

The week from 23 October 2023 to 29 October 2023

Israel began incursions into the northern part of the Gaza Strip, to flush out Hamas militants and rescue hostages. Meanwhile US forces struck at Iran-linked military targets in nearby Syria, sparking fears of the Israel-Palestine conflict becoming larger and potentially more damaging.

Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin launched Project Nilgiri Tahr, which seeks to conserve and protect this endangered wild goat species. One of the aims is to re-introduce the Nilgiri Tahr to its historic habitats, thus increasing its chances of survival.

Taylor Swift, the 33-year-old singer-songwriter, is now a billionaire according to Forbes. She is a rarity, having achieved this distinction from music sales and performances alone, unlike other artistes with profitable side businesses like beauty brands, fashion lines, etc.

Tata Electronics Pvt Ltd is acquiring Wistron's Indian operations for Rs 1,000 crores. This move means that the Tata Group company will become the first Indian company to manufacture iPhones. Wistron is a Taiwan based global giant that makes laptops, tablets, cellphones etc.

India beat reigning world champions England by 100 runs in the 2023 World Cup, its 6th win in a row. Led by skipper Sharma's 101-ball 87, India posted 229. England was dismissed for 129, with pacers Shami (4 wickets for 22 runs) and Bumrah (3/32) leading the rout.

International Stuttering Awareness Day was observed on October 22nd. This is an annual event, dedicated to raising awareness about stuttering, a speech disorder characterized by disruptions in fluency. This year's theme was "One Size Does NOT Fit All."

Legendary left-arm spin bowler and former Indian captain Bishan Singh Bedi passed away, aged 77. He holds the Indian record of taking 1,590 wickets in First Class cricket, a record likely to stay unbroken. The outspoken Bedi had also served as manager and selector of the Indian Team.

India's para-athletes have won a total of 111 medals – 29 gold, 31 silver and 51 bronze – at the Asian Para Games at Hangzhou. Coming on the heels of the 107 medals won at the Asian Games, this shows that Indian sports is on an upswing, and is inclusive as well. Kudos to the bravehearts!



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