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Anmol Kharb Wins Women's Singles Title at Belgian International 2024

- India's young badminton talent, Anmol Kharb, claimed her first senior international title by winning the women's singles event at the Belgian International 2024 held in Leuven. The 17-year-old showcased exceptional skill by defeating Denmark's Amalie Schulz with a scoreline of 24-22, 12-21, 21-10 in the final match.
- Anmol Kharb hails from Faridabad and was part of the Indian team that won gold at the 2024 Badminton Asia Team Championships.
- Currently, Kharb is ranked 222 in the world.

Belgian International:

- The Belgian International is an international badminton open tournament, held since 1958 but in irregular periods.
- Since 2005, Yonex has become title sponsor of the event, which also become an International Challenge tournament within the Badminton Europe tournament circuit.

2024 winners:

- Men's singles: Julien Carraggi (Belgium)
- Women's singles: Anmol Kharb (India)
- Men's doubles: Ties van der Lecq (Netherlands), Brian Wassink (Netherlands)
- Women's doubles: Julie MacPherson (Scotland), Ciara Torrance (Scotland)
- Mixed doubles: Rasmus Espersen (Denmark), Amalie Cecilie Kudsk (Denmark)

Q. Which Indian badminton player secured her first senior international title at the Belgian International 2024? **Anmol Kharb**



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Neeraj Chopra Finishes Second at Diamond League Final in Brussels

- Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra secured the second position at the Diamond League Final 2024 in Brussels with a best throw of 87.86 meters, narrowly missing the top spot by 1 cm.
- The event was won by Paris Olympics bronze medallist Anderson Peters, who threw 87.87 meters.
- Julian Weber of Germany secured the third position with a throw of 85.97 meters.
- Neeraj has now finished as the runner-up in the Diamond League for the second consecutive year.
- In 2023, he had lost to Jakub Vadlejch of the Czech Republic, with a throw of 83.80 meters, while Vadlejch claimed the title with 84.24 meters.

Diamond League

- **Inception:** Started in 2010 as a premier athletics competition.
- **Events:** Includes a wide range of track and field events such as sprints, middle-distance races, hurdles, jumps, and throws.
- **Format:** Athletes earn points at each meeting, with top scorers qualifying for the season finale.
- **CEO:** Petr Stastny
- **Continent:** Europe, Asia, North America, Africa

Q. Which athlete won the javelin throw event at the Diamond League Final 2024 in Brussels? **Anderson Peters**



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Jordan's King Appoints Jafar Hassan as New Prime Minister

- Jordan's King Abdullah II appointed Jafar Hassan as the new prime minister following the resignation of Bisher Al-Khasawneh's Cabinet after a parliamentary election.
- Jafar Hassan, a Harvard-educated politician and former planning minister, currently heads the king's office and holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Geneva.
- Jafar Hassan has been tasked with forming a new government to address critical issues such as a struggling economy and public discontent over the Israel-Hamas conflict.
- The recent election saw an Islamic party emerge as the largest faction, fueled by anger over the war in Gaza.

Jordan:

- Located in the Middle East, bordered by Israel, Palestine, Syria, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia. It has a small coastline along the Red Sea.
- Capital: Amman
- Currency: Jordanian dinar
- Current Monarch: King Abdullah II

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Jordan by King Abdullah II? **Jafar Hassan**



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Syrian President Appoints Mohammad Ghazi Jalali as New Prime Minister

- Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has appointed Mohammad Ghazi Jalali as the new Prime Minister of Syria.
- Jalali, a 55-year-old civil engineer and economist, will be responsible for forming a new cabinet.
- Mohammad Ghazi Jalali replaces Hussein Arnous, who had served as Prime Minister since June 2020 and whose government was operating in a caretaker role following the July parliamentary elections.
- Jalali previously served as Communications Minister from 2014 to 2016 and holds a Ph.D. in engineering economics from Ain Shams University, along with degrees in civil engineering from Damascus University.
- Jalali's appointment follows a meeting between President Assad and leaders of the ruling Baath Party to discuss the new government formation.

Syria:

- Capital: Damascus
- Currency: Syrian pound
- Current President: Bashar al-Assad

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Syria by President Bashar al-Assad? **Mohammad Ghazi Jalali**



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JSPL and JRPL Sign MoU for Green Hydrogen Production in Odisha

- Jindal Steel & Power (JSPL) and Jindal Renewable Power (JRPL) have signed an MoU to invest in green hydrogen production for steelmaking in Angul, Odisha, marking India's largest green hydrogen commitment by a steelmaker.

Integration with Steelmaking

- JSPL will use green hydrogen in its Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) units.
- First phase includes 4,500 tonnes of green hydrogen production per year, starting by December 2025.
- Supply of 36,000 tonnes of oxygen annually for the Angul steelworks.

