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Tennis: Carlos Alcaraz Of Spain Clinches Men's Singles Title At Wimbledon

- In Wimbledon Tennis, Carlos Alcaraz of Spain has clinched the Men's Singles title defeating Novak Djokovic of Serbia.
- Alcaraz comfortably won the first two sets but Djokovic bounced back in the third.
- However, the Spaniard clinched the third set as well. This was Alcaraz's second appearance in a Wimbledon final while Djokovic is a seven-time champion of the championship.
- And in the Mixed Doubles final, the seventh-seed Polish-Taiwan pair of Jan Zieliński and Hsieh Su-Wei claimed their second Grand Slam title of the season.
- They defeated the Mexican duo Giuliana Olmos and Santiago Gonzalez in straight sets.
- Barbora Krejčíková of the Czech Republic defeated Jasmine Paolini of Italy to win her maiden Wimbledon women's singles title.

Q. Who has clinched the Men's Singles title at Wimbledon 2024 defeating Novak Djokovic? **Carlos Alcaraz**



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KP Sharma Oli To Be Sworn In As Nepal's Prime Minister

- KP Sharma Oli will be sworn in as Prime Minister of Nepal.
- He was appointed Prime Minister for the third time to lead the new coalition government.
- 72-year Oli succeeds Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda who lost the vote of confidence in the House of Representatives.
- Nepal President Ram Chandra Paudel appointed Mr. Oli as the new Prime Minister of the Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML)-Nepali Congress (NC) coalition.

Nepal:

- Capital: Kathmandu
- President: Ram Chandra Poudel
- Currency: Nepalese rupee

Q. Who will be the new Prime Minister of Nepal? **KP Sharma Oli**



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Vikram Misri takes charge as new foreign secretary

- Seasoned diplomat Vikram Misri, regarded as an expert on China, assumed charge as India's new foreign secretary.
- A 1989-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, Misri succeeded Vinay Kwatra.
- Misri assumed charge of the key position at a time India is looking to navigate various foreign policy challenges, including its frosty ties with China following the lingering eastern Ladakh border row.
- Misri was serving as the deputy national security advisor in his previous assignment.
- He has the rare distinction of serving as private secretary to three prime ministers -- Inder Kumar Gujral, Manmohan Singh and Narendra Modi.
- Before he was appointed as the deputy NSA, Misri served as India's ambassador to China from 2019-2021.
- In his illustrious career, Misri also served as India's ambassador to Spain (2014-2016) and Myanmar (2016-2018) besides having stints in many Indian missions, including Pakistan, the US, Germany, Belgium and Sri Lanka.

Q. Who took charge as the new foreign secretary of India?
Vikram Misri



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NITI Aayog Launches 'NITI GearShift Challenge' As Part Of E-FAST India Initiative

- NITI Aayog has announced the launch of the 'NITI GearShift Challenge' as part of the e-FAST India initiative.
- This pioneering hackathon aims to foster innovative business models for the adoption of zero-emission trucks in India, addressing the nation's pressing economic and environmental challenges.
- NITI Aayog has also invited students, transport service practitioners, academics, and researchers to develop innovative business models that address financial, technical, and operational challenges in the adoption of electric trucks. The program has garnered participation from e-FAST India knowledge partners, financial institutions, and industry forums.
- The 'NITI GearShift Challenge' is being organised in collaboration with IIM Bangalore, Smart Freight Centre India, WRI India and other institutions. NITI Aayog said that the hackathon will unfold in two rounds. It said that the GearShift Challenge marks a pivotal move towards sustainable freight transportation in India.

Q. Under which initiative, NITI Aayog has announced the launch of 'NITI Gearshift Challenge'? **E-Fast India**



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OP Jindal Global University inks MoU with United Nations University to foster academic exchange

- O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) and the United Nations University (UNU), Japan, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish ties of friendship and cooperation in the areas of higher education and research. The landmark agreement symbolises a significant step towards promoting academic collaboration through fostering knowledge, cultural and personnel exchange between the two institutions.
- The MoU signifies the synergy shared by JGU and UNU in sustainability, social and economic development and environmental studies.
- Both partners are committed to leveraging their collective expertise to address global challenges and contribute to the advancement of knowledge in these critical fields.
- The collaboration will facilitate promotion of joint research projects, faculty and student exchanges, and the development of innovative academic programmes.
- The collaboration under this new MoU between JGU and UNU is expected to create a dynamic platform for interdisciplinary research and knowledge exchange. By combining their strengths, both institutions aim to develop cutting-edge solutions that address global challenges, promote socio-economic development, and protect the environment.

Q. OP Jindal Global University has signed MoU with which university of Japan to promote academic exchange? **United Nations University (UNU)**



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Euro 2024: Spain beat England to clinch record fourth title

- Spain defeated England 2-1 in the Euro 2024 final at the Olympiastadion in Berlin to become the first country to win Euro four times.
- Nico Williams opened the scoring for Spain in the 47th minute before England's Cole Palmer equalised.
- Mikel Oyarzabal scored the winner in the 86th minute for Spain England have lost second successive Euro final.

