



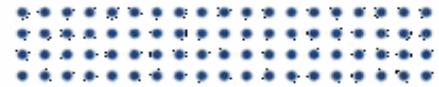
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Peter Pellegrini has been elected president of Slovakia, succeeding the liberal Zuzana Caputova. Mr Pellegrini, defeated the pro-Western Ivan Korčok, a former diplomat, with 53% of the vote. Peter Pellegrini is a Slovak politician who is the president-elect of Slovakia. He previously served as the prime minister of Slovakia from 2018 to 2020 and Minister of Health from December 2019 to March 2020.

Bilquis Mir from Jammu and Kashmir is set to become the first woman from India to represent the country as a jury member at Summer Olympics.

Bilquis Mir from Jammu and Kashmir is set to become the first woman from India to represent the country as a jury member at Summer Olympics, which is to be hosted by Paris from July 26 to 11 August 2024. Her appointment as a jury member for the Paris Games was officially conveyed through a letter from the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to the Jammu and Kashmir administration. Apart from performing jury duty at the Paris Olympics, Bilquis Mir will also be a part of the jury at two other international events. She will serve as a jury member for the Olympic qualifying rounds of Kayaking & Canoeing (Asia) to be held in Tokyo (Japan) from April 18 to 20, 2024. She will also be a jury member at the 2024 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships to be held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan from August 23 to 25, 2024.

Sushil Sharma has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of SJVN Limited.

Sushil Sharma has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of SJVN Limited (formerly known as Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam). Currently serving as Director (Projects) at the company, he was recommended for this role by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) out of a total of nine candidates. He has over 30 years of experience in this sector, beginning his career with H.P State Technical Education Service in 1990. He joined SJVN in January 1994 as an Assistant Engineer and was promoted to the role of General Manager (Mechanical) after working in numerous departments and projects.

Wipro has appointed Srinivas Pallia as the chief executive officer (CEO) and managing director (MD) of the company.

Wipro has appointed Srinivas Pallia as the chief executive officer (CEO) and managing director (MD) of the company, effect from 7 April 2024. He succeeds Thierry Delaporte, who after spearheading a significant transformation at Wipro for the last four years, is stepping down. The board of directors noted the resignation of Thierry Delaporte with effect from 6 April 2024. He will be relieved from the employment of the company with effect from 31 May, 2024. Srinivas Pillai joined Wipro in 1992 and has held many leadership positions, including President of Wipros

consumer business unit and global head of business application services.

NDDB chief Meenesh Shah has been unanimously elected as chairman of National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India Ltd (NCDFI).

NDDB chief Meenesh Shah has been unanimously elected as chairman of National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India Ltd (NCDFI). NCDFI has also elected 8 directors on its board unopposed. 8 directors on the Board unopposed which include, Dr Meenesh Shah, Jharkhand Milk Federation; Dr. Mangal Jit Rai, Sikkim Milk Union; Shamalbhai B. Patel, Gujarat Milk Federation; Randhir Singh, Haryana Milk Federation; K. S Mani, Kerala Milk Federation; Balachandra L. Jarakiholi, Karnataka Milk Federation; Narinder Singh Shergill, Punjab Milk Federation and Sameer Kumar Parida, West Assam Milk Union. Apart from these elected directors, Shri S. Regupathi, Executive Director, NDDB is the nominated director on the Board of NCDFI. Dr. Meenesh Shah has long been acknowledged for his pivotal role and substantial contributions to the dairy cooperative sector, fostering growth and sustainability over the years.

Corporate Affairs Ministry (MCA) has appointed two part-time members to the Governing Board of insolvency regulator, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).

Corporate Affairs Ministry (MCA) has appointed two part-time members to the Governing Board of insolvency regulator, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI). The two part-time members are M.P Ram Mohan, a Professor at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad, and Dinabandhu Mohapatra, a Non-Executive Independent Director at Indiabulls Housing Limited. These appointments will take effect on 19 February 2024 for a period of five years or until they attain the age of 65 or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Mohapatra, who has over three and half decades of experience in the banking and insurance sector, was former Managing Director & CEO at Bank of India. With these appointments, the IBBI Governing Board's composition is complete in line with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016. It has now ten members, including the Chairperson, Ravi Mital.

