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**Itaru Otani****Chairman****YAMAHA****Wednesday, 06 November 2024**

## **Itaru Otani Appointed as Chairman of India Yamaha Motor**

- India Yamaha Motor has appointed Itaru Otani as the new Chairman.
- Otani brings over three decades of experience with Yamaha Motor Company, having held key leadership roles across global markets, including Australia, Brazil and Japan.
- Prior to this role, he served as Chief General Manager, leading the Land Mobility Business Operations based out of Japan.

### **Yamaha Motor Company**

- Founded: 1 May 1955
- Founder: Genichi Kawakami
- Headquarters: Shizuoka, Japan
- Chairman: Hiroyuki Yanagi
- President: Yoshihiro Hidaka
- Subsidiaries: MBK, Sugo Co., Ltd., MTT

**Q.** Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of India Yamaha Motor? **Itaru Otani**





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## **Praveena Rai Appointed CEO and MD of MCX**

- Leading commodity exchange MCX has appointed Praveena Rai as its Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director for a five-year term.
- Effective Date: Rai took charge on October 31, 2024.
- Successor: She succeeds P S Reddy, who completed his five-year tenure in May 2024.
- Previous Role: Before joining MCX, Rai served as the CEO of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), where she led marketing, business development, product management, and operations strategy.
- Banking Experience: Rai is a seasoned banking professional and previously held the position of Regional Head of Payments for Asia Pacific at HSBC.
- Cash Management Leadership: She also led the cash management portfolio at Kotak Mahindra Bank, which is the largest shareholder in MCX.

### **MCX**

- Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) is a commodity exchange based in India.
- It was established in 2003 and is currently based in Mumbai.
- It is India's largest commodity derivatives exchange.

**Q.** Who has been appointed as the new CEO and Managing Director of MCX? **Praveena Rai**





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## India's Tanushree Pandey clinches Silver Medal at World Soft Tennis Championship

- In Soft Tennis, India's Tanushree Pandey has clinched the Silver Medal at the World Soft Tennis Championship at Jingshan in China.
- She faced a defeat against Chiang Min Yu of Chinese Taipei, in the Under 21 Women's Individual Singles final.
- Earlier, Tanushree triumphed over her Japanese opponent, in a fiercely contested semifinal match.

### What is Soft tennis?

- Soft tennis is a racket game played on a court of two halves, separated by a net. Soft tennis originated in Japan in 1884.
- Soft tennis differs from regular tennis in that it uses soft rubber balls instead of hard yellow balls.

**Q.** Who defeated Tanushree Pandey in the Under-21 Women's Individual Singles final?  
**Chiang Min Yu of Chinese Taipei.**





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## Wriddhiman Saha announces retirement from cricket

- Indian wicketkeeper-batter Wriddhiman Saha has announced his retirement from cricket, with the ongoing Ranji Trophy season being his last.
- Age and Career: The 40-year-old Bengal player debuted internationally in 2010 and has played 40 Tests and nine ODIs for India.
- IPL Participation: Saha has decided not to participate in the 2025 Indian Premier League (IPL) season and was not retained by Gujarat Titans (GT) ahead of the 2025 mega auction.
- Reputation: Known for his excellent wicket-keeping skills, Saha is often regarded as one of India's finest pure wicket-keepers in recent years.
- Central Contracts: Saha was released from the BCCI's Central Contracts in 2023 and has not returned to the Test squad since.
- IPL Journey: Saha is among the few players to have featured in every IPL season since the inaugural 2008 season.
- Franchises Played For: Throughout his IPL career, Saha has represented five teams – Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), Chennai Super Kings (CSK), Punjab Kings (PBKS), Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH), and Gujarat Titans (GT).

**Q.** Which team did not retain Saha ahead of the 2025 IPL mega auction? **Gujarat Titans (GT)**





HARMEET DESAI / KRITTWIKA ROY

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## Harmeet Desai claims dual titles at WTT Feeder Caracas in Venezuela

- Dual Titles for Harmeet Desai: Indian table tennis player Harmeet Desai won both the Men's Singles and Mixed Doubles titles at the WTT Feeder Caracas in Venezuela.
- Mixed Doubles Victory: Desai, partnering with Krittwika Roy, won the Mixed Doubles final, narrowly defeating Cuba's Jorge Campos and Daniela Fonseca Carrazana with a score of 3-2.
- Path to the Mixed Doubles Final: In the Mixed Doubles semifinal, Desai and Roy defeated China's Wang Kaibo and Liu Xinran in straight sets.
- Men's Singles Triumph: In Men's Singles, Desai defeated France's Joe Seyfried in the final, after a close semifinal match against Portugal's Joao Monteiro.
- Snehit Suravajjula's Performance: Indian player Snehit Suravajjula reached the Men's Singles semifinals but was defeated by Joe Seyfried after a strong quarterfinal win over Jorge Campos.
- Significance: Desai's wins highlight India's growing presence and success in international table tennis.

