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## India delivers BrahMos missiles to Philippines as part of \$375 mn deal

- India delivered the BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles to the Philippines, as part of the \$375 million deal between the two sides signed in 2022.
- The Indian Air Force sent its American origin C-17 Globemaster transport aircraft with the missiles to the Philippines to deliver the weapon system to the Philippines' Marine Corps.
- The export of ground systems for the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system along with the missiles started last month itself.
- The Philippines is taking delivery of the missile systems at a time when tensions between them and China have escalated owing to frequent clashes in the South China Sea. The three batteries of the BrahMos missile system would be deployed by the Philippines in their coastal areas to guard against any threat in the region.
- The deal has been cleared with multiple approvals from partner nations in the programme.

**Q.** Recently India delivered BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles to which country as part of a \$375 million agreement signed between the two sides in 2022? **Philippines**





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## **CRPF ADG Nalin Prabhat appointed chief of NSG**

- Senior IPS officer Nalin Prabhat has been appointed as the Director-General of National Security Guard (NSG), the country's counter-terrorism force.
- Prabhat, a 1992 batch IPS officer of Andhra Pradesh cadre, is presently working as Additional Director General in CRPF.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved his appointment as the Director General, NSG for a period up to August 31, 2028 i.e. the date of his superannuation.
- Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) chief Daljit Singh Chawdhary was holding the additional charge of the NSG.
- The ACC has also approved the appointment of Intelligence Bureau Additional Director Sapna Tewari as the Special Director in the agency. Tewari has been appointed for a tenure of two years from the date of assumption of charge of the post or up to the date of her superannuation i.e. April 30, 2026.

**Q.** Who has been appointed as the Director-General of National Security Guard (NSG)? **Nalin Prabhat**



## RBI APPROVES

# AJITH KUMAR K.K. AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF DHANLAKSHMI BANK



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## **RBI approves appointment of Ajith Kumar KK as Dhanlaxmi Bank's MD & CEO**

- Dhanlaxmi Bank said that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted its approval for the appointment of Ajith Kumar K.K as the managing director & CEO of the bank for a period of 3 three years.
- The bank further stated that a meeting of the board of directors will be convened in due course to approve the appointment of Ajith Kumar K.K as the MD & CEO of the bank.
- The private sector lender will also seek the approval of its shareholders for the same, as per the regulatory provisions.
- Ajith Kumar K.K is a seasoned banker with over 36 years of experience with the Federal Bank Limited in various facets of banking including credit, human resources, business, branch banking, etc.
- Presently, he is the chief human resources officer in Federal Bank Limited in the cadre of President. He is also director of Federal Operations & Services Limited, wholly-owned subsidiary of Federal Bank Limited, on account of his employment.

**Q.** Who has been appointed as the managing director & CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank? **Ajith Kumar KK**





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## **CRED receives in-principle nod for payment aggregator licence**

- Bengaluru-based fintech unicorn CRED has reportedly secured an in-principle approval for a payment aggregator licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- Payment aggregators play a pivotal role in facilitating seamless online transactions by bridging the gap between merchants and customers.
- With the RBI's nod, CRED joins the league of select companies, including Reliance Payment and Pine Labs, empowered to lead this transformative space.
- The significance of this approval extends beyond operational convenience. Fintech startups like CRED, without a licence, often grapple with dependency on third-party processors, potentially hindering their ability to optimise transaction processes.
- With the licence in hand, CRED gains autonomy to streamline payment flows, reduce costs, and directly engage with merchants, thereby fortifying its market position.

**Q.** Which Bengaluru-based fintech unicorn has secured an in-principle approval for a payment aggregator licence from the RBI? **CRED**





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## **DRDO Hands Over Indigenous Flight Control Modules To HAL For LCA Tejas Mk-1A Variant**

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) handed over the first batch of indigenous leading edge actuators and airbrake control modules to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
- DRDO's Aeronautical Development Agency in collaboration with Hyderabad's Research Centre Imarat and Bengaluru's Central Manufacturing Technology Institute marked a significant leap towards self-reliance in aeronautical technologies.
- The successful completion of flight trials for leading edge actuators and airbrake control modules has paved the way for production clearance, enabling HAL to gear up for equipping the Mk-1A variant of LCA Tejas.
- The secondary flight control of LCA-Tejas, comprising leading edge slats and airbrakes, now boasts state-of-the-art servo-valve-based electro-hydraulic servo actuators and control modules.

**Q.** Recently, DRDO handed over Indigenous Flight Control Modules To \_\_\_\_\_ For LCA Tejas Mk-1A Variant.  
**Hindustan Aeronautics Limited**





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## AFMS & IIT Kanpur to collaborate on developing technologies

- The Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for collaborative research and training with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur.
- IIT Kanpur will also provide technical expertise for developing AI diagnostic models, at Armed Forces Centre for Computational Medicine established in Armed Forces Medical College, which is first of its kind amongst medical colleges in India.
- Under the ambit of this MoU, faculty exchange program, joint academic activities and development of training modules will also be planned.

