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❖ World Day of Social Justice

- Every year, February 20 marks the World Day of Social Justice across the globe.
- The main goal of commemorating this day is to raise a voice against social injustice and to bring various communities together.
- The theme for World Day of Social Justice 2023 is "Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice".
- The General Assembly determined that on November 26, 2007, February 20 will be observed annually as World Day of Social Justice.
- On June 10, 2008, the International Labour Organisation endorsed the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for Equitable Globalization.

❖ International Mother Language Day

- The world celebrates International Mother Language Day to promote linguistic and cultural diversity, as well as multilingualism on February 21 every year.
- In 1999, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) approved the idea of celebrating International Mother Language Day.
- According to the UNESCO website, the day was established on the initiative of Bangladesh and has been observed worldwide since 1999.
- This day, also known as 'Matrihasha Diwas,' is widely observed and celebrated.
- The theme for International Mother Language Day 2023 has not yet been determined.

➤ The theme for 2022 was "Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges and Opportunities," while the theme for 2021 was "Fostering multilingualism for inclusion in education and society."

❖ **World Encephalitis Day**

➤ World Encephalitis Day is observed every year on the 22nd February since 2013, and has been organized by the Encephalitis Society from the United Kingdom.

➤ World Encephalitis Day theme of the year is “Shine a light on encephalitis”.

➤ Encephalitis is inflammation of the brain caused by an infection or an autoimmune response.

➤ There are many types of encephalitis, and the causes vary from a viral infection to an abnormal response of the immune system.

➤ Encephalitis can be caused by viruses like herpes simplex virus types 1 and 2, varicella zoster virus and enteroviruses.

➤ It can also be caused by viruses carried by mosquitoes, ticks and other insects or animals.

❖ **Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO) appoints Mr. Rajesh Kumar as CEO & Whole Time Director**

➤ The Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO), India’s iconic aluminium producer and a subsidiary of Vedanta Aluminium Business, recently appointed Mr. Rajesh Kumar as its new CEO and Whole Time Director.

➤ Mr. Rajesh Kumar has 36 years of experience in operations, maintenance, project implementation, and productivity improvement in Tata Steel’s Indian and Thai units.

➤ Rajesh Kumar replaces Abhijit Pati, who will now serve as Vedanta Aluminum’s Chief Transformation Officer.

➤ Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) is India’s iconic aluminium producer.

➤ It is owned 49% by the Government of India and 51% by Vedanta Limited. BALCO is part of Vedanta's Aluminium Business, a division of Vedanta Limited, which is India's largest manufacturer of Aluminium.

❖ **CAG Girish Chandra Murmu selected as External Auditor of ILO in Geneva**

➤ Comptroller and Auditor General, Girish Chandra Murmu has been selected as the External Auditor of the International Labor Organization in Geneva for a period of four years from 2024 to 2027.

➤ Girish Chandra Murmu will take over from the current External Auditor of the ILO, the Supreme Audit Institution of the Philippines.

➤ His appointment enhances its high standards, global audit experience and strong national credibility with the international community.

➤ Its main objective is to assist the ILO in meeting its strategic goals while maintaining the independence and oversight important in performing the external auditor's functions.

➤ ILO is an agency of the United Nations, which brings together the governments, employers and workers of 187 member countries,

➤ It sets labor standards, formulates policies and programs that promote decent work for all women and men.

❖ **Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi became the new DCGI**

➤ Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi has been appointed as the new Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI).

➤ Raghuvanshi will be replacing PBN Prasad, who was given an interim charge of DCGI.

➤ The Union Health Ministry had appointed P B N Prasad as interim DCGI on February 16 till February 28.

➤ Prasad had replaced V G Somani, whose three-year tenure had expired in August 2022.

➤ He was, however, not given more extension beyond the two he received in August and November in the year 2022.

➤ Raghuvanshi, who has worked in various roles at some of India's leading pharmaceutical companies is a Masters from IIT-BHU, and PhD from the National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi.

