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India Climbs To 39th Position In World Economic Forum's Travel & Tourism Development Index

- India has climbed to the 39th position in the World Economic Forum's Travel & Tourism Development Index 2024, while US topped the list.
- India also ranks the highest in South Asia among the lower-middle-income economies.
- Earlier, India was ranked 54th in 2021 published index.
- On an overall index score of 7, where 1 is the worst, and 7 the best, India scored 4.25.
- India's significant leap in the rankings underscores its growing competitiveness in the global tourism landscape.
- The biennial index analyzed the travel and tourism sectors of 119 countries, evaluating them on a range of factors and policies that foster tourism development.
- After the US, Spain, Japan, France and Australia figure among the top five in the 2024 list.

Q. What is the rank of India in the World Economic Forum's Travel & Tourism Development Index 2024?

39th



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Badminton: Satwik-Chirag Reclaim World No. 1 Spot In BWF Rankings

- The star Indian men's badminton duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have regained their top spot in the latest Badminton World Federation (BWF) Rankings after a remarkable victory at the Thailand Open Super 500 in Bangkok.
- Before the tournament, Satwik and Chirag were ranked third but managed to surpass China's Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang. South Korea's Min Hyuk Kang and Seung Jae Seo hold the third position
- Satwik and Chirag showcased impeccable form throughout the tournament, winning all their matches in straight games.
- Their dominant performance was highlighted in the final where they defeated China's Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi 21-15, 21-15 in just 46 minutes, securing their second Thailand Open men's doubles title.

Q. Which Indian men's badminton duo have regained their top spot in the latest Badminton World Federation (BWF) Rankings? **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty**



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Ekta Bhyan Secures Gold Medal In Women' F51 Club Throw Competition At World Para Athletic C'ships

- India's Ekta Bhyan secured gold medal with a season's best throw of 20.12 metre in the women' F51 club throw competition at the World Para Athletic Championships at Kobe in Japan.
- While Kashish Lakra took the silver with an effort of 14.56 metre, Nadjat Boucherf of Algeria won the bronze with a score of 12.70 metre.
- Deepthi, Para Asian Games gold medallist, had smashed a world record time of 55.07 seconds in the women's 400 metre T20 category race to win gold medal.

World Para Athletics Championships

- Formerly: IPC Athletics World Championships (1994–2017)
- Sport: Athletics
- Founded: 1994
- 2024 Host city: Kobe, Japan
- Edition: 11
- Main venue: Kobe Universiade Memorial Stadium

Q. Which Indian athlete has secured gold medal in the women' F51 club throw competition at the World Para Athletic Championships at Kobe in Japan? **Ekta Bhyan**



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EU Gives Final Approval To Artificial Intelligence Act

- European Union ministers have unanimously given their final approval to the Artificial Intelligence Act.
- It is a major new law that regulates the use of transformative technology in “high-risk” situations, such as law enforcement and employment.
- The European Union hopes that laying down strict AI rules relatively early in the technology’s development will address the dangers in time and help shape the international agenda for regulating AI.
- Systems intended for use in “high-risk” situations, listed in the law’s annexes, will have to meet various standards and other things.
- Some uses, such as Chinese-style social credit scoring, will be banned outright.

EU:

- The European Union (EU) is a supranational political and economic union of 27 member states that are located primarily in Europe.
- Capital: Brussels
- President of the European Council: Charles Michel
- Currency: Euro (€)

Q. Which Act has recently been unanimously given final approval by the EU Ministers? **Artificial Intelligence Act**



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Joint military exercise Shakti between India and France begins

- The 7th edition of the joint military exercise Shakti between India and France commenced at Umroi, Meghalaya. This year's iteration, Shakti-2024, marks a significant escalation in complexity, featuring double the troop deployment compared to previous editions.
- The focus of the exercise lies in honing skills for ground control operations in mountainous and semi-urban environments, simulating operations under a United Nations mandate. Notably, this year's Shakti integrates Air Force assets for the first time, alongside Navy and Air Force observers.
- One key highlight is the exchange of expertise between the Indian Army and the French contingent, composed of elite soldiers from the Légion étrangère (French Foreign Legion). The Indian Army is sharing its vast experience in jungle survival techniques, while both sides will train in mountain self-preservation tactics. This exchange fosters mutual learning and bolsters the capabilities of both forces.
- Shakti-2024 serves as a potent symbol of the intensifying Indo-French defense ties.

