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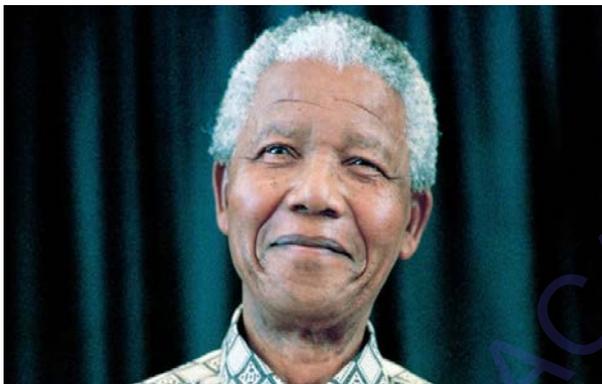
1. Mairaj Ahmad Khan becomes first Indian shooter to win gold medal in men's skeet event at ISSF World Cup



- In Shooting, two-time Olympian Mairaj Ahmad Khan created history by becoming the first Indian shooter to win the gold medal in the men's skeet event at the ISSF World Cup in Changwon, South Korea, yesterday.
- Mairaj Ahmad Khan recorded 37 hits out of a possible 40 in the final to win gold. South Korea's Minsu Kim struck 36 for silver while Ben Llewelin of Great Britain won bronze with 26 hits.
- In the qualifying round, Mairaj Ahmad Khan shot 119 from 125 over two days of the men's skeet shooting event.
- In the ranking round, Mairaj Ahmad Khan was up against Germany's Sven Korte, Minki Cho of South Korea and Nicolas Vasilou of Cyprus for another round of 30 targets.

- **Mairaj Ahmad Khan topped the round with 27 hits. Sven Korte followed Mairaj Ahmad Khan to the medal round with 25 hits.**
- **Apart from the gold by Mairaj Ahmad Khan at the ISSF World Cup Changwon 2022, India also won a bronze in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions team event**

2. Today is International Nelson Mandela Day



- **Today is International Nelson Mandela Day.**
- **The Day is a celebration of 67-year-long fight of former South African President Nelson Mandela's fight against racial discrimination and human rights abuses.**
- **AIR correspondent reports that Nelson Mandela devoted his life to the service of humanity as an international peacemaker and the first democratically elected President of a free South Africa, a prisoner of conscience, and a human rights lawyer.**
- **He is known for his work towards empowering women and men regardless of their religion and ethnicity and promoting dialogue and solidarity for justice and lasting peace.**
- **In recognition of the former South African President's contribution to the culture of peace and freedom, UN General Assembly declared 18th of July as Nelson Mandela International Day in its resolution in November 2009.**

- Nelson Mandela, who often dubbed the Gandhi of South Africa had a strong Indian connection.
- An avowed Gandhian, Madiba, as Mandela was affectionately also known around the world, always praised Gandhi for his principles of 'Satya and Ahimsa' and followed his philosophy.
- He chose the land of Gandhi as his first destination, whom he called his 'political guru' and a 'role model.'

3. Veteran singer Bhupinder Singh passes away in Mumbai



- Veteran playback singer Bhupinder Singh passed away in Mumbai yesterday evening.
- His wife and singer Mitali Singh informed that the singer was suffering from several health complications, including urinary issues since some time.
- 82-year old Singh had started his career with All India Radio and he was also associated with Doordarshan Delhi. He sang scores of Bollywood numbers in his heavy bass voice.
- He is remembered for his memorable songs in films like "Mausam", "Satte Pe Satta", "Ahista Ahista", "Dooriyan", "Haqeeqat", and many more.
- Some of his famed songs are "Hoke Majboor Mujhe, Usne Bulaya Hoga", with Mohammed Rafi, Talat Mehmood, and Manna Dey, "Dil Dhoondhta Hai" and "Duki Pe Duki Ho Ya Satte Pe Satta.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed anguish on the passing away of eminent singer and musician Bhupinder Singh.

4. Centre forms Committee on MSP under chairmanship of Former Agriculture Secretary Sanjay Agrawal



- The Centre has formed a Committee on Minimum Support Price under the chairmanship of Former Agriculture Secretary Sanjay Agrawal. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare has issued a gazette notification in this regard.
- The panel will comprise Member (Agriculture) in NITI Aayog Ramesh Chand, Agricultural Economists CSC Shekhar from Indian Institute of Economic Development and Sukhpal Singh from IIM- Ahmedabad and Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices senior member Naveen P. Singh.
- Among farmer representatives, the committee will have National award-winning farmer Bharat Bhushan Tyagi, three members from SKM and five members from other

farmer organisations include Gunwant Patil, Krishnaveer Choudhary, Pramod Kumar Choudhary, Guni Prakash and Sayyed Pasha Patel.

