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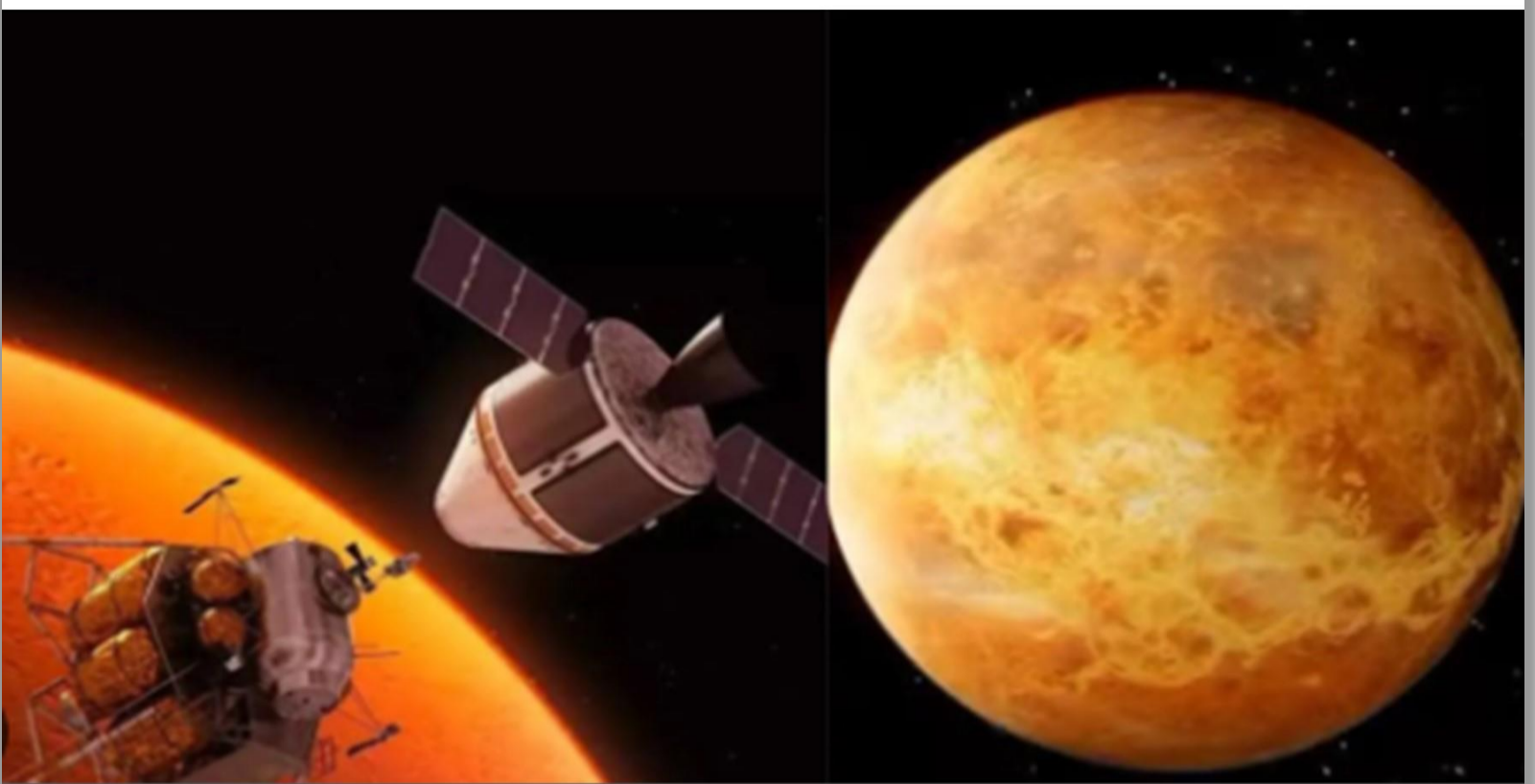
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## **Isro's Shukrayaan mission approved: All about India's Venus Orbiter Mission**

- The director of the Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro), Nitesh Desai, revealed that the Venus Orbiting satellite project, Shukrayaan, has received government approval and is set to launch in 2028.

### **Shukrayaan Mission - India's Venus Orbiter Mission**

- **Objective:** To study Venus's surface, atmosphere, geological structure, and weather patterns using advanced scientific equipment like synthetic aperture radar and ultraviolet imaging devices.
- **Global Coverage:** Unlike previous missions with limited spatial coverage, Shukrayaan aims to provide uniform global data for comprehensive scientific analysis.
- **Cost and Launch Vehicle:** The mission is estimated to cost ₹1,236 crore and will use the LVM-3 launch vehicle to place the satellite in an Elliptical Parking Orbit (170 km x 36,000 km).

