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General Awareness

The week from 06 November 2023 to 12 November 2023



'Abundance in Millets', a song featuring PM Modi, has been nominated for the Grammy Awards. Composed and sung by Falguni Shah (a.k.a. Falu) and Gaurav Shah, the song was recorded to celebrate 'International Year of the Millets' in 2023.



IIT-Bombay was adjudged the best higher education institute in India (and 40 th in Asia) for the 2 nd year running as per the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Asia Rankings 2024. 148 of the 856 Universities in the list are from India, with China (133) and Japan (96) in 2 nd and 3 rd place overall.



In a once in a lifetime performance Glenn Maxwell, battling cramps and exhaustion, slammed 201* in 128 balls, taking Australia to a miraculous win after they were 91/7 chasing 292 against Afghanistan. He added 202 with skipper Cummins, who contributed 12 to the partnership!



The Government has instructed social media companies such as Facebook and X (Twitter) top remove deepfakes or morphed photos/ videos from their platforms within 24 hours of receiving a complaint. This followed the controversy over the viral Rashmika Mandanna deepfake video.



Sri Lankan Angelo Mathews became the first international cricketer to be dismissed 'timed out' after Bangladesh's Shakib al Hasan appealed for a dismissal. Mathews reached the crease to find his helmet strap broken, which led to a delay greater than the permitted 2 minutes after the previous dismissal.



The Supreme Court directed the states of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan to stop stubble burning "forthwith". The Court stated it had "zero patience" towards the rising menace of pollution and mentioned the harmful effect on younger children in Delhi.



US health authorities approved Ixchiq, the world's first chikunguniya vaccine, developed by European firm Valneva. Chikunguniya causes fever and severe joint pain and is largely prevalent in tropical and sub-tropical parts of Africa, Southern Asia and parts of the Americas.



India beat Netherlands by 160 runs to maintain its clean slate in the 2023 World Cup, winning all 9 group matches. It will now take on New Zealand the first semi-final; while Australia and South Africa contest the other. Pakistan finished 5 th, and 2019-winners England ended in 7 th position.



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