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## Indian Hockey Stars Harmanpreet Singh and PR **Sreejesh Receive Prestigious FIH Awards**

significant achievement for Indian hockey, Harmanpreet Singh, the captain of the Indian men's hockey team, has been awarded the FIH Player of the Year 2024 title, while legendary goalkeeper PR Sreejesh has been named FIH Goalkeeper of the Year. These prestigious awards were presented during the 49th FIH Statutory Congress held in Oman on November 8, 2024.

#### **Harmanpreet Singh's Triumph:**

- Harmanpreet Singh stood out as the Player of the Year 2024, earning the highest number of votes across all categories, including from national team captains, coaches, media, and fans. The recognition comes after his stellar performance at the Paris 2024 Olympics, where he led India to a bronze medal finish, scoring 10 goals during the tournament. Notably, Harmanpreet scored in crucial matches, including the quarterfinals, semifinals, and in the bronze medal match against Spain, where India won 2-1.
- This marks Harmanpreet's third FIH Player of the Year award, having previously won it in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 seasons. His leadership was instrumental in India's success, and this award holds special significance as it marks his first year as captain of the national team, a role he assumed in 2023.
- Q. Who was named the FIH Player of the Year 2024, and who won the FIH Goalkeeper of the Year award in the men's category? Harmanpreet Singh and PR Sreejesh















## Chris Wood Becomes First Nottingham Forest Player to Win Player of the Month

Chris Wood has made history by becoming the first Nottingham Forest player to win the Premier League Player of the Month award. The 32-yearold New Zealand striker was recognized for his exceptional performances during October 2024, in which he scored four goals in three matches. Wood's goals helped Forest remain unbeaten throughout the month, with a draw against Chelsea, a win over Crystal Palace, and a victory in the East Midlands derby against Leicester City.

## Wood's Record-Setting October Performance

- Wood was the Premier League's top scorer October, making significant contributions Forest's unbeaten run. His clinical finishing in all three of his appearances this month earned him widespread acclaim and solidified his place in Premier League history as the first player from Nottingham Forest and New Zealand to win the prestigious award.
- Nuno Espirito Santo Wins Manager of the Month for October 2024
- Nottingham Forest's manager, Nuno Espirito Santo, has been awarded the Premier League Manager of the Month for October 2024.
- Q. Who were named the Premier League Player and Manager of the Month for October 2024? Chris Wood and Nuno Espirito















## **Government Launches Rs 500 Crore Scheme** to Boost India's Medical Devices Industry

Union Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister JP Nadda has launched a Rs 500 crore scheme to enhance India's medical devices industry, which will focus on critical areas such as manufacturing key components, skill development, clinical studies, infrastructure development, and industry promotion. The scheme will run for three years, until FY 2026-27.

#### **Key Components of the Scheme** Strengthening Infrastructure (Rs 110 crore):

The scheme includes creating common facilities like R&D labs, design and testing centers, and animal labs across around 20 medical device clusters in India. This also includes upgrading existing testing facilities.

## Marginal Investment Scheme (Rs 180 crore):

- Aimed at reducing import dependence, this scheme incentivizes the production components and raw materials needed for medical devices. It provides a 10-20% capital subsidy, with a maximum cap of Rs 10 crore per project.
- Q. Recently, how much funding has the government allocated for the scheme to strengthen India's medical devices industry? Rs 500 crore















#### Israeli Prime Minister Appoints New **Ambassador to the United States**

Yechiel Leiter has been appointed as the new Israeli Ambassador to the United States by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Yechiel Leiter's Background:

Yechiel Leiter, a U.S.-born official, previously served as the Chief of Staff in the Israeli Finance Ministry. He has also held positions as Deputy Director General in the Education Ministry and Acting Chairman of the Israel Ports Company.

**Timing of the Appointment:** 

Leiter's appointment came just days after Donald Trump was re-elected as U.S. president, a development widely celebrated in Israel due to Trump's strong support for the Israeli government.

#### **Israel**

President: Isaac Herzog

Prime minister: Benjamin Netanyahu

Capital: Jerusalem

Official language: Hebrew

Continent: Asia

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Israeli Ambassador to the United States? Yechiel Leiter.















## Sanju Samson Breaks Multiple Records with Century Against South Africa in 1st T20I

■ Sanju Samson broke multiple records with his 107-run knock in the first T20I against South Africa, including becoming the first Indian to score back-to-back centuries in T20Is, surpassing Rohit Sharma's 9-year-old record for the highest individual score in India-South Africa T20Is, and hitting the most sixes in a T20I innings by an Indian.

#### Key Records Broken by Sanju Samson

- First Indian to Score Consecutive T20I Centuries:
- Sanju Samson became the first Indian to score two back-to-back centuries in T20Is, having previously scored 111 runs in the match against Bangladesh on October 12, 2024. Samson is also the first Asian and the fourth player globally to achieve consecutive T20I centuries.

### **Highest Individual Score in India vs South Africa T20Is:**

• His 107-run innings broke a 9-year-old record, surpassing Rohit Sharma's previous highest score of 106 runs set in October 2015 in Dharamsala.

