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Iran, Turkey aim to raise bilateral trade to 30 bln USD

- Iran and Türkiye signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to increase bilateral trade to 30 billion U.S. dollars within five years.
- The agreement focuses on enhancing economic ties and was signed in Tehran by:
- Farzaneh Sadegh, Iranian Roads and Urban Development Minister.
- Omer Bolat, Turkish Trade Minister.
- The signing took place at the conclusion of the 29th session of the joint economic cooperation commission, a three-day meeting.
- The session aimed to promote collaboration in trade, banking, and investment.
- Currently, annual trade between the two countries stands at 11.7 billion dollars.
- The MoU outlines plans for expanded trade and economic cooperation in the coming year.
- It sets the stage for further discussions at the 30th joint economic cooperation commission.

Q. What is the trade target set by the recent Iran-Türkiye MoU? **30 billion USD within five years.**



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TCS inks 5-year deal with Telenor Denmark to deliver IT infra services

- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has extended its partnership with Telenor Denmark (TnDK), the second-largest mobile operator in Denmark.
- The partnership focuses on delivering IT infrastructure services using an automation-first approach.

Past Achievements:

- Over six years, TCS implemented its Machine First Delivery Model to modernize TnDK's IT infrastructure.
- TnDK serves over 1.6 million subscribers.

Future Goals:

- TCS aims to enhance TnDK's digital assets using advanced automation solutions.
- It will ensure uninterrupted business continuity with zero operational impact.

Q. Which company has TCS extended its partnership with in Denmark? **Telenor Denmark (TnDK).**



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HPCL inks pact with Sea6 Energy to convert seaweed biomass into fuels

- Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and Sea6 Energy Pvt Ltd signed an MoU for joint R&D and technology commercialization.
- The focus is on developing technologies to convert seaweed biomass into fuels and chemicals.

Technological Development:

- HPCL will lead efforts in technology development and scaling for seaweed biomass conversion.
- Sea6 Energy will focus on enhancing cost-effectiveness in seaweed farming and harvesting.

Advantages of Seaweed Biomass:

- Seaweed biomass is a sustainable alternative for biofuel production.
- It avoids competition with food crops, requires no fertilizers or irrigation, and thrives in coastal areas unsuitable for traditional agriculture.
- Rapid growth rates and high carbon capture potential make it an ideal choice for supporting India's net-zero goals by 2070.

Q. What is the purpose of the HPCL and Sea6 Energy MoU? **To jointly develop and commercialize technologies for converting seaweed biomass into fuels and chemicals.**



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Bihar govt transfers Moin-ul-Haq Stadium to BCA on 30-year lease

- The Bihar Government transferred the Moin-ul-Haq Stadium land registry to the Bihar Cricket Association (BCA) on a 30-year lease.
- This initiative aims to facilitate hosting international cricket matches in Patna and provide state cricketers with a world-class venue.
- Fee Waiver: The government waived the land registry fee of approximately ₹37 crore as part of the agreement.
- Stadium Development Timeline: The BCA plans to construct and deliver a world-class stadium within two to three years.
- Additional Sports Facilities: The complex will feature a badminton court, volleyball court, swimming pool, and modern amenities.
- Other Features: Plans include a five-star hotel, a fully-equipped hostel for players, restaurants, a clubhouse, and other advanced infrastructure.

Q. What lease duration has the Bihar Government granted to the BCA for Moin-ul-Haq Stadium? **30-year lease.**



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FIFA confirms Saudi Arabia as host of 2034 World Cup finals despite controversy

- FIFA confirmed that Saudi Arabia will host the 2034 World Cup, marking one of the most controversial decisions in its history.
- Event Details: The tournament will feature 48 teams and will be held across 15 stadiums in five cities, most likely during the winter months.
- Saudi Arabia as Sole Bidder: The confirmation follows an expedited bidding process, leaving Saudi Arabia as the only candidate for the 2034 World Cup.
- FIFA's Virtual Congress: The decision was made in a virtual FIFA congress, which faced technical difficulties, and key decisions were taken by acclamation (a collective clapping of hands on video screens).
- 2030 World Cup Announcement: The 2030 World Cup will be hosted by Morocco, Spain, and Portugal, with three “centenary celebration matches” in Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay to kick off the tournament.

Q. Who will host the 2034 FIFA World Cup? Saudi Arabia.



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Leh to host Khelo India Winter Games in Jan 2025, Gulmarg in Feb

- Ladakh will host ice events from January 23 to 27, 2025.
- Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) will host snow events from February 22 to 25, 2025.