Lawmaker Simon Harris was elected Ireland's new prime minister, becoming at 37 the country's youngest-ever leader.

Lawmaker Simon Harris was elected Ireland's new prime minister by a vote in parliament, becoming at 37 the country's youngest-ever leader. Harris takes over as head of Ireland's three-party coalition government from Leo Varadkar, who announced his surprise resignation last month. Harris, who served as higher education minister in Varadkar's government, was the only candidate to replace him as head of the center-right Fine Gael party. Lawmakers in the Dáil, the lower house of Ireland's parliament, confirmed Harris as taoiseach, or prime minister, by a 88-69

vote. He was formally appointed to the post by President Michael D. Higgins in a ceremony at the president's official residence in Dublin.

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Jagjit Pavadia was re-elected as a member to the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) by secret ballot for the third term for five years from March 2025-2030, getting the highest number of votes in the highly competitive election. India was also elected by acclamation to the Commission on the Status of Women for the term 2025-2029, Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund for the term 2025-2027, Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services for 2025-2027. It was also elected to the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women for the 2025-2027 term and the Executive Board of the World Food Programme for the 2025-2027 term.

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The US-India Tax Forum, an US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) initiative, has appointed Tarun Bajaj, the former Revenue Secretary and Secretary of Economic Affairs to the Government of India, as the new Chair of the Forum. Joined USISPF as an advisor to the Board of Directors in January 2024 his appointment is a testament to his significant experience and expertise in economic affairs and taxation matters. During his tenure with the Indian government, he managed both the direct and indirect tax revenues for the government by working towards shaping fiscal policies and promoting economic growth. He was also instrumental in stabilising the Goods and Services Tax (GST). He is an 1988 batch IAS of Haryana Cadre who later played a critical role in formulating the Indian government's economic response to the pandemic.

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FSIB has recommended the name of IFCI Managing Director Manoj Mittal as SIDBI Chairman and Managing Director. Besides, FSIB has recommended the name of Sanjay Shukla as Managing Director of the National Housing Bank (NHB). Mittal will replace S Ramann as Chairman and Managing Director of the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI). Ramann, a 1991 batch of Indian Audit and Accounts Service (IA & AS), joined SIDBI for a three-year tenure in April 2021. Mittal earlier worked as a Deputy Managing Director at SIDBI from 2016-2021. He was closely involved in the development of SIDBI Vision 2.0 and its successful implementation to emerge as a financially stronger impact institution.

Belgium's Ingmar De Vos has been elected unanimously as the new President of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF).

Belgium's Ingmar De Vos, who has served as the FEI President since 2014, has been elected unanimously as the new President of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF). The election took place, 9 April 2024, at the 48th ASOIF General Assembly held in Birmingham (GBR) during the SportAccord World Sport and Business Summit. Ingmar De Vos ran unopposed and was elected by secret ballot for a term of four years. He will take up his new position on 1 January 2025.

The Supreme Court has appointed Justice Aniruddha Bose as the Director of The National Judicial Academy (NJA).

The Supreme Court has appointed Justice Aniruddha Bose as the Director of The National Judicial Academy (NJA). The Chief Justice, DY Chandrachud announced the decision of appointment during the ceremonial bench conducted honoring the retiring justice. Justice Aniruddha Bose, known for his intellectual brilliance and sartorial elegance, retired from the Supreme Court after a five-year tenure. He enrolled as an advocate in the Calcutta High Court in 1985, becoming a permanent judge in 2004 and the Jharkhand High Court Chief Justice in 2018.

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The government has appointed Manoj Panda, former director at the Institute of Economic Growth as the full time member of the 16th Finance Commission. The above member of the Commission shall hold office from the date of assuming office up to the date of submission of Report or 31st day of October, 2025, whichever is earlier. Panda replaces Niranjana Rajadhyaksha, Executive Director, Artha Global in the Commission, who quit as a member citing "unforeseen personal circumstances". Previously, Panda served as Director of the Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad and as a Professor and Associate Professor at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai. Panda also worked as an economist and senior economist at the New Delhi based National Council of Applied Economic Research.