UEFA Euro 2024:

- Champions: Spain (4th title)
- Best player: Rodri (Spain)
- Best young player: Lamine Yamal (Spain)

Union of European Football Associations (UEFA):

- Formation: 15 June 1954
- Founded at: Basel, Switzerland
- Headquarters: Nyon, Switzerland
- President: Aleksander Čeferin
- General secretary: Theodore Theodoridis

Q. _____ has become the first country to win Euro four times. **Berlin**



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Argentina win Copa América for 2nd time in a row, Messi wins his 3rd major int'l trophy

- Argentina won record-extending 16th Copa America title after Lionel Messi's side defeated Colombia in the Copa America 2024 final.
- Lautaro Martinez scored the winner for Argentina in the 112th minute after the match went into the extra time as both teams failed to score in 90 minutes and stoppages.
- Seven million dollars will be awarded as prize money to the Copa America 2024 runner-up, and sixteen million dollars will go to the winning team.
- The trophy is a third major tournament in a row for Lionel Scaloni's team with the two Copas either side of the World Cup win in Qatar in 2022.

Most Copa America Titles in the tournament's history:

- Argentina: 15 titles; 14 runners-up.
- Uruguay: 15 titles; six runners-up.
- Brazil: Nine titles; 12 runners-up.
- Paraguay: Two titles; six runners-up.
- Chile: Two titles; four runners-up.
- Peru: Two titles; one runner-up.

Q. Which team won record-extending 16th Copa America title? **Argentina**



Tuesday, 16 July 2024

State Sets New World Record With Massive 24-Hour Tree Planting Effort

- Indore, under the stewardship of the Madhya Pradesh government, has secured a remarkable global achievement by setting a new world record for planting the highest number of trees within a span of just 24 hours.
- The city successfully planted an astounding 5.1 million trees within its urban boundaries and an additional 1.1 million trees at Revati Range.
- This ambitious endeavor, spearheaded by Madhya Pradesh's Urban Development Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya, surpasses the previous record held by Assam.
- The initiative is part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's broader vision to plant 1.4 billion trees across India. Minister Vijayvargiya highlighted this commitment, noting that Indore will continue to plant 5.1 million trees annually over the next five years. This concerted effort aims to transform Indore into a green oasis, with plans in place for rigorous monitoring and swift replacement of any trees that do not survive the initial planting phase.

Q. Which city led by Madhya Pradesh has achieved a remarkable global feat by creating a new world record by planting the maximum number of trees within just 24 hours? **Indore**



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Shubman Gill Becomes 1st Indian Captain To Win 4 T20Is

- Shubman Gill created history in his first T20I series as captain of the Indian men's cricket team by becoming the first Indian skipper to win four T20Is in a series played abroad. India's win by 42 runs in the fifth T20I played at Harare Sports Club on Sunday helped the 24-year-old right-handed top-order batter achieve the feat.
- The Punjab-based cricketer was appointed as India's captain for the five-match series in the absence of senior players, and he led from the front by scoring 170 runs in five matches.
- Gill, who is the 14th player to captain India in T20Is, has four wins to his name, which has helped him become the sixth-most successful Indian captain in the shortest format of the game. Rohit Sharma (50), MS Dhoni (42), Virat Kohli (32), Hardik Pandya (10), and Suryakumar Yadav (5) have only won more T20Is for India as captains than him.
- A right-handed opening batsman, Gill holds the record for youngest cricketer to score a double century in One Day International cricket (ODI) and for the highest individual T20I score for the Indian team.

Q. Who has become 1st Indian Captain To Win 4 T20Is?
Shubman Gill



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SEWA Earns Global Recognition for Environmental Efforts

- In a significant milestone, the Sharjah Electricity, Water, and Gas Authority (SEWA) received a prestigious global certificate from the PrintReleaf Standard organization. The accolade was awarded in acknowledgment of SEWA's exceptional commitment to sustainable development and environmental preservation.
- SEWA, in collaboration with Xerox Emirates, launched an initiative to participate in the global reforestation programme endorsed by PrintReleaf.
- This initiative resulted in the planting of 115 trees between January 1st and May 31st, 2024, compensating for the paper used in printing activities.

SEWA:

- Sharjah Electricity, Water and Gas Authority (SEWA) is a governmental utility within the Emirate of Sharjah, serving roughly 300,000 consumers with electricity, water, and natural gas. Additionally, SEWA owns a subsidiary, Zulal, specializing in bottled drinking water.
- Saeed Sultan Al Suwaidi has served as chairman since 2020.

Q. Which UAE-based governmental utility has received a prestigious global certificate from the PrintReleaf Standard organization? **SEWA**



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