

The week from 29 July to 04 Aug 2024

Nicolas Maduro was elected to a third term as President of Venezuela. Maduro defeated his opponent Edmundo Gonzalez of the Democratic Unitary Platform (PUD). Maduro has been President of the troubled South American nation since the death of Hugo Chávez in 2013.

Shooter Manu Bhaker, the first Indian woman to win an Olympic shooting medal, added another bronze to her kitty. She won her second medal in the 10m Air Pistol mixed event with Sarabjot Singh. She narrowly missed a third medal, finishing 4th in the 25m pistol event.

16-year-old Jiya Rai, an autistic para-swimmer, became the youngest and fastest para-swimmer in the world to swim across the English Channel. She covered the distance of 34 km in 17 hours and 25 minutes. Her swim began at Abbots Cliff, England, and finished at Pte De La Courte- Dune, France.

Lt Gen Sadhna Saxena Nair took over as the Director General Medical Services (Army), becoming the first woman to be appointed to the top position. An AFMC graduate, she was earlier the first woman doctor to be appointed Director General Hospital Services (Armed Forces).

Swapnil Kusale won the bronze medal in the 50m Rifle 3 Position event at the Paris Olympics. Son of a farmer, born in Kolhapur district, he became a ticket collector in Indian Railways, which helped him buy his first rifle.

India and Vietnam will jointly develop the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) in Lothal, Gujarat. This partnership was formalised, through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which was signed between India and Vietnam in the presence of PM Modi and Vietnamese PM Pham Minh Chinh.

The World Crafts Council (estd 1964) has recognised Srinagar as the fourth Indian city to be designated as a 'World Craft City'. The World Crafts Council, affiliated with UNESCO, has earlier honoured Jaipur, Malappuram, and Mysore similarly.

The Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC) of ISRO has entered into a Space Flight Agreement (SFA) with NASA-identified service provider M/s Axiom Space for the ISS-bounce Axiom-4 mission. Gp.Cap. Shubhanshu Shukla (Prime) and Gp.Cap. Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair (Backup) have been identified for the mission.



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