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Karnataka Assembly Passes Bill for Transport Workers' Welfare.

The bill aims to provide welfare measures to workers in automotive service sectors like garages, tyre retreading, puncture shops, and others. Similar to benefits for construction workers, these measures may include health insurance, financial aid during unemployment, and other support to enhance working conditions and livelihoods in these sectors.

MoHUA celebrates Transformative Milestones in Urban Development on the 9th Anniversary of AMRUT, Smart Cities Mission, and PMAY-U

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs commemorated today the 9th anniversary of three landmark initiatives: the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), the Smart Cities Mission, and the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U). These initiatives, launched on June 25, 2015, by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, have collectively transformed urban infrastructure and improved the quality of life for millions of residents across India.

"Niti Aayog's Dr. V.K. Saraswat Introduces Rules for Using Steel Slag in Road Building"

At the First International Conference on Steel Slag Road in New Delhi, Dr. V.K. Saraswat of Niti Aayog released guidelines for using Steel Slag in road construction. Emphasizing sustainable development, he highlighted benefits like cost savings and improved road performance. He praised CSIR-CRRI's Steel Slag Road Technology for supporting PM Modi's "Waste to Wealth" vision.

"RBI joins 'Project Nexus' to make it easier and faster for people to pay for things across borders."

RBI joins "Project Nexus" conceptualised by the Innovation Hub of the BIS, aims to connect the FPSs of four ASEAN countries for efficiency by 2026. RBI has joined 'Project Nexus' to streamline cross-border retail payments, aiming for faster transactions globally. This collaboration is set to enhance international payment efficiency and convenience for consumers.

Thales partners with Adani Defence for 70mm rocket production in India.

In a major fillip to the government's local manufacturing push, Adani Defence & Aerospace - the defence arm of the Adani Group - has signed an agreement with the Thales Group to manufacture 70mm rockets in India.

Thales said that this partnership is not only significant for their commitment to India, "but it also allows us to strengthen our partner network worldwide.

Smart Cities Mission Extended Till March 2025, Cities Granted Time to Finish

Ongoing Projects.

The Mission has been getting multiple requests from some states/city government representatives, to grant some more time to complete the balance 10% projects. These balance ongoing projects are in an advanced stage of implementation and got delayed due to various on-ground conditions.

"Mobile Number Portability Regulations 2024 Enforced from July 1.

These amendment regulations are aimed at curbing the porting of mobile numbers by way of fraudulent SIM swap/replacement by unscrupulous elements. Through these amendment regulations, an additional criterion for the rejection of the request for allocation of a Unique Porting Code (UPC) has been introduced. Specifically, a UPC shall Not be allocated if the request for the UPC has been made before the expiry of seven days from the date of SIM swap/replacement.

Mumbai Tops List as India's Costliest City, Islamabad Cheapest Globally.

World's costliest cities for expats in 2024 are Hong Kong, Singapore and Zurich, as per Mercer's Cost of Living City rankings. The cities retained their positions from last year while Islamabad, Lagos and Abuja ranked lowest in terms of living costs. In India, Mumbai ranks the highest while being on the 136th place globally- up 11 spots from last year.

Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren scheduled 8 july to undergo a floor test.

Hemant Soren Oath Taking Ceremony Live Updates: Executive president of JMM Hemant Soren on Thursday took oath as the 13th chief minister of Jharkhand at Raj Bhavan. Earlier in the day, the JMM announced that Soren would take oath as the chief minister on July 7 after receiving an invitation from Governor CP Radhakrishnan to form the government in the state. However, the JMM-led coalition later decided to hold the oath-taking ceremony on Thursday.

Arjun Ram Meghwal Honors 39 CBI Officers with Police Medals for Distinguished Service.

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Law & Justice and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs presented the President's Police Medal (PPM) for Distinguished Service and Indian Police Medal (IPM) for Meritorious Service to 39 CBI officers/officials. Congratulating the medal winners and their families Shri Meghwal said that it is a proud moment for all of us to have recognized their service rendered to the nation.

National Consultation on One Health Legal Assessment Inaugurated in Delhi.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, NITI Aayog, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Ministry of Law & Justice, and Department of Animal Husbandry and

Dairying join hands to initiate a Unified Legal & Policy Framework for One Health. The national consultation for a legal framework to support and strengthen the One Health initiative is not only important but timely: Dr V K Paul, NITI Aayog.

