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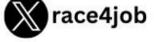


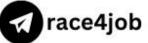


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# Haryana to commence first-ever Global Women's Kabaddi League

- The first-ever Global Women's Kabaddi League will commence next month in Haryana.
- The state of Haryana will host the inaugural Global Women's Kabaddi League (GPKL), marking a significant milestone in the promotion of women's sports in India.
- International Participation: The league will feature athletes from over 15 countries, including female England, Poland, Argentina, Canada, and highlighting the global interest in kabaddi.
- Government Partnership: A Memorandum Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Holistic International Pravasi Sports Association (HIPSA) and the of Haryana, emphasizing the Government state's commitment to sports development.
- Promotion of Kabaddi: The GPKL aims to promote kabaddi internationally, supporting efforts to include the sport in the Olympic Games and strengthening India's bid to host the 2036 Olympics.

#### Haryana Mandates 'Jai Hind' in Schools:

- Starting from August 15, 2024, students in Haryana schools are required to greet each other with "Jai Hind" instead of "Good Morning". This initiative by the Haryana government aims to instill patriotism and national pride among the younger generation.
- Q. Which Indian state is set to host the first-ever Global Women's Kabaddi League (GPKL)? Haryana













	Olympics 2024 Medal Tally				
#	COUNTRY	(I) GOLD	2 SILVER	BRONZE	тота
1	United States	40	44	42	126
2	China	40	27	24	91
3	<ul><li>Japan</li></ul>	20	12	13	45
4	Australia Australia	18	19	16	53
71	India	0	1.	5	6

#### Olympics 2024 concluded: India **Paris** finished at 71st spot

- India's Performance: India finished 71st in the overall medal tally at the Paris Olympics 2024, securing a total of 6 medals (1 silver and 5 bronze). This is a drop from the 48th position achieved in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, where India won 7 medals, including 1 gold.
- Global Leaders in the Medal Tally: The United States led the medal count with 126 medals, including 40 golds, followed by China with 91 medals (40 gold). Japan and Australia performed strongly, finishing third and fourth, respectively. Knowledge of the top-performing nations is important for international sports-related questions.
- Historic Wins and New Olympic Sports: Notable performances included the Netherlands' Sifan Hassan winning gold in the women's marathon, her third medal of the games. The 2028 Los Angeles Olympics will introduce new sports like flag football, cricket, lacrosse, and squash, along with the return of baseball and softball.
- Q. Which new sports will be introduced at the 2028 Los Angeles Ólympics? flag football, cricket, lacrosse, and squash















## Abhinav Bindra receives the Olympic Order Award by International Olympic Committee in **Paris**

- Abhinav Bindra, India's first individual Olympic gold medalist, has been awarded the prestigious Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) at its 142nd session in Paris. The Olympic Order is the highest honor bestowed by the Olympic Movement, recognizing individuals for their significant contributions to the Olympic Games.
- **Historic Achievement:** Bindra earned his place in history by winning India's first individual Olympic gold medal in the Men's 10-meter Air Rifle event at the 2008 Beijing Games. His victory was a landmark moment in Indian sports, symbolizing the nation's growing prominence in international competitions.
- Career Milestones: Bindra's distinguished includes over 150 individual medals, and he represented India in five consecutive Summer Olympics, from Sydney 2000 to Rio 2016. His consistent performances, including a gold at Beijing 2008 and a fourth-place finish at Rio 2016, underscore his excellence and resilience in sports.
- Olympic Involvement: Beyond his competitive career, Bindra has contributed to the Olympic Movement as a member of the IOC Athletes' Commission since 2018.
- Q. Which Indian athlete was awarded the Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee at its 142nd session in Paris? Abhinav Bindra















# Bangladesh Supreme Court Chief Justice resigns following pressure by student protesters

- Bangladesh's Chief Justice Obaidul Hassan resigned following intense pressure from student protesters. His resignation comes in the wake of widespread demonstrations against the quota system for government jobs, which many critics believed unfairly favored individuals connected to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's party.
- Political Upheaval: The protests, initially focused on job quotas, escalated into a broader movement against the government, leading to the resignation and flight of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to India. The violence during these protests resulted in over 300 deaths, including students and police officers.
- Interim Government Led by Nobel Laureate: Following the mass uprising, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus was appointed to lead the interim government. Yunus, known for his pioneering work in microcredit, was in Paris for the Olympics when he was selected for this role.
- Q. Which country's Chief Justice, Obaidul Hassan, resigned following student protests in 2024? Bangladesh















# Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana Modified to **Enhance Advanced Biofuel Projects**

- The Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved modifications to the Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana to provide financial support and attract more investment in advanced biofuel projects.
- Scheme Extension: The modified scheme extends its implementation timeline by five years, up to 2028-29, and includes the production of advanced biofuels from lignocellulosic feedstocks such as agricultural and forestry residues, industrial waste, synthesis gas, and algae.
- Environmental and Economic Impact: The scheme aims to provide farmers with remunerative income for agricultural residues, reduce environmental pollution, create local employment opportunities, and contribute to India's energy security and self-reliance.
- Ethanol Blending Programme: The government has been promoting ethanol blending in petrol through the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme. The blending percentage reached 15.83% in July 2023, with cumulative blending percentage exceeding 13% in the
- ongoing ethanol supply year (ESY) 2023-24.

