

# Daily Current Affairs

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### Sudhir Kakar

- **Sudhir Kakar**, a renowned writer, cultural critic, and the **“Father of Indian Psychology,”** who passed away at the age of 85.
- Kakar’s life and work bridged the **gap between Western and Eastern thought**, leaving an indelible mark on the field of psychoanalysis in India. Born in 1938 in Nainital, Uttarakhand, Kakar dedicated his career to exploring the intersection of psychoanalysis with Indian culture, mythology, and religion.



It is better to grope in the dark and wade through a million errors to reach the Truth than to entrust oneself to someone who knows not that he knows not. Has a man ever learnt swimming by tying a stone to his neck? So let me go my own way even if it is the wrong one.

— Sudhir Kakar —

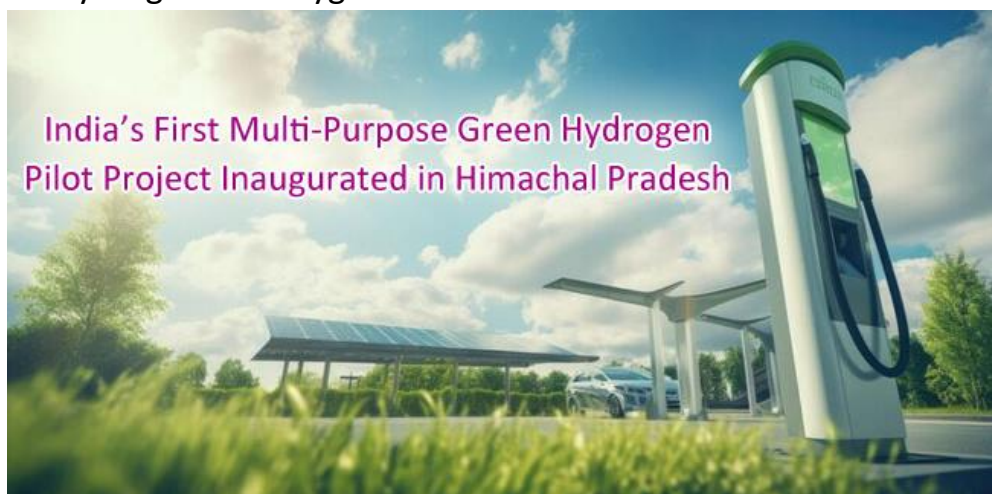
- His groundbreaking work, **“The Inner World: A Psychoanalytic Study of Childhood and Society in India,”** questioned traditional Western psychoanalytic approaches, providing unique insights into the Indian psyche.
- His fictional works, such as **“The Seeker”** and **“A Book of Memory,”** delved into the complexities of Indian society and the human experience.
- Kakar’s contributions were widely recognized, and he received numerous awards and accolades, including the Cardiner Award (Columbia University), the Boyer Award (for psychological anthropology) of the American Anthropological Association, the Goethe Medal (Germany), and the Order of Merit (Germany’s highest federal award).

## India's 1<sup>st</sup> Multi Purpose Green Hydrogen Pilot Project

- India takes a significant step in renewable energy with the inauguration of its **first multi-purpose green hydrogen pilot** project at the **1,500 MW Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station (NJHPS)** in Himachal Pradesh's Jhakri.
- Spearheaded by **Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN)**, the project aims to produce green hydrogen through renewable energy sources. The project features a **20Nm<sup>3</sup>/hr electrolyzer and 25kW fuel cell** capacity-based green hydrogen pilot system.



- It is the nation's **first multi-purpose green hydrogen generation plant**, serving both electricity generation and the high-velocity oxygen fuel (HVOF) coating facility of NJHPS.
- Utilizing **renewable energy from SJVN's 1.31 MW solar power plant** located in Wadhah, Himachal Pradesh, the project employs an alkaline electrolyzer to split water into hydrogen and oxygen.



- This integration allows for sustainable hydrogen production. During eight hours of operation, the pilot project is set to produce **14 kg of green hydrogen daily**, stored in six storage tanks.
- This green hydrogen will serve dual purposes: facilitating **HVOF coating of turbine underwater** parts and generating electricity through its 25 kW fuel cell.
- Aligned with the **National Green Hydrogen Mission** of the Government of India, SJVN's initiative accelerates the development of green hydrogen production infrastructure in the power sector.
- Geeta Kapur, Chairman and Managing Director of SJVN, emphasizes the project's role in establishing green hydrogen as a clean energy source. Kapur also inaugurated the centralized operation of NJHPS and Rampur Hydro Power Station (RHPS), demonstrating innovative remote control capabilities by operating Unit-2 of RHPS from the NJHPS control room at Jhakri. This showcases advancements in efficient hydroelectric power management.

