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## WHY DID ABHINAV BINDRA GET A SPECIAL OLYMPIC AWARD?

Abhinav Bindra, India's **first individual Olympic gold medalist**, was honored with the prestigious Olympic Order at the IOC session in Paris. This award recognizes his **significant contributions to sports**, both as an athlete and in his post-retirement efforts. Bindra's gold medal win in Beijing has inspired the new generation of Indian athletes to lay emphasis on the importance of dedication, focus, and hard work. His ongoing work in promoting sports and advocating mental health awareness among athletes while understanding the pressures they face in competitive sports further solidifies his legacy. The Olympic Order celebrates his achievements and his role in advancing Olympic values like friendship, respect, and excellence globally. Bindra dedicated the award to all the athletes and sports enthusiasts who strive to uphold the Olympic ideals.



## PROTESTS IN WEST BENGAL DEMANDING JUSTICE FOR THE DOCTOR



There has been a very sad and serious incident in West Bengal involving a doctor from **R G. Kar medical college** in Kolkata. The lady doctor was found dead inside the hospital and it was discovered that she had been attacked in a terrible way. It has caused a lot of anger and sadness among people and they worried about the safety of women in the state of West Bengal. After this tragic event, the doctors from all over the country are protesting and demanding justice. People from all walks of life across West Bengal have also started coming out together to protest along with the doctors as they are upset with the way the government has handled the case. Now the CBI is investigating the case and people are keeping a close eye on the situation. They want the people responsible for this crime to be caught and punished, so that such incidents don't happen again.



## INDIA REACHES THE MOON - CELEBRATE NATIONAL SPACE DAY!

The Indian govt has declared **August 23rd** as **National Space Day** in India due to the historic achievement of the **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)**. They successfully landed Chandrayaan-3 on the Moon's south pole on August 23, 2023. On this day in 2023, the **Vikram lander** executed an intricate and well coordinated landing by touching down at the designated area. **India became the first country in the world to land near the south pole of the Moon.** This success not only demonstrated India's growing expertise in space technology as well as honors the contributions of the nation's scientists, engineers, and visionaries, immortalizing their efforts in advancing India's position in the global space community.



## MPOX - A GLOBAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

Mpox also known as **monkeypox** is a disease caused by a virus, and it can make people sick with symptoms like a rash, fever, and headaches. Recently, there has been an increase in the number of people getting sick with Mpox in different countries around the world. The swift spread of a new virulent strain of the **mpox virus** across Africa triggered the World Health Organization (WHO) to declare it a **"global health emergency."** This means that the situation is serious, and countries need to work together to stop the spread of Mpox, protect people, and find ways to treat those who are sick. People with mpox are considered infectious at least until all their blisters have crusted over. People with severe mpox may require hospitalization, supportive care and antiviral medicines to reduce the severity of lesions and shorten their time of recovery. The good news is that by being careful and following health advice, we can help prevent the spread of Mpox and keep everyone safe.



## AUGUST 19TH SUPERMOON: THE BIGGEST AND BRIGHTEST OF 2024!

The Supermoon on August 19th is one of the closest Supermoon of this year. A Supermoon is when the Moon's orbit brings it closest to Earth and at the same time it's a full moon. The Moon's orbit is elliptical, so sometimes it's closer to us, and sometimes it's farther away. When it's closer, it looks larger and brighter in the sky, this is why

we call it a Supermoon. This means it will be one of the brightest and biggest full moons you can see in 2024. It was a great opportunity for skywatchers, photographers, and anyone who loves to gaze at the night sky. It's a wonderful natural event that only happens a few times a year.