Dame Valerie Adams has been named the International Event Ambassador for the 16th edition of the Tata Consultancy Services World 10K Bengaluru.

Four-time World Champion and two-time Olympic medallist shot putter Dame Valerie Adams has been named the International Event Ambassador for the 16th edition of the Tata Consultancy Services World 10K Bengaluru to be held on 28th April 2024. The 39-year-old from New Zealand is arguably the most successful female shot putter of all time. Across her five appearances in the Olympics, she has won two gold

medals (in 2008, and 2012), a silver (in 2016) and a bronze medal (in 2020). Notably, Adams also boasts an impressive record of four consecutive gold medals in the World Championships, as well as being a four-time world indoor champion and a three-time Commonwealth Games winner.

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The government appointed former Karnataka High Court Chief Justice PS Dinesh Kumar as the presiding officer and former principal chief commissioner of income tax Dheeraj Bhatnagar as a technical member to the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT). Justice Kumar has been appointed for four years or till he attains the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier. While Bhatnagar has been appointed for four years or until he turns 67 years, whichever comes first. They are replacing Justice Tarun Agarwala who demitted office in December 2023 and technical member MT Joshi, who retired in February 2023. Presently, there is only one technical member, Meera Swarup who has been hearing matters.

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SJVN Limited has been honored with two prestigious awards at the 15th CIDC Vishwakarma Awards 2024, organised by the Construction Industry Development Council. The company has received the 'Achievement Award for Creating Social Development & Impact' and the 'CIDC Partners in Progress Trophy'. The awards were accepted on behalf of SJVN by Baljeet Singh, CGM (HR), during a ceremony held at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. To date, the company has invested over ₹450 crores in a diverse range of CSR activities, covering areas such as Education & Skill Development, Health & Hygiene, Infrastructural Development & Community Asset Creation etc.

On National Maritime Day, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways presented the Sagar Samman Awards.

On National Maritime Day, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways presented the Sagar Samman Awards. National Maritime Day, celebrated annually in India on April 5, honours those who spend months at sea, contributing to India's trade. It also commemorates the inaugural voyage of the first Indian-owned ship. The National Maritime Day celebrations include observing the Merchant Navy Flag Day and the Wreath Laying Ceremony to honour the sailors who lost their lives in the First and Second world wars. On National Maritime Day, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways presents the Sagar Samman Awards to those who display "exceptional

and outstanding all-round and leadership” and “outstanding bravery” in the maritime sector. The awards include the Sagar Samman Varuna Award, which is the highest category of award, the Sagar Samman Award for Excellence, and the Sagar Samman Award for Gallantry.

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Mamta G. Sagar, a Bengaluru-based Kannada poet, writer, academic and activist, has won the World Literary Prize from the World Organization of Writers (WOW) for her contributions to the world of literature. She is a facilitator at Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design, and Technology, known for her involvement in diverse forms of transdisciplinary creative writing and cultural industries, received the award at a ceremony in Abuja, Nigeria. In addition to this award, Dr. Sagar, who has always actively engaged in community-based projects centred around poetry, has also been honoured with the LIFFT award, the gold medal, and a diploma for her outstanding achievements in the field of literature.

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Indian-American actress Avantika Vandanapu was named the South Asian Person of the Year by Harvard University. She was recognised for her outstanding achievements and impact on both the international and Indian entertainment industries. In 2014, Avantika won second place in Dance India Dance L'il Masters (North America Edition). The subsequent year she entered the Telugu film industry. She officially debuted as a child artist in Brahmotsavam.

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recent visit to Southern Naval Command, Kochi. The ship was involved in the safe release of all 19 crew members (11 Iranian and 08 Pakistani) of Iranian fishing vessel Omari which was held hostage by pirates off East coast of Somalia. The ship was tasked to investigate the Iranian fishing vessel Omari that was likely hijacked by pirates.

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Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) signed an agreement with a fintech Union Life Private Limited to use its technology platform KarmaLife for a pilot to provide small enterprise loans to gig workers. Union Life's innovative technology platform "KarmaLife" will help gig workers access micro loans through a mobile app and eliminates the hassle of extensive paperwork or physical documentation. The partnership with Union Life will help understand and assist the new and emerging enterprise class of gig workers. The pilot will also help in developing an institutional mechanism for assessment of credit risk of this segment.

