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Aman Sehrawat secured a bronze in Paris Olympic

Aman Sehrawat, Aged 21, secured a bronze in the men's 57 kg freestyle category at the Paris Olympics, becoming India's youngest Olympic medalist.



Key Points

- ❖ His victory was a 13-5 win over Puerto Rico's Darian Cruz.
- ❖ This is India's sixth medal at the Games and this prevented Indian wrestling's first medal-less return since 2008.
- ❖ He broke PV Sindhu's record, who got a silver medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics in badminton when she was 21 years, one month, and 14 days old.
- ❖ PV Sindhu also has another record that has placed her as the youngest woman of India to make a medal feat in the Summer Olympics.
- ❖ The oldest Indian woman to get an Olympic medal is Mary Kom who won a bronze at the London Olympics, in

2012 at the age of 29, 8 months, and 15 days.

India at Paris Olympics 2024

Winner	Medal	Game
Manu Bhaker	Bronze	10m Air Pistol Women
Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh	Bronze	10m Air Pistol Mixed Team
Swapnil Kusale	Bronze	Men's 50m Rifle Three Positions
Hockey Team	Bronze	Hockey
Neeraj Chopra	Silver	Javelin Throw
Aman Sehrawat	Bronze	Wrestling

India to introduce UPI services in the Maldives

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar announced that India and Maldives have signed an agreement to introduce Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in the archipelago nation.



Key Points

- ❖ This comes as Jaishankar is in a three-day official visit to the Maldives
- ❖ National Payments Corporation of India and Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Maldives on introduction of a digital payment system in the Maldives.
- ❖ Currently, Indians can use the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) to make payments in seven countries. Following its launch in Sri Lanka and Mauritius, UPI payments are accepted in France, UAE, Singapore, Bhutan, and Nepal.

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

- ❖ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), an umbrella organisation for operating retail payments and settlement systems in India.
- ❖ It is an initiative of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Indian Banks' Association (IBA) under the provisions of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, for

creating a robust Payment & Settlement Infrastructure in India.

- ❖ Considering the utility nature of the objects of NPCI, it has been incorporated as a "Not for Profit" Company under the provisions of Section 25 of Companies Act 1956

Odisha launches first grain ATM

Odisha government piloted a Grain ATM in the city, the first-of-its-kind in the state, to dispense ration through automated teller machines to beneficiaries covered under the national food security programme.



Key Points

- ❖ Minister of Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Krushna Chandra Patra unveiled the Grain ATM at Mancheswar set up under the Annapurta initiative of the central government in collaboration with World Food Programme (WFP), in presence of Deputy Country Director, WFP Nozomi Hashimoto.
- ❖ This is a significant initiative in partnership with the WFP to achieve nutritional security in the state.

- ❖ Grain ATM, Annapurti is an automated multi-commodity dispensing solution that provides fast, clean and precise access to commodities (rice, wheat, grains) to beneficiaries, post biometric authentication.
- ❖ With universal access, anyone with a ration card valid in India, regardless of the state and Union territory, can access their quota of foodgrains. Annapurti can dispense grains up to 50 kg in five minutes, with an error rate of 0.01 per cent.

World Food programme

- ❖ WFP was founded in 1961 by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
- ❖ Headquarters - Rome

Indian Railways to roll out Kavach 4.0

Indian Railways will start roll-out of updated Kavach 4.0 - the indigenous automated train protection system - across its network October onwards.



Key Points

- ❖ The first phase will see deployment of the system on 10,000 locomotives (engines) and over 9,000 route km

(RKMs) over the next few years. At least 3,000 Rkms will have Kavach coverage by the end of this fiscal.

❖ What is Kavach

- ❖ Kavach involves multiple subsystems - a station unit, RFID tags (laid on tracks at every 1 km at every signal), communication systems, integrated braking systems, and driver-machine interface, among others. It works in slowing down trains or applies automated braking in case of head-on-collision probability (between two trains).
- ❖ The latest version of Kavach includes temporary speed restriction, station-to-station Kavach communication for improved reliability, improved location precision, improved braking, among others.

