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Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd Achieves Maharatna Status

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), a key player in India's defense sector, has been granted Maharatna status, becoming the 14th Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) to achieve this distinction.
- This recognition was conferred following recommendations from two high-level committees: the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) chaired by the Finance Secretary and the Apex Committee led by the Cabinet Secretary.
- HAL, operating under the Department of Defence Production (DoDP), recorded a turnover of ₹28,162 crore and a net profit of ₹7,595 crore for the financial year 2023-24. The Maharatna status grants HAL enhanced autonomy in operations and greater financial decision-making power.
- The most recent company before HAL to receive Maharatna status was Oil India in August 2023.

Maharatna Companies In India List

- With HAL's elevation, India now boasts 14 Maharatna PSUs, including major entities like BHEL, BPCL, Coal India, GAIL, HPCL, Indian Oil, NTPC, ONGC, Power Grid, SAIL, Oil India, REC, PFC, and HAL.

Eligibility Criteria for Maharatna Status:

- The company must already hold Navratna status.
- It should be listed on the Indian stock exchange with the required public shareholding as per SEBI regulations.

Q. Which company was recently granted Maharatna status, becoming the 14th Maharatna CPSE in India? **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**



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India won three medals at the Asian Table Tennis Championships 2024.

Historic Women's Doubles Bronze:

- Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee secured India's first-ever women's doubles bronze at the Asian Championships.
- They defeated South Korea's Kim Nayeong and Lee Eunhye in the quarterfinals.
- The Indian pair lost to Japan's Miwa Harimoto and Miyuu Kihara in the semifinals.

Women's Team Event Bronze:

- The Indian women's team (Manika Batra, Ayhika Mukherjee, and Sutirtha Mukherjee) won a bronze, the first-ever medal in the team event since the competition started in 1972.
- The team lost 1-3 to Japan in the semifinals.

Men's Team Event Bronze:

- India's men's team (Achanta Sharath Kamal, Manav Thakkar, and Harmeet Desai) secured their third consecutive bronze in the team event.
- The team lost to Chinese Taipei in the semifinals.

Q. Which Indian pair won a historic bronze in women's doubles at the Asian Table Tennis Championships 2024? **Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee**



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Yin Ruoning Becomes First Chinese Golfer to Win LPGA Shanghai Title

- Yin Ruoning became the first Chinese golfer to win the 2024 Buick LPGA Shanghai.
- Yin finished with a total of 263 strokes, 25 under par, securing her fourth LPGA title.

Runner-up:

- Japan's Mao Saigo and South Korea's Kim Sei-young tied for second place with 269 strokes, 19 under par.

Key Performance:

- Yin birdied eight times and made an eagle in the third round. On the final day, she birdied the first and fifth holes, followed by six more birdies on the back nine, sealing her victory with a birdie putt on the final hole.

Tournament Details:

- The Buick LPGA Shanghai, held from October 10 to 13, is the first of four LPGA Tour events in Asia.
- The tournament had a total purse of 2.1 million U.S. dollars and 500 Race to the CME Globe points.

Q. Who became the first Chinese golfer to win the 2024 Buick LPGA Shanghai title? **Yin Ruoning**



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Jannik Sinner Beats Novak Djokovic to Win Shanghai Masters Title

- Jannik Sinner defeated Novak Djokovic in the 2024 Shanghai Masters.
- Sinner claimed his seventh title of the year, becoming the first player since Andy Murray in 2016 to win more than six titles in a calendar year.
- Sinner became the first player in over a decade to beat Djokovic three times in a row, a feat last achieved by Rafael Nadal in 2013.
- Sinner won 81% of points on his first serve in the first set.
- Djokovic was aiming to become the third player to win 100 tour-level titles but was denied by Sinner.
- Sinner secured his 65th win of the season, a personal best.

2024 Rolex Shanghai Masters

- Edition: 13th
- Category: ATP Tour Masters 1000
- Location: Shanghai, China
- Champions 2024
- Singles: Jannik Sinner (Italy)
- Doubles: Wesley Koolhof (Netherlands) / Nikola Mektić (Croatia)

Q. Who won the 2024 Shanghai Masters, defeating Novak Djokovic in the final? **Jannik Sinner**



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SURGEON VICE ADMIRAL KAVITA SAHAI, SM, VSM ASSUMES CHARGE AS DIRECTOR GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES (NAVY)

- Surgeon Vice Admiral Kavita Sahai, SM, VSM assumes charge as Director General Medical Services (Navy).
- Military Background: Commissioned in the Army Medical Corps on 30 December 1986.

Educational Background:

- Alumnus of the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune.
- Specialized in Pathology and super-specialized in Oncopathology from AIIMS, New Delhi.

