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INDIA'S FIRST JUDO MEDAL IN PARALYMPICS

For the first time ever, India clinched a Paralympic medal in judo when Kapil Parmar bagged a bronze in the men's - 60kg J1 class at the Paris 2024.



Key Point

- ❖ The 24-years old Indian Judo player won a bronze medal match 10-0 to Brazil's Elielton de Oliveira in a J1 class event, wherein throwing him down to the mat to score an ippon in the process.
- ❖ The J1 for athletes with vision impairments involves those who have very poor vision than the normal sighted people.
- ❖ This judo bronze took India's total medal tally to 25 in the Paris 2024 Paralympics; it is the most successful Indian Paralympic campaign ever.
- ❖ Kapil Parmar was born in Shivor, a small village in the Sehore district of Madhya Pradesh.

Oldest Indian to Swim Across English Channel

49-year-old Siddhartha Agarwal from Bengaluru recently set a new record. He became the oldest Indian to swim solo across the English Channel.



Key point

- ❖ Agarwal swam a distance of 42 kilometres in 15 hours and six minutes to accomplish this remarkable feat.
- ❖ The English Channel is known for its challenging conditions, often regarded as a dangerous and difficult swim, even for seasoned swimmers.
- ❖ The Channel's strong currents, unpredictable weather, and water temperature, which is typically below 16° Celsius, make it an especially daunting challenge.

About English Channel

- ❖ The English Channel is a branch of the Atlantic Ocean that separates southern England from northern France.

- ❖ It connects to the southern portion of the North Sea via the Strait of Dover at its northeastern end.
- ❖ The Channel stretches for around 560 km, with its width ranging from 240 km at its widest point to 34 km in the Strait of Dover. It is the world's busiest shipping route.

PRESIDENT OF INDIA CONFERS NATIONAL AWARDS ON TEACHERS

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu conferred National Awards on teachers from across the country at a function held in New Delhi (September 5, 2024) on Teachers' Day



Key points

- ❖ The President conferred the National Teachers' Award 2024 to 82 selected Awardees.
- ❖ The purpose of the National Teachers' Award is to celebrate the unique contribution of teachers in the country and to honour those teachers who, through their commitment and dedication, have not only improved the quality of education but also enriched the lives of their students.
- ❖ Each award carries a certificate of merit, a cash award of Rs. 50,000 and a silver medal.
- ❖ The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, has selected 50 teachers for this year's National Teachers' Awards.
- ❖ Below is the list of Awardees from the Dept. of School Education & Literacy:

Madhav prasad patel	Teacher	Govt middle school lidhora	Madhya pradesh
Sunita godha	Teacher	Govt. High school, khajuria sarang	Madhya pradesh
Sunita gupta	Lecturer	Jawahar navodayvidyalaya, dhamangawn	Madhya pradesh

❖ Below is the list of Awardees from the Dept. of Higher education:

Prof. Kapil Ahuja	Professor	Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Indore	Madhya Pradesh
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❖ Below is the list of Awardees from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship:

Shri Prashant Dixit	Govt. Divisional ITI Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
Smt. Premlata Rahangdale	Govt. Divisional ITI Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh

Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari' initiative at Surat in Gujarat through video conferencing.



Key Point

❖ The initiative aligns with the ongoing Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain campaign, reinforcing Mr Modi's vision of collaborative water

management to ensure long-term water security.

- ❖ The initiative seeks to mobilize citizens, local bodies, industries, and stakeholders in Gujarat to implement rainwater harvesting structures.
- ❖ Under this program, approximately 24,800 rainwater harvesting structures across Gujarat are being constructed with community partnerships.
- ❖ Gujarat's model of water conservation, rooted in community participation, has been a pioneering example in India.
- ❖ The launch of the 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari' initiative is being seen as a landmark moment, designed to inspire other states to replicate these efforts.

CBSE's First Regional Office In Dubai

In a historic move to strengthen Indian education in the UAE, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has launched its first Regional Office (RO) and Centre of Excellence (CoE) outside India, situated in Dubai.



Key Point

- ❖ The milestone was marked with a special orientation session on Teachers' Day between CBSE officials, representatives from the Indian Mission in Dubai, and principals from 78 schools across Dubai and the Northern Emirates.
- ❖ The session provided a platform to discuss the new office's goals, scope, and its expected impact on the region.
- ❖ Prime Minister of India announced the opening of the CBSE RO & CoE in Dubai on February 13, 2024, during his visit to the UAE, and operations of this office officially commenced on July 2, 2024, at the Consulate General of India, Dubai, UAE.

Bird Dung Crab Spider (*Phrynarachne decipiens*)

Assam has added a species of spider whose web mimics a bird's excrement to India's list of arachnids.



Key Point

- ❖ The *Phrynarachne decipiens*, also known as the bird dung or bird-dropping crab spider, was known to be distributed in Malaysia and Indonesia's Java and Sumatra.
- ❖ It has been recorded for the first time in India from Assam's Sonapur in the Kamrup district and the Chirang Reserve Forest in the Kokrajhar district.
- ❖ The chalky white color of the spider and whitish deposition (its web) on the leaves, looking like bird excreta, make it very difficult to be sighted.
- ❖ **Length:** The eight-eyed bird dung crab spider was measured at 13.14 mm long.
- ❖ **Behavior:** The spider is usually seen lying motionless 1-2 ft above the ground on the upper side of broad leaves

Exercise Varuna

A P81 aircraft of the Indian Navy has reached France to participate in 'Exercise Varuna' with the French Navy.



Key Point

- ❖ It is the bilateral Naval Exercise between India and France which was initiated in 1993.
- ❖ It was named 'VARUNA' in 2001 and has become a hallmark of India France strategic bilateral relationship.
- ❖ The 2024 edition of Exercise Varuna, is scheduled in the Mediterranean Sea. It will include advanced tactical exercises underscoring the deepening synergy and interoperability between the two navies.
- ❖ Other Indo-French Joint Exercises:
 - Desert Knight-21 and Garuda (Air exercise)
 - Shakti (Army exercise)

Short News

- ❖ OpenAI plans to release its most powerful AI model, codenamed Project Strawberry, which could be integrated into ChatGPT-5.
- ❖ French President Emmanuel Macron has named Michel Barnier as Prime Minister almost two months after France's snap elections ended in political deadlock.
- ❖ India hosted its inaugural International Solar Festival on 5 September 2024 to promote the global adoption of solar energy.
- ❖ The World Bank has increased its growth forecast for India to 7% for the current financial year (FY25). This is an improvement from the earlier projection of 6.6%.
- ❖ World Food India 2024 is scheduled to take place from September 19 to September 22, 2024, at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- ❖ Launched on August 26, 2021, by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, the eshram portal registered over 30 crore BP unorganized workers in just three years.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the Unified Lending Interface (ULI) to enhance digital public infrastructure, with a focus on providing seamless credit access to farmers and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- ❖ Indian shooters Dhanush Sreekanth, Shaurya Saini, and Mohammad Murtaza Vania secured all three medals Men's 10m Air Rifle event at the World Deaf Shooting Championship 2024 held in Hannover, Germany.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Recently, CBSE launched its Regional Office outside India. In which of the following cities?

- (a) Dubai
- (b) Abu Dhabi
- (c) Ajman
- (d) Sharjah

Answer -A

2. Kapil Parmar, who made history by winning a bronze medal in judo at the Paris 2024 Paralympics, belongs to which of the following district?

- (a) Bhopal
- (b) Jabalpur
- (c) Indore
- (d) Sehore

Answer -D

