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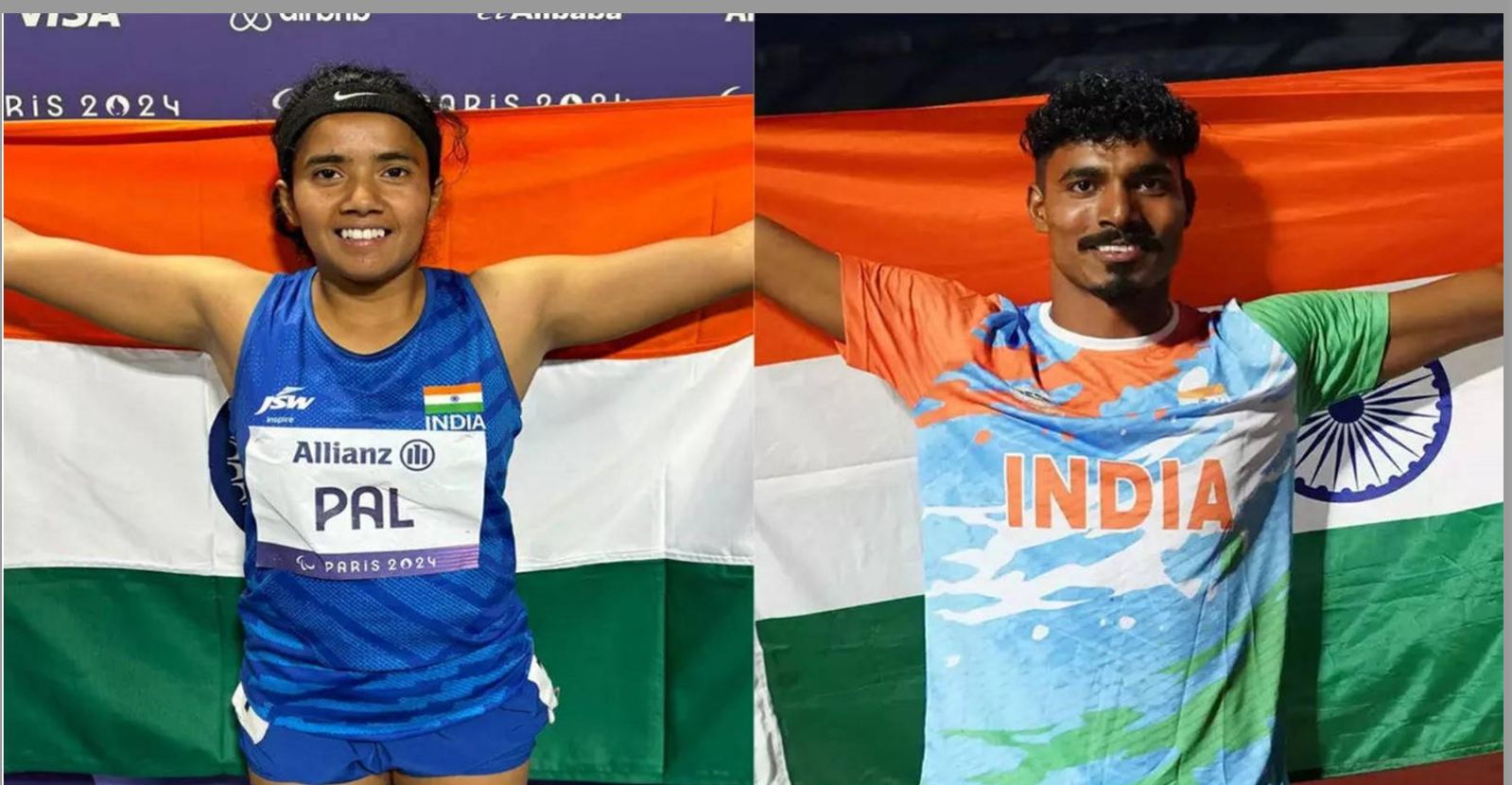


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Air Marshal Tejinder Singh takes over as Deputy Chief of the Air Staff

- Air Marshal Tejinder Singh took over as Deputy Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force in New Delhi.
- **Educational Background:** He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Defence Service Staff College, and National Defence College.
- **Commissioning:** He was commissioned into the fighter stream of the IAF on 13 June 1987.
- **Flying Experience:** He is a Category 'A' Qualified Flying Instructor with over 4,500 hours of flying experience.
- **Command Positions:** Fighter Squadron, Radar Station, Premier Fighter Base & Served as Air Officer Commanding in Jammu and Kashmir
- **Awards:** He was awarded the Vayu Sena Medal in 2007 and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2022.
- **Role:** The Deputy Chief of the Air Staff (DCAS) assists the Chief of the Air Staff in overseeing air force operations, strategy, and administration. They play a key role in operational planning, policy development, resource management, and personnel oversight, while also serving as a key advisor and liaison with other military branches and international partners.

