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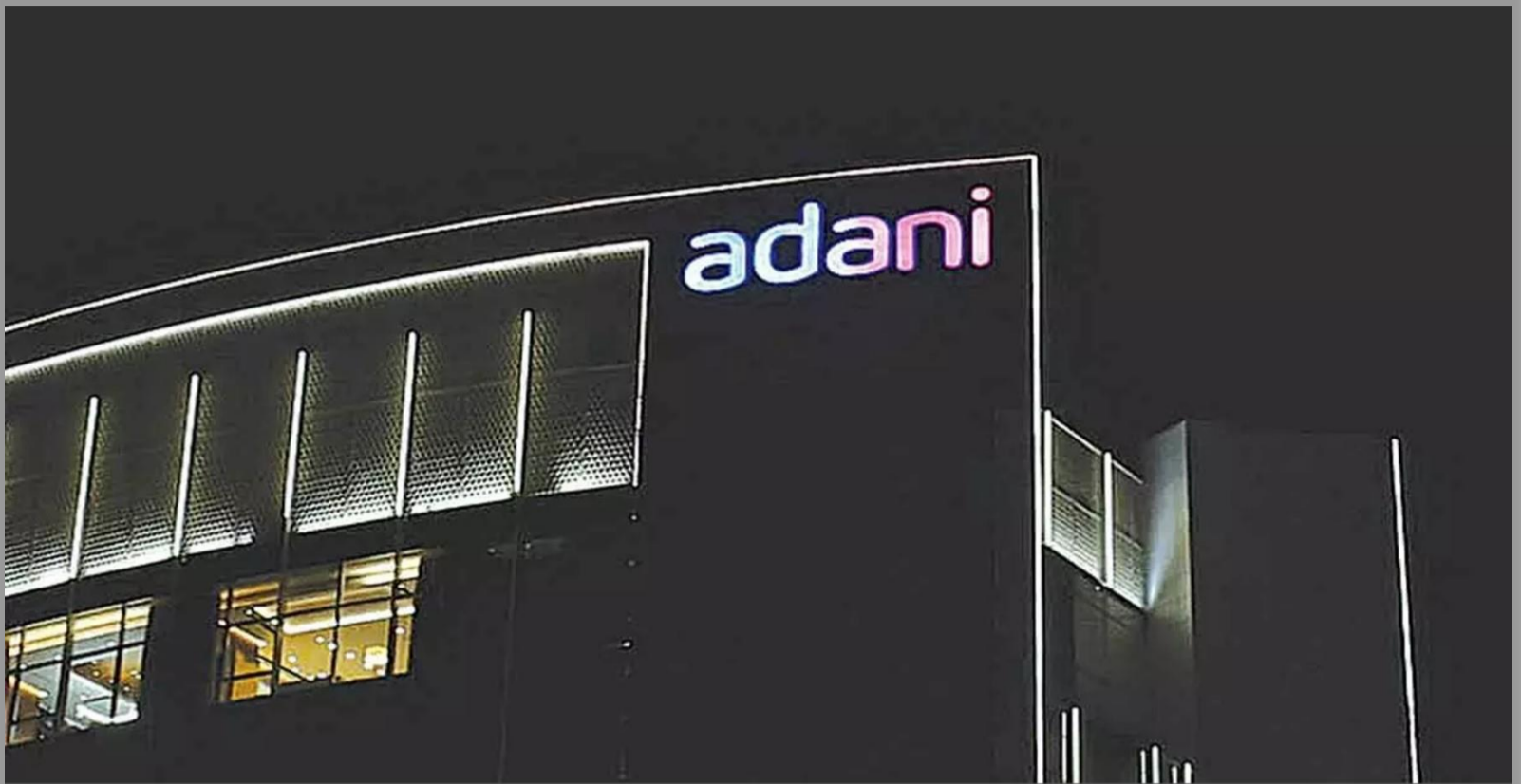
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Adani Energy Solutions acquires Essar's Mahan-Sipat transmission assets for Rs 1,900 crore

- Adani Energy Solutions has completed the acquisition of Essar's Mahan-Sipat Transmission assets for an enterprise value of Rs 1,900 crore.
- The acquisition covers a fully-operational 400 kV, 673 ckt kms (circuit kilometre) inter-state transmission line linking Mahan in Madhya Pradesh to the Sipat pooling substation in Chhattisgarh.
- The project operates under the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) regulated return framework and was commissioned on September 22, 2018.
- MUFG Bank Ltd is the sole lender for the financing.
- The acquisition of the Mahan-Sipat transmission network will consolidate AESL's presence in central India with 4 operating assets having 3,373 ckt km in the region.

