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Cognizant Technologies to acquire Belcan for \$1.3 billion in cash and stock

- Information technology services provider Cognizant Technologies has agreed to acquire digital engineering firm Belcan for nearly \$1.3 billion in cash and stock.
- The deal would expand Teaneck, New Jersey-based Cognizant's footprint in the aerospace, defence, space and automotive sectors.
- Cincinnati-based Belcan, which has been owned by private equity firm AE Industrial Partners since 2015.
- Some of its clients include Boeing, General Motors, Rolls-Royce, the US space agency Nasa and the US Navy.
- As part of the deal, Belcan would continue to be led by its CEO Lance Kwasniewski and operate as a unit of Cognizant.

Q. Which American multinational information technology company is going to acquire Belcan for \$1.3 billion in cash and stock? **Cognizant Technologies**



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Puja Tomar creates history, becomes first Indian women to win in UFC

- Puja Tomar made history as the first Indian to win a fight in the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), defeating Brazil's Rayanne dos Santos at UFC Louisville 2024.
- Hailing from Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh, Puja had already broken new ground last year by becoming the first Indian woman to secure a UFC contract.
- In her debut fight in the women's strawweight division, she triumphed by split decision with scores of 30-27, 27-30, and 29-28.
- Puja follows in the footsteps of Bharat Kandare and Anshul Jubli, who both fought in the UFC but did not win their debut matches.
- Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC)
- Founded: November 1993
- Headquarters: Nevada, United States
- President: Dana White
- Parent: TKO Group Holdings

Q. Who made history as the first Indian to win a fight in the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), defeating Rayanne dos Santos at UFC Louisville 2024? **Puja Tomar**



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Max Verstappen mounts back on top in Canadian GP

- Max Verstappen won the Canadian Grand Prix for the third straight year for the Red Bull star's 60th Formula 1 victory and sixth in nine races this season.
- Verstappen started second in the rain alongside pole-sitter George Russell and dominated late again.
- The 26-year-old Dutchman has a staggering 50 victories in the last 75 F1 races.
- Verstappen finished 3.879 seconds ahead of McLaren's Lando Norris in the 70-lap race.
- Last year, Verstappen started from the pole and led every lap.
- Mercedes took the third and fourth spots, with Russell third and seven-time Montreal winner Lewis Hamilton fourth.
- Oscar Piastri was fifth for McLaren.
- 2024 Canadian Grand Prix
- Date: 9 June 2024
- Location: Montréal, Quebec, Canada
- Distance: 70 laps

Q.Who has won the 2024 Canadian Grand Prix for the third straight year? **Max Verstappen**



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Fabless firm FADU, Western Digital to develop next-gen SSD tech

- South Korean fabless semiconductor company FADU has partnered with US data storage firm Western Digital Corp. to co-develop next-generation technology for solid-state drives (SSDs) targeted at business applications.
- The collaboration focuses on developing Flexible Data Placement (FDP) technology, which aims to optimise the performance, reliability and lifespan of SSDs.
- Demand for FDP has been growing, with major global tech companies, such as Meta and Google, endorsing the technology.
- Founded in 2015, FADU specialises in chip design for data centres and is known for its high-performance SSD controllers.
- Western Digital Corp
- Formerly: General Digital Corporation (1970–1971)
- Industry: Computer storage
- Founded: April 23, 1970
- Founder: Alvin B. Phillips
- Headquarters: California, U.S.
- CEO: David Goeckeler

Q. Which South Korean fabless semiconductor company has partnered with US data storage firm Western Digital Corp. to co-develop next-generation technology for solid-state drives (SSDs) targeted at business applications? **FADU**



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French Open: Spain's Carlos Alcaraz Garfia Grabbed Men's Singles Title At Roland Garros In Paris

- In Tennis, Spain's Carlos Alcaraz Garfia grabbed his first-ever French Open Men's singles title at the Roland Garros in Paris.
- Alcaraz triumphed over Alexander Zverev of Germany in the final.
- Alcaraz has now won more Grand Slams at the age of just 21, than every man born in the 1990s combined.
- The Spaniard also became the second youngest player in the Open era to claim a major title on all three surfaces.
- In the French Open Tennis Women's singles final, World No. 1 Iga Swiatek of Poland overcame an early wobble to beat first-time Italy's Jasmine Paolini at Roland Garris. She became only the third woman in the Open era to clinch three straight French Open titles.