❖ **Shelly Oberoi : Mayor of Delhi**

- Aam Aadmi Party's Shelly Oberoi won the Delhi Mayor elections. She defeated Rekha Gupta, nominated candidate of BJP.
- Shelly Oberoi became the city's first woman mayor in 10 years.
- The AAP had bagged 134 seats and BJP got 104 seats while Congress bagged nine seats in the MCD polls.
- The 39-year-old has studied management from IIM, Kozhikode.

❖ **Govt. appoints BVR Subrahmanyam as the next NITI Aayog CEO**

- Former commerce secretary BVR Subrahmanyam has been appointed as the chief executive officer of NITI Aayog. He will replace the current CEO Parameswaran Iyer.
- Iyer was appointed as Niti Aayog CEO for a period of two years on June 24, 2022.
- Subrahmanyam worked in the PMO between 2004–2008 and 2012-2015, serving under both Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Narendra Modi.
- Mr Iyer, who was working as Niti Aayog CEO, has been appointed as Executive Director, World Bank headquarters, Washington DC, USA for a tenure of three years.

❖ **Rajesh Rai appointed CMD of Indian Telephone Industries**

- The government has appointed Rajesh Rai as the chairman and managing director (CMD) of the State-owned firm Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) Ltd.
- Prior to assuming charge as CMD in ITI, he served as general manager (admin) of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd (MTNL), Mumbai.

- The appointment is for a period of five years with effect from the date of his assumption of charge of the post (immediately), till the date of his superannuation, or until further orders, whichever is the earliest.
- Rai has more than 30 years of experience in the telecommunication industry.
- He held the post of chief technology officer of Mahanagar Telephone Mauritius Limited in Mauritius for 12 years, where he was responsible for CDMA, GSM, 3G & 4G network, and customer acquisition.

❖ **Ayushmann Khurrana appointed as National Ambassador of child rights for UNICEF India**

- Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana, who is known for his knack for off-beat scripts and roles, was appointed as the National Ambassador of Child Rights for UNICEF India.
- Ayushmann was appointed as UNICEF India's Celebrity Advocate in September 2020 to advocate for ending violence against children and the broader child rights agenda.
- UNICEF India works to promote and protect the rights of children across the country.
- The partnership of UNICEF with India began in 1949.
- The first office was established in New Delhi in 1952.
- UNICEF is a United Nations agency which was set up on 11 December 1946 as United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.
- It was renamed as the United Nations Children's Fund in 1953.

❖ **Lalithalakshmi (IAS) appointed as Director in PMO**

- Senior officer Lalithalakshmi has been appointed as the new Director of the Prime Minister's Office.
- Now she is working as the Campus Director of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in Kolkata.
- She will be the Director of the Prime Minister's Office till February 28, 2027.

❖ Jnanappana award 2023

- A noted writer, V Madhusoodanan Nair has been selected for Jnanappana Puraskaram 2023 for his contribution to the field of literature.
- He is best known for Naranathu Bhranthan, the poem with the most editions in Malayalam literature as well as his music albums featuring recitations of his own poems and poems of other major poets.
- The award consists of a Rs 50,001 cash prize, a 10-gram gold locket with an image of Sree Guruvayoorappan, a citation, and a memento.
- This award was instituted by Guruvayur Devaswom in memory of 'Poonthanam Namboothiri', the ardent devotee of Guruvayoorappan, who wrote Jnanappana.
- The award will be presented on February 24, 2023.

❖ Sansad Ratna Awards 2023

- The names for the 'Sansad Ratna Awards 2023' have been released.
- A total of 13 members of parliament and two parliamentary committees have been honoured with the accolade.
- T K Rangarajan (two-term Rajya Sabha MP and prominent CPI-M leader) has received the Sansad Ratna Lifetime Achievement Award.
- The Lok Sabha's Parliamentary Committee on Finance, chaired by Jayant Sinha, and the Rajya Sabha's Standing Committee on Tourism, Transport, and Culture, chaired by Vijay Sai Reddy, were also honoured with the Sansad Ratna Award.
- The Sansad Ratna Awards were established at the suggestion of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam to recognise outstanding Parliamentarians.
- In 2010, he hosted the maiden edition of the award ceremony in Chennai.
- The award has been given to 90 outstanding Parliamentarians to date.

