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Indian Gymnast Srishti Khandagale Wins Silver At Asian Championships

- In Trampoline, India's Srishti Khandagale scripted history by becoming the first ever Indian to win a medal at the Asian Trampoline Gymnastics Championships.
- She clinched the silver medal in Women's Individual Age group category at the 6th Asian Trampoline Gymnastics Championship held in Hong Kong, China.
- However, she did not qualify for the upcoming Paris Olympics, as she was competing in an age group event.
- Kazakhstan's Dolgopolova secured the gold medal, while Hong Kong's S Hung won the bronze.

Asian Gymnastics Union

- President: Abdulrahman Ben Saad Al-Shathri
- Founded: October 1964
- FIG member since: 1966
- Sport: Gymnastics

Q. Which Indian Gymnast scripted history by becoming the first ever Indian to win a medal at the Asian Trampoline Gymnastics Championships?

Srishti Khandagale



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Abha Khatua Sets National Record Winning Gold In Women's Shot Put At National Federation Cup Athletics Competition

- Abha Khatua has set a national record and won gold medal in Women's Shot Put with a massive throw of 18.41 metres at National Federation Cup Athletics Competition in Bhubaneswar.
- Representing Maharashtra at the event, Abha was the joint record holder of 18.06 metres with Manpreet Kaur before this event.
- But after a throw of 18.41 metres at the Kalinga Stadium, Abha has become the sole national record holder.
- However, her effort was well short of the Olympics qualifying mark of 18.80 metres, which no Indian woman has ever been able to reach.
- The qualifying window ends on June 30. While Uttar Pradesh's Kiran Baliyan finished second and Delhi's Srishti Vig stood at third position.

Q. Which Indian has set a national record and won gold medal in Women's Shot Put with a massive throw of 18.41 metres at National Federation Cup Athletics Competition in Bhubaneswar? **Abha Khatua**



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Senior BJP leader and former Bihar deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi dies

- Senior BJP leader and former Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi passed away at the age of 72.
- He was battling cancer and was admitted in the AIIMS for the last one month.
- In July 2011, Sushil Modi was appointed chairman of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers for the implementation of GST.
- He served as Deputy Chief Minister for over 11 years in two stints — the first from November 2005 to June 2013, and then from July 2017 to December 2020 — stitching up a formidable combination with Nitish.

Q. Former Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi passed away at the age of 72. He was the deputy CM of which state? **Bihar**



Wednesday, 15 May 2024

Nordic declaration on competitiveness and security signed

- A joint declaration on the future of competitiveness, security and growth in the Nordic region was signed by heads of the five states in connection with a Nordic summit held in Sweden.
- Due to the security situation in Europe, the economies in the Nordic region have to become more resilient and competitive, the prime ministers of Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark and Iceland said.
- Their aim is also to make the Nordic region the most sustainable and integrated region in the world by 2030.
- Four key development areas have been identified, Firstly, critical and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, 5G/6G mobile communications, and quantum technology must be harnessed, as they have "the potential to significantly boost productivity, transform industries and contribute to the green transition and our economic security".
- Further, an accelerated green transition will be needed to boost Nordic competitiveness.

Q. Where did the joint declaration on the future of competitiveness, security and growth in the Nordic region was signed by heads of the five states?

Sweden



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Britain's King Charles hands military role to Prince William

- Britain's King Charles handed over a senior military role to his son Prince William at a ceremony, marking a rare joint appearance for the pair as the king steps up his return to public duties after his cancer diagnosis.
- Charles presented William with the title of Colonel-in-Chief of the Army Air Corps, a position the 75-year-old monarch held for 32 years.
- The visit was Charles' latest engagement since he returned to work at the end of April, almost three months after Buckingham Palace announced he was being treated for an unspecified type of cancer.
- The title transfer was announced last August after Charles' accession to the throne.
- William spent time with the Corps, viewing training, equipment and hearing from soldiers.

