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NATIONAL

Shalini Singh becomes the first female NCC cadet to complete mountaineering course

Achieving another feat for the National Cadet Corps, under-officer Shalini Singh scripted history by becoming the first female NCC cadet in India to complete the advanced mountaineering course in the Himalayan region of Uttarkashi in Uttarakhand.

The Senior Wing NCC cadet, Shalini Singh, was enrolled in the 67 UP Battalion. She began the month-long mountaineering course on April 26. Before that, she had to complete her mandatory basic mountaineering course in 2022 at Pahalgam, Jammu, and Kashmir, reported HT. Shalini is pursuing her graduation from Bappa Shri Narayan Vocational PG College.

It is worth noting that she was the only female cadet in the team of 45 NCC cadets that was formed to complete the course.

SPORTS

India's Esow Alben wins bronze medal in keirin at Finale Bahnen-Tournee 2023 cycling

Indian cyclist Esow Alben won the bronze medal in the elite men's keirin event at a UCI Class 1 Event-Finale Bahnen-Tournee 2023 cycling competition in Dudenhofen, Germany. The 22-year-old also listed himself in being the first cyclist from India to participate in the UCI Champions League. Alben was also the first Indian who won a medal in a cycling world championship.

He clinched a silver medal in the year 2018 after finishing behind world championships medallist Germany's Marc Jurczyk and France's Sebastien Vigier.

OBITUARY

Kannada Actor Nithin Gopi passes away at 39

Actor Nithin Gopi from the Kannada film and television industry, passed away at the age of 39 due to a heart attack. According to reports, Nithin suffered from chest pains at his house in Ittamadu, Bengaluru, and while being urgently taken to the hospital, he succumbed.

Nithin Gopi Professional Life - Nithin Gopi had made a mark for himself in the Kannada industry and gained recognition for his performances in films and television shows. His breakthrough role came in the movie Hello Daddy, where he played a flute player alongside Dr. Vishnuvardhan. He also starred in movies like Keralida Kesari, Mutthinantha Hendati, Nishabdha and Chirabandhavya.

That apart, Nithin also played a pivotal role in the popular serial Punar Vivaha, produced by Shruthi Naidu, which received good TRPs. He also made cameos in a few episodes of the devotional serial Hara Hara Mahadev and acted in several Tamil serials. Of late, the actor had been preparing to direct a new serial and had been engaged in discussions with a prominent Kannada channel for the same.

Ghanaian writer and feminist Ama Ata Aidoo passes away at 81

Ama Ata Aidoo, the iconic Ghanaian writer whose classics The Dilemma of a Ghost and Changes were taught to children in West African schools for decades, passes away at the age 81, The cause of death was an undisclosed illness.

About: Ama Ata Aidoo - Born in 1942 in a village in central Ghana, Aidoo began writing at 15. She ended up studying literature at the University of Ghana, where she lectured for years.

Her first work, *The Dilemma of a Ghost*, a play, was published in 1965, making her the first African woman to publish a play. She went on to become one of the continent's best-known writers, inspiring a generation of younger authors, artists and feminists.

Aidoo, who was Ghana's education minister from 1982 to 1983, won the Commonwealth Writers Prize for Best Book for *Changes*, a story about an educated woman navigating the complexities of a polygamous marriage.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Celeste Saulo of Argentina appointed first female Secretary-General of WMO

Prof. Celeste Saulo of Argentina has been appointed as the first female Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), taking the helm of an organization at the fore of international efforts to monitor and tackle climate change and increasingly extreme weather.

Prof. Saulo, has been Director of the National Meteorological Service of Argentina since 2014 and is currently the First Vice-President of WMO. She will take office on 1 January 2024 and succeeds Prof. Petteri Taalas, who has completed his two-term mandate.

Prof. Saulo was appointed after receiving the requisite two thirds majority of votes from delegates at the quadrennial World Meteorological Congress, the top decision-making body of the 193-Member WMO.

Mrutyunjay Mohapatra elected as vice-president of World Meteorological Organisation

The Director General of the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Mrutyunjay Mohapatra is elected as one of the three vice-presidents of the World Meteorological Organisation. Along with Mohapatra, the UN agency for climate change, weather and water elected two other vice-presidents as well.

Apart from Mohapatra, two other vice presidents were appointed at the WMO elections held in Geneva. Director of meteorology of Cote d'Ivoire, Daouda Konate was elected as the first vice-president and Eoin Moran, director of Met Éireann, was elected the second vice-president.

Mohapatra hails from Odisha and is often referred to as the 'cyclone man of India'. He has been heading the IMD since 2019. The IMD took to Twitter to congratulate Mohapatra for his new role.

Janardan Prasad appointed new DG of Geological Survey of India

Janardan Prasad has been appointed as the new Director-General of the Geological Survey Of India (GSI), one of the country's oldest institutions.

Prasad takes the charge from Dr S Raju, who held the post since May 2020. Known for his extensive mineral exploration work in Saurashtra and other areas of Gujarat, Prasad joined the 174-year-old scientific institution in 1988 at GSI Gandhinagar as a geologist.

Prasad is also experienced in Metallogeny and Mineral Exploration studies. He has carried out extensive mineral exploration work in Saurashtra and other areas of Gujarat in commodities like limestone, gold, base metal, PGE and bauxite. He has also been actively involved in the exploration of limestone, which was critical for the cement industry, said the institute.

The appointment comes at a time when the government is preparing to auction the lithium block discovered by GSI in February. The institute had established 5.9 million tonnes of inferred lithium resources in Reasi district of Jammu & Kashmir. A critical metal, lithium is a key component used for electric vehicle batteries and holds the power to start EV revolution in the country.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Bicycle Day

Each year on June 3, World Bicycle Day is observed to spread awareness about sustainable transportation that also ensures fostering sustainability, health and well-being. The day reminds us of the age-old tradition prevalent in the world.

History - The world celebrated this affordable, reliable, and sustainable means of transportation for the first time in 2018 when the United Nations General Assembly declared June 3 as International World Bicycle Day. The day is a result of Leszek Sibilski's campaign and the support of Turkmenistan and 56 other countries to recognise World Bicycle Day. The assembly also took into consideration the versatility and longevity of the bicycle which has served as a sustainable means of transportation for two centuries.

