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World Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day is celebrated on 10 December annually across the world, as it was on this day in 1948 that United Nations General Assembly adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

This day is observed to protect the fundamental human rights of all people and their basic human freedom.

The theme of 2019 is Youth Standing Up for Human Rights.

International Mountain Day

International Mountain Day is celebrated on 11 December every year to educate children and people about the role that mountains play in providing fresh water, clean energy, food, and recreation.

The theme of 2019 is ‘Mountains matter for Youth’.

Abu Dhabi selected as world’s leading sports tourism destination

Abu Dhabi has been selected as the world’s leading Sports tourism Destination at the 26th edition of the World Travel Awards (WTA) being held in Muscat.

This is the seventh time in a row that Abu Dhabi has been selected for this coveted award.

The award is the latest in several prestigious accolades gained by Abu Dhabi this year, including being selected as the West Asia’s Leading Business Tourism Destination at the West Asia edition of WTA and Best City Break at the UK’s Selling Travel Agents’ Choice Awards.

UAE Capital -Abu Dhabi **Currency**-Dirham **PM**-Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashed al-Maktoum

Right Livelihood Award honours four activists working for justice

The award ceremony took place at Stockholm, Sweden at the end of a ten day long program of celebrations in Germany, Switzerland and Sweden.

This year’s new Right Livelihood laureates are Aminatou Haidar of Western Sahara; Guo Jianmei of China; Davi Kopenawa and the Hutukara Yanomami Association of Brazil; and Sweden’s own Greta Thunberg.

Aminatou Haidar has defended human rights in Western Sahara for decades. For this, Morocco imprisoned and tortured her for years.

Guo Jianmei was honoured for her pioneering and persistent work in securing women’s rights in China.

She is the first public interest lawyer working in legal aid in China, with a strong focus on women’s issues, like domestic violence and equal pay for equal work.

Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old climate activist who is actually from Stockholm. In September, she travelled across the Atlantic in a zero-emissions sailboat, arriving in New York City in time for the United Nations Climate Action Summit.

The fourth and final of this year's Right Livelihood Award recipients is a leading defender of the Amazon from Brazil, Davi Kopenawa, along with the organization he co-founded, the Hutukara Yanomami Association.



UAE, US joint military exercise 'Iron Union 12' commences

'Iron Union 12', a joint military exercise between the ground forces of the UAE and the United States, commenced.

'Iron Union 12' will see the two sides take part in joint military cooperation to enhance combat and tactical capabilities.

The joint military exercises of the UAE Armed Forces with fraternal and friendly countries takes place in a manner consistent with latest developments, and reflects the UAE Armed Forces' determination to stand firmly against all threats and challenges facing the region.

13th South Asian Games concludes

13th South Asian Games concluded held at historic Dasaratha Rangshala in Kathmandu Nepal.

India finished on top with 312 medals comprising 174 gold, 93 silver and 45 bronze.

Host Nepal remained second and Sri Lanka got third place.

In the women's section, Pinki Rani brought first gold in 51 kg category. She defeated Mala Ravi of Nepal in the final. In 57 kg, Sonia Lather won gold by defeating her Sri Lankan opponent. Manju Bamboriya also clinched gold in 64 kg. She beat Nepal's Punam Rawal. In men's Sparsh Kumar brought gold. He defeated Mohd. Asif Syed of Pakistan in 52 kg. Varinder Singh lost his bout to Nepal's Sanil Shahi in 60 kg.

Krishan Vikas clinched gold in 69 kg beating Gul Zaib of Pakistan. In 91 kg Narendra brought sixth Gold for the country. He defeated Ashish Duwadi in the final. In Squash India won gold in women's team event and silver in men's. Indian girls defeated Pakistan in the finals by 2-1, while men team lost to Pakistan by 1-2.

In Basketball Indian men's and women's teams clinched gold each. Men team defeated Sri Lanka in the final by 101-62. In Women's final Indian girls crushed host Nepal by 127-46.

In Judo mixed event India won gold. During 10 day long biggest sporting event of South Asia, over 2700 athletes from India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Maldives competed for 1119 medals.