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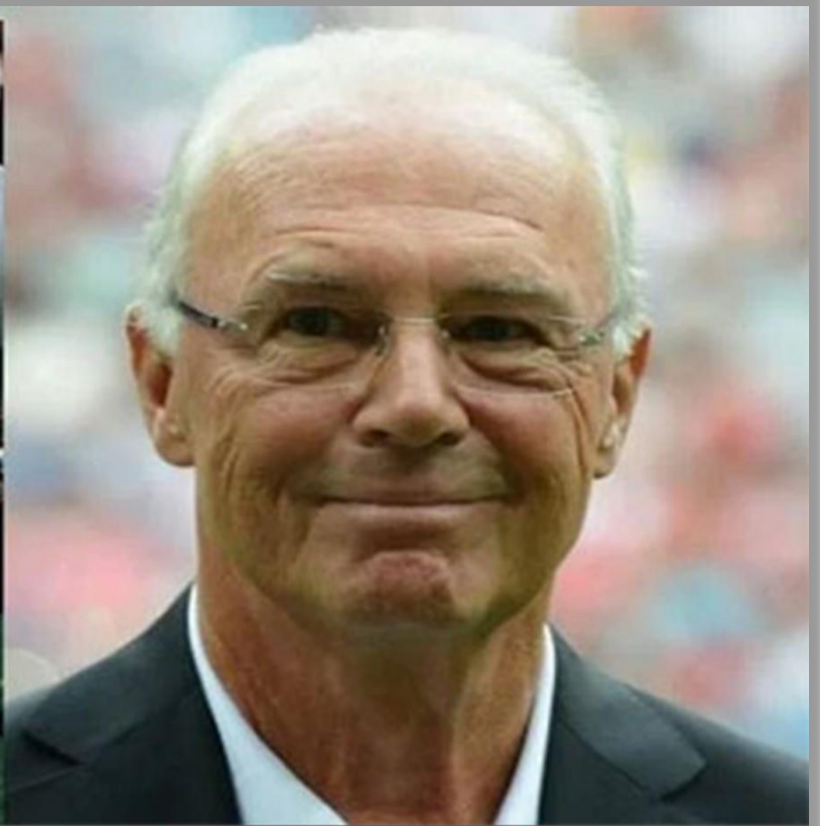
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## Franz Beckenbauer football player passed away at 78 in Germany

- Franz Beckenbauer, widely regarded among the greatest football player of all time, has died at the age of 78 in Germany.
- German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, in a social media post expressed grief over the death of Beckenbauer and called him One of the absolute greats of football.
- Known in football-obsessed Germany as “the Kaiser” meaning “the Emperor”, Beckenbauer played a central role in some of the country’s greatest sporting achievements. He collected 103 caps for West Germany, winning the 1972 European championship and then the World Cup on home soil. Franz Beckenbauer's Bayern Munich team was the best club side in the world during the mid-1970s, winning three successive European Cups and three successive Bundesliga titles, and Beckenbauer himself was twice named European Footballer of the year.
- In 2016 he was fined by FIFA’s ethics committee for failing to co-operate with an inquiry into corruption over the awarding of the 2018 and 2022 World Cups.
- Over the next few years, he was engaged in tending to health issues, and the last time he appeared at Bayern Munich’s Allianz Arena was in August 2022, when he attended a match of Bayern Munich against Borussia Monchengladbach.

**Q.** Franz Beckenbauer, who passed away recently, was related to which sport? **Football**





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## **Rajnath Singh Approval for NCC Expansion in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh**

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal to raise four more National Cadet Corps (NCC) Units in the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.
- The approval includes one Mixed (Boys & Girls) Army Battalion each at Udhampur, Kupwara and Kargil (Ladakh), and one Air Squadron at Udhampur.
- With this approval, the strength of the existing 27,870 cadets will increase by 12,860, which is a 46.1% rise.
- Currently, the Directorate has two Group Headquarters, with a total of 10 NCC Units, covering all the three geographical regions.
- The expansion will boost the morale of the youth in the region, who will contribute significantly to nation building.