Theme - The theme for World Bicycle Day 2023 is "Riding Together for a Sustainable Future".

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Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates National Training Centre for FSSAI

Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates National Training Centre for Food Safety and Standards Authority of India – FSSAI.

"As we aim to become a developed nation in our Amrit Kaal, it is essential that our citizens are healthy. Swasth Nagrik creates a Swastha Rashtra, which leads to a Samruddha Rashtra." This was stated by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya at the inauguration of the state-of-the-art National Training Centre for Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel, Minister of State (HFW) and General (Dr.) V.K. Singh, Minister of State (Civil Aviation, MoRTH) were also present at the event.

Reiterating Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's focus on wellness and preventive healthcare, the Union Minister said that India's traditional food habits and way of life should be adopted as 'our kitchen is our hospital'. "Good quality nutritious food can go a long way in keeping diseases at bay", he emphasized.

Cabinet approves to establish Regional Office of Universal Postal Union in New Delhi

The Cabinet approved to establish Regional Office of the Universal Postal Union, UPU, in New Delhi. The aim is to undertake UPU's development cooperation and technical assistance activities in the region by entering into an agreement with UPU.

The approval enables India to play an active role in multilateral organizations in postal sector with an emphasis on South-South and Triangular cooperation. India will provide a Field Project Expert, staff, and office, set up for UPU's regional office.

Projects on capacity building and training, improving efficiency and quality of postal services, enhancement of Postal technology, e-commerce, and trade promotion etc will be prepared and implemented for the region by this office in coordination with UPU.

The initiative will help expanding India's diplomatic footprint and strengthen relations with other countries, especially in Asia-Pacific region and will enhance India's presence at the global postal forums.

Assam University to collaborate academic research, studies with Bangladesh Universities

Central University of Assam located at Silchar will be collaborating with four Universities of Bangladesh in academic research and studies.

A delegation of Assam University Silchar led by Vice-Chancellor Professor Rajive Mohan Pant has just come back yesterday after preliminary discussion with their Bangladeshi counterparts.

Vice Chancellor Rajive Mohan Pant talking to Akashvani correspondent said Assam University is taking these steps to implement the New Education Policy and Act East Policy of the Government of India.

SPORTS

India lift Men's Junior Asia Cup : Hockey for fourth time, defeating Pakistan

In Hockey, the Indian hockey team defeated arch-rivals Pakistan in the final of the Men's Junior Asia Cup 2023 2-1 at the Sultan Qaboos Youth Complex Stadium in Salalah, Oman. With this title win, India become the most successful country in the history of the Men's Junior Asia Cup.

Angad Bir Singh and Araijeet Hundal Singh scored for the champions before Pakistan got one goal through Basharat Ali's strike. This was India's fourth title at Men's Junior Asia Cup, having won it previously in 2004, 2008 and 2015. Pakistan are the second-most successful team in the tournament with three titles but their last win came 27 years ago in 1996.

Earlier, India and Pakistan, pitted in the same pool, remained undefeated in the group stage after India vs Pakistan hockey match ended in a 1-1 draw. India, however, managed to top the group as they had a better goal difference over second-placed Pakistan. In the semi-finals, India trounced the Republic of Korea 9-1 while Pakistan defeated Malaysia 6-2.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

K Krithivasan takes charge as full time MD & CEO of TCS

Krithivasan assumes full-time charge as the chief executive officer of the company. India's largest information technology (IT) services company, TCS had named Krithivasan as CEO-designate on March 16 after Rajesh Gopinathan stepped down from the position he assumed in 2017.

Krithivasan is only the fifth CEO of the company in its 55-year history, reflecting the stable management and strong leadership. Krithivasan has been at TCS for over 34 years now and was Global Head of the Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) Business Group at TCS.

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) share price rose over a percent on Thursday after K. Krithivasan assumed full-time charge as the chief executive officer of the company.

Amarendu Prakash takes charge as SAIL chairman

Amarendu Prakash has taken charge as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) from May 31. He was previously the Director (In-charge) of SAIL's Bokaro steel plant.

Prakash was previously involved in driving business transformation and financial turnaround of SAIL, which resulted in bringing back the company from a three year streak of losses, from FY16 to FY18, to being back in the black in FY19.

He has been leading the Bokaro Steel Plant as Director In-charge since September 2020 and briefly took on additional charge as Director In-Charge of the Rourkela Steel Plant, IISCO and Durgapur Steel Plant.

Under his able leadership, the Bokaro Steel Plant has seen remarkable results, with the plant continuing to break production records, year after year in FY22 and FY23.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Telangana Formation Day

Telangana, the 29th state of India, celebrate its formation day on June 2. The state was officially formed on June 2, 2014, and since then, the day is celebrated as Telangana Day or Telangana Formation Day. According to Telangana government, the day marks significance in the state's history for the sustained Telangana movement through the years. All 33 districts in the state honour the day by honouring the people of Telangana for remarkable achievements in science, art and literature.

History: On July 1, 2013, the Congress Working Committee passed a resolution to form Telangana as a separate state. After various stages, the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act 2014 bill was passed in the Parliament in February 2014 for the formation of the Telangana state. The bill was then passed by the President of India on March 1, 2014, and the state of Telangana was finally formed on June 2.

After leading the Telangana movement to its desired end, Kalvakuntla Chandrashekar Rao, popularly known as KCR, became the first Chief Minister of the state.

SUMMIT'S & MOU's

NTPC Green Energy Ltd. NGEL and UPRVUNL signed MoU for development of Renewable Energy Parks

NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) and Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (UPRVUNL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Lucknow yesterday with an aim to collaborate in the development of Renewable Energy Parks and Projects and to facilitate in Government of India's efforts towards energy transition.

