

The week from 30 October 2023 to 05 November 2023

Nandini Das has won the 2023 British Academy Book Prize for her book "Courting India: England, Mughal India and the Origins of Empire". 49-year-old Das, a Professor of English at Oxford University tells the tale of Sir Thomas Roe, the first English ambassador to India.

Lionel Messi won an 8th Ballon d'Or, while Spaniard Aitana Bonmati won the Ballon d'Or Féminin- the annual global soccer awards that celebrate the best players in men's and women's football. Messi captained Argentina to a FIFA World Cup win in 2022.

In an alarming news article released by the Central Government, there are 53 accidents and 19 deaths in road accidents each hour across India. UP, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra are the worst performing states, with over-speeding causing most accidents.

Zojila Day was observed at Zojila War Memorial near Drass to commemorate the gallantry of Indian soldiers during the 1948 Operation Bison. At the time, this was the highest altitude (above 11,000 feet) at which tanks had been deployed in warfare.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen of Red Bull Racing won the Sao Paulo Grand Prix in Brazil to extend his all-time winning streak in a season to 17, with 2 races to go. He also holds the second place with 15 wins in 2022!

According to the RBI, more than 97% of the Rs 2,000 currency notes have been deposited with banks. The remaining notes are still legal tender. Less than Rs 10,000 crore worth of these currency notes are in circulation at present.

Hurun India and EdelGive released the India Philanthropy List 2023. Shiv Nadar & family have emerged as the leading philanthropists by donating Rs 2,042 crore. This is the fifth year in a row that Shiva Nadar has headed this unique list of donors-with-a-conscience.

India beat South Africa by 243 runs at Kolkata, extending their unbeaten streak in the 2023 World Cup to 8 matches. Birthday Boy Virat Kohli's record equalling 49th ton helped India score 326/5. Ravindra Jadeja's career best 5/33 routed the Proteas for 83.



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