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India-Spain Collaboration in Defence Manufacturing: Inauguration of Tata Aircraft Complex for C-295 Production

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez inaugurated the Tata Aircraft Complex in Vadodara, Gujarat, for manufacturing C-295 military aircraft. This facility at Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) marks a significant achievement as India's first private sector Final Assembly Line for military aircraft production. Under the C-295 project, 56 aircraft will be delivered to the Indian Air Force, with 16 initially supplied by Airbus from Spain and the remaining 40 assembled in India at the Tata facility.
- Significance and Key Stakeholders: The project involves notable collaborations from Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bharat Dynamics Ltd., and private sector Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). This initiative aims to establish a robust aerospace ecosystem in India, covering stages from production to full lifecycle management of the aircraft, including assembly, testing, qualification, and maintenance.
- C-295 Aircraft Overview: The C-295, originally developed by Airbus, is a versatile medium tactical transport aircraft designed for cargo, personnel transport, medical evacuation (MEDEVAC), and maritime patrol, among other roles.

Q. Which Indian city houses the newly inaugurated Tata Aircraft Complex for manufacturing the C-295 military aircraft? **Vadodara**



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Union Home Minister Amit Shah to Inaugurate New Passenger Terminal and 'Maitri Dwar' Cargo Gate at Petrapole Land Port

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate a new passenger terminal and the 'Maitri Dwar' cargo gate at the Petrapole Land Port on the India-Bangladesh border in Uttar 24 Parganas, West Bengal.

Significance of Petrapole Land Port

- Petrapole Land Port, the largest in South Asia, plays a critical role in trade and commerce between India and Bangladesh. The Petrapole-Benapole crossing handles nearly 70% of land-based trade by value between the two countries and serves over 2.35 million passengers annually, making it India's eighth-largest immigration port.

New Passenger Terminal Details

- The newly constructed passenger terminal has a capacity to handle 20,000 passengers per day and consolidates immigration, customs, and security facilities under one roof, significantly enhancing infrastructure and passenger processing efficiency at the border.

'Maitri Dwar' Cargo Gate

- The 'Maitri Dwar' cargo gate, developed by the Land Port Authority of India, is a joint initiative between India and Bangladesh. Responding to the daily movement of approximately 600-700 trucks, the new cargo gate is designed to streamline cross-border trade logistics and strengthen bilateral cooperation.

Q. In which district is the Petrapole Land Port, the largest in South Asia, located? **Uttar 24 Parganas, West Bengal**



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RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das Ranked Top Central Banker by Global Finance Magazine

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has been named the top central banker globally by the US-based Global Finance magazine. This is the second year in a row that Das has achieved this prestigious recognition.

Top Ranking and 'A+' Rating

- Das was rated 'A+', the highest grade awarded by the magazine, signifying excellent performance in managing inflation, promoting economic growth, ensuring currency stability, and effective interest rate management.

Global Competition

- Alongside Shaktikanta Das, Denmark's Christian Kettel Thomsen and Switzerland's Thomas Jordan were also awarded 'A+' ratings, placing them at the top of the magazine's central banker rankings.

Evaluation Criteria

- The Global Finance magazine's grading system ranges from A to F, with 'A' representing excellence and 'F' indicating outright failure. These ratings assess central bankers based on their success in handling key economic and financial objectives.

Q. Which US-based magazine ranked Shaktikanta Das as the top central banker globally? **Global Finance magazine**



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Sukant Kadam Wins Gold and Silver at Japan Para Badminton International 2024

Medal Achievements

- Indian para badminton player Sukant Kadam excelled at the Japan Para Badminton International 2024, winning a gold medal in the men's singles category and a silver medal in men's doubles with his partner, Dinesh Rajaiah.

Singles Final Performance

- In the men's singles final, Sukant Kadam showcased his skills against fellow Indian player Tarun, securing a decisive victory with a score of 21-12, 21-10.

Doubles Match Outcome

- In the men's doubles event, Sukant and Dinesh faced Indian opponents Umesh Vikram Kumar and Surya Kant Yadav. After a tightly contested match that went to a third set, Sukant and Dinesh finished as runners-up, earning them the silver medal.

Q. Which Indian para badminton player won a gold medal in men's singles at the Japan Para Badminton International 2024? **Sukant Kadam**



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Afghanistan 'A' Claims First Emerging T20 Asia Cup Title by Defeating Sri Lanka 'A'

- Afghanistan 'A' defeated Sri Lanka 'A' by 7 wickets in the final of the Emerging T20 Asia Cup 2024, winning their first-ever continental title and becoming the inaugural champions of the T20 format of the Emerging Asia Cup.
- Afghanistan 'A' chased down the target in 18.1 overs, led by Sediqullah Atal, who scored an unbeaten 55. Atal, a consistent performer throughout the tournament, was awarded Man of the Match and concluded as the tournament's top run-scorer.

Sediqullah Atal's Record

- Sediqullah Atal made history with six consecutive 50+ scores in T20 cricket, second only to Riyan Parag's seven. His consistent performance was pivotal in Afghanistan's title-winning campaign.