Sampoornata Abhiyan' launched by NITI Aayog.

NITI Aayog launched the 'Sampoornata Abhiyan' today witnessing significant participation from citizens across the country. The launch events were organised across all the 112 Aspirational Districts and 500 Aspirational Blocks. This comprehensive three-month campaign, running from 4th July to 30th September 2024, aims to achieve 100% saturation of 12 key social sector indicators across all Aspirational Districts and Blocks.

SBI Unveils Two New Initiatives on Its 69th Foundation Day.

On its 69th Foundation Day, SBI launched two new initiatives aimed at enhancing customer services and digital banking experiences. The initiatives include upgraded mobile banking features for seamless transactions and a customer-centric approach to improve financial accessibility. SBI aims to further strengthen its position as a leader in the banking sector with these innovative steps.

The New Prime Minister of Netherlands is Dick Schoof.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Dick Schoof on his appointment as the new Prime Minister of the Netherlands on Tuesday, and said he looks forward to closely working to further advance India-Netherlands ties.

In a post on social media platform X, PM Modi said, "Congratulations Dick Schoof on assuming office as the Prime Minister of the Netherlands.

FATF adopts Mutual Evaluation Report of India in its June 2024 Plenary held in Singapore.

India has achieved an outstanding outcome in the Mutual Evaluation conducted during 2023-24 by Financial Action Task Force (FATF). The Mutual Evaluation Report of India, which was adopted in the FATF plenary held in Singapore between June 26th and June 28th, 2024, places India in the 'regular follow-up' category, a distinction shared by only four other G20 countries. This marks a significant milestone in the nation's efforts to combat money laundering (ML) and terrorist financing (TF).

SCO summit kicks off in Astana with Belarus joining association.

MOSCOW, July 4 -- The 24th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) kicked off Thursday in Astana, with Belarus officially becoming a member of the association. The summit began with an official ceremony where all relevant documents for the country's membership were signed.

Japan Launches Advanced Satellite to Monitor Military Activity.

Japan successfully launched an advanced earth observation satellite on a new flagship H3 rocket on Monday, capable of monitoring military activity, such as missile launches. The rocket, H3 No. 3, took off from Tanegashima Space Center, releasing its payload, the Advanced Land Observation Satellite (ALOS-4), as planned approximately 16 minutes later, reported AP.

Mercedes' George Russell Triumphs at 2024 Australian Grand Prix.

George Russell of Mercedes secured victory at the 2024 Australian Grand Prix, showcasing remarkable skill and strategy. The race, held at Melbourne's iconic circuit, saw Russell outpace his rivals with precision driving and tactical maneuvers. This triumph marks a significant achievement for both Russell and Mercedes, solidifying their competitive edge in the Formula 1 season.

Antonio Costa of Portugal Elected President of European Council.

The President of the European Council is elected by the heads of state or government of the EU member states for a term of 2.5 years, renewable once, making a maximum tenure of five years. This role involves chairing and representing the European Council, which sets the EU's overall political direction and priorities.

Japan Unveils New Yen Banknotes with 3D Holograms Against Counterfeiting.

Holograms, which show different images and colours depending on the angle at which they are viewed, are seen on the new Japanese 5,000 yen banknote as the new note is displayed at a currency museum of the Bank of Japan, on the day the new notes of 10,000 yen, 5,000 yen and 1,000 yen went into circulation, in Tokyo, Japan.

Hungary Takes Over Rotating Presidency Of EU Council For 6 Months.

Hungary has taken over the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU) for six months, with its focus on enhancing EU competitiveness. Hungary's European Union Affairs Minister Janos Boka yesterday outlined the seven top priorities during Hungary's presidency.

NABARD Integrates Jan Suraksha Schemes Across 43 RRBs with Online PSB Loans.

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and Online PSB Loans Ltd. have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to smoothen the enrolment and claim settlement processes under the Jan Suraksha Schemes for all 43 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs).

2 July 2024 ICICI Bank launches Student Saffiro Forex Card for Indian students.

ICICI Bank today announced the launch of its 'Student Sapphiro Forex Card', a premium forex prepaid card crafted specifically for students who are going abroad for higher education.