Q. In how much amount the Adani Energy Solutions acquires Essar's Mahan-Sipat transmission assets?
Rs. 1900 crores



World Health
Organization



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WHO prequalifies Japanese drug maker Takeda's dengue vaccine

- The World Health Organization (WHO) has cleared Takeda Pharmaceuticals' dengue vaccine, giving international procurement agencies another option against the disease that affects millions of people each year.
- The approval, called a prequalification, comes amidst a surge in mosquito-borne viral infections across Asia, Africa, and the Americas, including new spread into previously unaffected areas.
- Last year, the UN agency reported an estimated 5 million cases and over 5000 deaths due to the disease - the largest on record.
- Takeda's vaccine, given in two doses over a three-month interval, protects against four serotypes of the dengue virus.
- It was cleared by WHO for use in children aged 6 to 16 in areas with high infection rates.
- The prequalification makes it eligible for procurement by United Nations agencies like UNICEF and Pan American Health Organization.
- The shot, branded Qdenga, is already approved in countries like Indonesia, Thailand, Argentina and Brazil, and was also authorized in the European Union in 2022.

Q. What is the name of the Takeda Pharmaceuticals' dengue vaccine which got approved by WHO recently? **Qdenga**



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OpenAI Chief Scientist Ilya Sutskever departs

- Ilya Sutskever, the OpenAI co-founder and chief scientist who in November joined three other board members to force out Sam Altman, the company's high-profile chief executive, is leaving the San Francisco A.I. company.
- After returning to OpenAI just five days after he was ousted, Mr. Altman reasserted his control and continued its push toward increasingly powerful technologies that worried some of his critics.
- Dr. Sutskever remained an OpenAI employee, but he never returned to work.
- A key OpenAI researcher, Jakub Pachocki, will replace Dr. Sutskever as chief scientist at the company, which is valued at more than \$80 billion.
- Note: OpenAI unveiled a new version of its ChatGPT chatbot that can receive and respond to voice commands, images and videos, joining tech giants like Google and Apple in a race toward a new kind of talking digital assistant.

Q. Name the co-founder and chief scientist of OpenAI who has resigned from the company?

Ilya Sutskever



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India football legend Sunil Chhetri to retire after India's match against Kuwait

- Indian football icon Sunil Chhetri has announced his decision to retire from international football after the FIFA World Cup qualifying match against Kuwait in Kolkata, bringing the curtains down on a glorious two-decade career.
- Chhetri had made his 150th appearance for India in March.
- Chhetri, who made his debut in 2005, has scored 94 goals for the country.
- He will leave the scene as India's all-time top scorer and most-capped player.
- He is also third in the list of goal scorers among active players behind Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi.

Q. Name the Indian footballer who is also the third in the list of goal scorers among active players, announced his retirement recently from international football? **Sunil Chhetri**



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Juve beat Atalanta to clinch 15th Coppa Italia title

- Juventus avoided finishing another season without a trophy as they registered their 15th Coppa Italia title after beating Atalanta 1-0 in the final.
- Juve had won the tournament 14 times before with their last victory coming in 2021, while Atalanta only won the title once in the 1962-63 season.
- The Coppa Italia is an annual football cup competition established in Italy in 1922. The competition is open to all Serie A and Serie B clubs, as well as four teams from Serie C.
- Founded: 1922
- Region: Italy
- Current champions: Juventus(15th title)
- Most successful club(s): Juventus(15 titles)

Juventus FC

- Founded: 1 November 1897
- Owner: Agnelli family
- President: Gianluca Ferrero
- Head coach: Massimiliano Allegri

Q. Which team won the 15th Coppa Italia title after beating Atalanta 1-0 in the final? **Juventus FC**



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Australia and Uzbekistan confirmed as 2026 and 2029 AFC Women's Asian Cup hosts

- Australia will organise the 2026 edition of the Women's Asian Cup, with Uzbekistan hosting the following event three years later after the decision to award the two nations the rights was confirmed by the Asian Football Confederation.
- The AFC announced the move after the governing body's executive committee met in Bangkok.
- The Australians, who co-hosted the 2023 Women's World Cup with New Zealand, will be organising the Women's Asian Cup for the second time since joining the AFC in 2006, having hosted the finals later the same year.
- Uzbekistan will be organising a senior continental tournament for the first time, having hosted numerous Asian events at the youth level.

