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❖ India wins maiden title of Women's Junior Asia Cup 2023 hockey

- The Indian Women's hockey team defeated Republic of Korea to win the Women's Junior Asia Cup 2023 title in Kakamigahara, Japan.
- This is the first time India have won the Women's Junior Asia Cup.
- Recently, India had secured a spot in the FIH Women's Junior World Cup 2023 in Chile.
- Japan beat China 2-1 to become the third team to qualify for the World Cup scheduled this year.
- For India, Annu and Neelam were on target while Seoyeon Park scored the solitary goal for Korea.

❖ Kerala Govt. launched a reward system for reporting illegal waste roads

- The Kerala Government has launched a new scheme to reward for reporting illegal waste dumping on roads.
- This scheme is a part of the 'Malinya Muktham Nava Keralam' campaign to make the state garbage-free.
- Under this scheme, citizens would report about the littering/dumping (solid and liquid waste) in public spaces, private property and water bodies.
- The person who informs authorities of such violations will be given Rs 2,500 (maximum) or 25% of the fine imposed.

❖ Uttar Pradesh to gift GI-tagged Gulabi meenakari handicrafts to G20 guests

- Uttar Pradesh government has decided to gift GI-tagged Gulabi meenakari handicrafts for the visiting delegates from G20 nations.

➤ A group of more than 100 trained artisans were mobilized to fulfil the order of Gulabi meenakari peacocks for the G20 delegates.

➤ Gulabi meenakari is one of the rarest crafts in India that is practised in the by lanes of Varanasi, near Gai Ghat.

➤ The GI certification and ODOP initiative have got new recognition all over the world.

❖ **Army signs pact for procurement of 'tactical LAN radio'**

➤ The Indian Army has sealed a deal with a Bengaluru-based company, M/s Astrome Tech Pvt. Ltd to procure the indigenously-developed "tactical LAN radio".

➤ Tactical LAN radio: It is a state-of-the-art high-bandwidth backhaul wireless radio equipment for the provisioning of reliable communication.

➤ It is the second contract that the Army has firmed up under the framework of Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX).

➤ iDEX was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2018.

❖ **India's long jumper Murali Sreeshankar wins bronze at Diamond League Meet**

➤ Ace Indian long jumper, Murali Sreeshankar has secured a third place, with a jump of 8.09m, in the 2023 Diamond League Meet at Paris, France.

➤ With this, he also became the only third Indian to finish in the top three of a Diamond League after Neeraj Chopra (Javelin thrower) and Vikas Gowda (former discus thrower).

➤ Miltiadis Tentoglou of Greece secured Gold with a jump of 8.13m and Simon Ehammer of Switzerland won silver with a jump of 8.11m.

❖ **WBIDC, Ficci, Amazon host e-commerce exports meet**

➤ State industrial nodal body WBIDC, Amazon Global Selling, and Ficci will jointly organize an e-Export Haat in West Bengal.

➤ Agenda: To expand their businesses globally through e-commerce exports.

➤ This event was conceptualised as a knowledge-sharing, training and capacity-building forum to enable small businesses from the state to create robust exports businesses and global brands.

➤ The event participated by more than 200 potential exporters and MSMEs.

❖ **India tops digital payments rankings globally: MyGovIndia**

➤ According to the MyGovIndia Govt. data, India has topped the global rankings in digital payments for the year 2022.

➤ During the year under review, there were 5 million digital transactions in the country.

➤ India accounted for 46% of the global real-time payments in 2022, which was more than the combined digital payments the next four top countries.

➤ This shows the robustness of India's payment ecosystem as well as the country's acceptance of the digital.

❖ **SBI to raise ₹50,000 crore in FY24**

➤ State Bank of India (SBI) has received board approval to raise ₹50,000 crore through debt instruments during.

➤ These debt instruments could include long-term bonds, Long Term Bonds, Basel III compliant Additional Tier 1 Bonds and Basel III compliant Tier 2 Bonds.

➤ The resources will be raised through private placement mode to Indian and/or overseas investors during FY24, subject to the government's approval wherever required.

❖ **Kuki members to boycott Centre's peace committee over Manipur CM Biren Singh's presence**

➤ Representatives note that they were not consulted about the CM's inclusion, even as several members on the panel say their consent was not sought before their names were added to the list.

➤ A day after the Centre constituted a peace committee in Manipur, most Kuki representatives said they will boycott the panel as it included Chief Minister N. Biren Singh and his supporters.

- Pointing out that their consent was not taken for including them on the panel, they demanded that the Centre make the situation conducive for talks.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) constituted a committee in Manipur to facilitate a peace-making process among various ethnic groups.
- Governor Anusuiya Uikey will chair the 51-member committee that included Mr. Singh.
- The panel includes COCOMI (Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity, a civil society group in Imphal) that has declared war against the Kukis.