Q. Who recently took over as the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force in New Delhi? **Air Marshal Tejinder Singh.**



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Preethi Pal Makes History with Bronze and Nishad Kumar Wins Silver at Paris Paralympics 2024

- Indian Para Athlete Preethi Pal won a Bronze medal in the Women's 200 meters – T35 Final at the Paris Paralympics 2024.
- She achieved a personal best timing of 30.01 seconds to secure the medal.
- **Historic Achievement:** Preethi Pal became the first Indian woman Para Athlete in track and field to win two medals at the Paralympics.
- **Other Indian Success:** Indian athlete Nishad Kumar won a silver medal in the Men's High Jump – T47 event with a jump of 2.04 meters.
- As of the 2024 Paris Paralympics, India has secured a total of seven medals, including one gold, two silvers, and four bronze medals.

Here's a list of some of the Indian medal winners:

- **Avani Lekhara** - Gold in Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 (Shooting)
- **Manish Narwal** - Silver in Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 (Shooting)
- **Mona Agarwal** - Bronze in Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 (Shooting)
- **Preethi Pal** - Bronze in Women's 100m T35 and another bronze in the Women's 200m T35 (Athletics)
- **Nishad Kumar** - Silver in Men's High Jump T47 (Athletics)

Q. Which Indian para-athlete won two medals, including a bronze in the Women's 200 meters – T35 Final, at the Paris Paralympics 2024? **Preethi Pal**



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15 year old International Master Mayank Chakraborty wins his 2nd Grand Master Norm in Greece

- 15-year-old Chess International Master (IM) Mayank Chakraborty from Assam won his second Grand Master (GM) Norm in a tournament in Greece.
- Path to Grand Master: He requires one more GM Norm and must reach a FIDE rating of 2500 to become a Grand Master, which would make him the first from North East India.
- Current Rating: His current FIDE rating is 2431.
- International Master Status: Mayank became an International Master in April 2024 and currently holds the highest number of GM Norms and the highest FIDE rating in North East India.
- Other Contender: IM Sahil Dey, 17, is also competing to be the first Grand Master from North East India, with one GM Norm and a FIDE rating of 2375.

India's notable chess International Masters include:

- Manuel Aaron - India's first IM in 1961.
- Dibyendu Barua - IM in 1983, later became India's second Grandmaster.
- Viswanathan Anand - Achieved IM in 1985, later became India's first Grandmaster and World Chess Champion.
- Pravin Thipsay - IM in the 1980s, later a Grandmaster.
- Vijayalakshmi Subbaraman - First Indian woman to become an IM in 2001.

Q. At 15, which Assam-born chess prodigy needs one more GM Norm and a FIDE rating of 2500 to become the first Grand Master from North East India? **Mayank Chakraborty**



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New Zealand's Māori King Tuheitia dies

- The Māori king in New Zealand - Kiingi Tuheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero VII - has died peacefully at age 69
- **Early Life:** Born Tūheitia Paki in 1955.
- **Reign:** Crowned as king in 2006 following the death of his mother, Te Arikinui Dame Te Atairangikaahu.
- **Role and Influence:** Like his mother, King Tuheitia was a significant unifying figure for the Māori people, advocating for unity in the face of policies targeting Māori communities.

Background:

- The Māori are the indigenous Polynesian people of New Zealand, organized into various tribes (iwi) such as Ngāpuhi and Ngāti Porou. They have a rich cultural heritage that includes traditions like the haka, and their language, Te reo Māori, is an official language of New Zealand. Māori society is centered around marae (communal spaces) and has a complex social structure involving chiefs and priests.

New Zealand

- Capital: Wellington
- Currency: New Zealand dollar (\$) (NZD)
- Monarch: Charles III
- Governor-General: Cindy Kiro
- PM: Christopher Luxon
- Official languages: Māori, English

Q. Which Māori king, crowned in 2006 and known for advocating unity, passed away peacefully at age 69? **Kiingi Tuheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero VII.**



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Indian Navy's P-8I Joins INS Tabar for 22nd Indo-French Exercise Varuna

- The Indian Navy's P-8I aircraft has reached France for its first-ever deployment in Europe.
- **Exercise Varuna:** The aircraft will participate in the 22nd edition of 'Exercise Varuna,' an Indo-French bilateral naval exercise.
- **Dates and Location:** The 2024 edition of Exercise Varuna is scheduled from September 2 to September 4 in the Mediterranean Sea.
- **Objective:** The exercise aims to deepen synergy and interoperability between the Indian and French navies through advanced tactical exercises.
- **Significance:** Exercise Varuna is a key component of the strategic relationship between India and France in the 21st century.
- **Participants:** INS Tabar will also participate in the exercise alongside the P-8I aircraft.
- **Scope:** The exercise includes naval cooperation drills, focusing on capabilities like cross-deck operations, replenishment-at-sea, and information sharing.
- **Inception:** Exercise Varuna was first conducted in 1983, but it became a regular feature of the India-France strategic partnership in 2001, reflecting the growing defense ties between the two countries.
- **Historical Context:** This deployment marks a return after a 63-year gap.