Renewable Energy and Emission Reduction

- JRPL will provide 3 GW of renewable energy to JSPL, cutting coal dependence by 50% in 2-3 years.
- JSPL to provide infrastructure, while JRPL handles green hydrogen and energy development.

JSW Group's Green Hydrogen Initiatives

- JSW Energy signed a 7-year supply deal with JSW Steel for 3,800 tonnes of green hydrogen annually.
- Additional agreement for up to 90,000 tonnes of green hydrogen and 720,000 tonnes of green oxygen by 2030.

Q. Which company has a seven-year green hydrogen supply agreement with JSW Steel? **JSW Energy**



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LIC Appoints Infosys for Development of NextGen Platform Under DIVE Programme

- Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has appointed Infosys to develop a next-generation digital platform as part of its Digital Innovation and Value Enhancement (DIVE) programme. This initiative aims to drive LIC's digital transformation.

Next-Generation Platform Capabilities

- The platform will support high-value business applications such as customer and sales super apps, portals, and a digital branch.
- It will offer end-to-end digital insurance solutions, enhancing customer service, business lifecycle management, and operational activities for intermediaries and branch employees.

Key Features of the Platform

- The new platform will be modular, flexible, cloud-native, and designed with a platform-driven architecture.
- It will incorporate innovative technologies and allow the integration of new products and features.

Vision for LIC's Transformation

- Through this partnership with Infosys, LIC aims to become a technology-driven organization, offering superior life insurance solutions.

Q. Which technology company has been appointed by LIC to build its NextGen digital platform? **Infosys**



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Global Bio-India 2024: A Showcase of India's Biotech Strength

- The Fourth Edition of Global Bio-India 2024 concluded successfully in New Delhi, highlighting India's advancements in biotechnology. The three-day event, organized by the Ministry of Science and Technology, focused on themes of 'Biotech Innovation' and 'Bio-manufacturing' and their impact on the bio-economy.

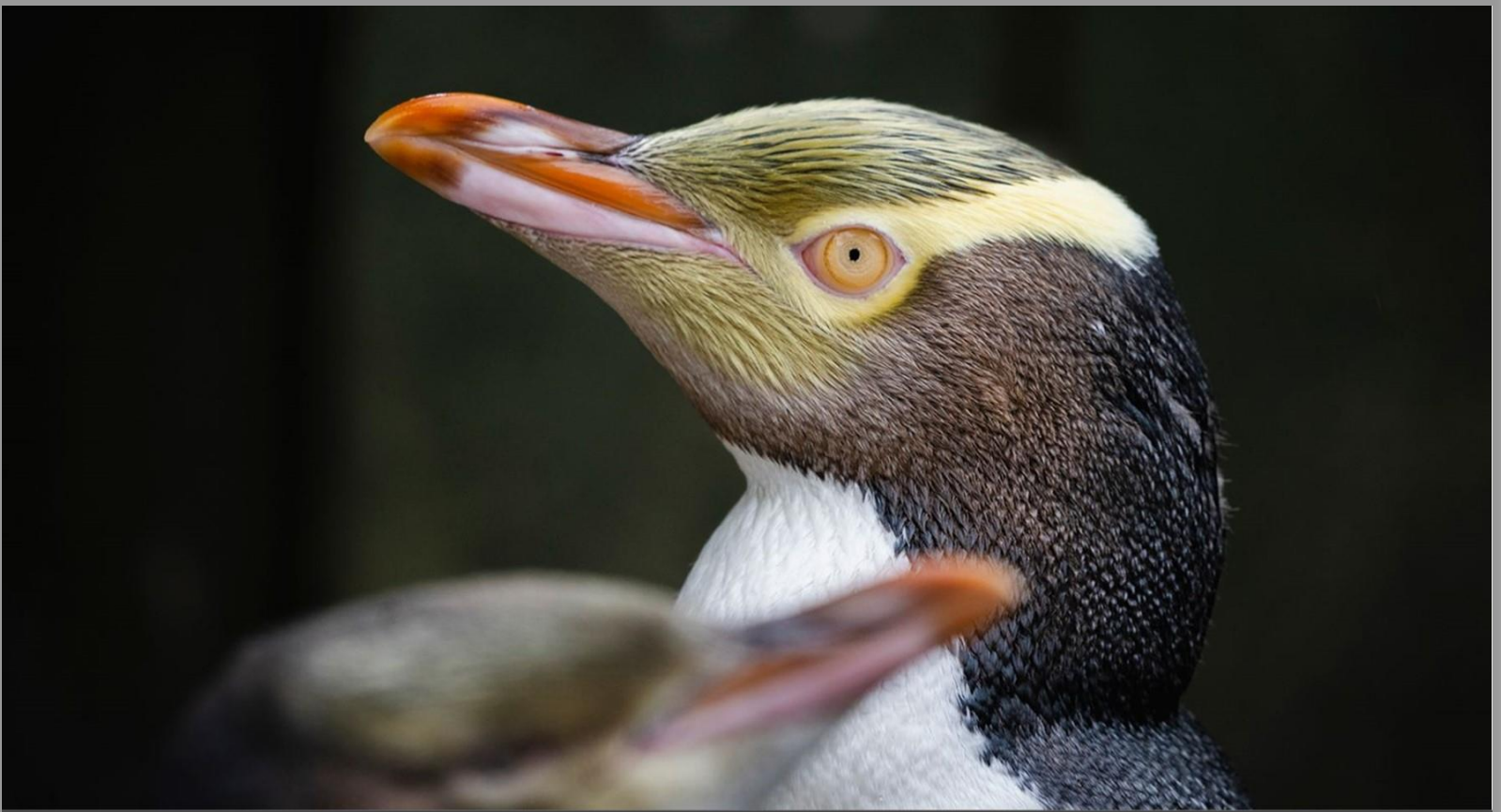
Key points of the event:

- Indian biotech startups unveiled 11 innovative products, showcasing emerging talent in the biosciences sector.
- Letters of Intent for co-funding partnerships were exchanged between the Children's Investment Fund Foundation, IPE Global, and BIRAC (Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council).

Awards were given to notable contributors in the biotech industry, including:

- BIRAC Innovators Awards
- Best Startup Exhibitor Awards
- Best Incubator Exhibitor Awards
- BioE3 Competition Awards

Q. Which organizations exchanged Letters of Intent with BIRAC at Global Bio-India 2024? **The Children's Investment Fund Foundation and IPE Global exchanged Letters of Intent with BIRAC.**



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Yellow-eyed penguin wins New Zealand's Bird of the Year

- The Hoiho, or yellow-eyed penguin, has been named New Zealand Bird of the Year 2024.
- This marks its second win, following its previous victory in 2019.
- The Hoiho received 6,328 votes, joining the kakapo as the only birds to win the title twice.

Significance and Characteristics

- The Hoiho, known as "noise shouter" in Maori, is the world's rarest penguin species and is unique to New Zealand.
- Despite its loud, shrill call, the Hoiho is notoriously shy.

Endorsements and Support

- The Hoiho garnered endorsements from notable figures including conservationist Jane Goodall, former New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark, and Labor leader Chris Hipkins.

Q. How many times has the Hoiho won the New Zealand Bird of the Year title? **Twice (2019 and 2024)**



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Formula 1: Piastri wins Azerbaijan GP, McLaren overtake Red Bull in Constructor's Championship

- After 51 laps of intense racing, Oscar Piastri won the 2024 Azerbaijan Grand Prix with the Ferrari of Charles Leclerc in second position and George Russell's Mercedes at this spot.
- With the win for Piastri and a fourth-placed finish for Lando Norris, McLaren moved to first place in the Constructor's Championship with their first win at the Baku City Circuit.
- Sergio Perez and Carlos Sainz were involved in a nasty collision towards the end of the race which saw both drivers having to retire.

2024 Azerbaijan Grand Prix

- Date: 15 September 2024
- Official name: Formula 1 Qatar Airways Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2024
- Location: Baku, Azerbaijan

Winners 2024:

- 1) Oscar Piastri, McLaren
- 2) Charles Leclerc, Ferrari
- 3) George Russell, Mercedes
- 4) Lando Norris, McLaren
- 5) Max Verstappen, Red Bull

Q. Who won the 2024 Azerbaijan Grand Prix? **Oscar Piastri**



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Table tennis: Sun Yingsha, Lin Shidong crowned at WTT Champions Macao

- China's Sun Yingsha and Lin Shidong got their championship trophies at the World Table Tennis (WTT) Champions Macao 2024.

Sun Yingsha's Triumph

- Sun Yingsha, also known as "ShaSha," won the women's singles title by defeating compatriot Wang Yidi.
- This victory marked her fifth WTT Champions title and her third of 2024, following wins in Incheon and Chongqing.
- Sun reached the finals after a victory over Japan's Miwa Harimoto.

Lin Shidong's Breakthrough

- Lin Shidong captured his first WTT Champions title by defeating Qiu Dang of Germany in the men's singles final.
- Lin upset world No. 1 Wang Chuqin in the semifinals.

Men's Section Highlights

- Chinese Taipei's Kao Cheng-Jui narrowly defeated Olympic runner-up Truls Moregard of Sweden.
- Lin Shidong also secured a win over Lin Yun-Ju of Chinese Taipei in straight games.

Q. Who is the head of the World Table Tennis council? **Liu Guoliang**



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