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General Awareness

The week from 27 November 2023 to 03 December 2023

Vaishali Rameshbabu became the 3rd Indian woman grandmaster (GM), and 84th Indian overall. Her younger brother, Praggnanandhaa, is already a GM. The siblings have created history by becoming the first-ever Grandmaster brother-sister pair.

Virgin Atlantic flight from London Heathrow to New York JFK used 100% Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), demonstrating the capability of SAF as a replacement for fossil derived jet fuel, compatible with today's aircraft and infrastructure; thus helping reduce carbon emissions.

India beat Australia by 6 runs in the 5th and final T20 match, to win the series comprehensively by a margin of 4 wins to 1 loss. Axar Patel was Player of the match, whilst Ravi Bishnoi was adjudged Player of the Series.

Macaulay Culkin, 43, once the world's foremost child actor, star of films like the 'Home Alone' series and 'Richie Rich', received a Walk of Fame star on Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles.

The 2,750+ stars feature actors, directors, producers, musicians, fictional characters and others.

Scientists have discovered six exoplanets orbiting a bright star similar to the sun named HD110067, which is located in the Coma Berenices constellation in the northern sky. The planets revolve around the star in a celestial dance known as orbital resonance.

PM Modi met the newly sworn in President of Maldives, Mr Mohaned Muizzu, in Dubai, on the sidelines of the UN COP28 Climate summit. Mr Muizzu is the 5th democratically elected President of the island nation whose existence is threatened by global warming.

St John's School, BLW Varanasi, won the inaugural Battle of Minds Quiz, organised by the Indian Army. Graced by Shri Rajeev Chandrashekhar, Minister for IT and Skill Development; and Army Chief General Manoj Pande, the quiz was conducted by Seema Chari and Kunal Savarkar.

The BJP won elections to the Vidhan Sabha in 3 states, gaining Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan from the Congress(I); whilst retaining Madhya Pradesh with a handsome majority. The Congress(I) wrested Telangana from the BRS; whilst the Zoram People's Movement won in Mizoram.



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