

The week from 01 July 2024 to 07 July 2024

Union minister for the environment, Mr Bhupender Yadav announced that India is now the first country to have prepared a checklist of its entire fauna, covering 104,561 species. This was announced on the 109th Foundation Day of Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) at Kolkata.

Japan introduced new 10,000 Yen, 5,000 Yen and 1,000 Yen banknotes which incorporate state-of-the-art holographic technology. The holograms, which depict historical figures, make it extremely difficult for counterfeiters to copy them.

George Russell (Mercedes) won the Austrian Grand Prix Formula One race at the iconic Red Bull Ring at Spielberg, unexpectedly, with Oscar Piastri (McLaren) in second place. Russell won because of an accident between race leaders Norris and Verstappen.

After spending 14 years in the opposition, the Labour Party, won 411 seats (out of 650) to defeat Rishi Sunak's Conservative Party, in the election to the House of Commons, UK. A Labour government has been sworn in, with Keir Starmer as Prime Minister.

Bajaj Auto made history by launching the world's first CNG motorcycle- the Freedom 125. Launched by Union minister Nitin Gadkari, it also has a small petrol tank, and can run on either fuel with a flick of a switch.

Reformist Masoud Pezeshkian defeated hardliner Saeed Jalili to become President of Iran. The former heart surgeon and health minister replaced hard-line President Ebrahim Raisi who died in a helicopter crash.

India's DRDO and Larsen & Toubro have unveiled an initial prototype of their jointly developed 'Zorawar' light tank. Meant to be deployed along the Chinese border, in thin-air, high-altitude areas, the tank weighs about 25 tonnes; as opposed to the T-90 or T-72 main battle tanks, which weigh around 50-60 tonnes.

After a duck in his first match, Amritsar-born Abhishek Sharma hit a 46-ball hundred against Zimbabwe at Harare; the third fastest for India in T20 internationals. His innings included 7 fours and 8 sixes. In the 2024 IPL, he hit the fastest IPL 50 for SRH, off just 16 balls.

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