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## India and Kuwait Sign MoU to Establish Joint Commission for Cooperation

- **Joint Working Groups:** The JCC will oversee the formation of Joint Working Groups in areas like trade, investment, education, technology, agriculture, security, and culture to strengthen bilateral relations.
- **High-Level Meetings:** The Kuwaiti Foreign Minister met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who emphasized enhancing ties in trade, energy, technology, and cultural exchange.
- **Key Discussions:** The leaders reviewed India-Kuwait relations, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) cooperation, and recent developments in West Asia, advocating for peace and stability in the region.
- **Indian Community in Kuwait:** PM Modi appreciated Kuwait's support for the one-million-strong Indian diaspora residing in the country.

**Q.** With which country, India signed an MoU to establish a Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC) at the foreign ministers' level? **Kuwait**





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## UAE Tops Global Rankings in Sustainable Development and Economic Innovation

- The UAE has been ranked first globally in 2024 in Global Trade Indicators, Maritime Protection, Wastewater Reuse, Net Carbon Flows, and Green Hydrogen Competitiveness. It also ranks fourth globally in Economic Performance and leads the Arab world in Human Development, Education Systems, and Gender Equality indices.
- Sustainable Development: The UAE's success in meeting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is attributed to high rates of supervised medical care, universal access to basic services, and advanced civil registration systems.
- Governance Model: The UAE's governance model emphasizes technological innovation, human rights, and infrastructure development, aligning with the 'We the UAE 2031' vision for sustainable growth and global cooperation.
- National SDG Committee: Established in 2017, the National Committee for Sustainable Development Goals aligns UAE's national priorities with the UN's 2030 SDG agenda. The committee facilitates stakeholder collaboration, monitors progress, and integrates SDGs with the UAE's National Wellbeing Strategy.

**Q.** Which country ranked first globally in Global Trade Indicators and Maritime Protection in 2024? **UAE**

**Q.** What vision underpins the UAE's achievements in sustainable development and economic innovation? **'We the UAE 2031' vision**





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## **Arab Development Group Commits \$10 Billion to Combat Land Degradation by 2030**

- The Arab Coordination Group (ACG) has pledged \$10 billion to address land degradation, desertification, and drought by 2030, announced at the UN Convention to Combat Desertification's COP16 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- Focus Areas: The initiative targets restoring degraded lands and improving climate resilience in regions such as West Asia, North Africa, and the Sahel.
- Past Commitments: Previous ACG commitments include \$50 billion for African infrastructure (November 2023), \$24 billion for climate finance (COP27, 2022), and \$10 billion for food security (June 2022).
- Strategic Goals: The funds will support sustainable land management, biodiversity conservation, and livelihood preservation through innovative financing and partnerships.
- About ACG: The Arab Coordination Group is an alliance of 10 major development finance institutions, including the Islamic Development Bank and the OPEC Fund for International Development, focused on economic and social development in emerging markets.

**Q.** How much has the Arab Coordination Group (ACG) pledged to combat land degradation by 2030?  
**\$10 billion**





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## Scottish Artist Jasleen Kaur Wins Turner Prize 2024

- Scottish artist Jasleen Kaur won the prestigious Turner Prize, marking the award's 40th anniversary. The prize, established in 1984, honors British artists for exceptional exhibitions or projects and carries a cash reward of £25,000.
- **Winning Work:** Kaur was recognized for her exhibition *Alter-Altar*, featuring a vintage red Ford Escort covered with a crocheted doily, worship bells, family photos, and soundtracks reflecting her family history and migrant upbringing.
- **Ceremony:** The announcement was made at Tate Britain in London, where Kaur triumphed over finalists Pio Abad, Claudette Johnson, and Delaine Le Bas.
- **Jury Remarks:** The jury praised her use of sound and sculpture to evoke themes of family memory and community struggles.
- **Cultural Significance:** Born in Glasgow to a family of Indian descent, Kaur's work draws on her Punjabi heritage and her family's migration to Scotland after Partition.
- **Previous Winners:** Past Turner Prize winners include Anish Kapoor, Damien Hirst, Steve McQueen, and last year's winner, Jesse Darling.