❖ **BAFTA Awards: 2023**

- The 76th British Academy Film Awards, BAFTA (the British Academy of Film and Television Arts) Awards, were announced at an event held in London's Royal Festival Hall on 19 February.
- A German anti-war drama 'All Quiet on the Western Front', a screen adaptation of the 1928 novel by Erich Maria Remarque, won the most, including Best Picture and Best Director, with seven.
- Austin Butler bagged the Best Leading Actor for his performance in Elvis, while Cate Blanchett won the Best Leading Actress for TAR.
- The show was hosted by Hayley Atwell and Toheeb Jimoh.

❖ **The UNDP's climate campaign "Don't Choose Extinction" wins two Anthem Awards**

- The UN Development Programme (UNDP) has won Gold and Silver at the 2nd Annual Anthem Awards for its 'Don't Choose Extinction' campaign, which aims to raise awareness about the climate emergency.
- The International Academy of Digital Arts & Science (IADAS) launched the Awards in 2021 to celebrate mission-driven work and social impact.
- The campaign won Gold in the Category: Sustainability, Environment & Climate – Non-Profit Campaign, and Silver in the Category: Sustainability, Environment & Climate – Global Awareness Campaign.

❖ **Kollam district won Swaraj Trophy for Best District Panchayat**

- Kerala's Kollam district panchayat has won the Swaraj Trophy for the best district panchayat in the State for the 2021-22 financial year.
- The Kannur district (Kerala) panchayat stood second in the rankings.
- The Thiruvananthapuram Corporation bagged the trophy for the best corporation.

➤ The Mulanthuruthy grama panchayat won the award for the best grama panchayat in the State and Pappinissery and Marangattupilly grama panchayats won the second and third places.

❖ **Indian-Origin Karthik Subramaniam Wins National Geographic's 'Pictures Of The Year' Contest**

➤ National Geographic recently announced the winners of its annual Pictures of The Year awards.

➤ Karthik Subramaniam, a San Francisco-based software engineer of Indian origin has been named the grand prize winner for his photo titled "Dance of the Eagles."

➤ His photograph, titled "Dance of the Eagles", was taken at the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve in Alaska.

➤ The photo was selected from nearly 5,000 entries across four categories: Nature, People, Places and Animals.

➤ The title of the picture is being inspired by R.R.R Martin's popular novel 'A Dance with Dragons'.

➤ His 'Dance of the Eagles' will be the cover-page of National Geographic's May edition.

❖ **Cabinet approves extension of 22nd Law Commission till August 31, 2024**

➤ The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday approved the extension of the term of the twenty-second Law Commission of India up to August 31, 2024.

➤ The Law Commission of India is a non-statutory body, constituted by the Government of India from time to time.

➤ The Commission was originally constituted in 1955 and is re-constituted from time to time.

➤ The tenure of present Twenty-second Law Commission of India ends on 20th February, 2023.

➤ The various Law Commission have been able to make important contribution towards the progressive development and codification of Law of the country.

➤ The Law Commission has so far submitted 277 Reports.

❖ **Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram Statehood Day celebrated**

➤ Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day is commemorated annually on February 20, the day the state received its name.

➤ Both Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh were given statehood on February 20 in 1987.

➤ On February 20, 1987, Arunachal Pradesh, one of India's northeastern states, became a fully-fledged state.

➤ Formerly known as the North-East Frontier Agency (NEFA), it was created from that territory. The state's nickname is "Land of the Rising Sun."

➤ Arunachal Pradesh is the largest of the seven sister states of Northeast India in terms of land area.

➤ Arunachal Pradesh shares international borders with Bhutan in the west, Myanmar in the east, and a disputed border with China at the McMahon Line in the north.

❖ **Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar sworn in as 41st governor of Bihar**

➤ Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar took oath as the governor of Bihar. He is the 41st governor of the state after independence.

➤ Arlekar, who succeeded Phagu Chauhan (now governor of Meghalaya), was administered the oath by Patna high court's acting Chief Justice Chakradhari Sharan Singh.

