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Gabriel Attal named next Prime Minister of France

- Gabriel Attal has been named next Prime Minister of France, as Emmanuel Macron aims to revive his presidency with a new government.
- Gabriel Attal is currently working as an education minister.
- At 34, he is the youngest Prime Minister in modern French history, outranking even Socialist Laurent Fabius who was 37 when he was appointed by François Mitterrand in 1984.
- Mr Attal replaces Élisabeth Borne, who resigned after 20 months in office.

France:

- Capital: Paris
- President: Emmanuel Macron
- Currency: Euro (€) (EUR), CFP franc (XPF)

Q. Who has been elected as the next Prime Minister of France? **Gabriel Attal**



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Former Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay wins parliamentary elections in Bhutan

- Former Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay's People's Democratic Party (PDP) has won most seats in Bhutan's parliamentary elections and will form a new government.
- Bhutan Broadcasting Service reported that the PDP had won 30 of the 47 National Assembly seats to return to power and the Bhutan Tendrel Party has secured 17 seats.
- Tobgay, 58, is expected to become Prime Minister for the second time.

Bhutan:

- Capital: Thimphu
- Currency: Ngultrum (BTN)

Q. Who is expected to become Prime Minister for the second time after the People's Democratic Party wins the majority of seats in the parliamentary elections of Bhutan? **Tshering Tobgay**

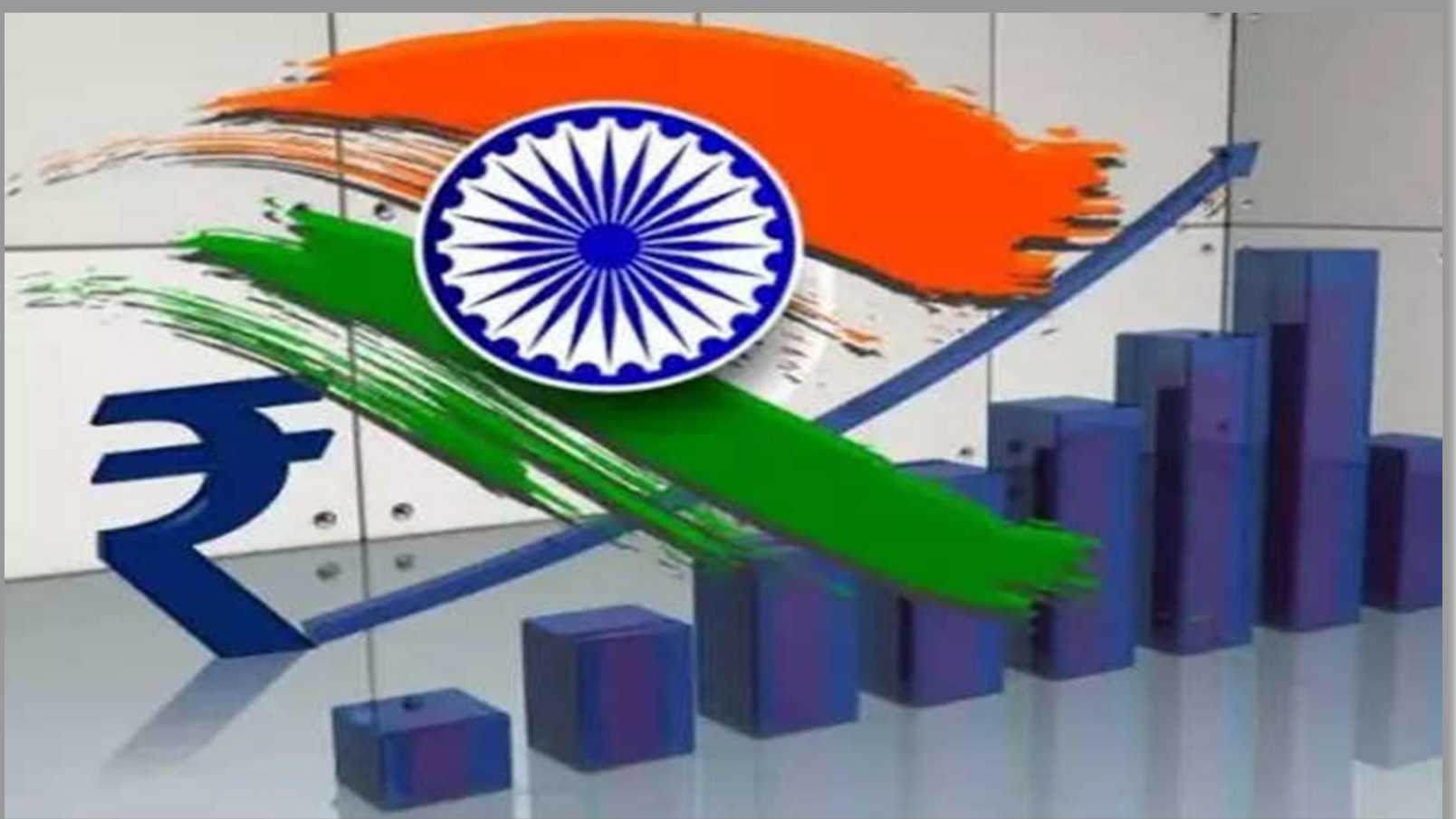


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Indian Navy's P8I Aircraft Joins Exercise Sea Dragon-24 in Guam