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The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) has invested USD 200 million (about Rs 1,660 crore) investment in iBUS Network and Infrastructure Private Limited (iBUS) to support the growth of India's digital infrastructure. The funds raised will be deployed towards scaling iBUS' operations through organic and inorganic growth initiatives. iBUS aims to strengthen its position as a leader in in-building solutions, outdoor small cells and managed WiFi services, while expanding its presence in new emerging sectors, such as IoT solutions. Additionally, investments will be directed towards developing new infrastructure solutions to address evolving market demands and technological advancements.

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partnership with Policybazaar to offer products on the platform.

ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company has entered into a strategic partnership with Policybazaar to offer products on the platform. The collaboration encompasses access to nearly 10 million customers with a wide range of insurance products, including motor insurance, health insurance, travel insurance, home insurance, and business insurance. The partnership entails inclusion across multiple business lines of the Policybazaar platform including 'Policybazaar.com' catering to retail audiences, 'PB for Business' for corporates, and 'PB Partners' for channel partners. The partnership will significantly augment insurance distribution, ensuring that comprehensive coverage reaches every corner of the nation through the convenience of a seamless digital platform.

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million (\$400 million and Green Shoe of \$100 million) would be drawn in two tranches with tenure of 3 and 5 years.

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the certification of registration of 4 non-banking finance companies (NBFC) two from Telangana and one each from Kerala and Uttar Pradesh. And the entities will not transact the business of a shadow bank, as defined under RBI Act, 1934. Separately, four NBFCs surrendered their registration certificates following a decision to exit from the non-banking finance business. Three NBFCs ceased operations following corporate actions such as amalgamation, dissolution, merger or voluntary strike-off. Those NBFCs whose registration has been cancelled by the Reserve Bank include Kerala-based Nanma Chits and Financiers Ltd, Uttar Pradesh based Kailash Auto Finance Ltd and Chidrupi Financial Services Ltd and Goldline Financial Services Ltd from Telangana.

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Non-life insurers posted a 12.78% year-on-year growth in gross direct premium underwritten in 2023-24 (FY24), reaching Rs2.89 trillion, compared to 16.4% in the previous financial year. The premium fell short of touching the Rs 3 trillion mark amid a slowdown in the growth rate of health and motor insurance, along with weak growth in the crop insurance segment. According to data released by the General Insurance Council, premiums of general insurers grew by 14.24 percent Y-o-Y to Rs 2.45 trillion in FY24. Public sector general insurers clocked an 8.99 percent growth in premium to Rs 90,344.49 crore, whereas their private sector counterparts witnessed a 17.53 per cent increase to Rs 1.55 trillion. Among companies, the industry leader, The New India Assurance Company, saw a 7.4 percent Y-o-Y growth in premium to Rs 37,035.19 crore. Among other major insurers, HDFC Ergo General Insurance's premium increased by 11.61 percent to Rs 18,567.56 crore, whereas United India Insurance Company's premium surged 12.51 percent to Rs 19,851.71 crore and The Oriental Insurance's premium rose 17.1 per cent Y-o-Y to Rs 18,285.82 crore in FY24.

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State Bank of India and Standard Chartered Bank India carried out a Credit Default Swap (CDS) trade worth ₹25 crore. The trade involved a 1-year rupee CDS featuring REC. A credit default swap (CDS) is a financial derivative that allows an investor to swap or offset their credit risk with that of another investor. To swap the risk of default, the lender buys a CDS from another investor who agrees to reimburse them if

the borrower defaults.

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J&K Bank partners with Paymart India Pvt Ltd to launch an innovative Virtual ATM (VATM) facility. The partnership aims to enhance banking convenience for consumers across its operations, particularly in J&K and Ladakh. The collaboration aims to introduce cardless cash withdrawals for the Bank's customers through local retailers. In this facility, the customer's smartphone running the Bank's mobile application serves as the Virtual Card, while the merchant's smartphone serves as the Virtual ATM. Notably, the VATM option would allow consumers to withdraw up to Rs2000 cash per transaction, for a total of Rs10,000 per month.

