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### BHAVANI DEVI



Sabre Fencer Bhavani Devi, who created history by becoming the first Indian fencer to qualify for the Olympic Games, said she was looking forward to giving off her best performance in Tokyo 2020.

#### About:

Chadalavada Anandha Sundhararaman Bhavani Devi, who is widely known as Bhavani Devi (born 1993), is an Indian sabre(fencer).She is the first Indian fencer to ever qualify for the Olympics after qualifying for the 2021 Tokyo Games.She is supported by GoSports Foundation through the Rahul Dravid Athlete Mentorship Programme.Bhavani was born into a middle-class family in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

### PRODUCTION-LINKED INCENTIVE SCHEME FOR THE ADVANCED CHEMISTRY CELL (ACC) BATTERY STORAGE



The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of Department of Heavy Industry for implementation of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme 'National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage'.

#### About:

The move aims to achieve a manufacturing capacity of 50 GigaWatt Hour of ACC and five Giga Watt Hour of Niche ACC with an outlay of 18,100 crore.ACCs are the new generation of advanced storage technologies that can store electric energy either as electrochemical or as chemical energy and convert it back to electric energy as and when required. It will also give a big push to electric mobility, benefiting three-wheelers, four-wheelers and heavy vehicles.India is currently importing Battery Storage Equipment worth 20 thousand crore rupees and the scheme will be helpful in making the country self-reliant (Atmanirbhar).

### WORLD FOOD PRIZE



Dr Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted, a global nutrition expert of Indian descent has won the prestigious 2021 World Food Prize for her groundbreaking research in developing holistic, nutrition-sensitive approaches to aquaculture and food systems.

#### Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted:

Thilsted's trailblazing research on small native fish species in Bangladesh led to the development of nutrition-sensitive approaches to aquatic food systems at all levels, from the farm to food processing to final consumers, resulting in improved diets for millions of the

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most vulnerable people in Asia and Africa. Thilsted, who is a native of Trinidad and Tobago and a citizen of Denmark, was born in 1949 in the Caribbean island of Trinidad in the small village of Reform. Most of the inhabitants, including her family, were descendants of Indian Hindu migrants brought to Trinidad to engage in agricultural labour.

## World Food Prize?

**Objective:** The World Food Prize recognizes the achievements of individuals who have advanced human development by improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world.

**Fields covered:** It recognizes contributions in any field involved in the world food supply such as plant, animal and soil science; nutrition; rural development; marketing; food processing and packaging; water and the environment; physical infrastructure; policy analysis etc.

**Eligibility:** The prize is open to every individual without regard to race, religion, nationality, or political beliefs.

**Presented by:** World Food Prize Foundation, with various sponsor companies.

**Background:** The prize was conceived by Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 for his work in global agriculture. The Prize was created in 1986 and was **first awarded in 1987 with M. S. Swaminathan of India being the first recipient.**

**Ceremony:** The annual award is presented each October on or around UN World Food Day (October 16).

**Cash prize:** In addition to the cash award of \$250,000, the Laureate receives a sculpture designed by the noted artist and designer, Saul Bass.

## INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF INDIA (ICAI)



**The Union Cabinet has approved signing of MoU between Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and Qatar Financial Centre Authority (QFCA).**

### About:

The MoU would enhance cooperation between the Institutes to work together to strengthen the Accounting profession and entrepreneurship base in Qatar. This MoU

will benefit Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Qatar Financial Centre Authority. ICAI has an active Chapter in Doha, Qatar which was established in the year 1981 and is the oldest among the 36 overseas Chapters of the ICAI. Qatar (Doha) Chapter is amongst the most vibrant Chapters of ICAI.

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## Background:

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament of India, The Chartered Accountants Act, 1949', to regulate the profession of Chartered Accountancy in India.

Qatar Financial Centre Authority (QFCA) an independent legal entity established pursuant to Law No. (7) of 2005, is responsible for the development and promotion of the QFC as a world-class on-shore financial and business centre in the State of Qatar.

## AERIAL PASSENGER ROPEWAY SYSTEM BETWEEN DEHRADUN AND MUSSOORIE



The Union Cabinet gave its approval to the transfer of land of Indo-Tibetan Border Police, ITBP to Government of Uttarakhand for development of Aerial Passenger Ropeway System between Dehradun and Mussoorie.

## About:

The proposed Ropeway is a mono-cable ropeway of 5580 meters length between Purkul Gaon, Dehradun and Library, Mussoorie being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 285 crore. It will have a carrying capacity of 1,000 persons per hour per direction. This will considerably reduce the traffic flow on the road route from Dehradun to Mussoorie. Besides, this will generate direct employment of 350 and indirect employment of more than 1,500 people. Once completed, the ropeway will be a huge attraction for tourists which in turn will provide a boost to the tourism industry in the state and create additional employment opportunities in the tourism sector.

## BAMBOO BATS



The guardians of the cricket laws, The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), has turned down the idea of bats made with bamboo instead of willow.

## About:

According to MCC it would be "illegal" under current laws, which says bats must be made only of wood and also bans lamination of the blade in bats meant for senior cricketers. Currently, Law 5.3.2 states that the blade of the bat must consist solely of wood, so for bamboo (which is a grass) to be considered as a realistic alternative to willow would require a Law change. But MCC did welcome the experiment, saying that "this angle of willow alternatives should also be considered. A study by the University of Cambridge suggested that cricket bats made of bamboo offered a more sustainable alternative than the traditional ones made with willow.