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## India Successfully Tests Agni-4 Ballistic Missile: Key Points

- India carried out a successful launch of the Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) Agni-4 from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur, Odisha. The test validated all operational and technical parameters, confirming the missile's reliability and performance.
- **Supervised by SFC:** The launch was conducted under the aegis of the Strategic Forces Command (SFC), responsible for India's nuclear arsenal.
- **Strengthening Defence:** The test is seen as a significant milestone in enhancing India's nuclear deterrence and overall defence capabilities.
- **Agni-Prime Test:** India also successfully tested the new-generation Agni-Prime missile from Abdul Kalam Island, meeting all trial objectives.
- **Nuclear-Capable Missiles:** The Agni missile series, developed by DRDO, is a long-range, nuclear-capable surface-to-surface missile system designed to bolster India's strategic defence.

**Q.** What type of missile is the Agni-4? **Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM)**



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## **INS Tabar Participates in 22nd Indo-French Naval Exercise VARUNA**

- The Indian Navy's frontline warship INS Tabar participated in the 22nd edition of the India-France bilateral naval exercise VARUNA, held in the Mediterranean Sea.
- **Indian Participation:** The Indian Navy was represented by INS Tabar, a shipborne helicopter, and the Long Range Maritime Reconnaissance (LRMR) aircraft P8I.
- **French Participation:** The French Navy was represented by FS Provence, Submarine Suffren, Atlantique 2 aircraft, F20 fighter jets, MB339 fighters, and helicopters NH90 and Dauphin.
- **Objective:** VARUNA highlights the commitment of both navies to enhance interoperability and foster stronger maritime cooperation.
- **History of VARUNA:** The exercise, which began in 2001, aims to strengthen the India-France defence relationship and facilitate the exchange of best practices.
- **Frequency:** VARUNA is held annually, with each edition taking place in different maritime zones, including the Indian Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, and Mediterranean Sea.

**Q.** Which Indian warship participated in the 22nd Indo-French VARUNA naval exercise? **INS Tabar**



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## Centre Allocates ₹1400 Crore for R&D and ₹10,000 Crore for PLI in Technical Textiles Sector

- The Central Government has allocated ₹1,400 crore for research and development (R&D) and ₹10,000 crore for Production Linked Incentives (PLI) in the technical textiles sector.
- **Focus on Innovation:** Addressing a conference on "Viksit Bharat-Technical Textiles for Sustainable Growth and Development" in New Delhi, Union Minister of Textiles, Giriraj Singh, highlighted the government's emphasis on advancements in technical textiles.
- **Growing Demand:** The demand for technical textiles is increasing in sectors such as aerospace, defence, hygiene, and agriculture.
- **Support for Students:** The government has sanctioned ₹50 lakh to support students' innovations in this sector.
- **PLI Impact:** Over 40 industries are currently working under the PLI scheme, which is expected to be a major driver of employment generation by 2030.

**Q.** How much has the government allocated for R&D in the technical textiles sector? **₹1,400 crore**



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## Paris Paralympics: Praveen Kumar Wins Gold in Men's High Jump T64

- Indian athlete Praveen Kumar won the gold medal in the Men's High Jump T64 final at the Paris Paralympic Games, with a record leap of 2.08m, setting a new Area record.
- **Medal Tally Update:** India now ranks 14th in the medal standings with a total of 26 medals—6 gold, 9 silver, and 11 bronze.
- **Athlete's Achievement:** Praveen Kumar, who previously won a silver medal at the Tokyo Paralympics, bettered his performance with this gold.
- **Podium Finish:** Loccident Derek from the USA secured the silver medal, and Giyazov Temurbek of Uzbekistan won the bronze.

**Q.** Which Indian athlete won the gold medal in the Men's High Jump T64 at the Paris Paralympics? **Praveen Kumar**



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## Jyoti Berwal Wins Gold at U20 World Wrestling Championships

- **Gold Medal Victory:** Jyoti Berwal secured a gold medal in the women's 76 kg freestyle category at the U20 World Championships in Pontevedra, Spain. She defeated Ukraine's Mariia Orlevych in the final without conceding a single point.
- **Path to the Final:** Jyoti advanced to the final by defeating opponents from Mongolia, China, and Turkey, showcasing her dominance throughout the tournament.
- **India's Consecutive Titles:** This marks India's second consecutive gold in the women's 76 kg category at the U20 World Championships, following Priya Malik's win in 2023.

### Additional Medals:

- Nitika clinched a silver medal in the women's 62 kg freestyle category at the U20 World Championships in Pontevedra, Spain, losing to Ukrainian wrestler Iryna Bondar 1-4.
- Indian wrestlers Komal (59 kg) and Srithi (68 kg) also won bronze medals in their respective categories.

**Q.** Which Indian wrestler won the gold medal in the women's 76 kg category at the U20 World Championships? **Jyoti Berwal**



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## **Surat Tops India's Air Quality Rankings: Key Highlights**

- Swachh Vayu Survekshan Awards 2023: Surat (Gujarat) ranks first for air quality improvements among Indian cities with over 1 million population, followed by Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh) and Agra (Uttar Pradesh).
- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma presented the awards to the winning cities.

