



Mexico's first woman president

Claudia Sheinbaum became the first female president of Mexico. She is a scientist with a PhD in energy engineering.

- ❖ As the first female to hold the position in over 200 years of the nation's independence.
- ❖ Before being elected as the president, she was the mayor of Mexico City.
- ❖ She was sworn in on October 1, 2024, after winning the general election with nearly 60% of the vote.

NITI Aayog Launches First State Chapter of Women Entrepreneurship Platform.

NITI Aayog has launched its maiden State Chapter of Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) in association with WE Hub and the Telangana government. With over 30 thousand registered women entrepreneurs and associations, the WEP has over 400 mentors from different industry sectors.

- ❖ WE Hub Chief Executive Officer, Sita Pallocholla, has been appointed Mission Director of the WEP Telangana Chapter.

- ❖ The platform offers support across different verticals like funding, skill development, and market access, and is a part of NITI Aayog's broader agenda to promote gender equality and economic empowerment in India.
- ❖ NITI Aayog, established in 2015, is the premier policy think tank of the Government of India, replacing the Planning Commission. Its full name is the National Institution for Transforming India.
- ❖ The current Chairman of NITI Aayog is Prime Minister Narendra Modi. As per the structure of NITI Aayog, the Prime Minister of India serves as its ex-officio chairman.
- ❖ Additionally, NITI Aayog has a Vice Chairman, who handles the day-to-day functioning and policies of the organization. The current Vice Chairman (as of October 2024) is Suman K. Bery, who took over the position in 2022.

Tennis: Carlos Alcaraz Defeats Jannik Sinner to Win First China Open Title

World No 2 Carlos Alcaraz dug deep to beat reigning champion and World No 1 Jannik Sinner to lift his first China Open ATP 500 title.

- ❖ The Spaniard came from a set down to register a 6-7(6), 6-4, 7-6(3) triumph against World No 1 Italian.
- ❖ With his title run on the hard courts of Beijing, Alcaraz became the first player to win an ATP 500 crown on all three surfaces (hard, clay and grass) in series history (since 2009).

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar:

Bapu Tower

In Bihar, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar dedicated the newly constructed Bapu Tower on the occasion of the 155th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in Patna.

- ❖ The iconic five-storey building consisting of cylindrical and rectangular structures has several galleries dedicated to the life of the Father of the Nation.
- ❖ A special section on Mahatma Gandhi's visit to Bihar and Champaran Satyagrah has been aesthetically mounted with audio-visual content for audiences.

West Bengal: IMD Issues Orange Alert for Heavy Rainfall

The Regional Meteorological Center RMC Alipore Kolkata of IMD has forecast light to moderate rainfall over all the districts

of north Bengal from today till Saturday. Heavy to very heavy rainfall may occur in some places of the Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts. An orange alert has been issued and there is a possibility of landslides in the hilly areas of Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts. A yellow alert has been issued for Jalpaiguri, Alipurduars, Coochbehar, North and South Dinajpur and Malda districts.

The IMD uses a colour-coded system to issue weather alerts:

- ❖ Green alert: No warning
- ❖ Yellow alert: Be updated
- ❖ Orange alert: Be prepared
- ❖ Red alert: Take action

ICC bans Sri Lanka's Praveen Jayawickrama

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has banned Sri Lankan player Praveen Jayawickrama from all forms of cricket for one year after he admitted breaching the ICC's Anti-Corruption Code (ACU).

The 26-year-old left-arm spinner admitted to breaching the ICC's code of obstructing or delaying an investigation that may be carried out by the ACU, including concealing, tampering with, or destroying any information that may be relevant to the investigation.

First-Ever Leopard Census in Odisha Finds 696 Leopards

In Odisha, 696 leopards have been found in different forest areas as per the first-ever state-sponsored leopard census released today.

- ❖ About 200 leopards are located in the Similipal Tiger Reserve and surrounding areas, which is the highest in the state.

- ❖ The Satkosia landscape turned out to be another promising site for these animals, boasting the second-highest leopard population in the state at 150.



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