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## Coco Gauff wins 2024 China Open

- Event: US tennis player Coco Gauff won the 2024 China Open final.
- Opponent: She defeated Karolina Muchová of Czech Republic.
- Note: Second-ranked Carlos Alcaraz won the China Open earlier for his fourth title of the year, defeated Chinese player Wu Yibing.

### Achievements:

- This is her second title of the year and eighth overall.
- Gauff became the youngest China Open champion in 14 years.
- She is the second American to win the China Open, after Serena Williams, who won in 2004 and 2013.
- Gauff holds an 8-1 record in finals, including being 7-0 in hard-court finals in the Open era.

### 2024 China Open

- Edition: 23rd (ATP) / 25th (WTA)
- Prize money: \$13,140,000 (total)
- Location: Beijing, China

**Q.** Who won the women's singles title at the 2024 China Open? **Coco Gauff**



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## Angad Cheema wins 2024 Vizag Open

- Angad Cheema won the 2024 Vizag Open golf tournament.
- Significance: This victory marked the end of an 11-year wait for a championship title for Cheema.
- Opponent: He faced Aman Raj in the final, with both players tied at 16-under par at the end of the tournament.
- Playoff: Raj forced a playoff with an impressive 6-under 65 round, but Cheema secured the win on the first playoff hole with a birdie.

### 2024 Vizag Open

- Golf Course: East Point Golf Club
- Venue: Vizag
- Prize Money: INR 1 Crore
- Tour Format: Stroke Play

**Q.** Who won the 2024 Vizag Open golf tournament? **Angad Cheema.**



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## Nagaland Police Officer Pritpal Kaur Receives International Award

- Pritpal Kaur, Superintendent of Police of Phek district, Nagaland, has been selected for the 2024 IACP 40 Under 40 Award by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).
- Significance: Kaur is the only Indian recipient among the 40 global awardees. The award recognizes rising leaders in law enforcement who exhibit exceptional leadership, dedication, and service to their communities.

### Profile:

- A 2016 batch IPS officer, Kaur is also a dentist and social contributor. She provides dental care, counsels drug users, helps youth prepare for competitive exams, and works with school dropouts.
- Her initiatives include Fighting Drugs with Education and Livelihood and Not Guns but Machines, which train individuals in making low-cost machines like electric bicycles and dryers.
- She has contributed to peace and development in border areas, resolving conflicts, preventing clashes, and assisting in anti-drug efforts through treatment, counseling, and rehabilitation.

**Q.** Who was the only Indian recipient of the 2024 IACP 40 Under 40 Award? **Pritpal Kaur**



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## **Assam CM Launches 'Nijut Moina' Scheme to Promote Education and Prevent Child Marriage**

- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma handed over the first instalment of monthly stipends to girl students under the 'Nijut Moina' scheme.
- Objective: The scheme aims to eradicate child marriage by 2026 and promote women's education.

### **Financial Aid:**

- ₹1,000 per month for girls in higher secondary (Class 11 and 12).
- ₹1,250 per month for undergraduate students.
- ₹2,500 per month for postgraduate students.
- Launch: The scheme was introduced in August 2024, and the first cheques were distributed at a ceremony in Guwahati. Similar events were held across the state.

### **Eligibility:**

- The scheme requires girls to attend regular classes, maintain good academic performance, and demonstrate discipline.
- It excludes daughters of Ministers, MLAs, and MPs.
- No marriages will be permitted until the girls complete their postgraduate studies.

**Q.** What is the name of the scheme launched by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma to support girl students?

**Nijut Moina scheme.**



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## **South Korea and the Philippines Forge Strategic Partnership to Strengthen Bilateral Cooperation**

- South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. agreed to establish a strategic partnership during their summit in Manila, marking the elevation of diplomatic ties since 1949.
- **Areas of Cooperation:** The partnership aims to enhance collaboration in security, economy, energy, and infrastructure.
- **Defence:** Focus on the third phase of the Philippines' military modernization, with South Korea continuing to supply aircraft, warships, and missiles.
- **Maritime Security:** An MOU was signed between the two countries' coast guards for cooperation on combating transnational crimes, joint search-and-rescue operations, and information sharing.

### **Economic Cooperation:**

- The leaders agreed to boost trade and investment, including the ratification of a bilateral free trade agreement (FTA) signed in September 2023.
- South Korea committed approximately \$2 billion from its Economic Development Cooperation Fund to support infrastructure projects in the Philippines, including the Laguna Lakeshore Road Network and the PGN bridge project.

**Q.** What are the main areas of cooperation under the new strategic partnership between South Korea and the Philippines? **Security, economy, energy, and infrastructure.**



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## World Junior Shooting Championship: India Wins Team Gold in Men's 50m Pistol Event

- Event: The Indian team, comprising Deepak Dalal (545), Kamaljeet (543), and Raj Chandra (528), clinched the team gold medal in the men's 50m pistol event at the Junior World Shooting Championship in Lima, Peru.