Government keeps small savings schemes' rates steady for Q2FY25.

The Finance Ministry has announced that the interest rates on various small savings schemes for the second quarter of FY 2024-25, spanning from July 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024, will remain unchanged from those set in the first quarter (March 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024). This decision, outlined in a recent notification, ensures continuity in the prevailing rates for schemes such as savings accounts, fixed deposits, and other small savings instruments.

World Bank Approves \$1.5B for India's Low-Carbon Energy.

The World Bank has approved a second round of 1.5 billion dollars in financing to help India accelerate the development of low-carbon energy. The financing is extended to promote a market for green hydrogen, electrolyzers, and increased renewable energy penetration. Earlier, in June 2023, the World Bank approved the 1.5 billion dollars for the First Low-Carbon Energy Programmatic Development Policy Operation.

SEBI Raises Basic Demat Account Limit to Rs 10 Lakh to Boost Participation.

SEBI, the Securities and Exchange Board of India, has increased the limit for Basic Services Demat Accounts (BSDA) from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 10 lakh. This move aims to encourage wider participation in the securities market by reducing the cost of maintaining demat accounts for retail investors. The BSDA scheme offers reduced charges for small investors, making it more accessible for them to invest in stocks and other securities.

Bandhan Bank Customers Can Now Pay Direct Taxes Online.

The Bank is now live for collection of Direct Taxes through TIN 2.0 platform of Income Tax. As an Agency Bank appointed by the RBI, Bandhan Under this licence, Bandhan Bank customers can now pay their Direct Taxes in a fast, seamless and convenient manner through the Bank's Retail Internet Banking, Corporate Internet Banking and Payment Gateway (Debit Card, Credit Card and Internet Banking).

MMRDA Signs Rs 850-Crore Urban Infra Financing Pact with German Bank KfW.

The funds procured from KfW and MMRDA's resources will be primarily allocated towards various sustainable development projects within and around the Mumbai Metropolitan Region. These initiatives include the development of green corridors,

solid waste management systems, recycling and reuse facilities, and the promotion of renewable energy solutions to address environmental concerns and enhancing the quality of life for residents in the bustling metropolitan area.

Axis Bank and Piramal Capital enter into a co-lending tie-up in 2022.

Axis Bank and Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd (PCHFL) have formed a partnership to co-lend in the micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) as well as home loan sectors. This collaboration aims to leverage their respective strengths to enhance credit availability and support economic growth in these crucial segments, benefiting MSMEs and prospective homebuyers alike with tailored financial solutions.

LIC launches agency transformation initiative 'Jeevan Samarth'

LIC has launched the 'Jeevan Samarth' program to revamp its agency logistics system, partnering with a global consultancy firm for comprehensive review and transformation at branch, divisional, and regional levels. The initiative aims to establish optimal practices at a global level aligned with emerging insurance sector and regulatory landscapes, focusing on enhancing long-term savings, security, health insurance, ULIPs, and pension solutions for Indian families.

ICICI Lombard Floats AI Health Insurance.

ICICI Lombard's Elevate health insurance plan revolutionizes the industry with innovative add-on riders like the Power Booster Add-on and reset benefit. This customer-centric approach ensures personalized and uninterrupted coverage, redefining the standards of health insurance. Narayana Health enters insurance biz.

"Union Bank of India Launches 'Union Premier' Branches for Rural, Semi-Urban High-Value Customers.

Union Bank of India has introduced 'Union Premier' branches aimed at high-value customers in rural and semi-urban markets. These specialized branches offer enhanced banking services tailored to meet the needs of affluent customers in these areas. This initiative aims to improve customer experience and accessibility to premium banking facilities in traditionally underserved regions.

DBS Bank India Partners with RXIL to Provide Pre-shipment Financing for MSMEs.

DBS Bank India has announced the launch of a pre-shipment financing solution aimed at empower SMEs in the country, in partnership with Receivables Exchange of India Ltd (RXIL), the first Reserve Bank of India-licensed exchange platform under the Trade Receivables electronic.

Challa Sreenivasulu Setty gets FSIB nod as next chairman of SBI after khara

Retires.

