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Signing of an agreement  
between  
Government of India,  
Government of Tripura,  
National Liberation Front  
of Tripura (NLFT)  
and  
All Tripura Tiger Force  
(ATTF)  
in the presence of  
**Shri Amit Shah**  
(Union Home Minister and  
Minister of Cooperation)

Time - 02:30 PM

Place - North Block, New Delhi

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## Centre, Tripura Government, NLFT, and ATTF to Sign Memorandum of Settlement

### Key Points:

- **Parties Involved:** The Government of India, Tripura State Government, National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT), and All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF) will sign a Memorandum of Settlement in New Delhi.
- **Objective:** The agreement aims to promote peace and stability in Tripura, contributing to the broader goal of ensuring a conflict-free and developed Northeast region.
- **Historical Context:** The Central Government has already signed 12 key agreements focused on peace and prosperity in the Northeast, with three agreements specifically related to Tripura.
- **Impact:** As a result of these agreements, approximately 10,000 individuals have renounced armed conflict and integrated into mainstream society, demonstrating the effectiveness of the government's peace initiatives.

### Tripura:

- Capital: Agartala
- Governor: Indrasena Reddy
- Chief minister: Manik Saha

**Q.** Which two insurgent groups are involved in the Memorandum of Settlement with the Centre and Tripura Government? **NLFT, ATTF**



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## Wokha SAATHI Wins Gold Award at National e-Governance Awards 2023-2024

- The Wokha SAATHI (Smart AI-based Assistant for Timely Help & Interface) WhatsApp Chatbot, an initiative by the Wokha District Administration in Nagaland, received the Gold Award at the National Awards for e-Governance 2023-2024.
- **Recognition:** This marks the first time an initiative from Nagaland has received a Gold Award for its contribution to e-Governance, highlighting the state's progress in technological innovation.
- **Presentation:** The award was presented by Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Devendra Fadnavis, during the 27th National Conference on e-Governance held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- **Recipients:** The award was accepted by Mahatma Gandhi National Fellows, Ajit Kumar Ranjan, Rohit Singh, and Anuranjan Singh, on behalf of the Wokha District Administration.
- **Impact:** The Wokha SAATHI WhatsApp Chatbot consolidates over 40 services into a single platform, enhancing citizen engagement and government accessibility through AI-driven solutions, offering 24×7 support for residents.

**Q.** Which district's initiative from Nagaland won the Gold Award at the National e-Governance Awards 2023-2024?  
**Wokha**



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## IAF Software Development Institute Bengaluru Deploys Super Dimona Aircraft Simulator for NDA Training

- The Software Development Institute of the Indian Air Force (IAF) in Bengaluru has designed, developed, and deployed a Super Dimona aircraft simulator for the National Defence Academy (NDA).
- **Purpose:** The simulator is intended to familiarize NDA cadets with basic flying principles and provide essential knowledge of the flying environment, aiding in their training.
- **Technology:** The simulator features a state-of-the-art 135-degree Field of View (FoV) immersive display, enhancing the visual experience for trainee cadets.
- **Collaboration:** Local private industries were engaged in the mechanical modification, fabrication of flight controls, and installation of display screens and panels, replicating those found in the actual aircraft.

### National Defence Academy (NDA):

- Established: 7 December 1949
- Commandant: Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar
- Location: Khadakwasla, Pune, Maharashtra, India

**Q.** Which institute designed and deployed the Super Dimona aircraft simulator for the National Defence Academy? **IAF**



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## Ajay Ratra Appointed as BCCI Selector

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has appointed former India wicket-keeper Ajay Ratra as a selector for the men's cricket team.
- Replacement: Ratra replaces Salil Ankola in the five-member selection panel.

### Panel Structure:

- **Regional Representation:** All five selectors represent different zones. Ratra will represent the North Zone.
- Panel Head: The panel is headed by Ajit Agarkar.

### Previous Situation:

- **West Zone:** Following Agarkar's appointment as chief selector last year, the panel included two selectors from the West Zone, including Ankola.
- **Upcoming Series:** This appointment comes ahead of the two-Test series against Bangladesh starting September 19. Ratra will assume his role during the Duleep Trophy.

**Q.** Who has been appointed as a selector for the BCCI Men's Selection Committee? **Ajay Ratra**



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## **Defence Ministry Approves 10 Proposals Worth Rs 1.45 Lakh Crore**

- The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), led by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, has approved 10 capital acquisition proposals.
- **Total Cost:** The proposals amount to Rs 1.45 lakh crore.
- **Indigenous Contribution:** Local Sourcing: 99% of the total cost is allocated to indigenous sources under the Buy (Indian) and Buy (Indian-Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured) categories.

### **Key Proposals:**

- **Future Ready Combat Vehicles (FRCVs):** Approved for modernizing the tank fleet of the Indian Army. These tanks will feature superior mobility, all-terrain capability, multilayered protections, and real-time situational awareness.
- **Air Defence Fire Control Radars:** Approved for detecting and tracking aerial targets and providing firing solutions.
- **Forward Repair Team (Tracked):** Approved for in-situ repairs during mechanized operations, designed and developed by Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited.