Q. Who recently won his first-ever French Open Men's singles title? **Carlos Alcaraz**



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Tennis: India's Sumit Nagal Clinches Heilbronn Neckarcup Challenger In Germany

- In tennis, India's Sumit Nagal clinched the Heilbronn Neckarcup Challenger in Germany.
- He defeated Alexander Ritschard of Switzerland in the men's singles title clash. This is his 6th ATP Challenger title.
- With this victory, Sumit virtually qualified for the upcoming Paris Olympics.
- He also achieved an all time high World Ranking of 77 in the Live ATP ranking.
- Heilbronn Neckarcup Challenger
- The Heilbronner Neckarcup is a tennis tournament held in Heilbronn, Germany since 2014.
- The event is part of the ATP Challenger Tour and is played on outdoor clay courts.
- Location: Heilbronn, Germany
- Category: ATP Challenger Tour
- Prize money: €64,000

Q. Which Indian grabbed the men's singles title at Heilbronn Neckarcup Challenger in Germany? **Sumit Nagal**



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Indonesia Open: China's Chen Yufei wins women's singles final

- Chen Yufei of China beat South Korea's An Seyoung to win the women's singles final of the Indonesia Open 2024.
- In the final match of the men's singles in the Indonesia Open 2024, China's Shi Yu Qi clinched a win against Denmark's Anders Antonsen.
- On the other hand, in the women's singles final, Chen sealed a and victory over her South Korean opponent.
- 2024 Champions:
- Men's singles: Shi Yuqi (China)
- Women's singles: Chen Yufei (China)
- Men's doubles: Liang Weikeng (China), Wang Chang (China)
- Women's doubles: Baek Ha-na (South Korea), Lee So-hee (South Korea)
- Mixed doubles: Jiang Zhenbang (China), Wei Yaxin (China)

Q. Who won women's singles final of the Indonesia Open 2024? **Chen Yufei**



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European Commission Excludes Tanzania From Conservation Grant

- The European Commission (EC) has made a significant decision regarding Tanzania's eligibility for a conservation grant under its NaturAfrica initiative.
- Tanzania was removed, specifically in relation to the Eastern Rift Savannas and Watersheds (ERiSaWa) component, with a focus shifting solely to Kenya.
- Purpose: The NaturAfrica program, funded by the EC, aims to conserve biodiversity and promote sustainable development in key African landscapes.
- Focus: It targets specific areas known as Key Landscapes for Conservation and Development (KLCDS).
- Goals: NaturAfrica strives to balance environmental protection, support local livelihoods, and ensure good governance for vital ecosystems.

Q.What is NaturAfrica?

A European Commission-funded program focused on conserving biodiversity and promoting sustainable development in key African landscapes.

Recently European Commission excludes which country from conservation grant under its NaturAfrica initiative?

Tanzania



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Raj Priy Singh Appointed Director In Department Of Rural Development

- Raj Priy Singh has been selected for the appointment as Director in the Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Rural Development.
- Singh is an Indian Forest Service of 2010-batch.
- His appointment follows a recommendation for Central deputation by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and is governed by the Central Staffing Scheme (CSS).
- Raj Priy Singh's appointment as Director in the Department of Rural Development is under the Central Staffing Scheme for five years, effective from the date he assumes charge of the post or until further orders, whichever comes earlier.
- Ministry of Rural Development
- Minister responsible: Giriraj Singh
- Founded: 20 January 1980
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Annual budget: ₹159,964 crore (2023-24 est.)
- Secretary: Shailesh Kumar Singh

Q. Who has been selected for the appointment as Director in the Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Rural Development? **Raj Priy Singh**



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UN adds Israel to global list of offenders that harm children

- United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has added Israel's military to a global list of offenders that have committed violations against children.
- Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad were also added to the list, along with the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).
- Israel's inclusion on the list comes after eight months of war in Gaza, in which more than 15,500 children have been killed.
- The war was sparked by a Hamas-led assault on Israel on October 7, which killed 1,200 people and saw some 250 others taken hostage.
- Many are still in captivity and Hamas' top leadership is still at large despite the Israeli onslaught.
- The UN's so-called blacklist has previously included countries such as Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen.

Q.The United Nations has added Which country's military to a global list of offenders that have committed violations against children? **Israel**




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