**Q.** What was the primary theme of Jasleen Kaur's winning exhibition *Alter-Altar*? **Family memory and community struggle**





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## **United Healthcare CEO Brian Thompson passes away**

- The CEO of UnitedHealthcare, Brian Thompson, passed away in Midtown Manhattan.
- Brian Thompson, CEO of United Healthcare (UHC) since April 2021, led the healthcare arm of UnitedHealth Group, ranked fifth on the Fortune 500 list.
- UHC is the largest health insurance company in the U.S., with annual revenues of \$281 billion and over 140,000 employees, including many in India handling back-office, technology, and strategy roles.
- UHC provides private health insurance primarily through employers and offers plans under government programs for senior citizens and low-income individuals.
- UnitedHealth Group:
- UnitedHealth Group Incorporated is an American multinational health insurance and services company based in Minnetonka, Minnesota. Selling insurance products under UnitedHealthcare, and health care services under the Optum brand, it is the world's ninth-largest company by revenue and the largest health care company by revenue.
- Chair: Stephen J. Hemsley
- CEO: Andrew Witty
- President, CFO: John Rex

**Q.** Name the CEO of United Healthcare, who passed away recently? **Brian Thompson**





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## Justice Manmohan Sworn in as Supreme Court Judge

- Chief Justice of India (CJI) Sanjiv Khanna administered the oath of office to Justice Manmohan, former Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court, as a Supreme Court judge.
- Judicial Strength: With this appointment, the Supreme Court now has 33 judges against its sanctioned strength of 34.
- Collegium Recommendation: The Supreme Court Collegium recommended Justice Manmohan's elevation on November 28, 2024, and the Centre cleared the appointment on December 3, 2024.
- Judicial Career: He became an additional judge of the Delhi High Court on March 13, 2008, and a permanent judge on December 17, 2009. He served as acting Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court on November 9, 2023, and Chief Justice from September 29, 2024.
- Supreme Court Judge
- Eligibility Criteria:
  - Must be a citizen of India.
  - Should have served as a High Court judge for at least five years or an advocate in a High Court for at least ten years, or be a distinguished jurist in the opinion of the President.
- Appointment:
  - Appointed by the President of India on the recommendation of the Supreme Court Collegium.
- Tenure:
  - Holds office until the age of 65.
  - Can resign by submitting a resignation to the President.
  - Can be removed through a process of impeachment by Parliament.
- Composition:
  - The sanctioned strength of the Supreme Court is 34 judges, including the Chief Justice of India (CJI).
- Independence:
  - Judges' salaries and allowances are charged on the Consolidated Fund of India and cannot be reduced during their tenure.
  - Removal is based on proven misbehavior or incapacity.
- Chief Justice of India:
  - The senior-most judge of the Supreme Court is typically appointed as the Chief Justice of India.

