

The week from 09 Dec 2024 to 15 Dec 2024

Gukesh Dommaraju has become the youngest-ever world chess champion after beating defending champion China's Ding Liren at Singapore. Gukesh, 18, is four years younger than the former record-holder, Russian grandmaster Garry Kasparov, who was 22 when he won the title in 1985.

The United Nations recognised ecologist Madhav Gadgil with the annual Champions of the Earth award, the UN's highest environmental honour, for his seminal work in the Western Ghats, a global biodiversity hotspot.

Mumbai (180/5) beat Madhya Pradesh (174/8) by 5 wickets in the Final of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy domestic T20 championship. Captain Ajinkya Rahane was Player of the Series, whilst Suryansh Shendge was Player of the Match (36* in 15balls). The tournament is named for Mushtaq Ali, an attacking India batsman of the 1930s and 1940s.

Princeton-educated Sanjay Malhotra, a career IAS officer, has replaced Shaktikanta Das as Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Malhotra is currently India's Revenue Secretary and will serve as RBI Governor for three years.

Devanur Mahadeva, one of Karnataka's most revered intellectuals, and who captured 'a community that had melted into darkness', will be conferred the Vaikom Award, instituted by the Tamil Nadu Government, to commemorate the Vaikom Satyagraha, in which E V R Periyar played a key role.

The National Panchayat Awards 2024 honoured 45 Panchayats for sustainable and inclusive development in rural India. The event was presided over by President Droupadi Murmu, the awards recognized Panchayats' efforts in areas like poverty alleviation, health, water conservation, sanitation, and climate sustainability, among others.

Time Magazine named Donald Trump as 'Person of the Year' for the second time. Time Editor-in-Chief Sam Jacobs credited Trump with "marshalling a comeback of historic proportions" and "driving a once-in-a-generation political realignment" that reshaped the American presidency and altered the US's role in the world.

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