### **Jammu and Kashmir :**

- Union territory: 31 October 2019
- Capitals: Srinagar (May–October), Jammu (November–April)
- Lieutenant Governor: Manoj Sinha

**Q.** Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has recently approved the proposal to increase four more National Cadet Corps (NCC) units in which two Union Territories? **Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh**





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## India tops list of source markets for tourism into Sri Lanka in 2023

- India has topped the list of source markets for tourism into Sri Lanka in 2023. The island has welcomed 1.487 Million tourists during the last year with India contributing over 20% arrivals.
- In all over 3 lakh Indian tourists reached Sri Lanka in 2023 followed by Russia which contributed 1.97 lakh.
- Tourism holds a pivotal position in Sri Lanka's economy as a top foreign revenue source. Tourism contributed 2.1 billion US Dollars from 1.1 billion Dollars achieved in the previous year.
- The connectivity between the two countries has improved over the last year as air travel resumed between Jaffna and Chennai in December 2022.
- In addition, Connectivity between Colombo and Mumbai has also been improved with daily flights operating on the sector.
- Apart from this, starting of Ferry services between Nagapattinam and Kankesanthurai has also boosted connectivity between the two countries.

**Q.** Which country has topped the list of source markets for tourism in Sri Lanka in 2023? **India**



**ROYAL ENFIELD****Wednesday, 10 January 2024**

## **Royal Enfield sign MoU to invest Rs 3,000 cr in Tamil Nadu for product development**

- Motorcycle manufacturer Royal Enfield, a unit of Eicher Motors Ltd, has earmarked investments of Rs 3,000 crore spread over a period of eight years in Tamil Nadu towards development of new products.
- The investments are expected to generate about 2,000 direct and indirect jobs in the region.
- As per a Memorandum of Understanding signed with the Tamil Nadu government during the Global Investors Meet here, the investments would be used to set up greenfield and brownfield projects in the region, among other things.
- This investment will be mainly used for the development of new products, Electric Vehicles (EVs) product development and capacity building and also additionally for any capacity enhancement for ICE (internal combustion engine), whenever required.

### **Royal Enfield:**

- Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
- CEO: B Govindarajan

**Q.** Royal Enfield has signed an MoU to invest Rs 3,000 crore in which Indian state for product development? **Tamil Nadu**





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## Dutch cos to sign 3.6 bn euros worth investment proposals at Gujarat summit

- Dutch firms will sign agreements proposing an investment of 3.6 billion euros in the country at the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit.
- The summit will be held from January 10-12 in Gandhinagar.
- This is the fourth time the Netherlands is joining the summit as a partner country, according to Amlan Bora, Chief Representative for India at the Netherlands Business Support Office (NBSO).
- Ambassador of the Netherlands to India Marisa Gerards will head the trade delegation comprising 45 Dutch companies that represent a variety of industries, including agriculture and food processing, maritime and logistics, renewable energy, waste management, IT, semiconductors, and services, Bora said.
- Members of the delegation will meet Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel to share their plans for the state, he added.
- The Netherlands is the fifth largest foreign investor in India during 2022-2023 with FDI equity inflows of USD 2.49 billion (Rs 19,855 crore).
- The key areas of cooperation between the countries are agriculture, health, maritime, science and technology, climate & energy, and innovation.

**Q.** At the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, Dutch companies will sign agreements proposing to invest \_\_\_ amount in the country. **3.6 billion euros**





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### **French Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne resigns**

- France's Prime Minister Élisabeth Borne is to leave office after less than two years in the job.
- Her resignation comes with President Emmanuel Macron widely expected to reshuffle his top team ahead of European elections due later this year.
- Ms Borne will remain in post until a new prime minister takes over.
- This comes following political tension triggered by contested reforms of the pension system and immigration laws.
- Education Minister Gabriel Attal and Defence Minister Sebastien Lecornu are among those cited as potential candidates to replace Borne.
- She was France's second female prime minister and longest serving, outlasting Édith Cresson who served in the role under François Mitterrand from 1991-92.

**Q.** Elizabeth Borne is going to step down as the Prime Minister of which country after a tenure of less than two years? **France**





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## **President Droupadi Murmu presents National Sports and Adventure Awards 2023 at Rashtrapati Bhavan**

