, aims to enhance benefits for Central government employees.

International News**World Bank Report: 'Water For Shared Prosperity'**

The World Bank's report, 'Water For Shared Prosperity,' unveiled at the 10th World Water Forum, delineates the critical role of water in fostering equitable societies amidst global water access disparities exacerbated by population growth, urbanization, and climate change. It highlights the urgency of comprehensive strategies to ensure inclusive water security worldwide.

India's Trade Deficit With Top Partners In 2023-24

India faced a trade deficit with nine out of its top ten trading partners in the fiscal year 2023-24, according to official data. Notably, China emerged as India's largest trading partner, surpassing the United States, with bilateral commerce totaling \$118.4 billion.

Government Receives Rs 3,662 Crore Dividend From LIC

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Nepalese Climber Purnima Shrestha Conquers Mount Everest Thrice in a Single Season

Nepalese climber Purnima Shrestha has achieved the extraordinary accomplishment of climbing Mount Everest three times during the current season. Shrestha, who works as a photojournalist, successfully summited the world's highest peak on May 12, May 19, and May 25.

Saudi Arabia Names Faisal Bin Saud Al-Mejfel As Ambassador To Syria

Saudi Arabia's appointment of Faisal bin Saud Al-Mejfel as its ambassador to Syria signifies a significant shift in bilateral relations, marking the first such appointment in over a decade. This move comes amidst a period of thawing relations between the two nations following years of estrangement sparked by the Syrian civil war.

South African Regulator Fines SBI's South Africa Branch

The Prudential Authority of the South African Reserve Bank has imposed a financial penalty of 10 million rand (₹4.5 crore) on the State Bank of India's South Africa branch for non-compliance with certain provisions of the country's Financial Intelligence Centre Act 38 of 2001 (FIC Act). The penalty comprises an immediately payable portion of 5.50 million rand, already paid, and a suspended amount of 4.50 million rand, contingent on compliance within 36 months.

Ghana Partners With Reliance Jio Arm And Others For Telecom Infrastructure

Ghana's Next-Gen Infrastructure Company (NGIC) collaborates with Reliance Jio's subsidiary, Tech Mahindra, and Nokia to bolster its 4G and 5G capabilities. With a focus on emulating India's telecom success, Ghana aims to enhance connectivity and digital services across various sectors.

Massive Landslide in Papua New Guinea Buries Entire Village

A devastating landslide in the remote village of Yambali in the Enga Province of Papua New Guinea has buried an entire village, resulting in a catastrophic loss of life. According to the United Nations agency International Organization for Migration (IOM), more than 670 people have died, and over 2000 are feared trapped under the soil. The death toll is likely to rise as rescue efforts are hampered by the region's inaccessibility and remoteness.

European Banks Seek RBI Approval for Third-Party Transaction Model

European Union banks, including Credit Agricole, Societe Generale, Deutsche Bank, and BNP Paribas, are facing hurdles in trading Indian government bonds and derivatives due to a deadlock between their home authorities and Indian policymakers regarding audit oversight rights. The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) de-recognized the Clearing Corp of India (CCIL) in October 2022, prompting the need for alternative clearing mechanisms.

India Assumes Chair of Colombo Process for 2024-26

India has taken on the chairmanship of the Colombo Process for the first time since the forum's establishment in 2003. The Colombo Process is a regional consultative forum consisting of 12 member states from South and Southeast Asia focused on the management of overseas employment and the protection of migrant workers. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal announced on 'X' that India will chair the Colombo Process for the 2024-26 term.

Russia To Remove Taliban From Terrorist List

Russia is set to remove the Taliban from its list of banned terrorist organizations, three years after the group regained power in Afghanistan. This move, reported by state-run RIA Novosti news agency, comes after years of Russia fostering relations with the Taliban, including holding multiple rounds of talks and boosting trade despite international sanctions.

Sweden Boosts Ukraine's Defenses With Advanced Radar Planes

In a significant move to fortify Ukraine's defense capabilities against Russia, Sweden has announced the donation of two Saab Airborne Surveillance and Control (ASC) 890 aircraft. These radar surveillance planes will play a crucial role in enhancing Ukraine's long-range target identification capabilities and supporting the integration of F-16 fighter jets provided by other Western nations.

