

The week from 08 July 2024 to 14 July 2024

Russian President Vladimir Putin conferred the Order of St Andrew the Apostle, Russia's most prestigious civilian honour, on PM Narendra Modi. This award was established in 1698 by Tsar Peter the Great in honour of Saint Andrew, the first apostle of Jesus and patron saint of Russia.

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) announced that ace shuttler, PV Sindhu and table tennis veteran Sharath Kamal will be the two flagbearers at the Paris Olympic Games. India thus continues the tradition it began at the Tokyo Olympics, of having 2 flagbearers.

England beat West Indies by an innings at Lord's. Jamie Anderson playing his last test, finished with 704 wickets, the 3rd-most ever, and best by a pacer. Helping England with a smooth transition was debutant fast bowler Gus Atkinson who claimed 12 wickets in the match.

World Population Day was observed on 11 July, with the 2024 theme being "Leave no one behind, count everyone". Established by the United Nations in 1989, it highlights commitment to improving living conditions worldwide, especially now in times of extreme climate change.

In the 137th edition of the Wimbledon tennis championships, Spain's 21 year-old defending champion Carlos Alcaraz beat Novak Djokovic, 37, to win his 4th Grand Slam title. Meanwhile Barbora Krejčíková defeated Jasmine Paolini in the ladies' singles final.

Entrepreneur and former US President, Republic party leader, Donald Trump survived an assassination attempt at an election rally at Butler, Pennsylvania. He was wounded in the right ear, whilst an audience member was killed. The assassin, 20 year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks was shot dead by a Secret Service sniper.

India's new-look T20 team beat Zimbabwe 4-1. Playing without Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja; all of whom have retired, and the bulk of India's World T20 winning team, it demonstrated the bench strength of Indian cricket.

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