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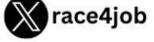


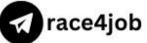


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Nigeria Honours PM Modi with Prestigious National Award

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with Nigeria's second-highest national honor, the Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON), during his visit to Nigeria.
- Significance: Modi became the second foreign dignitary to receive this award, after Queen Elizabeth II in 1969.
- Recognition: This marks the 17th international award conferred on PM Modi by various countries.
- Visit Details: PM Modi's visit to Nigeria is at the invitation of Nigerian President Bola Ahmed Tinubu and is the first by an Indian Prime Minister to Nigeria in 17 years.
- Other Destinations: After Nigeria, PM Modi will travel to Brazil for the G20 Summit and conclude his tour with a visit to Guyana.

Nigeria:

Capital: Abuja

• President: Bola Ahmed Tinubu

Currency: Nigerian Naira

Q. Which Indian leader was recently honored with Nigeria's Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON) award? Prime Minister Narendra Modi















India Successfully Tests First Long-Range **Hypersonic Missile**

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the flight trial of India's first long-range hypersonic missile from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha.

Key Features:

- The missile is capable of carrying various payloads over ranges exceeding 1,500 km.
- It demonstrated precise terminal manoeuvres and impact accuracy, confirmed through flight data from down-range ship stations.

Significance:

- This test places India among the select nations advanced hypersonic missile possessing technology.
- Hypersonic missiles travel at speeds over Mach 5 (five times the speed of sound) and are highly manoeuvrable, making them more advanced than ballistic missiles.

Global Context:

- Countries such as Russia and China are leading in hypersonic missile development. The United States and other nations like France, Germany, Japan, and Australia are also advancing their hypersonic programs.
- Q. What is the range capability of India's first longrange hypersonic missile tested by DRDO? Greater than 1,500 km



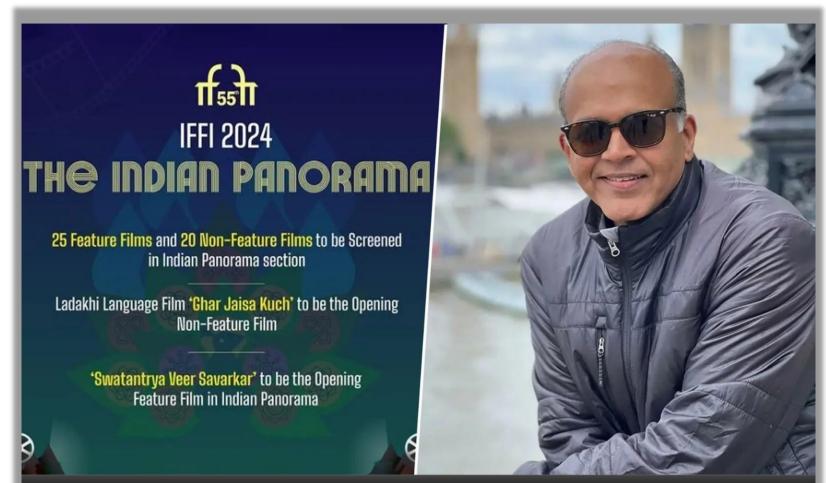












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Ashutosh Gowariker Appointed Chairperson of **International Jury for IFFI 2024**

- Filmmaker Ashutosh Gowariker has been appointed as the Chairperson of the International Jury for the 2024 International Film Festival of India (IFFI).
- Event Details: IFFI 2024 will be held in Goa from November 20 to 28, 2024.
- About Gowariker: Known for acclaimed films such as Lagaan, Swades, and Jodhaa Akbar, Gowariker expressed pride in being associated with the festival.
- Significance of IFFI: The filmmaker highlighted IFFI as a platform showcasing the evolving landscape of cinema and its transformative journey over time.
- The International Film Festival of India (IFFI), founded in 1952, is an annual film festival currently held in Goa, on the western coast of India. The festival aims at providing a common platform for the cinemas of the world to project the excellence of the contributing to the understanding and appreciation of film cultures of different nations in the context of their social and cultural ethos, and promoting friendship cooperation among people of the world.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the International Jury for IFFI 2024? Ashutosh Gowariker



















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Ayush Ministry's Y-Break Recognized as Top Performer on iGOT Karmayogi Bharat **Platform**

- The Ministry of Ayush's Yoga at Work (Y-Break) awarded Certificate a was Appreciation for being the top-performing course on the iGOT Karmayogi Bharat platform.
- Event: The award was presented by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for DoPT, during the Valedictory Ceremony of the National Learning Week – Karmayogi Saptah in New Delhi.
- **Key Highlights:**
- Around 8.7 lakh government officials have completed the Y-Break course.
- The course reflects its widespread acceptance in promoting health and well-being among professionals.

