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Defence Ministry Signs ₹1,207 Crore Contract with Cochin Shipyard Limited

- The Defence Ministry has signed a contract worth ₹1,207 crore with Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) for the short refit and dry docking of INS Vikramaditya. This initiative is aimed at ensuring the aircraft carrier's upgraded combat capabilities and its readiness to join the active fleet of the Indian Navy.

Boost to Industrial Ecosystem and Employment

- The project is a significant step towards developing Cochin Shipyard Limited as a Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) hub. It is expected to engage around 50 MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) and generate employment opportunities for more than 3,500 personnel, contributing to India's industrial and economic growth.

Promoting National Initiatives

- This venture aligns with the goals of the Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives, providing a substantial boost to indigenous defence capabilities and self-reliance in the maritime sector.

Q. What is the value of the Defence Ministry's contract with Cochin Shipyard Limited for INS Vikramaditya's refit? **₹1,207 crore.**



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Joint Military Exercise Agni Warrior 2024 Concludes in Maharashtra

- The 13th edition of the bilateral military exercise "Agni Warrior 2024" between the Indian Army and the Singapore Armed Forces concluded at the Field Firing Ranges in Devlali, Maharashtra, from November 28 to 30, 2024. The previous edition of this exercise was also held in the same location in November 2022.
- This marked the third bilateral military engagement between India and Singapore in October-November 2024, following:
- The 12th India-Singapore Joint Military Training at Kalaikunda Air Force Station, West Bengal, in October.
- The 31st Singapore-Indian Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) at Visakhapatnam.

Objective

- The primary aim of Agni Warrior 2024 was to strengthen mutual understanding of drills and procedures to enable joint operations as a multinational force under the

Q. Where did the 13th edition of the "Agni Warrior 2024" military exercise take place? **Devlali, Maharashtra.**



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Jay Shah Takes Charge as ICC Chairman

- Jay Shah, the outgoing secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), has assumed the role of Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC). At 36 years old, Shah becomes the fifth Indian to lead the global cricketing body, succeeding New Zealand's Greg Barclay. He was unanimously elected by the ICC's Board of Directors.

Vision as ICC Chair

- In his inaugural statement, Shah highlighted his vision to leverage cricket's inclusion in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games as a transformative milestone. He also emphasized the importance of prioritizing the growth and development of women's cricket globally.

Career Highlights

- BCCI Secretary (2019–2024): Shah became the youngest-ever BCCI Secretary in 2019 and held the post until November 2024.
- Other Roles: He served as President of the Asian Cricket Council and Chair of the ICC's Finance and Commercial Affairs Committee.

Q. Who has taken charge as the Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC)? **Jay Shah.**



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Syed Modi International Tournament 2024: Indian Shuttlers Shine

Singles Champions

- PV Sindhu: Two-time Olympic medallist and top seed, Sindhu won the Women's Singles title, defeating China's Wu Luo Yu in the final.
- Lakshya Sen: Sen secured the Men's Singles title with a commanding victory over Singapore's Jia Heng Jason Teh.

Doubles Success

- Women's Doubles: The Indian duo of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand claimed the Women's Doubles title, beating the Chinese pair Bao Li Jing and Li Qian in the final.

Runner-up Finishes

- Men's Doubles: The Indian team of Pruthvi Krishnamurthy Roy and Sai Pratheek K finished as runners-up after losing to China's Huang Di and Liu Yang in the final.
- Mixed Doubles: Tanisha Crasto and Dhruv Kapila ended their campaign as runners-up, falling to Thailand's Dechapol Puavaranukroh and Supissara Paewsampran.

Q. Who won the singles titles at the Syed Modi International Tournament 2024? **PV Sindhu (Women's Singles), Lakshya Sen (Men's Singles).**



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Inaugural Joint Exercise CINBAX Begins Between Indian and Cambodian Armies

- The first edition of Exercise CINBAX, a joint table-top wargame between the Indian Army and the Cambodian Army, commenced on December 1, 2024, at a foreign training node in Pune. The exercise will continue until December 8, 2024, and involves 20 personnel each from an Infantry Brigade of both armies.

Objective

- The exercise focuses on joint counter-terrorism operations under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter. It aims to enhance interoperability and trust between the two forces while improving operational efficiency during peacekeeping missions.

Structure and Activities

Phases of the Exercise:

- Phase I: Preparation and orientation for counter-terrorism operations during UN missions.
- Phase II: Table-top exercises involving simulated scenarios and strategic maneuvers.
- Phase III: Finalization of plans and summing up practical aspects of the training.