State News**Uttar Pradesh Leads Transmission Line Additions in 2023-24**

According to the Central Electricity Authority's latest data, Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the top state in terms of adding transmission lines by state transmission companies in 2023-24. This achievement follows its leading position in the previous fiscal year, 2022-23.

Jaisalmer's Desert Park Sanctuary for the Majestic Great Indian Bustard

In a heartening development, the annual waterhole census conducted in the National Desert Park, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, has revealed a significant presence of the critically endangered Great Indian Bustard. The survey, which employs the waterhole technique during the scorching summer months, counted a staggering 64 Great Indian Bustards within the park's boundaries. This marks a notable increase from the previous year's census in 2022, which recorded 42 birds using the same waterhole technique.

Goa Statehood Day 2024, Celebrating the Birth of a State

Goa Statehood Day is celebrated annually on May 30 to commemorate the day when Goa attained statehood in 1987. This occasion marks the recognition of Goa as a separate state within the Indian union, distinct from the Union Territory it was previously part of.

Kerala Introduces Artificial Intelligence Learning in School Textbooks

In a pioneering move, the state of Kerala has introduced Artificial Intelligence (AI) learning in the Information & Communication Technology (ICT) textbook for Class 7 students. This initiative aims to familiarize over 4 lakh students with AI in the upcoming academic year, marking a significant step towards enhancing technological education in the state.

Economy News**Indian Economy Grew 7.4% in Q4 FY24; 8% in FY24: SBI Research Report**

The Indian economy showcased robust growth, with a GDP increase of 7.4% in Q4 FY24 and an overall 8% growth for the fiscal year FY24, according to an SBI Research report. This announcement comes ahead of the official GDP figures release by the Centre on May 31 for Q4 FY24 and the provisional estimates for FY24. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) estimated Q4 FY24 real GDP growth at 7.3%, with expectations for Q1 FY25 at 7.5%, and full-year FY25 growth projected at 7.0%. Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran also indicated a high possibility of India's economic growth touching 8% in FY24.

India's FY24 Fiscal Deficit Improves To 5.63% Of GDP

India's fiscal deficit for FY24 improved to 5.6% of GDP, better than the previous estimate of 5.8%, due to higher revenue realization and lower expenditure. In actual terms, the fiscal deficit was ₹16.53 lakh crore, or 5.63% of the GDP, which grew by 8.2% in 2023-24.

India's Core Sector Growth Rises 6.2% In April

In April, India's core sector, comprising coal, steel, cement, fertilizers, electricity, natural gas, refinery products, and crude oil, witnessed a notable 6.2% growth, reflecting positive momentum in key industries. This growth, driven by robust performances in sectors such as steel, electricity, and natural gas, contrasts with the 4.6% growth recorded in April 2023. However, it's essential to note that March's growth figures were revised upward to 6%, indicating a stronger trajectory than previously estimated.

Business News**Maldives Plans Launch of RuPay to Enhance Bilateral Ties with India**

In a move that reflects the strengthening ties between India and the Maldives, the island nation has announced its intention to launch India's RuPay service. This decision underscores the growing economic and financial cooperation between the two countries. While the specific launch date for the RuPay service has not yet been disclosed, the upcoming integration holds promise for enhanced financial inclusivity and cost-saving measures.

RBI Imposes Rs 3.1 Lakh Penalty on Hero FinCorp for Fair Practices Code Violation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 3.1 lakh on Hero FinCorp Limited due to non-compliance with certain provisions of the fair practices code. This penalty is based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and does not affect the validity of any transactions or agreements the company has with its customers.

Smartphones Become India's Fourth Largest Export Item with 42% Growth

Smartphones have become a major export success story for India, now ranking as the fourth-largest export item with a 42% growth, reaching \$15.6 billion in FY24. This marks an improvement by one notch in the ranking from the preceding year. Data collection for smartphones as a separate category began in April 2022, highlighting the sector's rapid growth.

Microsoft Unveils AI-Enhanced 'Copilot+' PCs with Unique 'Recall' Functionality

Microsoft has introduced a new category of personal computers, 'Copilot+ PCs,' featuring advanced AI capabilities to compete with Alphabet and Apple. These devices, developed in collaboration with Acer and ASUSTeK Computer, aim to perform AI tasks locally without relying on cloud data centers. The launch event took place at Microsoft's Redmond, Washington campus on May 20, with sales starting on June 18 at a base price of \$1,000.