The MoU was signed by Shri Mohit Bhargava, CEO (NGEL) and Shri Nidhi Kumar Narang, Director (Finance), UPRVUNL in the presence of Shri P. Guruprasad, MD (UPRVUNL), Shri Praveen Saxena, Regional Executive Director (NR) of NTPC. Shri V V Sivakumar, GM (NGEL) and other senior officials of NTPC, NGEL and UPRVUNL were present during the occasion. The MoU envisages the two organizations to collaborate through setting up of floating and ground mounted Solar Projects in the Rihand reservoir, other water bodies and any available vacant land, development of solar PV Project dedicated for solarization of Ayodhya city and setting up of Renewable energy Parks and Projects wherever land is made available.

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Defence ministry inks contract worth Rs 2,971 Cr with BDL to procure Astra missiles

The defence ministry sealed a contract worth Rs 2,971 crore with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) to procure several batches of the Astra MK-I beyond visual range (BVR) air-to-air missiles and associated equipment.

The missiles are being procured for the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Indian Navy. The Astra MK-I BVR AAM has been indigenously designed and developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) based on the requirements issued by the IAF.

The air-to-air missile with BVR capability provides large stand-off ranges to the IAF's fighter jets. The Astra MK-I missile and all associated systems for its launch, ground handling and testing have been developed by the DRDO in coordination with the IAF. The missile, for which successful trials have already been undertaken by the IAF, is fully integrated on the Su 30 MK-I fighter aircraft and will be integrated with other fighter jets in a phased manner, including the Light Combat Aircraft (Tejas). The navy will integrate the missile on the MiG 29K fighter aircraft.

OBITUARY

Padma Shri awardee Vellayani Arjunan passes away

Eminent scholar, linguist, academician and writer Vellayani Arjunan passes away at a hospital here following a brief illness. He was 90.

A Padma Shri awardee, Arjunan had been a prominent figure in the academic, cultural and literary sphere of Kerala for decades and a recipient of three D-Litt degrees.

An author of over 40 books of different genres, including poetry, short stories, children's fiction, essays, literary criticism, research articles and so on, Arjunan had the credit of having post graduations in Malayalam, English and Hindi and PG diplomas in Telugu, Kannada and Tamil.

Singer KK passes away at 53

Singer Krishnakumar Kunnath, popularly known as KK, who made people groove to his melodious songs, like 'Pal', 'Yaaron Dosti', 'Tadap Tadap' and 'Aankhon Mein Teri', passes away due to a suspected cardiac arrest shortly after performing to a packed audience at a college fest in south Kolkata's Nazrul Mancha. He was just 54 years old.

About: Krishnakumar Kunnath / KK - Krishnakumar Kunnath, popularly known as KK, was an Indian playback singer. He recorded songs in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Bengali, Assamese and Gujarati. KK began his career by singing advertising jingles and made his film debut in 1996 on an A. R. Rahman soundtrack.

Prof Ved Kumari Ghai passes away

Veteran Sanskrit Scholar and Padma Shri awardee, Ved Kumari Ghai passed away at the age of 91 after a brief illness.

She was born on December 16, 1931, in Pratap Garh Mohallah, Jammu and after completion of her school education in Jammu, she did her MA in Sanskrit from Punjab University in 1953 and PhD in Sanskrit from Banaras Hindu University in 1960. She married to Dr Ram Pratap, also a Sanskrit scholar.

She was head of Sanskrit Department in Jammu University until her retirement on December 31, 1991.

She was also involved in social work and Government of India awarded her Padma Shri in 2014. She was also awarded Gold Medal by Jammu and Kashmir Government for social work, President's Award for Sanskrit and Dogra Ratan award etc

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Government appoints Ashwani Kumar as UCO Bank MD & CEO

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Ashwani Kumar, Executive Director, Indian Bank as Managing Director and CEO of UCO Bank.

Kumar will replace Soma Sankara Prasad, who is due to superannuate on May 31. It may be recalled that Centre had in December 2021 appointed Prasad as MD & CEO of UCO Bank.

Ashwani Kumar will lead the public sector bank for period of three years, from June 1.

Kumar will also be eligible for extension of the term of office, after a review of his performance, by two years or until further orders, whichever is earlier, according to an order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training.

Retired SBI senior executive Natarajan Sundar appointed as MD and CEO of NARCL

Former State Bank of India (SBI) executive Natarajan Sundar has been appointed MD & CEO of the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) with effect from May 30. Another former SBI employee, Karnam Sekar, who also headed Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) till June 30, 2020, has been appointed non-executive chairman of the bad bank. Sundar retired on April 30 as deputy managing director and chief credit officer at the bank, after having worked there for over 37 years.

Malvika Sinha, who retired as executive director of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), also joined the NARCL board as an independent director last week. In addition to the three new appointees, the board has five nominee directors from shareholder banks and another independent director is expected to join the board shortly.

About: NARCL - NARCL, a special purpose vehicle set up as a joint initiative of Public and Private Sector Banks, is expected to take over bad loans from banks and focus on resolution and recoveries.

Ajay Yadav takes charge as the MD of SECI

Ajay Yadav, a seasoned IAS officer from the 2005 batch of the Bihar cadre, has assumed the charge of Managing Director at Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI), effective immediately.

About: SECI - SECI, a Miniratna Category-I Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) established in 2011, serves as the primary implementing agency for renewable energy schemes and projects under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India.

With over 58 GW of Renewable Energy (RE) project capacities awarded to date, SECI has played a pivotal role in driving the growth of India's renewable energy sector. The corporation has been instrumental in promoting solar energy projects and facilitating investments, contributing significantly to the nation's sustainable energy goals. SECI's remarkable achievements include trading over 35 billion units (BU) of renewable energy (RE) power during the FY 2022-23, representing a substantial 59 percent increase compared to the previous year. This surge in trading volume propelled SECI's revenue from power trading to surpass the Rs. 10,000 crore mark for the first time since its inception.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Milk Day

Every year, World Milk Day is observed on June 1. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of the value of milk as a food on a worldwide scale and to highlight the contribution of the dairy industry to boosting nutrition and sustaining livelihoods.

History - In 2001, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation established World Milk Day on June 1st to recognise the importance of milk as a global food and also to celebrate the dairy sector and its constant efforts towards the same.

