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# ISRO Successfully Tests New Liquid **Rocket Engine In Tamil Nadu**

- The Indian Space Research Organisation, ISRO successfully tested the new liquid rocket engine manufactured through Additive Manufacturing technology.
- The test was successfully carried out at ISRO Propulsion Complex in Mahendragiri Tamilnadu.
- This new redesigned PS4 engine has brought down the number of parts from 14 to a single piece and eliminated 19 weld joints.
- This will significantly save on the raw material usage per engine, reduce metal powder from 565 kgs to 13.7 kgs and reduce the production time by 60 percent.
- This new redesigned engine will be used for the fourth stage of PSLV launch vehicle and also in the Reaction Control System of the First Stage in PSLV.
- ISRO is planning to induct this PS4 engine into PSLV regular Additive the program. Manufacturing technology means 3D printing of PS4 engines.
- Q. Recently, ISRO has successfully tested the new liquid rocket engine manufactured through which technology? Additive Manufacturing technology















# Grand Chess Tour: R Praggnanandhaa Beats World Number One Magnus Carlsen

- In Chess, India's R Praggnanandhaa scored yet another victory over world number one Magnus Carlsen of Norway to keep himself afloat even as Wei Yi of China stretched his lead to a massive 2.5 points in the Superbet rapid and blitz tournament.
- With nine rounds still to go in the blitz event, Wei Yi has amassed 20.5 points with seven wins on the first day of blitz.
- Ending the day with 7.5 out of a possible nine, Yi seems like a man possessed and is poised to win the first leg of the Grand Chess Tour.
- Carlsen, at 18, is a distant second at this point and the main reason behind that is Praggnanandhaa, who has been beating the world number one often these days in the faster version of the game.
- Praggnanandhaa, however, is far behind the leaders with 14.5 points which makes it literally a two-horse race for the title.
- Q. Recently, India's R Praggnanandhaa has registered another victory over which Norwegian chess player in the Superbet Rapid and Blitz tournament? Magnus Carlsen















# Para Powerlifting World Cup: Sakina Khatun Secures 2 Bronze Medals In Thailand

- India's Sakina Khatun clinched two bronze medals at the Para Powerlifting World Cup 2024 in Pattaya, Thailand.
- She secured the medals in the Best Lift and Total Lift categories, with a formidable lift of 93 Kgs in the women's up to 55 kg event.
- Despite her remarkable performance, she just fell shy of securing a spot for the Paralympic Games, this year.
- Earlier in the Men's up to 65 Kg category, India's Ashok Malik secured the gold medal with a personal best lift of 197 kg, while in the Men's up to 49 kg category, Parmjeet Singh claimed the silver with a lift of 162 kg.
- In the Women's up to 67 kg event, another Indian, Kasthuri Rajamani earned the bronze with a lift of 105kg.

#### Thailand:

• Capital: Bangkok

Monarch: Vajiralongkorn

Prime Minister: Srettha Thavisin

• Currency: Thai baht

Q. Which Indian athlete won two bronze medals at the Para Powerlifting World Cup 2024 in Pattaya, Thailand? Sakina Khatun















# India's Star Javelin Thrower Neeraj Chopra Seals Second-Place Finish In Doha Diamond League 2024

- India's star javelin thrower, Neeraj Chopra sealed a second-place finish in the Doha Diamond League 2024.
- With an unusual slow start, Chopra's spear landed at 88.36 metre, just 2 cenitmetres short of event topper Jakub Vadlejch's 88.38 metre.
- The windy conditions in Doha played an unfriendly part in Chopra's attempt to win the second Doha season in a row.
- Fellow Asian Games medallist Kishore Jena, returned disappointed as he was eliminated at the halfway stage after a throw of 76.31 metre.
- The 2024 Diamond League is the fifteenth season of the annual series of outdoor track and field meetings, organised by World Athletics.

#### **Doha Diamond League:**

- Formation: 18 July 1912
- Founded at: Stockholm, Sweden
- Headquarters: Monaco
- President: Sebastian Coe
- Q. India's star javelin thrower, Neeraj Chopra secured which position in Doha Diamond League 2024? second















# India to sign 10-year agreement with Iran to manage Chabahar Port

- India is expected to sign an agreement with Iran to oversee the management of Chabahar Port for the next decade, making it New Delhi's first venture managing a port overseas.
- According to a report by the Economic Times (ET), Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal is scheduled to travel to Iran for the signing ceremony.
- Plans are currently underway to integrate Chabahar Port with the International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC), facilitating India's connectivity with Russia via Iran.
- By leveraging Chabahar Port, India aims to bypass Pakistan and establish direct access to Afghanistan and beyond, into Central Asia.
- Chabahar Port holds strategic importance for India as it as a vital link connecting the country to Afghanistan, Central Asia, and the broader Eurasian region. Moreover, this initiative is seen counterbalance to Pakistan's Gwadar port and China's Belt and Road Initiative.
- Q. With which country, India will sign a 10-year agreement for the management of Chabahar Port? Iran















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### Vladimir Putin removes Sergei Shoigu from Russian defence ministry