GAIL (India) Ltd. Commissions India's First Green Hydrogen Plant

GAIL (India) Ltd., the nation's leading natural gas transmission and distribution company, has achieved a significant milestone with the commissioning of its first green hydrogen plant. Located in Vijapur, Madhya Pradesh, this plant marks GAIL's foray into the realm of new and alternative energy sources.

Reliance Industries to Begin Construction on India's First Multimodal Logistics Park Near Chennai

Reliance Industries is set to begin construction on India's first Multimodal Logistics Park at Mappedu near Chennai in June, a project conceptualized 12 years ago. Despite initial setbacks, the project, valued at Rs 1,424 crore and spanning 184.27 acres in Tiruvallur district, is now ready to proceed, with potential to revolutionize the southern region's logistics landscape.

Reliance Industries Strikes Deal with Rosneft for Rouble Payments

Reliance Industries, India's major refining company, has inked a significant agreement with Russia's Rosneft. Under this deal, Reliance will purchase at least 3 million barrels of oil per month from Rosneft, paying in Russian roubles. This move aligns with Russian President Vladimir Putin's call for alternative trading mechanisms amid Western sanctions. Additionally, the agreement enables Reliance to secure oil at discounted rates amidst expectations of extended OPEC+ supply cuts.

Reliance Industries Partners with Norway's Nel to Boost New Energy Investments

Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) has forged a significant technology partnership with Norway's Nel ASA to expedite its foray into new energy investments. This alliance is poised to play a pivotal role in facilitating RIL's transition towards green energy, particularly through the production of green hydrogen.

Reliance and Tata Groups Recognized among TIME's World's Most Influential Companies

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and Tata Group, two of India's prominent business conglomerates, have been named among the World's 100 'Most Influential Companies' by the renowned TIME magazine. This recognition highlights their significant impact and influence on a global scale.

Adani Ports Expands Global Reach: Secures 30-Year Deal For Tanzania Port Terminal

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) has clinched a significant 30-year concession agreement with the Tanzania Ports Authority to operate Container Terminal 2 (CT2) at Dar es Salaam Port. This marks APSEZ's third venture into international ports, signaling its strategic expansion beyond Indian shores.

Agreement News**TCS & IIT-Bombay Partner To Develop India's 1st Quantum Diamond Microchip Imager**

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has entered a strategic partnership with the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT-Bombay), to develop India's first Quantum Diamond Microchip Imager. This advanced sensing tool aims to revolutionize the examination of semiconductor chips, reducing failures and enhancing the energy efficiency of electronic devices.

Appointment News**Jetha Ahir Elected as NAFED Chairman**

Shehra BJP MLA Jetha Ahir, who has previously served as the deputy speaker of the Gujarat Assembly, has been elected uncontested as the chairman of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED). Senior leaders revealed that Ahir secured the support of the sitting Rajkot MP Mohan Kundariya to become the NAFED chairman in the election held in Delhi on Tuesday.

Sony Appoints Disney Veteran Gaurav Banerjee as New India CEO

In a strategic move to bolster its presence in the burgeoning Indian media landscape, Japan's electronics and entertainment conglomerate Sony has appointed Gaurav Banerjee, a seasoned executive from Walt Disney, as its new Chief Executive Officer for India operations.

Shah Rukh Khan Appointed as New Brand Ambassador of Muthoot Pappachan Group

The Muthoot Pappachan Group (MPG), popularly known as Muthoot Blue, has announced the appointment of Shah Rukh Khan as its new brand ambassador. This strategic collaboration marks a significant milestone for MPG, aimed at reinforcing its brand presence and establishing a new connection with a diverse audience across the country.

IRDAI Approves Sandeep Batra as ICICI Prudential Board Chairman

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has joined a 16-day multi-nation mega military exercise in Alaska, United States, designed to provide realistic training to participating forces in a simulated combat environment. The exercise, known as 'Red Flag 24', commenced on May 30 and will continue until June 14.

Appointment Of Rakesh Ranjan As Chairman, Staff Selection Commission (SSC)

Rakesh Ranjan, a 1992 batch IAS officer from Manipur Cadre, has been appointed as the Chairman of the Staff Selection Commission (SSC). This appointment comes following a notification issued by the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet.

Badminton Star 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.