About Y-Break:

- A 5-minute yoga protocol designed for busy professionals.
- Includes practices like Tadasana, Urdhva Hastottanasana, Prasarita Padottanasana, and Nadisodhana Pranayama.
- Q. Which initiative by the Ministry of Ayush was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for its performance on the iGOT Karmayogi Bharat Platform? Yoga at Work (Y-Break)















Jyothi Surekha Wins Gold at GT Open in Archery

- Indian archer Jyothi Surekha Vennam, reigning Asian Games champion, clinched the gold medal in the women's compound event at the GT Open held in Luxembourg.
- Performance: Jyothi secured a 147-145 victory against Sarah Prieels of Belgium in the final

Men's Event:

- In the men's compound event, Indian archer Abhishek earned the silver medal.
- Despite scoring a perfect 150, he lost to Mike Schlosser of the Netherlands, who secured gold with a decisive final shot.
- Q. Which Indian archer won the gold medal in the women's compound event at the GT Open in Luxembourg? Jyothi Surekha Vennam















Raj Appointed as Mentor Women's Cricket Operations by ACA

- Former Indian women's cricket captain, Mithali Raj, has been appointed as the Mentor of Women's Cricket Operations by the Andhra Cricket Association (ACA).
- She has signed a three-year contract with the ACA for this role.
- Mithali Raj's primary responsibility will be to scout and nurture young cricketing talent across Andhra Pradesh.
- She will focus on developing the next generation of women cricketers in the state.

Background:

- Mithali Raj retired from international cricket in 2022 and is regarded as one of the greatest female cricketers.
- She has been a strong advocate for women's sports and will bring her experience and expertise to her new role with the ACA.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the Mentor of Women's Cricket Operations by the Andhra Cricket Association? Mithali Raj















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Magnus Carlsen Wins Tata Steel Chess India **Blitz Event**

World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen won the Tata Steel Chess India Blitz event in Kolkata, securing the title with a round to spare.

Performance:

- Carlsen made a comeback against India's Arjun Erigaisi in the penultimate round, reaching an unassailable 12 points.
- He finished with 13 points, defeating Vidit Gujrathi in the final round to clinch the blitz title.
- Record: This victory marked Carlsen's second double win in Kolkata, having previously achieved the same feat in 2019.

Indian Players:

- Arjun Erigaisi secured third place with 10.5 points.
- R Praggnanandhaa finished fourth with 9.5 points.
- Vidit Gujrathi rounded out the top five with 9 points.
- Q. Who recently won the Tata Steel Chess India Blitz event in Kolkata? Magnus Carlsen















Pradesh Govt Launches Uttar **Ultrasound Scheme for Pregnant Women**

- The Uttar Pradesh government, under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision, has launched a free ultrasound scheme for pregnant women.
- Implementation: Pregnant women can avail of free ultrasound services at private healthcare centers through e-rupee vouchers.

Top Districts:

Azamgarh has issued the highest number of vouchers, over 61,000, followed by Agra (56,000+) and Badaun (53,000+).

Scheme Impact:

- Dr. Pinky Jowal, Director of the National Health Mission, stated that this initiative ensures pregnant women receive timely diagnostic services for maternal and child health.
- The scheme aligns with the Yogi government's commitment to improving healthcare delivery.

District Rankings:

- Top 10 districts include Prayagraj (4th), Deoria (5th), and Ghaziabad (6th).
- Which state government launched a ultrasound scheme for pregnant women? Uttar **Pradesh**















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Victoria Kjær Theilvig Wins Miss Universe 2024

- Denmark's Victoria Kjær Theilvig was crowned Miss Universe 2024, marking the country's firstever win at the prestigious pageant.
- The 73rd edition of the Miss Universe competition was held in Mexico, featuring 125 contestants, including India's Rhea Singha.
- Miss Nigeria Chidimma Adetshina was named the first runner-up, while Miss Mexico Maria Fernanda Beltran secured the second runner-up position.
- India's Rhea Singha also broke into the top 30 contestants.

Background of the Winner:

- Victoria Kjaer Theilvig, 21, is a professional dancer, entrepreneur, and advocate for mental health and animal rights.
- Born in Søborg, Denmark, she holds a bachelor's degree in business and marketing.
- Her career highlights include placing in the Top 20 at Miss Grand International 2022.
- Q. Who won the Miss Universe 2024 title, marking Denmark's first-ever victory in the competition? Victoria Kjær Theilvig















WeWork India Restructures Leadership and Expands Board of Directors

- Jitendra Mohandas Virwani has been appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of WeWork India, while Karan Virwani assumes the dual role of Managing Director and CEO.
- The company has added Mahua Acharya and Anupa Rajiv Sahney as Independent Directors, bringing expertise in electric mobility, climate finance, and corporate governance.
- Additional Appointments: Adnan Ahmad, senior advisor at Yardi Systems, has joined the board, succeeding David Mayland of WeWork Inc.
- Manoj Kumar Kohli transitioned to Independent Director as of September 27, 2024.
- Company Background: WeWork India, established in 2016, operates 61 premium flex office spaces across major Indian cities, including Bengaluru, Mumbai, and Delhi.
- Realty firm Embassy Group holds a 73% stake, while WeWork Global owns 27%. In 2021, WeWork Global invested \$100 million in the Indian operations.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of WeWork India in 2024? Karan Virwani



















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