

The week from 20 November 2023 to 26 November 2023

V.Senthilkumar, of Tamil Nadu, and Delhi's Anahat won singles titles in the National squash championships. 15-year-old Anahat is the second youngest woman winner, after Joshna Chinappa, who was 14 when she first won the first of her 19 titles in 2000.

The anti-EU far-right populist Geert Wilders and his Freedom Party (PVV) won 37 seats (out of 150) and will be the largest party in Parliament. Wilders has vowed that the Netherlands "will be returned to the Dutch" and "the asylum tsunami and migration will be curbed."

The first woman Justice in the Supreme Court of India, Smt M. Fatheema Beevi, died aged 96. She was also a former Governor of Tamil Nadu. In 1950 she topped the Bar Council exam, with full marks in all subjects, and became the first woman to receive the Bar Council Gold Medal.

Dutchman Max Verstappen won Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, extending his record for most wins in a season to a scarcely believable 19! His win at Yas Marina Circuit moves him to 3rd on the all-time list of career F1 wins with 54 overall, behind Lewis Hamilton (103) and Michael Schumacher (91).

Sheikh Zayed, Deputy ruler of Abu Dhabi, inaugurated the 2 Gigawatt Al Dhafra Solar Photovoltaic Independent Power Project, which will power almost 200,000 homes. The 4 million panels will eliminate 2.4 million tonnes of carbon emissions annually.

Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin, head of the Mumbai-based Dawoodi Bohra sect, will be conferred Pakistan's highest civilian honour- 'Nishan-e-Pakistan'. Earlier Indians to be so honoured include air-hostess Neerja Bhanot and former PM Morarji Desai.

Gujarat recently declared the black-spotted croaker (*Protonibea diacanthus*), locally known as the Ghol fish, as the state fish of Gujarat. As per the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List, the fish is in the Near Threatened category.

Indian cueist Pankaj Advani, 38, completed his fifth grand double with a win over Sourav Kothari in the IBSF World Billiards Championship in Doha. This is his 27th world title! Advani has been honoured with the Arjuna Award, Khel Ratna, the Padma Shri and the Padma Bhushan.



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