Banking News**RBI Conducts Massive Liquidity Infusion Through Variable Rate Repo Auctions**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken proactive measures to address the prevailing liquidity deficit in the banking system. In its latest move, the central bank conducted a variable rate repo (VRR) auction of Rs 1.25 trillion, bringing the total liquidity infused through 9 VRR auctions in May 2024 to a staggering Rs 7.75 trillion.

TCS Secures Core Banking Transformation Deal With Kuwait's Burgan Bank

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has signed a deal to modernize the core banking technology of Burgan Bank, a leading commercial bank in Kuwait. Burgan Bank will deploy TCS BaNCS to consolidate multiple legacy applications into a contemporary universal banking solution, enhancing innovation and customer relationships.

RBI Launches PRAVAAH, Retail Direct Mobile App, and FinTech Repository

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has unveiled three major initiatives: the Pravaah portal, the Retail Direct Mobile App, and a FinTech Repository. These initiatives, previously announced in the RBI's bi-monthly Statement on Development and Regulatory Policies in April 2023, April 2024, and December 2023, aim to enhance regulatory processes, provide easier access to government securities for retail investors, and improve the understanding of the FinTech sector.

Poonawalla Fincorp And IndusInd Bank Launch Co-Branded RuPay Credit Card

Poonawalla Fincorp Limited, in partnership with IndusInd Bank, has introduced the co-branded 'IndusInd Bank Poonawalla Fincorp eLITE RuPay Platinum Credit Card'. This new card, designed to enhance customer experience with rewards and benefits, is available without any joining or annual fees. Users can earn rewards for every ₹100 spent, including UPI transactions, and benefit from 2.5 times reward points on e-commerce transactions. Additional perks include a ₹0.40 cash credit per reward point, buy-one-get-one movie ticket offers through BookMyShow, a 1% fuel surcharge waiver, and milestone achievement rewards.

Asian Development Bank's \$2.6 Billion Sovereign Lending to India in 2023

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) committed \$2.6 billion in sovereign lending to India in 2023, aiming to bolster various sectors including urban development, power, industry, horticulture, connectivity, and climate resilience.

RBI Imposes Penalty on HSBC for FEMA Violations

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has levied a penalty of Rs 36.38 lakh on HSBC Limited for breaching regulations outlined in the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). Specifically, HSBC failed to adhere to reporting requirements under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme of FEMA, 1999. The central bank's action follows a thorough review of the case, including HSBC's response to a show cause notice issued earlier.

RBI Imposes Penalty on ICICI Bank and YES Bank

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has penalized ICICI Bank and YES Bank for violations of regulatory norms pertaining to their financial positions as of March 31, 2022. Following supervisory inspections, the RBI issued notices to both banks, which subsequently failed to provide satisfactory explanations for the identified lapses, leading to the imposition of penalties.

Banks' Credit Growth Outlook For FY25: CRISIL Analysis

In its latest report, CRISIL Ratings predicts a slowdown in bank credit growth for fiscal year 2025 to 14%, marking a decline of 200 basis points from the estimated 16% growth in FY24. This moderation is attributed to various factors including a high base effect, revision in risk weights, and a slightly slower pace of GDP growth.

Canara Bank To Dilute 14.50% Stake In Canara HSBC Life Insurance Via IPO

Bengaluru-headquartered Canara Bank has approved initiating the process of diluting a 14.50% stake in its subsidiary, Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company, through an initial public offering (IPO). This move is pending approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Department of Financial Services (DFS). Currently, Canara Bank holds a 51% majority stake in the life insurance company, while HSBC Insurance (Asia Pacific) owns 26%, and Punjab National Bank holds the remaining 23%.

RBI Penalizes SBM Bank (India) With Rs 88.70 Lakh Fine

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 88.70 lakh on SBM Bank (India) for non-compliance with specific regulatory norms. This includes licensing conditions and directives related to the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS).

Axis Bank And Mastercard Introduce NFC Soundbox

In a groundbreaking collaboration, Axis Bank and Mastercard have launched the NFC Soundbox, set to redefine payment experiences in India. This innovative device is poised to be an all-in-one solution, enabling users to accept various payment methods such as Bharat QR, UPI, Tap & Pay, and Tap + Pin.

