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Badminton: India's Tasnim Mir & Tharun Mannepalli Clinch Singles Titles At Saint-Denis Reunion Open 2024

- In Badminton, Indian shuttlers bagged the men's and women's singles titles at the Saint-Denis Reunion Open 2024, in Saint-Denis, the capital of the French overseas département of Réunion in the Western Indian Ocean.
- In Men's singles, India's Tharun Mannepalli defeated Yudai Okimoto of Japan in straight sets to win his second title of the year. Earlier, he won the Kazakhstan International Challenge.
- While in women's singles, World No. 75, India's Tasnim Mir clinched the title, defeating compatriot Rakshitha Sree, also in straight games in the final.
- However, in the men's doubles final, the Indian duo of Prakash Raj and Gouse Shaik lost to Julien Maio and William Villeger of France, 9-21, 14-21, to settle for a runner-up finish.

Badminton World Federation:

Formation: 1934

Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

President: Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen

Q. Who won women's singles titles at the Saint-Denis Reunion Open 2024? Tasnim Mir















Asian Doubles Squash Championships: Abhay Singh Wins Both Men's Doubles And Mixed Doubles Titles

- In the Asian Doubles Squash Championships, India's Abhay Singh won both the men's doubles and mixed doubles titles in Johor, Malaysia.
- Abhay was paired with Velavan Senthilkumar in the men's doubles.
- He registered a convincing win over Malaysia's Ong Sai
 Hung and Syafiq Kamal in the final to clinch the title.
- Abhay combined with veteran Joshna Chinappa later to also clinch the mixed doubles title.
- The third-seeded Indians toppled Hong Kong's Tong Tsz
 Wing and Tang Ming Hong in the final.
- In the semi-final fixture, the Abhay-Velavan duo defeated the Japanese pair of Tomotaka Endo and Naoki Hayashi.
- Abhay and Joshna defeated the Hong Kong pair of Cheng Nga Ching and Lai Cheuk Nam Matthew 11-8, 11-10, in the mixed doubles semi-finals.

Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI):

- Headquarters: Chennai
- President: Debendranath Sarangi
- Q. Which Indian Squash Champion won men's doubles title at the Asian Doubles Squash Championships in Johor, Malaysia? Abhay Singh















Uttar Pradesh govt inks over 154 defence deals worth Rs 25,000 crore

- The Uttar Pradesh government has signed more than 150 defence manufacturing deals worth Rs 25,000 crore as the state administration eyes India's burgeoning defence export basket.
- India's annual defence production hit a record high of almost Rs 1.27 trillion in 2023-24 (FY24), up 16.7 per cent over the previous year's figure of about Rs 1.09 trillion, as per Ministry of Defence (MoD).
- The defence projects are coming up in the mega UP Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) spanning six nodes of Lucknow, Kanpur, Jhansi, Aligarh, Chitrakoot and Agra districts.
- The Corridor's nodal agency UP Expressway Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) continues to acquire swathes of land for allotment to industrial groups. UPEIDA has already acquired 1,700 hectares of land, while more than 40 companies have been allocated land.
- UPEIDA has signed MoUs with Adani Defence and Aerospace, BrahMos Aerospace, Ancor Research Labs, Tata Technologies, Bharat Dynamics Limited, Delta Combat Systems, SpiceJet Technic, Verivision, HAL, Gliders India, Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), Aerolloy Technologies, among others.
- Q. The Uttar Pradesh government has signed over 150 defence manufacturing deals worth . Rs 25,000 crore









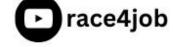






Vinesh Phogat Wins Spanish Grand Prix

- In a perfect build-up to the Paris Olympics, top Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat clinched the women's 50kg gold medal at the Grand Prix of Spain.
- World two-time Championship bronze medallist defeated Mariia Tiumerekova in the final to bag the gold.
- Mariia is a former Russian wrestler who is now competing as an Individual Neutral Athlete.
- The 29-year-old former Asian Games gold medallist first beat Pan American champion Yusneylis Guzman of Cuba.
- The title in Spain won't have any bearing on Vinesh's prospects for the Paris Olympics.
- But it would certainly give her a much-needed boost heading into the Games.
- After her training-cum-competition stint in Spain, Vinesh will travel to France for a 20-day camp.
- Q. Which Indian wrestler clinched the women's 50kg gold medal at the Grand Prix of Spain? Vinesh Phogat















Reformist Masoud Pezeshkian elected Iran's new president

- Reformist Masoud Pezeshkian has been elected as Iran's new president, beating his hardline conservative rival Saeed Jalili.
- The vote was declared in Dr Pezeshkian's favour after he secured 53.3% of the more than 30 million votes counted. Mr Jalili polled at 44.3%.
- The run-off came after no candidate secured a majority in the first round of the election on 28 June, which saw a historically low voter turnout of 40%.
- The election was called after Iran's previous president Ebrahim Raisi was killed in a helicopter crash in May, in which seven others also died.
- Dr Pezeshkian, a 71-year-old heart surgeon and member of the Iranian parliament, is critical of Iran's notorious morality police and caused a stir after promising "unity and cohesion", as well as an end to Iran's "isolation" from the world.
- He has also called for "constructive negotiations" with Western powers over a renewal of the faltering 2015 nuclear deal in which Iran agreed to curb its nuclear programme in return for an easing of Western sanctions.
- Q. Who has been elected as Iran's new president, beating his hardline conservative rival Saeed Jalili? Masoud Pezeshkian















