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Gina Justus Wins 2024 Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards For Middle East And North Africa

- Gina Justus, a teacher at Our Own English High School, Sharjah Girls' Branch, has been named the regional winner for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) in the 2024 Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards.
- Justus, originally from Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, has been working in the UAE since 2005 and was recognised for her outstanding mentorship and dedication to charity.

Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Award:

- The Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards is a global competition. It honors exceptional primary and secondary school teachers.
- In this competition, students, parents and peers can nominate teachers who have made a significant impact on their educational journey.
- In its sixth year, the competition emphasizes the vital role of teachers in improving the lives of their students and preparing them for the global stage.

Q. Who has been named as the regional winner for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) in the 2024 Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards? **Gina Justus**

INDIA'S HIGHEST MEDAL TALLY AT A SINGLE ARCHERY WORLD CUP STAGE



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Indian Contingent Wins Eight Medals At Archery World Cup In Shanghai

- The Indian contingent has won eight medals including 5 Gold, 2 Silver and a bronze so far at Archery World Cup in Shanghai.
- The Indian trio of Dhiraj Bommadevara, Tarundeep Rai and Pravin Jadhav shocked reigning Olympic champions of South Korea in Recurve Men's Team event to claim the fifth gold.
- This is the first-ever triumph of Indian men's recurve team over the archery powerhouse in a World Cup final.
- This will boost India's prospects for securing a berth in the upcoming Paris Olympics. Meanwhile, in the finals of women's recurve individual event, India's Deepika Kumari goes down to Asian Games champion Lim Sihyeon of South Korea and settles for the silver.
- Earlier, Reigning Asian Games champion Jyothi Surekha Vennam added a fourth gold in women's compound individual section yesterday, while Priyansh settled for a maiden World Cup silver in the men's individual compound section.

Q. Recently, the Indian contingent has won how many gold so far in the Archery World Cup in Shanghai? **5**



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Iraq's Parliament On Passes Law Criminalising Same-Sex Relationships

- Iraq's parliament passed a law criminalising same-sex relationships.
- The Law bans same-sex relations with maximum of 15 years in prison, and mandates at least seven years in prison for anybody who promotes homosexuality or prostitution. It also imposes between one and three years in prison for anyone who changes their biological gender or dresses in an effeminate manner.
- The law was backed mainly by conservative Shi'ite Muslim parties who form the largest coalition in mainly Muslim Iraq's parliament.
- The move aimed to uphold religious values and to protect Iraqi society from moral depravity.
- Major Iraqi parties have in the past year stepped up criticism of LGBT rights, with rainbow flags frequently being burnt in protests by both ruling and opposition conservative Shi'ite Muslim factions last year.
- According to data available, same-sex sexual acts are legal in more than 130 countries while more than 60 countries have criminalised gay sex.

Q. Iraq's parliament passed a law criminalizing homosexual relations, with a maximum punishment of how many years in prison? **15**



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Pakistan's Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar appointed as deputy prime minister

- Pakistan's Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar was appointed as the country's deputy prime minister.
- Dar, 73, a chartered accountant and a veteran politician, belongs to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz party.
- He has served as finance minister in two previous governments. He was considered the party's answer to all economic problems, serving as finance minister for the fourth and last time in the previous Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) coalition government.
- This is not the first time a deputy prime minister has been appointed. Chaudhry Parvez Elahi served as deputy prime minister during the tenure of the PPP from June 25, 2012, to June 29, 2013.
- His role at that time was mostly symbolic as he was rewarded by then-President Asif Ali Zardari for supporting the PPP government.
- Elahi is currently president of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf and is in jail due to allegations of corruption.

Q. Who has been appointed as the deputy prime minister of Pakistan? **Ishaq Dar**



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South Korea's Hyundai And Kia Join China's Baidu

- Hyundai Motor, South Korea's top carmaker, and its affiliate Kia have reached an agreement with Baidu, China's tech giant to develop technologies for connected cars.
- The two South Korean carmakers and Baidu will join hands in a wide array of areas, including connectivity and self-driving technologies under the memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed in Beijing.
- Hyundai and Kia will also utilize Baidu's smart cloud computing technology to address Beijing's enhancing data regulations, reports Yonhap news agency.
- The agreement came amid the growing market for connected cars in China.
- Hyundai and Kia have been working closely with Baidu since 2014, including the development of voice recognition technology.

Q. South Korea's top carmaker Hyundai Motor and its partner Kia have signed an agreement with which Chinese tech giant to develop technology for connected cars? **Baidu**