For 2023, the theme for World Milk Day will focus on the importance of dairy in the reduction of carbon footprints as well as providing nutritious foods and livelihoods

Fact - In 2022, India consumed the most milk worldwide, which was 85 million metric tons of milk followed by the European Union at 23.8 million metric tons and the United States at 20.975 million metric tons. This data shows the importance of milk in life.

SUMMIT'S & MOU's

Two-Day National Education Ministers' Conference Begins In Gujarat Today – June 1

The National Education Ministers' Conference started in Gujarat from today, June 1, with the focus on implementation of the new National Education Policy (NEP), Education Ministers of states and Union Territories will be participating in this two-day conference. The conference is expected to witness deliberations on strengthening the education ecosystem in the country with focus on implementation of National Education Policy 2020, skilling in schools and digital initiatives like NDEAR, NETF, The ministers will also be visiting Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK), Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG), National Forensic Science University (NFSU) and International Automobile Centre of Excellence (IACE) on June 1, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan along with Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State (MoS) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Electronics and Information Technology; MoS for Education Annapurna Devi and Subhash Sarkar and senior officials of the education ministry participate in the meeting.

India-EU Connectivity Conference begin in Meghalaya - June 1

The Ministry of External Affairs, EU Delegation to India and the Asian Confluence have jointly organized the India-EU Connectivity Conference in Meghalaya from starting June 1, The objective of the two-day conference is to explore possibilities of boosting connectivity investments in India's North Eastern States and with India's neighbours - Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh.

The Conference is an outcome of the India-EU Connectivity partnership which was launched during the India-EU Leaders' Meeting in May 2021. It's inaugurated by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, and Minister of State for External Affairs Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh. Senior officials of the Government, EU Commission, North Eastern states, Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh and stakeholders from the private sector are expected to participate and provide their insights and views on the subject.

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Cabinet approves CITIIS 2.0 from 2023 to 2027 with a focus on circular economy

The Union Cabinet has approved the City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0), a program conceived by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in partnership with the French Development Agency (AFD), Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW), the European Union (EU) and National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA). The program will run for a period of four years, starting from 2023 till 2027

Funding - The funding for CITIIS 2.0 would include a loan of Rs.1760 crore (EUR 200 million) from AFD and KfW (EUR 100 million each) and a technical assistance grant of Rs.106 crore (EUR 12 million) from the EU. CITIIS 2.0 aims to leverage and scale up the learnings and successes of CITIIS 1.0, which was launched jointly in 2018 by MoHUA, AFD, EU, and NIUA, with a total outlay of ₹933 crore (EUR 106 million).

This ambitious program envisages to support competitively selected projects promoting circular economy with focus on integrated waste management at the city level, climate-oriented reform actions at the State level, besides institutional strengthening and knowledge dissemination at the national level.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Kaveri 2.0: Karnataka's web based portal for property registration

In a move that is expected to further simplify the property registration process in India's information technology capital, the Karnataka government is set to launch the all-new Kaveri 2.0 in Bangalore. The state launched Kaveri 2.0 on March 2, 2023. According to Karnataka revenue minister R Ashok, the new software ensures registration of properties in just 10 minutes, and relieves public of the ordeal of waiting at the sub-registrar's offices for hours or depending on touts.

To avail of various property-related and other services, citizens in Karnataka can visit the Kaveri Online portal, a website that has been nationally recognised as a successful initiative in digitisation of land records.

OBITUARY

Lone Congress MP from Maharashtra Suresh 'Balu' Dhanorkar passes away at 48

Congress leader Suresh 'Balu' Dhanorkar breathed his last at a private hospital in Delhi-NCR. He was 48 years old. Dhanorkar is survived by his wife Pratibha, an MLA, and two sons.

A party spokesperson told news agency PTI that Dhanorkar was airlifted to Delhi from Nagpur on May 28 for medical treatment. He was shifted to the national capital in an air ambulance after he complained of stomach pain, The Congress parliamentarian had undergone treatment for kidney stones at a hospital in Nagpur on May 27, Dhanorkar was the lone Congress MP from Chandrapur Lok Sabha constituency in Maharashtra. He was earlier part of the Shiv Sena, winning the Warora-Bhadrawati Assembly seat in 2014. He quit the party in 2019 and joined the Congress before the Lok Sabha elections. He was fielded from Chandrapur parliamentary constituency where he defeated former union minister and BJP leader Hansraj Ahir.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Gurdeep Singh appointed as new NEEPCO CMD

National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Limited CMD Gurdeep Singh has been given additional charge of the CMD of NEEPCO.

According to a release issued by the Ministry of Power Mr, Singh will assume additional charge as CMD of NEEPCO for a period of three months with effect from June 1 or till the appointment of a regular incumbent to this post or until further orders, whichever is earliest.

The decision was taken following the approval of the Union Minister of Power and NRE, RK Singh, the order said, while adding that the proposal was forwarded to the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) and the approval of DOPT is awaited.

As per the order, the decision was taken for smooth functioning of the day-to-day activities of NEEPCO.

INTERNATIONAL DAYS

World No Tobacco Day

The World No Tobacco Day is celebrated every year on May 31. This day is observed as an initiative led by the World Health Organization (WHO) to raise awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use and to have policies to reduce tobacco consumption.

History - World No Tobacco Day was established by the member states of the World Health Organization in 1987 with an aim to draw global attention to the "tobacco epidemic and the preventable death and diseases it causes". A resolution was passed by the World Health Assembly in 1987 following which the WHO announced that May 31 be observed as World No Tobacco Day annually.

Theme - The theme for this year's No Tobacco Day is "We need food, not tobacco". The global campaign is geared towards promoting alternative crop production and marketing opportunities among tobacco farmers. It aims to encourage those involved in the production of tobacco to grow sustainable and nutritious crops. The campaign is also an attempt to "expose the tobacco industry's efforts to interfere with attempts to substitute tobacco growing with sustainable crops, thereby contributing to the global food crisis".