Britain

- Capital: London
- Prime minister: Rishi Sunak
- Government: Unitary state, Parliamentary system, Constitutional monarchy

Q. Recently Britain's King Charles handed over a senior military position with the title of Colonel-in-Chief of the Army Air Corps to whom? **Prince William**

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TCS announces to create global AI centre of excellence in France

- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) announced the creation of a Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) Centre of Excellence in Paris, during the Choose France Summit, hosted by President Emmanuel Macron.
- The new AI centre will be based in the upcoming TCS PacePort in the La Défense area of Paris, which will be inaugurated in June 2024, becoming the seventh such facility in TCS' global Pace network, following Amsterdam, London, New York, Pittsburgh, Toronto, and Tokyo.
- Paris region is fast developing into one of the global epicentres for Artificial Intelligence. We are delighted to see this new investment by TCS, which will boost the AI ecosystem we are looking to develop and provide new opportunities to our students and professionals.
- The centre will, initially, focus on areas such as brain-computer interface, building empathy in machines, and unleashing the power of AI in arts and culture. The leading position that Paris has as a global hub of culture, arts, and design will provide added impetus to this initiative.

Q. Recently Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has announced the creation of Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) Center of Excellence in which city? **Paris**



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South Korea inks consumer safety pacts with China's AliExpress, Temu

- The South Korean antitrust regulator signed agreements with the Chinese retail platforms AliExpress and Temu meant to prevent them from selling harmful products and to better protect consumers.
- The move came as the customs agency found that some of the products sold on AliExpress, owned by Alibaba, and Temu contained high levels of carcinogens and other harmful substances, according to the Fair Trade Commission (FTC).
- Under the voluntary agreements, the two e-commerce companies will carry out safety checks of their products based on data and the results of monitoring conducted by the South Korean government and other entities, and halt the distribution and selling of hazardous items.

South Korea :

- Capital: Seoul
- President: Yoon Suk Yeol
- Prime Minister: Han Duck-soo
- Currency: Korean Republic won

Q. Which Nation has signed consumer safety pacts with the Chinese retail platforms AliExpress and Temu? **South Korea**



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Adani Defence & Aerospace joins IIT Gandhinagar to bolster defence sector with new-age tech

- In a bid to foster collaboration in research, education, and innovation in defence technology, the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGN) on Monday joined hands with Adani Defence & Aerospace, a subsidiary of Adani Group, to collaborate in areas of emerging technologies.
- The collaboration will encompass joint research projects, prototype developments, student projects, and joint workshops in technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and large language models (LLMs) for defence applications.
- The MoU was signed by Amit Prashant, Dean, Research & Development, IITGN, and Ashish Rajvanshi, CEO, Adani Defence & Aerospace, on the IITGN campus.
- The partnership between Adani Defence & Aerospace and IITGN is a strategic step forward in reinforcing India's defence sector through technological innovation and academic-industry collaboration.

Q. Adani Defense and Aerospace has joined hands with which IIT to boost the defense sector with new generation technology? **IIT Gandhinagar**



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Golf: McIlroy turns 2-shot deficit into 5-shot win for 4th Wells Fargo title

- Rory McIlroy overturned a two-shot deficit as he played his final 11 holes in six-under to win the Wells Fargo Championships by a whopping five shots despite a closing double bogey.
- No other player has won the event more than twice.
- McIlroy won the Wells Fargo for a record fourth time. It was also his 26th PGA Tour win.

Wells Fargo Championship:

- The Wells Fargo Championship is a professional golf tournament in North Carolina on the PGA Tour. Held in early May, usually at the Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, it has attracted some of the top players on the tour. It debuted in 2003 as the Wachovia Championship and was known in 2009 and 2010 as the Quail Hollow Championship.

Q. Who won the 2024 Wells Fargo Championships by a whopping five shots? **Rory McIlroy**



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Shyam Nikhil becomes India's 85th GM

- The Tamil Nadu chess player became an International Master (IM) at the age of 18 way back in 2010, before collecting two out of the three norms needed to become a GM within a year. By 2012, he had also crossed the threshold of 2500 rating
- points necessary to become a grandmaster. He seemed destined to become India's 28th grandmaster very soon, but fate had other plans.
- It took Shyam 12 more years to attain the elite status he was seeking. This week, the now 31-year-old from Tamil Nadu earned that third norm which will make him India's 85th grandmaster. His elevation is in stark contrast to that of Gukesh, who will challenge for the world chess championship crown later this year, was India's youngest-ever grandmaster at the age of 12.

GM:

- Grandmaster (GM) is a title awarded to chess players by the world chess organization FIDE. Apart from World Champion, Grandmaster is the highest title a chess player can attain. Once achieved, the title is held for life, though exceptionally the title can be revoked for cheating.

Q. Shyam Nikhil, who recently becomes India's 85th GM, hails from which state of India? **Tamil Nadu**



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