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Manipur Governor Sushri Anusuiya Uikey Inaugurates 'School On Wheels'

- Manipur, Governor Sushri Anusuiya Uikey inaugurated 'School on Wheels' held in Imphal.
- The initiative which is being implemented by Vidya Bharati Shiksha Vikash Samiti Manipur aims to reach out to the students in the relief camps in the State.
- The school bus is equipped with a library, computers and sports items with a teacher and visits relief camps in different places in the State.
- The Governor said that children living in the camps should not face any deficiency in education. The initiative will help in reaching out to the displaced students staying in the relief camps. The Governor also directed the Chief Secretary to take steps to extend support to the Samiti in enhancing the number of such buses.

Manipur:

- Capital: Imphal
- Governor: Anusuiya Uikey
- Chief minister: N. Biren Singh

Q. 'School on Wheels' is an initiative of which state government? **Manipur**



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Tejaswin Shankar Wins Men's High Jump Event At USATF Festival

- India's Tejaswin Shankar clinched victory in the men's High Jump event at the USATF Festival in Tucson, Arizona, USA.
- The National record holder Tejaswin cleared 2.23 metres in his first attempt to secure the top spot at the World Athletics Continental Tour – Silver event.
- With this jump, he equaled his season-best effort.
- Earnie Sears of USA finished second, while Roberto Vilches of Mexico was third.
- Another Indian athlete, Sarvesh Kushare cleared 2.13m to finish fifth.

USA Track & Field (USATF):

- Sport: Track & Field
- Long-Distance Running
- Race Walking
- Founded: 1979
- Headquarters: Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.
- President: Vin Lananna
- CEO: Max Siegel

Q. Which Indian won men's High Jump event at the USATF Festival in Tucson, Arizona, USA? **Tejaswin Shankar**



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REC receives RBI approval to set up subsidiary in Gujarat's GIFT City

- State-owned REC Ltd has received RBI's approval to set up a subsidiary in GIFT City, Gujarat.
- The proposed subsidiary will engage in a range of financial activities as a finance company within GIFT, including lending, investment, and other financial services.
- According to the statement, REC Ltd, under the Ministry of Power and a leading NBFC, has received a 'No Objection Certificate' (NOC) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for setting up a subsidiary in Gujarat International Finance Tech-City (GIFT) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- The decision to expand operations into GIFT, a burgeoning hub for financial services in India, comes as REC continues to diversify its portfolio and explore new avenues for growth.
- The GIFT City platform offers a conducive environment for international lending activities coupled with world-class infrastructure.

Q. Which state-owned company has recently received RBI approval to set up a subsidiary in GIFT City, Gujarat? **REC Limited**

**MINDGROVE****Tuesday, 07 May 2024**

Indian startup Mindgrove unveils 1st indigenous high-performance chip

- As India begins its chip-making journey, fabless semiconductor startup Mindgrove Technologies, said that it has launched the country's first commercial, high-performance SoC (system on chip).
- Called 'Secure IoT,' the RISC-V (open-source architecture)-based chip will help domestic original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) use a homegrown chip in their devices.
- The IIT Madras-incubated startup said that the chip is likely to cost 30 per cent less than other chips in the same segment.
- Mindgrove designed and sent out the chip for manufacturing within eight months, which is faster than industry standards of two to three years.
- The chip is a high-performance microcontroller clocked at 700 MHz.
- It can control devices — from smartwatches to smart city devices like connected electricity, water, and gas metres — to connected home devices and even EV battery management systems.
- The country consumes over a billion chips a year and anywhere between 10 to 50 million of them can be replaced by 'Secure IoT'.

Q. Which fabless semiconductor startup has launched the country's first commercial, high-performance SoC (System on Chip)? **Mindgroove Technologies**



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Actor Bernard Hill, of 'Titanic' and 'Lord of the Rings,' dies at 79

- Actor Bernard Hill, who delivered a rousing cry before leading his people into battle in "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" and went down with the ship as the captain in "Titanic," has died.
- Hill joined The Lord Of The Rings franchise in the second film of the trilogy, 2002's "The Two Towers," as Thoden, King of Rohan. The following year, he reprised the role in "Return of the King," a movie that won 11 Oscars.
- In one of the film's most memorable scenes, Hill's character fires up his overmatched forces by delivering a battle cry on horseback that sends his troops thundering downhill toward the enemy and his own imminent death.
- He was nominated for an award in 1983 from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts for the role, and the show won the BAFTA for best drama series.

