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## **Jiya Rai Becomes World's Youngest & Fastest Female Para Swimmer to Swim Solo Across English Channel**

- Para swimmer Jiya Rai has achieved a remarkable feat by becoming the world's youngest and fastest female para swimmer to swim solo across the English Channel. At just 16 years old, she successfully covered the 34 km stretch from Abbots Cliff in England to Pointe de la Courte-Dune in France in 17 hours and 25 minutes.
- **Key Facts:**
- **Record Achievement:** Jiya Rai is the youngest and fastest female para swimmer to swim solo across the English Channel.
- **Distance and Duration:** She swam a distance of 34 km in 17 hours and 25 minutes.
- **Autism Awareness:** Jiya uses her platform to advocate for autism awareness, participating in events and campaigns to promote understanding and support for individuals with autism.
- **Awards and Honors:**
- **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMB) – 2022:** The highest award for Indian citizens below 18 years of age, recognizing her outstanding achievements in sports.

Q. Who is the world's youngest and fastest female para swimmer to solo swim across the English Channel? **Jiya Rai**



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## **Nicolás Maduro Wins Third Term as President of Venezuela**

- In Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro has been declared the winner of the presidential election by the National Electoral Council (CNE). This victory marks his third term as President of Venezuela.
- With 80 percent of ballots counted, President Maduro received 51 percent of the vote.
- Maduro's main rival received 44 percent of the vote.
- Important facts:
  - Declared Winner: Nicolás Maduro was declared the winner by the National Electoral Council (CNE).
  - Third Term: This will be Maduro's third term as President of Venezuela.
  - Head of National Electoral Council: Elvis Amoroso

**Q.** Who has been declared the winner of the Venezuela presidential election for a third term?  
**Nicolás Maduro**



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## **MoD and NSE Sign Agreement to Aid MSMEs and Emerging Firms in Defence Sector**

- The Defence Ministry and the National Stock Exchange (NSE) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at assisting Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and emerging companies in the defence sector. This agreement seeks to help these enterprises scale up their business operations, explore new markets, and fund their research and development activities.
- **Parties Involved:**
  - Defence Ministry: Represented by the Department of Defence Production (DDP).
  - National Stock Exchange (NSE): Represented by the Managing Director of NSE.
- **Purpose of MoU:**
  - Capital Market Access: Facilitate capital market access for MSMEs and emerging companies in the defence sector.
  - Equity Capital Raising: Provide new and viable options for raising equity capital from a diversified set of investors.

Q. Which two entities recently signed an agreement to help MSMEs and emerging companies in the defence sector? **Defence Ministry & National Stock Exchange**



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## **BIS and GBPUAT Sign MoU to Develop Standardized Agriculture Demonstration Farm**

- Bureau of Indian Standards and Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology have signed a pact to help develop standardised agriculture demonstration farm for enhancing crop yield and promoting uniform agricultural practices.
- This MoU marks the first collaboration between BIS and an agricultural university for developing SADFs.
- Purpose of MoU:
  - Standardized Agriculture Demonstration Farm (SADF): To develop the first standardized agriculture demonstration farm in India.
  - Enhancing Crop Yield: Aimed at increasing crop yields through uniform agricultural practices.
- Objectives:
  - Uniform Agricultural Practices: Promote consistency in agricultural methods.
  - Development and Research: Enhance research and development in agriculture to benefit farmers and the agricultural sector.

Q. Which two organizations signed an MoU to establish India's first Standardized Agriculture Demonstration Farm? **BIS and GBPUAT**



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## **Indian Delegation Achieves Full Medals at 54th International Physics Olympiad 2024**

- At the 54th International Physics Olympiad 2024, held in Isfahan, Iran, the Indian team achieved outstanding success, with all five participants winning medals. The delegation secured 2 gold and 3 silver medals.
- **Gold Medalists:**
  - Rhythm Kedia (Chhattisgarh)
  - Ved Lahoti (Madhya Pradesh)
- **Silver Medalists:**
  - Akarsh Raj Sahay (Maharashtra)
  - Bhavya Tiwari (Uttar Pradesh)
  - Jaiveer Singh (Rajasthan)
- **Delegation Leadership:**
  - Team Leaders: Prof. Deepak Garg (DAV College, Chandigarh) and Dr. Shirish Pathare (HBCSE, TIFR).
  - Scientific Observers: Prof. A. C. Biyani (Retd., Govt. Nagarjuna Post Graduate College of Science, Raipur) and Prof. Vivek Bhide (Gogate-Jogalekar College, Ratnagiri).

