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Ashma Kumari KC crowned as Miss Nepal **World 2024**

- Ashma Kumari KC was crowned Miss Nepal World 2024, beating out 25 other contestants.
- At the 28th edition of the pageant, held at the Godavari Sunrise Convention Center, Lalitpur, Sumana KC and Karuna Rawat won the titles of Miss Nepal Earth and Miss Nepal International, respectively.
- Besides the main titles, The Hidden Treasure (THT), which has been organising Miss Nepal since 1994, gave out 13 other titles this year.

Diverse Skill Sets:

- Dikshya Awasthi The Kathmandu Post Miss Intellectual
- Anjana Pun Miss Popular Choice
- Urja Newa Miss Fitness Queen
- Simrika Manandhar Miss Healthy Skin
- Saira Khadka Vatsalya Miss Visionary
- Preravita Swar Miss Confident
- Anjana Pun Miss DHI
- Ambika Rana Miss Green Visionary
- Shraddha Suman Silwal Miss Photogenic
- Kimti Shrestha Miss Talent
- Q. Who was crowned Miss Nepal World 2024? Ashma Kumari KC.















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CDS, General Anil Chauhan to chair an apex level Tri-Service Financial Conference

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Anil Chauhan, will chair a crucial Tri-Service Financial Conference in New Delhi. This apex-level event focuses on enhancing cohesion and synergy in financial matters within the Armed Forces will and participation from senior officials from the Ministry of the Controller General Defence Defence and Accounts.

Leadership and Coordination:

- General Chauhan's role highlights the importance of leadership and coordination, key qualities for government roles.
- The conference is being coordinated by the Headquarters of the Integrated Defence showcasing effective organizational skills.

Integration and Jointness:

- The conference aligns with the ongoing drive for integration and jointness in the Armed Forces, emphasizing the significance of collaborative efforts in government operations.
- Q. Who will chair the Tri-Service Financial Conference aimed at enhancing financial cohesion in the Armed Forces? **General Anil Chauhan**















Wing Commander Shubhanshu Shukla, prime astronaut for ISS mission

The Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) announced Indian Air Force (IAF) Wing Commander Shubhanshu Shukla has been chosen for an upcoming Indo-US mission to the International Space Station (ISS). Shukla is the "prime" astronaut recommended for the mission, with Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair selected as the "backup."

Selection and Training:

- The selection of Shubhanshu Shukla was based on a recommendation from Axiom Space Inc, a NASAidentified service provider.
- Isro's Human Space Flight Centre has agreement with Axiom Space Inc for their fourth mission to the ISS.
- The National Mission Assignment Board recommended the two "gaganyatris" (space travellers).
- Final approval will be given by the Multilateral Crew Operations Panel (MCOP), with training scheduled from the first week of August.

Gaganyaan Mission:

- Both Shukla and Nair are part of the team of astronautdesignates selected for the Gaganyaan demonstrating India's capability for human space flight to low Earth orbit.
- Q. Who has been selected as the prime astronaut for the upcoming Indo-US mission to the ISS? Wing Commander Shubhanshu Shukla.















Djokovic wins Gold medal: Full list of players with career Golden Slam

 Novak Djokovic became only the fifth player in the history of Tennis to complete a Golden career slam after he defeated Carlos Alcaraz in men's singles final in Paris Olympics 2024. Novak Djokovic became the oldest gold medalist in the Olympic Tennis Event since 1988 at the age of 37 years.

What is a Golden slam?

• A Golden Slam is when a player wins an Olympic gold medal in addition to each of the four Grand Slam competitions (Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon, US Open). Steffi Graf is the only player to accomplish this feat in a single year (1988), however the Bryan brothers also won their games in a row. The only player to accomplish a Golden Slam in both singles and doubles is Serena Williams.

What is career Golden Slam?

- When a player wins a Olympic Gold medal, along with all the four Grand Slams, then it is called career Golden Slam.
- Q. Who became the fifth player in Tennis history to complete a career Golden Slam by winning the gold medal at the Paris Olympics 2024? Novak Djokovic















South Korea, Poland to establish air force consultative body

- South Korea and Poland have agreed to establish a consultative body between their air forces to strengthen bilateral military cooperation following the European country's adoption of Korean fighter jets.
- The air forces of South Korea and Poland recently reached the agreement and are currently discussing the specifics of the establishment, including the timing of the launch.
- Once established, the body will serve as a venue for discussing cooperation on various military issues, including strategies, tactics and the defence industry.
- In recent years, Poland has emerged as one of the largest buyers of South Korea-manufactured defence goods, purchasing FA-50 fighter jets, K9 self-propelled howitzers and K2 battle tanks in 2022.
- Through the envisioned body, the air forces of the two countries are expected to share operational know-how regarding the FA-50 fighter jet and consider a pilot exchange program.
- Q. What recent agreement was reached between South Korea and Poland to enhance their military cooperation? To establish a consultative body between their air forces to strengthen bilateral military cooperation.















Enea Bastianini triumphs at British MotoGP, secures weekend double at Silverstone

- Enea Bastianini claimed a remarkable victory at the British MotoGP held at Silverstone, demonstrating exceptional skill and determination throughout the race.
- In addition to his win in the main race, Bastianini also achieved success in other events over the weekend, making it a notable double triumph for him at Silverstone.
- The race featured fierce competition from top MotoGP riders, but Bastianini managed to outperform them, showcasing his prowess and solidifying his position as a formidable racer in the MotoGP circuit.
- Silverstone Circuit, known for its technical complexity and high-speed straights, provided challenging yet exciting backdrop for Bastianini's triumph, making his win even more impressive.

