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## **Bangalore & Delhi Airports jointly bagged best airport award for the year at 4th edition of “Wings India Awards” in Civil Aviation Sector**

- Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya M Scindia has presented the Wings India Awards 2024 at an event held in Hyderabad.
- Bangalore and Delhi Airports have jointly bagged the best airport award for the year at the 4th edition of “Wings India Awards” in the Civil Aviation Sector.
- Vistara bagged the Best Airline of the Year award.
- The Air India has been recognised for International Connectivity while Alliance Air got recognition for Regional Connectivity.
- Air India Express was declared a Sustainability Champion.
- GMR Group has been honoured as the Best Aviation Service Provider while Skyways Air Services for cargo services, Indian Oil Skytanking Pvt. Ltd for Fuel Services, GMR for Aero Academy.
- Besides these, several other organisations were recognised by the Wings India for their excellence in different categories of civil aviation.

**Q.** Which airports have jointly won the Best Airport Award for the year at the 4th edition of “Wings India Awards”?

**Bangalore and Delhi**



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## **Kuwait forms its first government under country's new Emir Sheikh Meshal al-Ahmad al-Sabah**

- Kuwait formed a new government, the first under the country's new Emir Sheikh Meshal al-Ahmad al-Sabah.
- The freshly formed cabinet, led by Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammad Sabah Al-Salem, consists of 13 members and includes new appointments for the ministries of oil, finance, and foreign affairs.
- A notable departure from tradition is seen in the appointment of Foreign Minister Abdullah Ali al-Yahya, marking the first time a non-royal family member has held this position since Kuwait gained independence in 1961.
- This development follows the appointment of Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al Salem as the new prime minister earlier this month by Emir Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmad Al Sabah, who assumed office in December after the passing of his predecessor, Sheikh Nawaf.
- Sheikh Mohammed was tasked with the formation of a new cabinet, as per a royal decree, resulting in the establishment of the current 13-member government.

**Q.** Who is the new Prime Minister of Kuwait? **Sheikh Mohammad Sabah Al-Salem**



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## **Arthur, Bradburn, Puttack resign from their roles in Pakistan cricket board**

- The Pakistan Cricket Board has confirmed that foreign coaches Mickey Arthur, Grant Bradburn and Andrew Puttack have resigned from their respective roles with the national team as well as with the board.
- The development came after the trio were assigned duties at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Lahore following a change in their portfolios post the 50-overs World Cup in India.
- All three, along with bowling coach Morne Morkel, comprised the main support staff of the Pakistan team until the World Cup.
- But Pakistan's failure to advance to the knockouts saw PCB managing committee chairman Zaka Ashraf reassigning them to the NCA, to which the trio refused and instead went on vacations to their respective homes.
- Morkel was the only one to resign immediately after the World Cup from his incomplete contract.
- Soon after the World Cup, once it became known that the PCB was no longer interested in having these three overseas coaches working with the national side, Puttack got an offer as batting coach from Afghanistan.
- At the same time, Bradburn was offered a contract by an English county side whereas Arthur went back to his role as the head coach with Derbyshire.

**Q.** Name the foreign coaches, who have resigned from their respective roles in Pakistan cricket board? **Mickey Arthur, Grant Bradburn and Andrew Puttack**



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## Citigroup partners with LuminArx to launch private lending vehicle

- Citigroup launched a private lending vehicle in partnership with alternative investment manager LuminArx Capital, looking to expand its footprint in a market that has attracted significant attention in recent months.
- Heightened regulation has prompted traditional banks to reevaluate the loans they provide. They have responded by teaming up with private capital providers, that are not subject to the same degree of oversight as banks, and can afford to provide riskier loans. LuminArx will commit more than \$2 billion for the private lending vehicle, known as Cinergy.
- Last year, Wells Fargo also launched a fund in partnership with a private equity firm.
- Analysts expect the demand for such loans to pick up in the coming months as the market for mergers and acquisitions rebounds.

**Q.** Citigroup has launched a private lending vehicle in partnership with which alternative investment manager?

**LuminArx Capital**



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## **PM to inaugurate Boeing's largest facility outside US in B'luru**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the largest Boeing facility outside of United States in Karnataka's capital city, Bengaluru.
- The new state-of-the-art Boeing India Engineering and Technology Centre (BIETC) campus has been built at the Aerospace Park in Devanahalli, near the Bengaluru Airport.
- Built with an investment of ₹1,600 crore, the 43-acre campus is Boeing's largest such investment outside the US.
- PM Modi will also launch the Boeing Sukanya programme, which aims to support the entry of more girl children from across India into the country's growing aviation sector.
- The programme will provide opportunities for girls and women to learn critical skills in the science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEM) fields and train for jobs in the aviation sector.