  Target for 2025-26: The government is on track to achieve a 20% ethanol blending target by the end of ESY 2025-26, which will require over 1,100 crore litres of ethanol and an ethanol distillation capacity of 1,750 crore litres to meet this demand.
- Q. Which scheme was recently modified to support advanced biofuel projects in India? Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana















# South Korea, Turkey renew currency swap deal for 3 years

- The central banks of South Korea and Turkey have agreed to extend their bilateral currency swap arrangement for an additional three years.
- The Bank of Korea (BOK) and the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey announced the renewal of the agreement, which facilitates the exchange of local currencies up to approximately \$2 billion between the two institutions.
- Effective immediately, this renewed agreement will last for three years, with the possibility of an extension by mutual consent. Initially established in 2021, the swap deal aims to enhance bilateral trade by enabling trade settlements through the swap facility and fostering greater financial cooperation between South Korea and Turkey.
- Both countries have explored opportunities to establish joint economic zones and industrial parks, enhancing trade and investment flows.

#### **Future Endeavours:**

- Both countries have expressed interest in exploring bilateral free trade agreements to further enhance their economic relationship and remove trade barriers.
- Q. Which west asian country along with South Korea have agreed to extend their bilateral currency swap arrangement for an additional three years? Turkey













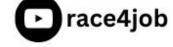


# Australia strengthens AUKUS partnership, signs 'milestone' agreement to acquire nuclear-powered submarines

- Australia has reached a significant milestone in the AUKUS partnership with a new agreement allowing the UK and the US to transfer submarine-specific materials and equipment for Australia's future nuclear-powered submarines.
- The AUKUS security partnership was established in September 2021 by Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States to address China's expanding presence and actions in the Indo-Pacific region.
- In March 2023, the three nations agreed on a plan for Australia to develop a conventionally-armed, nuclearpowered submarine (SSN) capability under the AUKUS framework.

#### **Details of the Latest Agreement:**

- Australia will acquire its own nuclear-powered submarines starting from the 2030s.
- agreement includes transferring Virginia-class The submarines from the US to Australia.
- Equipment from the UK will be provided for the SSN-AUKUS submarines being developed in Australia.
- Q. What is the purpose of the AUKUS partnership? To counter China's expanding presence and actions in the Indo-Pacific region.















# President Yoon names vice justice minister as new prosecutor general of South Korea

- South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol named Shim Woo-jung, to be the new prosecutor general.
- Shim, 53, has been tapped to be the new prosecution chief who will replace Prosecutor General Lee One-seok.
- Lee's two-year term will end next month.
- Shim joined the Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office as a prosecutor in 2000 and served in senior positions in the Seoul prosecutors' office.
- Shim is regarded as a suitable figure to lead the prosecution to ensure its primary role in upholding the Constitution and protecting people.
- After going through a parliamentary confirmation hearing, Shim will become the second prosecutor general under the Yoon administration.
- On the other hand South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol has appointed the head of the presidential security service, Kim Yong-hyun, as the new defence minister, and named Defence Minister Shin Won-sik as the new national security adviser.
- Q. Who has been appointed as South Korea's new Prosecutor General to replace Lee One-seok? Shim Woo-jung















## S Korea and US to start summer military drills to counter threats

- South Korea and the United States will begin their annual joint military exercise, Ulchi Freedom Shield exercise with a focus on improving their combined capabilities to deter and defend against growing North Korean nuclear threats.
- The drills could trigger a belligerent response from North Korea, which portrays them as invasion rehearsals and have used the allies' military cooperation as a pretext to advance the development of nuclear weapons and missile systems.
- This years exercise is scheduled for Aug. 19-29, computer-simulated include exercises designed to enhance readiness against such threats as missiles, GPS jamming and cyberattacks, and concurrent field maneuvers and live-fire exercises.
- Q. What is the name of the joint military exercise between USA & South Korea to deter and defend against growing North Korean nuclear threats? Ulchi Freedom Shield exercise















# Atkinson and Athapaththu named ICC Players of the Month winners for July 2024

- England's Gus Atkinson and Sri Lanka's Chamari Athapaththu have been named the ICC Players of the Month for July 2024.
- Atkinson, making his Test debut, played a pivotal role in England's series win over West Indies.
- He spearheaded England's bowling attack, taking 22 wickets at an average of 16.22 in their 3-0 series win against West Indies.
- Chamari Athapaththu was instrumental in Sri Lanka's Women's Asia Cup triumph.
- She scored 304 runs at an average of 101.33 and a strike rate of 146.85 during the tournament.
- Her unbeaten 119 against Malaysia and two crucial half-centuries were standout performances.

#### **ICC**

- Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Subsidiary: Asian Cricket Council
- Founded: 15 June 1909
- CEO: Geoff Allardice
- Chairman: Greg Barclay
- Q. Who have been named the ICC Players of the Month for July 2024? Gus Atkinson and Chamari Athapaththu



















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