SUMMIT'S & MOU's

PFC and RITES signs MoU for strategic partnership

Power Finance Corporation (PFC), a Mahatana CPSU and India's leading NBFC, has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RITES Limited, a premier engineering

consultancy company, to establish a strategic partnership for financing infrastructure and logistics sector projects in India and abroad.

PFC and RITES will explore avenues of mutual collaboration for undertaking Traffic Studies, Project Management Services, Audits & Inspections, DPR Review and other relevant services for carrying out the projects of mutual interest. The MoU will also enable both the companies to explore consultancy opportunities for various Government Bodies, Private Entities and Multilateral Funding Agencies. The collaboration will focus on identifying, evaluating, and funding projects in transportation, logistics, energy and allied infrastructure.

PFC's financial expertise with RITES engineering consultancy prowess together will accelerate the development of critical projects and drive sustainable growth in the infrastructure and logistics sectors. The partnership will also facilitate knowledge sharing in developing infrastructure projects.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

Equitas SFB Collaborates with IBM to Build a Digital Banking Platform

Equitas Small Finance Bank has collaborated with IBM Consulting to design and build a digital banking platform that delivers a modern and highly secure experience to the bank's customers and partners. The collaboration aims to boost Equitas' digital products and services offerings as it evolves its business for a digital-first generation. Through this association, Equitas will embark on a high-speed path to leverage technology as a differentiator in its next phase of growth.

Launched in 2016, Equitas Small Finance Bank is one of the leading small finance banks in India. After having established its business as part of the initial growth phase, Equitas is now looking to capitalize on its position as a technology-forward industry leader. As part of the next growth phase, Equitas aims to commence its modernization journey with a cloud-native platform architecture that aligns with the bank's business strategy.

Yubi Forms Strategic Partnership with Indian Bank to Provide Digital Supply Chain Financing Solutions to SMEs

Yubi, a renowned worldwide integrated credit platform, that powers the discovery, execution, and fulfillment of credit, has joined forces with Indian Bank, one of India's leading public sector banks, to extend digital supply chain financing solutions to small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) in India.

Aim - This strategic partnership aims to address the financing needs of SMEs and facilitate their growth and development. By leveraging Yubi's advanced technology and platform, Indian Bank aims to digitally enable and scale its SCF book through vendor and dealer financing, targeting large corporations whose counterparties are SMEs with limited access to credit.

Dealers and distributors of anchor companies integrated with Yubi will benefit from Indian Bank's digital supply chain solution. This partnership is expected to disburse Rs 1500 Crore within the first year, alleviating the cash crunch faced by SMEs and facilitating their operations and expansion.

YES Bank launches new logo, to roll out campaign 'Life Ko Banao Rich'

Unveiling its fresh brand identity, private lender YES BANK on Tuesday (May 30) launched a new logo of the company and said it is set to roll out an integrated campaign with the tagline – 'Life Ko Banao Rich' - which represents the bank's core focus of being a complete solution provider.

About: Yes Bank New Logo - The tick has been transformed into a soaring bird, which represents the Bank's current position of 'soaring', said the company. Moreover, the smoothened-out corners and fluid shapes have replaced the angular edges of the older logo. The blue and red colours have got a makeover with an electric tone, representing high energy

McCann Worldgroup acted as the creative agency, with Conversation Films serving as the production house, responsible for creating the new logo.

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Uber partners with GeM portal to offer taxi services to govt offices, agencies, PSUs at fixed price

Soon personnel from the government ministries, departments, agencies and public sector units will be able to book taxis for official purposes from cab aggregator Uber as the company has partnered with public procurement portal GeM to provide the service. It will be a kind of corporate service. At present, we have started the service on a pilot basis and gradually it will be available for all the government ministers, departments, agencies and public sector units (PSUs).

The company would provide the service at a fixed price with zero cancellation charges and no surge pricing. The company has registered at the portal of government e-marketplace (GeM), which was launched in 2016 by the commerce ministry for buying goods and services by central ministries and departments with a view to bringing transparency in government procurement.

SPORTS

Malaysia Masters 2023 badminton: India's HS Prannoy wins maiden BWF World Tour title

Ranked No. 9 in the BWF rankings, HS Prannoy defeated Weng Hong Yang of the People's Republic of China 21-19, 13-21, 21-18 to win his maiden BWF World Tour title.

It was also the 30-year-old HS Prannoy's first men's singles title in over six years. His last title came at the 2017 US Open, which, at the time, was part of the BWF Grand Prix - the predecessor to the BWF World Tour.

About: HS Prannoy - Prannoy Haseena Sunil Kumar, also known as H. S. Prannoy, is an Indian professional badminton player who currently trains at the Gopichand Badminton Academy in Hyderabad. Prannoy originally hails from Thiruvananthapuram and has a career-high world ranking of number 7, which he attained in May 2023

Meanwhile, India's women's singles campaign ended after two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu was ousted by runner-up Gregoria Mariska Tunjung of Indonesia in the women's singles semi-finals on Saturday.

Uttar Pradesh wins the 13th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2023

Uttar Pradesh Hockey won the 13th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2023 on Sunday after defeating Hockey Association of Odisha in the Final at the iconic Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium. Meanwhile, Hockey Haryana beat Hockey Madhya Pradesh to finish third in the competition.

Uttar Pradesh Hockey won the tournament by defeating the Hockey Association of Odisha 7-1. Ujjwal Pal (6', 38', 47') converted three penalty corners, while Rahul Yadav (30'), Ketan Kushwaha (39'), Rahul Rajhbar (52'), and Team Captain Ajeet Yadav (54') each scored a goal to secure their victory. Deonath Nanwar (57') scored the only goal for the Hockey Association of Odisha.

The 3rd/4th place match saw Hockey Haryana claim a 4-2 comeback win over Hockey Madhya Pradesh. Tushar Parmar (14') and Subhan Abid (22') scored to give Hockey Madhya Pradesh a comfortable lead, but Hockey Haryana fought back with goals from Sunil (29', 51'), Happy (37'), and Neeraj (58') to secure their victory.

