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Indian Athletes Won 1 Gold, 2 Silver And 1 Bronze To Take Overall Tally To Fifteen

At the ongoing Paralympic Games in Paris, Day 5 turned out to be a memorable one for the country, as Indian athletes won a gold, two silver and a bronze to take overall tally to eleven.



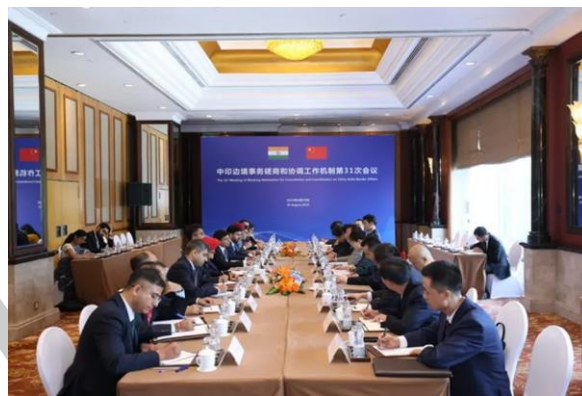
Key Point

- ❖ Nitesh Kumar bagged a gold medal in Para-Badminton, defeating Britain's Daniel Bethell 21-14, 18-21, 23-21 in Men's Singles SL3 event.
- ❖ Yogesh Kathuniya won silver medal in F56 category of Men's Discus Throw event. It's his second successive silver medal in Paralympics.
- ❖ A short while ago, in Para-Badminton, Shuttler Thulasimathi Murugesan claimed silver after losing her women's singles (SU5) final to China's Qiu Xia Yang. Another shuttler Manisha Ramadass won a bronze in women's singles SU5 category, after beating Cathrine Rosengren of Denmark.

- ❖ India's overall medal tally now consists of 15 medals, comprising 3 golds, 5 silvers, and 7 bronzes.

India-China 31st WMCC Meeting

The 31st meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination (WMCC) was held on 29th August 2024 in Beijing.



Key Point

- ❖ The concept was first proposed by Wen Jiabao, the then Premier of China, in 2010.
- ❖ Created through an agreement in 2012, the WMCC emerged to address the need for a formalized mechanism for information exchange on border matters.
- ❖ The WMCC is comprised of representatives from both countries' foreign and defence ministries.
- ❖ To address and resolve issues along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and improve bilateral relations.

List of Neighbouring Countries of India		
Neighbouring Country	Capital	Indian State/UTs with Shared Border
Afghanistan	Kabul	Ladakh (PoK)
Bangladesh	Dhaka	West Bengal, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, and Assam
Bhutan	Thimphu	West Bengal, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, and Assam
China	Beijing	Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhan, Sikkim, and Arunachal Pradesh
Myanmar	Yangon	Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram, and Manipur
Nepal	Kathmandu	Bihar, Uttarakhan, Uttar

		Pradesh, Sikkim, and West Bengal
Pakistan	Islamabad	Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, Rajasthan, and Gujarat
Sri Lanka	Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte Columbo (Executive Capital)	Separated from India by the Gulf of Mannar
Maldives	Male	It lies in the south-west part of the Indian Ocean below the Lakshadweep Islands

2024 Edition of Chief Science Advisers Roundtable (CSAR) in Paris

The 2024 Edition of the Chief Science Advisers' Roundtable (CSAR) is scheduled to take place at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Paris, France on, 6 September 2024.



Key Point

- ❖ This roundtable is co-organised by the Office of Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India and the Natural Sciences Sector of UNESCO.
- ❖ The Chief Science Advisers' Roundtable (CSAR) was conceptualised and launched as a Sherpa-track initiative during Indian G20 Presidency, 2023.
- ❖ Delegations of 28 countries, led by their Chief Science Advisers (CSA) or nominated equivalents, and 6 international organisations will join this roundtable to discuss the theme "Fostering open science, bridging knowledge asymmetry, and building science advice capacity globally".
- ❖ The roundtable will be co-chaired by the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood and the Assistant Director General (ADG - Natural Sciences) of UNESCO, Dr. Lidia Brito.

Namibia Drought

Namibia plans to cull hundreds of its wild animals to provide meat for its 1.4 million people who are reeling under the worst drought in a century.



Key point

- ❖ Drought-Prone: Namibia is located in drought-prone southern Africa.
 - It had declared national emergencies because of extreme droughts in 2013, 2016 and 2019.
- ❖ Spread of Drought: The drought began in Botswana in October 2023, spread and intensified across Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Namibia
- ❖ Major Reason for Worst Drought: The situation is so bad mainly because of El Niño, a weather pattern associated with extreme heat and dry spells in many parts of the world and the ocean.

❖ Impacts of Drought:

- Food availability has been made worse by the drought.
- Severe acute malnutrition among children under five has increased

About Namibia

Capital -Windhoek, town

Currency -NAD - Namibian Dollar

President -Nangolo Mbumba

Sumit Antil wins Gold in Javelin Throw F64

Star javelin thrower Sumit Antil on September 2, 2024, became the first Indian man and the second from the country to defend his title, winning the F64 category gold with a Paralympic record of 70.59m at the Paris Games.



Key points

- ❖ The 26-year-old world record holder from Sonipat, Haryana, surpassed his own previous Paralympic record of 68.55m set in Tokyo, where he won gold three years earlier.

- ❖ His world record stands at 73.29m.
- ❖ Antil is the second Indian overall, after shooter Avani Lekhara, to defend a Paralympic title.
- ❖ The F64 category is for athletes with lower limb impairments, either competing with a prosthesis or affected by leg length differences.

Government Prepares for WAVES 2024 Summit

The Government is set to host the first-ever World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) to strengthen India's media and entertainment industry and enhance its global presence.



Key Point

- ❖ The event will be held in Goa from November 20th to November 25th, 2024.
- ❖ Launch of 'Create in India Challenge Season 1'

- **Announcement:** Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Ashwini Vaishnaw, launched 25 challenges under the 'Create in India Challenge 22nd, 2024. Season 1 on August
- **Focus Areas:** The challenges span disciplines such as animation, film-making, gaming, comics, and music.

Short News

- ❖ Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Heeramandi is nominated for 'Best OTT Original' and 'Best Original Song' at the Busan International Film Festival.
- ❖ The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi approved the proposal of Kaynes Semicon Pvt Ltd to setup a semiconductor unit in Sanand, Gujarat.
- ❖ The World Gold Council (WGC) has increased its forecast for India's gold consumption in 2024 to 850 tonnes, up from the previous estimate of 750 tonnes.
- ❖ PM Narendra Modi to visit Brunei, Singapore from September 3 to 5, 2024.
- ❖ India's forex reserves reach a record high of \$681 billion.
- ❖ The revenue department of the finance ministry has established a panel to simplify the Income Tax Act, led by V.K. Gupta, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax.
- ❖ Pakistan has invited Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit.
- ❖ Indian shuttler Suhas Yathiraj secured his second successive Paralympics silver medal in men's singles SL4 after going down in straight games to favourite Lucas Mazur of France in the final

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. In which of the following sports did Sunil Antil won a gold medal at the Paris Paralympics?

- (a) Javelin throwing
- (b) Disc throwing
- (c) Archery
- (d) Shooting

Answer -A

2. Where was the 31st meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) 2024 held?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Shanghai
- (c) Beijing
- (d) Mumbai

Answer -C