Professional Experience:

- Held roles as Professor and Head of the Department of Lab Sciences at AHRR (Army Hospital Research and Referral) and BHDC.
- Professor at the Department of Pathology, AFMC, Pune.
- First woman Commandant of the AMC Centre & College and O i/C Records.
- First woman officer to be elected as Colonel Commandant of the Army Medical Corps.

Recognition and Awards:

- Awarded the Sena Medal in 2024.
- Received the Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM) in 2018.
- Commended by the Chief of the Army Staff in 2008 and 2012, and by the GOC-in-C (WC) in 2010.

Q. Who assumes charge as Director General Medical Services (Navy)? **Surgeon Vice Admiral Kavita Sahai**



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Mongolia, Turkmenistan sign cooperation documents

- Mongolia and Turkmenistan have signed several cooperation agreements.
- The agreements on air transport, road transport, veterinary and animal husbandry and agriculture, along with memorandums of understanding on culture and tourism, were signed in Ashgabat, the capital of Turkmenistan.
- Mongolian President Ukhnaa Khurelsukh arrived in Turkmenistan for a four-day state visit.
- The visit marks the first time a Mongolian president has visited Turkmenistan since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries in 1992.

Historical and Diplomatic Relations:

- Mongolia and Turkmenistan share historical ties that date back to their Turkic and nomadic origins. These ties have shaped their cultural and social connections.
- Diplomatic relations were officially established between the two countries in the early 1990s after both nations gained independence from Soviet influence.

Areas of Cooperation:

- Trade and Economic Cooperation
- Cultural and Educational Exchange
- Regional Collaboration

Q. When were diplomatic relations between Mongolia and Turkmenistan officially established? **In 1992 after both nations gained independence from Soviet influence.**



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NASA's Europa Clipper mission lift off: SpaceX

- NASA's Europa Clipper mission aims to explore Jupiter's icy moon, Europa, in search of signs of life.
- It is launched aboard SpaceX's Falcon Heavy rocket from NASA Kennedy's Launch Complex 39A in Florida.

Objective:

- The mission's goal is to help scientists determine if Europa's salty ocean has the ingredients necessary to support life.

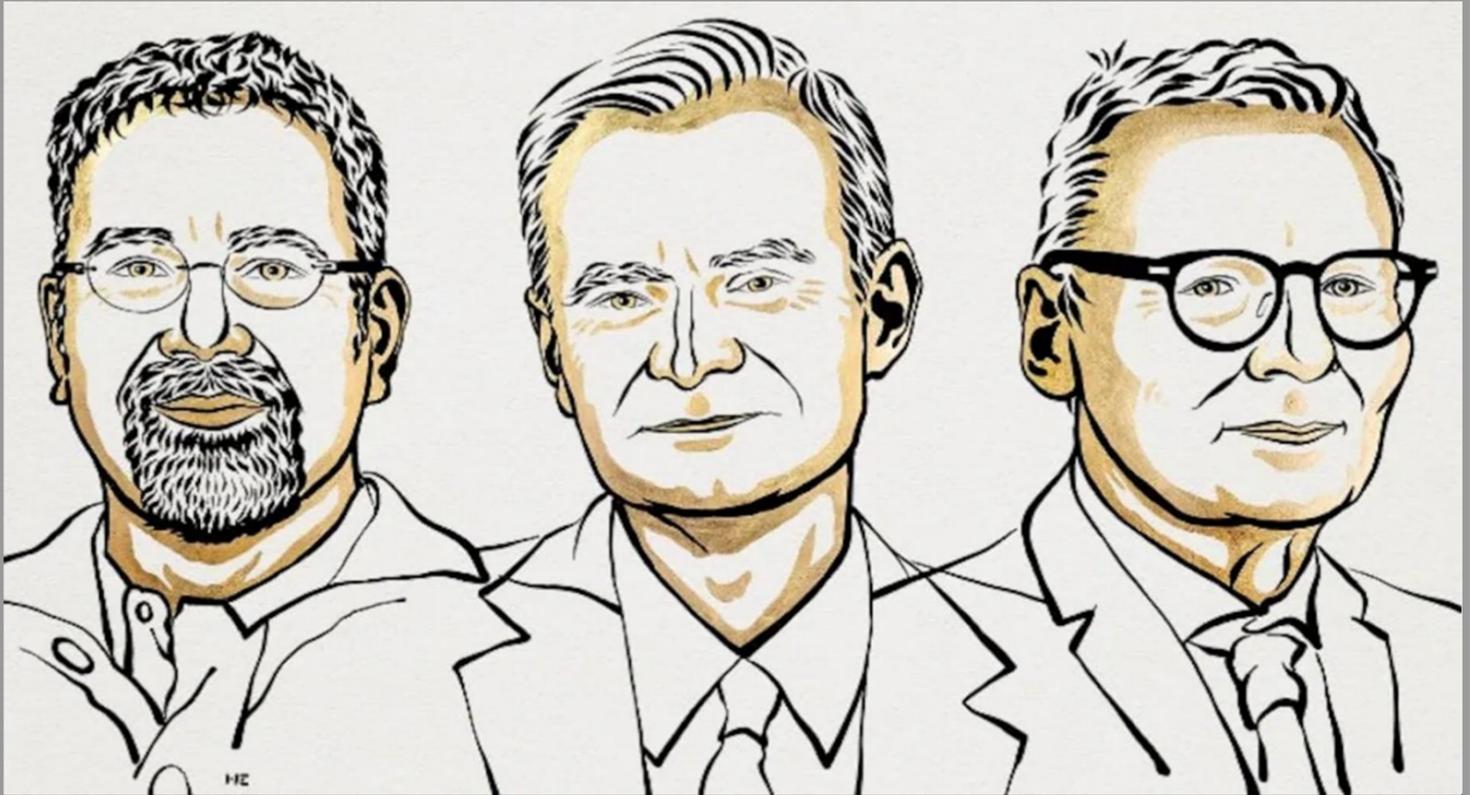
Launch Vehicle:

- This is the sixth and final flight for the Falcon Heavy's first stage side boosters.
- The boosters previously supported missions like USSF-44, USSF-67, USSF-52, Hughes JUPITER 3, and NASA's Psyche mission.

Spacecraft Details:

- The Europa Clipper is NASA's largest spacecraft ever built for a planetary mission, with a budget of \$5 billion.
- It has solar arrays that span over 30 meters when deployed and weighs nearly 6,000 kilograms at launch.
- The spacecraft is equipped with 24 engines, and its propulsion module is an aluminum cylinder measuring 3 meters in length and 1.5 meters in width.

Q. What is the primary goal of NASA's Europa Clipper mission? **To determine if Europa's salty ocean has the ingredients necessary to support life.**



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Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson & James A. Robinson awarded 2024 Nobel Economics Prize

- The Nobel prize in economics or the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in memory of Alfred Nobel was awarded to Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and James A Robinson “for studies of how institutions are formed and affect prosperity.”
- The laureates’ model for understanding how political institutions are created and transformed consists of three key components.
- First, it addresses the conflict regarding resource allocation and decision-making authority, whether it lies with the elite or the masses.
- Second, it highlights that the masses can sometimes mobilize and pose a threat to the ruling elite, indicating that power extends beyond mere decision-making authority.
- Lastly, it introduces the commitment problem, suggesting that the elite may ultimately need to relinquish decision-making power to the general population.

Why they got the award:

- This year's laureates have shed light on the significant disparities in prosperity among nations, with one key explanation being the enduring differences in societal institutions.

Q. Who won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 2024? Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and James A. Robinson



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World's first commercial space station Haven-1 unveiled

- A US-based space tech company, Vast, has unveiled the final design for Haven-1, the world's first commercial space station.
- Haven-1 is expected to launch in 2025 and features a modern, minimalistic design, distinct from traditional space stations.

Design Challenges:

- The design addresses unique challenges posed by zero gravity, aiming to create a highly efficient yet comforting environment for astronauts.
- Interiors are engineered and designed to ensure occupants thrive in space.

Advisory Team:

- The design team includes veteran NASA astronaut Andrew Feustel, who has over 23 years of experience and spent more than 225 days on the International Space Station (ISS).
- Feustel played a key role in advising on the interior design.

Transportation:

- The space station will collaborate with SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft to transport visitors to Haven-1.

Q. What is Haven-1? Haven-1 is the world's first commercial space station designed by the US-based space tech company Vast.



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Mendis, Beaumont win ICC Player of the Month for September

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has revealed the ICC Players of the Month for September 2024 as Sri Lanka's Kamindu Mendis and England's Tammy Beaumont.
- Mendis continued a record-breaking streak in Test cricket during September to win the ICC Men's Player of the Month, while Beaumont starred in England's short format success in Ireland to secure the ICC Women's Player of the Month award.
- Both players win their respective accolades for the second time – Mendis having previously won in March 2024, with Beaumont backing up her other previous award in February 2021.

ICC

- Predecessor: Imperial Cricket Conference (1909–1965) & International Cricket Conference (1965–1989)
- Formation: 15 June 1909
- Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Chairman: Greg Barclay (Incumbent) , Jay Amitbhai Shah (Designate)

Q. Who were the ICC Players of the Month for September 2024? **Kamindu Mendis from Sri Lanka and Tammy Beaumont from England.**



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