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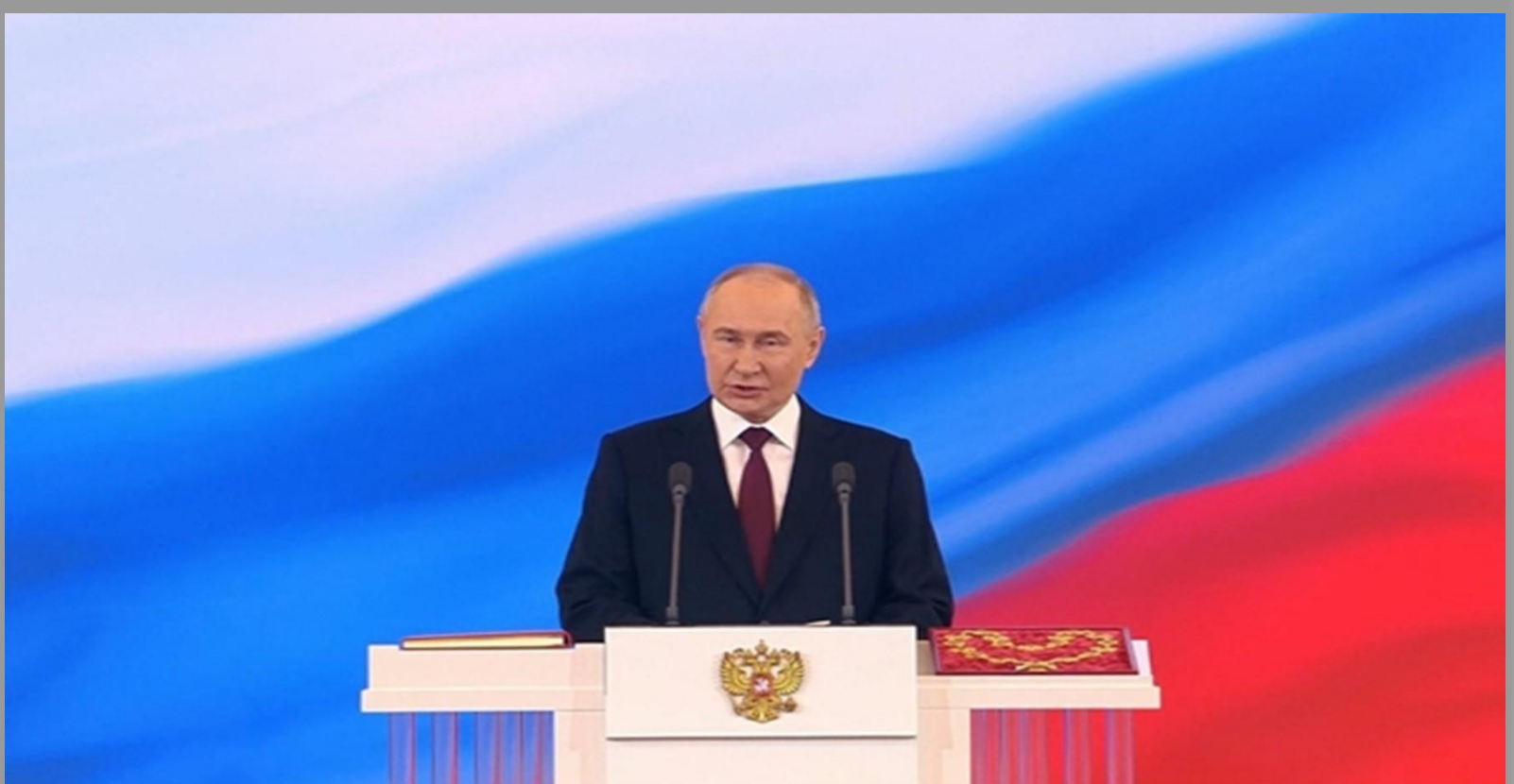
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## Vladimir Putin Sworn In For New Six-Year Term As Russia's President

- Vladimir Putin was sworn in for a new six-year term as Russia's President at a ceremony inside the Grand Kremlin Palace in Moscow.
- Already in office for nearly a quarter-century and the longest-serving Kremlin leader since Josef Stalin, Putin's new term doesn't expire until 2030, when he will be constitutionally eligible to run again.
- Putin in March this year had won a landslide victory in a tightly controlled election.
- Since succeeding President Boris Yeltsin in the waning hours of 1999, Putin has transformed Russia from a country emerging from economic collapse to a major player in the global stage.
- Following the 2022 invasion of Ukraine that has become Europe's biggest conflict since World War II, Russia has been heavily sanctioned by the West and is turning to other regimes like China, Iran and North Korea for support.

