

Abu Dhabi Crown Prince arrives



Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Khalid bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan received by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal on his arrival in New Delhi on Sunday. (ANI)

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CROWN Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Khalid bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan arrived here to a warm welcome on Sunday as he kick-started a two-day maiden visit to India to further boost bilateral ties in a range of areas, including

energy and connectivity, amid escalating tensions in West Asia.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal received the Crown Prince at the airport following which he was accorded a ceremonial welcome, in reflection of the importance India has attached to the visit.

Randhir Singh is OCA President

First Indian elected to the post

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Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and acting President Randhir Singh at the 44th Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) General Assembly in New Delhi on Sunday. (PTI)

VETERAN sports administrator Randhir Singh on Sunday became the first Indian to be elected as the President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) during the 44th General Assembly of the continental body here.

A five-time Olympic shooter, Randhir was the lone eligible candidate for the OCA President's post. His tenure will run from 2024 till 2028, and his election was unanimous.

The 77-year-old Randhir has been the OCA acting President since 2021, filling in for Kuwait's Sheikh Ahmad Al-

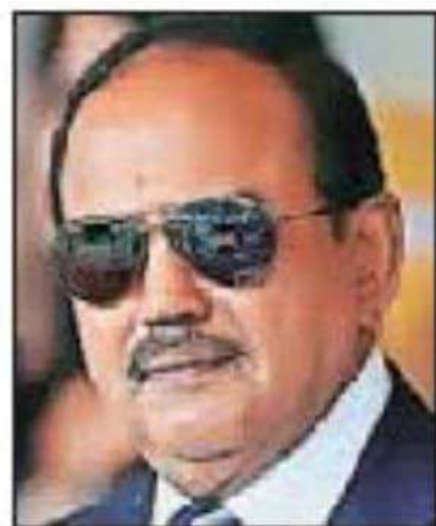
Fahad Al-Sabah, who was handed a 15-year ban from sports

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Doval to visit Russia to attend BRICS meet

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NATIONAL Security Advisor



Ajit Doval is travelling to Russia this week against the backdrop of calls for India's possible role in finding

a solution to the Ukraine conflict following PM Modi's visits to Moscow and Kyiv. Doval is visiting Russia primarily to attend a conclave of BRICS grouping that is taking place amid a renewed push for peace talks between Moscow and Kyiv to end the conflict.



Navdeep's javelin throw SILVER upgraded to GOLD

PARIS, Sept 8 (PTI)

INDIA'S Navdeep Singh's silver medal was upgraded to gold after initial winner Iran's Sadegh Beit Sayah was disqualified for repeatedly displaying an objectionable flag following a dramatic men's javelin throw F41 final at the Paris Paralympics on Saturday. This is India's first-ever gold medal in the men's javelin F41 category.

The 23-year-old para-athlete from Haryana, who had finished fourth at the Tokyo Games three years ago, produced a personal best effort

of 47.32m to claim the top position. Navdeep, who competes in the classification meant for athletes of short stature, originally ended with a silver after he upstaged world record holder Sun Pengxiang of China with a 47.32m throw. However, that was upgraded to an unprecedented gold after Sadegh's disqualification. Pengxiang (44.72m) finished with a silver. Sayah had managed to nose ahead of the field with a new Paralympic record of 47.64m in his penultimate throw but lost the medal owing to his antics.

The International Paralympic Committee rules bar athletes from making any political gestures at the event and Sayah was thrown out of the final results for unsporting/improper conduct.

Iraq's Nukhailawi Wildan (40.46) claimed the bronze medal. Starting the competition with a foul, Navdeep, who entered the event with a personal best of 44.29 metres and a season best of 42.82 metres, came up with a throw of 46.39 metres in his second attempt, propelling him to the second place. But it was his third throw that electrified the stadium.

Jaishankar to attend first India-GCC Foreign Ministers' meeting today

RIYADH, Sept 8 (IANS)

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar will on Monday attend the first India-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Saudi Arabia's Riyadh that will take place on the sidelines of the 161st Ministerial Council meeting scheduled to be chaired by Qatar's Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, President of the current session of the Ministerial Council.

Besides India, the council will also hold strategic dialogue with Russia and Brazil which will see participation of Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and the Brazilian Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira.



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with Deputy Minister for Protocol Affairs of Saudi Arabia Abdulmajeed Al Smari during a meeting, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Jaishankar arrived in Saudi Arabia on Sunday on a two-day visit.

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