- President Droupadi Murmu presented the National Sports and Adventure Awards 2023 at a function in Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- Cricketer Mohammed Shami, Chess player R Vaishali, Archers Ojas Pravin Deotale and Aditi Gopichand Swami, Golfer Diksha Dagar and Kabaddi players Pawan Kumar and Ritu Negi received the Arjuna Award.
- Besides, Hockey players Krishan Bahadur Pathak and P Sushila Chanu, Kho-Kho player Nasreen, Lawn Bowls player Pinki, Shooters Aishwary Pratap Singh and Esha Singh, Squash player Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu, Table Tennis player Ayhika Mukherjee, Wrestler Sunil Kumar and Antim, Wushu player N Roshibina Devi, Blind Cricketer Illuri Ajay Kumar Reddy, Para Archer Sheetal Devi and Para Canoeing player Prachi Yadav were among those received the Arjuna Awards.
- Dronacharya Awards were given to Wrestling coach Lalit Kumar, Chess coach R. B. Ramesh, Para Athletics coach Mahaveer Prasad Saini, Hockey coach Shivendra Singh and others.
- Dhyanchand Awards for Lifetime Achievement in Sports and Games were given to Manjusha Kanwar for Badminton, Vineet Kumar Sharma for Hockey and Kavitha Selvaraj for Kabaddi.
- During the function, Jain Deemed to be University and Bengaluru and Odisha Mining Corporation Limited got Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar.

**Q.** Who has been given the Dhyanchand Award for Lifetime Achievement in Badminton at the National Sports and Adventure Awards 2023? **Manjusha Kanwar**





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## **Vitol Inks 10-Year LNG Supply Deal with Gail India**

- Vitol Asia Pte Ltd has signed a long-term deal to supply GAIL (India) Limited with approximately one million metric tons of liquefied natural gas (LNG) per annum for 10 years beginning in 2026.
- Under the agreement, Vitol will deliver LNG from its global LNG portfolio to GAIL in India on a pan-India basis.
- GAIL owns and operates a network of over 16,000 kilometers (9,942 miles) of natural gas pipelines. GAIL commands around 70 percent market share in gas transmission and has a gas trading share of over 50 percent in India.
- Dutch multinational company Vitol trades 7.4 million barrels per day of crude oil and products, and charters around 6,000 sea voyages every year. Vitol's clients include national oil companies, multinationals, industrial companies and utilities.

### **GAIL (India) Limited :**

- Founded: 1984
- Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi, India
- Chairman & MD: Sandeep Kumar Gupta

**Q.** Which company has signed a deal to supply GAIL (India) Limited with approximately one million metric tons of LNG per annum for 10 years beginning in 2026? **Vitol Asia Pte Ltd**



## HEALTH BRIEF

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**Tata 1mg partners with Vitonnix UK to launch innovative Vitamin Sublingual Sprays in India**

**TATA 1mg**



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### **Tata 1mg and Vitonnix UK get into an exclusive partnership in India**

- Tata 1mg, a digital healthcare platform announced that it has entered into an exclusive partnership with Vitonnix UK to bring offerings to India.
- They recently introduced a range of Vitamin Sublingual Sprays. This sublingual spray is applied directly under the tongue, thereby enabling the vitamins and supplements to be absorbed directly through the mucosal lining of the mouth which has a very rich blood supply.
- The first phase of the launch includes four remarkable products: Vitamin D, Multivitamins, Biotin, and the star of the lineup, Melatonin. These sublingual sprays are designed to offer a convenient and effective way for individuals to take their daily vitamin and health supplements.

#### **Tata 1mg:**

- Founded: 2015
- Founder: Prashant Tandon, Gaurav Agarwal, Vikas Chauhan
- Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana, India
- CEO: Prashant Tandon

**Q.** Which digital healthcare platform has entered into an exclusive partnership with Vitonnix UK to bring the offering in India? **Tata 1mg**



# HERMAN KRUIS

High Performance Director



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## Hockey India Appoint Herman Kruis As High Performance Director

- Hockey India (HI) announced the appointment of Herman Kruis as the new high performance director with the Dutchman serving in the position till September.
- He will oversee the national junior and senior programmes of HI, including the coaches education pathway among other tasks.
- Kruis, who is from the Netherlands, has over two decades of coaching experience, and was earlier appointed as coach of Indian men and junior women's teams to oversee their preparations for the FIH Men's Junior World Cup and FIH Women's Junior World Cup respectively.
- In his vast coaching experience, Kruis has worked with Den Bosch ladies a club based out of the Netherlands as their head coach and during his tenure the team won the European Cup eight times in a row.
- He was also the head coach for the Netherlands indoor women's hockey team from 2006 to 2008 and he was also the head coach for the Netherlands outdoor team from 2008 to 2010.
- In his most recent stint, he was the chief coach of the Belarus indoor and outdoor team from 2016 to August 2023.
- Kruis is a certified FIH coach-educator.

**Q.** Who has been appointed as the new high performance director by Hockey India? **Herman Kruis**





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