#### Most Sixes in a T20I by an Indian:

- Samson hit 10 sixes in his 107-run knock, equaling Rohit Sharma's record for the most sixes in a T20I innings by an Indian.
- Q. Who became the first Indian to score back-to-back centuries in T20Is? Sanju Samson















## Seven Indian Institutions in QS World University Rankings: Asia 2025 Top 100

- In the latest QS World University Rankings: Asia 2025, seven Indian institutions have been ranked among the Top 100 in Asia, showcasing the growing strength of India's higher education system.
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi leads the country, securing the 44th position, followed by IIT Bombay at 48th.
- Other prominent Indian institutions in the Top 100 include IIT Kanpur, IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur, and University of Delhi, further solidifying India's presence in Asia's educational landscape.
- Additionally, several other Indian institutions have made notable progress, with universities like IIT Guwahati, IIT Roorkee, and Jawaharlal Nehru University appearing in the Top 150. This year's rankings cover 984 institutions from 25 countries across Eastern, Southern, South-Eastern, and Central Asia.

The top five universities in Asia are led by institutions from China and Singapore:

- Peking University, Mainland China
- The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- National University of Singapore, Singapore
- Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- Fudan University, Mainland China

Q. Which Indian institution is ranked highest in the QS World University Rankings: Asia 2025? The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi















## Pankaj Advani Wins IBSF World Billiards **Championship 150-up Title**

- India's renowned cueist, Pankaj Advani, has emerged victorious in the IBSF World Billiards Championship 150-up format. He clinched the title by defeating Robert Hall of England in the final held at Doha, Qatar.
- In the semifinals, Advani had previously triumphed over his fellow countryman, Sourav Kothari, who went on to win the bronze medal.
- International Billiards & Snooker Federation (IBSF), which governs nonprofessional snooker and English billiards worldwide, organized the event.

### **Key Facts about IBSF:**

Founded: 1971

Headquarters: Doha, Qatar

President: Mubarak Al-Khayarin (Qatar)

won the IBSF World **Billiards** Q. Who Championship 150-up title in 2024? Pankaj Advani

















## India Wins Two Silver and One Bronze on Day 1 of World University Shooting Championship

- On the opening day of the World University Shooting Championship at Dr. Karni Singh Range, New Delhi, India secured two silver and one bronze medal.
- Akash Bhardwaj won the silver medal in the Men's 10-meter air pistol event with a score of 238.8.
- Palak clinched the silver in the Women's 10-meter air pistol with a score of 239.1.
- Arshdeep Kaur bagged the bronze in the same event.
- The gold medals in these events were claimed by Pavel of the Czech Republic (Men's event), Heng Yu Lue of Taipei (Women's event), and Philipp Wagner of Poland (Men's event).
- India is fielding teams across all 15 Olympic shooting events, including pistol, rifle, and shotgun, with 22 countries participating in the competition. In the previous edition, India had won eight gold, four silver, and two bronze medals.
- Q. How many medals did India win on Day 1 of the World University Shooting Championship 2024? two silver and one bronze medal















## **Anahat Singh Wins Women's Singles Title at New South Wales Open**

- India's Anahat Singh has won the women's singles title at the New South Wales (NSW) Open in Sydney, Australia.
- In the final, she defeated Helen Tang of Hong Kong.
- Despite losing the first set, Anahat made a strong comeback, winning the next three sets to secure the victory. This marks Anahat's seventh PSA Challenger Tour title of her career.

#### Squash:

- Sport Type: Indoor racquet sport played by two (singles) or four (doubles) players.
- Objective: The goal is to hit the ball against the front wall in such a way that the opponent cannot return it within the boundaries of the court.
- Ball: The ball used in squash is small, rubber, and comes in various levels of bounce. The bounce is affected by the temperature and speed of the game.
- Governing Body: The sport is governed by the World Squash Federation (WSF), which oversees international competitions, including the PSA World Tour, and sets rules and regulations.
- Q. Which Indian won the women's singles title at the New South Wales Open 2024? Anahat Singh















## India Gifts Two Water-Jet-Propelled FICs Mozambique

- India has gifted two water-jet-propelled Fast Interceptor Crafts (FICs) to Mozambique as part of its capacitybuilding efforts with friendly nations in the Indian Ocean Region. The FICs were transshipped from India aboard the INS Gharial.
- These advanced FICs have a top speed of 45 knots and a range of 200 nautical miles at 12 knots. Designed to carry a crew of five personnel, they are equipped with machine guns and bullet-resistant cabins.
- The two boats will enhance Mozambique's capabilities in combating maritime terrorism and addressing the ongoing insurgency in the Cabo Delgado province. This gesture is part of India's broader commitment to strengthening maritime security and defense cooperation with regional partners.

#### Mozambique:

Capital: Maputo

President: Filipe Nyusi

Prime Minister: Adriano Maleiane

Currency: Metical

Q. Which country received two water-jet-propelled Fast Interceptor Crafts (FICs) from India to boost maritime security? Mozambique



















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