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has received ISO certification for two of its information security systems and two operations controls.

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has received ISO certification for two of its information security systems and two operations controls. This certification highlights SEBI's commitment to upholding high standards of cybersecurity and ensuring the confidentiality, integrity and availability of its data and operations. The regulator has obtained the ISO/IEC 27001:2022 certification for Information Security Management System at the Primary Data Centre, Security Operations Control (SOC) and Network Operations Control (NOC) Operations, and Information Security Management System at the Disaster Recovery site. The markets watchdog obtained this certification after rigorous evaluation by the body under the accreditation of the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), a member of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF).

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The National Pension System (NPS) assets under management (AUM) recorded a robust 30.5 percent year-on-year growth in 2023-24, reaching ₹11.73 lakh Crore (₹ 8.98 lakh crore), latest PFRDA data. This growth was largely fuelled by the 9.47 lakh new subscribers who onboarded NPS from the non-government sector. Of these 9.47 lakh new subscribers, 8.10 lakh were from the 'all citizen model' and 1.37 lakh were Corporate employees. The non-government sector—corporates and retail—saw a 41.67 per cent year-on-year growth in NPS assets to ₹ 2.27 lakh Crore as of March 31, 2024. On the other hand, government employees' assets have recorded 28 per cent year-on-year growth at ₹ 9.05 lakh crore as of March 31. The number of new government employees onboarded NPS in fiscal 2023-24 stood at 7.10 lakh.

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The Singapore Tourism Board (STB) and PhonePe have signed a two-year MoU to promote the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for Indians travelling in Singapore. This collaboration aims to build upon the existing Unified Payments Interface (UPI) linkage between India and Singapore, which allows customers to instantly make cross-border transactions between the two countries directly from their existing Indian bank accounts. As part of the partnership, STB and PhonePe will invest in joint marketing efforts across India and Singapore to promote UPI experiences across key tourism hotspots.

American Express launched the all-new metal Corporate Platinum Card, designed to cater to the evolving needs of business owners and entrepreneurs in India.

American Express launched the all-new metal Corporate Platinum Card, designed to cater to the evolving needs of business owners and entrepreneurs in India. This refresh comes with an array of exclusive benefits, aiming to provide unparalleled service and rewards. The refreshed card now comes in a metal form with best-in-class benefits such as Gold Elite Status at Marriott Bonvoy and Taj Epicure Plus Membership, among others. Card Members can earn up to 5X rewards on spends across select categories including airlines, e-commerce, and IT/ITES spends among others.

Air India and Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) have signed a pact to develop the Bengaluru airport as an aviation hub.

Air India and Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) have signed a pact to develop the Bengaluru airport as an aviation hub. Air India (along with other Tata Group airlines – AIX and Vistara) and BIAL will collaborate to enhance international connectivity, operational efficiency, and passenger experience over the next five years. Air India and Vistara will strengthen their presence at the Bengaluru airport. Air India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Karnataka government to establish a comprehensive MRO facility at the Bengaluru airport.

National Safe Motherhood Day is being celebrated on 11 April in India.

National Safe Motherhood Day is being celebrated on 11 April in India. The day is observed to educate the masses about the challenges faced by new mothers and to spread awareness around safe pregnancy and postpartum support. National Safe Motherhood Day is an initiative led by the White Ribbon Alliance (WRAI) which highlights the importance of access to maternal healthcare services to mothers before, during, and after the pregnancy. In 2003, The Indian government officially recognizes April 11th as National Safe Motherhood Day, coinciding with the birth anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi, wife of Mahatma Gandhi.

Every year, World Parkinson's Day is observed on 11 April.

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World Health Day is celebrated every year on April 7 to raise awareness around various health issues worldwide. Established in 1950, the day also commemorates founding of World Health Organisation, a specialised agency of the United Nations dedicated to international public health. World Health Day is aimed at raising awareness about global health issues and encourage people to live healthier. It was established by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948 and has been celebrated every year since then. The theme for World Health Day 2024 is 'My health, my right'.