India Women's volleyball team scripts history, win NSC CAVA Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup for first time

Indian Women's volleyball team scripted history by winning the NSC CAVA Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup -2023 for the first time. The India senior women's volleyball team became the champion of the tournament by beating Kazakhstan in Kathmandu of Nepal. India Women's volleyball team, which won the silver medal at AVC Women's Challenger Cup in Nakhon Pathom of Thailand last year, defeated Kazakhstan 3-0 with a score of 25-15, 25-22, 25-18. The Indian team had entered the final of the tournament after winning a crucial match against Uzbekistan. India attacked Uzbekistan at the net to capture the easy set 25-15, match and final berth.

Max Verstappen wins in Monaco to make it six out of six for Red Bull

Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the 2023 Monaco Grand Prix, leading all 78 laps from pole position. The victory was Verstappen's fourth of the season and extended his lead in the Drivers' Championship to 39 points. The race was held in wet conditions, and Verstappen made the most of it, starting well and pulling away from the rest of the field. He never looked back, and cruised to victory. Fernando Alonso finished second, with Esteban Ocon in third. Charles Leclerc retired from the race after a collision with Carlos Sainz.

Fernando Alonso, the seasoned Spaniard representing Aston Martin, delivered an impressive performance, securing second place. However, he finished a substantial 27.9 seconds behind Verstappen at the chequered flag.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

SpaceX rocket sends Arabsat communications satellite into orbit

SpaceX, The space exploration technologies corporation launched a big telecommunication satellite named Arabsat BADR-8, for Arabsat, a multinational consortium providing TV and video broadcast services across the Middle East. The satellite weighs nearly five-ton.

SpaceX pushed back the launch time more than hour to wait for winds to subside, then gave the go-ahead to fuel the Falcon 9 rocket for liftoff at 12:30 a.m. EDT (0430 UTC) Saturday.

The launch marked SpaceX's 36th flight of the year, and the 26th orbital launch attempt so far in 2023 from Florida's Space Coast.

The nearly 10,000 pound (4.5-metric ton) Badr 8 communications satellite was closed up inside the Falcon 9's nose cone for liftoff Saturday. Built by Airbus Defense and Space, the Badr 8 satellite, also known as Arabsat 7B, will provide C-band and Ku-band communications services to replace capacity currently offered by the aging 15-year-old Badr 6 satellite in geostationary orbit.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

CAG Girish Chandra Murmu re-elected External Auditor of WHO

Comptroller and Auditor General of India Girish Chandra Murmu has been reelected as the external auditor of the World Health Organization (WHO) for a four-year term from 2024 to 2027. CAG is already holding this position in WHO for a four-year term from 2019 to 2023. The present election was held on May 29, 2023 in the 76th World Health Assembly in Geneva, where the CAG of India was reelected with an overwhelming majority (114 out of 156 votes) in the first round of voting itself,

CAG's appointment is a recognition of its standing among the international community as well as its professionalism, high standards, global audit experience and strong national credentials

About: External Auditor of WHO - The External Auditor of the World Health Organization (WHO) is an independent auditor who is appointed by the World Health Assembly (WHA) to audit the financial statements and operations of WHO. The External Auditor is responsible for providing an independent and objective opinion on the financial statements of WHO, and for reporting on any significant findings or recommendations. The External Auditor is also responsible for auditing WHO's compliance with its financial regulations and with the terms of its financial assistance agreements.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Multiple Sclerosis Day

World Multiple Sclerosis Day is observed annually on May 30th to raise awareness about Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and to provide support to those who are living with this disease. MS is an autoimmune disease that affects the central nervous system and causes a wide range of symptoms such as fatigue, muscle weakness, numbness, headaches, and difficulty with coordination and balance.

History - The history of World Multiple Sclerosis Day can be traced back to the Multiple Sclerosis International Federation (MSIF), which was founded in 1967 as a network of national MS societies. In 2009, the MSIF declared May 30th as World Multiple Sclerosis Day to raise awareness about the disease and promote solidarity among the global MS community

Theme - 'Connections' is the theme for World MS Day for 2020–2023. Building community connections, personal connections, and connections to high-quality care are the main focuses of MS Connections.

Goa Statehood Day

The smallest state by area, Goa is famous for its beaches and the relics of its colonial past. It got its statehood on May 30, 1987. It was a Portuguese territory since Alfonso de Albuquerque conquered it in 1510 by defeating Adil Shah of Bijapur who was ruling the region. 400 years later, India took back Goa from the Portuguese.

Facts –

1. Goa has historically been referred to as “Gomantak” in Sanskrit. Gove, Govapuri were the names of the port town in the state, situated near the mouth of the river Mandovi or Mhadei.
2. In December 1962, Shri Dayanand Bhandarkar became the first Chief Minister of Goa.
3. Goa received statehood on May 30, 1987.
4. Goa is the smallest state in India by area and is famous all over the world for its beautiful beaches and famous architecture.

Note: Goa statehood day is celebrated every year on May 30. It should not be confused with Goa Liberation Day observed in December.

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PM Modi Flags Off Maiden Vande Bharat For the North East Region in Assam

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, (29 May) virtually flagged off the maiden Vande Bharat Express train for the northeast in Assam that will run from Guwahati to West Bengal's New Jalpaiguri Station. The latest Vande Bharat Express will cover the journey in about five-and-a-half hours, while the current fastest train takes around six-and-a-half hours to cover the same distance.

Prime Minister also dedicated 182 Route Kms of newly electrified sections. This will help provide pollution free transportation with trains running at higher speed and reduced running time of trains. It will also open the doors for trains running on electric traction to enter Meghalaya.

He also inaugurated a newly constructed DEMU/MEMU shed at Lumding in Assam. This new facility will be helpful for maintaining DEMU rakes operating in this region, leading to better operational feasibility.

Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni arrives in New Delhi on a three-day visit to India

King of Cambodia, Norodom Sihamoni arrived in New Delhi this afternoon on a three-day visit to India from May 29 – 31. Joined by a 27-member high-level official delegation, the Cambodian King arrived here in New Delhi on a three-day official visit and was received by MoS MEA Rajkumar Ranjan Singh.