**Q.** What is the current working strength of the Supreme Court after Justice Manmohan's appointment? **33 judges**





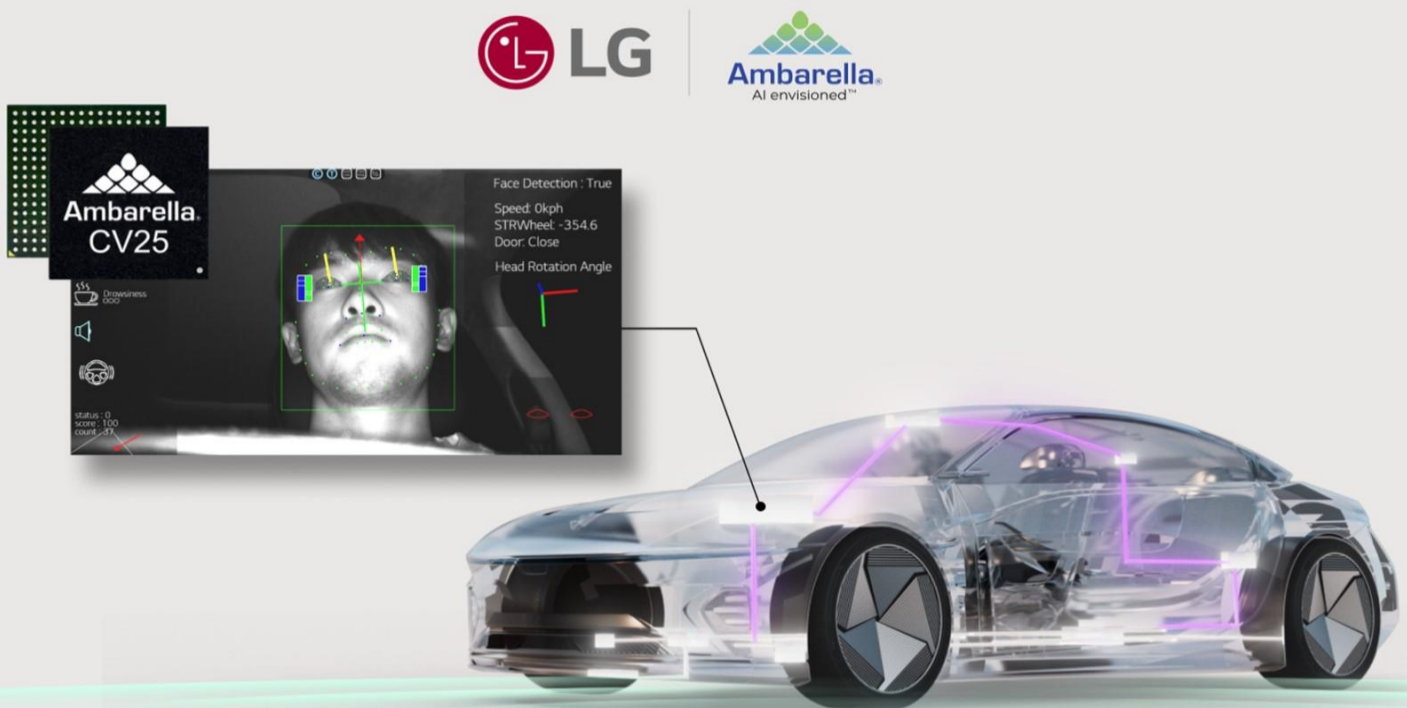
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## Arunachal Pradesh Government and Indian Army Sign MoA for Tawang Museum Maintenance

- Arunachal Pradesh government and the Indian Army signed an MoA for the maintenance of the Major Ralengnao Bob Khathing Museum of Valor in Tawang.
- The MoA was signed by Tawang Deputy Commissioner Kangki Darang and Brigadier V S Rajput of the 190 Mountain Brigade in the presence of Chief Minister Pema Khandu.
- Responsibility: Under the agreement, the Indian Army will fully oversee the management and upkeep of the museum.
- Significance: The museum honors Major Ralengnao Bob Khathing, reflecting efforts to integrate Tawang into India, aligning with Sardar Patel's vision of a unified nation.
- Arunachal Pradesh
  - Capital: Itanagar
  - Formation: Gained statehood on 20th February 1987
  - Largest District: Changlang (area-wise)
  - Borders: Assam, Nagaland, Bhutan, China, and Myanmar
- Geographical Significance:
  - Known as the "Land of the Rising Sun" in India.
  - Contains significant mountain ranges like the Himalayas.
  - Major rivers: Brahmaputra (called Siang in Arunachal), Lohit, Subansiri.
- Historical and Cultural Significance:
  - Formerly part of the North-East Frontier Agency (NEFA).
  - Tawang is an important Buddhist site with the famous Tawang Monastery, the largest monastery in India.
  - Diverse tribal population, with more than 26 major tribes like Nyishi, Apatani, and Monpa.
- Flora and Fauna:
  - National Parks: Namdapha National Park, Mouling National Park.
  - Significant wildlife species: Red Panda, Snow Leopard, and Arunachal Macaque.
- Strategic Importance:
  - Shares a long and disputed border with China, referred to as the McMahon Line.
  - Strategically significant for India's defense.
- Important Facts:
  - Arunachal Pradesh is India's largest state in the Northeast by area.
  - Home to the first village of India, Kaho, in Anjaw district.
  - Receives the first sunrise in India.