## Sri Lanka's Mattala Airport

- An Indian firm has been jointly entrusted the management responsibilities of **Sri Lanka's Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport** along with another Russian company.
- Sri Lanka's Cabinet of Ministers has approved the transfer of management responsibilities for the Airport in the southern region of the island.



- As per the proposal submitted to the Cabinet by Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Aviation, Nimal Siripala De Silva, the selected Indian and Russian firms will manage the airport for a period of 30 years.

- This decision, aligned with the recommendations of the negotiation committee appointed by Sri Lanka's Cabinet of Ministers, marks a significant step in international collaboration in aviation management.

## Air India Expands Partnership With Japan's ANA

- **Air India has entered** into a codeshare partnership with **All Nippon Airways (ANA)**, Japan's largest airline. This agreement, effective from May 23, 2024, will allow passengers of both airlines to combine flights between India and Japan using a single ticket.
- Under the codeshare agreement, **Air India will add its 'AI' designator** code to ANA's flights between Tokyo Haneda and Delhi, as well as Tokyo Narita and Mumbai.
- Similarly, **ANA will add its 'NH' code** to Air India's flights between Tokyo Narita and Delhi.



- The two airlines have expressed interest in further expanding their cooperation by adding more routes to their codeshare arrangement.
- This move **aims to provide enhanced connectivity** and convenience for travelers between India and Japan.
- Tata Group-owned Air India, which is actively expanding its global presence, now has codeshare partnerships with 15 airlines, including the newly added ANA.
- These collaborations enable **Air India to offer** its passengers a wider range of travel options and destinations. Passengers can book a single ticket for their entire journey, reducing the hassle of separate bookings.



- Access to a **broader network of routes** and destinations through the combined flight offerings of both airlines. Air India's Flying Returns Gold and Platinum members can enjoy high-quality services and benefits on both airlines.



## Chairman Of WFI Athletes Commission

- The **Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)** has completed the process mandated by the United World Wrestling (UWW), the **global governing body** for the sport.
- As a condition for lifting the **suspension of WFI**, **UWW** had instructed the federation to establish an Athletes Commission to address the grievances of wrestlers.



- **Narsingh Yadav**, a former Commonwealth Games gold medalist, came into the limelight before the 2016 Olympic Games.
- **Olympic medalist Sushil Kumar** had requested a trial match against Narsingh, as Sushil could not participate in the qualification tournament due to injury.

- While Sushil's appeal was rejected by the Delhi High Court, confirming Narsingh's participation in the **Rio Olympics**, Narsingh failed two dope tests before the Games.
- Court of Sports banned him for four years, but the **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)** cleared him, stating that the positive test was part of a conspiracy. Narsingh's ban ended in July 2020.

## Mona Aggarwal

- In Para-Shooting, **Indian para-shooter Mona Aggarwal** claimed a gold medal in women's 10m air rifle while Army man Amir Ahmed Bhatt secured a silver in 25m pistol at the World Shooting Para Sport tournament in Changwon, Korea, last night.



- 37-year old Mona claimed the R2-10 metre air rifle standing SH1 gold medal with a score of 250.8 in the final.
- It was her second World Cup title of the year following her win in the same event at the World Cup in New Delhi last month, when she sealed a Paralympic quota. Slovakia's Verónica Vadovicova won the silver and Swedish shooter Anna Benson won a bronze medal.

## U20 Athletics Championships

- In Athletics, **Indian athletes** dominated the **men's and women's 3,000 metre steeplechase events** at the 21st Asian U20 Athletics Championships to swell the gold medal tally to three on the second day of competitions in Dubai.
- **Ekta Dey claimed gold** in the women's 3,000 metre steeplechase with a time of 10:31.92 seconds, while Ranvir Singh was victorious in the men's competition, winning the gold medal in 9:22.62 seconds.

- Earlier, **Anurag Singh Kaler won gold** in the men's shot-put event. Overall Indian athletes won seven medals.



- In the morning session, race walker Aarti set the ball rolling, bagging a hard-fought bronze medal in the women's 10,000 metre.
- Later, throwers added three more medals, including gold to the team's tally. **Defending champion Siddharth Choudhary** settled for bronze with a throw of 19.02 metres scored in the second attempt. Amanat Kamboj added silver to the team's tally.