The King will have bilateral meetings with President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi tomorrow. He will be accorded a ceremonial welcome at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in the morning following which he will pay floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Raj Ghat.

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar will call on the King. President Murmu will host a State Banquet in honour of the visiting dignitary in the evening.

Sudarshan Shakti Exercise 2023

Recently, The Sapta Shakti Command of the Indian Army conducted exercise 'Sudarshan Shakti 2023' along the western borders in Rajasthan and Punjab, It aimed at starting the transformation of the forces into a modern, lean, and agile fighting combination capable of leveraging new-age technologies.

The exercise was designed to validate operational plans in a network-centric environment with elements of combat power, combat support and logistic support. These elements were exercised in a synergised application under all domains of enemy threat including Grey Zone Warfare as part of high tempo operations. This exercise also facilitated in meeting the stated objectives of five pillars of transformation enunciated by COAS General Manoj Pande in January 2023.

Scope and objectives - Integrated use of force multipliers like special forces and niche technologies covering drones, tethered drones, loiter ammunition as well as key aspects of electronic warfare made it a unique event.

SPORTS

CSK win fifth IPL title beat Gujarat Titans by five wickets

Chennai Super Kings (CSK) claimed a record-equalling fifth Indian Premier League (IPL) crown with a five-wicket win over Gujarat Titans (GT) in a rain-affected but exciting match in Ahmedabad district of Gujarat.

After being asked to bat first, Gujarat Titans posted 214 for four. B Sai Sudharsan hit 96 in 47 balls. However, after rain interrupted play, the target for CSK was reset to 171 in 15 overs.

IPL Purple Cap Winner 2023 - Mohammed Shami of Gujarat Titans won the Purple Cap in IPL 2023 with 28 wickets in 16 matches.

IPL Orange Cap Winner 2023 - Gujarat Titans opener Shubman Gill won the Orange Cap in IPL 2023 with 890 runs in 17 matches.

SCIENCE & TEHNOLOGY

ISRO successfully launches its next-generation navigational satellite – NVS-01

ISRO's GSLV f 12 rocket with NVS – 01 satellite was successfully launched at 10.42 from Sriharikota today – 29 May. The rocket lifted off from the second launch pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre and injected NVS -01 satellite in its geosynchronous orbit.

The satellite weighing 2232 kilograms is the first of the second-generation satellites envisaged for the Navigation with Indian Constellation series.

India will join three other nations in setting up not only a constellation series but also on the operationalisation of the rubidium clock made indigenously.

Scientists gathered at the Centre expressed happiness and satisfaction at the functioning of the satellite so far. The orbit-raising manoeuvres will be used for taking the satellite to the destined level in two days.

The data from the satellite will be used for individual and strategic purposes. The Chairman, ISRO, Somnath was jubilant in announcing the launch of Chandrayaan – 3 in July this year. ISRO looks forward to sending some more GSLV, PSLV missions and also projects with NASA.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Praveen Kumar Srivastava sworn in as Central Vigilance Commissioner

Vigilance Commissioner Praveen Kumar Srivastava was sworn in as the Central Vigilance Commissioner by President Droupadi Murmu. Mr. Srivastava was working as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) since December last year after completion of Suresh N. Patel's tenure as the chief of the probity watchdog. He is a 1988-batch retired Indian Administrative Service officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of UN Peacekeepers

The General Assembly, in its resolution 57/129, designated 29 May as the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers. This is the date when in 1948 the first UN peacekeeping mission named the "United Nations Truce Supervision Organization", or UNTSO, began operations in Palestine.

On this day, we pay tribute to the professionalism, dedication and courage of all the men and women serving in UN peacekeeping operations, and honour the memory of those who have lost their lives in the cause of peace.

UN Peacekeeping operations use the Day to strengthen bonds with the local populations that they have been deployed to serve. For example by holding sporting events, school and orphanage visits, art and essay competitions, photo exhibits, neighbourhood clean ups, tree plantings, concerts, and conferences and workshops on peace issues.

Theme - The 2023 theme, "Peace begins with me", calls on each of us to join the global movement for peace, while recognizing the service and sacrifice of peacekeepers past and present, including the over 4200 peacekeepers who have given their lives under the UN flag.

BOOKS & AUTHOR

Dr Vijay Darda's new book 'RINGSIDE' to be released by Shashi Tharoor

"RINGSIDE – Up, Close and Personal on India and Beyond", a new book written by Chairman of the Editorial Board of Lokmat Media Group and former MP Dr Vijay Darda will be released by renowned author and Congress MP Dr Shashi Tharoor on May 30. The event will be held at the Speaker Hall of the Constitution Club of India on Rafi Marg in New Delhi. The book is a captivating compilation of Darda's weekly articles, which were published in the Lokmat Media Group newspapers and other prominent national and regional dailies of the country between 2011 and 2016. As a follow-up to his earlier book "Straight Thoughts", which encompassed articles from 2004 to 2011, this latest work delves into a diverse range of subjects beyond political developments and happenings.

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PM Narendra Modi inaugurates new Parliament building

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new Parliament building, seeking blessings from high priests of various 'adheenams' in Tamil Nadu with the holy sceptre in hand. He also installed the historic Sengol in the Lok Sabha chamber. Dressed in a traditional attire, Mr. Modi walked into the Parliament premises from its Gate No. 1 and was welcomed by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

About: The New Parliament building - The new Parliament building, with a seating capacity of 1,272, is not only more spacious than the existing complex but is also equipped with state-of-the-art measures and cutting-edge technology.

Some of the high-tech features in the new Parliament building include multimedia display units in front of each MP's seat, biometrics for ease of voting, a digital language translation system and programmable microphone.

About: The Sengol - Made of silver and gold, the five-feet long sceptre was handed over by Lord Mountbatten to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on August 14, 1947, as a symbol of the transfer of power, according to the government. The Sengol, a symbol of governance in Tamil kingdoms of yore, was then kept for display in The Allahabad Museum.

