

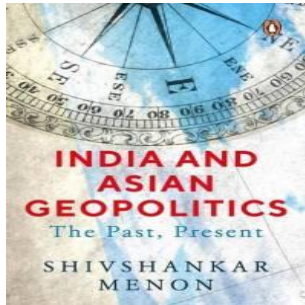
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### Indian Diplomat Shivshankar Menon Authors Book titled “India and Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present”

A new book titled “**India and Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present**” has been released, which has been authored by Indian diplomat **Shivshankar Menon**, who was the former National Security Adviser of India under Prime Minister of India Manmohan Singh (2010-2014).



The book talks about the changes in Independent India’s foreign policy choices throughout its history, maps its present-day challenges, and analyzes how India’s policies are likely to evolve in response to new challenges.

The book is published by Brookings Institution.

Shivshankar Menon had previously served as the Foreign Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs from 01 October 2006 – 31 July 2009.

### India to Host 2022 FIFA Under-17 Women’s World Cup



The **2022 FIFA Under-17 Women’s World Cup** will be hosted by **India from October 11 to 30, 2022**.

Earlier this event was scheduled to be held in India in 2021, however it was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

It will be the **second time** that India will organize the global FIFA tournament after the FIFA under-17 World Cup in 2017, which also broke the record for being the most attended youth World Cup in FIFA’s history.

### Max Verstappen wins Monaco Grand Prix 2021



**Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands)** has won the **2021 Monaco Grand Prix**, held on 23 May 2021.

This was his second win of this season.

Carlos Sainz Jr. came second and Lando Norris came third.

Lewis Hamilton ended up at 7th rank.



### Atletico Madrid clinch 2020-21 La Liga Title

Spanish professional football club **Atletico Madrid** has won **2020-21 La Liga** title.

It was their first title since 2013–14 and the eleventh overall La Liga title.

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Atletico Madrid secured 2-1 goal victory over Real Valladolid to clinch the title.

## Badminton Association of India President Himanta Biswa Sarma elected to BWF Council



The **Badminton Association of India (BAI) President Himanta Biswa Sarma** has been elected as the **Member of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Council for the period 2021-25**. Sarma was elected from among from 31 contestants to 20-member BWF Council on May 22, 2021 at the virtual AGM and Council election of BWF, where he got 236 votes in favour. He is also the **Vice President of Badminton Asia and the Chief Minister of Assam**.

## UFC Champion Conor McGregor Tops Forbes' Highest-Paid Athletes for 2021

Mixed Martial Artist, and former Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) **Conor McGregor**, has topped the **2021 Forbes' list of the world's highest-paid athletes**. McGregor earned a massive **\$180 million** as measured from **May 1, 2020 to May 1, 2021**. Professional Footballer **Lionel Messi** stood **second** with an earning of **USD 130 million**. The total earning of the top ten highest-paid athletes in the world was \$1.05 billion during the past 12 months, which is 28% more than 2020 top earners.

## World Turtle Day: 23 May



The **World Turtle Day** is observed on **May 23** every year to raise awareness among people to protect turtles and tortoises and their disappearing habitats around the world. The day is being celebrated since 2000 by American Tortoise Rescue, a nonprofit organization established in 1990 for the protection of all species of tortoise and turtle. The theme of 2021 World Turtle Day is **"Turtles Rock!"**

## International Missing Children's Day: 25 May



Every year, **25 May** is observed as **International Missing Children's Day (IMCD)** around the world to commemorate the missing children who have found their way home, remember those who have been victims of crime, and continue efforts to find those who are still missing. The symbol for IMCD is the **forget-me-not flower**. The day was proclaimed in 1983, by U.S. President Ronald Reagan. The first IMCD was observed in 2001 through the joint efforts of the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC), Missing Children Europe, and the European Commission.

## World Thyroid Day: 25 May



The **World Thyroid Day** is celebrated every year on **May 25** to promote awareness and understanding of thyroid health and the advances made in treating thyroid diseases. The World Thyroid Day was established in 2008 by the European Thyroid Association and the American Thyroid Association.

## OP Bhardwaj, Indian Boxing's First Dronacharya Awardee Coach, passes away at 79



**Om Prakash Bhardwaj**, India's first **Dronacharya awardee coach for boxing**, has passed away. He was 79. Prakash Bhardwaj was awarded the Dronacharya Award, India's highest award in the field of coaching of sports and athletics in **1985**. He was the national coach for Indian boxers from **1968 to 1989**. Under Bhardwaj, Indian boxers were on

top of the medals tally in the Asian Games (1970–1986), Mini Commonwealth Games (Brisbane, 1982), Kings Cup (Bangkok, 1982) and SAF Games (Calcutta, 1987).

## Former Atomic Energy Commission of India Chief Srikumar Banerjee Passes Away

The former **Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission of India, Dr. Srikumar Banerjee**, has passed away due to a heart attack. He was in his 70s. Banerjee retired as Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy in 2012. He had also served as the Director of the **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)** for six years till 2010. Dr Banerjee received the **Padma Shri in 2005** and the **Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award in 1989** for his exceptional service in the field of science, especially in the areas of atomic energy and metallurgy. Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the demise of Dr Srikumar Banerjee.