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Prime Minister Modi to Launch Bima Sakhi Yojana and Lay Foundation of Maharana Pratap Horticultural University

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the Life Insurance Corporation of India's (LIC) Bima Sakhi Yojana, aimed at empowering women aged 18 to 70 years who have completed Class X.
- Under this scheme, women will receive specialized training to promote financial literacy and insurance awareness.
- A stipend will be provided during the initial three years of training. Post-training, participants can serve as LIC agents, and graduate Bima Sakhis will be eligible for Development Officer roles in LIC.

Maharana Pratap Horticultural University

- The Prime Minister will also lay the foundation stone for Maharana Pratap Horticultural University in Panipat, Haryana.
- The university, being established at a cost of ₹700 crore, will cover a total area of 495 acres, including the main campus and six regional research stations.

Q. Which organization is associated with the Bima Sakhi Yojana? **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).**



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Union Minister Jitin Prasada to Inaugurate 4th Edition of India Internet Governance Forum

- The Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Jitin Prasada, will inaugurate the 4th edition of the India Internet Governance Forum in New Delhi.
- The two-day event will focus on critical aspects of Internet governance, including bridging the digital divide, ensuring trust and safety in the online space, and leveraging advanced technologies for the nation's development.
- Theme: “Innovating Internet Governance for India.”

Objectives:

- Promote a secure and inclusive online environment.
- Foster ethical governance of the Internet.
- Utilize technology for nation-building.

Q. What is the theme of the 4th India Internet Governance Forum? **“Innovating Internet Governance for India.”**



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NMDFC and DICCI Sign MoU to Empower Marginalized Communities through Entrepreneurship

- The National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), under the Ministry of Minority Affairs, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DICCI) in New Delhi. The collaboration aims to empower marginalized communities by promoting entrepreneurship and providing financial assistance to individuals from minority and marginalized sections.

Key Highlights

- Focus: Financial inclusion and entrepreneurship development.
- Goal: Encourage individuals to become job creators, contributing to a self-reliant India.
- Vision: Aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mission of financial inclusion and upliftment of marginalized communities.

Q. Which organizations signed an MoU to empower marginalized communities through entrepreneurship?
NMDFC and DICCI.



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Tongan Prime Minister Siaosi Sovaleni Resigns Amid Political Tensions

Reason for Resignation

- Prime Minister Siaosi Sovaleni of Tonga resigned abruptly due to a power struggle with King Tupou VI and opposition lawmakers.
- A vote of no confidence was scheduled against him, supported by Tonga's hereditary nobles who occupy nine of the 26 seats in the legislative assembly.

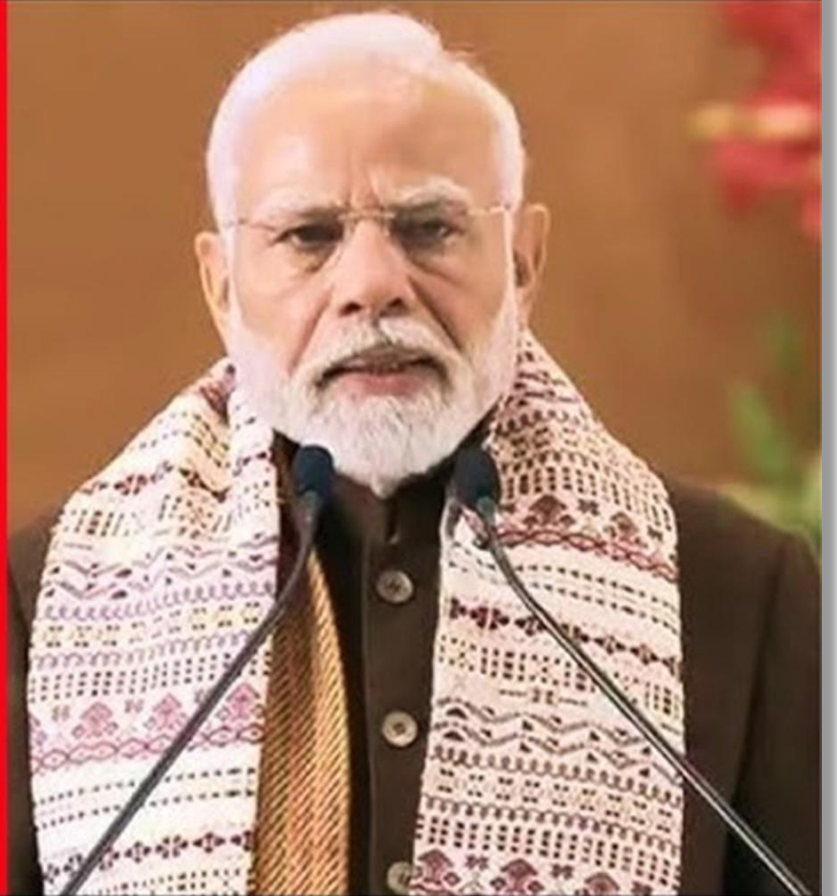
Background and Developments

- Sovaleni was first elected to parliament in 2014 and served as deputy prime minister from 2014-17, then became education minister in 2019.
- Tensions arose after King Tupou VI expressed a lack of confidence in Sovaleni's role as armed forces minister earlier this year.
- Sovaleni initially resisted but later resigned from the armed forces ministry after offering a traditional apology to the king.

Monarchical Influence

- Tonga's monarchy remains a dominant institution despite constitutional changes after the 2006 pro-democracy protests.

