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British Author Samantha Harvey Wins 2024 **Booker Prize for Novel 'Orbital'**

British author Samantha Harvey has been awarded the 2024 Booker Prize for her novel Orbital, marking the first space-themed book to receive the honor.

Key Details:

- Orbital explores themes from the perspective of astronauts aboard the International Space Station.
- It has become the best-selling book on the 2024 Booker shortlist in the UK, surpassing sales of the previous three Booker winners combined.
- Harvey is the first woman since 2019 to receive the Booker Prize and will be awarded 50,000 pounds.

- She dedicated the award to advocates for Earth and peace.
- The announcement was made at London's Old Billingsgate.
- Objective: The prize highlights significant literary contributions and innovative narratives contemporary literature.
- Q. Which British author won the 2024 Booker Prize for her novel Orbital, the first space-themed book to receive the honor? Samantha Harvey















India-Germany Cooperation Expands with **Educational and Technological Linkages**

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar highlighted potential areas for cooperation and Germany, India emphasizing between educational and technological linkages.

Key Details:

- Dr. Jaishankar addressed the German National Day Reception in New Delhi.
- 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of Indo-German scientific collaboration.
- Emphasis was placed on expanding cooperation in emerging fields like AI, semiconductors, quantum computing, and green technologies.

- Economic and technological collaboration forms the foundation of the Indo-German relationship.
- Dr. Jaishankar pointed out improvements in India's environment, encouraging business investment for global supply chain resilience.
- Q. What fields did Dr. S. Jaishankar emphasize for expanding cooperation between India and Germany during the 50th anniversary of Indo-German scientific collaboration? AI, semiconductors, quantum computing, and green technologies















Ministry of Mines Signs MoU with IEA for **Cooperation on Critical Minerals**

The Ministry of Mines has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Energy Agency (IEA) to enhance cooperation in the critical minerals sector.

Key Details:

- This MoU aims to provide India with access to data, analysis, and policy recommendations related to critical minerals.
- The collaboration will support India's strategic resource management by improving decisionmaking capabilities in the critical minerals sector.

Significance:

- The MoU is expected to help India streamline policies, regulations, and investment strategies for better management and utilization of critical minerals.
- Approval for the MoU was granted by the Union Cabinet on the 3rd of the previous month.

International Energy Agency:

- Established: 18 November 1974
- Headquarters: Paris, France
- Q. With which international organization did India's Ministry of Mines sign an MoU to enhance minerals in the critical cooperation sector? **International Energy Agency**















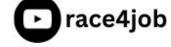
Indian Navy to Conduct 4th Coastal Defence Exercise 'Sea-Vigil-24'

The Indian Navy is set to hold the 4th edition of the Coastal Defence Exercise 'Sea-Vigil-24' to enhance national coastal security.

Key Details:

- The two-day exercise will involve six ministries and 21 organizations and agencies.
- Focus areas include the security of coastal assets like ports, oil rigs, moorings, cable landing points, and critical coastal infrastructure.
- For the first time, the Indian Army and Air Force will also participate in this exercise.

- Sea-Vigil was first conceptualized in 2018 to validate and strengthen coastal defence measures.
- Objective: The exercise aims to test and improve India's coastal defence readiness and response capabilities.
- Q. What is the name of the Indian Navy's 4th Coastal Defence Exercise aimed at enhancing coastal security? Sea-Vigil-24















India Defeats South Korea in Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy

- India secured a victory against South Korea in the Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy at Rajgir Hockey Stadium, Bihar.
- Deepika Sehrawat scored the winning goal through a penalty stroke, marking her second goal of the match.
- Sangita Kumari opened India's scoring in the 3rd minute, while Korea's Yuri Lee and Eunbi Cheon scored in the 34th and 38th minutes.
- India previously defeated Malaysia 4-0 in their opening match.
- India ranks second in the points table with six points, behind China, who leads with a higher goal difference.

South Korea:

Capital: Seoul

President: Yoon Suk Yeol

Prime Minister: Han Duck-soo

Currency: Korean Republic

Q. Who did India defeat in the Women's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy at Rajgir Hockey Stadium in Bihar? **South Korea**















CCPA Imposes Rs 54.6 Lakh Fine Coaching Centres, Issues New Guidelines to **Curb Misleading Ads**

The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has imposed a penalty of Rs 54.6 lakh on coaching institutes for misleading advertisements and issued new guidelines prevent malpractices in the coaching sector.