### **Chandrayaan-4 Mission**

- **Collaboration:** Proposed as a joint mission between India and Japan.
- **Mission Goals:** Aims to land at the Moon's south pole (90° S) and return with lunar soil and rock samples.
- **Follow-up to Chandrayaan-3:** Enhances India's lunar exploration capabilities.

**Q.** When is ISRO's Shukrayaan Mission scheduled for launch? **March 2028.**





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## **National Campaign 'Bal Vivah Mukh Bharat' to be Launched**

- The Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Annpurna Devi will launch a national campaign “Bal Vivah Mukh Bharat” at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

### **Objective:**

- To eradicate child marriage in India and promote education, skill development, and entrepreneurship among girls and women.
- Aimed at achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047, ensuring equal participation of women and girls in all spheres of life.

### **Background:**

- Inspired by the success of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (launched on January 22, 2015).
- Addresses persistent challenges, including 1 in 5 girls being married before the legal age of 18.

### **Significance:**

- Child marriage is a violation of human rights that perpetuates poverty and denies girls their right to education and youth.
- The campaign aligns with the government’s mission for a progressive and equitable society where every child’s potential is realized.

**Q.** Which flagship scheme inspired the 'Bal Vivah Mukh Bharat' campaign? **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.**





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## **Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat to inaugurate 12th edition of International Tourism Mart**

- The Union Ministry of Tourism is organising today the 12th edition of the International Tourism Mart at the UNESCO World Heritage site Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve to highlight the tourism potential of the North Eastern region for both domestic and international audiences.
- Inaugurated By: Union Minister for Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

### **Key Features:**

- Focuses on the eight northeastern states: Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, and Sikkim.
- Promotes the region's unique cultural, historical, and ecological heritage.
- Aims to foster collaboration among stakeholders like buyers, sellers, government agencies, and media.
- Held rotationally across the northeastern states to highlight their individual tourism offerings.

### **Significance:**

- Strengthens the tourism sector in the northeast.

**Q.** Where was the 12th International Tourism Mart held?  
**Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve.**





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## **Central govt approves ₹1,115 crore for disaster mitigation and capacity building in 15 states**

- The Central Government has approved over ₹1,115 crore rupees for disaster mitigation and capacity building projects for fifteen States. A High-Level Committee, under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister Amit Shah has approved this fund. The Committee approved 378 crore rupees for eight North East States.

### **State-Wise Allocation:**

- Northeast States: ₹378 crore.
- Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh: ₹139 crore each.
- Maharashtra: ₹100 crore.
- Karnataka and Kerala: ₹72 crore each.
- Tamil Nadu and West Bengal: ₹50 crore each.

### **Additional Allocation:**

- ₹115 crore approved for training and capacity building of civil defence across all States and Union Territories.

### **Objective:**

- To support Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a disaster-resilient India.
- To enhance disaster risk reduction and minimize loss of life and property during disasters.

Q. How much fund has the Central Government approved for disaster mitigation and capacity building in 15 states? **₹1,115 crore.**





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## Divith Reddy becomes World Champion in U8 World Cadets Chess Championship

- In Chess, eight-year-old Divith Reddy has won the gold medal at the Under-8 World Cadets Chess Championship in Montesilvano, Italy.

### Achievement:

- Scored 9 out of 11 points.
- Secured the gold medal based on superior tiebreak score.

### Other Medalists:

- Silver: Sattwik Swain (India).
- Bronze: Ziming Guo (China).

### Performance:

- FIDE Rating: 1784.
- Started with 4 consecutive wins, followed by 2 losses.
- Recovered to win the final 5 rounds, securing the championship title.

Q. Who won the gold medal at the Under-8 World Cadets Chess Championship? **Divith Reddy.**



## How To Set Up a Field Lab for Construction Materials Testing

The Essentials for Effective Job Site Testing



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### **NABL Signs MoU with CREDAI for On-Site Testing of Construction Materials**

- The National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) has signed an MoU with the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI).
- Objective: To enhance the quality and reliability of temporary site testing laboratories in civil engineering projects.

#### **Key Features of the MoU:**

- The collaboration aims to ensure accurate on-site testing of materials used in construction, fostering trust in their quality.
- It seeks to improve construction standards and ensure safer, durable structures across India.