Q. Who resigned as the Prime Minister of Tonga amid political tensions? **Siaosi Sovaleni.**

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INAUGURATES
RAJASTHAN GLOBAL
INVESTMENT SUMMIT
LIVE****Tuesday, 10 December 2024****PM Modi to Inaugurate Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit 2024**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit 2024 and the Rajasthan Global Business Expo at the Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre (JECC) in Jaipur. The summit will run until December 11, with the theme 'Replete, Responsible, Ready.' During the inauguration, the Prime Minister will also address the gathering, highlighting the importance of the event.

Key Participants and Expected Attendance

- The summit is expected to attract over 5,000 prominent business leaders, investors, diplomats, and delegates from around the world. Notable participants include industrialists like Kumar Mangalam Birla, Anil Agarwal, Gautam Adani, Anand Mahindra, Sanjiv Puri, Ajay S Shriram, and Keiichi ONO, Ambassador of Japan.

Investment Proposals and Sectoral Focus

- Ahead of the summit, investment proposals exceeding ₹30 lakh crore have already been signed.

Q. What is the theme of the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit 2024? **'Replete, Responsible, Ready.'**



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Scottie Scheffler Retains Hero World Challenge Title with Ninth Win of the Year

- Scottie Scheffler successfully defended his Hero World Challenge title with a 9-under 63 on the final day, finishing at 25-under-par 263. This victory marked his ninth win of the season, capping off an extraordinary year in professional golf.
- Dominating the Field: Scheffler defeated Tom Kim (68) by six strokes and Justin Thomas (71) by seven at Albany Golf Club. In his four career appearances at Albany, Scheffler has finished as runner-up twice and has now claimed the title twice.
- Historical Achievement: Scheffler became only the third player to successfully defend his Hero World Challenge title, following Viktor Hovland (2021-22) and Tiger Woods (2006-07).
- Flawless Rounds: Scheffler was nearly flawless during the second and final rounds, posting a bogey-free 64 and his 9-under 63, which were the best rounds of both days.

Q. Who defended their title at the Hero World Challenge with a 9-under 63? **Scottie Scheffler.**



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Gabriel Bortoleto Wins Formula Two Championship

- Brazilian driver Gabriel Bortoleto won the Formula Two championship in Abu Dhabi, securing his second consecutive title. Bortoleto, who was the Formula Three champion last year, finished the season with 214.5 points, ahead of his French rival Isack Hadjar, who ended with 192 points.
- Key Moments of the Final Race: Bortoleto secured his title after finishing second in the final race at Yas Marina, while Hadjar stalled on the grid, which significantly impacted his chances. Paraguayan rookie Joshua Durksen, who also holds German nationality, won the race.
- Season Standings: Bortoleto's main competitor, Red Bull-backed Isack Hadjar, who had been half a point behind Bortoleto heading into the final weekend, finished as the overall runner-up. Alpine F1's Estonian reserve driver, Paul Aron, took third place in the standings.

2024 Formula 2 Championship

- The 2024 FIA Formula 2 Championship was a motor racing championship for Formula 2 cars sanctioned by the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA).
- The championship was the fifty-eighth season of Formula 2 racing and the eighth season run under the FIA Formula 2 Championship moniker.

Q. Who won the Formula Two championship in 2024?
Gabriel Bortoleto.



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Norway planning to ratify India-EFTA free trade agreement next year

- India and the EFTA (European Free Trade Association) bloc, comprising Norway, Switzerland, Iceland, and Liechtenstein, signed the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) on March 10, 2024.
- The agreement aims to enhance trade and investment relations but requires ratification from all four EFTA member nations for implementation.
- Ratification Plans: Norway has announced its plan to ratify the TEPA agreement by 2025.

Key Highlights from the India-Norway Business Forum:

- TEPA was recognized as a landmark agreement for bilateral relations, with a focus on boosting trade and investment.
- Discussions highlighted priority areas like renewable energy, maritime industries, climate, and sustainability.

Q. What agreement did India and the EFTA bloc sign in 2024? **The Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA)**



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Google to tie up with NCERT, launch YouTube channels in 29 Indian languages

- Tech giant Google has announced a collaboration with the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) to enhance access to quality education across India.
- Google's Collaboration with NCERT: Google and NCERT are partnering to improve access to quality education across India.

NCERT YouTube Channels:

- Target students from grades 1 to 12, offering curriculum-based content.
- Available in 29 Indian languages, including Indian Sign Language, making learning accessible for diverse audiences.

Partnership with NPTEL:

- Google is collaborating with the National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) to offer Credentialed Courses.
- Current Offerings: 50 certified courses across fields like sciences, literature, sports psychology, and rocket propulsion.

Q. What collaboration did Google announce with NCERT? **To launch YouTube channels providing curriculum-based content for grades 1 to 12 in 29 Indian languages.**

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ADB approves \$350 million loan to boost India's logistics sector, create jobs

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$350 million policy-based loan to modernize and strengthen India's logistics sector.
- This funding supports the second subprogram under the Strengthening Multimodal and Integrated Logistics Ecosystem Program.

Key Objectives:

- Policy and Infrastructure Reforms: Establish a robust policy, planning, and institutional framework at state and city levels. Streamline logistics processes to improve efficiency.
- Digital Integration: Promote the adoption of digital technologies to facilitate smoother goods movement.
- Sustainable Logistics: Advance green guidelines for inland waterways and promote eco-friendly practices.
- Employment Creation: Generate substantial job opportunities in both urban and rural regions.

Q. What loan has ADB approved for India's logistics sector? **A \$350 million policy-based loan to strengthen and modernize India's logistics sector.**



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