Q. Which Indian Navy aircraft reached France for its first-ever European deployment to participate in the 2024 Indo-French naval Exercise Varuna? **The P-8I aircraft**



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Veteran journalist Umesh Upadhyay passes away

- Veteran journalist Umesh Upadhyay, 64, passed away after falling from the fourth floor of a building in Southwest Delhi's Vasant Kunj.
- **Accident Details:** He was inspecting renovation work on his building when he accidentally fell from the fourth to the second floor, resulting in a fatal head injury and multiple other injuries.
- **Professional Background:** Upadhyay was the president and media director of Reliance Industries Limited and previously served as president (news) at Network 18.
- **Recent Achievement:** He had recently launched his book, 'Western Media Narratives on India: From Gandhi to Modi.'

Network 18:

- Parent organization: Reliance Industries
- Subsidiaries: TV18, Home Shop 18, Infomedia Press, Web18, etc.
- Headquarters: Noida
- Founder: Raghav Bahl
- Founded: 1993

Q. Which veteran journalist and media director of Reliance Industries tragically passed away after falling from a building? **Umesh Upadhyay**

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ADB approves 93.6 million USD for Cambodia's rural water supply, sanitation

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved 93.6 million U.S. dollars in loans and grants to improve climate-resilient and inclusive WASH (water supply, sanitation, and hygiene) facilities in Cambodia.
- **Program Coverage:** The initiative will benefit 88,000 households across nine provinces, aiming to support government efforts to achieve universal access to safe water supply services and basic hygiene facilities in rural areas.
- **Sanitation Focus:** The program will also improve access to safely managed sanitation facilities, particularly focusing on affordability.
- **Special Grant:** A 3-million-dollar grant is included to expand WASH facilities in provinces where poor rural residents struggle most with access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene.
- **Technical Assistance:** A 600,000-dollar technical assistance component will enhance the government's capacity to implement key sector reforms under the program.

Q. How much did the ADB approve for improving climate-resilient WASH facilities in Cambodia? **\$93.6 million**



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Iran unveils domestically upgraded M60 tank

- Iran unveiled a domestically upgraded version of the M60 tank, which features higher maneuverability and destructive power.
- The tank is equipped with a weaponry fire control system, a coaxial machine gun, and a two-degree-of-freedom motion platform carrying a commander's machine gun.
- It is also armed with a new commander's turret, reactive armor, infrared jamming, telecommunication and anti-modern warfare systems, smoke grenades, and rear-, front-and side-view cameras, as well as fire alarm and suppression systems.
- The M60 tank is an American battle tank developed in the 1950s and introduced into service in 1960.
- **Design and Development:** The M60 was designed as a successor to the M48 Patton tank, incorporating improved armor and firepower. It features a 105mm gun and enhanced armor protection.

Q. Iran unveiled a domestically upgraded version of the M60 tank, in context to same what is the origin country of this Tank? **America**



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Chieh, Tamiri win titles at India Junior International Badminton Tournament

- **Boys' Singles Champion:** Chiang Tzu Chieh from Chinese Taipei won the boys' singles title by overcoming qualifier Suryaksh Rawat of India after losing the first game.
- **Girls' Singles Champion:** Surya Charisma Tamiri of India claimed the girls' singles title, narrowly defeating eighth-seeded Thalita Ramadhani Wiryawan of Indonesia.
- **Boys' Doubles Winner:** Bhargav Ram Arigela, partnering with Viswa Tej Gobburu, won the boys' doubles title by defeating the Indian pair Bhavya Chhabra and Arsh Mohammad.
- **Mixed Doubles Winner:** Bhargav Ram Arigela, with Vennala Kalagotla, won the mixed doubles event against the Indonesian duo Muhammad Vito Annafsa and Keyla Annisa Putri.
- **Tournament Organization:** The Late Sushant Chipalkatt India Junior International Grand Prix Badminton Tournament was organized by the Poona District Metropolitan Badminton Association, under the aegis of BWF, BA, BAI, and MBA.

Q. Who won the Boys' Singles title and who claimed victory in the Girls' Singles at the Late Sushant Chipalkatt India Junior International Grand Prix Badminton Tournament?
Chiang Tzu Chieh (Boys') Surya Charisma Tamiri (Girls')



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Cabinet approves seven agricultural projects worth Rs 13,966 crore

- To boost India's agricultural sector, the Union Cabinet approved seven major projects with a combined investment of Rs 13,966 crore. The announcement was made by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw where he outlined the government's commitment to advancing agricultural research, digital farming, and sustainable practices.
- This announcement comes a week after Vaishnaw revealed the approval of 12 industrial smart cities across 10 states worth Rs 28,602 crore.
- Crop Science for Food and Nutritional Security: Rs 3,979 crore allocated to enhance crop science for improved food security and nutrition.
- **Agricultural Education and Management:** Rs 2,291 crore set aside for modernizing agricultural education and management under ICAR, integrating digital infrastructure, AI, big data, and climate resilience measures.
- **Digital Agriculture Mission:** Rs 2,817 crore allocated to integrate AI and big data into agriculture for better decision-making and efficiency.

Q. What are the investments allocated for enhancing crop science, digital agriculture, and horticulture in the Union Cabinet's recent approval for agricultural projects? The investments include Rs 3,979 crore for crop science, Rs 2,817 crore for the Digital Agriculture Mission, and Rs 860 crore for the Sustainable Development of Horticulture.



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