**Q.** In which city, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the largest Boeing facility outside the United States? **Bengaluru**



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## **West Indies women's quartet confirm international retirement**

- West Indies women's cricketers Anisa Mohammed, Shakera Selman, Kycia Knight and Kyshona Knight have confirmed their retirement from international cricket.
- Mohammed and Selman both served as vice-captains during their 20- and 18-year careers respectively, all players recently communicated their decisions to Cricket West Indies (CWI).
- Mohammed made her debut for the West Indies Women in 2003 at the age of 15 against Japan Women in an ICC Women's Cricket World Cup Qualifier in the Netherlands. Her last match was against Australia Women in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup in March 2022.
- She played 141 One Day Internationals (ODIs) and 117 T20 Internationals (T20Is). She took 180 ODI wickets, with a career best of 7-14 against Pakistan.
- She took 125 T20I wickets and in 2016 she became the first cricketer (male or female) to take 100 T20I wickets. She also has the distinction of being the first West Indian bowler to take a hat-trick in a Women's T20I. She was a member of the West Indies Women's team which won the ICC Women's T20 World Cup at Eden Gardens in Kolkata, India in 2016.

**Q.** Anisa Mohammed, Shakera Selman, Kycia Knight and Kyshona Knight, who have confirmed their retirement from international cricket, belongs to which national cricket team? **West Indies**



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## President Droupadi Murmu to confer Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, 2024

- President Droupadi Murmu will confer the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, 2024 to nineteen exceptional children in New Delhi.
- The award will be conferred upon 19 children selected from all regions of the country for their exceptional achievements in the field of Art and Culture, Bravery, Innovation, Social Service and Sports.
- There are nine boys and ten girls among the awardees belonging to 18 States and UTs including two Aspirational Districts.
- The awards are conferred upon the children in the age group 5 to 18 years.
- Each awardee of PMRBP is given a medal and a Certificate.

### Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar:

- The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar formerly called the National Child Award for Exceptional Achievement, is India's highest civilian honour for children, awarded annually by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- First awarded: 1996

**Q.** India's highest civilian honor for children is awarded to children of \_\_\_\_ years of age. **5 to 18**





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## **PepsiCo India appoints marketing chief Jagrut Kotecha as new CEO**

- PepsiCo India appointed Jagrut Kotecha as its chief executive officer (CEO), saying he will take over from Ahmed El Sheikh, who held the position for seven years.
- Kotecha is the company's chief marketing officer in Africa, Middle East, and South Asia (AMESA). He will assume the CEO's role in March 2024.
- Sheikh will become the CEO for the Middle East business unit.
- Over the last six years, Ahmed has been instrumental in transforming our business, driving innovation, and steering the team through challenging landscapes. His leadership saw the introduction of pioneering products and various community focused initiatives, and I look forward to continuing to work with him in his new capacity.

### **PepsiCo:**

- Founded: 1898
- Headquarters: New York, U.S.
- Chairman & CEO: Ramon Laguarta

**Q.** Who has been appointed as the new CEO of PepsiCo India? **Jagrut Kotecha**



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## JetSetGo signs 280 hybrid-electric aircraft deal worth \$1.3-bn with 3 firms

- Air services operator JetSetGo has signed a 280 hybrid-electric aircraft deal, including 130 on option, worth over USD 1.3-billion with three global aviation tech firms.
- These planes can be deployed for airport transfers, regional connectivity, inter-city commute, intra-city shuttles and urban air taxis, JetSetGo said.
- The strategic collaboration with Electra.aero, Horizon Aircraft and Overair, was unveiled at the on-going mega aviation event Wings India 2024 in Hyderabad.
- Advanced Air Mobility utilizes new aviation technologies like electric and hybrid-electric propulsion to enable air taxi-style services for short distance travel between and within cities

### JetSetGo:

- Founded in 2014, by Tekriwal and Sudheer Perla, the New Delhi-based JetSetGo's current fleet comprises five mid-size Hawker aircraft and six other aircraft ranging from large cabin jets to helicopters.

**Q.** Recently JetSetGo has signed 280 hybrid-electric aircraft deals worth \$1.3 billion with how many companies? **3**



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## Former world pole vault champion Shawn Barber passes away

- Shawn Barber, the Canadian record holder and 2015 world champion in pole vault, has died at the age of 29.
- Barber claimed gold at the 2015 Pan American Games and weeks later, the then 21-year-old upset a field including silver medallist Raphael Holzdeppe of Germany and favourite Renaud Lavillenie, who won bronze, in capturing the world title in Beijing.
- Barber's best jump of 6.0 metres set on Jan. 15, 2016 is still the Canadian record. He also competed at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.
- Barber first competed in pole vault at the age of seven, shattering the U.S. high school record by more than a foot before winning back-to-back NCAA indoor titles for the University of Akron in 2014 and '15 and then the 2015 NCAA outdoor title.

**Q.** Name the Canadian record holder and 2015 world champion in pole vault, who passed away recently? **Shawn Barber**



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