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Ravindra Jadeja Announces His Retirement From T20 International Cricket

- Indian all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja announced his retirement from T20 international cricket.
- This comes a day after star batters Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma announced their retirement in Barbados.
- The seasoned all-rounder is one of the world's finest fielders and will continue to play ODIs and Tests.
- Ravindra Jadeja entered into the world of T20 International cricket tournament when he got a chance to play for India against Sri Lanka in 2009.
- He has scored a total of 515 runs in the 74 matches he has played and has taken 54 wickets in the shortest format.

2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup:

- Host: West Indies, United States
- Champions: India (2nd title)
- Runners-up: South Africa
- Player of the series: Jasprit Bumrah (India)
- Most runs: Afghanistan Rahmanullah Gurbaz (Afghanistan) (281)
- Most wickets: Fazalhaq Farooqi (Afghanistan) (17), Arshdeep Singh (India) (17)

Q. Recently Indian all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja has announced his retirement from which cricket format? **T20 International**



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India's Jyothi Yarraji Wins Gold In Women's 100m Hurdles At National Inter State Senior Athletics Championships

- India's Jyothi Yarraji won Gold medal in the Women's 100m Hurdles at the National Inter State Senior Athletics Championships in Panchkula.
- Jyothi won with a timing of 13.06 seconds. Pragyan Prasant Sahu (13.15s) and Nithya Ramraj (13.21s) settled for silver and bronze, respectively.
- While in Men's 110m Hurdles, Tejas Shirse won the Gold medal with a timing of 13.54 seconds.
- Sahil Silwal won the gold medal in the men's javelin throw event on the final day of the National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships 2024.
- Animesh Kujur set a new meet record with a 20.65s run in Panchkula to win the men's 200m sprint.
- Asian Games silver medallist Ancy Sojan (6.59m) beat Shaili Singh (6.59m) and Nayana James (6.42m) to win the gold medal in the women's long jump.

Q. Who recently won Gold medal in the Women's 100m Hurdles at the National Inter State Senior Athletics Championships in Panchkula? **Jyothi Yarraji**



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Former India Midfielder Bhupinder Singh Rawat Passes Away At 85

- Former Indian midfielder Bhupinder Singh Rawat, known for his speed and nicknamed Scooter, has passed away at 85.
- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has confirmed his demise.
- A speedy winger of the 1960s and 1970s, Rawat played for India in the 1969 Merdeka tournament in Malaysia.
- In domestic football, he played for top teams like Delhi Garrison, Gorkha Brigade and Mafatlal.
- He represented Services and Maharashtra in the National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy.

Q. Name the Indian midfielder, known for his speed and nicknamed Scooter, who passed away recently? **Bhupinder Singh Rawat**



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Bangladesh Navy Signs Contract For 'Made In India' 800 Tons Ocean Going Tug With India's GRSE

- Bangladesh Navy signed a contract for 'Made in India' 800 tons Ocean Going Tug with India's Garden Reach Shipbuilding and Engineers.
- The signing coincides with the visit of India's Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi to Bangladesh.
- This is the second contract this month for the GRSE that recently inked a \$16.6 million (Rs 132 crore approx) deal with the Bangladesh Inland Waterways Transport Authority (BIWTA), to build a dredger.
- These developments come in the backdrop of the US attempting to have a base in the Bay of Bengal to edge out China and it's looking at an island that is part of Bangladesh. China, on the other hand, is ramping up military facilities in Bangladesh and Myanmar. In Bangladesh, the newest addition is the upcoming submarine maintenance base and in Myanmar, an airstrip on the Coco islands, north of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, has been extended with Beijing's assistance.

Q. Recently Bangladesh Navy signed a contract for a 'Made in India' 800 tonne ocean-going tug with India's _____.
Garden Reach Shipbuilding and Engineers



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Japan launches Earth observation satellite on its new flagship H3 rocket

- Japan deployed an upgraded Earth observation satellite for disaster response and security after it was launched on a new flagship H3 rocket.
- The H3 No. 3 rocket lifted off from the Tanegashima Space Centre on a southwestern Japanese island and released its payload about 16 minutes later as planned.
- The Advanced Land Observation Satellite, or ALOS-4, is tasked primarily with Earth observation and data collection for disaster response and mapmaking.
- It's also capable of monitoring military activity, such as missile launches, with an infrared sensor developed by the Defence Ministry.
- The ALOS-4 is a successor to the current ALOS-2 and can observe a much wider area. Japan will operate both for the time being.
- The launch was the third of the H3 system, after the successful one on February 17. and the shocking failed debut flight a year earlier when the rocket had to be destroyed with its payload a satellite that was supposed to be the ALOS-3.
- JAXA and its main contractor Mitsubishi Heavy Industries have been developing the H3 launch system as a successor to its current mainstay, H-2A, which is set to retire after two more flights.