➤ Arlekar was previously the governor of Himachal Pradesh.

➤ He had earlier served as the Speaker of the Goa Assembly and the minister of forest, environment and panchayat in the Goa government before being appointed as the governor of Himachal Pradesh in July 2021.

❖ **Mumbai's Churchgate railway station to be renamed after India's first RBI Governor**

- The Churchgate railway station in Mumbai will soon be called as 'Chintamanrao Deshmukh station', named after the first governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) CD Deshmukh.
- Chintaman Dwarkanath Deshmukh, also known as C D Deshmukh, was the first Indian Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.
- He joined RBI in 1939 and served as its Secretary to the Board, Deputy Governor and the Governor.
- In August 1943, he was appointed as Governor of the RBI and served in that position till 1949.
- Deshmukh was one of five members of the Planning Commission when it was constituted in 1950 by a cabinet resolution.
- He was knighted by the British government in 1944 and was awarded India's highest civilian honor, the Bharat Ratna, in 1959.

❖ **Gulab Chand Kataria sworn in as 31st Assam Governor**

- Gulab Chand Kataria took oath as the 31st Governor of Assam in a solemn swearing-in-ceremony held at Srimanta Sankaradeva International Kalakshetra in Guwahati.
- He succeeds Professor Jagdish Mukhi as the Governor who demitted Office on completing his term.
- Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court, Justice Sandeep Mehta, administered the oath of office to the new Governor.
- Kataria also served as the Education Minister of the State from 1993 to 1998.

❖ **Ms. Anusuiya Uike appointed as the Governor of Manipur**

- Sushri Anusuiya Uikey took oath as the 18th Governor of Manipur at Raj Bhavan in Imphal.
- Justice MV Muralidaran, Acting Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur administered the oath of office to Uikey at Darbar Hall in Raj Bhawan of Manipur.
- In her earlier stint, she was the governor of Chattisgarh from 29th July 2019 to 12th February 2023.
- Former Manipur governor La Ganesan was sworn in as the 21st governor of poll-bound Nagaland.

❖ **India International Seafood Show**

- India International Seafood Show (IIS) concluded in Kolkata.
- The three-day event organised by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) in association with the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI)
- A total of 370 business meets were held during the event to boost seafood export.
- The buyers totalled 28, represented by 21 companies from 11 countries.
- India's renewed seafood exports target will earn 14 billion US dollars by 2025 as against \$7.76 billion in 2021-22.
- The Government in the latest Union budget announced a new sub-scheme named Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana and has allocated six thousand crore rupees.
- A custom duty benefit of 2.5 per cent is also proposed for the input of shrimp feed.

❖ **7-year-old Prince becomes first digital citizen of Bhutan**

- Seven-year-old Prince Jigme Namgyel Wangchuck, the heir apparent and eldest son of Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and Queen Jetsun Pema, has become the country's first digital citizen.

- Prince Jigme is the mountainous country's first citizen to receive the National Digital Identity (NDI) mobile wallet.
- The NDI is Bhutan's national digital identity system which will allow citizens to have a single digital portal where different personal information can be stored.
- The system is similar to the Aadhar system currently in use in India.
- The NDI system uses the "self-sovereign identity" model based on Decentralised Identity (DID) technology, which allows citizens greater control over who they share information with and to what extent.
- The NDI programme was launched in October 2021 but data collection was hampered due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

❖ **India ranks 47th in OECD's services trade restrictiveness index**

- The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development recently released the Services Trade Restrictiveness Index.
- India ranked 47th. Last year, India was in the 46th position.
- Unfortunately, India remains among the bottom five countries in the ranking.
- Russia was in the 48th position due to its war with Ukraine.
- This year STRI covered around 50 countries. Japan was ranked topmost. It was followed by UK, Netherlands, Czech, and Chile in second, third, fourth, and fifth places respectively.

❖ **New beetle species spotted in Western Ghats**

- A new beetle species has been discovered in India.
- The beetle is important for forensic science as it helps detect the time of death of an animal or human.
- Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Western Regional Centre (WRC), Pune have found a new keratin beetle species in the country — Khandesh (Omorgus) in a remote district of north Maharashtra.