MUMBAI: Financial Services Institution Bureau (FSIB) has recommended Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, MD, State Bank of India, as the next chairman of the bank. The board conducted interviews to select a successor for the incumbent Dinesh Khara, whose extended term ends in Aug 2024.

"India Launches Fauna of India Checklist Portal, Asserts Global Biodiversity Leadership on ZSI's 109th Foundation Day"

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav launched India's Fauna of India Checklist Portal on ZSI's 109th Foundation Day in Kolkata. India leads globally by compiling 104,561 species, marking a milestone in biodiversity conservation. Yadav highlighted India's cultural values in promoting nature conservation and scientific advancements in preserving diverse ecosystems.

IAS officer Manoj Kumar Singh takes over as Uttar Pradesh chief secretary.

IAS officer Manoj Kumar Singh has taken over as the new Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh, replacing his predecessor. The appointment of Manoj Kumar Singh is aimed at enhancing administrative efficiency and monitoring key developmental initiatives in the state.

New Horned Frog Found In Arunachal Pradesh.

Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have discovered a new frog species in Arunachal Pradesh's Tale Wildlife Sanctuary, marking a significant addition to India's herpetofaunal diversity, officials said on Tuesday.

MP, Rajasthan, and Gol Sign MoU on Modified PKC-ERCP Link Project.

It is another feather in the cap for Government of India in water management sector in the country, especially for the interlinking of rivers (ILR) program and also a momentous occasion for the people of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh (MP), as an MoU was signed by both these states with Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS), Govt. of India (Gol) today at New Delhi for implementation of the "Modified PKC-ERCP" (integration of original PKC with Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project of Rajasthan), which is the second project under the national perspective plan of interlinking of rivers (ILR) program of Government of India.

India-Mongolia Joint Military Exercise Begins In Meghalaya.

The 16th edition of India-Mongolia joint military exercise, Nomadic Elephant, commenced at Foreign Training Node, Umroi, near here on Wednesday. The exercise is scheduled to be conducted on July 16, reports Manosh Das.

The Indian contingent comprising 45 personnel is being represented by a battalion of Sikkim Scouts along with personnel from other arms and services.

Puma India Signs Rising Cricket Stars Riyan Parag and Nitish Kumar Reddy.

Sports brand Puma India, has roped Riyan Parag and Nitish Kumar Reddy, country's promising cricketers and batters. This is in line with the brand's commitment to nurturing young talent and solidifying the sports brand's connect with youth culture in the country.

Bornean Elephants Invasive Species making Threaten Global Biodiversity.

The latest IUCN Red List update identifies Bornean elephants as Endangered due to habitat loss from human activities. Invasive snakes are driving native reptiles to extinction in the Canary Islands and Ibiza, while illegal trade and climate change pose threats to Chilean cacti.

India Ends 11-Year Wait, Wins ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.

India ended their 11-year wait for a global trophy when Rohit Sharma led Team India clinched the ICC Men's T20 cricket World Cup 2024 defeating South Africa by seven runs in a classic final at Kensington Oval last night. A report says, "Opting to bat first, Virat Kohli's 76 and Axar Patel's 47 led India to a strong 176 for 7 in 20 overs, the highest score by any team in the final of a men's T20 World Cup.

Dr. B.N. Gangadhar Appointed Chairperson of National Medical Commission.

The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed various individuals to posts of the National Medical Commission and the Autonomous Boards. The appointments are for a period of 4 years, until the appointee attains the age of 70 years, or until further orders, whichever is earliest.

Samarth Mhakave of Maharashtra Secures Silver at Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championship.

Indian Wrestler from Kolhapur, Maharashtra, Samarth Mhakave (16) won a silver medal in the 55 kg weight category in the Asian Wrestling Championship. He was representing India at the Greco-Roman Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championship which was held in Jordan from 22nd to 30th June 2024. This was his first official international wrestling tournament. Samarth faced Uzbekistan's Sardor Kholmurzaev in a closely contested final. Despite a hard-fought match, Samarth secured a score of 6-4 and won second place.

Finance Minister Jagdish Deora presented a budget of Rs 3.65 lakh crore.

