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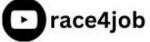
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Indian Coast Guard's SAREX-24 Maritime **Exercise Commences in Kochi**

- The 11th edition of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise and Workshop (SAREX-24) begins in Kochi, Kerala, coinciding with the 22nd National Maritime Search and Rescue Board meeting.
- Inauguration: Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh inaugurated the exercise.
- Objective: The exercise aims to enhance search and rescue capabilities through regional collaboration, focusing on large-scale contingency responses at sea.

Features:

- Real-time simulations for skill development in search and rescue operations.
- Participation of ships, aircraft, and boats from the Indian Coast Guard, Navy, Air Force, Cochin Port Authority, and Customs.
- Engagement with littoral states and international maritime stakeholders.
- Q. Where was the 11th edition of the Indian Coast Guard's National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-24) held? Kochi, Kerala.















RAK Energy Summit 2024 Highlights AI-**Driven Energy Innovations**

- The RAK Energy Summit 2024 is being held at the Al Hamra International Exhibition and Conference Center, Ras Al Khaimah, UAE.
- Patronage: Organized under the patronage of Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi, with support the UAE Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

Focus:

- Integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and advanced grid management systems for sustainable energy solutions.
- Use of real-time adjustments and predictive analytics for green power distribution.
- Emphasis on investments in software development and system upgrades to enhance economic efficiency and environmental sustainability.
- Participants: Representatives from organizations like EDF West Asia, Dubai Supreme Council of Energy, and the International Energy Agency (IEA).
- Q. What was the theme of the RAK Energy Summit 2024? Advancing Energy Transition through **Smart Technologies.**















Hemant Soren to Take Oath as Jharkhand's 14th CM

- Hemant Soren will be sworn in as the 14th Chief Minister of Jharkhand at Morabadi Ground.
- Oath Administered By: Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar will administer the oath.
- Political Party: Soren is a leader of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM).
- Election Results: Soren retained his Barhait assembly seat by a margin of 39,791 votes, defeating BJP's Gamliyal Hembrom.
- Historical Significance: This is the first time in Jharkhand's history that an incumbent government has returned to power after completing five years in office.
- Coalition Strength: JMM won 34 out of 43 seats contested, while Congress, RJD, and CPI(ML) secured 16, 4, and 2 seats, respectively.
- Significance: Hemant Soren's fourth term marks a historical political achievement for Jharkhand.
- O. Who will be sworn in as the 14th Chief Minister of Jharkhand? **Hemant Soren**















Indian Chemical Council Wins 2024 OPCW-The Hague Award

- The Indian Chemical Council (ICC) was awarded the 2024 OPCW-The Hague Award for its efforts in promoting chemical safety and compliance with the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC).
- The award ceremony took place during the 29th Session of the Conference of States Parties (CSP) of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) at The Hague on November 25, 2024.
- First-time Recognition: This is the first time the award recognizes a chemical industry body.
- Award Presentation: The award was presented by OPCW Director-General Fernando Arias Mayor of The Hague Jan van Zanen.
- Recipient: D. Sothi Selvam, Director General of ICC, received the award on behalf of the Council.
- Significance: ICC represents over 80% of India's \$220 billion chemical industry and has played a key role in promoting chemical safety and security practices, ensuring compliance with the CWC.
- Q. Which organization awarded the 2024 OPCW-The Hague Award to the Indian Chemical Council (ICC)? Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).















Morocco and Hungary Agree to Boost **Bilateral Cooperation**

- Moroccan Foreign Minister Nasser Bourita and Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto signed a joint statement in Rabat to enhance bilateral cooperation.
- Key Focus Areas: The ministers agreed to strengthen cooperation in sectors including economy, agriculture, culture, sports, and tourism.
- Strategic Partnership: Hungary, holding presidency of the Council of the European Union until December 31, reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening the strategic partnership between Morocco and the European Union.
- Sustainability Efforts: Szijjarto also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Morocco's Energy Transition and Sustainable Development Minister Leila Benali to promote collaboration in environmental and sustainable development.
- Anniversary: 2024 marks the 65th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between Morocco and Hungary.
- Q. What key sectors did Morocco and Hungary agree strengthen cooperation in during their recent meeting? Economy, agriculture, culture, sports, and tourism.