Science & Technology News**ISRO And Wipro 3D Collaborate On 3D-Printed Rocket Engine**

In a landmark achievement for sustainable space exploration, Wipro 3D and ISRO have jointly developed and successfully tested a 3D-printed rocket engine for India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV). The engine, designed for the fourth stage (PS4), marks a significant advancement in additive manufacturing technology within India's space program.

Schemes and Committees News**Crackdown on Fraudulent SMS Under Sanchar Saathi Initiative**

In a concerted effort to combat the rising threat of fraudulent SMS, the Department of Telecommunication (DoT), in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, has launched the Sanchar Saathi Initiative. This initiative aims to tackle the proliferation of deceptive messages targeting unsuspecting mobile users. Notably, the government has identified and blocked eight SMS headers frequently exploited by cybercriminals.

Awards & Honors News**NHPC Honoured with 'The Economic Times HR World Future Ready Organization Award 2024-25'**

NHPC, India's premier hydropower company, has been bestowed with the prestigious 'The Economic Times HR World Future Ready Organization Award 2024-25'. This coveted recognition highlights NHPC's unwavering commitment to fostering a future-ready workforce and its strategic approach to human resource management.

Cannes: Payal Kapadia Wins Grand Prix Award for 'All We Imagine as Light'

The 77th Cannes Film Festival witnessed a remarkable achievement for Indian cinema as Payal Kapadia's film 'All We Imagine as Light' won the prestigious Grand Prix award, the second-highest honour at the festival. This triumph marks a historic moment, as Kapadia becomes the first Indian filmmaker to receive this prestigious accolade.

Indian Peacekeeper Receives UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award

Major Radhika Sen, an Indian military peacekeeper serving with the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), has been awarded the prestigious 2023 United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award. This award recognizes her dedication and efforts in promoting the principles of UN Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace, and security.

Indian-American Bruhat Soma Triumphs at Scripps National Spelling Bee

In a remarkable display of spelling prowess, Bruhat Soma, a 12-year-old Indian-American seventh-grader from Florida, has emerged victorious at the prestigious Scripps National Spelling Bee. Maintaining the dominance of the small ethnic community in this prestigious competition, Bruhat correctly spelled 29 words in the tiebreaker round, earning him more than \$50,000 in cash and other prizes.

NIMHANS Honoured with Prestigious Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion

The National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, India's premier mental health institution, has been conferred the prestigious Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion for 2024 by the World Health Organization (WHO). This award recognizes individuals, institutions, and organizations that have demonstrated remarkable contributions to health promotion.

Important Dates News**Celebrating International Day of Action for Women's Health 2024**

The International Day of Action for Women's Health in 2024 holds immense significance as it serves as a powerful platform to advocate for gender equality, women's rights, and ensuring a healthy and fulfilling life for all women worldwide.

World Hunger Day 2024, A Call to End Global Hunger

May 28th, the world unites for World Hunger Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness about the urgent issue of global hunger. It's time to acknowledge the millions suffering from malnutrition and the need for sustainable solutions to end hunger for good. The theme for 2024 is "Mobilising in Critical Times of Threats and Opportunities," which emphasizes empowering women to make decisions independently, free from coercion and discrimination.

International Everest Day 2024 Observed on May 29

On May 29, the world will observe International Everest Day in memory of Nepalese Tenzing Norgay and New Zealand's Edmund Hillary, the first individuals to conquer the formidable Mt. Everest in 1953. This remarkable achievement etched their names in the annals of history, inspiring generations of adventurers and mountaineers.

World No-Tobacco Day 2024, Know Date, Theme History and Significance

Every year, World No Tobacco Day is observed on 31st May to create awareness about the potential health risks associated with tobacco consumption and advocate for effective policies to reduce its use. This day serves as a reminder of several life-threatening diseases like heart disease, stroke, cancer, and respiratory illnesses caused by smoking. Tobacco use is a major public health concern, causing millions of preventable deaths worldwide and imposing a massive burden on healthcare systems.

Sports News

IPL 2024 Award Winners, Check the Complete list

Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) won the IPL 2024 title, defeating Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in the final. KKR's Sunil Narine was named the Most Valuable Player and Ultimate Fantasy Player of the Season. SRH's Nitish Kumar Reddy was the Emerging Player of the Season. Virat Kohli (RCB) won the Orange Cap for most runs, while Harshal Patel (PBKS) took the Purple Cap for most wickets. Other award winners included Abhishek Sharma (SRH) for Most Sixes, Travis Head (SRH) for Most Fours, and Jake Fraser-McGurk (DC) for Best Strike Rate. SRH received the Fair Play Award, while the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad won the Pitch and Ground Award.