#### **Role of Temporary Site Testing Laboratories:**

- Temporary site testing labs are crucial for civil engineering projects, especially those over 50,000 sq. ft.
- These labs test materials like aggregates and concrete cubes directly at the construction site.

Q. Which organizations signed the MoU for enhancing on-site testing of construction materials? **NABL and CREDAI.**





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## **NADA bans Olympic medallist wrestler Bajrang Punia**

- Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist wrestler Bajrang Punia has been handed a four-year suspension by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).
- Reason: He refused to provide a dope test sample during the national team selection trials on March 10, 2024.
- Career Impact: The ban effectively ends his competitive wrestling career and prevents him from pursuing international coaching opportunities during this period.

### **Bajrang's Defense**

- Mistrust in NADA: Bajrang claims his refusal stemmed from distrust due to past instances where NADA allegedly used expired sample collection kits.
- Incidents Highlighted: He cited two cases, including one in December 2023, where expired kits were reportedly used.
- Conditions for Cooperation: Bajrang was willing to provide a sample if NADA addressed these concerns.
- Stand as a Senior Athlete: He argued that his actions were aimed at holding NADA accountable.

Q. Why was Bajrang Punia suspended by NADA? **He refused to provide a dope test sample during the national team selection trials on March 10, 2024.**



“

When women have a seat at the table, this helps companies take entirely new directions and explore business opportunities that may not have occurred otherwise. ”

**Kyung Ah Kim**

Senior Vice President &  
Quality Evaluation Team Leader,  
Samsung Bioepis



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## **Samsung gets first woman CEO outside founding family for 1st time in 86 yrs**

- Samsung named Kim Kyung-Ah, a non-family member, as CEO of Samsung Bioepis Co., marking the first such appointment in its 86-year history.

### **Significance:**

- Kim's appointment is a breakthrough for women in South Korea's male-dominated corporate world.
- She becomes the second woman to lead a Samsung subsidiary after Lee Boo-jin, CEO of Hotel Shilla Co.

### **Kim Kyung-Ah's Credentials:**

- A neurotoxicology doctor from Johns Hopkins University with over 20 years of experience in biologic development.
- Previously worked as a principal scientist and vice president at Samsung Advanced Institute of Technology, focusing on antibody therapeutics for oncology.
- Joined Bioepis in 2015, leading product development.

**Q.** Who has been appointed as CEO of Samsung Bioepis Co.? **Kim Kyung-Ah**





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## **India awarded hosting rights of 2026 Asian Rifle/Pistol Cup**

- India will host the 2026 Asian Rifle/Pistol Cup, the national shooting federation announced, continuing its drive to bring big-ticket events to the country.
- The decision to give India the continental tournament was taken by the executive committee of the Asian Shooting Confederation (ASC).
- India had previously hosted the 8th Asian Air Gun competition in 2015 followed by the Asian Olympic Qualifiers a year later.
- India has also hosted a total of six top International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) competitions additionally, including two World Cup Finals, the most recent being the one held last month in New Delhi.

### **Asian Shooting Confederation (ASC)**

- Sport: Shooting
- Jurisdiction: Asia
- Membership: 47
- Founded: 1966 as Pan Asian Shooting Union; 1967 as the Asian Shooting Federation
- Affiliation: ISSF
- Headquarters: Hawally, Kuwait
- President: Salman al-Sabah

Q. Which country will host the 2026 Asian Rifle/Pistol Cup?  
**India**





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## **International Vaccine Institute to open Africa regional office in Rwanda**

- Rwanda and IVI signed an agreement to establish IVI's African Regional Office in Kigali, the Rwandan capital.
- The office will serve as a hub for global health research, innovation, and collaboration.

### **Rwanda's Commitment to Vaccine Equity:**

- Focus on local production of vaccines, therapeutics, and life-saving medical products.
- Aims to address vaccine inequities and strengthen healthcare resilience in Africa.

### **Role of the Kigali-based IVI Office:**

- Represent IVI in Africa and expand its member base and engagement.
- Enhance clinical trial training and foster joint grant applications with local partners.
- Accelerate vaccine research and innovation across the continent.

### **About the International Vaccine Institute (IVI):**

- Headquartered in Seoul, South Korea, and established in 1997 under the UNDP initiative.
- Mission: To discover, develop, and deliver safe, effective, and affordable vaccines for global health.

Q. What agreement did Rwanda sign with the International Vaccine Institute (IVI)? **To establish IVI's African Regional Office in Kigali.**





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