Samsung SDI Appoints Choi Joo-sun as New **CEO**

- Samsung SDI, a subsidiary of Samsung Group, has appointed Choi Joo-sun, the head of Samsung Display, as its new CEO.
- Background: Choi, 61, started his career in memory chip development at Samsung Electronics and became CEO of Samsung Display in 2022. He is known for enhancing the technological competitiveness of semiconductors and driving growth in the display business.
- Samsung Display: In a related move, Vice President Yi Chung has been promoted to and CEO of Samsung Display, president succeeding Choi. Yi is an expert in display technology, contributing to advancements in LCD and OLED technologies.
- New Initiatives: Samsung Global Research has set up a management consulting office to improve efficiency across its affiliated companies, led by Choi Yoon-ho, the current CEO of Samsung SDI.
- Focus on Semiconductors: As part of its leadership reshuffle, Samsung has named Jun Young-hyun as CEO to strengthen its semiconductor business, alongside Han Jin-man, who has been promoted to head the foundry business.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Samsung SDI? Choi Joo-sun.















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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's 'One Health' Pavilion Wins Special Appreciation Medal at 43rd IITF

The 'One Health' pavilion of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare received a Special Appreciation Medal at the 43rd India International Trade Fair (IITF) for its innovative design and presentation.

Theme: The pavilion focused on the 'One Health' holistic framework, emphasizing the interconnectedness of human, animal, and plant

health within the ecosystem.

Objective: The initiative aimed to promote collaboration across sectors to address health and environmental challenges while enhancing overall well-being.

- Services: Over 14 days, the pavilion offered an immersive experience with free counseling, diagnostics, and consultations, focusing preventive, promotive, curative, and rehabilitative healthcare.
- Significance: The award highlights the Ministry's commitment to advancing a comprehensive health system and raising awareness of the 'One Health' approach.

Q. What award did the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's 'One Health' pavilion receive at the 43rd **IITF? Special Appreciation Medal.**















Masato Kanda elected as ADB president

- Masato Kanda, Japan's former top currency diplomat, known as "Mr. Yen," will become the next president of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- He assumes office on February 24, 2025, succeeding Masatsugu Asakawa.

Term and Background:

- Kanda will serve the remaining term of Asakawa, which ends in November 2026.
- Currently, he is a special adviser to Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba.

Key Responsibilities:

- Address challenges such as reducing poverty and mitigating climate change risks in Asia.
- Lead the ADB in increasing climate finance for low- and middle-income countries in Asia, one of the world's most disaster-prone regions.

Historical Context:

- The ADB presidency has always been held by a Japanese national since the bank's founding in 1966.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the next president of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)? Masato Kanda, Japan's former top currency diplomat.















European Parliament approves new **European Commission**

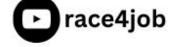
- Ursula von der Leyen secured European Parliament backing for her second term as President of the European Commission.
- Parliament Vote: The new Commission was endorsed with 370 votes in favor and 282 against.
- Timeline: The Commission is set to assume its duties on December 1, 2024, following formal approval by the European Council via a qualified majority.

Key Challenges Ahead:

- Managing Donald Trump's return to the White House.
- Addressing tensions with China and the ongoing war in Ukraine.
- Tackling climate change and advancing the EU's 2050 carbon neutrality goal.

Von der Leyen's 100-Day Agenda:

- Propose measures to help companies achieve carbon neutrality.
- Strengthen European defense capabilities.
- Present a vision for EU agriculture.
- Report on plans for EU enlargement.
- Q. Who secured a second term as President of the European Commission? Ursula von der Leyen.















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NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission ends deployment in Latvia

- The NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission concluded its deployment in Latvia with a ceremony at the Lielvarde military airbase.
- Duration of Mission: The mission in Latvia lasted from March to November 2024.
- Operational Activity: Fighter jets were scrambled 54 times during the mission in response to alert calls.
- Significance of Latvia Deployment: This was the mission's first rotation in Latvia, conducted due to renovations at Estonia's Amari base.
- Background of the Baltic Air Policing Mission: The mission has been operational since March 2004, after the Baltic states joined NATO, with member states participating on a rotational basis.

Relocation to Estonia:

- The mission will now return to Amari airbase in Estonia, which has undergone renovation.
- Dutch F-35 fighter jets will be deployed at the Amari base in December 2024.
- Q. Where did the NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission conclude its deployment in 2024? At the Lielvarde military airbase in Latvia.



















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