



## Rapid Fire Current Affairs

### Shaheed Bhagat Singh Birth Anniversary



Recently, the Prime Minister of India has paid tributes to [Shaheed Bhagat Singh](#) on his birth anniversary

- Bhagat Singh, born on **September 26, 1907** in the Jullundur Doab district of Punjab, played a crucial role in **India's freedom struggle**.
- He was a member of the [Hindustan Republican Association \(HRA\)](#), later renamed the **Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA)**.
- He started a militant youth organization called the **Naujawan Bharat Sabha**.
- In their quest for revenge for [Lala Lajpat Rai's death](#), Bhagat Singh and his comrades mistakenly killed Police Officer J.P. Saunders, leading to their involvement in the **Lahore Conspiracy Case**.
  - Bhagat Singh was later re-arrested, found guilty, and hanged on **March 23, 1931**, for Saunders' murder and a **Central Legislative Assembly bombing protest**.
- **March 23 is observed as [Martyrs' Day](#)** in their honor.
- **Notable Works:** "Why I Am an Atheist: An Autobiographical Discourse" and "The Jail Notebook and Other Writings."

Read more: [Bhagat Singh's Birth Anniversary](#)

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**Bolson Tortoise**



- Biologists are engaged in a slow but determined effort to protect North America's **Bolson Tortoise (*Gopherus flavomarginatus*)**.
- Bolson Tortoise are North America's **largest and rarest tortoise species**.
  - They spend about **85% of their time in earthen burrows**.
- Their habitat is a **semi-hot desert climate** with winter temperatures around 2.8°C and summer temperatures ranging to 36.3°C.
- The base color of the **plastron is yellowish**, and that of the **carapace ranges from darker shades of straw yellow to brown**.
  - **Bolson tortoises spend about 85% of their time in earthen burrows**.
- **Conservation Status:**
  - [International Union for Conservation of Nature \(IUCN\) Red List](#): Vulnerable.
  - [Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora \(CITES\)](#): Appendix I.

**Read more:** [The Impact of Climate Change on Wildlife](#)

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## Leander Paes in International Hall of Fame

Recently, **Leander Paes**, a multiple **Grand Slam winner**, is the **first Asian man** nominated for the **International Tennis Hall of Fame (ITHF)** in the player category for the Class of 2024.

- **Li Na**, a Chinese player, was the first Asian player nominated to the **ITHF in 2019**.
- Vijay Amritraj, a former Indian player, was also nominated in the contributor category.
- **Leander Paes has won 18 Grand Slam titles in doubles and mixed doubles and was a former doubles world No. 1.**
- **The International Tennis Hall of Fame (ITHF)** is a prestigious institution and museum dedicated to the sport of tennis. **Located in Newport, Rhode Island, United States**, it serves as the official hall of fame for tennis and **celebrates the history, achievements, and contributions** of outstanding individuals and organizations to the sport of tennis.

**Read More:** [Grand Slam](#), [Laureus World Sports Awards](#)

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## Ministry of Tourism Launched 'Travel for Life'

Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, organized the **Global Launch of 'Travel for LiFE'** program on **World Tourism Day 2023 (27<sup>th</sup> September)**. The program is a part of [Mission LiFE](#) and aims to promote [sustainable tourism](#).

- Partners include the **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)**, [United Nations World Tourism Organisation \(UNWTO\)](#), and [United Nations Environment Program \(UNEP\)](#).
- The program includes two verticals: **Travel for LiFE for Cleanliness** and **Travel for LiFE for Rural Tourism**.
- It aligns with [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) related to economic growth, sustainable cities, responsible consumption, climate action, and life below water.

**Read More:** [Tourism In India](#), [National Tourism Day](#)

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