Khelo India Calendar:

- The Winter Games will mark the start of the Khelo India season.
- The Youth & Para Games are scheduled in Bihar in April 2025.

History and Growth:

- The Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) began in 2020 with 1000 athletes, including 306 women.
- Participation has steadily grown, with over 1350 athletes in 2021, 1500+ in 2022, and 1200+ in 2024.

2024 Edition Highlights:

- Over 700 athletes, 141 support staff, 113 technical officials, and 250+ volunteers participated.
- A total of 136 medals were contested.
- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, along with the Sports Authority of India, managed the technical conduct in collaboration with National Sports Federations and the Indian Olympic Association.

Q. Which Union Territory will host the snow events of the Khelo India Winter Games 2025? **Jammu & Kashmir.**



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Haris Rauf, Danni Wyatt-Hodge win ICC Players of the Month awards

- Haris Rauf (Pakistan fast bowler) and Danni Wyatt-Hodge (England batter) were named ICC Players of the Month for November 2024.
- Both received the award for the first time in their careers.

Haris Rauf's Achievements:

- Played a pivotal role in Pakistan's first ODI series win in Australia since 2002.
- Took 10 wickets in three matches at an average of 12 and an economy rate of 5.
- Named Player of the Series in Pakistan's historic triumph.

Danni Wyatt-Hodge's Achievements:

- Instrumental in England women's T20I series whitewash against South Africa women.
- Scored a scintillating 78 off 45 balls, including 15 fours and a six, in the second T20I.
- Helped England set a formidable total of 204/4 in 20 overs.

Q. Who were named ICC Players of the Month for November 2024? **Haris Rauf and Danni Wyatt-Hodge.**



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Salesforce India CEO Arundhati Bhattacharya to lead operations in ASEAN from Feb 1

- Arundhati Bhattacharya, CEO and chairperson of Salesforce India, will become the CEO of the newly formed South Asia Operating Unit starting February 1.
- Expanded Coverage: The new South Asia Operating Unit will include India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Singapore, the Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, and Indonesia.
- Operational Goals: The restructuring aims to streamline operations and drive growth by consolidating markets under a unified leadership.
- Role of Arun Kumar Parameswaran: The managing director of Salesforce India's sales division will lead the ASEAN sales team while continuing to report to Bhattacharya.
- Location of Leadership: Despite her expanded responsibilities, Bhattacharya will remain based in India to strategically drive regional growth.
- Growth Strategy: Salesforce plans to replicate its success in India across ASEAN markets by focusing on localization of products and services to meet specific market needs.
- Strategic Focus: The reorganization seeks to strengthen Salesforce's presence and competitiveness in South Asia and ASEAN regions.

Q. Who will lead Salesforce's newly formed South Asia Operating Unit? **Arundhati Bhattacharya.**



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CDSCO approves Cipla to distribute, market inhaled insulin in India

- Cipla Limited has received approval from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) to exclusively distribute and market Afrezza in India.

Product Overview:

- Afrezza is an inhalable rapid-acting insulin developed by MannKind Corporation, USA.
- It is designed for glycemic control in adult patients with diabetes mellitus.

Unique Delivery Mechanism:

- Afrezza is administered via an inhaler, unlike traditional injectable insulins.
- Taken at the start of a meal, it dissolves rapidly in the lungs and delivers insulin quickly to the bloodstream.

Effectiveness:

- Begins working in as early as 12 minutes, reducing meal-related sugar spikes.
- The effect lasts 2-3 hours, mimicking the body's natural insulin response.

Q. Which company has obtained regulatory approval to market Afrezza in India? **Cipla Limited.**



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DRDO gets India's 1st green propulsion system

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) acquired the iBooster green propulsion system.
- Designed for satellites weighing 100–500 kg.
- Developer: The system was developed by Mumbai-based startup Manastu Space Technologies, founded in 2017 by Tushar Jadhav and Ashtesh Kumar.
- Applications: Supports critical satellite operations like orbit raising, station-keeping, and deorbiting.
- Innovative Fuel: Uses proprietary hydrogen peroxide-based fuel, which is safer, eco-friendly, and offers enhanced performance compared to toxic or expensive alternatives.
- Technological Features: Optimised thruster design for efficiency and precision. High-temperature catalyst for reliable ignition and endurance in space.
- Sustainability Focus: Promotes safety and sustainability, positioning India as a leader in green aerospace technologies.
- Upcoming Space Test: Manastu Space will test the iBooster system aboard an upcoming PSLV mission by ISRO, showcasing its capabilities globally.

Q. Who developed the iBooster green propulsion system? **Manastu Space Technologies**



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