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## Important News: International

### Australian Open 2024 Winners

#### Why in News:

- Jannik Sinner won her first Grand Slam title in the men's singles final and Aryna Sabalenka won her second Grand Slam title in the women's singles final.

#### Key Points:

#### Men's Singles

Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
2024	Jannik Sinner (Italy)	Daniil Medvedev (Russia)	3-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3

#### Women's Singles

Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
2024	Aryna Sabalenka	Zheng Qinwen (China)	6-3, 6-2

#### Men's Doubles

Year	Winners	Runners-Up	Score
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2024	Rohan Bopanna (India) & Matthew Ebden	Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori (Italy)	7-6 (7-0), 7-5
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## Women's Doubles

Year	Winners	Runners-Up	Score
2024	Hsieh Su-Wei (Taiwan) & Elise Mertens	Jelena Ostapenko and Lyudmyla Kichenok (Latvia-Ukraine)	6-1, 7-5

## Mixed Doubles

Year	Winners	Runners-Up	Score
2024	Hsieh Su-wei (Taiwan) & Jan Zielinski	Desirae Krawczyk (USA) & Neal Skupski (Britain)	6-7(5), 6-4, (11-9)

Source: Hindustan Times



## Important News: National

29th January - Indian Newspaper Day

### Why in News:

- Indian Newspaper Day is celebrated every year on 28 January.

### Key Points:

- "Hicky's Bengal Gazette, also known as the Calcutta General Advertiser, was the name of the first weekly publication. Augustus Hicky, a James Irishman, is also known as the "father of the Indian press". When news took days to reach its audience, newspapers changed the way things were done. It gained popularity during the British Raj for its impartial reporting and opinions.
- Every year, we celebrate Indian Newspaper Day to commemorate the birth of the country's first-ever printed newspaper. It was the English weekly titled 'Hicky's Bengal Gazette', started by an Irishman on January 29, 1780. This day aims at promoting newspapers and encouraging people to pick up the newspaper and read it every day.
- The Hicky's Bengal Gazette was known for bringing news and opinions during British rule. It strongly criticised the administration of the then Governor General Warren Hastings and it was important for its journalism and fight for freedom of expression in India.
- This weekly published newspaper was a major step towards bringing the common man closer to the administration and the people in power.
- Several other newspapers, including The Bengal Journal, Calcutta Chronicle, Madras Courier, and Bombay Herald, were launched subsequently but were curtailed by the censorship measures imposed by the British East India Company.
- The legislative regulation during British rule was the Press Act of 1835, better known as the Metcalfe Act. This lasted till the revolt of 1857, after which, a foreign administration, introduced the Licensing Act to give the colonial



administration the powers to stop the publication and circulation of any printed material, without permission.

**Source: CNBC**

## PM inaugurates Diamond Jubilee celebration of Supreme Court

### Why in News:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the Supreme Court of India in Delhi on 28 January 2024.

### Key Points:

- During the event, Prime Minister Modi launched several citizen-centric information and technology initiatives, including the Digital Supreme Court Report (Digi SCR), Digital Court 2.0 and a new bilingual website for the Supreme Court.
- The Prime Minister congratulated everyone on the occasion, marking the beginning of the Supreme Court's 75th year. He highlighted the significant role the Supreme Court plays in upholding the principles of freedom, equality, and justice outlined in the Indian constitution.
- The Supreme Court of India was inaugurated in the Parliament building, as no Supreme Court building existed then, on January 28, 1950.
- The ceremony also saw the launch of the new Supreme Court website, Digital Court 2.0 and Digital Supreme Court Report by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud.
- The original 1950 Constitution of India had a Chief Justice and seven Deputy Justices and the right to increase the number was left to Parliament.
- Subsequently, Parliament has increased the number of judges six-fold since 1950 to the current strength of 34 in 2019.
- In 2023, the Supreme Court witnessed several technological changes ranging from litigant-friendly features, with the hybrid hearing system being one of the major achievements for the listing of cases. Even the mention of cases has been streamlined with smart and paperless courts.



## All India Presiding Officers Conference

### Why in News:

- The Vice President & Rajya Sabha Chairman, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar addressed the inaugural session of the 83rd All India Presiding Officers' Conference in Jaipur.

### Key Points:

- The All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC) is the apex body of the Legislatures in India that completed its hundred years in 2021.
- The first Conference was also held in Shimla in 1921.
- This is the fourth time that the Conference has been organized in the city of Jaipur.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi also addressed the All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC).
- The 83rd session focused on the following themes of contemporary relevance in its day-long discussions -
  - Leadership of India in G-20 as the mother of democracy
  - The need to make Parliament and Legislature more Effective, Accountable and Productive
  - Integration of State Legislatures with Digital Parliament
  - The need to maintain a harmonious relationship between the Legislature and the Judiciary in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution

### Source: PIB

## First National Conference on Promotion of Seaweed Cultivation at Kutch, Gujarat

### Why in News:

- Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Shri Parshottam Rupala chaired the first National Conference on Promotion of Seaweed Cultivation at Kutch, Gujarat.