### Russia:

- Capital: Moscow
- President: Vladimir Putin
- Prime Minister: Mikhail Mishustin
- Currency: Ruble

**Q.** 'Who was sworn in for a new six-year term as President of Russia?' **Vladimir Putin**





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## Sri Lanka Signs 20-Year Power Deal With Adani Green Energy For Wind Stations

- Sri Lanka has sealed a 20-year power deal with Adani Green Energy Ltd of India.
- Sri Lanka's Cabinet of Ministers have approved the project under which two wind power stations will be developed by Adani, marking a crucial step towards sustainable energy solutions.
- The approval granted last year for Adani's \$442 million investment in 484 megawatts wind power plants underscores the growing partnership between the two nations in the renewable energy sector.
- As part of the deal, Adani will receive 8.26 cents per kilowatt-hour that is approximately 7 rupees, as announced by the Sri Lankan government.
- This collaboration comes amidst Sri Lanka's efforts to address energy challenges, including power blackouts and fuel shortages experienced during its economic crisis in 2022.

**Q.** Recently, which country has signed a 20-year power agreement with India's Adani Green Energy Limited? **Sri Lanka**





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## Indian Contingent Bagged 43 Medals At ASBC Asian U-22 And Youth Boxing Championships

- In boxing, the Indian contingent wrapped up their electrifying journey at the ASBC Asian U-22 and Youth Boxing Championships with a remarkable haul of 43 medals in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- This includes 12 gold, 14 silver, and 17 bronze medals from both categories.
- The Indian U-22 team finished with 21 medals, including seven gold, five silver, and nine bronze medals, yesterday, while the youth section bagged 22 medals, including five gold, nine silver, and eight bronze medals.
- India finished with the second-highest medal count, only behind the hosts, Kazakhstan, who have won 48 medals.

**Q.** How many total medals did the Indian team win in the ASBC Asian Under-22 and Youth Boxing Championships? **43**





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## India Clinches 3 Gold, And 2 Bronze Medals At Asian Open Pickleball Championships In Vietnam

- India clinched three gold and two bronze medals at the Asian Open Pickleball Championships in Vietnam.
- Sachin Pahwa and Priyanka Chhabra led India to its first gold medal, defeating Ruben Hellberg and Chitlada Hemasee in the mixed doubles intermediate 35+ category final.
- While in the women's doubles open category, the pair of Isha Lakhani and Pei Chuan Kao bagged the gold medal with a dominating win against Dang Kim Ngan and Tyak K.
- In the men's doubles, India's Aniket Patel and Rohit Patil claimed the yellow metal despite losing the opening game. The duo defeated Nik Alessandro Isagan and Lester Ga in the final.
- In the men's singles advance 35+ category, Vijay Menon defeated Yu Hsuan Cher to secure the bronze, while in the women's singles intermediate 35+ event, Priyanka Chhabra defeated Marissa Phongsirikul, earning India another bronze medal.

**Q.** How many gold medals did India win in the recent Asian Open Pickleball Championship in Vietnam? **3**





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## INOX Air Products and Asahi India Glass sign MoU for Green Hydrogen

- INOX Air Products, a manufacturer of industrial and medical gases, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Asahi India Glass Limited (AIS) for a 20-year offtake agreement to supply green hydrogen to AIS's greenfield float glass facility in Soniyana, Chittorgarh, Rajasthan.
- The company stated that this will be India's first-ever green hydrogen plant for the float glass industry.
- The plant will have a capacity to generate up to 190 tonnes of green hydrogen per annum through the electrolysis process. It is slated for commissioning by July 2024 and will be powered by solar energy.
- In the first phase, 95 tonnes per annum (TPA) of green hydrogen will be supplied to AIS. As a part of the agreement, AIS will invest in the solar power plant that will provide renewable energy for the generation of green hydrogen, which will be consumed in AIS's float glass manufacturing process.

**Q.** Recently, Innox Air Products, manufacturers of industrial and medical gases and Asahi India Glass signed MoU for \_\_\_\_\_. **Green hydrogen**





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## SGCCI and KCCI Sign MoU to Boost Trade and Investment

- In a significant move to promote trade and investment, the South Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) and the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under Mission 84. The primary objective of this MoU is to encourage industrialists and businessmen from Gujarat, including Surat, to invest in various sectors in the favorable business environment of Kashmir.

### Key Points of the MoU:

- Target of additional exports worth Rs 84,000 crore from Surat, Gujarat, and India under Mission 84.
- Identification of investment opportunities for industrialists and businessmen in Kashmir.
- Promotion of business exchanges between SGCCI and KCCI.
- SGCCI to assist in solving the problems faced by the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce.