### **Category-wise Winners:**

- Cities with a population between 300,000 to 1 million: Firozabad (Uttar Pradesh), Amravati (Maharashtra), and Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh).
- Cities with a population under 300,000: Raebareli (Uttar Pradesh), Nalgonda (Telangana), and Nalagarh (Himachal Pradesh).
- National Clean Air Programme (NCAP): Launched in 2019, the NCAP aims to reduce particulate pollution (PM10) by up to 40% by 2025-26. The programme covers 131 non-attainment cities.

**Q.** By what percentage does the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) aim to reduce PM10 levels by 2025-26?  
**Up to 40%**



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## Moeen Ali Retires from International Cricket

- England all-rounder Moeen Ali announced his retirement from international cricket in September 2024 after not being selected for the upcoming white-ball series against Australia.
- Moeen Ali, aged 37, stated that it was time to step aside and allow the next generation of cricketers to take over.
- International Debut: Moeen Ali made his debut for the England cricket team in 2014.

### Career Stats:

- **Tests:** Played 68 matches, scored 2,914 runs and took 204 wickets.
- **ODIs:** Played 138 matches, scored 2,391 runs and took 87 wickets.
- **T20Is:** Played 92 matches, scored 1,373 runs and took 75 wickets.
- Achievements include 8 centuries, 28 half-centuries, and a total of 366 wickets.
- **Duration of Career:** Moeen Ali's international cricket career spanned over a decade from 2014 to 2024.
- Career Stats for Tests, ODIs, and T20Is: 6,678 total runs and 366 wickets.
- **Retirement Timing:** Announcement made after exclusion from the Australia series in 2024.

**Q.** Which England cricketer announced his retirement from international cricket in September 2024? **Moeen Ali**





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## Himachal Pradesh Signs Pact with IMD for Automatic Weather Stations

- The Himachal Pradesh government signed an agreement with the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) to install 48 automatic weather stations for real-time weather data. This will enhance forecasting and preparedness, especially for agriculture and horticulture sectors.
- The network will be expanded to the block level in phases. Currently, 22 automatic weather stations are operational in the state.
- **Disaster Management:** The initiative will improve management of natural disasters like excessive rainfall, flash floods, snowfall, and cloudbursts by strengthening early warning systems.
- **Partnership with AFD:** The Himachal government has reached a consensus with Agence Française de Development (AFD) for a ₹890 crore project focused on disaster and climate risk reduction, aimed at building a more resilient disaster management framework.
- **Fund Utilization:** The funds will be used to strengthen the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority, District Disaster Management Authorities, and emergency operation centres at both state and district levels.

**Q.** With which international agency did Himachal Pradesh partner for a ₹890 crore disaster risk reduction project?  
**Agence Française de Development (AFD).**



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## **US Open: Aryna Sabalenka beats Jessica Pegula to win 3rd Grand Slam title**

- Aryna Sabalenka wins the US Open, securing her third Grand Slam title.

### **Final Match Details:**

- **Opponent:** Jessica Pegula (No. 6 seed).
- **Venue:** Arthur Ashe Stadium, with a closed retractable roof.
- **Achievements:** This victory adds to her previous Grand Slam titles at the Australian Open (2022 and 2023).

### **US Open Tennis Tournament:**

- The US Open is one of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments, held annually in the United States. It is the fourth and final Grand Slam of the year, following the Australian Open, French Open, and Wimbledon.

### **Location:**

- **Venue:** USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
- **Location:** Flushing Meadows, New York City
- **Events:** Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, and Wheelchair Tennis.

**Q.** Who recently won the Women's Singles US Open to secure her third Grand Slam title, defeating Jessica Pegula in the final? **Aryna Sabalenka**



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## Paris Paralympics: Navdeep's medal upgraded to gold in Men's Javelin F41

- Navdeep's medal in Men's Javelin F41 upgraded to gold at the Paris Paralympics.

### Initial Performance:

- Navdeep initially won silver with a personal best throw of 47.32 metres.
- The Iranian athlete, Beit Sayah Sadegh, initially finished first with a Paralympic record of 47.65 metres.

### Disqualification:

- Beit Sayah Sadegh was disqualified for violating rule 8.1 of the World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations (Code of Conduct and Ethics).
- Rule 8.1 emphasizes maintaining integrity, ethics, and conduct in para athletics.

### Final Results:

- Navdeep's medal was upgraded to gold.
- This is India's first-ever gold medal in the Men's Javelin F41 category at the Paralympics.
- India's overall medal tally increased to 29 (7 gold, 9 silver, 13 bronze). [www.race4job.com](http://www.race4job.com)

**Q.** Which Indian para-athlete had their silver medal in the Men's Javelin F41 upgraded to gold at the Paris Paralympics 2024? **Navdeep**



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