Key Details:

- The new guidelines, titled Guidelines Prevention of Misleading Advertisement in the Coaching Sector, 2024, aim to protect students from deceptive marketing practices.
- Coaching centres are prohibited from making false claims about course offerings, duration, faculty, fees, refund policies, selection rates, job promises, and assured admissions.
- Coaching centres must obtain written consent from students before using their names or photos in advertisements, and any such endorsements must be from students who have succeeded in the course.
- Q. What fine has the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) imposed on coaching centres for misleading advertisements? Rs 54.6 Lakh















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Mexican General Appointed Head of UN Observer Group in Kashmir

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed Mexican Major General Ramon Guardado Sanchez as the new head of the UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP).

Key Details:

- Guardado will succeed Argentine Rear Admiral Guillermo Rios as the Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for UNMOGIP.
- UNMOGIP was established by the Security Council in 1949 to monitor the ceasefire between India and Pakistan along the Line of Control.
- The mission has a staff of 110, including 44 military personnel from about 10 countries, and its headquarters alternate between Srinagar and Islamabad.

- Guardado previously served as the Commissioner of the National Guard in Yucatan and as the Liaison to Congress for Mexico's National Defence Joint Staff.
- He has experience with the UN, having served as a regional chief observer for the Verification Mission in Colombia and as the Commanding Officer of Mexico's Peace Operations Joint Training Centre.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the head of the UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)? Major General Ramon Guardado Sanchez















South Korea Signs MOU with Poland on **Financial Cooperation**

South Korea and Poland have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enhance financial cooperation, focusing on expanding South Korean banks' presence in Poland and funding for South Korean firms operating in the country.

Key Details:

- The MOU was signed in Seoul by South Korea's Financial Services Commission (FSC) chief Kim Byoung-hwan and Poland's financial watchdog (KNF) head Jacek Jastrzebski.
- The agreement aims to expand cooperation beyond banking to sectors like insurance.
- As of the end of 2023, 370 South Korean firms were operating in Poland, with \$6 billion in accumulated investments.
- Poland is South Korea's largest trading partner in Central and Eastern Europe, with bilateral trade reaching a record \$10.1 billion last year.
- Q. Which country recently signed an MOU with South Korea to enhance financial cooperation? **Poland**















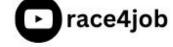
S. Korea, US, Japan to Conduct 2nd Trilateral Freedom Edge Exercise

South Korea, the United States, and Japan are set to conduct their second trilateral multi-domain exercise, known as "Freedom Edge," to strengthen joint deterrence against North Korea's threats, particularly in light of its growing ties with Russia.

Key Details:

- The three-day exercise will take place in international waters south of South Korea's Jeju Island, four months after the inaugural exercise.
- The exercise will involve various warships and aircraft, including the U.S. Navy's USS George Washington aircraft carrier and F-35 stealth fighters, South Korea's ROKS Seoae Ryu Seong-ryong destroyer, and Japan's JS Haguro destroyer.
- The exercise will cover areas such as air defense, ballistic missile defense, anti-submarine warfare, maritime interdiction, and defensive cyber training.

- The exercise reflects a joint effort by the three nations to counter North Korea's missile and nuclear threats, following North Korea's recent test of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM).
- Q. Which three countries are conducting the second trilateral "Freedom Edge" exercise to enhance joint deterrence against North Korea? South Korea, the United States, and Japan













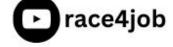


Trump Nominates Key Cabinet Members After **2024 Presidential Victory**

Following his victory in the 2024 U.S. Presidential Election, President-elect Donald Trump has nominated key individuals for prominent roles in his administration.

Key Appointments:

- Attorney General: Congressman Matt Gaetz has been nominated to be the Attorney General of the United States. Trump emphasized Gaetz's commitment to ending partisan influence in the justice system, strengthening borders, and restoring public trust in the Department of Justice.
- Secretary of State: Senator Marco Rubio of Florida has been selected as the Secretary of State. Rubio expressed his commitment to executing Trump's foreign policy agenda, focusing on "peace through strength" prioritizing American interests.
- Director of National Intelligence (DNI): Congresswoman and Lieutenant Colonel Tulsi Gabbard has been appointed DNI. Trump praised Gabbard for her decades of service, highlighting her bipartisan appeal and commitment to securing American freedoms.
- Q. Who has been nominated by President-elect Donald Trump as the Attorney General in his 2024 administration? **Matt Gaetz**



















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