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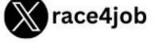
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BRICS Summit Adopts Kazan Declaration

The BRICS Summit (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) adopted the Kazan Declaration, focusing on for the United Nations and multilateral institutions. The declaration supports member nations' aspirations to become permanent members of the UN Security Council.

Key Focus Areas of the Declaration

- Global Governance Reforms: BRICS emphasized the need to improve global governance, making international systems more inclusive, efficient, and representative of emerging markets and developing countries, particularly in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean.
- Financial Cooperation: The declaration highlighted cooperation in the financial sector, including payment settlements in national currencies, promoting a more flexible international financial system.
- Climate Change and Biodiversity: Climate change and biodiversity conservation were key areas of discussion, reaffirming the commitment to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
- Q. Which global framework on biodiversity did the BRICS Kazan Declaration reaffirm commitment to? The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.















Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to Inaugurate Chanakya Defence Dialogue and Launch Key **Initiatives for Indian Army**

Inauguration of Chanakya Defence Dialogue

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is set to inaugurate the second edition of the Chanakya Defence Dialogue, an international seminar in New Delhi. The event aims to foster discussions on India's strategic security and development goals.

Launch of Indian Army's Green and Digital Initiatives

Rajnath Singh will also launch two significant initiatives during the event: Indian Army's Green Initiative 1.0 and Digitisation of Indian Army 1.0. These projects focus on enhancing sustainability and modernizing operations within the Indian Army.

Keynote Address on 'India's Vision for Development and Security'

- The Defence Minister will deliver a keynote speech highlighting the role of comprehensive security in achieving Viksit Bharat 2047, the vision of a developed India by 2047. His address will focus on the link between security and national development.
- Q. What was the theme of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's keynote address at the Chanakya Defence Dialogue? 'India's Vision for Development and Security'















Pravasi Parichay 2024 Inaugurated by Indian Ambassador in Saudi Arabia

Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan, the Ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia, inaugurated the 2024 edition of flagship diaspora Parichay, the engagement event, at the Embassy Auditorium in Riyadh. The week-long event celebrates India's rich cultural and linguistic diversity.

Cultural Highlights of the Event

- The event commenced with a program titled "Classical Languages of India," showcasing India's linguistic diversity. The Indian community in Saudi Arabia presented a unique play featuring all 11 classical languages of India: Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Marathi, Bengali, Assamese, Odia, Pali, Prakrit, and Sanskrit. Poetry recitals in Pali and Prakrit were particularly wellreceived.
- The inaugural day featured a quiz and a painting exhibition by women artists, further enriching the cultural experience.
- Q. Who inaugurated Pravasi Parichay 2024 Riyadh? Ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia, Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan.















India to Host 16th Edition of Women's **Indian Open**

India is set to host the 16th edition of the Women's Open golf tournament in Gurugram, Haryana. The event will feature 114 players from 31 nations, including 27 Indian golfers.

Key Indian Players

Notable Indian participants include Hitaashee Bakshi, Vani Kapoor, Gaurika Bishnoi, Amandeep Drall, and Ridhima Dilawari. Diksha Dagar and Gaurika Bishnoi, who placed third and eighth respectively in the 2023 edition, will also compete.

International Participation

The tournament will also see participation from three former champions: Christine Wolf, Camille Chevalier, and Caroline Hedwall.

Historical Context

- Aditi Ashok made history in 2016 by becoming the first Indian to win the Women's Indian Open, which has been India's most prestigious women's golf event since its inception in 2007.
- Q. Where will the 16th edition of the Women's Indian Open be hosted? Gurugram, Haryana.















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Justice Yahya Afridi Appointed as Next Chief Justice of Pakistan

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari has appointed Supreme Court Justice Yahya Afridi as the next Chief Justice of Pakistan, effective from October 26, 2024. This appointment will be for a fixed term of three years.

Constitutional Basis for Appointment

The appointment is made under Articles 175A(3), 177, and 179 of the Constitution of Pakistan. The President's Office confirmed that Justice Afridi will take the oath of office on the same day.

Process of Appointment

- The appointment followed a recommendation from Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to President, based on a nomination parliamentary committee. This change procedure resulted from a recent constitutional amendment granting the parliamentary committee the authority to select the Chief Justice from the three senior-most justices of the Supreme Court.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the next Chief Justice of Pakistan? Justice Yahya Afridi.















South Korea and US Conduct Joint Large-Scale Air Exercise

South Korea and the United States have initiated a largescale combined air exercise called Freedom Flag, aimed at enhancing readiness against threats from North Korea. The exercise commenced earlier this week and will last for 12 days.

Details of the Exercise

The Freedom Flag exercise began on Monday across bases in South mobilizing various air Korea, approximately 110 aircraft. This includes South Korea's F-35A stealth fighters and F-15Ks, as well as US F-35Bs, F-16s, and MQ-9 drones. The Royal Australian Air Force is also participating with a KC-30A multi-role tanker transport aircraft.

