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## **Maldivian President to Introduce India's UPI in the Maldives**

- President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu of the Maldives has announced plans to introduce India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in the country, following a recommendation from the cabinet.
- The move is expected to enhance the Maldivian economy by promoting financial inclusion, improving the efficiency of financial transactions, and strengthening digital infrastructure.
- Indian tourists will be able to make transactions in Indian Rupees using UPI-enabled apps, eliminating the need for currency conversion.
- To implement UPI, President Muizzu has decided to establish a consortium involving banks, telecom companies, state-owned enterprises, and fintech firms.
- An MoU for the introduction of UPI in the Maldives was signed during the visit of Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar in August 2023.
- India's UPI, managed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), is already operational in several countries, including the UAE, Sri Lanka, France, Malaysia, Singapore, Nepal, the UK, and Mauritius.
- The implementation of UPI in the Maldives highlights India's commitment to sharing developmental experiences with partner countries.

**Q.** What financial system is the Maldives planning to introduce, as announced by President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu?  
**India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**





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## President Droupadi Murmu to Confer 5th National Water Awards 2023

- President Droupadi Murmu will confer the 5th National Water Awards 2023 in New Delhi.
- The National Water Awards aim to recognize the efforts of individuals and organizations in line with the government's vision of a Jal Samridh Bharat (water-rich India).

### Winners Announcement

- The Union Jal Shakti Ministry has announced 38 winners across nine categories:
- Best State
- Best District
- Best Village Panchayat
- Best Urban Local Body
- Best Water User Association
- Best Civil Society

### List of Awardees - 5th National Water Awards, 2023

#### Best State

- | Name of State | Rank        |
|---------------|-------------|
| Odisha        | 1st         |
| Uttar Pradesh | 2nd         |
| Puducherry    | 3rd (Joint) |
| Gujarat       | 3rd (Joint) |

**Q.** Which state secured the first prize in the Best State category at the 5th National Water Awards 2023? **Odisha.**





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## Deepika Kumari Wins Silver Medal at Archery World Cup Final

- In the Archery World Cup Final held in Tlaxcala, Mexico, Indian archer Deepika Kumari secured the silver medal in the women's recurve category.
- Deepika Kumari's performance highlights her consistency in international archery competitions.
- The Archery World Cup is a prestigious event that showcases top archers from around the world.
- Final Match: Deepika faced defeat against Li Jiaman of China, with a score of nil-6 in the final.
- Path to Final: She advanced to the final by defeating Alejandra Valencia from Mexico in the semi-finals, winning the match with a score of 6-4.
- Achievement: This marks the fifth occasion on which Deepika Kumari has finished as a runner-up in the Archery World Cup.

**Q.** Which medal did Deepika Kumari win in the women's recurve category at the Archery World Cup Final in Tlaxcala, Mexico? **Silver medal.**





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## **New Zealand Women Win Maiden T20 Cricket World Cup Title**

- In the Women's T20 Cricket World Cup, New Zealand made history by winning their first-ever T20 World Cup title, defeating South Africa by 32 runs at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.
- Match Overview: New Zealand set a target of 159 runs, finishing their innings at 158 for five in the allotted twenty overs. South Africa managed to score 126 runs for the loss of nine wickets in their chase.

### **Top Performers:**

- For South Africa, skipper Laura Wolvaardt was the highest scorer with 33 runs.
- For New Zealand, Amelia Kerr contributed significantly with 43 runs, while Brooke Halliday and Suzie Bates added 38 and 32 runs, respectively.
- Bowling Highlights: New Zealand's Rosemary Mair and Amelia Kerr each took three wickets, while Eden Carson, Fran Jonas, and Brooke Halliday claimed one wicket each. For South Africa, Nonkululeko Mlaba took two wickets, and Ayabonga Khaka, Chloe Tryon, and Nadine de Klerk took one wicket each.
- Key Awards: Amelia Kerr was named both Player of the Match and Player of the Series for her outstanding performance throughout the tournament.

**Q.** Which team won their maiden Women's T20 Cricket World Cup title by defeating South Africa? **New Zealand.**





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## **Prabowo Subianto Assumes Presidency of Indonesia**

- Prabowo Subianto has officially assumed office as the President of Indonesia, marking the commencement of his term as the eighth president of the nation.
- Indonesia is recognized as the world's third-largest democracy and the most populous Muslim-majority country.
- The 73-year-old former special forces commander secured his position by winning the presidential election held on February 14, obtaining nearly 60 percent of the votes.

### **Indonesia:**

- Official Name: Republic of Indonesia
- Capital: Jakarta
- Location: Southeast Asia, comprising over 17,000 islands between the Indian and Pacific Oceans.
- Geography: Indonesia is the largest archipelago in the world, with significant islands including Sumatra, Java, Borneo (Kalimantan), Sulawesi, and New Guinea.
- Languages: Bahasa Indonesia is the official language, but many regional languages are also spoken.
- President: The President of Indonesia serves as both the head of state and government.
- Currency: Indonesian Rupiah (IDR).
- Economy Type: Mixed economy, with agriculture, manufacturing, and services sectors.