Indian Navy and ISRO Release Gaganyaan Recovery Training Plan

The Indian Navy and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) have released the Gaganyaan Recovery Training Plan at INS Garuda in Kochi. The document outlines the training plan for recovery of the crew module of the Gaganyaan mission.

The training document was jointly released by Vice Admiral Atul Anand, Director General of Naval Operations; Unnikrishnan Nair, Director, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, (VSSC) and Umamaheshwaran R, Director, Human Space Flight Centre of ISRO. The document defines overall requirements with respect to training of various teams participating in recovery operations including divers, MARCOs (marine commandos), medical specialists, communicators, technicians and naval aviators.

The recovery training is planned in incremental phases starting from unmanned recovery to manned recovery training in harbour and open sea conditions. The recovery operations are being led by the Indian Navy in co-ordination with other government agencies.

OBITUARY

Writer and literary critic G H Nayak passes away

Writer and literary critic Govindaraya H Nayak (88), popularly known as G H Nayak, passed away due to heart attack in Mysuru. He is survived by his wife Meera and daughter Keerthi. A native of Surve village near Ankola, Uttara Kannada district of coastal Karnataka, Nayak served the University of Mysore as a Kannada professor. A writer and critic, Nayak won the Central Sahitya Akademi Award for his work Sanskrit Chintana in 2014.

He is also a recipient of the Karnataka Sahitya Academy Award and Pampa Award. After his high school diploma from Peoples Multi-purpose High School, Ankola, in 1951, he shifted to Mysuru and did MA in Kannada from the University of Mysore.

Micky Jagtiani, founder of retail giant Landmark Group, passes away at 70

Dubai-based billionaire businessman Micky Jagtiani, who founded retail giant Landmark Group, has passed away. The chairman and owner of the group was 70 years old. With a net worth of \$5.2 billion, he was ranked 511 on the Forbes' 37th annual world billionaires list earlier this year.

Jagtiani was originally from India and started the business in 1973 with one store in Bahrain. He then expanded the business across the west Asia, Africa and India. According to Forbes, Jagtiani drove a taxi in London before moving to Bahrain and starting a baby products shop.

Currently, his wife Renuka runs the Landmark Group as chairman and chief executive officer (CEO). His three children are directors in the group, overseeing different aspects of the business. The Landmark Group also entered India in 1999 and has a range of retail brands like Lifestyle and Max for clothes and Home Center for furniture and home furnishings.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Mukesh Ambani appointed as member of Advisory committee of COP28

Reliance Industries' Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee to the President of the 28th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Mukesh Ambani is the only Indian, other than Sunita Narain, Director General, Centre for Science and Environment, on the Advisory Committee to the President of COP28. Reliance chief Ambani joined other important global leaders on the COP28 Advisory Council such as Larry Fink, Chairman and CEO of BlackRock, Olafur Grimsson, Chairman of Arctic Circle (Former President of Iceland), Laurent Fabius, President of COP21 / Paris Agreement, Former Prime Minister of France, Francesco La Camera, Director General, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Bob Dudley, Chair of the Oil and Gas Climate Initiative (OGCI), former CEO of BP.

The COP28 UAE Advisory Committee brings together the climate expertise of thought leaders from countries across six continents.

UAE will host the 28th session of the Conference of Parties (COP 28) to the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) from November 30, 2023 to December 12, 2023. It is set to be held at Dubai Expo City.

About COP - COP or the Conference of Parties is the apex decision-making body of UNFCCC. UNFCCC was instituted to deal with the growing threat of climate change. It was signed in 1992 at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development also known as Rio Summit or Earth Summit. The Secretariat of UNFCCC is located in Bonn, Germany.

Karnataka Bank appoints Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma as MD & CEO

The Mangaluru-headquartered private sector Karnataka Bank has appointed Srikrishnan Harihara Sarma as the new managing director and chief executive officer of the bank. The appointment, effective from the date of his assuming charge, will last for a period of three years,

Sarma has four decades of experience in commercial, retail and transactional banking, technology and payments. He has previously held key positions at HDFC Bank Ltd., Yes Bank Ltd. and Jio Payments Bank Ltd.

With this appointment, there would be 11 directors on the board of the bank, Of which, 8 are independent directors constituting 73 per cent of the board, including one woman independent director,

Justice Ramesh Devkinandan Dhanuka sworn in as Chief Justice of Bombay HC

Justice Ramesh Devkinandan Dhanuka sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court. Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais administered the oath of office to Justice Dhanuka at a brief swearing-in ceremony held at Raj Bhavan, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council Ambadas Danve, Guardian Minister of Mumbai Deepak Kesarkar, family members of Justice Dhanuka, judges of the Bombay High Court, Chairman of Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission Justice (retd) K K Tated, Advocate General Birendra Saraf, Director General of Police Rajnish Seth and senior government officers were present.

About: Justice Ramesh Devkinandan Dhanuka - Born on the 31st of May 1961, Justice Ramesh Dhanuka did his schooling in Mumbai. He acquired a Bachelor's degree in Commerce and Law from the University of Mumbai. Started practice of Law at Bombay High Court in 1985 in the chamber of Shri. Justice D. R. Dhanuka (Retd.), till his elevation as High Court Judge of Bombay in 1990. He was on the Senior Counsel Panel of the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai for the last several years and has appeared in a large number of matters representing the Municipal Corporation in Bombay High Court.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

RBI imposes Rs 85 lakh penalty on Central Bank of India for non-compliance

The Reserve Bank of India - RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 84.50 lakh on Central Bank of India (the bank) for non-compliance with certain provisions of norms related to frauds classification and reporting.

The Reserve Bank had conducted statutory inspection for supervisory evaluation of the bank with reference to its financial position as on March 31, 2021, Examination of the reports revealed that the public sector lender had failed to report as fraud to RBI certain accounts within seven days of decision of Joint Lenders' Forum (JLF) to declare the accounts as fraud. It had recovered SMS alert charges from its customers on flat basis rather than on actual usage basis.

About: Central Bank of India - Central Bank of India is an Indian public sector bank based in Mumbai. Despite its name, it is not the central bank of India; The Indian central bank is the Reserve Bank of India.