



Memorial for Former President Pranab Mukherjee at Delhi's Rajghat complex.

Former President and lifelong Congressman Pranab Mukherjee will soon have a memorial in his name in the Capital.

- ❖ The NDA government has informed Mukherjee's family that it has decided to earmark a designated site within the Rashtriya Smriti complex for a memorial to the veteran leader who died on August 31, 2020.
- ❖ The Competent Authority has approved the earmarking of a designated site within the Rashtriya Smriti complex a part of the Rajghat precinct for erecting a Samadhi of Late Pranab Mukherjee.
- ❖ He was served as India's 13th President (2012–2017).
- ❖ Conferred with the Bharat Ratna (2019), India's highest civilian award.
- ❖ He was writing several books, including reflections on Indian politics and governance.

Israel introduces e-visa system for Indian travellers.

- ❖ The Israel Ministry of Tourism (IMOT) has launched a digital e-Visa system for Indian travelers, making entry to Israel easier than ever before as of January 2025.
- ❖ The new system does away with the requirement for paper documents, which makes the visa application process faster, easier, and completely online.
- ❖ The new system aims to boost travel accessibility and strengthen tourism ties between India and Israel, anticipating higher Indian tourist numbers.

Anahat Singh clinches U-17 Girl's Singles title at British Junior Squash Open.

- ❖ India's Anahat Singh has clinched the Under 17 Girl's Singles title at the British Junior Open in Birmingham, England.

- ❖ The 16-year-old top-seed Indian defeated Malika El Karaksy of Egypt, 3-2 in the summit clash.
- ❖ The victory marks Anahat's third British Junior Open title, following her triumphs in the Under-11 category in 2019 and the Under-15 category in 2023.

New Zealand Cricketer, Martin Guptill announced his retirement.

- ❖ New Zealand Cricketer, Martin Guptill announced his retirement from international cricket at the age of 38.
- ❖ Guptill's career spanned around 14 years during which he scored over 14 thousand runs in 367 matches and smashed 23 international hundreds.
- ❖ He played 198 ODI, 122 T20Is and 47 Tests.
- ❖ He debuted in 2009 against the West Indies.
- ❖ Guptill holds the record for the highest individual score in an ODI World Cup in the 2015.

- ❖ It is also the highest individual by a Kiwi batter in ODI cricket.

John Dramani Mahama sworn in as Ghana's President

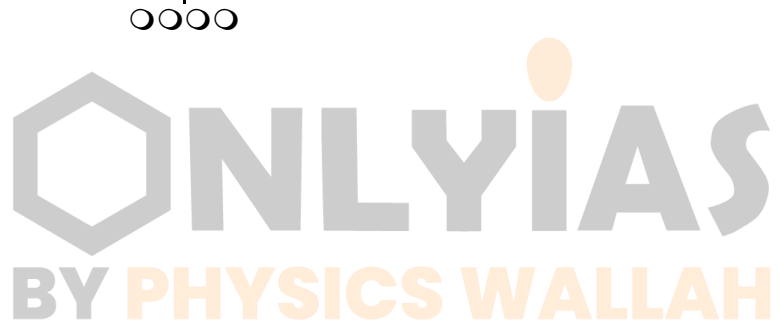
- ❖ John Dramani Mahama was sworn in for a second term as Ghana's president on 7th January 2025 at a ceremony in the capital Accra.
- ❖ Mahama won 56 percent of the vote in the nation's presidential election on December 9.
- ❖ Mahama takes over from outgoing President Nana Akufo-Addo, who served two terms in power.
- ❖ Mahama became the first Ghanaian leader born after the country's independence in 1957 to hold the presidency.

Anji Khad Bridge is the country's "first cable-stayed bridge"

- ❖ Anji Khad Bridge is the country's "first cable-stayed bridge" of Indian Railways connecting Katra and Reasi in Jammu and Kashmir.

- ❖ The bridge is a part of the national project.
- ❖ The bridge is a vital component of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL), connecting the Kashmir Valley to the rest of India.
- ❖ The bridge is located in the young fold mountains of the Himalayas.
- ❖ The total length of the bridge is 725.5 metres.

- ❖ The bridge is constructed in the Reasi district of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir under the most challenging Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla-Rail Link (USBRL) Project of Indian Railways.
- ❖ The bridge shall carry a single railway line plus a 3.75 m-wide service road; there is a 1.5m wide footpath on each side of the deck with an overall width of 15 m.



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