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Arbitration Bar Of India

- Dr S Jaishankar stated that **Arbitrate in India** is a key facet of Make In India and arbitration will help in the journey for a Viksit Bharat.
- Inaugurating the Arbitration Bar of India at **Bharat Mandapam** in New Delhi on Saturday, Dr Jaishankar said arbitration is recognised as cornerstone of modern dispute resolution. He said it is key for India in its rapid economic progress.



- External Affairs Minister said this event is a marked redistribution of India's power and influence in the world.
- He pointed out that global order has witnessed rebalancing and economic capabilities have re-emerged for India and its dimensions will naturally spread out more in the world.
- Dr Jaishankar said the Narendra Modi government recognizes the **importance of high quality arbitration** as it improves ease of doing business. He expressed confidence that today's inauguration is one among the legal community's many contributions towards a Viksit Bharat.

Md. Golam Sarwar

- **South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Secretary General** Md. Golam Sarwar has arrived in New Delhi on his first official visit to India.
- In a social media post, External Affairs Ministry spokes--person Randhir Jaiswal said that it is an opportunity to further strengthen cooperation in South Asia.



- **Mr. Sarwar** is on a five day visit to India during which he is scheduled to have a series of meetings. As per the External Affairs Ministry, Mr. Sarwar will meet Minister of State for External Affairs Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra and External Affairs Ministry, Secretary (East) Jaideep Mazumdar.
- He is also slated to address the third Shakti Sinha Memorial Lecture on “The Future of SAARC,” and visit South Asian University.

Kami Rita Sherpa

- Nepal’s legendary mountaineer **Kami Rita Sherpa** made history today by breaking his record for the highest number of ascents of Mt. Everest as he scaled the world’s highest peak for the 29th time.
- AT Rakesh Gurung, Director at the Tourism Department in the Nepalese Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation, the **54-year-old veteran climber** reached the 8,849-metre peak at 7.25 a.m. local time.
- The expedition was organised by the **Seven Summit Treks** and had 20 climbers. They scaled Everest this morning, said Thani Guragain, a senior staff at the Seven Summit Treks.



Exhibition Titled 'Swadesh'

- A unique exhibition titled '**Swadesh**', showcasing the diverse and vibrant folk and tribal art traditions of India, was held in Dubai.
- Organised under the banner of Vidisha's Creations, the event aimed to bring greater recognition to the lesser-known art forms from various regions of the country.



- The '**Swadesh**' exhibition gave special focus to lesser-known art forms such as Manjula's art and Gond art, which are often overshadowed by the more famous Mithila paintings.
- "Within a single State like Bihar, we have various rich artistic traditions like Tikuli art and **Manjusha art**, in addition to Mithila art," said curator Vidisha Pandey.
- "However, many of these art forms remain relatively unknown to the wider public." The exhibits featured a diverse array of folk and tribal artworks, including the **vibrant Mithila paintings** from Bihar, intricately designed Kolam

artworks from Tamil Nadu, the striking Warli tribal art from Maharashtra, and the mythological narratives of Kerala's renowned mural art tradition, the therapeutic Mandala artforms among others.

- In addition to the exhibition, the **“Swadesh” event** included interactive workshops allowing visitors to learn traditional techniques directly from master artisans and sales of the art.

R Praggnanandhaa

- In Chess, India's **R Praggnanandhaa scored** yet another victory over world number one Magnus Carlsen of Norway to keep himself afloat even as Wei Yi of China stretched his lead to a massive 2.5 points in the Superbet rapid and blitz tournament.
- With nine rounds still to go in **the blitz event**, Wei Yi has amassed 20.5 points with seven wins on the first day of blitz. Ending the day with 7.5 out of a possible nine, Yi seems like a man possessed and is poised to win the first leg of the Grand Chess Tour.
- Carlsen, at 18, is a distant second at this point and the main reason behind that is Praggnanandhaa, who has been beating the world number one often these days in the faster version of the game.
- **Praggnanandhaa**, however, is far behind the leaders with 14.5 points which makes it literally a two-horse race for the title.



Aman Sehrawat

- **Aman Sehrawat** has become the first Indian male wrestler to secure a quota place for the 2024 Paris Olympics.
- Asian champion Sehrawat secured a Paris quota in the men's 57kg freestyle category at the World Wrestling Olympic Qualifiers in Istanbul, Turkiye.



- Sehrawat beat Chongsong Han of Korea 12-2 in the semi-final for India's sixth quota in wrestling for the 2024 Olympics. All of the previous five quotas were obtained by the Indian women wrestlers. The Istanbul meet is the final opportunity for wrestlers to obtain a quota for the upcoming Summer Games.