Q. Name the Inaugural Joint Exercise between the Indian Army and the Cambodian Army? **CINBAX**

RAJASTHAN CABINET APPROVES ANTI-CONVERSION BILL



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Rajasthan Cabinet Approves Anti-Conversion Bill

- The Rajasthan Cabinet approved the Rajasthan Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill, 2024, aimed at curbing forced religious conversions through fraud, undue influence, or coercion. The bill will be tabled in the state legislature during the upcoming session.

Provisions of the Bill

- Imprisonment of 1 to 5 years for individuals involved in forced religious conversions.
- Prohibition of conversions through misleading information, fraud, force, or undue influence by individuals or institutions.
- Provision to declare marriages conducted solely for the purpose of illegal conversions as invalid through family courts.

Government's Intent

- Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma emphasized the government's commitment to preventing illegal religious conversions and safeguarding social harmony. The bill is designed to address issues of conversions through inducement or fraud.

Q. What is the objective of the Rajasthan Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill, 2024? **To curb forced religious conversions.**



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Former Snooker Champion Terry Griffiths Passes Away at 77

- Terry Griffiths, former World Snooker Champion, passed away at the age of 77 on December 1, 2024, after a prolonged battle with dementia.
- Griffiths, a Welsh snooker legend, made history in 1979 as the first qualifier to win the World Snooker Championship, defeating Dennis Taylor 24-16.

Achievements

- Completed snooker's Triple Crown by winning:
- World Snooker Championship (1979)
- Masters (1980)
- UK Championship (1982)
- Reached a career-high third rank in the world snooker rankings.
- Honoured with the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 2007 for his contributions to the sport.

Q. Who was the first qualifier to win the World Snooker Championship in 1979? **Terry Griffiths.**



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Razorpay Partners with MHA to Enhance Cybersecurity in Digital Payments

- Fintech leader Razorpay has partnered with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) to enhance cybersecurity in India's digital payments ecosystem. This initiative aims to educate businesses and consumers on protecting themselves from cyber threats while promoting widespread awareness about cybersecurity.

Rising Digital Fraud Cases

- Data from the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal revealed a sharp rise in digital fraud, with over 7,000 complaints reported daily between January and April 2024. Alarming, 85% of these complaints involved financial fraud, resulting in a loss of over \$21.2 million during this period.

Awareness Campaigns and Collaborations

- As part of its initiatives, Razorpay has launched extensive awareness campaigns and connected with over 1,600 cybercrime stations across 25 states and union territories. It has also conducted specialized workshops to share insights on fraud prevention and strengthen communication channels for combating cybercrime.

Q. Razorpay's recent collaboration to enhance cybersecurity around digital payments is with which government ministry?

Ministry of Home Affairs



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Pavan Kampelli Secures Historic Bronze at Asian Esports Games 2024

India's First Podium Finish in eFootball

- Pavan Kampelli created history by securing a bronze medal in eFootball at the 2024 Asian Esports Games (AEG) held in Bangkok, Thailand. This marks India's first-ever podium finish in a football sports simulation esports title.

Victory Over Former World Champion

- En route to his bronze medal, Pavan defeated Asgard Azizi of Indonesia, the 2022 eFootball World Finals Champion, in a thrilling match that ended 2-1.

Impressive Comeback Against Strong Opponents

- Pavan faced a challenging start against TXRO of Thailand, who eventually won the gold medal. However, he displayed remarkable resilience, defeating players from Indonesia, Syria, and Laos with identical 2-1 scorelines to secure his place on the podium.

Q. Who secured India's first-ever podium finish in eFootball at the 2024 Asian Esports Games? **Pavan Kampelli**



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Todd Greenberg to Become New Cricket Australia CEO

- Todd Greenberg, former National Rugby League (NRL) chief, is set to replace Nick Hockley as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Cricket Australia. The appointment is expected to be made official soon, as reported by the Sydney Morning Herald.

Transition of Leadership

- Nick Hockley, who has served as Cricket Australia CEO since June 2020 (initially as interim CEO), will step down at the end of March 2024. Hockley's tenure spans nearly 13 years in Australian cricket, including five years as CEO.

Todd Greenberg's Career Journey

- Todd Greenberg brings a wealth of leadership experience to Cricket Australia. He previously worked with Cricket NSW before serving as the CEO of the Canterbury Bulldogs. In 2016, he became the CEO of the NRL, a role he held for four years. Currently, he serves as the chief of the Australian Cricketers' Association.

Q. Who has been appointed as the next CEO of Cricket Australia? **Todd Greenberg**



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