Shahid Afridi Appointed as ICC Men's T20 World Cup Brand Ambassador

The International Cricket Council (ICC), the global governing body of cricket, has appointed the legendary Pakistani cricketer Shahid Afridi as the brand ambassador for the upcoming 9th ICC Men's T20 World Cup. This highly anticipated tournament will be co-hosted by the West Indies and the United States of America from 1st to 29th June 2024.

Dipa Karmakar Etches History by Clinching Gold at Asian Gymnastics Championships

The Indian gymnast, Dipa Karmakar, has scripted history by becoming the first-ever Indian to secure a gold medal in any Asian Championships. Hailing from Tripura, Dipa achieved this remarkable feat in the women's vault individual final at the Asian Women's Artistic Gymnastics Championships 2024, held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on May 26, 2024.

ICC Players of the Month for April 2024 Announced

Hayley Matthews, the West Indies captain, has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for her exceptional all-round performances that spearheaded the West Indies' success in Pakistan across both ODI and T20I series. Muhammad Waseem, the UAE captain and opener, has been named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for his notable run-scoring feats as the UAE triumphed in the ACC Premier Cup.

England Cricketer Brydon Carse Slapped with Three-Month Ban

England's fast-bowling allrounder Brydon Carse has been handed a three-month suspension from all forms of cricket after being found guilty of breaching betting regulations. The 28-year-old placed a staggering 303 bets on various cricket matches between 2017 and 2019, leading to charges being brought against him.

India Joins Newly Formed World Boxing Body

The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) has taken a significant step by agreeing to join the World Boxing (WB), a newly established governing body formed after the International Olympic Committee (IOC) refused to recognize the International Boxing Association (IBA). This move comes amidst the ongoing World Olympic qualifiers in Bangkok, where the BFI's affiliation will be ratified by the WB executive board.

Obituaries News

Legendary Disney Songwriter Richard M. Sherman Passes Away at 95

Richard M. Sherman, one half of the renowned Sherman Brothers duo, who crafted some of Disney's most iconic and memorable songs, has passed away at the age of 95. Sherman, along with his late brother Robert, left an indelible mark on millions of childhoods through their award-winning compositions for films like "Mary Poppins," "The Jungle Book," and "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang".

Defence News

Agnikul Cosmos' Agnibaan - World's First 3D Printed Space Rocket Engine

Chennai-based startup Agnikul Cosmos has achieved a remarkable feat by successfully launching the world's first space rocket with a single-piece three-dimensional (3D) printed engine. After four failed attempts, Agnikul triumphed on its fifth try, launching its own rocket, named Agnibaan, into space. This launch marks India's first semi-cryogenic engine-powered rocket, which was completely designed and manufactured indigenously.

IAF Contingent Joins 'Red Flag 24' Exercise in Alaska

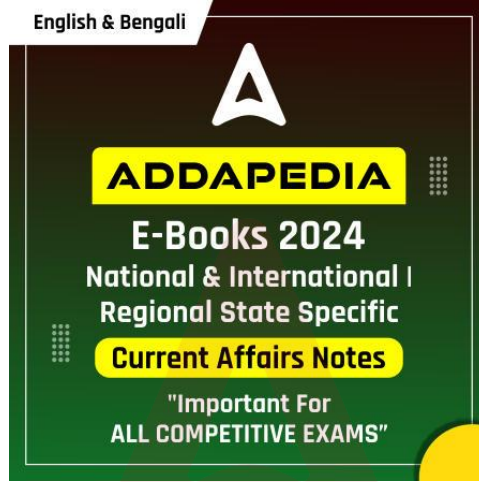
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Miscellaneous News

Indian Mountaineer Satyadeep Gupta Achieves Historic Double Dual Ascent

In a remarkable feat, Indian mountaineer Satyadeep Gupta has etched his name in history by becoming the first person to scale Mt. Everest and Mt. Lhotse twice in a single season. Additionally, he is the first Indian to traverse the two peaks in an astonishing 11 hours and 15 minutes.

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