Q. "Shakti" is a joint military exercise between India and which country? **France**



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Iran Appoints Ali Bagheri As Acting Foreign Minister

- Iran's Foreign Minister Amirabdollahian, in a helicopter crash on May 19, Iran's cabinet swiftly appointed Ali Bagheri as the Acting Foreign Minister.
- Bagheri, a seasoned diplomat who previously served as deputy foreign minister under Amir-Abdollahian, was announced as the interim.
- With a background in nuclear negotiations and a close association with Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei, Bagheri steps into the role during a critical juncture for Iranian diplomacy.

Iran:

- Capital: Tehran
- Supreme Leader: Ali Khamenei
- President: Mohammad Mokhber (acting)
- Currency: Iranian rial

Q. Who has been appointed as the Acting Foreign Minister of Iran? **Ali Bagheri**



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Real Madrid's Toni Kroos to retire after Euro 2024

- Real Madrid midfielder Toni Kroos will retire from football after playing for Germany at this summer's European Championship, the player announced.
- Kroos, 34, has won 22 trophies with Madrid since joining in 2014, including four Champions Leagues -- plus another with Bayern Munich -- and four LaLiga titles.
- The midfielder first raised the prospect of retiring in 2022, before deciding to play on for another season, but has now chosen to end his career this summer.
- Kroos announced his return to international football with Germany in February ahead of the Euros, having previously retired from international duty in 2021.
- Kroos played for Bayern Munich at youth level and made his first-team debut in September 2007. He was a part of the Bayern squad that won the Champions League in 2013 before joining Madrid the next summer.
- Since that time, he has been a key figure in Madrid's midfield, forming an iconic trio alongside Luka Modric and Casemiro.

Q. Name the Real Madrid midfielder who will retire from football after playing for Germany in this summer's European Championship? **Toni Kroos**



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Global Cities Index 2024: Delhi better than Mumbai in economy, quality of life; UP's Sultanpur takes last spot on list

- Delhi is the best among Indian cities in Oxford Economics' 1,000 global cities ranking released. The national capital, however, ranks 350 on the global list. Several other Indian cities have taken much lower positions in the chart.
- According to the report, Delhi fared better than Mumbai in several parameters, including Economics, Human Capital, and Quality of Life. Delhi was worse in the Environment ranking, while all the Indian cities ranked 380 in Governance.
- Delhi was ranked 973 in the environment category, the worst among all the Indian cities except Uttar Pradesh's Sultanpur, which was ranked 989 in this same category.
- The city of Sultanpur, located in Uttar Pradesh, ranked the lowest—at the 1,000th spot. The Global Cities Index covers 1,000 major cities in the world, located in 163 different countries.

Q. Which Indian city ranks best in the Oxford Economics Global Cities Index 2024? **Delhi**



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Vietnam announces former Minister To Lam as new President

- Vietnam's National Assembly, approved To Lam, the Minister of Public Security, as the country's next President following a vote at its headquarters in Hanoi.
- The appointment comes nearly two months after Vietnam's former President Vo Van Thuong resigned amid a corruption crackdown.
- Lam has become the third President of Vietnam in less than 18 months, in a country that has a reputation for its stable politics.
- Lam, the third most powerful man in Vietnam besides the Party Chief and Prime Minister, is viewed as a hardliner when it comes to dealings with Vietnamese activists.
- Numerous dissidents and bloggers were jailed during his tenure as the Minister of Public Security.
- Lam was handed the public security portfolio in 2016.

Q. Who became the new president of Vietnam nearly two months after Vietnam's former President Vo Van Thuong resigned amid a corruption crackdown? **To Lam**



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Zydus gets USFDA nod to market asthma-treating Theophylline extended-release tablets

- Indian drug major Zydus Lifesciences received final approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) to market Theophylline Extended-Release tablets to treat asthma.
- Theophylline is used to treat asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
- The US regulator approved the sale of the Theophylline tablets of dosages 300 mg and 450 mg.
- The drug will be manufactured at the group's formulation manufacturing facility in Gujarat's Ahmedabad SEZ.

Zydus Lifesciences

- Industry: Pharmaceuticals
- Founded: 1952
- Founder: Ramanbhai Patel
- Headquarters: Gujarat
- Chairman: Pankaj R. Patel
- Managing Director: Sharvil P. Patel

Q. Which Indian multinational pharmaceutical company received final approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) to market Theophylline Extended-Release tablets to treat asthma? **Zydus Lifesciences**




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