VIZHINJAM PORT **OF ADANI GROUP WILL RUN** **INDIA'S 1ST TRANSSHIPMENTS**

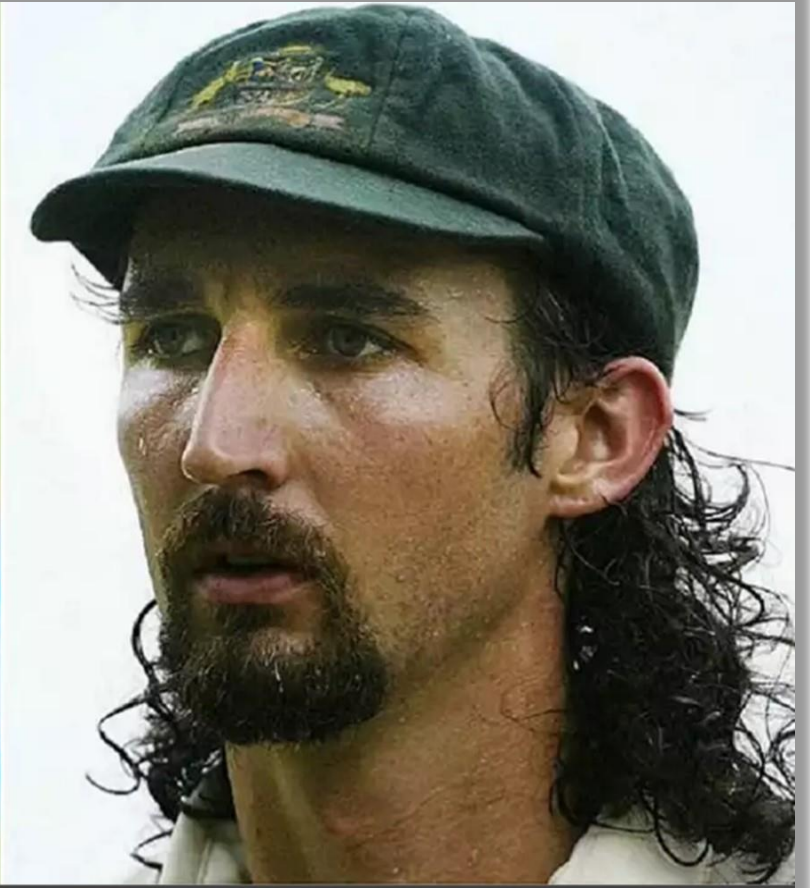


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Vizhinjam Port of Adani Group will run India's 1st transshipments

- Adani Group's Vizhinjam Port in Kerala has received approval from the shipping ministry to operate as India's first transshipment port. This will be India's first full-fledged deepwater transshipment port.
- Transshipment ports are transit hubs where cargo from one ship is transferred to another on the way to its final destination.
- World's biggest Transshipment ports are Singapore, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Busan and Hong Kong.
- The port is expected to attract the world's largest container ships, which have avoided India until now because its harbors were not deep enough to handle such vessels.
- Biggest share in international market: The ₹20,000 crore investment in the port will allow India to grab a bigger share of the international maritime trade currently dominated by China.

Q. Which port of Adani Group in Kerala has received approval from the Shipping Ministry to operate as India's first transshipment port? **Vizhinjam Port**



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Gillespie appointed Pakistan men's Test coach, Kirsten named white-ball coach

- Jason Gillespie, the former Australian fast bowler, has been announced as Pakistan's new Test coach, while former South African batter Gary Kirsten has been named their white-ball coach.
- Azhar Mahmood, who had been appointed on a temporary basis for the New Zealand series, will continue as the assistant coach in all formats.
- The three coaches have been appointed on two-year contracts following a recruitment process.
- The position of the head coach had been vacant since Grant Bradburn, who took over from Saqlain Mushtaq last year, quit in January to join Glamorgan as head coach.
- The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) had approached other high-profile names, including Shane Watson, who ultimately pulled out of the race.
- Kirsten is expected to take over from the England tour, which will feature a four-match T20I series starting on May 22 in Leeds.

