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1. 'One Health' pilot project launched



The Ministry of Dairying and Animal Husbandry will launch a pilot project 'One Health' in Bengaluru on Tuesday, bringing together stakeholders from animal, human and environmental health to come up with solutions to prevent outbreaks of zoonotic diseases (such as coronaviruses). .) in future.

The success of the pilot will help the Center develop a national 'One Health' roadmap, which will be equipped with better response mechanisms and management, incorporating global best practices.

The pilot will be launched in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and CII as implementation partners. Apart from Karnataka, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Department is implementing pilot projects in Uttarakhand also.

2. Sandeep Kumar Gupta to be the next chairman of GAIL



Indian Oil Corporation finance director Sandeep Kumar Gupta will head India's largest gas company

GAIL (India) Limited. The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) said that 56-year-old Gupta has been selected for the post of Chairman and Managing Director of GAIL after interviewing 10 candidates. He will replace Manoj Jain.

Jain is going to retire on August 31. The recommendation of PESB will be approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. If approved by the ACC, Gupta's tenure will be till February 2026.

3. London best city for students in QS Ranking 2023, Mumbai tops India



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In the QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023, London, the capital of the United Kingdom, has placed itself in the first rank due to factors such as affordability, student amenities and university standards, taking into account the basic needs of

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the students, etc., among other factors. Seoul and Munich are in second and third place, followed by Zurich and Melbourne in fourth and fifth place respectively.

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4. Aurangabad renamed as Sambhajinagar



The Uddhav government has taken a big decision to change the names of the cities of the state. In the cabinet meeting, it has been decided to rename Aurangabad as Sambhaji Nagar and Osmanabad as Dharashiv Nagar. At the same time,

the name of Navi Mumbai Airport will also be changed to DB Patil International Airport. This decision has been taken in the meeting of the Uddhav cabinet during the hearing regarding the floor test in the Supreme Court. In times of crisis, this decision of the Uddhav government is also being seen as a card of Hindutva.

Let us inform that on June 8, during Shiv Sena's rally in Aurangabad, Uddhav Thackeray had said that the name of the city would be changed.

Politics has been going on for a long time to change the name of Aurangabad. The Uddhav government has taken this decision when his government is in trouble. The rebel MLAs who have opposed him have also given the reason that Uddhav has strayed from Hindutva. In such a situation, this decision is considered very important.

5. Novak Djokovic becomes first player to win 80 matches in all four Grand Slams



Novak Djokovic became the first player in history to win 80 matches in all four Grand Slams, defeating Kwon Soon-woo 6-3, 3 on center court for his 80th

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win at Wimbledon. -6, 6-3, 6-4. On the back of his victory, the former world No. 1 tennis player has created history by winning his 80th match at Wimbledon. The six-time champion has become the first male player to win 80 or more matches in all four Grand Slams in the Open Era.

Number of matches won by Djokovic:

- Roland Garros - 85
- Australian Open -82
- US Open - 81
- Wimbledon-80

The Serbian could become the joint second most successful men's singles player at the world's oldest Grand Slam as a seventh title would put him on par with Pete Sampras and put him just one title behind Roger Federer.

6. Karnataka Government Launches 'Kashi Yatra' Scheme



The Government of Karnataka has started the 'Kashi Yatra' scheme. The Kashi Yatra project provides cash assistance of Rs 5,000 each to 30,000 pilgrims wishing to undertake a pilgrimage to the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

For this scheme, the government will use funds up to Rs 7 crore from the account head of 'Assistance to Manasa Sarovar Pilgrims', which was announced in the Chief Minister's budget speech for the financial year. Endowments, Haj and Waqf Minister Sasikala Jole said, any pilgrim attending the government-sponsored 'Kashi Yatra' will get the benefit only once in a lifetime.

Eligibility to apply for the scheme:

- Beneficiary must be a native of Karnataka
- Applicant's age should be more than 18 years
- Beneficiaries who have already availed subsidy once are not eligible

7. SEBI imposed Rs. 7 crore fine



The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has imposed heavy fines in the 2015 'dark fiber' case, in which some brokers took advantage of the Internet infrastructure of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) for faster connectivity to their Colocation (COLO) facilities. The market regulator has imposed a fine of Rs 7 crore on NSE and Rs 5 crore on former Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Chitra Ramakrishna.

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In this case, a total of 18 entities were fined. It has also imposed a fine of Rs 5 crore each on former operating officer of the group Anand Subramaniam and current chief business development officer Ravi Varanasi. Internet service provider Sampark Infotainment has been asked to pay Rs 3 crore. Online trading firms Way2Wealth and GKN Securities have also been asked to pay a fine of Rs 6 crore and Rs 5 crore, respectively.

8. New Delhi: 4th Synergy Conference between Indian Army and DAD



In New Delhi, the 4th Synergy Conference between the Indian Army and the Defense Accounts Department (DAD) took place. Senior Commanders of the Indian Army and DAD participated in the one-day meeting, which was co-chaired by Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS) Lt Gen BS Raju and Controller General of Defense Accounts (CGDA) Shri Rajnish Kumar.

key points :

- Deliberations on the Agneepath scheme and a timeline for expeditious implementation of a system for salaries and allowances for Agniveers were on the main agenda of the conference.