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World Homeopathy Day is annually celebrated on 10 April to honour the work of German physician and chemist Dr Samuel Hahnemann on his birth anniversary. Homeopathy practitioners use small amounts of natural substances like plants and minerals to stimulate the natural healing process of the body. The day is celebrated in India under the aegis of the Ministry of AYUSH, govt of India, for the last few years. The theme for World Homeopathy Day 2024 is "Homeoparivar: One Health, One Family". World Homeopathy Day is celebrated to honour homeopathy, the work of its founder Dr Samuel Hahnemann, and the people who got benefitted by it. The primary goal of World Homeopathy Day is to raise awareness about homeopathy by bringing practitioners, and supporters together from all around the world.

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Every year April 9 is celebrated as Bravery Day (Valour Day) to pay tribute to the brave soldiers of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). This year 2024, CRPF is celebrating its 59th Bravery Day. Bravery Day is a special day for the Central Reserve Police Force. CRPF Bravery Day remembers the bravery and sacrifice of CRPF personnel fighting against the Pakistani invaders in 1965. The CRPF stands as India's most extensive central armed police force. The CRPF functions under the authority of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. CRPF fought the terrorists who attacked the Indian Parliament in 2001 and succeeded in foiling their plans.

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India rank 3rd with 67 unicorns, as per a report by the Hurun Research Institute. However, it's way less than the USA, with 303 unicorns, and China, with 340 unicorns. India was that of edtech start-up Byju's, which was valued at \$22 billion, and health tech start-up PharmEasy, which was valued at \$5.6 billion. The report

found 1,453 unicorns in the world, based in 53 countries and 291 cities. India's first AI unicorn, Krutrim, there remains a huge gap when compared to the United States and China, which lead with 60 and 37 AI unicorns, respectively.

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The World Trade Organisation (WTO) revised its projection for merchandise trade volume to grow increase by 2.6 percent in 2024 and by 3.3 percent in 2025. The WTO expects demand for traded goods to rebound in 2024 with easing inflationary pressures and improvement in household incomes. In 2023, merchandise trade volumes are estimated to have to contracted by 1.2 percent. Merchandise exports of least developed countries (LDCs) are projected to grow at 2.7 percent this year, down from 4.1 percent last year, before growth accelerates to 4.2 percent in 2025. Meanwhile, imports by LDCs should grow at 6 percent in 2024 and 6.8 percent next year following a 3.5-percent contraction in 2023. The report estimates that global GDP growth at market exchange rates will remain mostly stable over the next two years at 2.6 per cent in 2024 and 2.7 per cent in 2025, after slowing to 2.7 percent in 2023 from 3.1 percent in 2022.

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there are 13 members from Africa, 11 from Asia, 9 from Latin America and the Caribbean, 8 from western Europe and other states, and 4 from eastern Europe. Each member state serves for four years. Saudi Arabia, part of the Asia bloc, is a member until 2027.

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According to the World Health Organization (WHO) 2024 Global Hepatitis Report, the number of lives lost due to viral hepatitis is increasing. The disease is the second leading infectious cause of death globally -- with 1.3 million deaths per year, the same as tuberculosis, a top infectious killer. The report, released at the World Hepatitis Summit, highlights that despite better tools for diagnosis and treatment, and decreasing product prices, testing and treatment coverage rates have stalled. But, reaching the WHO elimination goal by 2030 should still be achievable, if swift actions are taken now. New data from 187 countries show that the estimated number of deaths from viral hepatitis increased from 1.1 million in 2019 to 1.3 million in 2022. Of these, 83% were caused by hepatitis B, and 17% by hepatitis C. Every day, there are 3500 people dying globally due to hepatitis B and C infections.

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Khanij Bidesh India Limited (KABIL) has signed a MoU with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology (CSIR-IMMT) for Technical & Knowledge cooperation for Critical Minerals. The MoU was signed by Sadashiv Samantaray, Director, NALCO & CEO, KABIL and Dr. Ramanuj Narayan, Director, CSIR-IMMT, in the presence of Sridhar Patra, CMD, NALCO & Chairman, KABIL, at NALCO Corporate Office in Bhubaneswar. Under the MoU, KABIL will leverage the technical expertise and services of CSIR-IMMT to undertake various projects. Furthermore, the agreement will also embark on joint research and facilitate the exchange of scientific information between the two entities.