**Q.** Who chairs the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) that approved the 10 capital acquisition proposals? **Rajnath Singh**



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## **Maharashtra Government Signs MoUs for Rs 2.14 Lakh Crore Investment in Hydro Power Sector**

- The Maharashtra government signed MoUs with seven companies for investments totaling Rs 2.14 lakh crore in pumped storage projects.
- **Companies:** The agreements include NTPC, Welspun New Energy, NHPC, Renew Hydro Power, THDC India, Torrent Power, and Adani Green Energy.
- **Power Generation:** The projects are expected to generate 40,870 megawatts (MW) of power.

### **Objective and Benefits:**

- **Development Goal:** According to Deputy Chief Minister and Power Minister Devendra Fadnavis, the investment will accelerate Maharashtra's goal of becoming a \$3 trillion economy.
- **Sustainable Energy:** The projects will focus on sustainable power generation using natural resources.

### **Company Investments and Impact:**

- **NTPC:** Rs 9,078 crore investment for generating 1,800 MW and creating 1,400 jobs.
- **Welspun New Energy:** Rs 5,000 crore investment for generating 1,200 MW and creating 1,500 jobs.
- **NHPC:** Rs 44,100 crore investment for generating 7,350 MW and creating 7,350 jobs.

**Q.** How many investment proposals did the Maharashtra government sign MoUs for, and what is the total cost of these proposals? **7 proposals, Rs 2.14 lakh crore**



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## Paris Paralympics: India's Deepthi Jeevanji wins bronze in women's 400m T20 category

- Deepthi Jeevanji won a bronze medal in the women's 400m T20 category at the Paralympics.
- She clocked 55.82 seconds, finishing behind Yuliia Shuliar of Ukraine (55.16 seconds) and Aysel Onder of Turkey (55.23 seconds).

### Previous Achievements:

- Deepthi entered the Paris Paralympics as a strong gold contender after setting a world record of 55.07 seconds at the World Para-Athletics Championships in May in Japan.
- She also won the 400m T20 gold at the Hangzhou Asian Games last year with an Asian record of 56.69 seconds.
- **Category:** The T20 category is for athletes with intellectual impairment.
- **Background:** Deepthi was born to daily-wage laborer parents in Kalleda village, Warangal district, Telangana.
- **Historical Achievement:** She became the second Indian to win a medal in a track event at the Paralympics, following Preethi Pal.
- **Competition:** Yuliia Shuliar, who won the gold, previously won a silver at the Tokyo Paralympics three years ago.

**Q.** Who won the bronze medal in the women's 400m T20 category at the Paralympics? **Deepthi Jeevanji**





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## **Annual defence drill "Namejs 24" begins in Latvia**

- Namejs 24, Latvia's comprehensive national defense exercise, began and will continue until October 8.
- **Participants:** Involves 11,000 soldiers and National Guard members, including conscripts, reserve soldiers, and allied troops stationed in Latvia.
- **Coordination:** Organized in cooperation with NATO's Multinational Division North headquarters in Adazi, near Riga.
- **Allied Forces:** Includes soldiers from the US, Estonia, Lithuania, and NATO's multinational battlegroup, alongside the Mechanised Infantry Brigade of the NAF Land Forces.
- **Support:** Supported by the UK-led Joint Expeditionary Force and NATO headquarters representatives.
- **Activities:** Shooting drills will be conducted at military training grounds.

**Q.** Which countries are participating in Latvia's Namejs 24 defense exercise? **US, Estonia, Lithuania, and NATO forces**



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## Switzerland reopens embassy in Iraq after 33-year closure

- Switzerland has reopened its embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, after 33 years of closure due to the Gulf War.
- **Reason:** The Swiss Foreign Ministry cited the improved security situation in Iraq as the primary reason for reopening.
- **Strategic Focus:** This move is part of Switzerland's broader strategy to strengthen its presence in the Middle East and North Africa.
- **Economic Opportunities:** Iraq offers promising long-term export and investment opportunities for Swiss companies, especially in the energy sector.
- **Cooperation:** Switzerland aims to prioritize cooperation on migration issues with Iraq.
- **Consular Services:** Consular services and visa inquiries will still be managed by the Swiss embassy in Amman, Jordan.
- **Background:** Switzerland initially closed its embassy in Iraq following the 1991 Gulf War, which was aimed at expelling Saddam Hussein's forces from Kuwait.

**Q.** What was the primary reason for Switzerland closing its Baghdad embassy in 1991? **Due to the Gulf War**



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## **South Korea, New Zealand agree to boost security cooperation**

- South Korea and New Zealand agreed to enhance bilateral cooperation in economy, trade, science, and education.
- South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol and New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon met for the first time since Luxon's office began in November 2023.
- They will promote bilateral trade and investment under the 2015 free trade agreement (FTA) and establish a regular economic security dialogue.
- Focus will be on advanced science and technology, including fostering a private-sector-led space industry.
- Discussions will be held to strengthen cooperation between national disaster management agencies of both countries.
- Expansion of student scholarship programs and increased exchange of information on regional and international issues were agreed upon.

### **New Zealand**

- Capital: Wellington
- Prime Minister: Christopher Luxon
- Official languages: Māori, English
- Continent: Oceania
- Currency: New Zealand dollar (\$)

**Q.** What did South Korea and New Zealand agree to enhance during their recent leaders' meeting? **To strengthen bilateral cooperation in economy, trade, science, and education.**



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