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General Awareness

The week from April 03, 2023 to April 09, 2023

PM Modi launched the International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA) during his visit to Karnataka, which will focus on protection and conservation of seven major big cats of the world, namely: Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Jaguar, Puma, Snow Leopard, and Cheetah.

Scientists from Australia and Japan set a world record after they filmed a species of snailfish of the genus 'Pseudoliparis' swimming 8,336 metres below sea level. This marks the deepest ever observation of a fish.

The central government has awarded geographical indication (GI) tags to various products originally belonging to Uttar Pradesh such as Banarasi Paan, Banarasi Langda Mango, Ramnagar Bhanta (Brinjal), Muzaffarnagar Jaggery, Aligarh Locks, and Hathras Hing (Asafoetida).

South Korean footballer Son Heung-Min became the first Asian footballer to score 100 goals in the English Premier League. Representing Tottenham Hotspur, he achieved the feat in his team's 2-1 win over Brighton and Hove Albion.

UAE'S Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) announced that Sultan AlNeyadi will become the first Arab astronaut to undertake a spacewalk during Expedition 69 on the International Space Station (ISS). Actress Raveena Tandon and educationist Anand Kumar (of 'Super 30' fame) were amongst those honoured with the Padma Shri by President Droupadi Murmu. Author and philanthropist Sudha Murty received the Padma Bhushan for her contribution to social work.

Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani regained his spot as Asia's richest person in the Forbes Billionaire 2023 list. With a net worth of \$83.4 billion, Ambani was ranked ninth on the world billionaires' list.

Finland became the 31st member of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation), a move prompted by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. This completes the fastest membership process in NATO's recent history.



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