Q. Recently Japan has launched Earth observation satellite on which of its new major rockets? **H3 rocket**



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Veteran Sri Lankan politician and Tamil leader Sampanthan passes away at 91

- R Sampanthan, a veteran Sri Lankan politician and a moderate Tamil leader, passed away while receiving treatment in a hospital, the Tamil National Alliance has announced.
- Sampanthan, 91, led the Tamil National Alliance (TNA) from 2004 and became only the second Tamil to become the main opposition leader in the Sinhala-majority country.
- He was a moderate Tamil who had been leading the political movement to achieve a negotiated political settlement to the Tamil demand for political autonomy.
- The Tamils put forward their demand for autonomy since gaining independence from Britain in 1948, which, from the mid-70s, turned into a bloody armed conflict.
- He took office as the leader of the opposition in 2015 and was actively involved in the process of drafting a new Constitution until 2019.
- A brilliant lawyer, Sampanthan entered Parliament for the first time in 1977 from the eastern port district of Trincomalee.

Sri Lanka

- Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- President: Ranil Wickremesinghe
- Prime minister: Dinesh Gunawardena

Q. Name a veteran Sri Lankan politician and a moderate Tamil leader, who passed away recently? **R Sampanthan**



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Sujata Saunik becomes Maharashtra's first woman chief secretary

- Senior IAS officer Sujata Saunik took over as Maharashtra's Chief Secretary, becoming the first woman in the state's 64-year-old history to occupy the top post.
- Saunik, an IAS officer of the 1987 batch, succeeds Nitin Kareer who retired as the chief secretary.
- She will have a year's tenure before retiring in June next year.
- Before her elevation as the chief secretary, Saunik, whose husband Manoj Saunik is also a former state chief secretary, was the additional chief secretary in the state home department.
- Sujata Saunik has three decades of public policy and governance experience in healthcare, finance, education, disaster management, and peacekeeping at the district, state, and federal levels and in international organisations as part of the Indian Administrative Service and the United Nations.

Maharashtra:

- Capital: Mumbai
- Chief minister: Eknath Shinde
- Governor: Ramesh Bais

Q. Who has become the first woman chief secretary of Maharashtra? **Sujata Saunik**



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RCB appoint Karthik as batting coach, mentor

- Former India wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik, who announced his retirement from all forms of cricket last month, was appointed as batting coach and mentor by Royal Challengers Bengaluru.

Dinesh Karthik's record as RCB player:

- The cricketer, who is also into commentary, had a spectacular last season for RCB where he played the role of a finisher and scored 326 runs at an average of 36.22 with a massive strike-rate of 187.36.
- He was given an emotional farewell after RCB lost the Eliminator to Rajasthan Royals.

Dinesh Karthik IPL record:

- Overall, the wicketkeeper-batter played 257 matches in IPL representing five franchises—Kolkata Knight Riders, Mumbai Indians, Delhi Daredevils, Kings XI Punjab and RCB.
- He amassed 4,842 runs at an average of 26.32.

Dinesh Karthik India record :

- Playing for India, Karthik scored 1,752 runs and struck nine half-centuries in 94 ODI matches.
- In 26 Tests, Karthik has 1,025 runs to his name, which includes a century against Bangladesh.

Q. who has been named as the batting coach and mentor by Royal Challengers Bengaluru? **Dinesh Karthik**



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India becomes the first country in the world to prepare a checklist of its entire fauna

- As per Union minister of environment, forest and climate change (MoEFCC), India has become the first country in the world to prepare a checklist of its entire fauna, covering 104,561 species, positioning itself as a global leader in biodiversity documentation.
- The faunal checklist will be an invaluable reference for taxonomists, researchers, academicians, conservation managers, and policymakers. It comprises 121 checklists of all known taxa covering 36 phyla. Endemic, threatened, and scheduled species have also been included in the list

More Info:

- About 455 mammalian species are recorded in India, according to the checklist.
- Of these, the highest number of species are reported from Meghalaya (163 species), West Bengal (161), Arunachal Pradesh (142), Tamil Nadu (139), Assam (138), Sikkim (137) and Kerala (134).
- Among Union territories, Andaman & Nicobar Islands (68 species), Ladakh (59) and Delhi (38) have the highest mammalian diversity.

Q. Recently how much fund did the Federated States of India has become the first country in the world to prepare a complete list of its fauna. Accordingly, the list includes ___ checklists of all known taxa covering 36 phyla. **121**



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RBI inks pact to link UPI with 4 ASEAN countries for instant cross-border retail payments

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has now joined Project Nexus with the four ASEAN countries to create a platform to facilitate instantaneous cross-border retail payments.
- Nexus, conceptualised by the Innovation Hub of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), aims to connect India's UPI (Unified Payments Interface), with the fast payment systems of ASEAN members -- Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.
- These four countries and India would be the founding members and first-mover nations of this platform.
- An agreement to this effect was signed by the BIS and the central banks of the founding countries i.e., Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM), Bank of Thailand (BOT), Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), and Reserve Bank of India in Basel, Switzerland.
- Indonesia, which has been involved from the early stages, continues to be involved as a special observer.
- The RBI has been collaborating bilaterally with various countries to link India's Fast Payments System (FPS) – the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), with their respective FPSs for cross-border Person to Person (P2P) and Person to Merchant (P2M) payments.

Q. Which nations of the ASEAN has now joined Project Nexus with RBI to facilitate instantaneous cross-border retail payments? **Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand**



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