Sakina Khatun

- India's **Sakina Khatun clinched two bronze medals** at the Para Powerlifting World Cup 2024 in Pattaya, Thailand on Saturday. She secured the medals in the Best Lift and Total Lift categories, with a formidable lift of 93 Kgs in the women's up to 55 kg event.

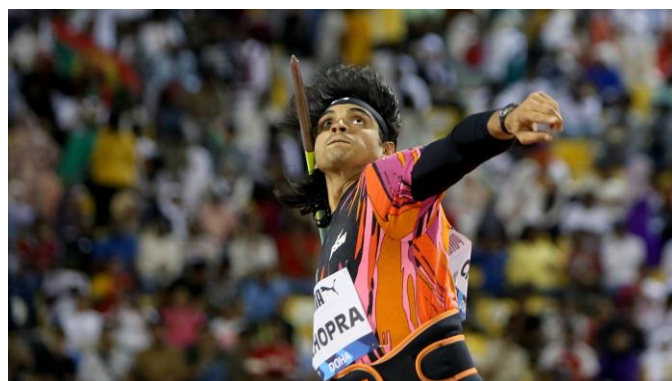


- Despite her remarkable performance, she just fell shy of securing a spot for the Paralympic Games, this year.
- Earlier in the Men's up to 65 Kg category, **India's Ashok Malik** secured the gold medal with a personal best lift of 197 kg, while in the Men's up to 49 kg category, Parmjeet Singh claimed the silver with a lift of 162 kg. In the Women's up to 67 kg event, another Indian, Kasthuri Rajamani earned the bronze with a lift of 105kg.



Neeraj Chopra

- **India's star javelin thrower**, Neeraj Chopra sealed a second-place finish in the Doha Diamond League 2024. With an unusual slow start, Chopra's spear landed at 88.36 metre, just 2 centimetres short of event topper **Jakub Vadlejch's** 88.38 metre. The windy conditions in Doha played an unfriendly part in Chopra's attempt to win the second Doha season in a row. Fellow Asian Games medallist Kishore Jena, returned disappointed as he was eliminated at the halfway stage after a throw of 76.31 metre.



Nisha Dahiya

- In Women's Wrestling, **Nisha Dahiya** has become the **fifth Indian woman** grappler to qualify for the Paris Olympics.



- She defeated Romania's Alexandra Anghel in the 68kg category semifinals at the World Olympic Qualifiers in Istanbul. Nisha, last year's Asian Championships silver-medal winner, beat Anghel 8-4 by points.
- However, **India's Greco-Roman grapplers** bowed out in the preliminary rounds in all six weight categories. This will be the first time that five Indian women wrestlers will be competing in the Olympics. Antim Panghal, Vinesh Phogat, Anshu Malik and Reetika Hooda have already booked their place in Quadrennial sports event.

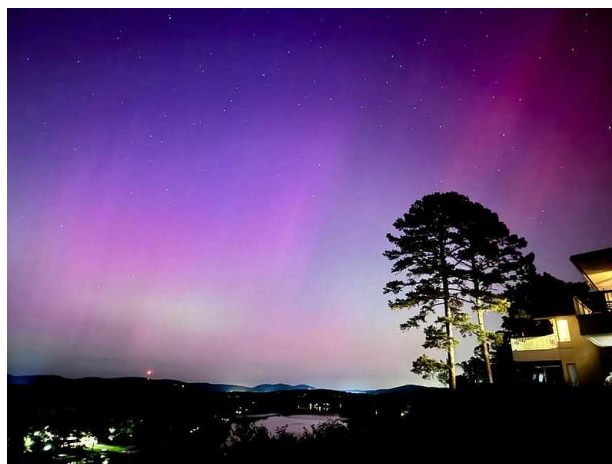


Powerful Solar Storm

- **Powerful Solar Storm Hit** Earth Last Night, Causing Celestial Light Displays In The Skies From Australia To Britain. However, It Also Poses A Threat Of Potential **Disruptions To Earth's Communications** Networks, Satellites And Power Grids As It Continues Into The Weekend.
- **US National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration (Noaa)'s Space Weather Prediction Centre Said**, The First Of Several Coronal Mass Ejections (Cmes) Expulsions Of Plasma And Magnetic Fields From The Sun Came Yesterday Night.



- It Was Later Upgraded To An '**Extreme**' **Geomagnetic Storm** — The First Since The So-called '**Halloween Storms**' Of October 2003 Caused Blackouts In Sweden And Damaged Power Infrastructure In South Africa.
- More **Coronal Mass Ejections** Are Expected To Impact The Planet In The Upcoming Days. Social Media Was Filled With Individuals Sharing Images Of Auroras From Northern Europe To Australia, New Zealand, And Some Neighbouring Islands In The Pacific Ocean.