2024 British Grand Prix

- Official name: Monster Energy British Grand Prix
- Location: Silverstone Circuit, United Kingdom
- Q. Who won the 2024 British MotoGP at the Silverstone Circuit? Enea Bastianini















SpaceX, Northrop Grumman NASA, launched 21st Cygnus resupply mission

- Northrop Grumman Corporation's Cygnus spacecraft was successfully launched to the International Space Station (ISS) by SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket.
- The launch took place from Space Launch Complex 40 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.
- This mission marks the 21st resupply mission (NG-21) under NASA's Commercial Resupply Service-2 (CRS-2) contract.

Mission Payload:

- NG-21 is carrying over 8,200 pounds of equipment, science experiments, and supplies for the ISS crew.
- Since 2023, Northrop Grumman has provided six reboost services while Cygnus was attached to the station, with more potential reboosts during this mission.

Honoring a Spaceflight Pioneer:

- Northrop Grumman names each Cygnus spacecraft in honor of individuals who have made significant contributions to human spaceflight.
- For NG-21, Cygnus is named after Francis R. "Dick" Scobee, a NASA astronaut, U.S. Air Force pilot, and engineer who commanded the 1986 space shuttle Challenger.
- Q. Which spacecraft, launched by SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket for the NG-21 resupply mission, is named after astronaut Francis R. "Dick" Northrop Grumman's Cygnus spacecraft



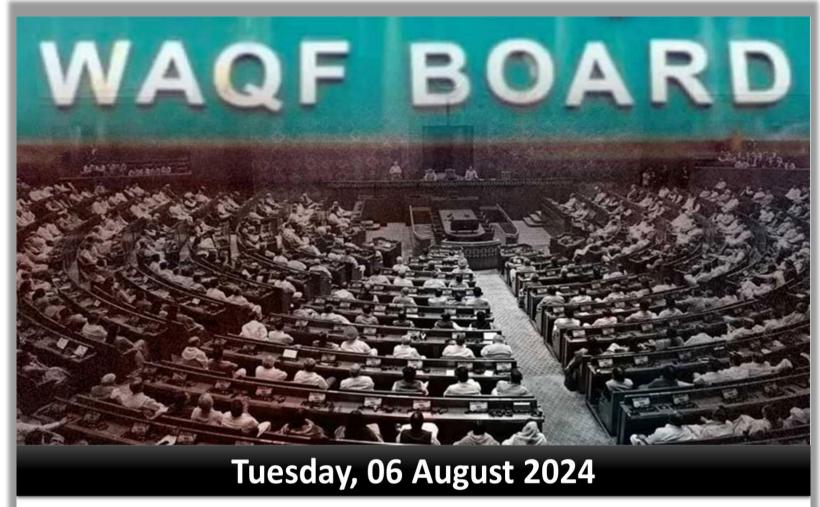












Key Details of the Government's Plan to **Curtail UPA-Era Waqf Powers**

NDA government plans to amend the Waqf Act to limit Waqf Boards' powers in classifying properties as "waqf assets."
Union Cabinet approved about 40 amendments to

restrict the designation of properties as "Waqf property."

Revocation Intent:

Aim to repeal several provisions allowing Waqf Boards to arbitrarily declare properties as waqf without verification

Proposed Amendments:

Mandatory and transparent verification for all Waqf Board claims.

Revisions to Sections 9 and 14 to include women in Waqf Boards and alter their composition and operations.

Fresh verification of properties claimed by Waqf Boards to address disputes.

Involvement of District Magistrates for oversight to prevent misuse.

Q. What is the primary aim of the NDA government's proposed amendments to the Waqf Act? To restrict Waqf Boards' arbitrary powers and mandatory verification















Former England cricketer Graham Thorpe passes away at 55

- Former England cricketer Graham Thorpe has died aged 55, the England and Wales Cricket Board has announced.
- The former Surrey left-hander was renowned as one of the finest English players of his generation, playing exactly 100 Tests and scoring 16 centuries before retiring in 2005.
- He captained England on three occasions and served in various coaching roles for his country between 2010 and 2022.
- Thorpe played 100 Test matches for England, scoring 6,744 runs at an average of 44.66.
- He registered 16 centuries and 39 half-centuries during his Test career.
- In One Day Internationals, he featured in 82 matches, accumulating 2,315 runs at an average of 37.38, with 3 centuries and 17 fifties.
- Thorpe also served as England's batting coach and assistant coach until February 2022.
- He stepped down after a 4-0 loss in the Ashes.
- He was named Afghanistan's head coach in March 2022 but was hospitalised with a serious illness before he could join the team.
- Q. How many Test matches did Graham Thorpe play for England before retiring? 100















Bharatanatyam doyen Yamini Krishnamurthy passes away at 84

Krishnamurthy, a legendary Yamini figure Bharatanatyam, has passed away at the age of 84. Her death marks the end of an era for one of the most celebrated and influential artists in Indian classical dance.

Career Highlights:

- Pioneering Contributions: Yamini Krishnamurthy was a trailblazer in Bharatanatyam, renowned for her grace, technique, and innovative interpretations of traditional dance.
- Extensive Training: Trained under eminent gurus, she mastered the nuances of Bharatanatyam and became a prominent exponent of the art form.
- Performances: Over her illustrious career, Krishnamurthy performed on numerous national and international stages, bringing Bharatanatyam to a global audience.
- Teaching and Choreography: Beyond performing, she was a dedicated teacher and choreographer, training many students and influencing the next generation of dancers.

Awards and Honors:

- National Recognition: She received several prestigious awards, including the Padma Bhushan, one of India's highest civilian honors, for her contributions to Indian classical dance.
- Q. What was Yamini Krishnamurthy renowned for in the field of Indian classical dance? Bharatanatyam



















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