Consulting firm Mercer appoints Siddhartha Gupta as India President

- US-based consulting firm Mercer has announced the appointment of Siddhartha Gupta as its India President.
- Gupta brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this role, having most recently served as Mercer Mettl's Chief Executive Officer.
- Gupta will be reporting to Sanjay Kedia, Marsh McLennan's India Chief Executive Officer, and will join the leadership teams for Marsh McLennan in India and Mercer in the India, Middle East and Africa Region.

Mercer

- Company type: Subsidiary
- Industry: Consulting
- Founded: 1945
- Headquarters: New York City
- President and CEO: Martine Ferland
- Parent: Marsh McLennan
- Q. US-based consulting firm Mercer has announced the appointment of whom as its India President? **Siddhartha Gupta**















Lewis Hamilton wins record-extending ninth British GP

- When Lewis Hamilton won his third consecutive race in 2021 in the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix on the Jeddah Street Circuit, he undoubtedly did not expect to wait 945 days for his next victory.
- Beating Max Verstappen to the line by 1.465 seconds, he scored a record-extending ninth British Grand Prix victory at Silverstone and the 104th win of his storied career.
- Verstappen was also fast on the hard tires and took second place from Norris in the closing laps, but there was not enough time to catch Hamilton.
- Hamilton's first British GP victory came in 2008. His ninth and most recent win on that track was in 2021.
- Hamilton will depart Mercedes in 2025 to race for Ferrari, and he wanted to reward the team he joined in 2013.

2024 Winners

1st Lewis Hamilton Mercedes

2nd Max Verstappen Red Bull Racing-Honda RBPT

3rd Lando Norris McLaren-Mercedes

Q. Who has won the British Grand Prix 2024 at Silverstone, UK? Lewis Hamilton















Corbett FC score last-minute winner over Golazo FC in final of AIFF Futsal Club Championship

- Corbett FC were crowned champions of the AIFF Futsal Club Championship 2024 after they beat Golazo FC at the Swarnim Gujarat Sports University.
- It was a fitting finale worthy of its name as the fortunes swung from one end to the other. Corbett FC took the lead twice only to find Golazo FC coming back to restore parity on both occasions. The match went into extra time.
- However, with just 58 seconds left for the buzzer, the tournament's top scorer PC Lalruatsanga scored his 17th and perhaps the most important goal of the meet to snatch the trophy for the Uttarakhand club.

Futsal Club Championship

- Organising body: All India Football Federation (AIFF)
- Founded: 2021
- Country: India
- Confederation: AFC
- Number of teams: 14
- Q. Which team crowned champions of the AIFF Futsal Club Championship 2024? Corbett FC















India's Avinash Sable Sets New National Record; Dhruv Sitwala Clinched The Asian Championship **Title**

- India's Avinash Sable set a new national record in the 3000m steeplechase at the Paris Diamond League in France.
- The star steeplechase player bettered his own record by more than a second.
- Sable finished sixth at the event with a timing of 8:09.91 (8 minutes, 9 seconds, and 91 hundredths of a second).
- However, the race was won by Abrham Sime of Ethiopia with a personal best of 8:02.36, narrowly edging out Amos Serem of Kenya, who recorded the same time.
- In Billiards, Dhruv Sitwala clinched the Asian Championship title.
- Sitwala defeated Ace Indian cueist and compatriot Pankaj Advani in the final.
- With the loss, Pankaj fell short in his quest to secure a hat-trick of titles.
- India's Anupama Ramachandran clinched women's snooker titles in the Asian championships in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia recently.
- Q. Which Indian runner set a new national record in the 3000m steeplechase at the Paris Diamond League 2024? **Avinash Sable**















Three Mongolian parties sign MoU to form coalition govt

- The ruling Mongolian People's Party (MPP), the main opposition Democratic Party (DP), and the Hun Party, signed a memorandum of understanding to form a coalition government, following regular parliamentary elections held on June 28.
- The MPP secured a narrow margin of victory, winning 68 of the 126 seats, while the DP obtained 42 seats.
- The Hun Party secured eight seats, with the Civil Will-Green Party and the National Coalition each securing four seats.
- The decision to form a coalition government aims to swiftly address Mongolia's development challenges, consider critical international relations the and geopolitical situation, and emphasise national unity, according to the parties.
- In May 2023, the Asian country's parliament, also known as the State Great Khural, passed amendments increasing the number of legislators from 76 to 126.
- The elections were conducted under a mixed electoral system, with 78 legislators elected through majority representation and 48 through proportional representation.
- The Asian country's parliament operates unicameral system with a four-year term.
- Q. Recently Three Mongolian parties sign MoU to form coalition govt, in context to same what is the name of the Mongolia's parliament? State Great Khural



















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