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The sitars and tanpuras of Miraj, a small town in Maharashtra's Sangli district known for its craftsmanship in making musical instruments, have been awarded the coveted GI tags. These instruments made in Miraj are much in demand among some of the

prominent artistes, including those renowned in the field of classical music as well as film industry. The Miraj Musical Instruments Cluster functions as the apex body for both the sitar and tanpura makers in the town. Kathiya Gehu (wheat) from the Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh has received the first GI tag for a farm produce in the area. Kathiya wheat, also known as Durum wheat, is indigenous to the region and is rich in nutrition.

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Secretary (Telecom), Dr Neeraj Mittal, virtually launched "Experimental Licence module for 100 5G Labs" during a 5G workshop at IIT Madras. This initiative aims to simplify the experimental licence requirements for these institutions, facilitating smoother operations and fostering innovation in the 5G domain. Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has awarded '100 5G Use Case Labs' to educational institutions across the country. The primary objective behind this initiative is to cultivate competencies and engagement in 5G technologies among students and start-up communities. With only basic information required such as institute address, authorized personnel, and a nominal fee of Rs5000, the application process is streamlined, making it more accessible to a wider range of institutions.

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The Ministry of Road, Transport, and Highways (MoRTH) has constructed 12,349 kms of national highways in FY24. MoRTH has reported the highest-ever capital expenditure (capex) utilisation of 99.93 percent during the financial year 2023-24. As against the budgetary outlay of Rs 2.645 trillion in FY24, the road ministry has spent Rs 2.643 trillion. By including private investments, the capex goes up to Rs 3.01 trillion, according to government data. The government has launched a pilot project to provide cashless treatment to road accident victims. Accident victims will be entitled to cashless treatment of up to Rs 1.5 lakh.

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India and Mauritius have signed a protocol to amend the double taxation avoidance agreement (DTAA), which included a principal purpose test (PPT) to decide whether a foreign investor is eligible to claim treaty benefits. Tax experts said a new article has been added to the protocol "Article 27B Entitlement to Benefits". The amended

protocol was signed on March 7 and made public now. The amendment represents a move by India to align with global efforts against treaty abuse, particularly under the BEPS Action 6 framework. This development underscores India's commitment to international tax cooperation standards while raising critical considerations for investors leveraging the India-Mauritius corridor.

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REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited (RECPDCL) has handed over two project-specific Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) namely 'Kallam Transco Limited' and 'Jalpura Khurja Power Transmission Limited' formed for implementation of two power transmission projects. An SPV Kallam Transco Limited has been formed for "Western Region Network Expansion Scheme in Kallam area of Maharashtra", an Inter State Transmission Project of Ministry of Power, Government of India. The SPV has been handed over to M/s Indigrd 2 Limited & Indigrd 1 Limited (Consortium), the successful bidder. Jalpura Khurja Power Transmission Limited has been formed for "Construction of 400/220 kV, 2×500 MVA GIS substation Metro Depot with associated lines and 400/220 kV, 2×500 MVA GIS substation Jalpura", an Intra-state project of Government of Uttar Pradesh. The SPV has been handed over to M/s The Tata Power Company Limited, the successful bidder.

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India aims to produce 100,000 MW of nuclear power by 2047, a massive increase from the current production of over 8,000 MW. Atomic Energy Commission Chairman A K Mohanty released a report, 'Synchronising Energy Transitions Towards Possible Net Zero for India: Affordable and Clean Energy for All'. The vision document for 'Amrit Kaal' was being prepared by the Department of Atomic Energy which envisages reaching a nuclear capacity of about 100 GW by 2047. The breeder reactors would contribute 3 GW of nuclear power, while 17.6 GW would come from light water reactors built with international cooperation and another 40-45 GW would come from the pressurised heavy water reactors. If India intends to follow coal-dependent pathways, it will need to explore carbon dioxide technologies (CDRs) as well, such as bioenergy with carbon capture and storage (BECCS) and CCUS, to fully understand their long-term potential.

