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Asian Surfing Championships 2024: India clinch silver medal at Maruhaba Cup

- India won a silver medal at the Maruhaba Cup, a team event, at the Asian Surfing Championships 2024 at Thulusdhoo, Maldives.

Final Outcome:

- Gold: Japan with a score of 58.40.
- Silver: India with a score of 24.13.
- Bronze: Taipei with a score of 23.93.
- Fourth Place: China with a score of 22.10.
- Semi-final Performance: The Indian team, comprising Kamali P, Ajeesh Ali, Srikanth D, and Sanjay Selvamani, secured first place in the Heat 2 semi-final with a score of 32.16.

Historical Context:

- India secured this medal a day after earning its first-ever quota in surfing for the Asian Games 2026, to be held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. Both Indian men's and women's teams will compete in the event.

Individual Achievement:

- Harish Muthu became the first Indian to qualify for the quarter-finals at the Asian Surfing Championships.

Q. Which country won the silver medal in the Maruhaba Cup at the Asian Surfing Championships 2024? **India**



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Badminton: Tanvi Patri clinches girls' U-15 Singles title at Asia Championships

- India's top junior badminton player, Tanvi Patri, clinched the U-15 girl's singles title at the Asia Under-17 & Under-15 junior championships in Chengdu, China.

Achievement:

- U-15 Girls' Singles: Tanvi Patri from India clinched the title.
- Tanvi defeated Nguyen Thi Thu Huygen of Vietnam in the final.
- Remarkably, Tanvi, aged 13, won the title without dropping a single game.

Semi-final Performance:

- Tanvi Patri defeated Thailand's sixth seed, Kungkaew Kakanik, with a score of 21-19, 21-10.

Other Notable Performances:

- U-17 Boys' Singles: Gnana Dattu TT from India secured a bronze medal after losing to Indonesia's Radithya Bayu Wardhana.

Q. Who won the U-15 Girls' Singles title at the Asia Under-17 & Under-15 Junior Badminton Championships 2024? **Tanvi Patri**



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Former Lebanese PM Salim al-Hoss dies at 94

- Five-time former Lebanese Prime Minister Salim Hoss, who served during some of the most tumultuous years of his country's modern history, died at age 94.

Political Roles:

- Served as Prime Minister during Lebanon's civil war (1975-1990) and later from 1998 to 2000.
- Former government minister and member of parliament.
- Significance: Described as the "conscience of Lebanon" by Caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati.

Historical Context:

- Hoss served during Lebanon's 15-year civil war.
- At one point, he led one of two rival governments in Lebanon, with Michel Naim Aoun leading the other.

Constitutional Convention:

- In Lebanon, the Prime Minister is traditionally a Sunni Muslim, the President a Maronite Christian, and the Speaker of Parliament a Shiite Muslim.

Q. Who served as Lebanon's Prime Minister during the civil war and passed away at the age of 94? **Salim Hoss**



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REC inks pact with JNPA for financing projects up to Rs 45,000 crore

- Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) Limited signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) to finance various upcoming projects. As part of the MoU, REC will provide funds of up to Rs 45,000 crore for JNPA's infrastructure projects, including the development of the Vadhavan port.

Key Points:

- Purpose: To finance infrastructure projects, including the development of the Vadhavan port.
- REC's Role: A public sector non-banking financial company (NBFC) and infrastructure financing company (IFC), providing loans for infrastructure development.
- REC's Financial Status (as of June 30, 2024):
- Loan Book: Rs 5.30 lakh crore.
- Net Worth: Rs 72,351 crore.
- JNPA's Project:
- Vadhavan Port: Part of India's largest port development plan, valued at Rs 76,220 crore, with JNPA holding a 74% interest.
- Expected to rank among the world's top 10 container-handling ports.

Q. How much funding has REC committed to provide for JNPA's infrastructure projects under their recent MoU? **Up to Rs 45,000 crore**



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Golf: Keegan Bradley wins his second BMW Championship title

- American professional golfer Keegan Bradley maintained his composure during the final round to clinch victory in the BMW Championship at Castle Pines.

Achievements:

- This victory marks Bradley's second BMW Championship title (first win in 2018).
- It is his seventh career PGA Tour win and first since the 2023 Travelers Championship.
- Moved from 50th to 4th in the FedExCup standings.

Final Round Performance:

- Bradley maintained a one-shot lead over Australia's Adam Scott.
- Final score: 12-under par, winning by one stroke.

Additional Information:

- Bradley is the third player to win a TOUR event after being named Ryder Cup captain.
- Secured a spot in the 2025 Masters Tournament.

Q. Who won the BMW Championship for the second time, marking his seventh career PGA Tour victory? **Keegan Bradley**



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SBI's Dinesh Khara era ends, his successor CS Setty has new challenges

- Dinesh Kumar Khara, the current Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI), will step down after a successful tenure that began on October 7, 2020.
- Khara's leadership period witnessed a significant turnaround in SBI's financial performance, with the bank's net profit from FY21 to FY24 amounting to ₹1.63 trillion, surpassing the combined profit of ₹1.45 trillion achieved over the previous 64 years.
- **Historical Context of SBI:** SBI traces its roots to the establishment of the Bank of Calcutta in June 1806, later evolving into its current form in July 1955.
- **Predecessor's Contributions:** Khara's predecessor, Rajnish Kumar, focused on cleaning up SBI's balance sheet, which was burdened with bad loans, leading to losses of ₹15,010 crore in three consecutive quarters. This groundwork set the stage for Khara to navigate the bank through challenging times, including the Covid-19 pandemic.
- **Khara's Strategic Response to Covid-19:** During the pandemic, Khara implemented innovative financial strategies, such as dollar-rupee swaps, to manage excess deposits and support overseas operations, ensuring the bank's resilience and stability during the crisis.
- **Future Challenges for New Chairman:** CS Setty, the newly appointed Chairman, will face the challenge of sustaining the momentum achieved under Khara's leadership while addressing emerging issues in the banking sector.