❖ **Cyclonic storm 'Biparjoy' likely to hit Gujarat**

- Landfall likely between Gujarat's Mandvi and Pakistan's Karachi; Gujarat making preparations to house evacuees in six vulnerable coastal districts; fisherman asked not to go to sea for next five days.
- With the 'extremely severe cyclonic storm' Biparjoy expected to make landfall on Gujarat's Kutch coast, the State government has started preparations by deploying teams from both national and State disaster response forces in coastal areas and will set up shelters in six coastal districts in the Saurashtra and Kutch regions.
- There is yet no clarity about the exact location of its landing, but the Biparjoy is very likely to make landfall at some point between Mandvi in Gujarat and Karachi in Pakistan around noon on June 15, with a maximum sustained wind speed of 125 to 135 kmph, gusting to 150 kmph.

❖ **PM Modi inaugurates first National Training Conclave in Delhi**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the "first-ever" National Training Conclave, an effort by the government aiming to strengthen training infrastructure for civil servants across India, at the International Exhibition and Convention Centre at Pragati Maidan in Delhi.
- The conclave is being organised in the backdrop of PM Modi's will to bolster capacity building of civil services.
- The PM has been "advocating for improvement and advancement in the governance process and policy implementation.

- The event was hosted by the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) and is sponsored by the National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB) - 'Mission Karmayogi'.
- Over 1,900 representatives from training and research institutes across several regions and zones will be a part of this conclave.

❖ Honduras Opens Embassy in China After Breaking Off Ties With Taiwan

- Honduras opened an embassy in Beijing , Chinese state media reported, months after the Central American nation broke off relations with Taiwan to establish diplomatic ties with China.
- China's Foreign Minister Qin Gang and his Honduran counterpart Enrique Reina took part in the inauguration of the embassy.
- The Honduras still needed to determine the embassy's permanent location and would increase its number of staff.
- Qin pledged that China would establish a new model with Honduras of "friendly cooperation" between countries with different sizes and systems, according to a statement from China's foreign ministry.
- The symbol of the two sides' strengthening diplomatic ties came during Honduran President Xiomara Castro's six-day visit to China.

❖ Hsieh and Wang win French Open women's doubles after beating Fernandez and Townsend

- Unseeded Hsieh Su-Wei of Taiwan and Wang Xinyu of China won the French Open women's doubles after beating 10th-seeded Leylah Fernandez of Canada and Taylor Townsend of the United States 1-6, 7-6 (5), 6-1.
- It was another upset victory for Hsieh and Wang after they beat sixth-seeded Nicole Melichar-Martinez and Ellen Perez to reach the final, and three other seeded pairs before that.
- The feat was made more remarkable by the fact it was only their second tournament together after teaming up at Strasbourg last month.

➤ The 37-year-old Hsieh is now a five-time Grand Slam doubles champion — with the other three coming at Wimbledon.

➤ Hsieh and Peng Shuai won the women's doubles title at the 2014 French Open.

❖ **Novak Djokovic won the French Open 2023 Men's Singles Final**

➤ In Tennis, Serbian Novak Djokovic won the French Open 2023 men's singles final, clinching his 23rd Grand Slam title.

➤ Novak Djokovic has become the first man to reach the 23rd Grand Slam title. He won the title by defeating Casper Ruud in straight sets. The win gives Djokovic his third French Open title and surpasses Rafael Nadal's record for most title wins.

➤ He overtook Rafael Nadal as the oldest Roland Garros champion at the age of 36 years and 20 days.

➤ He also became the first person to win all four Grand Slam events at least three times.

➤ Men's Singles : Winner: Novak Djokovic ; Runner-up: Casper Ruud

➤ Women's Singles : Winner: Iga Świątek ; Runner-up: Karolina Muchova

➤ Men's Doubles : Winners: Ivan Dodig and Austin Krajicek ; Runners-up: Sander Gille and Joran Vliegen

➤ Women's Doubles : Winners: Hsieh Su-Wei and Wang Xiny ; Runners-up: Taylor Townsend and Leylah Fernandez

❖ **World Day Against Child Labour - 12 June**

➤ World Day Against Child Labour is celebrated every year on 12th June.

➤ The day aims to inspire a global movement against child labour.

➤ The theme for World Day Against Child Labour 2023 is "Social Justice for All. End Child Labour!"

➤ The International Labour Organization launched this program in 2002 to address the issue of child labour at the international level.

➤ The day aims to inspire individuals, organizations and governments to combat child labour and work towards its permanent elimination.

➤ About International Labour Organization: Head: Gilbert Hongbo

➤ Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland ; Establishment: 1919

❖ **FIH Pro League 2023: India beat Argentina 2-1 in final match at Eindhoven in Netherlands**

➤ The Indian hockey team beat Argentina 2-1 in its final FIH Pro League 2022-23 match in Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

➤ Akashdeep Singh and Sukhjeet Singh scored goals for India while Lucas Toscani netted the only goal for Argentina.

➤ With the win in this tie, India have further consolidated their top spot in the FIH Pro League 2022-23 points table with 30 points from 16 matches. While Argentina are fifth in the table with 13 points from 14 matches.

➤ India now lead second-placed Great Britain by four points in the FIH Pro League 2022-23 standings but the European team still has four games to play.

➤ The Indian men's hockey team finished fourth in their maiden FIH Pro League campaign in 2020-21. At the same time, in this competition, it achieved the third position in the 2021-22 season, performing best.