### Performance:

- India secured the gold with a combined score of 1616, defeating Azerbaijan by a narrow margin of one point. Armenia finished third.
- Indian junior shooters finished the championship at the top of the medal tally with a total of 24 medals, including 13 gold, 3 silver, and 8 bronze.

### International Standings:

- Italy ranked second with five gold, four silver, and four bronze medals.
- Norway secured the third position with four gold medals and a total of 10 medals.

### Individual Performances:

- Mukesh Nelavalli won an individual bronze in the 50m pistol event with a score of 548, his sixth medal in the competition. Azerbaijan's Imran Garayev won gold with a score of 552.

Q. Which Indian shooters won the team gold medal in the men's 50m pistol event at the Junior World Shooting Championship 2024? **Deepak Dalal, Kamaljeet, and Raj Chandra.**



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## Sanath Jayasuriya Appointed Head Coach of Sri Lanka Men's Cricket Team

- Former Sri Lankan captain Sanath Jayasuriya has been appointed as the head coach of the Sri Lanka men's cricket team, effective from October 1, 2024, until March 31, 2026.
- **Coaching Tenure:** Jayasuriya, who previously served as the cricket consultant for Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC), was appointed interim head coach in July after the departure of English coach Chris Silverwood.
- **First Assignment:** His first assignment will be the upcoming limited-overs matches against the West Indies in Dambulla and Pallekele.

### Team Performance:

- Under Jayasuriya's leadership, Sri Lanka achieved remarkable victories, including:
- Winning their first bilateral ODI series against India in 27 years.
- Securing a Test series victory against England away after a decade.
- A 2-0 Test series win against New Zealand at home.

**Q.** Who has been appointed as the head coach of the Sri Lanka men's cricket team from October 1, 2024?  
**Sanath Jayasuriya**





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## **New India-UAE bilateral treaty to ensure continuity of investment protection**

- The enforcement of the new Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) between India and the United Arab Emirates will give continuity of investment protection to people from both the countries.
- **Continuity of Investment Protection:** The BIT ensures ongoing investment protection for nationals and businesses from both India and the UAE.
- **Expiration of Previous Agreement:** The earlier Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (BIPPA) expired on September 12, paving the way for the new BIT.

### **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI):**

- The UAE accounts for 3% of total FDI in India, with cumulative investments of approximately \$19 billion from April 2000 to June 2024.
- India has made 5% of its total overseas direct investments in the UAE, amounting to \$15.26 billion from April 2000 to August 2024.
- **Commitment to Economic Cooperation:** The signing of the BIT reflects a shared commitment by both nations to enhance economic cooperation and create a resilient investment environment.

**Q.** What is a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT)? **A BIT is an agreement between two countries that promotes and protects investments made by investors from one country in the other.**



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## SAIL, BHP join hands to boost steel decarbonisation in India

- SAIL, India's largest government-owned steel producer, has partnered with global resources giant BHP to make steel production more sustainable.
- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):** Both companies signed an MoU to explore strategies for reducing carbon emissions in steelmaking, particularly through the blast furnace (BF) route.
- **Decarbonisation Efforts:** The collaboration will focus on various projects at SAIL's integrated steel plants, aimed at finding alternative materials to lower emissions.
- **Research and Development:** The initiative seeks to enhance local R&D capabilities to support the development of cleaner technologies in steel production.
- **Hydrogen as Clean Fuel:** Hydrogen, being a clean fuel, is being explored as an alternative to coal in steelmaking due to its potential to produce energy without harmful emissions.
- **Biochar Utilization:** Biochar, made from plant materials, will be considered for use in steel production to reduce carbon emissions and improve soil health.
- This partnership reflects a significant step towards sustainable practices in the steel industry, addressing environmental concerns while promoting innovation.

**Q.** Which company has partnered with SAIL to enhance environmentally friendly steel production? **BHP**



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## Russia to test hydrogen-powered vessel in October

- Russia's first hydrogen-powered vessel, named Ecobalt, is scheduled to undergo sea trials this month.
- **Design and Capacity:** The vessel is designed as a 12-passenger recreational boat.
- **Power Source:** It is equipped with an electrochemical generator powered by hydrogen fuel.
- **Domestically Produced Technology:** This vessel features Russia's first domestically-produced electrochemical hydrogen generator, representing a fully-import-substituted technology.
- **Project Leadership:** The project is spearheaded by the KSRC, a leading developer of ship designs, materials, and technologies for the Russian Navy.
- **Construction Details:** Ecobalt was constructed at the Gorky Zelenodolsk Shipyard by Ak Bars, based on a design from the KSRC's Baltsudoproekt Central Design Bureau.
- **Purpose of the Prototype:** The vessel serves as a prototype aimed at refining hydrogen-based technology and developing a universal power module using fuel cells.

**Q.** What is the name of Russia's first hydrogen-powered vessel? **Ecobalt**



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