Madhya Pradesh deputy chief minister Jagdish Devda, also the state's finance minister, on July 3, presented the state's budget for 2024-25, with an outlay of Rs 3.65 lakh crore. While Rs 3.65 lakh crore budget's focus is on agriculture, women and children, and health, but pre-poll promises like Ladli Behna could be a drain.

Indiabulls to Rename as Samman Capital, Shifts from HFC to NBFC.

Even as Indiabulls is gearing up for a fundraise in the next 12-18 months, it is set to get a new identity as Samman Capital, shedding its housing finance tag to operate as a non-banking finance company. With the de-promoterisation and exit of Sameer Gehlaut from the company, it is set to get a new identity as Samman Capital.

ADB and Engie Group Sign Loan Agreement to Build 400MW Solar Power Plant in Gujarat.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Engie Group have signed a loan agreement to construct a 400MW solar power plant in Gujarat, India. This initiative aims to bolster renewable energy infrastructure in the region, supporting sustainable development goals. The project will contribute significantly to Gujarat's renewable energy capacity, promoting clean energy adoption and reducing carbon emissions.

Ravi Agarwal appointed CBDT chairman effective July 1.

Ravi Agarwal has been appointed as the Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), effective from July 1. His appointment marks a significant leadership change within India's top tax administration body. Agarwal brings with him extensive experience in tax policy and administration, poised to steer CBDT's strategic initiatives and oversee the country's direct tax collections and enforcement efforts.

"Lieutenant General Upendra Trivedi Assumes Command as 30th Chief of Army Staff.

Lieutenant General Upendra Trivedi has assumed office as the 30th Chief of Army Staff, marking a pivotal leadership transition. With a distinguished military career, he brings strategic acumen and operational expertise to India's defense forces. Trivedi's appointment is set to shape defense policies and operations, focusing on bolstering national security and modernizing defense capabilities in response to evolving regional and global challenges.

CNS Dinesh K tripathi of india navy visited Bangladesh from July 1 to 4.

Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Indian Navy on Monday (1st July 2024) paid tribute to the bravehearts of the Bangladesh Armed Forces who made the supreme sacrifice during the Liberation War of Bangladesh at the Shikha Anirban (eternal flame) at Dhaka. Admiral Tripathi is on a four-day official visit to Bangladesh.

IAS officer Sujata Saunik becomes Maharashtra's first female Chief Secretary.

Mrs. Saunik, a member of the 1987 IAS batch, was appointed by the coalition government after the retirement of Chief Secretary Nitin Kareer. He has been set for

a one-year tenure before retiring in June next year. Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis were unanimously appointed, according to reports.

Centre reconstitutes 8 Cabinet panels, NDA partners find place in key bodies.

The Union government reconstituted eight Cabinet committees on Wednesday, making room for members from NDA allies in the all-important Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) and the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs (CCPA), according to a notification on Wednesday.

"MOSPI Establishes Panel to Revise India's GDP Calculation Base Year"

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) has formed a panel to revise the base year for calculating India's GDP. This initiative aims to update the methodology and ensure accuracy in economic assessments. The revision is crucial for aligning with current economic realities and improving the reliability of national economic data used for policy formulation and planning.

"India Tops \$120 Billion in Remittances for 2023 led by US Inflows.

In 2023, India received a record \$120 billion in remittances, according to the World Bank, with the majority originating from the United States. This influx highlights the crucial role of overseas Indian workers in supporting the country's economy. Remittances are a vital source of income for many Indian families, contributing significantly to household finances and national foreign exchange reserves.

MoRD and MoMSME Forge Alliance to Boost SHG Women-Led Rural Enterprises.

The Union Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME), today in the spirit of a whole-of-government approach, signed a Statement of Intent (Sol) to collaborate on formalizing and strengthening Self Help Group (SHG) women-led rural enterprises through MoMSME's flagship schemes.

Andhra CM launches NTR Bharosa pension.

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu launched the distribution of social security pensions amounting to ₹4,408 crore under NTR Bharosa Pension Scheme on July 1. Each beneficiary was given ₹7,000, including July month's pension of ₹4,000.

IMF's new AI Preparedness Index tracks 174 economies, including India.

The IMF's new AI Preparedness Index monitors 174 economies, including India, categorizing each into Advanced Economy (AE), Emerging Market Economy (EM), and Low-Income Country (LIC). This index assesses countries' readiness for artificial

intelligence (AI) adoption, highlighting disparities in AI development across different economic categories and providing insights into global AI preparedness trends.

