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AIIMS Delhi Partners with Tech Firm to Establish Cutting-Edge Robotic Surgery Training Centre

- AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences), New Delhi, has signed an MoU with Intuitive, a technology company, to establish a training centre focused on robotic-assisted surgery.
- **Objective:** The centre will provide specialized training to surgeons and care teams in performing robotic-assisted surgeries across multiple fields, such as urology, gynaecology, and general surgery.
- **Significance:** This development marks a significant advancement in India's medical education and healthcare sector. It will enable AIIMS to further elevate patient care by using modern technology to enhance surgical precision and outcomes.
- **Facilities:** With the signing of the MoU, AIIMS now has access to all the necessary platforms for conducting and teaching robotic-assisted surgeries. Both in-house surgeons and medical professionals from across India will be able to benefit from this training.
- **Nationwide Impact:** Experienced robotic surgeons at AIIMS will mentor and train new surgeons from various regions, contributing to the skill enhancement of medical professionals across the country.

Q. Which institution recently signed an MoU with Intuitive, a tech company to establish a training centre for robotic-assisted surgery in India? **AIIMS**



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Indian Duo Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan and Vijay Sundar Prashanth Clinch Hangzhou Open Doubles Title

- Indian tennis players Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan and Vijay Sundar Prashanth won the doubles title at the ATP 250 Hangzhou Open 2024.
- The victory took place at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Expo Centre, China.
- **Opponents:** They defeated the German pair, Constantine Frantzen and Hendrik Jebens, in a closely contested match with scores of 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 10-7.
- **Achievement:** This marks the first ATP title for the Indian duo as a pair. For Jeevan, it breaks a seven-year title drought, and for Vijay, it is his first-ever ATP title.

2024 Hangzhou Open:

- The 2024 Hangzhou Open is a men's tennis tournament to be played on outdoor hard courts.
- It was the first edition of the Hangzhou Open and part of the ATP Tour 250 series of the 2024 ATP Tour.
- Singles winner: Marin Čilić (Croatia)
- Doubles winner: Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan / Vijay Sundar Prashanth (India)

Q. Which Indian Duo won the doubles title at the ATP 250 Hangzhou Open 2024? **Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan and Vijay Sundar Prashanth**



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India-Oman Joint Military Exercise AL-NAJAH 5 Focuses on Combat Skills and Interoperability

- The India-Oman Joint Military Exercise AL-NAJAH 5 is being conducted at the Rabkoot Training Area in Oman from 13th to 26th September 2024.
- The Indian contingent includes 60 personnel from the Mechanised Infantry Regiment, along with other arms and services. The Royal Army of Oman is the partner force.

Focus Areas:

- Training began with combat first aid, casualty evacuation, weapon handling, and counter-drone drills to improve interoperability between both armies.
- Subsequent phases included extensive training in Assault Rifle, Sniper, Pistol, and LMG firing, emphasizing reflex firing and close-quarter battle.
- Case studies and collaboration in field engineering tasks provided valuable combat experience exchange.
- Exercises Conducted: The joint exercise covered realistic combat scenarios, such as clearing built-up areas, hostage rescue, casualty evacuation, and resupply in combat zones.
- Significance: The exercise enhances military cooperation and interoperability between India and Oman, with both forces focusing on real-world combat preparedness and modern warfare tactics.

Q. What is the name of the India-Oman joint military exercise conducted in September 2024 to enhance combat skills and interoperability? **AL-NAJAH 5**



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Veteran BJP Leader Suryakanta Vyas Passes Away at 87

- Suryakanta Vyas, a veteran BJP leader and six-time MLA, passed away at the age of 87 after a prolonged illness. She was affectionately known as "Jiji" (elderly sister).
- Suryakanta Vyas's long political career and significant contributions to the development of her constituencies make her a notable figure in Rajasthan's political history.
- **Political Career:** Vyas began her political journey as a councillor and first contested in 1990 from the Jodhpur (old city) constituency, where she won. She continued her successful electoral career, winning the 1990, 1993, and 2003 Assembly elections by significant margins.
- **Constituencies Represented:** In 2008, she shifted to the Sursagar Assembly constituency, where she emerged victorious and repeated her success in the 2013 and 2018 elections.
- **Contributions:** During her tenure, several development projects were initiated in Jodhpur, particularly during the periods when Vasundhara Raje and Bhairon Singh Shekhawat were Chief Ministers of Rajasthan.

Q. Which veteran BJP leader and six-time MLA from Rajasthan, known as "Jiji," passed away at the age of 87 in 2024? **Suryakanta Vyas**



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Playback Singer P Susheela and Poet Mu Metha Win Kalaithurai Vithakar Award for 2023

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin announced the winners of the 2023 Kalaignar Memorial Kalaithurai Vithakar Award, honoring playback singer P Susheela and Tamil poet Mu Metha.
- **Award Details:** The award, constituted in memory of former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi, includes a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh and a memento. It will be presented to the winners on September 30, 2024.
- **Award Committee:** The selection committee was chaired by noted film director SP Muthuraman, with actor Nassar and director Karur Palaniappan as members.
- **Background:** The Kalaithurai Vithakar Award was first introduced in 2022, and the inaugural recipient was Tamil scriptwriter Aroor Das (Tiruvarur Das). In 2024, to mark the birth centenary of M. Karunanidhi, an additional award was introduced to honor a female artist, which was given to P Susheela.

Recipients:

- **P Susheela:** A legendary playback singer, she holds the Guinness World Record for singing the most songs in Indian languages and was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2009.
- **Mu Metha:** A renowned Tamil poet and professor, Mu Metha has won the Tamil Sahitya Academy Award and contributed lyrics to over 70 Tamil films. He has authored numerous poems, novels, essays, and short stories.

