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**India off to a great start at Tokyo Olympics; Mirabai Chanu clinches first silver in weightlifting**

Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu has secured first medal for the country at Tokyo Olympics, winning the silver medal in the women's 49 kilogram category. She lifted a total 202 kilograms in clean and jerk category.

**Renowned Marathi poet Satish Kalsekar passes away**

Renowned Marathi poet Satish Kalsekar passed away following a heart attack last night at his residence in Pen town in Raigad district of Maharashtra. He was 78.

Kalsekar was awarded with Sahitya Akademi Award in 2014 for his collection of essays 'Vachanaryachi Rojanishee'. He was mostly known for his work as a poet. His popular collections of poems are 'Indriyopnishad', 'Sakshat' and 'Vilambit'. He had worked fluently in several forms of literature and contributed in the fields of poetry, translation, prose writing and editing.

**Demise of Bhageerathi Amma**

Amma was 107 years old and due to age-related ailments, she breathed her last on Thursday night at her residence. Hailing from Prakkulam in Kollam district, the centenarian was a recipient of the prestigious Nari Shakti Puraskar by the Central government for her exceptional contribution towards women's empowerment. She had also scripted history by becoming the oldest student by clearing the fourth standard equivalency examination conducted by the state-run Kerala State Literacy Mission (KSLM) in 2019.

The woman had appeared for the examination, conducted by the state literacy mission at Kollam, and came out with flying colours i.e., 205 out of a total of 275 marks and full marks in Mathematics. KSLM sources here said that due to her advanced age, Bhageerathi Amma had difficulty writing the exams and took three days to complete the three question papers on Environment, Mathematics, and Malayalam. The woman, who had always yearned to study and gain knowledge, had to give up her dream of educating herself after her mother died as she had to take care of her younger siblings. Bhageerathi Amma had quit formal education in class three at the age of 9.

**Social Justice & Empowerment Ministry to organise 5th North-East India Traditional Fashion Week 2021 tomorrow**

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is organising the virtual 5th North-East India Traditional Fashion Week 2021 tomorrow. The National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities is organizing the event to cater to the Divyang populace and

stakeholders from the North-East to promote the arts and artisans of North-East India.

The two days online event will be inaugurated by Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar. The event will be hosted through webcasting and web-conferencing facilities.

### **DRDO conducts successful flight-test of New Generation Akash missile**

Defence Research and Development Organisation, DRDO conducted a successful flight-test of New Generation Akash missile from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha on Friday. The test was carried out against a high-speed unmanned aerial target which was successfully intercepted by the missile. The test was carried out amidst inclement weather conditions proving the all-weather capability of the weapon system. The system performance was validated through the data captured by a number of Radar, Telemetry and Electro Optical Tracking systems deployed by Integrated Test Range, Chandipur.

### **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flags in ARMEX-21 in Delhi**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged-in the Indian Army Skiing Expedition, ARMEX-21, in New Delhi on Friday. The ARMEX-21 was conducted in the mountain ranges of the Himalayan region to promote the adventure activity in the country and the Indian Army. The expedition was flagged off at Karakoram Pass in Ladakh on 10th March and culminated at Malari in Uttarakhand on 6th of July.

### **INS Tabar reaches St Petersburg as part of 5-day goodwill visit to Russia**

Indian Naval Ship Tabar reached St Petersburg on Thursday as part of a five-day goodwill visit to Russia. INS Tabar will participate in the 325th Navy Day celebrations of the Russian Navy. India and Russia share special bilateral relations that span several decades. These include close military ties and strong cooperation between the two navies.

INS Tabar is a Talwar-class stealth frigate and forms part of the Indian Navy's Western Fleet which is based at Mumbai under the Western Naval Command. Incidentally, the ship was built for the Indian Navy in Russia and was commissioned at St Petersburg in April 2004. The ship is equipped with a versatile range of weapons and sensors and is among the earliest stealth frigates of the Indian Navy.

During the Russian Navy Day Parade on 25th of July, INS Tabar will join the column of ships that will be reviewed by the President of Russia. The Indian Naval Band embarked on Tabar will also participate in the City Parade during the celebrations. In addition, the crew of Tabar will participate in various bilateral professional interactions with the Russian Navy. This will be followed by naval exercises at sea between the two navies.