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IAF completes Exercise Eastern Bridge-7 with Royal Air Force of Oman in Masirah, Oman

- The Indian Air Force has successfully completed Exercise Eastern Bridge-7 with the Royal Air Force of Oman in Masirah, Oman.

Aircraft Involved:

- Indian Air Force: MiG-29 and Jaguar
- Royal Air Force of Oman: F-16 and Hawk
- Objective: Strengthening cooperation between the two air forces, enhancing interoperability, and improving joint operational readiness.
- Significance: Demonstrated the capability of both air forces to operate in diverse scenarios, contributing to regional peace and security.

Here are the other military exercises between India and Oman in brief:

- Al-Nagah (Army Exercise)
- Latest Edition: Al-Nagah IV (2022)
- Focus: Counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency.

Naseem Al-Bahr (Naval Exercise)

- Latest Edition: Naseem Al-Bahr XIII (2022)
- Focus: Maritime security, anti-piracy, and naval operations.

Q. Where was Exercise Eastern Bridge-7 between the Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force of Oman conducted?
Masirah, Oman.



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FSSAI Signs MoU with Brazil's Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock for Food Safety Collaboration

- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAPA) of Brazil.
- **Signatories:** Carlos Henrique Baqueta Fávaro (Brazil's Agriculture Minister) and G. Kamala Vardhana Rao (CEO, FSSAI).
- **Occasion:** MoU signed on the sidelines of the Global Food Regulators Summit in New Delhi.
- **Objective:** Enhancing food safety through joint projects and technical collaboration between India and Brazil.
- **Significance:** The MoU highlights India's commitment to improving food safety and advancing international cooperation in this area.
- Additionally, FSSAI held a bilateral meeting with the Bhutan Food and Drug Authority (BFDA) during the summit to discuss the implementation protocol of the food safety agreement signed in March 2023, focusing on regulatory alignment, simplification of food import procedures, and technical cooperation.

Q. Which Indian authority signed an MoU with the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Brazil for food safety collaboration? **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).**



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India Achieves Historic Double Gold in 2024 Chess Olympiad

- India has struck historic double gold medals in the 2024 Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary. Both men and women teams emerged on top.

Open Section:

- Title Win:** India secured its first-ever gold in the open section after Arjun Erigaisi defeated Slovenia's Jan Subelj in the final round.
- Key Competitors:** India's victory was solidified as second-placed China dropped critical points against the USA.
- Team Members:** Gukesh D, Praggnanandhaa R, Arjun Erigaisi, Vidit Gujrathi, Pentala Harikrishna, and Srinath Narayanan.
- Previous Best:** India's prior achievements included bronze medals in 2022 and 2014.

Women's Section:

- Final Match:** The Indian women's team claimed gold by defeating Azerbaijan with a score of 3.5-0.5.
- Team Members:** Harika Dronavalli, Vaishali Rameshbabu, Divya Deshmukh, Vantika Agrawal, Tania Sachdev, and captain Abhijit Kunte.

Q. Which Indian player secured the title for the open section in the 2024 Chess Olympiad? **Arjun Erigaisi.**



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Nazira Banoo Wins Gold in Taekwondo at Khelo India Women's League

- Nazira Banoo, a talented athlete from the LOC village of Lato in Kargil, UT Ladakh, made her region proud by clinching a gold medal in the individual Poomsae under-30 category at the 1st Khelo India Women's Taekwondo League Phase 1, held in Vadodara, Gujarat.
- The tournament, organised by the Taekwondo Federation of India in collaboration with Khelo India, hosted hundreds of participants from different states and union territories across the country.
- Nazira's gold-medal performance earned her a spot in the upcoming Khelo India Women's League Nationals Phase-III, scheduled to take place in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Taekwondo Federation of India :

- The India Taekwondo (IT) replaced Taekwondo Federation of India (TFI) as the national governing body for Taekwondo in India on confirmation from World Taekwondo on 9th July 2019.
- President: Jimmy Jakhtani
- Secretary: Amit

Q. Which athlete won a gold medal in the individual Poomsae under-30 category at the Khelo India Women's Taekwondo League? **Nazira Banoo.**



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Anura Kumara Dissanayake Elected as Sri Lanka's President

- Anura Kumara Dissanayake, leader of the National People's Power party, has been declared the winner of Sri Lanka's Presidential Election.
- **Inauguration:** He sworn in as the ninth executive president of Sri Lanka at the Presidential Secretariat.
- **Election Process:** This election involved a second round of counting for the first time in Sri Lanka's history, as no candidate secured the required 50% of the votes in the initial round.
- **Bilateral Relations:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India congratulated the President-Elect, emphasizing the importance of Sri Lanka in India's Neighbourhood First Policy and Vision SAGAR.

Bilateral relations between India & Sri Lanka

- **Historical and Cultural Ties:** Strong cultural connections through Buddhism and shared history; significant Tamil population in Sri Lanka.
- **Economic Relations:** India is a key trading partner and investor; the two countries have a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and collaborate in sectors like energy, infrastructure, and tourism.
- **Security Cooperation:** Joint efforts on maritime security in the Indian Ocean; intelligence-sharing on counterterrorism.