**Q.** Under which mission, South Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SGCCI) and Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) signed an MoU to promote trade and investment? **mission 84**





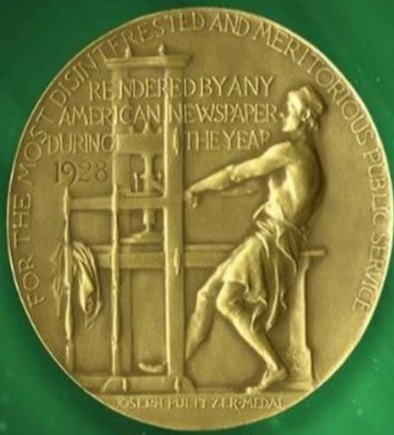
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## **Veteran Malayalam Actress Kanakalatha Passes Away**

- Renowned for her exceptional portrayals of character roles, veteran Malayalam actress, Kanakalatha, has died at the age of 63.
- Throughout her illustrious four-decade career, Kanakalatha, born to Parameshwaran Pillai and Chinnama in Kollam on August 24, 1960, graced the screen in over 360 films.
- Her noted films include 'Priyam' (2000), 'Kannezhuthi Pottum Thottu' (1999), 'Stalin Sivadas' (1999), 'Varnapakittu' (1997), 'Spadikam' (1995), 'Kinnaripuzhayoram' (1994), 'Kireedam' (1989), 'Rajavinte Makan' (1986), 'Kshamichu Ennoru Vakku' (1986), 'Chillu' (1982), among many others. Her last appearance was in the film, 'Pookkalam' (2023).
- Alongside the Malayalam industry, she had also made a mark in Tamil films. Some notable works include 'Uzhaikkum Paadhai' (2018), 'Unakkaga Piranthen' (1992), 'Karpooramullai' (1991) to name a few.

**Q.** Veteran actress Kanakalatha, who passed away recently, was related to which regional cinema?  
**Malayalam**





# The 2024 Pulitzer Prize winners

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## The New York Times' Gaza reportage, WaPo, Reuters, AP and others awarded Pulitzer Prizes 2024

- Columbia University hosted the 108th Pulitzer Prize ceremony, honouring excellence in American journalism, literature, drama, and music.
- Here's a list of journalists or publications that received the Pulitzer Award 2024.
- 1) Staff of Reuters: This year, the national reporting category saw two prizes — Reuters' team clinched the win for their "eye-opening series of accountability stories," which delved into the automobile and aerospace ventures led by billionaire Elon Musk.
- 2) Staff of The Washington Post: The staff members of The Washington Post won Pulitzer Prize 2024 for "its sobering examination of the AR-15 semiautomatic rifle."
- 3) Staff of The New York Times: The New York Times was honoured for its comprehensive and enlightening reporting on Hamas' lethal attack in southern Israel on October

**Q.** How many Pulitzer Prizes did The New York Times receive for its wide-ranging journalism that exposed conflict and injustice around the world? **3**





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## Samsung's affiliate acquires French AI medtech startup Sonio

- Samsung Electronics said its medical equipment unit Samsung Medison has acquired the French artificial intelligence (AI) medtech startup Sonio, as part of its effort to expand its AI-powered healthcare solution business.
- Samsung Medison entered into a share purchase agreement to acquire Sonio, which specialises in AI development for diagnostic reporting in obstetrics and gynaecology ultrasound.
- Through the acquisition of Sonio, Samsung Medison will gain access to the AI development talent in Europe and will enhance its medical AI solutions with Sonio's AI diagnostic assistant and reporting technology.
- Founded in 2020, the Paris-based startup has developed an AI-powered prenatal screening solution that automates ultrasound reporting.
- Sonio's key product, Sonio Detect, AI-powered software designed to identify prenatal syndromes and abnormalities through ultrasound, won approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2023.

**Q.** Which Samsung affiliate has recently acquired French AI medtech startup Sonio? **Samsung Medison**





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## **Air India, Lufthansa deepen ties, expand codeshare on India-Australia route**

- German aviation major Lufthansa has agreed to expand its codeshare agreement with Tata-owned Air India on the popular India-Australia route
- In this updated arrangement, Lufthansa passengers flying from Frankfurt and Munich can now seamlessly connect to Sydney and Melbourne via Delhi and Mumbai airports using Air India flights.
- Similarly, Swiss Airlines, a part of the Lufthansa group, will collaborate with Air India as part of the arrangement. Passengers from Zurich can now access Sydney, Melbourne, and Kathmandu through Air India flights, with Delhi Airport as the connecting hub.
- A codeshare agreement is a prevalent business arrangement within the aviation sector involving two or more airlines jointly publishing and promoting a particular flight using their respective airline designator and flight number (known as the "airline flight code") in their published timetables or schedules.
- This collaboration marks a rare instance where Lufthansa has agreed to share its code for international routes with Air India, as noted by experts cited by ET.

**Q.** Which German aviation major has recently agreed to expand its codeshare agreement with Tata-owned Air India?

**Lufthansa**





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