### Key Points:

- To implement seaweed cultivation on a pan-India basis and emphasize the promotion of seaweed cultivation, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala chaired the National



Conference on Promotion of Seaweed Cultivation on 27th Jan 2024 at Koteswar (Kori Creek), Kutch, Gujarat.

- Seaweed cultivation is a good avenue for employment generation in seaweed products as it diversifies marine production and its opportunities for enhancing fish farmer income, reduces reliance on traditional fishing, and diversifies coastal communities' livelihoods.
- The Minister emphasized on the need to assess challenges and find solutions in the seaweed value chain.
- He further added that the government aims to bring innovations in seaweed production, deliberate on policy frameworks and regulations, and facilitate networking opportunities.
- The Minister emphasized the importance of end-to-end mapping of the seaweed value chain and addressing the bottlenecks in the value chain.
- The occasion witnessed the participants that include fish farmers, fishers, fisheries cooperatives, State/UTs government officials involved in fisheries management, scientists, and researchers from various fisheries universities, & colleges, etc.

Source: PIB

## Krutrim, Ola Founder's AI Start-Up Emerges As India's First AI Unicorn

### Why in News:

- Indian AI startup Krutrim has become a unicorn after securing \$50m in funding, making it the first Indian AI startup with a valuation of \$1bn.

### Key Points:

- Krutrim, the AI startup founded by serial entrepreneur Bhavish Aggarwal, has gained unicorn status after securing \$50 million in funding from investors including Matrix Partners India.
- The company, founded by Ola founder Bhavish Aggarwal, aims to develop data centers and create servers and supercomputers for the AI ecosystem.
- A clutch of Indian startups and academic groups are racing to build large language models in Indian languages, so-called Indic LLMs, after the launch of OpenAI's ChatGPT more than a year ago.



- In Europe, investors are pouring cash into France's Mistral AI, valued at \$2 billion after being founded last year.
- The United Arab Emirates touts its Falcon model, which is backed by an Abu Dhabi government research institute.

**Source: Livemint**

## 159th birth anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai

### Why in News:

- Lala Lajpat Rai, a towering figure in the Indian Independence movement, earned the moniker "Punjab Kesari" (Lion of Punjab) for his unwavering activism and dedication to his nation's freedom.

### Key Points:

- Born at Dhudike near Ludhiana in Punjab in 1865, Lala Lajpat Rai studied law at the Government College Lahore and even had a legal practice in the city.
- He became a follower of Dayanand Saraswati, the founder of the Arya Samaj, and went on to become one of the society's leaders.
- In 1881, he joined the Indian National Congress at 16, and in 1885 established the Dayanand Anglo-Vedic School in Lahore.
- As a leading advocate of the Swadeshi movement in 1907, he championed the boycott of imported goods and the embrace of indigenous Indian products.
- He first met Bal Gangadhar Tilak during the Lahore Session of the Congress in 1893 and the two along with Bipin Chandra Pal would become known as Lal-Bal-Pal.
- He was deported to Mandalay (present-day Myanmar) in 1907 for taking part in a demonstration in Punjab.
- Rai was elected President of the Indian National Congress during its Special Session in Kolkata in 1920, which saw the launch of Mahatma Gandhi's Non-cooperation Movement.
- Apart from founding the Arya Gazette as its editor, he also authored several books and wrote biographies of Mazzini, Garibaldi, Shivaji, and Shrikrishna.

**Source: News 18**





## Important News: Defence

### Joint military exercise - SADA TANSEEQ

#### Why in News:

- The joint military exercise between the armies of India and Saudi Arabia – Sada Tansiq has started from 29 January 2024 in Rajasthan. This 'Sada Tanseeq' will be organized in Rajasthan from 29 January to 10 February 2024.

#### Key Points:

- The inaugural edition of India-Saudi Arabia joint military exercise 'Sada Tanseeq' has started in Mahajan, Rajasthan. This exercise is being conducted from 29 January to 10 February. The Saudi Arabian contingent of 45 personnel is being represented by the Royal Saudi Land Forces. The Indian Army contingent also includes 45 personnel, represented by a battalion of the Brigade of the Guards (Mechanised Infantry).
- Aim of this exercise is to train troops of both sides for Joint Operations in Semi Desert terrain under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.
- According to the Ministry of Defence, the exercise will enable both sides to share their best practices in the tactics, techniques and procedures of conducting operations in sub-conventional domains. It will facilitate the development of interoperability, bonhomie and camaraderie between troops from both sides.
- The exercise will involve Establishment of Mobile Vehicle Check Post, Cordon & Search Operation, House Intervention Drill, Reflex Shooting, Slithering and Sniper Firing. It will provide an opportunity to both the contingents to strengthen their bond.

**Source: Economic Times**

