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## Rafael Nadal announces retirement from tennis

One of the greatest men's tennis players of the open era, **Rafael Nadal**, has announced his retirement from professional tennis.



- ❖ The upcoming Davis Cup Final in Spain will mark his last tournament as a professional player.
- ❖ The 2024 Davis Cup Final is scheduled to take place from 19 to 24 November 2024 in Malaga, Spain.
- ❖ Rafael Nadal will represent the Spanish team in this final event.
- ❖ Rafael Nadal, alongside Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic, formed the renowned "**Big Three**" in professional tennis, dominating the sport for over two decades.
- ❖ Throughout his illustrious career, Rafael Nadal has captured numerous tennis titles:
  - 22 Grand Slam singles titles: 14 French Open, 4 US Open, 2 Wimbledon, and 2 Australian Open.

- **Olympic Medals:** 2 gold medals—one in singles at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, and another in men's doubles at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

## Nobel Literature Prize



South Korean author **Han Kang** won the 2024 Nobel Prize in Literature for "her intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life."

### Key Point

- ❖ The Swedish Academy awards the prize and is worth 11 million Swedish crowns (\$1.1 million).
- ❖ Han Kang, the first South Korean to win the literature prize, began her career in 1993 with the publication of a number of poems in the magazine Literature and Society, while her prose debut came in 1995 with the short story collection "**Love of Yeosu**".
- ❖ Her major international breakthrough came with the novel "**The Vegetarian**".

### The first Indian Nobel laureate:

- Rabindranath Tagore received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913.
- Tagore, received the Nobel Prize for his book, "Geetanjali".

### Nobel Peace Prize



Japanese organisation *Nihon Hidankyo*, a grassroots movement of atomic bomb survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki also known as *Hibakusha*, won the Nobel Peace Prize

### Key Point

- ❖ The Norwegian Nobel Committee has regularly focused on the issue of nuclear weapons, most recently with its award to the ICAN, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, who won the award in 2017.
- ❖ The Nobel Peace Prize, worth 11 million Swedish crowns, or about \$1 million, is due to be presented in Oslo on Dec. 10,
- ❖ The anniversary of the death of Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel, who founded the awards in his 1895 will.

- ❖ In 2014, Kailash Satyarthi was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to highlight the severe exploitation of children for profit.
- ❖ Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her dedication to aiding suffering people.

### 38th National Games

The 38th National Games will take place in Uttarakhand from January 28 to February 14 next year.



### Key Point

- ❖ The complete program for the National Games will be unveiled during the general assembly meeting of the Indian Olympic Association, set for the 25th of this month. In addition to the National Games, Uttarakhand will also host the Winter National Games.
- ❖ 37th National games
  - It was held in Goa.
  - In 37 national game, Maharashtra topped the medal tally
  - Madhya Pradesh secured 4th position

### About Indian Olympic Association

- ❖ The Indian Olympic Association is the governing body for the Olympic Movement and the Commonwealth Games in India.
- ❖ It was founded in 1927
- ❖ Headquarter- Delhi
- ❖ President - P T Usha

### Eighth Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh's eighth tiger reserve has been approved by combining Ratapani and Singhauli sanctuaries adjacent to the MP capital Bhopal.



#### Key Point

- ❖ Tiger reserves are protected areas designated for the conservation of tigers.
- ❖ Tiger Reserves are notified by State Governments as per provisions of Section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 on advice of the National Tiger Conservation Authority.

- ❖ Presently, India has a total of 55 Tiger Reserves.
- ❖ Dholpur Karauli Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan became the 55th Tiger Reserve of India.
- ❖ Jim Corbett National Park, Uttarakhand is the First Tiger Reserve of India.

### Free Fortified Rice for a Healthier India

The Cabinet has taken a pivotal decision to extend the universal supply of fortified rice under all government welfare schemes, including the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), from July 2024 until December 2028.



#### Key Point

- ❖ This initiative aims to provide vulnerable populations with enhanced nutrition by distributing fortified rice enriched with essential micronutrients such as iron, folic acid, and vitamin B12.
- ❖ The distribution will follow the standards set by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- ❖ According to the World Health Organization's meta-analysis, rice fortification can reduce the risk of iron deficiency by 35%.

- ❖ Since the launch of the rice fortification pilot scheme in 15 states in 2020, the program has seen significant progress. Between 2019-20 and March 31, 2024, approximately 406 lakh metric tonnes of fortified rice were distributed through the PDS.

### Short News

- ❖ Recently, Kuchipudi dance was performed during the Navratri festival at the KanakaDurga temple in Vijayawada.
- ❖ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) informed that the upper stage of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle C-37 (PSLV C-37 mission) re-entered the Earth's atmosphere on October 6.

- ❖ India's textile sector is expected to grow to nearly 350 billion dollars by 2030. As per the country's trade data for August 2024, the sector has seen 11% year-on-year growth in ready-made garments.
- ❖ NCBC tenders advice to Union Government for inclusion of certain castes/Communities from Maharashtra, in the Central List of OBC.
- ❖ At the 27th Asian Table Tennis Championships 2024 in Astana, both the Indian men's and women's teams secured bronze medals in their respective competitions.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Who has been awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature for the year 2024?

- (a) Emmanuelle Charpentier
- (b) Jennifer Doudna
- (c) Yoshinori Ohsumi
- (d) Han Kang

Answer -D

2. Rafael Nadal, who recently announced her official retirement, is associated with which of the following countries?

- (a) Spain
- (b) France
- (c) Austria
- (d) Monaco

Answer -A