Q. Who has been declared the winner of Sri Lanka's Presidential Election? **Anura Kumara Dissanayake.**



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India Signs Agreements on Clean and Fair Economy under Indo-Pacific Economic Framework

- India has signed significant agreements focused on a Clean Economy and Fair Economy under the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF).
- Location: Delaware, USA.
- Signatories: The agreements were exchanged during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's three-day visit to the US for the Quad Summit.

Agreements Overview:

Agreement on Clean Economy:

- Objective: To promote technical cooperation, workforce development, capacity building, and research collaborations.
- Key Focus: Facilitating investments, project financing (including concessional financing), and joint collaborative projects, especially for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

Agreement on Fair Economy:

- Aim: To create a more transparent and predictable trade and investment environment across the Indo-Pacific region.

Q. What agreements did India sign during PM Modi's visit to the US under the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)?
On Clean Economy and Fair Economy



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Sangram Singh becomes 1st Indian male wrestler to win MMA fight at Gama International Fighting Championship

- Indian wrestler Sangram Singh has become the first Indian male wrestler to win an MMA (mixed martial arts) fight at the Gama International Fighting Championship held in Tbilisi, Georgia.
- **Match Details:** Sangram secured victory in a rapid 90-second match against Pakistani opponent Ali Raza Nasir.
- **Record:** He also recorded the fastest win ever by an Indian fighter in the 93 kg division at this championship.
- The Gama International Fighting Championship is a prominent Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) competition held globally, attracting fighters from various nations.

What is Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) competition?

- Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) is a full-contact sport that combines techniques from various martial arts, including boxing, wrestling, and Brazilian jiu-jitsu. Fighters compete in a cage or ring, aiming to win by knockout, submission, or judges' decision. MMA has specific rules, weight classes, and requires training in multiple disciplines. It's known for its intensity and has gained widespread popularity worldwide.

Q. Who became the first Indian male wrestler to win an MMA fight at the Gama International Fighting Championship? **Sangram Singh.**



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Centre Approves Rs 2,603 Crore for Wildlife Habitat Development Scheme

- The Cabinet has approved the continuation of the Wildlife Habitat Development Scheme with a financial outlay of Rs 2,602.98 crore.
- **Objective:** This initiative aims to support tiger and wildlife conservation, promoting the coexistence of economic growth and ecological sustainability.

Beneficiaries:

- **Areas Covered:** The scheme will benefit 55 tiger reserves, 33 elephant reserves, and 718 protected areas, along with their zones of influence.
- **Employment Generation:** It is expected to create over 50 lakh man-days of livelihood through direct engagement, as well as indirect employment via eco-tourism and related activities.

Key Components:

Project Tiger:

- Utilizes technology for management practices, including the M-STrIPES mobile application for monitoring tiger populations and ecological status.
- The app aligns with the 'Digital India' initiative and was crucial for collecting ecological data during the 2022 All-India Tiger Estimation.

Q. What amount has the Cabinet approved for the continuation of the Wildlife Habitat Development Scheme? **Rs 2,602.98 crore.**



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Korean and US Space Agencies Sign Joint Statement on Space Research Cooperation

- The Korea Aerospace Administration (KASA) and the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have signed a joint statement to enhance cooperation in space and aerospace research.
- The joint statement was signed at NASA headquarters in Washington, during discussions between KASA chief Yoon Young-bin and NASA Administrator Bill Nelson.

Areas of Cooperation:

- **Exploration Initiatives:** Collaborative efforts will focus on deep space and lunar exploration. The agencies aim to strengthen their international leadership in space development.
- **Innovative Projects:** Identification of high-potential projects in space life sciences, lunar surface science, and joint use of deep space antennas.
- **Space Sustainability:** Commitment to cooperate on standards for space debris reduction, space traffic management, and protection of the space environment.
- **Mission Concept:** A separate agreement was signed to jointly design a mission concept for operations at the Lagrange point L4, where gravitational forces of the Sun and Earth are balanced.

Q. Who is the chief of the Korea Aerospace Administration who recently signed a joint statement with the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)?
Yoon Young-bin.



INDIA, US INK PACT TO SET UP SEMICONDUCTOR FAB

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India, US ink pact to set up semiconductor fab for national security, next-gen telecom

- India and the US have agreed to establish a semiconductor fabrication plant, focusing on chips for national security, next-generation telecommunications, and green energy applications.
- **Significance:** This is a “watershed arrangement” and the first project where the US Military partners with India on high-value technology.

Fab Details:

- Named "Shakti," meaning power.
- Focuses on advanced sensing, communication, and power electronics.
- Supported by the India Semiconductor Mission and a strategic partnership involving Bharat Semi, 3rdiTech, and the US Space Force.
- **Manufacturing Focus:** The plant will produce infrared, gallium nitride, and silicon carbide semiconductors, which are classified as compound semiconductors.

Q. What types of semiconductors will the "Shakti" fabrication plant produce? **Infrared, gallium nitride, and silicon carbide semiconductors.**



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