Q. Name the actor of 'Titanic' and 'Lord of the Rings', who passed away recently? **Bernard Hill**



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South Korea to take part in US-led cyber exercise amid rising security threats from North Korea

- South Korea's Cyber Operations Command will participate in a U.S.-led multinational cyber exercise to strengthen its capabilities to counter malicious cyber activities.
- 9 personnel from the South's military will join the Cyber Flag exercise to be held in the U.S.
- The online exercise is designed to hone skills for multinational cooperation in countering cyberthreats and share intelligence against enemies' cyber activities.
- Since 2011, the U.S. Cyber Command has conducted the cyber exercise annually to enhance the readiness of Washington, its allies and partner countries against security threats in the online domain.
- This year's exercise involves 18 nations, including the "Five Eyes" intelligence™ alliance, which consists of the U.S., Britain, Australia, Canada and New Zealand, and other partner countries.

Q. What is the name of the US led Cyber Exercise in which South Korea is going to take part in order to strengthen its capabilities to counter malicious cyber activities? **Cyber Flag exercise**



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India, Ghana agree to operationalise UPI link within 6 months

- India and Ghana are working to link their payment systems - Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Ghana Interbank Payment and Settlement Systems (GHIPSS) respectively to permit users to make instant, low-cost fund transfers on a reciprocal basis.
- The two countries have also delved into discussions regarding the possibilities of a Memorandum of Understanding on Digital transformation Solutions; Local Currency Settlement System and the opportunities offered by African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA).
- India's UPI has already reached countries including Singapore and the UAE.
- Talks are also on with Nigeria for the same.
- NPCI International has recently announced its partnership with Bank of Namibia to support them in developing a UPI-like real-time payment system in the African nation.
- Note: The bilateral trade between India and the West African nation Ghana has increased to USD 2.87 billion in 2022-23 from USD 2.6 billion in 2021-22.

Q. India along with which West African nation are working to link their payment systems to permit users to make instant, low-cost fund transfers on a reciprocal basis? **Ghana**



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Norris takes first F1 win in Miami GP

- McLaren's Lando Norris took advantage of a mid-race Safety Car period to beat Max Verstappen and win his first Formula One Grand Prix in Miami.
- Norris had been running sixth in the early stages of the race, but everything changed when the Safety Car was deployed on lap 29 after Kevin Magnussen tangled with Logan Sargeant at Turn 3, sending both into the barriers.
- McLaren had brought upgrades to Miami, and Norris had shown genuine pace on his way to victory, crossing the line 7.6 seconds ahead of the previously dominant Verstappen.
- Behind the top two, Ferrari's Charles Leclerc rounded out the top three, with teammate Carlos Sainz fourth after overtaking Norris' teammate Oscar Piastri, who subsequently needed to pit for a new front wing, ruining his chances of points.
- Verstappen's teammate Sergio Perez had a low-key run to fifth place, ahead of Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton in sixth.

Q. Who has won the Miami Grand Prix 2024 title?
Lando Norris



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Bengaluru's Flying Wedge Defence Unveils India's First Indigenous Bomber UAV

- Defence and aerospace company Flying Wedge unveiled its bomber UAV – FWD-200B – which it said would advance India's unmanned air combat prowess with cost-efficiency and indigenous capabilities.
- The Bengaluru-based company said the UAV would address India's need for an advanced unmanned combat aircraft and boost efforts toward self-reliance in a segment critical to modern warfare.
- Flying Wedge had, in 2023, secured a DGCA type certification for its indigenous UAV technology.
- FWD-200B is a MALE (medium altitude, long endurance) UAV with a fuel capacity of 100 kg.
- It comes with optical surveillance payloads and is integrated with missile-like weapons for precision air strikes.
- The UAV has a maximum speed of 370 kmph (200 knots), an endurance capacity of 12 to 20 hours, and a ground control station range of 200 km.
- At six metres long, with an eight-metre wingspan, the aircraft can carry a maximum take-off weight of 498 kg and has an operational altitude of 9,000 ft above mean sea level.

Q. India's First Indigenous Bomber UAV – FWD-200B has been unveiled by which Defence and aerospace company?

Flying Wedge



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Kareena Kapoor Khan appointed UNICEF India National Ambassador

- UNICEF India announced Bollywood star Kareena Kapoor Khan as its new National Ambassador.
- The Crew star, who has been associated with UNICEF India since 2014, will support the not-for-profit organisation in furthering every child's right to early childhood development, health, education and gender equality.
- Kareena had earlier served as a Celebrity Advocate for UNICEF India.
- Besides Kareena, UNICEF India has also appointed its first-ever Youth Advocates, who are peer leaders and champions on issues like climate action, mental health, innovations and Girls in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).
- The four advocates are Gauranshi Sharma from Madhya Pradesh on right to play and disability inclusion; Kartik Verma from Uttar Pradesh on climate action and child rights advocacy; singer Nahid Afrin from Assam on mental health and early childhood development; and Vinisha Umashankar from Tamil Nadu is a budding innovator and STEM pioneer.

Q. Which Indian Celebrity has been appointed as the new UNICEF's National Ambassador for India? **Kareena Kapoor Khan**



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