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The Technology Development Board (TDB) under the science & technology ministry has partnered with Remine India Private Limited to establish a commercial plant for recycling lithium-ion batteries (LIB) and e-waste using indigenous technology in Uttarakhand. This move aims to enhance circularity and lessen the country's reliance

on imported critical mineral resources. Moreover, e-waste poses a substantial challenge, with approximately 78% of it not being collected in India. The Technology Development Board signed a deal with Remine India Private Limited to establish the recycling plant in Sitarganj, Uttarakhand, with a total project cost of Rs 15 crore. TDB has committed financial assistance of Rs 7.5 crore towards the project, emphasizing a significant step towards sustainable development and environmental responsibility.

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Coal India's Arm, Central Coalfields Limited unveiled its official brand-new logo with tagline: "Fuelling Sustainable Growth". CCL has produced 86.05 million tonnes in the financial year ended 2023-24. Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) is a subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL), an undertaking of the Government of India.

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Former Wimbledon and Newcastle United manager Joe Kinnear has passed away at the age of 77. Joseph Patrick Kinnear was an Irish professional football manager and player. With Tottenham he won the FA Cup, the League Cup twice, the Charity Shield and the UEFA Cup. After his playing career he managed India, Nepal, Doncaster Rovers, Wimbledon, Luton Town, Nottingham Forest and Newcastle United.

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Nobel Prize Winning British physicist Peter Higgs has died aged 94. His 1964 theory of a mass-giving particle, which became known as the Higgs boson or the "God particle", won him and Belgian physicist Francois Englert the 2013 physics Nobel Prize. After a series of experiments, which began in 2008, his theory was proven by physicists working at the Large Hadron Collider at Cern in Switzerland in 2012; the Nobel prize was shared with François Englert, a Belgian theoretical physicist whose work in 1964 also contributed directly to the discovery.

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Tata Advanced Systems (TASL), Tata Sons' wholly-owned subsidiary, has launched India's first private sector-built sub-metre resolution earth observation satellite, TSAT-1A, in collaboration with Satellogic. The satellite was launched from the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, by SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket on April 7. The satellite was assembled at TASL's facility in Karnataka. Elon Musk's SpaceX launched a total of 11 satellites in its maiden Bandwagon flight. TSAT-1A will provide high-resolution satellite images with low-latency delivery. The Indian armed forces are expected to be one of its major users. This is the first sub-metre high-resolution earth observation

satellite by the private sector in India.

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SpaceX launched the first in a new series of rideshare missions “Bandwagon-1”. The 11 satellites rode onboard a Falcon 9 rocket from Launch Complex 39A at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center. Like the “Transporter” rideshare flights, the Falcon 9 rocket for the Bandwagon-1 mission launched with a batch of satellites, which were deployed over a period of time. However, SpaceX did not disclose the timing of the deployments as it typically does with Transporter missions.

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The Indian Army has received its first batch of 24 Russia-made Igla-S Man Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS), accompanied by 100 missiles that will enhance its Very Short Range Air Defence (VSHORAD) capabilities. This is part of a larger deal that includes domestic production in India. The current order is a larger one compared with the one made in 2021 - 24 launchers and 216 missiles - as part of an emergency procurement. Igla-S system that can be operated by a crew or an individual, Igla-S has been designed specifically to bring down low-flying aircraft and even can identify and neutralise air targets like drones and cruise missiles.

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NASA have signed an agreement with Japan to advance sustainable human exploration of the Moon. As a result, Japan will design, develop, and operate a pressurized rover for crewed and uncrewed exploration on the Moon. On the other hand, NASA will provide the launch and delivery of the rover to the Moon as well as two opportunities for Japanese astronauts to travel to the lunar surface. Japan will become the first nation after the United States to land an astronaut on the moon as part of the Artemis lunar exploration campaign under an agreement between the two countries announced April 10, 2024. At an event in Washington, NASA Administrator Bill Nelson and Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) Masahito Moriyama signed an agreement regarding an additional Japanese contribution to Artemis, a pressurized lunar rover called Lunar Cruiser.

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Max Verstappen securing a triumphant third consecutive pole-to-flag victory at the Japanese Formula One Grand Prix 2024. Sergio Perez and Carlos Sainz won 2nd, 3rd positions respectively. Lando Norris of McLaren clinched fifth place, while the Mercedes duo of George Russell and Lewis Hamilton struggled, finishing seventh

and ninth respectively.