- Enhancing the performance of Pay and Accounts Offices (PAOs) for better service delivery to Junior Commissioned Officers/Other Ranks of the Indian Army was another item on the agenda. Senior officials from both sides were consulted to develop a concrete action plan for the future.
 - CGDA agreed with the Department's goal to use technology to improve service delivery to the Armed Forces and implement creative business process re-engineering to significantly transform the way bills are processed and paid Of.
 - He described several DAD projects including future centralized pay system and DARPAN (Defence Accounts Receipt, Payment and Analysis/Defence Accounts Receipt, Payment and Analysis). He also stressed on the importance of the military's cooperation in achieving the goals.
 - Various initiatives being taken by DAD were highly appreciated by VCOAS. He encouraged the top officers of DAD and Indian Army to closely coordinate to resolve various internal audit and payment difficulties.
- They discussed the need to identify the cost and expenditure profile for units and formations, to facilitate decision making and improve management of the defense budget. He acknowledged the significant contribution made by the personnel of the Indian Defense Accounts Service in assisting the Indian Army in making

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important financial choices and ensuring financial discipline through accounting and audit work.

9. Nitin Gadkari Presents National Highway Excellence Award 2021



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla along with Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari presented the National Highway Excellence Awards-2021. Awards were given to stakeholders and companies engaged in highway construction and maintenance of road assets in New Delhi. The Excellence Awards were constituted in 2018 and the awards were given in 9 categories including Excellence in Project Management, Excellence in Highway Safety, Excellence in Toll Management, Excellence in Operation and Maintenance, Innovation, Green Highways, Outstanding Work in Challenging Conditions, Bridges construction and tunnel construction.

10. Airtel Payments Bank Partners With Axis Bank To Digitize Last Mile Cash Collection



Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank, to digitize the cash collection system in Tier-III cities and semi-urban areas of India. Airtel Payments Bank will leverage the wide reach of its digitally powered neighborhood banking model to support Axis Bank with the digitization of last mile cash collections. Through this partnership, Axis Bank and its customers will benefit immensely by improving the operational efficiencies of the cash management process. This will also accelerate the payment cycle and help release bandwidth to field agents operating across the country. These agents will no longer need to go back to the branch to deposit the EMI amount collected from the field. They can now easily deposit the amount at any Airtel Payments Bank outlet in the neighborhood and it will be transferred to Axis Bank accounts instantly. This process will reduce the risk of collecting cash by agents traveling long distances. Additionally, this process will help avoid any delay, as Airtel Payments Bank outlets operate on weekends other than the traditional banking hours.

ONE LINER

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- SEBI Established: **1988**;
- SEBI Act: **1992**;
- SEBI Headquarters: **Mumbai, Maharashtra**;
- First woman chairman of SEBI: **Madhabi Puri Buch (present)**;
- SEBI was given statutory recognition in 1992 on the recommendation of the Narasimham Committee.
- Recently the ministry which inaugurated 'Pay Roll Automation for Distribution of Monthly Allowances' (PADMA), which is an automatic pay and allowance module for the Indian Coast Guard- **Ministry of Defense**
- According to the latest Lancet study, the steps taken to stop the speeding of vehicles can save 20,000 lives annually - **India**
- The medal that Neeraj Chopra has captured while performing brilliantly in the Diamond League recently - **Silver Medal**
- Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra who has been appointed- **Devendra Fadnavis**
- The new Chief Minister of Maharashtra who was made- **Eknath Shinde**
- The tenure of the country's Attorney General KK Venugopal has been extended by the central government for the number of months - **three months**
- International Day of Parliamentarism is celebrated on **30 June**

QUIZ

1. National Doctor's Day is celebrated on which of the following days?

- a. 10 January b. March 12
c. 18 June d. **01 July**

2. Who among the following was made the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra?

- a. **Eknath Shinde** b. Devendra Fadnavis
c. Ajit Pawar d. Shrikant Shinde

3. For how many months, the tenure of the country's Attorney General KK Venugopal has been extended by the central government?

- a. four months b. seven months
c. **three months** d. Two months

4. International Day of Parliamentarism is celebrated on which of the following days?

- a. 12 March b. **30 June**
c. 10 April d. 20 August

5. Which ministry has recently inaugurated 'Pay Roll Automation for Distribution of Monthly Allowances' (PADMA), an automated pay and allowance module for the Indian Coast Guard?

- a. Ministry of Railways
b. Ministry of Agriculture
c. Ministry of External Affairs
d. **Ministry of Defence**

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6. According to the latest Lancet study, measures taken to curb speeding of vehicles can save 20,000 lives annually in which country?

- a. China
- b. America
- c. India
- d. Russia

7. Neeraj Chopra has won which medal while performing brilliantly in the Diamond League recently?

- a. Silver medal
- b. gold medal
- c. Bronze medal
- d. none of these

8. Who among the following has been appointed as the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra?

- a. Aditya Thackeray
- b. Devendra Fadnavis
- c. Shrikant Shinde
- d. Rajan Vichare