➤ The beetle was discovered by scientist Aparna Sureshchandra Kalawate who works with Zoological Survey of India, Western Regional Centre (WRC), Pune.

➤ They are necrophagous; hence also called keratin beetles.

➤ The new species belongs to the Trogidae family.

➤ With the addition of this new species, now there are a total of 14 extant species of this family in India.

❖ **India's first hybrid rocket launched from Tamil Nadu's Pattipulam**

➤ India's first hybrid sounding rocket by private players was launched from Pattipulam village, Chengalpattu in the presence of Tamilisai Soundararajan, Governor of Telangana and Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry.

➤ Martin Foundation, in association with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam International Foundation and Space Zone India, launched the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Satellite Launch Vehicle Mission-2023.

➤ The organisations mentioned that 5,000 students were involved in the project.

➤ The selected students designed and constructed a student satellite launch vehicle (rocket) and 150 PICO satellite research experiment cubes that contained different payloads.

➤ The rocket can be used for research in weather, atmospheric conditions and radiations.

❖ **Bell in honour of late CDS Bipin Rawat placed at Nepal's Shree Muktinath temple**

➤ In a solemn ceremony at Nepal's Shree Muktinath Temple, a bell was placed in honour of India's late Chief of Defense Staff, General Bipin Rawat.

➤ The bell, named "Bipin Bell," was installed as a tribute to the late CDS who had expressed his keen interest in visiting the temple many times.

➤ The Shree Muktinath Temple has been visited by several dignitaries, including Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who visited in 2018.

➤ The "Bipin Bell" is not only a tribute to General Bipin Rawat but also symbolises the close ties between the Indian and Nepali armies, who engage in regular exchanges and joint military exercises, including the 'Indo-Nepal Battalion-level Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN'.

❖ **India & Uzbekistan's 4th Joint Military Exercise: 'DUSTLIK'**

➤ The 4th edition of joint military exercise 'DUSTLIK' between the Indian Army and Uzbekistan Army commenced in Pithoragarh Uttarakhand.

➤ 45 Soldiers each from Uzbekistan and Indian Army are participating in this exercise.

➤ The exercise is aimed at promoting positive relations between both the armies.

➤ The Indian Army contingent comprises of troops from an Infantry Battalion from the Garhwal Rifles Regiment.

➤ With more than 65,000 soldiers, the Army of Uzbekistan is one of the largest in Central Asia.

➤ Moreover, the Hisar Air Base of Uzbekistan is jointly operated by Indian Air Force and Tajik Air Force. It is also called the Gissar Air Base.

❖ **Ranji Trophy 2022-23**

➤ Saurashtra beat Bengal by 9 wickets in the Ranji Trophy final at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata.

➤ Saurashtra's earlier triumph was in 2019-20 season when they defeated Bengal on the basis of first innings lead.

➤ This is the second title win of the Saurashtra team in the last three seasons.

➤ Jaydev Unadkat and Chetan Sakariya, who were the heroes of Saurashtra's victory, together broke the back of Bengal's batting, and the team could only manage 241 runs in the second innings.

➤ The Ranji Trophy tournament has been played since 1934.

➤ The first match was played between Madras and Mysore at the Chepauk Ground from 4 November 1934.

➤ Mumbai has won this tournament 41 times.

➤ Ranji Trophy is named after Maharaja Ranjit Singh.

❖ **China Wins 2023 Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championship**

➤ China defeated Korea 3-1 in the final of the 2023 Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championship (BAMTC) to win its second consecutive BAMTC in Dubai.

➤ The third edition of the Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships which was held at the Dubai Exhibition Centre in the United Arab Emirates from 14 to 19 February 2023.

➤ South Korea became the runner-up and won the Silver medal.

➤ India and Thailand shared third place and won the Bronze medal.

❖ **Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil wins gold medal at ISSF Shooting World Cup**

➤ Young Indian shooter Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil won the gold medal in the 10m Air Rifle individual event at the ongoing ISSF Shooting World Cup at Cairo in Egypt.

