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KEVIN RUDD



Kevin Rudd is an Australian diplomat and former politician who served as the 26th Prime Minister of Australia, leading the country from 2007 to 2010 and again briefly in 2013 as the leader of the Australian Labor Party. A fluent Mandarin speaker with a deep background in Asian studies, Rudd began his career in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade before entering federal politics in 1998. His first term as Prime Minister was marked by historic moments, including the formal national apology to Indigenous Australians (the Stolen Generations) and steering the Australian economy through the 2008 global financial crisis.

GAUTAM ADANI

Gautam Adani is an Indian billionaire industrialist and the founder and chairman of the Adani Group, a massive multinational conglomerate based in Ahmedabad, India. Founded in 1988 as a commodity trading business, the group has expanded dramatically under his leadership into critical infrastructure sectors, including ports management, electric power generation and transmission, renewable energy, mining, airport operations, and logistics. Known for his aggressive business expansion and alignment with India's national infrastructure goals, Adani has become one of the most prominent—and at times controversial—figures in the global business landscape, consistently ranking among the wealthiest individuals in the world.



NEWS HEADLINES

- US plans extra 12.5% tariffs on India, 59 other countries for not enforcing forced labour ban
- Iran drone and missile attack hits Kuwait airport, state news agency says
- DK Shivakumar to take over as the new Chief Minister of Karnataka
- Assam's Council of Ministers to be expanded on June 5
- Charles Leclerc signs two-year contract extension until 2028 with Ferrari ahead of Monaco Grand Prix

GUESS THE PERSONALITY

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Did you know?

- Wombats produce cube-shaped droppings. Scientists believe the unusual shape helps prevent rolling, allowing wombats to mark territory more effectively in the wild.
- The shortest war in history lasted only 38 minutes. It was fought between Britain and Zanzibar on 27 August 1896.
- A group of flamingos is called a "flamboyance." Their bright pink feathers and social behavior make the name especially fitting and memorable.

FACTS

- *Turritopsis dohmii* is often called the "immortal jellyfish" because it can revert back to its younger form instead of dying from old age
- There is a place in Australia where it can rain fish during strong storms, as waterspouts sometimes suck fish from rivers and drop them far away.
- Lake Natron has water so alkaline that it can preserve dead animals almost like statues.
- Pistol Shrimp creates a bubble snap so powerful that it briefly reaches temperatures nearly as hot as the surface of the Sun.

English Idioms

Know their meanings!

hold your horses



Bite the bullet - To force yourself to do something unpleasant or difficult.

Cut corners - To do something poorly or incompletely in order to save time or money.

The ball is in your court - It is up to you to make the next decision or step.