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1. US author Fatima Asghar wins first Carol Shields Prize for fiction



Poet and screenwriter Fatima Asghar's debut novel has won the first Carol Shields Prize for Fiction, a \$150,000 honor named after the late Pulitzer Prize-winning author Asghar's 'When We Were Sisters,' three Muslim-American siblings. The story was praised by the judges for "weaving threads of narrative into precise and luminous poetic form, their fragility a mere cover for their absolute, indestructible indestructibility". Asghar is best known for co-creating the poetry collection "If They Come for Us" and the Emmy-nominated web series "Brown Girls." Shields, who died in 2003 at age 68, was an American-born. She won a Pulitzer Prize in 1994 for her novel "The Stone Diaries".

2. Indian Army conducts exercise 'Buland Bharat' at Mandla High Altitude Firing Range in Arunachal Pradesh



There has been an atmosphere of tension on the India-China border for a long time. After the Galvan violence, once again both the countries are face to face regarding the border dispute. In this series, the Indian Army has included weapons on a large scale in its war exercises in Arunachal Pradesh. The Indian Army is practicing firing in Tawang and West Kameng districts of Arunachal Pradesh. This exercise has been named 'Buland Bharat'. According to the Times of India report, the army used

many heavy weapons during the exercise. 155 mm Bofors howitzers, 105 mm field guns and 120 mm mortars are also included in the exercise. Military confrontation with China is increasing in eastern Ladakh. In such a situation, many powerful weapons have been deployed on the LAC to prevent infiltration from the Chinese side. These include the old 105 mm field gun, Bofors, upgraded Dhanush, Sarang gun, Pinaka and Smerch multiple rocket systems, new M-77 ultra light howitzer and 9 self-propelled tracked guns of winterised.

3. 'Project Sanjay' started by the Indian Army



The military is slowly but surely enhancing its capabilities to fight in increasingly digitized battlefields. The army is now set to set up Integrated Surveillance and Intelligence Centers in the battlefield that will provide a holistic operational lead to the commanders on both the China-Pakistan fronts and images through satellites to monitor the activities happening on both sides. Will provide Receive information from a wide range of sources, from drones to radar and troops on the ground. Integrated surveillance centers will be set up in dozens of field formations by December 2025, part of the 12-lakh-strong Indian Army's "automation, digitization and networking" projects aimed at enhancing battlefield operations and surveillance. To ensure faster decision making by commanders and better weather forecasting for frontline troops, improve logistics and human resource management

4. Bhopal's Ankita Srivastava won 3 medals in World Transplant Games

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Ankita Srivastava of Bhopal has made the country proud by winning three medals on April 21 in the World Transplant Games 2023 held in Perth, Australia. He has got gold medals in long jump and silver medals in race walk and shot put events. Not only this, Ankita won double gold in the World Transplant Games 2019. That Ankita has donated 74 percent of her liver. After knowing his achievements, no one can say that he has any kind of physical problem. Those players who have donated any of their organs participate in the World Transplant Games. At the age of 18, Ankita donated her liver for her mother. Ankita won a medal in the World Transplant Games, has donated her liver to her mother, wants to do it for an organ donor, but during this time, from my diet to my yoga and My trainer Satish took up the responsibility of the exercise. He also gave me moral support all the time

5. Indian Navy's Landing Ship 'INS Magar' decommissioned after 36 years



INS Magar, the oldest landing ship of the Indian Navy, was decommissioned after 36 years of distinguished service. The ship was decommissioned under the command of Cdr Hemant V Salunkhe at a sunset ceremony held at the Naval Base here. It was launched on 16 November 1984 and commissioned on 18 July

1987 at Garden Reach Shipyard & Engineers Limited, Kolkata I went. INS Magar participated in several operations, exercises and humanitarian missions including Samudra Setu. It was also involved in repatriation of over 4,000 Indians from different parts of the world during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chief Guest for the ceremony was Vice Admiral MA Hampiholi, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command (SNC) Were.