### AFMS:

- The Armed Force Medical Services (AFMS) is an inter services organisation under the Ministry of Defense, covering the Indian Armed Forces. It came into existence in 1948. The Director General Armed Forces Medical Services, a three-star officer, is the head of the Armed Forces Medical Services and is responsible to the Government for the overall medical policy in so far as they relate to the Armed Forces.

**Q.** Recently, the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) signed an MoU for collaborative research and training with which IIT? **IIT Kanpur**





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## North Korea conducts test on new ‘super-large warhead’

- North Korea has conducted a test on a “super-large warhead” designed for a strategic cruise missile, adding that it also launched a new type of anti-aircraft missile.
- The Administration has conducted a power test of a super-large warhead designed for ‘Hwasal-1 Ra-3’ strategic cruise missile.
- North Korea also carried out a test launch of a “Pyoljji-1-2”, which state media said was a “new-type anti-aircraft missile”.
- In early April, North Korea said it had tested a new medium-to-long-range solid-fuel hypersonic missile.
- Cruise missiles are among a growing collection of North Korean weapons designed to overwhelm regional missile defences.
- They supplement the North’s vast arsenal of ballistic missiles, including intercontinental variants, which are said to be aimed at the continental United States.
- Since its second nuclear test in 2009, Pyongyang has been under heavy international sanctions, but the development of its nuclear and weapons programmes has continued unabated.

**Q.** Which country has conducted a power test of a super-large warhead designed for ‘Hwasal-1 Ra-3’ strategic cruise missile? **North Korea**





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## **US blacklists 3 Chinese firms for supplying missile parts to Pakistan**

- The US has imposed sanctions on three Chinese companies and one from Belarus for supplying missile-applicable items to Pakistan's ballistic missile programmes, including its long-range missile programme.
- The entities are Minsk Wheel Tractor Plant; Xi'an Longde Technology Development Company Limited; Tianjin Creative Source International Trade Co Ltd; and Granpect Co. Ltd., have engaged in activities or transactions that have materially contributed to, or pose a risk of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction or their means of delivery, including any efforts to manufacture, acquire, possess, develop, transport, transfer or use such items, by Pakistan.

### **USA**

- Capital: Washington, D.C.
- President: Joe Biden
- Vice President: Kamala Harris
- Chief Justice: John Roberts

**Q.** Recently the US has imposed sanctions on three Chinese companies and one from Belarus for supplying missile-applicable items to which country?  
**Pakistan**





Indian Para-Canoeist  
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## Indian Para-Canoeist Jaideep dominates in Asian Championship at Tokyo, wins gold medal

- Indian para-canoeist Jaideep secured the gold medal in the VL3 Men's 200m event as the Indian contingent asserted their dominance at the Asian Canoeing/Para Canoeing Sprint Championships.
- Sangeeta Rajput and Shabana Rajput added to India's medal total by winning bronze and silver in the KL3 Women's 200m division, respectively.
- Pooja Ojha and Prachi Yadav maintained their winning streak by earning gold medals in their respective categories, dominating the KL1 and KL2 Women's 200m events.
- Both Rajni Jha and Sonalben Ratilal Vasoya added silver medals to India's medal total in the KL2 and KL1 women's 200m competitions.
- Men's division winners Surender Kumar, Yash Kumar, and Gajendra Singh took home gold, silver, and bronze, respectively, in the VL1 and VL2 Men's 200m events, demonstrating equal talent.

**Q.** In the recent Asian Canoeing/Para Canoeing Sprint Championships, which two Indians won Gold in men's category? **Jaideep & Surender Kumar**





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## Nitin-Salman pair wins open doubles gold in Asia Cup rowing in South Korea

- Indian rowers Nitin Deol and Salman Khan won the gold medal in the Men's Open Doubles competition in the 2024 Asian Cup.
- Meanwhile, in the Asia Oceania Olympic Qualification Regatta being held alongside this event, India's Lightweight Men's Double Sculls pair Ujjwal Kumar and Arvind Singh topped their race and qualified for the final (Final A).
- Balraj Panwar, who finished second in the Men's Singles Scull race, also qualified for the Final A.
- The winner of the final in the Asia Oceania Olympic Qualification Regatta will qualify for the Olympic Games.

### South Korea

- Capital: Seoul
- Currency: South Korean won
- Prime minister: Han Duck-soo

**Q.** Name the Indian rowers who have won the gold medal in the Men's Open Doubles competition in the 2024 Asian Cup? **Nitin Deol and Salman Khan**





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