- An Indian Navy P-8I aircraft arrived in Guam, United States to participate in the fourth edition of the Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) exercise, Ex Sea Dragon 24, organised by the US Navy.
- The exercise aims to enhance synergy and interoperability amongst participating navies from US, Australia, South Korea and Japan through professional interactions on ground and in air.
- The exercise will test the capabilities of various aircraft in tracking both simulated and live underwater targets while sharing expertise among participating nations. Apart from the Indian Navy's P8I, other aircraft in attendance include the US Navy's P8A, Japan Maritime Self Defence Force's P1, Royal Canadian Air Force's CP-140, and Republic of Korea's P3C.
- Earlier in March, the Indian Navy participated in the La Perouse multilateral cooperation exercise hosted by France. This exercise brought together seven nations, including India, Australia, Canada, France, Japan, the US, and the UK, in the Bay of Bengal.

Q. Which Indian aircraft has reached Guam to participate in the Ex Sea Dragon 24 organized by the US Navy? **P-8I**



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World Bank keeps India's FY25 GDP growth estimate unchanged at 6.4%

- The World Bank kept its FY25 economic growth projection for India unchanged at 6.4 per cent, mainly on account of strong domestic demand, rising public infrastructure spending and strong private-sector credit growth.
- However, it projected that the private consumption growth might taper off due to high food inflation and diminishing pent-up demand.
- In its biannual 'Global Economic Prospects' report, the World Bank said India was likely to maintain the fastest growth rate among the world's largest economies, but its post-pandemic recovery was expected to slow, with estimated growth of 6.3 per cent in FY24, before recovering gradually to 6.5 per cent in FY26.
- The Washington-based organisation forecast that the world economy will expand 2.4 per cent this year. That would be down from 2.6 per cent growth in 2023, 3 per cent in 2022 and 6.2 per cent in 2021, which reflected the robust recovery from the pandemic recession of 2020.
- On India, the multilateral development bank's forecast did not take into account the National Statistical Office's (NSO's) first advance estimates, which had projected 7.3 per cent growth for India in FY24 — higher than the Reserve Bank of India's estimate of 7 per cent — assuming an investment-led recovery.

Q. The World Bank has kept India's GDP growth forecast for FY2015 unchanged at _ percent. **6.4%**



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Divyakriti Singh becomes first Indian woman to get Arjuna Award for equestrian sports

- Jaipur's Divyakriti Singh has made history by becoming the first Indian woman to receive the prestigious Arjuna Award in Equestrian.
- The 23-year-old, an alumna of The Palace School in Jaipur, clinched a gold medal in team dressage at the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.
- This victory not only showcased her exceptional skills but also contributed to India's historic gold after 41 years in equestrian. Starting her journey in equestrian sports at the age of 12, Divyakriti has consistently excelled in both individual and team events. Her notable achievements include medals at the Junior National Equestrian Championships and All India IPSC equestrian competitions, laying the foundation for her future successes.
- Acknowledged as the No.1 in Asia and No.14 in the world in the Global Dressage Rankings by the International Equestrian Federation

Equestrian Federation of India:

- Founded: 14 March 1967
- Affiliation: Fédération Équestre Internationale
- Affiliation date: 1971 www.race4job.com
- Secretary: Col. Jaiveer Singh

Q. Divyakriti Singh, who has become first Indian woman to get Arjuna Award for equestrian sports, hails from which city? **Jaipur**



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Music maestro Rashid Khan passes away after prolonged battle with cancer

- The celebrated music maestro Ustad Rashid Khan, undergoing treatment for prostate cancer in Kolkata passed away. He was 55-year-old.
- Born in Uttar Pradesh's Badayun Rashid Khan, who is also the nephew of Ustad Ghulam Mustafa Khan, received his initial training from his maternal grand-uncle Ustad Nissar Hussain Khan (1909–1993).
- His musical talents were first recognized by his uncle, Ghulam Mustafa Khan, who provided initial training in Mumbai.
- However, the primary training was received from Nissar Hussain Khan, initially at his residence in Badayun.
- At the age of eleven, Rashid Khan delivered his debut concert, and in the subsequent year, 1978, he graced the stage at an ITC concert in Delhi.
- Following this, in April 1980, when Nissar Hussain Khan transitioned to the ITC Sangeet Research Academy (SRA) in Calcutta, Rashid Khan, at the age of 14, also became a part of the academy.
- Khan ventured into blending classical Hindustani music with lighter musical genres and engaged in experimental collaborations, including concerts with Western instrumentalist Louis Banks.
- Additionally, he showcased his versatility by participating in jugalbandis, sharing the stage with sitarist Shahid Parvez and other musicians.