- Solar Flares Originated From A Large Cluster Of Sunspots, 17 Times Wider Than Earth. The Sun Is Nearing The Peak Of An 11-year Cycle That Results In Increased Activity. However, Alongside The Breathtaking Auroras, Fluctuating Magnetic Fields That Come With Geomagnetic Storms, Create Currents In Long Wires Such As Power Lines, Which May Result In Power Outages.



- Additionally, Extended Pipelines May Get Electrified, Causing Issues In Engineering.
- Spacecraft Are Also Vulnerable To **High Levels Of Radiation**, But Earth's Atmosphere Shields It From Reaching The Planet. Pigeons And Other Species With Internal Biological Compasses May Also Be Impacted. The Most Powerful Geomagnetic Storm In Recorded History, Known As The Carrington Event, Occurred In September 1859, Named After British Astronomer Richard Carrington.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Md. Golam Sarwar Seen In News Is Related To

- A. SAARC
- B. ASEAN
- C. UNICEF
- D. UNESCO

ANSWER: A

2. Exhibition Titled 'Swadesh' Is Held In

- A. Paris
- B. Dubai
- C. Washington
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: B

3. Sakina Khatun Relates To

- A. Wrestling
- B. Tennis
- C. Powerlifting
- D. Badminton

ANSWER: C

4. When Was The Street Vendors (Protection Of Livelihood And Regulation Of Street Vending) Act Enacted

- A. 2014
- B. 2004
- C. 1994
- D. 1984

ANSWER: A

5. When Was The Coalition For Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) Launched

- A. 2018
- B. 2020
- C. 2019
- D. 2017

ANSWER: C

6. Who Is Set To Receive The Cannes Honorary Palme D'or Award At The Cannes Film Festival's Opening Ceremony

- A. Meryl Streep
- B. Nicole Kidman
- C. Brad Pitt
- D. Leonardo DiCaprio

ANSWER: A

7. Who Appointed As National Ambassador For UNICEF India

- A. Gauranshi Sharma
- B. Kartik Verma
- C. Nahid Afrin
- D. Kareena Kapoor Khan

ANSWER: D

8. Which Institute Recently Identified Two New Species Of Needlefish In Indian Waters

- A. Central Marine Research Institute
- B. Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute
- C. Central Marine Biology Research Institute
- D. Central Marine Ecology Research Institute

ANSWER: B

9. Which Company Recently Unveiled 'Sesame', India's 1st Large Language Model

- A. Setu
- B. RazorPay
- C. Instamojo
- D. MobiKwik

ANSWER: A

10. Which Organization Released Upgraded Dietary Guidelines For Indians To Suit Modern Eating Habits For 2024

- A. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- B. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- C. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- D. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

ANSWER: C

11. Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary, Is Located In Which State

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

ANSWER: A

12. What is FLiRT

- A. Nuclear ballistic submarine
- B. Malicious software
- C. An underwater research station
- D. New variant of COVID19

ANSWER: D

13. Which Country's Ambassador Inaugurated Kohima Peace Memorial In Nagaland

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. Bhutan
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: A

14. What is Nerium Oleander

- A. Evergreen shrub
- B. Asteroid
- C. Black hole
- D. Naval ship

ANSWER: A

15. World's Largest Direct Air Capture Plant Mammoth- Has Started Operations In Which Country

- A. Iceland
- B. Ireland
- C. France
- D. Indonesia

ANSWER: A

16. Which Organization Celebrated 70th Anniversary Of Convention For Protection Of Cultural Property In Event Of Armed Conflict

- A. UNESCO
- B. WTO
- C. FAO
- D. UNICEF

ANSWER: A

17. Which Country Announced Drills Involving Tactical Nuclear Weapons

- A. Russia
- B. China
- C. France
- D. India

ANSWER: A

18. Which Organization Released 'Recipe For A Livable Planet: Achieving Net Zero Emissions In The Agrifood System' Report

- A. World Bank
- B. IMF
- C. WMO
- D. ILO

ANSWER: A

19. Cabinet Declared Which Day As 'National Space Day' In India

- A. August 20
- B. August 23
- C. August 25
- D. August 27

ANSWER: B

20. Who Among Following Edited And Published Newspaper Indian Mirror In 1861

- A. Amitava Ghosh
- B. Ravindranath Tagore
- C. Sumit Ganguly
- D. Manmohan Ghosh and Devendranath Tagore

ANSWER: D