**Q.** Which museum's maintenance is covered under the MoA signed between the Arunachal Pradesh government and the Indian Army? **Major Ralengnao Bob Khathing Museum of Valor**





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## LG Electronics Partners with Ambarella for Advanced In-Cabin Sensing Solution

- LG Electronics has partnered with Ambarella, a US-based AI semiconductor company, to develop an advanced in-cabin sensing solution for driver and vehicle interior monitoring.
- Technology Integration: LG's Driver Monitoring System (DMS) will be integrated with Ambarella's Edge AI System on Chip (SoC), enabling real-time data processing, cost efficiency, and high-resolution image processing.
- Safety Features: The DMS uses cameras to analyze driver gaze, head movements, and unusual behaviors to prevent accidents by issuing alerts to drivers, passengers, and pedestrians.
- Target Market: LG plans to supply global automakers with its high-performance DMS solution, aligning with enhanced safety standards like the New Car Assessment Programme.
- Strategic Goals: The partnership aims to advance safety technology and cater to the evolving demands of the automotive industry.

**Q.** Which companies have recently partnered to develop an advanced in-cabin sensing solution for vehicles? **LG Electronics and Ambarella**





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## **Mahindra University Collaborates with Airbus to Boost India's Aerospace Talent Pool**

- Mahindra University and Airbus signed an MoU to enhance innovation, research, and education in aerospace and digital technologies, aiming to create a skilled talent pool for India's aerospace sector.
- **Key Areas:** The collaboration focuses on curriculum development, industry training, faculty and student exchanges, and research in areas like AI-ML, advanced analytics, and cybersecurity.
- **Opportunities:** The partnership will provide internships, placement opportunities, joint events, and connections with international institutes for aerospace-related projects.
- **Benefits:** Students will gain real-world project experience, industry insights from Airbus, and exposure to advanced research, fostering a symbiotic academia-industry relationship.
- **Background:** Mahindra University is supported by Mahindra Educational Institutions (MEI), a subsidiary of Tech Mahindra, the flagship IT company of the Mahindra Group.

**Q.** Which university has partnered with Airbus to create a talent pool for India's aerospace industry? **Mahindra University**





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## **IESA and ELCIA Collaborate to Boost Sensor Manufacturing in India**

- Electronics City Industries Association (ELCIA) and India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA) have teamed up to enhance sensor product development and manufacturing in India.
- Centre of Excellence: The collaboration will establish a Centre of Excellence focused on sensor technologies, aiming to reduce India's dependence on sensor imports.
- Market Growth: The sensor module market in India, valued at Rs 20,000 crore, is projected to grow to Rs 31,000 crore by 2027.
- Technologies: The partnership will focus on advanced technologies like analog and digital sensors, MEMS (Micro-electromechanical Systems), NEMS (Nano-electromechanical Systems), IR, UV, and laser sensors.
- Focus Areas: The immediate focus will be on industrial sensors, with future plans to expand into other sectors.
- Goal: Both IESA and ELCIA aim to make India a global leader in sensor technology, catering to both domestic and international markets.

**Q.** Which two associations have partnered to boost sensor product manufacturing in India? **Electronics City Industries Association (ELCIA) and India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA)**





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