Q. Recently the celebrated music maestro Ustad Rashid Khan died, he was a famous: **Classical Singer**



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US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy renamed country representative on WHO board

- Indian-American Surgeon General Vivek Murthy has been named again to serve as the US's representative on the executive board of the World Health Organization (WHO) by President Joe Biden.
- The 46-year-old's nomination was re-sent as his confirmation to the position had been pending in the Senate since October 2022.
- He will serve in his new position alongside his continued duties as the country's Surgeon General.
- In March 2021, he was confirmed by the US Senate to serve as the 21st Surgeon General of the US and had previously served on the same post under then President Barack Obama.
- Born to immigrant parents from Karnataka, Murthy was raised in Miami and is a graduate of Harvard, the Yale School of Medicine, and the Yale School of Management.
- Before entering government service, Murthy co-founded VISIONS, a global HIV/AIDS education organisation, and the Swasthya Project — a rural health partnership that trained women in South India to become community health workers and educators.
- Note: As the Nation's Doctor, the Surgeon General's mission is to help lay the foundation for a healthier country, relying on the best scientific information available to provide clear, consistent, and equitable guidance and resources for the public.

Q. Name the incumbent Indian-American Surgeon General of US who has been named again to serve as the US's representative on the executive board of the World Health Organization (WHO) by President Joe Biden? **Vivek Murthy**

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Intel acquires Silicon Mobility to boost EVs, to bring AI PC to cars

- Chip-maker Intel has announced to acquire Silicon Mobility SAS, a fabless silicon and software company that specialises in chips for intelligent electric vehicle (EV) energy management, for an undisclosed sum.
- The company also announced a new family of AI-enhanced software-defined vehicle system-on-chips (SoCs), with Zeekr as the first original equipment manufacturer (OEM) to adopt the new chip to deliver its generative AI-driven living room experiences to next-generation vehicles.
- Intel also announced a commitment to deliver the industry's first open UCle-based chiplet platform for software-defined vehicles (SDVs).
- Intel will work with imec to ensure the packaging technologies meet the rigorous quality and reliability requirements of the automotive industry.
- Note: Intel and SAE International announced a committee to deliver an automotive standard for Vehicle Platform Power Management. Intel will chair the committee.

Q. Recently Chip-maker Intel has announced to acquire fabless silicon and software company that specialises in chips for intelligent electric vehicle (EV) energy management, for an undisclosed sum? **Silicon Mobility SAS**



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AM/NS to build world's largest single location integrated steel plant in Gujarat

- Lakshmi Mittal announced that ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) is building the world's largest single location integrated steel plant at Gujarat's Hazira.
- Mittal, the executive chairman of global steel major ArcelorMittal which operates the JV in India with Japan's Nippon, said the plant will have a capacity of producing 24 million tonne of crude steel, and should be ready by 2029.
- The company has signed an agreement for the second phase of the plant with the Gujarat government at the event.
- The first phase of the steel manufacturing site will be completed by 2026 whereas the second phase, marked by a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), will be completed by 2029.
- Once operational, the expanded manufacturing facility will produce around 24 million tonnes (MT) of steel, making it the world's largest steel manufacturing site.

Q. Recently Lakshmi Mittal announced that AM/NS India is building the world's largest single location integrated steel plant at Gujarat's Hazira. In context to same what does AM/NS stands for? **ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel**



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KALIA scholarship scheme modified to bring in more students

- The Odisha government has modified the guidelines for the KALIA scholarship scheme to accommodate more students pursuing technical and professional courses in private institutes within Odisha as well as premier institutes outside the state.
- As per the modified guidelines, students enrolled in technical and professional courses at private institutes in the state having All India Survey on Higher Education code are covered under KALIA scholarship.
- Besides, those taking admission in technical and professional courses in premier institutes like NIT, IIT, IIM, AIIMS, ICAR, IARI, IISER, NISER, IVRI, CIFE and NDRI both inside and outside the state are included under the scheme.
- In addition to the existing courses, PG and PhD courses (professional/technical) too are included under the scheme.
- It will be maximum two years for PG and four years for PhD courses.
- The PhD courses must be related to the eligible post-graduation courses only in government institutions in the state.
- Note: Earlier, it was provided to farmer's children enrolled only in government institutions within the state.

Q. Recently the KALIA scholarship scheme has been modified in order to attract more students pursuing technical and professional courses in private institutes in the state. In context to same this scheme has been launched by which state? **Odisha**



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