Kasturi Cotton Bharat Program

The Kasturi Cotton Bharat program of the Ministry of Textiles is a pioneering effort in traceability, certification, and branding of Indian cotton.



Key Points

- ❖ It is an initiative of the Government of India, Textile Trade Bodies, and Industry with the objective of creating premium value for cotton grown in

India as per benchmarked specifications.

- ❖ It provides a digital platform for necessary information and updates on these initiatives and highlights the registration process for ginners to produce the Kasturi Cotton Bharat Brand and its processes that make the branded Indian cotton unique
- ❖ To provide complete traceability of Kasturi Cotton Bharat tagged bales across the supply chain, QR-based certification technology is being used at each stage of the processing
- ❖ The Kasturi Cotton Bharat program is operational at the national level and its promotion is being made at national and international platforms.

CM Dr. Yadav announces reward of 1 crore rupees to Vivek Sagar

The Indian men's hockey team has made history by winning the bronze medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics. The people of Madhya Pradesh are also celebrating this victory because Vivek Sagar Prasad from Chandaun village in Itarsi, MP played an important role in the victorious Indian team.



- ❖ Vivek, who hails from Chandon village in Itarsi, Madhya Pradesh, represented India in his second Olympics in Paris, following his debut at the Tokyo Olympics.
- ❖ He made his Senior India debut in January 2018 at the age of 17 years, 10 months, and 22 days, becoming the second youngest player to represent his country. Since then, he has played over 100 international matches for India as a creative playmaker.
- ❖ Vivek Sagar Prasad is originally from Kanhauli village in Raghunathpur, Siwan district of Bihar.

Madhya Pradesh Sports Awards:

Eklavya Award (for junior players):

- ❖ **Established:** 1994
- ❖ **Prize Money:** Rs 1 lakh
- ❖ Given to Madhya Pradesh residents under 19 years old, who participated in national/international competitions at least twice in the last 5 years.

Vikram Award (for senior players):

- ❖ **Established:** 1990
- ❖ **Prize Money:** Rs 2 lakhs
- ❖ The most prestigious sports award in Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ Awardees receive a blazer and a symbolic emblem.

- ❖ Given to players native to Madhya Pradesh who have participated in national and international senior category competitions for at least 2 years in the last 5 years

Vishwamitra Award (for sports coaches):

- ❖ **Established:** 1994
- ❖ **Prize Money:** Rs 2 lakhs
- ❖ Given to coaches whose at least two players have won two gold, four silver, and six bronze medals in national and international competitions at least twice in the last 5 years.

Lifetime Achievement Award:

- ❖ **Established:** 2002
- ❖ **Prize Money:** Rs 2 lakhs
- ❖ Given to sports personalities who have contributed throughout their lives to the development and promotion of sports in the state.

Prabhash Joshi Award (in the field of Malkhamb):

- ❖ **Established:** 2013
- ❖ **Prize Money:** Rs 2 lakhs

Short News

- ❖ IIT Indore has developed shoes that generate electricity from walking and use GPS for real-time location tracking.
- ❖ The central bank has increased the limit for making payments through UPI from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh.
- ❖ The Ambani family has topped the inaugural Barclays-Hurun India most valuable family businesses list, with a valuation of Rs 25.75 trillion, which is almost equivalent to one-tenth of India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
- ❖ GAIL has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam to explore transferring two of RRVUNL's gas-based power plants in Dholpur and Ramgarh to a proposed joint venture company
- ❖ India and New Zealand inked the bilateral customs cooperation arrangement which is expected to ease trade between the two countries.
- ❖ Retiring hockey goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh and double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker will be the flag-bearers for the country at the Paris Olympics closing ceremony.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which of the following States launched first grain ATM recently ?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Goa

Answer- (c)

2. Which of the following sports is Aman Sherawat associated with?

- (a) Wrestling
- (b) Badminton
- (c) Boxing
- (d) Kabaddi

Answer- (a)