6. Alcaraz and Sabalenka won the Madrid Open 2023 in men's and women's singles respectively



Aryna Sabalenka has won the women's title of the Madrid Open tennis tournament. Defeated Iga Swiatek 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 in the final. This is Sabalenka's second title here. Won in about two-and-a-half hours: The number two seeded player from Belarus defeated top seed Swiatek in a match that lasted two hours and 26 minutes. Sabalenka took the first set 6-3 with her impeccable serve. In the deciding set too, Swiatek took the match at 3-3 with a tremendous serve to bring the match to an exciting stage. But Sabalenka took another advantage in the eighth game to lead 5-3 and then won the match after a marathon final game. I am very happy with the win against Inga. Matches against him are always different and I am really happy.

7. 'Dawki Land Port' inaugurated in Meghalaya to boost trade and commerce between India and Bangladesh

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Inaugurated the port at Dawki Bhoomi in West Jaintia Hills district of Meghalaya to promote trade between India and Bangladesh. It has good infrastructure. Along with this, it has many facilities like canteen, cargo for tourists and power sub-station. It aims to bring all agencies and stakeholders under one roof. It is 55 km from Jowai and about 84 km from Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya. The corresponding land port in Bangladesh is 'Tamabil', which is located in Sylhet district. The Dawki land port will serve as an important trade and transport hub between India and Bangladesh. Along with this, it will facilitate the movement of people, goods and vehicles from across the border. Along with this, it will also facilitate the movement of passengers across the border.

8. Defense Minister inaugurated the first Indian Air Force Heritage Center in Chandigarh



Launched the first of its kind Heritage Center of the Indian Air Force in Chandigarh. The Heritage Center has been set up under an agreement signed last year between the Union Territory of Chandigarh and the Indian Air Force. This heritage center is spread over an area of 17 thousand square feet. It depicts the decisive memories of the wars of 1965 and 1971 and the Kargil War and Balakot Air Strike through wall paintings and

patterns. Augmented reality, hologram, virtual reality and electro-mechanical siege and interactive kiosks highlighting various aspects of the Indian Air Force are displayed in this heritage centre. Other attractions at the heritage center include five vintage aircraft and the SAM-3 Pechora missile. A Hindustan Piston Trainer-32 primary flying training aircraft is placed at the centre. The period of its implementation in the Indian Air Force was from 1977 to 2009. A MiG 21 single-seat fighter has also been deployed here.

QUIZ

1. Who has become the joint highest wicket-taker in IPL along with Dwayne Bravo?

- (a) Ravindra Jadeja
- (b) Sunil Naren
- (c) Piyush Chawla
- (d) Yuzvendra Chahal

EXPLANATION:- Rajasthan Royals spinner Yuzvendra Chahal created history and equaled the record of taking most wickets in IPL. Now he has jointly become the highest wicket-taker with Dwayne Bravo. Bravo has taken 183 wickets in 161 IPL matches. Equaling his record, Yuzvendra Chahal got 183 wickets in 142 matches only. Piyush Chawla is at number three in this list with 174 wickets.

2. Who won the silver medal for India in the Asian Weightlifting Championship?

- (a) Vikas Thakur
- (b) Jeremy Lalrinnunga
- (c) Satish Shivalingam
- (d) Ganesh Mali

EXPLANATION:- India's weightlifter Jeremy Lalrinnunga won the silver medal in the Asian Weightlifting Championship. The 20-year-old Lalrinnunga won the silver medal in the snatch event by lifting 141 kg in the 67 kg weight category. In the World Boxing Championships, India's Mohammad Hasamuddin defeated Russia's Savin Eduard 5-0 to enter the 57kg quarter-finals. The Indian Weightlifting Federation is the national governing body for the sport of weightlifting in India.