Q. Who has been appointed as the Pakistan men's Test coach? **Jason Gillespie**

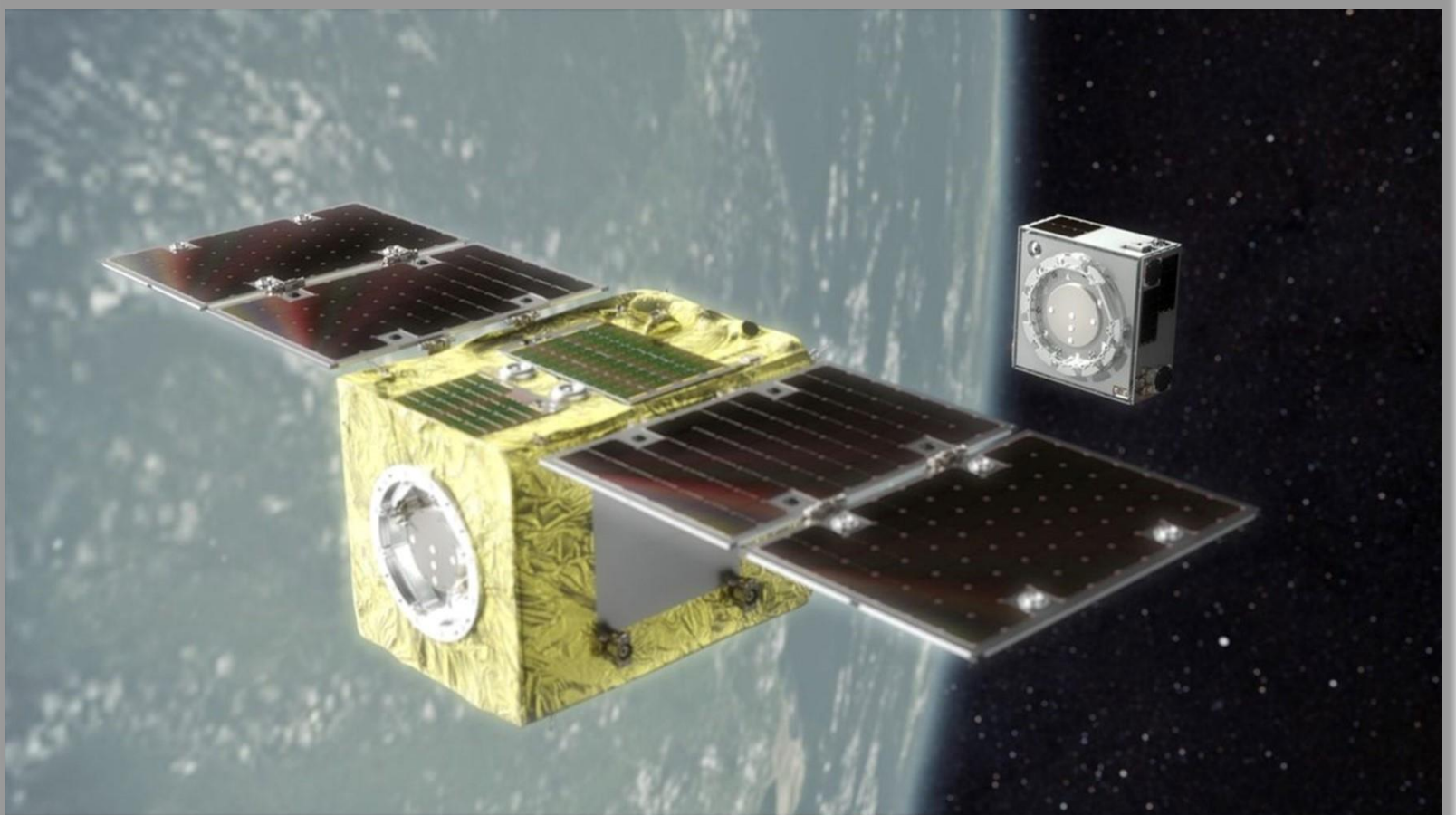


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Former union minister, BJP leader V Srinivas Prasad passes away

- Chamarajanagar MP, former Union Minister, and BJP leader V Srinivas Prasad passed away in Bengaluru.
- Prasad had announced his political retirement on March 17, marking the golden jubilee of his political career.
- However, his residence in Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru, remained active with political engagements.
- Born to M Venkataiah and D V Puttamma in Ashokapuram, Mysuru, on July 6, 1947, Prasad began his electoral journey on March 17, 1974, in the by-election to Krishnaraja Assembly segment as an Independent. He had a longstanding association with Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) until 1972 and was active in the Jan Sangh and Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP). Apart from his political stature as a Dalit leader, he was admired for his intellectual pursuits.
- He served as a Union Minister in the A B Vajpayee Cabinet from 1999 to 2004, representing Lokajanashakthi MP. Additionally, he was elected twice as an MLA and served as Karnataka's Revenue Minister.

Q. V Srinivas Prasad, who passed away recently, was related to which field? **Politics**



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World's First Image of Space Debris Captured By Japan's AstroScale

- Astroscale Japan Inc., a subsidiary of Astroscale Holdings Inc., has unveiled the first publicly released image of space debris captured through rendezvous and proximity operations (RPO).
- This historic image was taken by their commercial debris inspection demonstration satellite called Active Debris Removal by Astroscale-Japan (ADRAS-J).
- The ADRAS-J spacecraft was selected by Japanese space agency JAXA for Phase I of its Commercial Removal of Debris Demonstration (CRD2) program.
- Astroscale Japan is responsible for the design, manufacture, test, launch and operations of ADRAS-J.
- ADRAS-J is designed to demonstrate the feasibility of capturing and removing space debris from orbit. Its primary goal is to test technologies and techniques for safe and efficient debris removal.

Q. Astroscale Japan Inc., a subsidiary of Astroscale Holdings Inc. unveiled the first publicly available image of space debris taken by which commercial debris monitoring demonstration satellite? **ADRAS-J**



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Dubai to build world's largest airport with 400 terminal gates

- Dubai's ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum announce that his government has approved the designs for the new passenger terminals at Al Maktoum International Airport worth \$34.85 billion.
- The Al Maktoum International Airport will be the largest in the world having a capacity of handling up to 260 million passengers.
- It will be five times the size of the current Dubai International Airport. He added that in the coming 10 years, all the operations of the Dubai International Airport will be transferred to Al Maktoum. With five parallel runways, the airport will accommodate 400 terminal gates.
- The airport is set to become the new hub for Emirates, the leading carrier, and its budget counterpart, Flydubai, alongside all other airline partners linking Dubai with the rest of the world.

Q. Al Maktoum International Airport, the world's largest airport with a capacity to handle 260 million passengers, is located in which country? **UAE**



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