Q. Which team won the Emerging T20 Asia Cup 2024? **Afghanistan 'A'**



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Coach Gary Kirsten Resigns After PCB Appoints Muhammad Rizwan as New Pakistan Captain

- Following the Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) decision to appoint Muhammad Rizwan as captain for ODIs and T20Is, head coach Gary Kirsten has resigned from his role. Reports indicate Kirsten was dissatisfied with the board's recent decisions, including limiting the input of coaches and captains in team matters, handing full control to the selection committee.

Kirsten's Limited Tenure and Assignment

- Kirsten, who led India to the 2011 ODI World Cup, served only six months with Pakistan, with his first assignment scheduled to be the ICC T20 World Cup 2024. Pakistan, however, exited in the group stage after losses to India and the USA, marking Kirsten's final tournament with the team.

Jason Gillespie's Additional Role

- With Kirsten's departure, Jason Gillespie, Pakistan's red-ball coach, will accompany the white-ball squad for upcoming tours to Australia and Zimbabwe.

New Captaincy and Squad Announcements

- Rizwan's first assignment as captain begins in the ODI series opener against Australia on November 4, while vice-captain Salman Ali Agha will lead the T20I team in Zimbabwe as part of a workload management plan for Rizwan.

Q. Who resigned as head coach of Pakistan's cricket team following Muhammad Rizwan's appointment as captain?

Gary Kirsten



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Justice K S Puttaswamy, Key Litigant for 'Right to Privacy', Passes Away at 98

Career and Legal Contributions

- Justice K S Puttaswamy, a former judge of the Karnataka High Court and a pivotal figure in establishing the right to privacy in India, passed away at 98. Born in 1926 near Bengaluru, he pursued law at Maharaja College, Mysuru, and the Government Law College, Bengaluru. He was appointed as a judge of the Karnataka High Court in 1977 and later became the first Vice-Chairman of the Bengaluru bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal and chairperson of the Andhra Pradesh Backward Classes Commission.

Role in the Right to Privacy Case

- In 2012, Justice Puttaswamy, then 86, filed a petition challenging the Aadhaar scheme, raising concerns about privacy. His case led the Supreme Court to examine if privacy is a fundamental right under the Indian Constitution, resulting in the landmark 2017 judgment that recognized the right to privacy as a fundamental right in Justice K S Puttaswamy (Retd.) v. Union of India.

Q. Name the petitioner in the landmark 'Right to Privacy' case in India, who passed away recently? **Justice K S Puttaswamy**

Synechron

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Synechron Acquires Salesforce Partner Cloobees to Enhance Global Salesforce Capabilities

- Synechron, Inc., a prominent global digital transformation consulting firm, has acquired Cloobees, a distinguished Salesforce implementation partner. This acquisition strengthens Synechron's Salesforce capabilities worldwide, enhancing its industry expertise and extending its market presence, particularly in Central and Eastern Europe.

Strategic Benefits

- Headquartered in Central and Eastern Europe, Cloobees has offices in the UK and India and brings to Synechron a strong portfolio with over 800 Salesforce certifications. This expertise supports key industries, including telecommunications, insurance, and energy. The acquisition allows Synechron to further leverage its global reach in 20 countries, delivering advanced Salesforce solutions across regions such as the U.S., Europe, and the Middle East.

Q. Which global consulting firm recently acquired Salesforce implementation partner Cloobees to enhance its Salesforce capabilities worldwide?

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Slice Merges with North East Small Finance Bank to Expand Banking Services in Northeast India

- Fintech unicorn Slice has finalized its merger with North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB), two months after receiving approval from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). The merger combines the operations, assets, and brands of both entities, forming a tech-driven banking institution focused on expanding financial inclusion, particularly in the Northeast region.

Strategic Developments and Financial Backing

- Originally announced in October 2023, the merger builds on Slice's earlier acquisition of a 5% stake in NESFB for \$3.42 million. With an established customer base in the Northeast, the merged entity aims to strengthen banking access in the region, offering savings accounts, fixed deposits, and credit services under a unified platform.

Q. Which fintech company recently completed its merger with North East Small Finance Bank to expand banking services in Northeast India? **Slice**



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Akanksha Salunkhe Wins Women's Singles Title at Couzeix 2024

- Indian squash player Akanksha Salunkhe has won the women's singles title at the 2nd International Women's Open of Couzeix 2024, held in France.
- This victory marks her first PSA World Tour squash title of the year.
- In the final, Akanksha, ranked 74th in the world, defeated USA's Yasshmita Jadish Kumar, who is ranked 87th.
- The International Women's Open of Couzeix is a professional squash tournament specifically for women.
- The tournament takes place in Couzeix, a suburb of Limoges in France.
- It is part of the Professional Squash Association (PSA) World Tour, often classified as a PSA Challenger event.
- The tournament is relatively new, with the inaugural event held in 2023, making 2024 the second edition.

Q. Which Indian squash player won the women's singles title at the 2nd International Women's Open of Couzeix 2024 in France? **Akanksha Salunkhe**



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