- Two members of the farmers' cooperative and group include IFFCO Chairman Dilip Sanghani and CNRI General Secretary Binod Anand are also part of the committee.

5. 13th Petersberg Climate Dialogue begins in Berlin



- The 13th Petersberg Climate Dialogue began yesterday in Berlin. The two-day informal ministerial meet is being chaired by Germany and Egypt, hosts of this year's annual climate meet (COP-27).
- The informal ministerial meet proposes to build consensus and provide political direction to resolve divergences aimed at improving implementation of climate action, the core goal of COP-27.
- According to media reports, during the dialogue, ministers and delegations from several countries recalled the urgency to move to the implementation of all the previous resolutions made during the last meeting in order to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.
- As per the previous resolution, the fight against climate change requires the preservation of the Congo Basin

forests, which alone absorb 1.2 billion tonnes of carbon globally per year.

6. Ashishkumar Chauhan set to become NSE MD, CEO; Sebi clears his appointment



- The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has announced the appointment of Ashish Kumar Chauhan as its new managing director and CEO.
- He will succeed Vikram Limaye whose 5-year term ended on 16 July 2022.
- He was one of the founders of NSE where he worked from 1992 to 2000.
- He is best known as the father of modern financial derivatives in India due to his work at NSE.
- This is Chauhan's second tenure in the BSE and under SEBI guidelines, a candidate cannot be appointed as MD & CEO for more than two tenures.
- BSE is also searching for a new CEO in place of Chauhan.

- **As per Sebi norm, the MD and CEO of a stock exchange has to apply and compete with other candidates for the top job after the completion of the five-year term.**

7. Narinder Batra resigns as FIH president, gives up IOC membership too



- **Veteran sports administrator, Narinder Batra has resigned as President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH), as well as a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), citing “personal reasons”.**
- **Mr Batra ceased to be President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) when the Delhi High Court, on May 25, struck down the post of ‘Life member’ in Hockey India, courtesy of which he had contested the IOA elections and won back in 2017.**

- The 65-year-old Mr Batra took charge of the IOA for the first time in 2017 and was eligible to contest for re-election.
- The IOA elections were due in December last year but could not be held as per schedule due to ongoing amendments in the election process.
- Mr Batra became an IOC member in 2019 and later went on to become a member of the Olympic Channel Commission.

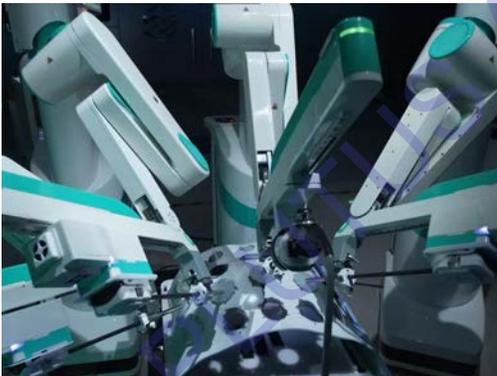
8. Kerala Becomes First State to have Its Own Internet Service K-Fon



- Kerala is now the first and only state in the country to have its own internet service, according to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who made the announcement.
- The announcement followed the Department of Telecommunications' granting of an Internet Service Provider (ISP) licence to the IT infrastructure project of the Kerala Fiber Optic Network Ltd (K-Fon), which aims to provide everyone in the state access to the internet.
- K-Fon or Kerala Fiber Optic Network Ltd is a state government initiative that aims to eliminate the digital gap.

- As per the government, the infrastructure created by this project is expected to complement the state's current telecom ecosystem.
- The principle behind the establishment of K-Fon is “non-discriminatory” treatment, which means that no service provider or business segment receives preferential treatment, as recommended by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

9. Made in India surgical robotic system installed at Rajiv Gandhi Institute



- Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Center, New Delhi (RGCI) have installed the first-ever Made-in-India Surgical Robotic System, “SSI-Mantra”, devised by the new-age Indian med-tech start-up SS Innovations.
- The ingenious SSI Mantra, a brainchild of World-renowned robotic cardiac surgeon Dr Sudhir P Srivastava, will be signifying the beginning of a new era of surgical procedures in India, making robotic surgery accessible and affordable for the people of our country.

- **After two pilot projects where Dr Sudhir Rawal and his team from RGCI successfully performed a total of 26 surgeries with SSI Mantra, thereby validating safety, feasibility and effectiveness, the robot is now ready to provide an advanced method of surgery, which will be accessible to the general public at a much lower cost.**

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