**Q.** Which Indian table tennis player won dual titles at the WTT Feeder Caracas in Venezuela? **Harmeet Desai**





## INDIA BAGS 17 MEDALS INCLUDING **FOUR GOLD** AT UNDER-19 WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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### India bags 17 medals including four Gold at Under-19 World Boxing Championships

- India won a total of 17 medals at the Under-19 World Boxing Championships held in Colorado, USA.
- Medal Breakdown: The medals include four golds across the men's and women's categories.
- Squad Composition: The Indian team comprised 19 boxers—9 men and 10 women.
- Finalists: Twelve Indian boxers reached the finals, with every female boxer winning a medal.
- Gold Medalists: The four gold medalists were Hemant Sangwan (the only male champion), and female champions Krisha Verma, Parthavi Grewal, and Vanshika Goswami.
- Khelo India Athletes: Eleven medalists were part of the Khelo India initiative, which supports promising young athletes.
- NCOE Contribution: The Sports Authority of India's National Center of Excellence (NCOE) Rohtak contributed to 10 medals, with eight of its athletes among the winners.
- NCOE Aurangabad's Contribution: Krisha Verma's gold medal was contributed by the NCOE Aurangabad.
- Future Aspirations: India aims to further strengthen its position in boxing, with hopes for the sport's inclusion in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics.

**Q.** How many gold medals did India secure at the Under-19 World Boxing Championships? **4 gold medals**





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## India's Atanu Das bags Bronze Medal in Swiss Open Indoor Archery

- **Bronze Medal Achievement:** Indian archer Atanu Das won a Bronze medal at the Swiss Open Indoor Archery in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- **Match Details:** Atanu defeated Switzerland's Thomas Rufer in the Recurve Men's Bronze medal match.
- **Semifinal Outcome:** In the semifinals, Atanu Das was defeated by Romain Fichet of France.

### Medal Winners:

- **Gold Medal:** Alessandro Paoli from Italy.
- **Silver Medal:** Romain Fichet from France.
- **Event Participation:** The 2025 Indoor Archery World Series began, featuring over 300 archers from 31 countries.
- **Swiss Open Divisions:** The tournament includes both recurve and compound divisions.
- **Season Schedule:** The 2025 season will consist of six events, starting in November 2024 and concluding in March 2025.

**Q.** What medal did Atanu Das win at the Swiss Open Indoor Archery in Lausanne? **Bronze medal**





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## Moldova: President Maia Sandu re-elected for second term

- Pro-Western President Maia Sandu has been re-elected for a second term in Moldova.
- Opponent: Sandu defeated Alexandr Stoianoglo, her opponent from the pro-Russian Party of Socialists, by over 10 percentage points.
- Vote Percentage: With more than 99 percent of the ballots counted, Sandu received 55.26 percent of the vote.
- Election Incidents: The elections were marked by several incidents, including reported bomb threats at four polling stations in the diaspora.
- Support from Diaspora: Sandu received significant support from Moldovans living abroad, contributing to her overall vote increase.
- Domestic Voting Outcome: Despite her success abroad, Sandu lost by a narrow margin in the domestic vote within Moldova.

### Moldova

- Capital: Chişinău
- President: Maia Sandu
- Official language: Romanian
- Currency: Moldovan Leu

**Q.** Who was re-elected as President of Moldova for a second term? **Maia Sandu**





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## **EAM S Jaishankar inaugurates new Consulate General of India in Brisbane, Australia**

- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar formally inaugurated the new Consulate General of India in Brisbane, Australia.
- Purpose of the Consulate: The consulate aims to strengthen India's ties with Queensland, promote trade, foster educational linkages, and serve the Indian diaspora.
- Significance: Dr. Jaishankar termed the inauguration a landmark milestone in the growing bilateral relationship between India and Australia.
- Commitment to the Community: The establishment of the consulate is a realization of a promise made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the Indian community in Australia last year.
- Bilateral Discussions: During his visit, both leaders discussed opportunities to strengthen economic, trade, and investment cooperation between India and Queensland.
- Humanitarian Logistics Visit: Dr. Jaishankar visited Australia's Humanitarian Logistics Capability (HLC) warehouse for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) supplies for the Pacific region.
- Emerging Focus: He emphasized that disaster relief in the Indo-Pacific is an emerging element of India-Australia bilateral ties.

**Q.** Who formally inaugurated the new Consulate General of India in Brisbane, Australia? **External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar.**





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## **India, Algeria sign MoU on bilateral defence cooperation**

- India and Algeria signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on bilateral defense cooperation.
- Purpose of the MoU: The agreement aims to elevate the defense partnership between the two nations, fostering mutual understanding and enhancing strategic interests.
- Bilateral Discussions: Deliberations focused on advancing bilateral military cooperation and capacity building.
- Key Initiatives Discussed: The discussions included India's Make In India initiatives and technology exchange between the military leaders of both countries.

### **Brief overview of previous MoUs and agreements between India and Algeria:**

- Defence Cooperation Agreement (2016): Enhanced military cooperation, joint exercises, and training.
- MoU on Counter-Terrorism (2018): Collaboration on counter-terrorism efforts and intelligence sharing.
- MoU on Cultural Exchange (2015): Promoted cultural ties in education, arts, and language.
- Trade and Economic Cooperation: Focus on enhancing trade relations in pharmaceuticals, agriculture, and technology.
- Collaboration in Renewable Energy: Discussions on partnerships in solar and wind energy projects.
- Cooperation in Space Technology: Exploring joint efforts in satellite technology and applications for development.

**Q.** What is the main purpose of the MoU signed between India and Algeria? **To elevate the defense partnership and enhance strategic interests.**





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