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<p>World Meditation Day</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United Nations General Assembly has unanimously adopted a resolution declaring December 21 as World Meditation Day. • It is co-sponsored by India and other nations including Liechtenstein, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. • This initiative, emphasizing meditation's role in enhancing mental well-being and promoting peace, aligns with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. • The date coincides with the winter solstice, symbolizing reflection and renewal. • The first observance is set for December 21, 2024, aiming to unite people globally in meditation practices to foster inner transformation and collective wellness.
<p>Wisdom: Laysan albatross</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wisdom, a 74-year-old Laysan albatross and the world's oldest known wild bird, has laid her first egg in four years at the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge in Hawaii. • This egg, estimated to be her 60th, marks a significant moment as she has returned to the refuge after several years. • Wisdom, who was first banned in 1956, previously mated with Akeakamai, who has been absent for some time. • She is now bonding with a new male partner, and wildlife officials express optimism about the egg hatching <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Laysan Albatross (<i>Phoebastria immutabilis</i>) is a large seabird primarily found in the North Pacific, notably in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, which host 99.7% of its population. • Known for their incredible soaring ability, these birds can glide vast distances with minimal wing flapping. • The Laysan Albatross has an average lifespan of 12 to 40 years
<p>Open AI</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OpenAI has partnered with Anduril Industries to develop AI-driven solutions for national security, focusing on enhancing counter-unmanned aircraft systems (CUAS) to address aerial threats like drones. • This collaboration aims to integrate OpenAI's advanced AI models with Anduril's defense technologies, improving real-time detection and response capabilities.

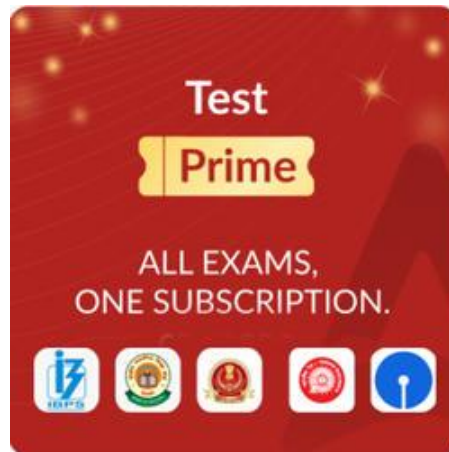


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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OpenAI CEO Sam Altman emphasized the partnership's goal of ensuring technology protects military personnel while upholding democratic values. The move comes amid increasing competition in military AI technology, particularly between the U.S. and China. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OpenAI is an American artificial intelligence research organization founded in December 2015 and headquartered in San Francisco. Its mission is to develop safe and beneficial artificial general intelligence (AGI) that can outperform humans in economically valuable tasks.
<p>Sri Guru Teg Bahadur</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM Modi paid tribute to Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji on his martyrdom day, commemorating the ninth Sikh Guru's sacrifice for religious freedom. Guru Tegh Bahadur was executed in 1675 by Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb for opposing forced conversions to Islam, standing as a symbol of resistance against oppression. His martyrdom is observed annually, with significant gatherings at Gurudwara Sis Ganj Sahib in Delhi, the site of his execution. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guru Tegh Bahadur (1621-1675), the ninth Sikh Guru, was born in Amritsar, Punjab, and is revered for his teachings and martyrdom. He was succeeded by Guru Har Krishan. His extensive travels across India established preaching centers, including Anandpur Sahib. Tegh Bahadur authored 116 hymns in the Guru Granth Sahib, emphasizing spirituality and social justice.





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