**Q.**How many medals did the Indian delegation win at the 54th International Physics Olympiad 2024? **2 gold and 3 silver medals**



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## **New Zealand, Indonesia to enhance cooperation in various fields**

- New Zealand and Indonesia launched a plan of action which sets a course for intensified cooperation to guide bilateral ties over the next five years.
- Strategic Partnership: The Plan of Action for 2025-2029 represents a strategic enhancement of bilateral relations between New Zealand and Indonesia.
- Economic Goals: The new trade target of 6 billion NZ dollars (\$3.54 billion) reflects a significant increase in economic ambition compared to the previous 2020 plan.
- Halal Trade: There will be a specific focus on expanding trade in halal products, highlighting a commitment to diverse and inclusive trade practices.
- Working Holiday Scheme: Both countries aim to implement a joint Working Holiday Scheme, facilitating cultural exchange and mutual understanding.
- Educational Ties: The plan includes a stronger emphasis on educational cooperation, aiming to foster deeper academic and cultural connections between New Zealand and Indonesia.
- Long-Term Vision: The five-year timeline underscores a long-term commitment to deepening bilateral ties and achieving shared economic and social goals.

Q. New Zealand along with which country launched a plan of action which sets a course for intensified cooperation to guide bilateral ties over the next five years? **Indonesia**



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## Venezuela asks 7 Latin American countries to withdraw diplomatic staff

- Venezuela has requested that Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Peru, Panama, the Dominican Republic, and Uruguay withdraw their diplomatic staff from the country.
- This request comes amid accusations from Venezuela that these nations have interfered in its internal affairs, particularly regarding the presidential elections in which President Nicolas Maduro was reelected for a third six-year term.
- Venezuela claims these countries are aligned with Washington and follow the ideological principles of international fascism.
- Note: Venezuela's National Electoral Council has officially declared Maduro the winner of the recent presidential elections.
- Diplomatic History:
  - Argentina: Historically strong ties, recently strained due to Argentina's criticism of Maduro's government.
  - Chile: Long-standing diplomatic relations, now tense over Chile's condemnation of human rights abuses in Venezuela.
  - Costa Rica: Generally cordial relations, recently strained by Costa Rica's concerns over democracy and humanitarian issues in Venezuela.

Q. Which South American country asks 7 Latin American countries to withdraw diplomatic staff regarding interference in its internal affairs? **Venezuela**





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## Indian Shooters Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh Win Bronze in 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team Event at Paris Olympics

- India's 10m Air Pistol mixed team of Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh clinch bronze medal after beating South Korea at the Paris Olympics.
- Event: 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team
- Athletes: Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh
- Medal: Bronze
- Competition: 2024 Paris Olympics
- Key Highlights:
- Performance: The Indian duo displayed remarkable resilience and composure, overcoming a slow start to triumph over South Korea.
- Final Score: They clinched the victory with a decisive 16-10 margin.
- India's Medal Count: This win marks India's second medal of the Games.

Q. Which Indian shooting pair clinched bronze medal in 10m Air Pistol mixed team event at the Paris Olympics 2024?  
**Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh**

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## Thales, Garuda join hands to build secure drone operations in India

- Aerospace industry leaders Thales and Garuda Aerospace announced a collaboration to promote the development of the drone ecosystem in India.
- Expertise and Contributions:
- Thales:
  - Provides expertise in unmanned traffic management (UTM) solutions.
  - Specializes in UAV detection and system integration.
  - Develops advanced end-to-end solutions for drone integration and UTM systems.
- Garuda Aerospace:
  - Specializes in the manufacture and use of UAVs.
  - Offers deep knowledge of the Indian market.
  - Operates a fleet of over 2,500 drones and 4,000 pilots across 400 districts.
  - Manufactures 30 types of drones and offers 50 types of services. [www.race4job.com](http://www.race4job.com)

Q. Which drone startup company based in Chennai join hands with Thales, to build secure drone operations in India? **Garuda Aerospace**



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## **BBRF Announces 2024 Klerman and Freedman Prize Winners for Groundbreaking Mental Health Research**

- The Brain & Behaviour Research Foundation (BBRF) has announced the recipients of the 2024 Klerman and Freedman Prizes, Here is the complete list of winners
- Juliet Beni Edgcomb, MD, PhD (University of California, Los Angeles)
- Prize: 2024 Klerman Prize for Exceptional Clinical Research
- Focus: Identifying suicide-related symptoms in children from EHR data
- Christina K. Kim, PhD (University of California)
- Prize: 2024 Freedman Prize for Exceptional Basic Research
- Focus: New methods to target neuronal activity for depression and anxiety treatments
- Elizabeth V. Goldfarb, PhD (Yale University)
- Prize: 2024 Klerman Prize Honorable Mention
- Focus: Stress impacts on memory and behaviour

**Q.** This year how many persons have been awarded the 2024 Klerman and Freedman Prize for Groundbreaking Mental Health Research? **5**



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