- Her best throw was 50.45 metres. **Aman Choudhary also won** bronze in the men's 400 metres with a timing of 47.53 seconds. A total of 60 Indian athletes – 31 men and 29 women – are competing at the Asian U20 Athletics Championships 2024 in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates.

## Archery World Cup

- The compound mixed team of **Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Abhishek Verma** assured India of a fourth medal in the ongoing Archery World Cup, advancing into the final in Shanghai, China.



- The **world No. 2 Indians dropped** just five points to prevail over their Mexican opponents Andrea Becerra and Lot Maximo Mendez Ortiz 155-151 in the semi-final. They will face lower-ranked Estonia in the gold-medal clash tomorrow. Jyothi is also a member of the women's compound team, which entered final.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

### 1. Sudhir Kakar, Is Known As Father Of

- A. Indian Psychology
- B. Indian Sociology
- C. Indian Botany
- D. Indian Geology

**ANSWER: A**

### 2. Mona Aggarwal Seen In News Relates To

- A. Badminton
- B. Shooting
- C. Tennis
- D. Soccer

**ANSWER: B**



**3. Mattala Airport Seen In News Is Located In**

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Myanmar
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Bhutan

**ANSWER: A**

**4. Where Was 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Of International Conference On Disaster Resilient Infrastructure Held**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Bengaluru

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Which Organization Conferred Outstanding Public Sector Undertaking Of Year Award**

- A. BHEL
- B. ONGC
- C. HAL
- D. IOCL

**ANSWER: C**

**6. Kalesar Wildlife Sanctuary Is Located In Which State**

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Haryana
- C. Bihar
- D. Jharkhand

**ANSWER: B**

**7. Global Report On Food Crises 2024 Is Produced Annually By**

- A. Food Security Information Network (FSIN)
- B. World Health Organization (WHO)
- C. International Labour Organization (ILO)
- D. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Prabowo Subianto Has Been Appointed As New President Of Which Country**

- A. Malaysia
- B. Singapore
- C. Indonesia
- D. Vietnam

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Who Has Been Appointed As India's Next Ambassador To Niger**

- A. Pankaj Saran
- B. P. R. Chakraborty
- C. Vikram Misri
- D. Sita Ram Meena

**ANSWER: D**

**10. Bindyarani Devi Belongs To Which Sports**

- A. Hockey
- B. Swimming
- C. Boxing
- D. Weight lifting

**ANSWER: D**

**11. Where Was "Tagore On The Padma Boat" Programme Organized**

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Bangladesh
- C. India
- D. Nepal

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Mullaperiyar Dam Is Located In Which State**

- A. Karnataka
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Kerala
- D. Odisha

**ANSWER: C**

**13. Who Received Aryabhata Award From Astronautical Society Of India**

- A. G Satheesh Reddy
- B. Ram Narain Agarwal
- C. S. Somnath
- D. Pavuluri Subba Rao

**ANSWER: D**

**14. Which Institute Developed An Innovative 3D Printed Dummy Ballot Unit**

- A. IIT Roorkee
- B. IIT Guwahati
- C. IIT Kanpur
- D. IIT Delhi

**ANSWER: B**

**15. Voyager 1 Spacecraft Is A Space Probe Launched By Which Space Organization**

- A. JAXA
- B. ISRO
- C. NASA
- D. CNSA

**ANSWER: C**

**16. Khongjom Day Is Observed In Which State**

- A. Sikkim
- B. Nagaland
- C. Assam
- D. Manipur

**ANSWER: D**

**17. English Channel Separates Which Two Countries**

- A. England & France
- B. Ireland & Scotland
- C. New Zealand & Australia
- D. Indonesia & Malaysia

**ANSWER: A**

**18. Lake Kariba Is Located Between Which Two Countries**

- A. Zambia and Zimbabwe
- B. Tanzania and Congo
- C. Djibouti and Ethiopia
- D. Burundi and Zambia

**ANSWER: A**

**19. Who Was Honored With World Literary Prize For Her Contribution To Literature By The World Organization Of Writers**

- A. Mahasweta Devi
- B. Mamta Ji Sagar
- C. Anita Desai
- D. Manjit Singh

**ANSWER: B**

**20. Which Bank Recently Unveiled Its Climate Strategy 2030 Document**

- A. NABARD
- B. SIDBI
- C. SBI
- D. PNB

**ANSWER: A**