➤ The 19-year-old Rudranksh defeated Maximilian Ulbrich from Germany with a score of 16-8 in the final.

➤ Croatia's Miran Maricic took the bronze medal.

➤ This was Patil's second gold at the ongoing competition, having won the yellow metal in the 10m rifle mixed team event with Narmada Raju.

➤ Pair of Rhythm Sangwan and Varun Tomar clinched gold in the 10m Air Pistol Mixed team event, the duo of Rudranksh Patil and Narmada Raju bagged gold in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed team event while *Varun won Bronze in the 10m Air Pistol individual event.

➤ With this, India's medal tally in the World Cup has risen to four, including three gold.

❖ **Carlos Alcaraz won the title of Argentina Open**

- Top-seeded Carlos Alcaraz won his first title since his milestone U.S. Open triumph by beating Cameron Norrie in straight sets at the Argentina Open.
- It was Alcaraz's first ATP tournament since November 2022 after he missed the Australian Open due to abdominal and hamstring injuries.
- Alcaraz also won his seventh ATP title and his first since winning the US Open 2022 by beating Cameron Norrie in the final.
- Alcaraz is the first Spanish player to win the title in Buenos Aires since Rafael Nadal in 2015.

❖ **Dmitry Dmitruk appointed as new foreign coach of Indian boxing team**

- The renowned Dmitry Dmitruk has been appointed as the new foreign coach of the Indian boxing team.
- The 47-year-old Dmitry Dmitruk previously served as the high performance coach of the Irish Athletic Boxing Association (IABA), guiding its national junior and youth teams for 12 years.
- Dmitruk will be the men and women's foreign coach for the next 2 years.
- He served as the high-performance coach in Ireland for the last 12 years.
- He has coached notable boxers such as Joe Ward to multiple World Championships silver medals in 2015 and 2017 and Grainne Walsh to a bronze at the 2019 European Games.

❖ **Vignesh NR becomes 80th Grandmaster in India**

- After winning the 24th NordWest Cup 2023 at Bad Zwischenahn in Germany and defeating German IM Ilja Schneider, Indian chess player Vignesh NR became the 80th Grandmaster of India.
- Visakh NR, Vignesh's older brother, was elected as India's 59th general in 2019. Visakh and Vignesh are the first brothers in India to hold the title of Grandmaster.
- Recently, Vignesh won bronze for his team Railways Sports Promotion Board A at the National team Chess Championship Open 2023 along with his brother Visakh.

➤ With Vignesh joining the list of Grandmasters, India already has three grandmasters since the start of 2023 with 19-year-old Koustav Chatterjee and 16-year-old M Pranesh becoming the 78th and 79th Grandmaster respectively in the first week of January.

➤ Currently, 29 out of 80 chess grandmasters in India are from Tamil Nadu.

❖ **Tilottama Sen won bronze medal in ISSF World Cup 2023**

➤ Indian teen Tilottama Sen has won bronze medal in the women's 10m Air Rifle at ISSF World Cup at Cairo in Egypt.

➤ The 14-year-old Sen won second bronze for India, fifth overall after ending the top eight ranking round with a score of 262.

➤ Great Britain's Seonaid McIntosh won gold and Switzerland's Olympic Champion Nina Christen came second to win silver.

➤ The third day of the event was yet another profitable day for India with Rudranksh Patil earlier winning gold in the men's Air Rifle.

➤ India topped the medal tally with three gold medals.

❖ **Rifle shooter Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar wins gold in Cairo**

➤ In Shooting, India's Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar claimed the gold medal in the men's individual 50m rifle 3 positions competition at the ISSF World Cup in Cairo.

➤ The 22-year-old Tomar, who had also won a gold in the Chagwon World Cup last year, won 16-6 in the gold medal contest to comfortably beat Austria's Alexander Schmirli.

➤ Earlier, India's Tilottama Sen had won a bronze medal in the women's 10m Air Rifle.

➤ India is placed comfortably on top of the medal tally with four gold. Hungary is in second position with two gold medals.