- Russian President Vladimir Putin has removed his longstanding ally Sergei Shoigu as defence minister, the Kremlin has announced.
- The 68-year-old has been in the role since 2012 and is to be appointed secretary of Russia's Security Council.
- Papers published by the upper chamber of the Russian parliament said Mr Shoigu will be replaced by Deputy Prime Minister Andrei Belousov.
- Russian government papers show Mr Putin wants Mr Shoigu to take over from Nikolai Patrushev on the powerful security council. It is not yet clear what Mr Patrushev's new post will be.
- Mr Shoigu has close links with President Putin, often taking him on fishing trips in his native Siberia.
- He was given the defence portfolio despite having no military background, which rankled with some of his top brass.
- A civil engineer by profession, Mr Shoigu rose to prominence as the head of the emergencies and disaster relief ministry in the 1990s.
- He often looked out of his depth as defence minister, especially after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine more than two years ago, BBC Europe analyst Danny Aeberhard says.
- Q. Who has been removed from the post of Defense Minister of Russia? Sergei Shoigu















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## Soumya Swaminathan to be awarded honourary doctorate by Canada's McGill University

- Dr Soumya Swaminathan, most recently WHO's Chief Scientist, has been named among the 10 exceptional individuals who will receive honorary degrees from Canada's prestigious McGill University as part of the Spring 2024 Convocation ceremonies.
- 2017, Swaminathan joined the World Health Organisation (WHO) as Deputy Director General (Programmes), and, in March 2019, was named its first Chief Scientist, a role she filled through the Covid-19 pandemic until late 2022.
- Swaminathan, 65, will receive the Doctor of Science, honoris causa (D Sc) in Health Sciences on May 28.
- The conferral of an honorary degree, McGill's highest honour, is both a recognition of the transformative power of individual achievement and a celebration of the values and aspirations that unite our community.
- Q. WHO's Chief Scientist Dr. Soumya Swaminathan will be honored with an honorary doctorate degree by which Canadian university? McGill University















## Punjabi poet Padma Shri Surjit Patar passes away at 79

- Surjit Patar, 79, a renowned Punjabi poet who received the Padma Shri, passed away.
- Patar's poetic works include 'Hawa Vich Likhe Harf', 'Hanere Vich Sulagdi Varanmala', 'Patjhar Di Pazeb', 'Lafzaan Di Dargah' and 'Surzameen'.
- Surjit Patar was honoured with the Padma Shri in his contributions to literature education. He served as the president of the Punjab Arts Council and had previously held the position of president at the Punjabi Sahit Akademi. Throughout his illustrious career, Patar received prestigious awards such as the Sahitya Akademi Award, Panchnad Puruskar, Saraswati Samman, and the Kusumagraj Literary Award.
- He retired as a professor of Punjabi from the Punjab Agricultural University in Ludhiana.
- Patar has also translated the three tragedies of Federico Garcia Lorca, Girish Karnad's play Nagmandala, and poems of Bertolt Brecht and Pablo Neruda into Punjabi.
- Q. Shri Surjit Patar, who passed away recently, was a renowned poet of which regional language? Punjabi















#### N Chandrasekaran to chair Tata Electronics

- Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran will also assume the role of chairman, Tata Electronics, at a time when the Tata group company has earmarked about \$14 billion in investments to spearhead its entry into the semiconductor business.
- Chandrasekaran will succeed Banmali Agrawala, who has held the position for several years and has recently taken on an advisory role within the group.
- Chandrasekaran's appointment as chairman of Tata Electronics is seen as a strategic decision, signaling the importance of the semiconductor business to the conglomerate. His leadership and vision were instrumental in attracting top talent to the company, including Randhir Thakur, former Intel Foundry Services veteran, who joined as CEO & MD of Tata Electronics in 2023.

### Tata Group:

• Founded: 1868

Founder: Jamsetji Tata

• Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

Chairman Emeritus: Ratan Tata

 Chairman & Managing Director Natarajan Chandrasekaran

• chief corporate counsel: S Parmar

Q. Who will assume the role of chairman of Tata Electronics?

N Chandrasekaran















# HINDUJA

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# Hinduja led IIHL gets Irdai's nod for acquisition of Reliance Capital

- Hinduja Group's IndusInd International Holdings (IIHL) received the long-awaited Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India's approval for the acquisition of Reliance Capital.
- The acquisition will include the takeover of Reliance Capital's insurance arms — wholly-owned subsidiary Reliance General Insurance and 51:49 JV with Nippon Life, Reliance Nippon Life Insurance.
- The insurance regulator has cleared the transfer of Reliance Capital's 26 per cent stake in Reliance Nippon Life to Aasia Enterprises. Post the transaction, Reliance Capital, Nippon Life Insurance and Aasia Enterprises LLP will be the promoters of the company.
- The approval is valid for three months and subject to "regulatory, certain statutory, and judicial clearances/compliances". Further, IRDAI has also sought details of the share transfer post the completion of the acquisition. The approval has been long pending and crucial to the resolution plan given that the insurance arms are the highest revenue-accruing businesses of Reliance Capital.
- Q. Which Hinduja Group-led company got the long-awaited approval from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India for the acquisition of Reliance Capital? IIHL



















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