Focus Areas and Training Objectives

The exercise will initially focus on aircraft deployment and tactics planning, leading into next week's flight drills. These drills will involve training on defensive counter-air maneuvers and close air support.

Innovative Training Elements

- For the first time, the exercise will feature a joint flight involving fighter jets and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), reflecting actual combat scenarios inspired by recent conflicts, such as the war in Ukraine. +
- Q. What is the name of the large-scale air exercise initiated by South Korea and the United States? Freedom Flag.















South Korea to Launch Third Military **Satellite**

South Korea is set to launch its third military reconnaissance satellite in December as part of its initiative to enhance surveillance capabilities over North Korea. The launch is scheduled for the third or fourth week of December and will utilize a SpaceX rocket.

Collaboration with SpaceX

The Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) confirmed that it is coordinating with SpaceX to finalize launch details. This launch is part of South Korea's broader plan to deploy a total of five spy satellites by 2025.

Background on Previous Satellites

South Korea's first two spy satellites were successfully launched aboard SpaceX rockets in December 2023 and April 2024. The first satellite is equipped with electrooptical and infrared sensors for detailed surface imaging, while the second satellite features synthetic aperture radar (SAR) sensors, enabling data collection under various weather conditions.

Future Surveillance Capabilities

- After launching all five spy satellites, the South Korean military aims to monitor specific targets in North Korea every two hours. Excluding the first satellite, remaining four will be equipped with SAR sensors.
- Q. Which company is South Korea collaborating with for the launch of its third military spy satellite? **SpaceX**.















India Allocates 4.6% of GDP for Education from 2015 to 2024: UNESCO Report

According to a UNESCO report, India earmarked approximately 4.1% to 4.6% of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for education between 2015 and 2024. This allocation aligns with the international benchmarks outlined in the UN's Education 2030 Framework for Action, which recommends that countries dedicate 4-6% of their GDP to educational initiatives.

Government Expenditure on Education

The government expenditure on education in India ranged between 13.5% and 17.2% during the same period, reflecting a significant commitment to enhancing the educational landscape.

Focus on Sustainable Development Goals

The reports, published by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, emphasize global education investment trends, particularly in relation to achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4, which aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all.

Comparison with Other Countries

- India's investment in education, both as a percentage of GDP and in terms of government expenditure, is notably higher compared to other Central and Southern Asian countries.
- Q. What percentage of its GDP did India allocate for education between 2015 and 2024, according to UNESCO? Approximately 4.1% to 4.6%.

















Yotta Data Services and Nvidia Launch Six AI **Platform Services for Indian Businesses**

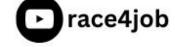
Yotta Data Services, in collaboration with Nvidia, has launched six new artificial intelligence (AI) platform under its 'Shakti Cloud' initiative. This services announcement was made during the Nvidia AI Summit held in Mumbai. The aim of these services is to accelerate among businesses, researchers, adoption India by providing state-of-the-art innovators in capabilities at competitive prices.

Access and Availability

The AI models will be accessible through a token-based system and GPU seconds model, facilitating broader access to AI technologies across various industries. Sunil Gupta, Co-founder, CEO, and MD of Yotta, emphasized that these AI solutions will eliminate barriers, allowing organizations to explore new possibilities in AI with enhanced speed, flexibility, and scalability.

Features of Shakti Cloud

- The 'Shakti Cloud' platform includes an advanced orchestration layer and a self-service portal, integrating Nvidia's AI Enterprise software along with numerous open-source software and libraries. This integration offers Indian AI innovators a world-class solution to achieve their AI objectives domestically.
- Q. What is the name of the AI platform services launched by Yotta Data Services in collaboration with Nvidia for Indian businesses? 'Shakti Cloud'















Tennis World Bids Farewell to Dominic Thiem

- Dominic Thiem, the 2020 US Open champion, has officially announced his retirement from professional tennis.
- Thiem played his last professional match, where he was defeated by Luciano Darderi in the first round at the Erste Bank Open.
- runner-up at three Grand He was also tournaments: the French Open in 2018 and 2019, and the Australian Open in 2020.

Early Life and Career

Dominic Thiem was born on September 3, 1993, in Austria. He rose to prominence in the tennis world and became known for his powerful playing style.

Professional Achievements

Thiem achieved a career-high ranking of world No. 3 in singles, as recognized by the Association of Tennis Professionals, in March 2020. Throughout his career, he secured 17 ATP Tour singles titles.

Grand Slam Success

- Thiem won his first Grand Slam title at the 2020 US Open, where he made a remarkable comeback from two sets down to defeat Alexander Zverev in the final. This victory made him the first male player born in the 1990s to win a Major singles title and the first Austrian to win the US Open singles title.
- Q. Which Grand Slam title did Dominic Thiem win? 2020 US Open.



















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