BPCL Partners with Indian Olympic Association as Principal Sponsor from Paris 2024 to Los Angeles 2028.

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has become the principal sponsor of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) from the Paris 2024 Olympics to the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics. This partnership aims to support Indian athletes and promote sports in the country on a global platform.

SARS Commissioner "Kieswetter Re-elected Chairperson of WCO for Second Term.

Edward Kieswetter, Commissioner of the South African Revenue Service (SARS), has been re-elected for a second term as Chairperson of the World Customs Organization (WCO). This re-election highlights his continued leadership in global customs and trade facilitation, emphasizing his role in setting international standards and policies.

EPFO Reports 4% Drop in New Member Additions to 10.9 Million for 2023-24.

EPFO's new subscriber additions dropped by over 4% to 10.9 million in 2023-24, down from 11.5 million the previous year, according to the MoSPI's 'Payroll Reporting in India' report. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation recorded 10,993,119 new members during this period, compared to 11,498,453 in 2022-23.

SBI Launches 'Sahaj': A Cutting-Edge Web-Based Digital Solution for MSME Invoice Financing.

State Bank of India (SBI) has launched "MSME -Sahaj", a web-based digital business loans solution for MSMEs' (micro, small and medium enterprises) invoice financing. With the new web-based solution, SBI's customers can avail finance against their GST registered sales invoices of up to ₹1 lakh in less than 15 minutes

PM releases three books on life of former vice president Venkaiah Naidu.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday released three books on the life and journey of former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on the eve of the latter's 75th birthday. Narendra Modi released the books via video conferencing from Delhi. Narendra Modi said he is happy that he got the opportunity to release the books and expressed confidence that the former Vice President's biography would inspire people.

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LIC redesignates Chairman Siddhartha Mohanty as MD & CEO.

LIC (Life Insurance Corporation of India) has announced the redesignation of Siddhartha Mohanty, formerly Chairman, as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). This move underscores continuity and leadership stability within India's largest insurance company, as Mohanty takes on the dual roles to steer LIC through its strategic objectives and operational challenges.

Manoj Ahuja takes charge as Odisha's chief secretary, CEO Nikunja Bihari Dhal deputed to CMO.

Manoj Ahuja has assumed the role of Odisha's chief secretary, succeeding Nikunja Bihari Dhal, who has been appointed to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) as CEO. This administrative reshuffle marks Ahuja's new leadership in steering Odisha's governmental affairs, while Dhal brings his expertise to the CMO, reflecting strategic placements within the state's administrative framework.

NQAS Assessment for AAMs, Dashboard for IPHS and Spot Food Licence Initiative for Food Vendors launched .

The federal association released a virtual National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) assessment for Ayushman Arogya Pyramid (AIIMS). A dashboard has also been launched that advises national, state and district health frameworks and helps to engage with respect to the Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) and help them take action accordingly. And food licensing and registration at one place for food items has also started.

Jitendra Singh Launches Bhuvan Panchayat 4.0 Portal and NDEM 5.0.

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh unveiled two significant geoportals developed by ISRO at Prithvi Bhavan, New Delhi. 'Bhuvan Panchayat (Ver 4.0)' aims to enhance access to rural land records, while 'National Database for Emergency Management (NDEM Ver 5.0)' facilitates efficient disaster response. These initiatives highlight India's strides in leveraging space technology for governance and emergency preparedness, underscoring ISRO's pivotal role in advancing digital solutions for societal benefits.

On 1st July MoHUA Ministry Launches Safai Apnao, Bimaari Bhagao Initiative.

Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry is rolling out Safai Apnao, Bimaari Bhagao initiative under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 from 1st July to 31st August. This initiative seeks to enhance the preparedness of Urban Local Bodies to handle the challenges posed by heavy rainfall and heightened health risks during the months of June to August. It aligns with the Health Ministry's 'STOP Diarrhoea Campaign.

MoD Signs MoU for Testing Facilities in Tamil Nadu Defence Corridor.