Asian Football Confederation

- President: Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa
- Founded: 8 May 1954
- Headquarters: Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- General Secretary: Windsor John
- Membership: 47 member associations

Q. Which countries were confirmed as the 2026 and 2029 AFC Women's Asian Cup hosts by Asian Football Confederation? **Australia and Uzbekistan**



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Athletics: Neeraj Chopra returns with gold at Federation Cup

- Reigning Olympic and world champion Neeraj Chopra finished on top and won the gold medal in the men's javelin final of the Federation Cup, marking his return after three years in the event, at the Kalinga Stadium.
- Neeraj with his best attempt of 82.27m on the fourth attempt took the lead from DP Manu, who won the silver medal with the best throw of 82.06m on the first attempt.
- Uttam Patil won the bronze medal with a best throw of 78.39m.
- Meanwhile, Asian Games medallist Kishore Kumar Jena finished in fifth position with his best throw of 75.25m.
- Neeraj on his third attempt threw the javelin to a distance of 81.29m and later on his fourth attempt took the lead from Manu with a throw of 82,27m on his fourth attempt.

Q. In athletics, who has won the gold in the Federation Cup being held in Kalinga Stadium?

Neeraj Chopra



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Manipur beat Haryana to win record-extending 22nd NFC Rajmata Jijabai Trophy

- Manipur defeated Haryana in the final of the 28th Senior Women's National Football Championship for Rajmata Jijabai Trophy, to clinch their 22nd title at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan, in Kolkata.
- Ngangom Bala Devi (68') and Nongmeikapam Sibani Devi (83') scored the goals to hand Manipur the match, after Haryana were down to 10 players as Samiksha was sent off for a foul on Dangmei Grace in the 65th minute.

Individual Awards:

- Best Goalkeeper of the Championship: Shreya Hooda (Haryana)
- Top Goalscorer of the Championship: Ngangom Bala Devi (Manipur) and Yumnam Kamala Devi
- Player of the Championship: Ngangom Bala Devi (Manipur)

Q. Which team defeated Haryana in the final of the 28th Senior Women's National Football Championship for Rajmata Jijabai Trophy? **Manipur**



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Norway excludes Adani Ports from govt pension fund over ethical concerns

- Norges Bank, Norway's central bank, announced it was excluding three companies from its government pension fund due to ethical considerations.
- The companies are India's Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ), United States-based L3Harris Technologies, and China's Weichai Power.
- Adani Ports, part of billionaire Gautam Adani's conglomerate, was excluded due to the fund's concerns about its potential contribution to "serious violations of individuals' rights in situations of war or conflict".
- Weichai Power, a transport equipment manufacturer, was excluded over worries that its activities could support the sale of weapons to states involved in armed conflicts, violating international rules.
- Defence contractor L3Harris was excluded from the fund because of its involvement in the development and production of components for nuclear weapons.

Q. Which Indian company has been excluded by Norway from its government pension fund due to ethical considerations? **Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ)**



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Pakistan conducts successful training launch of Fatah-II rocket system

- Pakistan conducted a successful training launch of guided multi-launch rocket system 'Fatah-II', which is capable of engaging targets with high precision up to a range of 400 kilometres.
- The launch of Fatah-II Guided Rocket System was aimed at perfecting the launch drills and procedures.
- Equipped with state-of-the-art navigation system, unique trajectory and manoeuvrable features, Fatah-II is capable of engaging targets with high precision and defeating any missile defence system.
- Moreover, the army also announced that "Fatah -II is being inducted in Pakistan's Artillery Divisions for stand-off, precision engagement of deep targets," and its induction would significantly upgrade the reach and lethality of the army's conventional arsenal.

Pakistan:

- Prime Minister: Shehbaz Sharif
- Capital: Islamabad
- President: Asif Ali Zardari

Q. Which country has conducted a successful training launch of Fatah-II rocket system? **Pakistan**



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