Q. Who are the recipients of the 2023 Kalaignar Memorial Kalaithurai Vithakar Award announced by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin? **P Susheela and Mu Metha**



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SC Collegium recommends appointment of Justice Narendar G. as Chief Justice of Uttarakhand HC

- The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the appointment of Mr Justice Narendar G, judge of the Andhra Pradesh High Court, as the Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court upon the retirement of present CJ Ms Justice Ritu Bahri on 10 October 2024.
- Justice Narendar originally belongs of the Karnataka High Court.
- While on the other hand Justice Suresh Kumar Kait took oath as the new Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court.

What is SC Collegium?

- The Supreme Court (SC) Collegium is a system in India responsible for the appointment and transfer of judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts. It is a powerful body composed of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) and a group of senior judges from the Supreme Court.
- **Composition:** The Collegium typically consists of the Chief Justice of India and the four most senior judges of the Supreme Court.
- **Origin:** The SC Collegium system evolved through landmark Supreme Court judgments, notably the Second Judges' Case (1993), which established the primacy of the judiciary in the appointment process, and the Third Judges' Case (1998), which refined the system.

Q. Who has been recommended as the new Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court by the SC Collegium? **Justice Narendar G.**



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ADB, Bhutan sign loan agreement for solar power project

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of Bhutan have signed a \$30 million loan agreement for the Distributed Solar for Public Infrastructure Project.
- **Project Goal:** The project aims to generate up to 35 megawatts of solar power systems on rooftops of public infrastructure across Bhutan.
- **Energy Security Concern:** Bhutan faces rising electricity demand and insufficient power supply, especially during the winter, leading to concerns about energy security.
- **National Priority:** The project aligns with Bhutan's national priority to enhance the climate resilience of energy systems and diversify energy sources.
- **Technical Assistance Grant:** ADB is providing a \$1 million technical assistance grant from the Technical Assistance Special Fund and Clean Energy Fund under the Clean Energy Financing Partnership Facility.

Support from the Grant:

- Development of guidelines to expand rooftop solar investments.
- Promotion of new solar technologies through a pilot project.

Q. What is the value of the loan agreement signed between ADB and the Government of Bhutan for the Distributed Solar for Public Infrastructure Project? **\$30 million.**



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ATP Tour: China's Shang beats Musetti to claim Chengdu Open title

- Shang Juncheng, a young Chinese tennis prodigy, won his first ATP tour title at the Chengdu Open.
- **Defeated Top Seed:** Shang claimed the championship by defeating top-seeded Italian player, Lorenzo Musetti.
- **Rising Star:** Shang was the runner-up at the 2021 US Open Juniors and made his Grand Slam debut at the 2023 Australian Open.
- **Notable Wins:** At Chengdu, Shang defeated prominent players like former world No. 4 Kei Nishikori, last year's runner-up Aslan Karatsev, and second seed Andrey Rublev.
- **Opponent's Record:** Musetti, ranked 18th globally, reached the Chengdu Open semifinals last year and earned a bronze medal at the Paris Olympics.
- **Doubles Event:** In the doubles, the French pair Sadio Doumbia and Fabien Reboul defended their title, becoming the first duo to achieve this feat at the Chengdu Open.

Chengdu Open

- The 2024 Chengdu Open was a men's tennis tournament played on outdoor hard courts.
- Edition: 6th
- Category: ATP Tour 250 series
- Surface: Hard / outdoor
- Location: Chengdu, China

Q. Who won the 2024 ATP Chengdu Open singles title?
Shang Juncheng (China).



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India pips Japan, ranks 3rd on Asia Power Index of Australia think tank

- India has moved up to 3rd place in the Asia Power Index, surpassing Japan, due to strong post-COVID-19 economic growth.
- **Index Leader:** The United States tops the index with a score of 81.7, followed by China with 72.7, and India with 39.1.
- **Other Rankings:** Japan ranks 4th with 38.9, followed by Australia (31.9) and Russia (31.1).
- **Index Scope:** The Index evaluates 27 countries and territories, from Pakistan to Russia and into the Pacific region, including Australia, New Zealand, and the US.
- **Factors for India's Rise:** Key factors cited for India's growth include its economic performance, future potential, and diplomatic influence.
- **Limitations:** Despite the rise, India's influence is noted to be below its full potential, given its resources.
- **Strategic Position:** India's non-aligned strategic approach has allowed it to navigate international complexities effectively.
- **Regional Role:** India's active participation in regional dialogues, particularly through its leadership in the Quad, enhances its role in regional security outside of formal military alliances.

Q. Which country ranks 1st in the Asia Power Index? **The United States**



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ADB retains India's economic growth forecast at 7% for FY24, 7.2% for FY25

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) projects sustained strong growth for India's economy, forecasting a 7 per cent increase in gross domestic product (GDP) for the financial year 2024 (ending 31 March 2025) and 7.2 per cent for FY2025.
- The projections were outlined in the bank's Asian Development Outlook report for September 2024.
- Resilience: India's economy is resilient amid global geopolitical challenges.
- **Agricultural Growth:** Agricultural improvements expected to enhance rural spending, complementing industrial and services sectors.
- **Positive Outlook:** Continued growth in industrial and services sectors.
- **Debt and Deficit:** Central government debt projected to decline from 58.2% of GDP in FY2023 to 56.8% in FY2024.
- **Inflation:** Consumer inflation projected at 4.7% in FY2024, driven by high food prices.

Q. What is the GDP growth forecast for India by the ADB for FY2024? **7%.**



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