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1. Haryana Steelers became champions for the first time, defeated Patna Pirates and wore the crown of victory.

Haryana Steelers achieved the distinction of becoming champions for the first time in Pro Kabaddi League Season 11. In the final, they won the title by defeating Patna Pirates 32-23, and shattered Patna's dream of becoming champions for the fourth time. This season, Haryana Steelers' brilliant performance was seen, the effect of which was clearly visible in the final as well.



2. Arshdeep nominated for Men's T20 Cricketer of the Year.

Indian fast bowler Arshdeep Singh has been nominated for the 2024 ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year award. He performed brilliantly in the T20 World Cup, where he tied with Afghanistan's Fazalhaq Farooqi for the highest wicket-taker in the tournament with 17 wickets. His two important wickets in the final, Aiden Markram and Quinton de Kock, proved to be crucial in India's victory.



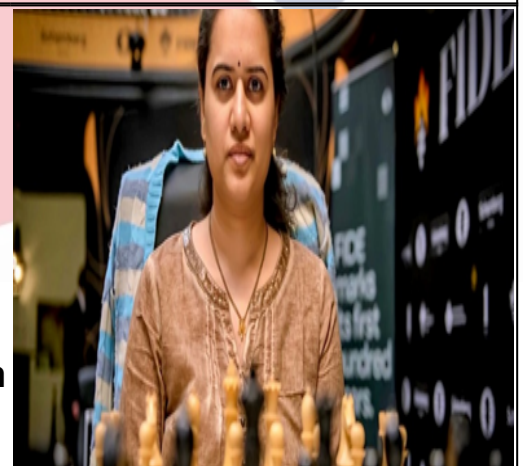
3. India's Lakshya Sen finishes third at King Cup International.

Indian badminton player Lakshya Sen performed brilliantly at the King Cup International Badminton Open on Sunday to finish third after beating Alex Lanier in straight games. Lakshya, 23, from Almora defeated Lanier 21-17, 21-11 to earn a prize money of around Rs 36 lakh. Lakshya had earlier lost a close contest to Hu Zhen of China 19-21, 19-21 in the semi-finals. In the third place play-off, Lakshya took an early 6-1 lead but Lanier came back to make the score 10-10.



4. Koneru Humpy wins historic women's rapid chess world title.

Grandmaster Koneru Humpy on Sunday capped a stellar year for Indian chess by winning the FIDE Women's World Rapid Chess Championship in New York. This was her second world rapid title, having won the title in Georgia in 2019. Humpy finished on top with 8.5 points with a solitary win in the 11th and final round. She became the second player after China's Ju Wenjun to win the title more than once.



5. Canara HSBC Life Insurance launches a new brand campaign featuring actor Varun Sharma as brand ambassador.

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6. Assamese filmmaker-screenwriter Bhaskar Jyoti Das dies of cancer.

Renowned Assamese filmmaker and screenwriter Bhaskar Jyoti Das died of cancer on 26 December. He was 51 years old. His close friend and National Award-winning filmmaker Utpal Borpujari gave this information. Das was suffering from cancer for a long time and died in a hospital.



7. Punjab National Bank joins prestigious Dada Saheb Phalke International Film Festival 2025 as 'Special Partner'.

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has announced its association as the 'Special Partner' for the Dada Saheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2025. This association is significant to celebrate the rich heritage of Indian cinema, as PNB's values of innovation and service excellence align with the mission of this prestigious film festival.



8. Dr. Sandeep Shah appointed Chairman of NABL.

The National Accreditation Board for Testing and Certification Laboratories (NABL) has appointed Dr. Sandeep Shah as its new Chairman. Dr. Shah, a distinguished medical professional, has over 35 years of experience in healthcare, pathology and diagnostics. He received the Gold Medal in MD Pathology and Bacteriology from B.J. Medical College, Ahmedabad.



1. Who was the top scorer in Haryana Steelers' victory over Patna Pirates in the Pro Kabaddi League Season 11 final?

A - Vinay

B - Devank

C - Shivam Patare

D - Mohammadreza Shadloo

Haryana Steelers achieved the distinction of becoming champions for the first time in Pro Kabaddi League Season 11. They won the title by defeating Patna Pirates 32-23 in the final, shattering Patna's dream of becoming champions for the fourth time. Haryana's defenders completely stopped Patna's star raiders Devank (5 points) and Ayan (3 points), while Shivam Patare scored the highest 9 points.



2. Which Indian cricketer has been nominated for the ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year award for his exceptional performance in 2024?

A - Jasprit Bumrah

B - Suryakumar Yadav

C - Hardik Pandya

D - Arshdeep Singh

Arshdeep Singh has been nominated for the ICC Men's T20I Cricketer of the Year award for 2024. He took 17 wickets in the T20 World Cup, including the wickets of Aiden Markram and Quinton de Kock in the final. Arshdeep achieved the second-highest wicket tally (2024) by Indian fast bowlers.



3. Whom did Lakshya Sen beat to win the bronze medal at the King Cup International Badminton Open 2024?

A - Hu Zhen'en

B - Loh Kean Yew

C - Alex Lanier

D - Angus Ng Ka Long

Indian badminton player Lakshya Sen on Sunday defeated Alex Lanier 21-17, 21-11 in straight games to finish third at the King Cup International Badminton Open. With this win, he won a prize of around Rs 36 lakh. Lakshya had lost 19-21, 19-21 to China's Hu Zhen'an in a close match in the semi-finals.



4. Whom did Koneru Humpy defeat to win her second Women's World Rapid Chess Championship title?

A - Tan Zhongyi

B - Ju Wenjun

C - Harika Dronavalli

D - Irene Kharisma Sukandar

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- A - Akshay Kumar
B - Ranveer Singh
C - Shah Rukh Khan
D - Varun Sharma

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- A - State Bank of India (SBI)
B - Punjab National Bank (PNB)
C - Union Bank of India (UBI)
D - HDFC Bank

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has announced its association as the 'Special Partner' for the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2025. The festival will be held in Mumbai on February 20, 2025 and will honour the rich legacy of Indian cinema. In keeping with PNB's commitment to society and cultural development, this partnership will promote excellence and innovation in cinema.



7. Which Assamese filmmaker passed away at the age of 51 after battling cancer?

- A - Rituparna Ghosh
B - Jahnu Barua
C - Bhaskar Jyoti Das
D - Dr. Bhupen Hazarika

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8. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Certification Laboratories (NABL).

- A - Prof. Subbanna Ayyappan
B - Dr. Sandeep Shah
C - Dr. Vijay Kumar
D - Dr. Arvind Kumar

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One Liner

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9. By climbing which peak, Kanya Karthikeyan completed the Seven Summits Challenge and became the youngest woman to do so. - **Mount Vinson Massif**
10. In the Senior National Men's Handball Championship, where Kerala won its first title, who was named the 'Best Player of the Championship'. - **Devendra**