MoD has signed an MoU to establish advanced testing facilities in Chennai under Tamil Nadu's Defence Corridor. These facilities, focused on Unmanned Aerial System, Electronic Warfare, and Electro Optics, aim to enhance indigenous defence capabilities. The agreement was formalized under the Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme on July 2, 2024, in New Delhi.

Union Minister Shri G Kishan Reddy Launches NIRMAN Portal.

Union Minister G Kishan Reddy launched the "NIRMAN" portal in New Delhi today. This CSR initiative by Coal India Limited supports meritorious youth from its districts who cleared the 2024 UPSC Preliminary exam, aligning with PM Modi's Mission Karmayogi vision.

World's journalist day is celebrated on 02 July 2024.

World Sports Journalists Day is annually observed on July 2 to honour and acknowledge the work of sports journalists. Sports journalism, a vital bridge between people, sports, and sportspersons, has played an important role for ages.

INDIAN NAVY BIDS FAREWELL TO UH – 3H HELICOPTER.

Indian Navy bid farewell to the UH-3H helicopter after 17 years of glorious service during a de-induction ceremony held at INS Dega, Visakhapatnam on 28 Jun 24. The event was presided by Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena, Chief of Staff, Eastern Naval Command. Veteran officers and sailors of the UH3H squadron graced the event with families reminiscing the yeoman service of the Helicopter.

Manoj Bajpayee's biography explains why he is not considered a star despite his unique characters

Manoj Bajpayee in 'The Definitive Biography', pointing out why despite portraying numerous unforgettable characters in his career: Bhiku Mhatre (Satya), Sardar Khan (Gangs of Wasseypur), Ganpat Bhonsale (Bhonsale) or Shrikant Tiwari (Family Man), to name a few, he is still not considered a star. Undeterred by his multiple failures to qualify for National School of Drama, he joined many theatre groups. One of his first memorable roles was as a character whose girlfriend marries someone else.

Indian Army Heads to Thailand for Joint Exercise Maitree.

The Indian Army contingent departed yesterday for the 13th edition of India- Thailand joint military Exercise MAITREE. The exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 1st to 15th July 2024 at Fort Vachiraprakan in Tak Province of Thailand. Last edition of the same exercise was conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya in September 2019.

Gujarat Signs MoUs with IBM, Microsoft for AI Enhancement.

The Gujarat government on Saturday signed memorandums of understanding with software giants IBM and Microsoft, and the National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) for promoting the use of Artificial Intelligence technologies in the state. In addition to signing memorandums with IBM, Microsoft, and NASSCOM, the Gujarat government aims to establish AI research centers or institutes in collaboration with these entities.

L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad Wins Golden Peacock Award for Safety Excellence.

L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Ltd. (L&TMRHL) on Monday announced that it received the 'Golden Peacock Award' in railway transportation for excellence in occupational health and safety. The award ceremony was held at the Institute of Directors' international conference on environment management and climate change in Bengaluru recently.

Only for Two weeks justice BR Sarangi named Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court.

The Central Government on Wednesday notified the appointment of Justice BR Sarangi as Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court, but his tenure will be for just over two weeks as he is scheduled to retire on July 20. Justice Sarangi's appointment was recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium in December last year.

Anand Wins 10th Leon Masters title.

Age can seem a curious construct in chess. Last weekend, Argentinian Faustino Oro – all of 10 years & eight months (yes, Argentina and No 10!) became the world's youngest International Master in Barcelona. While in the northwestern Spanish province of Leon, Viswanathan Anand rang in own Number 10 – a 10th Leon Masters title, at age 54.

"MoSPI Introduces eSankhyiki Portal for Streamlined Data Access and User Convenience.

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) leads national statistical development, aligning with global standards. MoSPI's eSankhyiki portal (<https://esankhyiki.mospi.gov.in>) exemplifies its commitment to enhancing data accessibility and user experience. This platform offers real-time data crucial for planners, policymakers, researchers, and the public, facilitating seamless

dissemination of official statistics nationwide.

IAF chief inaugurates newly established weapon systems school.

Indian Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari on Tuesday inaugurated the newly established Weapon Systems School (WSS) at Air Force Station Begumpet, Hyderabad. This follows the approval for the creation of a new Weapon System (WS) branch in 2022. The new branch will have four streams; flying stream to operate the weapons and systems in airborne platforms.