**Q.** Who has officially assumed office as the President of Indonesia? **Prabowo Subianto**





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## **PM Modi, Spanish PM Sanchez inaugurate aircraft plant in Vadodara**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez will inaugurate Tata Advanced Systems' aircraft manufacturing plant in Vadodara.
- The plant is a collaboration between Tata Advanced Systems Limited and Spain's Airbus Defence and Space (Airbus DS).
- It will produce the first 'Made in India' C-295 medium-lift tactical transport aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- Tata Advanced Systems, selected as the Indian Production Agency (IPA), will manufacture 40 fly-away C-295 aircraft and provide MRO support for a total of 56 aircraft.
- The first aircraft delivery is expected by 2026.
- PM Modi will inaugurate the 'Amrit Sarovar' in Dudhala village and lay the foundation stones for various developmental projects.
- On the other hand Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel announced development projects worth Rs 640 crore for Viramgam.

**Q.** Which aircraft will be manufactured at the new Tata Advanced Systems plant? **C-295 medium-lift tactical transport aircraft.**





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## **South Korea, WHO to host World Bio Summit**

- South Korea will co-host the World Bio Summit 2024 with the World Health Organization (WHO) on November 11-12 in Incheon, South Korea.
- The theme of the event is "Future investment for a healthy and secure decade."

### **Purpose of the Summit:**

- The summit aims to bring experts together to discuss strategies for a stable global healthcare supply chain.
- It will serve as a platform to address and prepare for global healthcare threats.

### **Additional Events:**

- The Asian Development Bank, the International Vaccine Institute, and other organizations will hold seminars and events on the sidelines of the summit.
- The Health Ministry will host the Global Business Lounge to promote South Korean healthcare companies' global cooperation.

### **WHO's Call for Investment:**

- WHO highlights the need for increased investment to address evolving health risks and the mental, sexual, and reproductive health needs of the 1.3 billion adolescents worldwide.

**Q.** When and where will the World Bio Summit 2024 take place? **November 11-12 in Incheon, South Korea.**





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## South Korea's Marine Corps participates in multilateral exercise led by US, Philippines

- South Korea's Marine Corps has participated in the annual Kamandag exercise led by the US and the Philippines for the third consecutive year.
- The multilateral exercise has been underway across the Philippines since October 14 for a 12-day run.
- The exercise involves approximately 2,300 personnel from five other countries, including South Korea, Japan, Britain, Australia and France.
- South Korean troops took part in various training sessions, including engineers skilled in repairing the Korea Assault Amphibious Vehicles, which were exported to the Philippines.
- The exercise is designed to enhance combined operational proficiency in key areas, such as combat medicine, coastal defence, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, and engineering.

### What is Kamandag exercise?

- Kamandag, short for "Kaagapay ng mga Mandirigma ng Dagat" (translated as "Cooperation of Warriors of the Sea"), is an annual military exercise conducted between the United States Marine Corps, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and other participating nations.

**Q.** Which countries are leading the Kamandag exercise? **USA and Philippines.**





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## **Iraq signs deal with Turkmenistan to import gas for power plants**

- The Iraqi Ministry of Electricity signed a deal with Turkmenistan to import up to 20 million cubic meters of gas per day.
- Purpose of the Deal: The agreement aims to diversify gas sources to meet the fuel needs of Iraq's power plants.
- Negotiation Details: The deal was finalized after extensive negotiations covering tariff prices, gas quantities, supply methods, and contract duration.
- Gas Supply Schedule: Turkmenistan will supply Iraq with 20 million cubic meters of gas per day during the summer and 10 million cubic meters per day during the winter.
- Importance for Iraq: The gas deal is crucial for Iraq, which faces challenges due to occasional supply reductions from Iran caused by Iraq's debts and US sanctions on Iran.

### **Turkmenistan**

- Capital: Ashgabat
- President: Serdar Berdimuhamedow
- Currency: Turkmenistani Manat

### **Iraq**

- Capital: Baghdad
- Currency: Iraqi Dinar
- President: Abdul Latif Rashid

**Q.** Which country did Iraq sign a gas supply deal with?  
**Turkmenistan.**





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## **Joint maritime exercise IMEX 2024 starts in Iran's southern waters**

- The Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) Maritime Exercise (IMEX) 2024 has commenced in Iran's southern waters.
- Participating Countries: Russia and Oman have deployed their warships to participate in the joint drill alongside the Iranian Navy, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), and Iran's coastguards.
- Observer Nations: Saudi Arabia, India, Thailand, Pakistan, Qatar, and Bangladesh are participating as observers in the exercise.
- Exercise Scenarios: The drill will simulate various scenarios, including fire containment, search and rescue operations, and oil spill removal from the sea surface.
- Objectives of IMEX 2024: The joint naval exercise aims to ensure sustainable collective security and enhance multilateral cooperation among participating countries to maintain peace in the region.

### **Brief overview of notable naval exercises related to IMEX 2024:**

- Malabar Exercise: A trilateral exercise involving the U.S., India, and Japan to enhance interoperability in the Indo-Pacific.
- Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC): The largest international maritime exercise, hosted biennially by the U.S. Navy, focusing on various maritime missions.

**Q.** Where has the IMEX 2024 exercise commenced? **In Iran's southern waters.**





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