Q. Who succeeded Dinesh Kumar Khara as the Chairman of the State Bank of India (SBI)? **CS Setty**

Bandhan Bank

Launches Avni Account for Women and Loyalty Program



Bandhan Mutual Fund

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Bandhan Bank Launches 'Avni' Savings Account Tailored for Women

- Bandhan Bank has introduced a new savings account named 'Avni,' specifically designed to cater to the financial needs of women.

Key Features and Benefits:

- The 'Avni' account includes a debit card with free airport lounge access, personal accident insurance of Rs 10 lakh, and a lost card liability cover of Rs 3.5 lakh.
- It offers a flexible monthly average balance requirement, free cash deposits up to Rs 5,00,000 per month, and 10 free RTGS-NEFT (Branch)-IMPS-DD transactions monthly.
- Account holders can also enjoy unlimited free NEFT transactions through Internet Banking and the mBandhan app, along with 40 free cheque leaves per month.

Preferential Pricing:

- 'Avni' account holders benefit from a 25% discount on locker rental charges and a 50% discount on processing fees for gold loans.

Health and Wellness Services:

- Exclusive pricing on teleconsultation services is offered through M-Swasth, with options ranging from Rs 365 per year for teleconsultation to Rs 790 per year for a package that includes teleconsultation, Yoga & Wellness, and a Full Body Health Check-up.

Q. What is the name of the new savings account launched by Bandhan Bank specifically designed for women? **Avni**



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PCB Appoints Waqar Younis, Misbah-ul-Haq, and Others as Mentors for Domestic Cricket Tournament

- The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has appointed Misbah-ul-Haq, Saqlain Mushtaq, Sarfaraz Ahmed, Shoaib Malik, and Waqar Younis as mentors for five teams participating in the Champions Cup, a domestic cricket tournament.
- **Selection Process:** These appointments were made on three-year contracts following a transparent and robust recruitment process, as per a statement from the PCB.
- **Background of Mentors:** Waqar Younis recently served as PCB advisor on cricket affairs, while Saqlain Mushtaq is a former head coach of the Pakistan national cricket team.
- **First Assignment:** The mentors' first assignment will be in the Champions One-Day Cup, scheduled to be held in Faisalabad from September 12-29 during the PCB Domestic Cricket Season 2024-25.

Pakistan Cricket Board:

- Founded: 1 May 1949
- Headquarters: Gaddafi Stadium, Ferozepur Road
- Location: Lahore, Pakistan
- Chairman: Mohsin Raza Naqvi
- Men's coach: Gary Kirsten
- Women's coach: Mohtashim Rasheed

Q. Who are the five mentors appointed by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) for the Champions Cup domestic tournament? **Misbah-ul-Haq, Saqlain Mushtaq, Sarfaraz Ahmed, Shoaib Malik, and Waqar Younis.**



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Union Government Announces Creation of Five New Districts in Ladakh

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has announced the creation of five new districts in the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh. The new districts are Zaskar, Drass, Sham, Nubra, and Changthang.

Objective:

- The creation of these districts aims to enhance governance and ensure that the benefits of public welfare schemes reach every part of Ladakh, a region known for its large geographical area and sparse population.

Current Status of Ladakh:

- Prior to this announcement, Ladakh had only two districts, Leh and Kargil. The new districts will help address the challenges faced by the district administration in reaching remote and inaccessible areas.

Significance:

- This decision by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is expected to contribute significantly to the all-round development of Ladakh by improving administrative efficiency and ensuring better delivery of government services.

Q. How many new districts were announced in the Union Territory of Ladakh by the Union Home Minister? **Five.**



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Armand Duplantis Sets New World Record at Silesia Diamond League

- Olympic champion Armand Duplantis set a new world record in pole vaulting with a height of 6.26 meters at the Silesia Diamond League's Kamila Skolimowska Memorial.
- **Previous Record:** Duplantis had previously set a world record of 6.25 meters at the Paris Olympics, where he also defended his Olympic title just 20 days earlier.
- **Event Details:** The record-breaking performance took place at the Silesian Stadium in Chorzow, Poland. Duplantis achieved the new record on his second attempt after initially failing on his first attempt.
- **Significance:** This achievement marks Duplantis's 10th world record, further establishing his reputation as one of the greatest pole vaulters in history.

Additional Records:

- Jakob Ingebrigtsen set a new world record in the men's 3,000-meter race with a time of 7:17.55, surpassing Daniel Komen's 1996 record of 7:20.67. Ethiopia's Berihu Aregawi won silver with 7:21.28, and Yomif Kejelcha won bronze with 7:28.44.

Q. What new world record height did Armand Duplantis set at the Silesia Diamond League? **6.26 meters.**



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