3. Which Indian athlete has created a national record in the men's triple jump event?

- (a) Murali Sreesankar
- (b) Nayana James

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(c) Praveen Chitravel

(d) Shelly Singh

EXPLANATION:- Indian athlete Praveen Chitravel created a national record and won the athletics men's triple jump event in Havana, Cuba, completing a record throw of 17.37 metres. He broke the record of 17.37m held by Ranjit Maheshwari at the 3rd Indian Grand Prix in Bangalore in 2016. He missed a medal in the Commonwealth Games 2022 by a small margin but has had a good start to the 2023 season. Praveen had won a silver medal at the Asian Indoor Athletics Championships 2023 in Astana in February setting a new national indoor record.

4. Where did Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurate the Heritage Center of the Indian Air Force?

(a) Delhi

(b) Mumbai

(c) Kolkata

(d) Chandigarh

EXPLANATION:- Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the first of its kind Indian Air Force (IAF) Heritage Centre. This center has been established under an agreement between the Union Territory of Chandigarh and the Indian Air Force. This agreement was done last year. Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhary had also reviewed the inauguration of the Heritage Center in this regard. This heritage center is spread over 17,000 square feet and exhibits pictures related to the 1965, 1971 and Kargil wars, and the Balakot air strike.

5. When is World Athletics Day celebrated?

(a) May 07

(b) 08 May

(c) May 09

(d) 10th May

EXPLANATION:- World Athletics Day 2023 was celebrated on 7th May. The main objective of this day is to raise awareness about fitness among children and to encourage youth and school children to participate in athletics. The theme of World Athletics Day 2023 is Athletics for All - A New Beginning.

6. Who has been appointed as the new Chief of Coal India?

(A) Hardik Singh

(B) Ashok Mehta

(C) Hanuman Prasad

(D) Polavarapu Mallikharjuna Prasad

EXPLANATION:- The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PSEB) has recommended Central Coalfields CMD Polavarapu Mallikharjuna Prasad as the next Chairman and Managing Director of Coal India (CIL). Prasad is expected to take charge of India's largest coal miner, which accounts for nearly 80 per cent of the mined commodity, from July 1.

7. Which state government has planned to make 'Ramaland' on the basis of Disneyland?

(A) Himachal Pradesh

(B) Uttar Pradesh

(C) Uttarakhand

(D) Rajasthan

EXPLANATION:- With Ayodhya as a global tourism hotspot, the Uttar Pradesh government is planning to develop 'Ramaland', a theme park based on Disneyland, to narrate the story of Lord Ram. With Ramaland, the tourism department is trying to attract children and adults alike by showcasing the mythological stories of Ramayana in the template of 'learning with fun'.

8. In which state Adani Group will set up the first integrated data center in the country?

(A) Andhra Pradesh

(B) West Bengal

(C) Odisha

(D) Jharkhand

EXPLANATION:- AdaniConnex, a company owned by Adani Enterprises, is building an integrated data center and technology business park at Madhurwada in Vizag with an aim to boost the local technology ecosystem. According to the company, the facility will include a data centre, technology and business park as well as a skill development centre. It will be the first of three planned technology areas in Vizag and one of the largest hyperscale parks in India.

ONE LINER

Which project has been launched recently to modernize the Indian Army - **Project Sanjay**
Recently Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya of where has won the first prize in the 24th National Youth Parliament Competition – **Nadia West Bengal**

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Recently India and which country have signed MoU for Industrial Research and Development Cooperation –

Israel

Recently India and which country have agreed to explore Rupee and “Mir Card” for easy payment –

Russia

Recently India's star "Javelin Athlete" Neeraj Chopra has won gold medal in which event - **Doha Diamond**

League

Recently with whom RBI has started Global Tech Competition “G20 Techprinter” – **Bank for**

International Settlement

Recently in which state "Vihan Mela" has been celebrated by the Koth tribe - **Odisha**

Who has recently launched the IHD platform in the health sector – **Narayan Rane**

Recently which company got telecom license in India – **Zoom Company**

Which bank has recently launched a special program for “Earth Urban and Rural customers” – **HDFC Bank**

