

## **Weekly Current Affairs PDF November 05 to November 11, 2023**

### **Current Affairs PDF- November 11, 2023**

#### **NATIONAL**

##### **Ministry of I&B approves a path-breaking Digital Advertisement Policy, 2023 to enable & empower Central Bureau of Communication**

- The Policy will enable CBC to empanel agencies and organisations in the OTT and Video on Demand Space.

##### **NHAI Accepts First Insurance Surety Bond as Bid Security for NHAI TOT Bid for Monetization**

- NHAI has accepted Insurance Surety Bond for the monetization program of the upcoming bid of Toll Operate Transfer (TOT) Bundle 14.
- NHAI has been working closely with Highway Operators Association of India (HOAI), SBI General Insurance and AON India Insurance to implement this initiative.

##### **Bilateral Exercise BONGOSAGAR-23 and Coordinated Patrol CORPAT-23**

Date: November 07-09, 2023

Location: Northern Bay of Bengal

Participants: Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy

Indian Navy Ships: Kuthar, Kiltan, and Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) Dornier

Bangladesh Navy Ships: Abu Bakr, Abu Ubaidah, and MPA

##### **Bharat Botanics to Open India's Largest Cold Oil Production Facility in Gujarat**

- Bharat Botanics announced the opening of its cutting-edge wood-pressed Cold Oil processing facility in Gondal, Rajkot Gujarat.
- Mr. Manish Popat, Co-Founder of Bharat Botanics.

#### **SPORTS**

##### **New Zealand's Rachin Ravindra and West Indies' Hayley Matthews Win ICC Player of the Month Awards**

- New Zealand's Rachin Ravindra has claimed his first ICC Men's Player of the Month award for his outstanding performances in the group stages of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 in India.
- West Indies' Hayley Matthews has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for October after her scintillating performances in the T20I series against Australia.

##### **About**

Prime minister: Chris Hipkins

Capital: Wellington

Currency: New Zealand dollar (\$) (NZD)

##### **Maharashtra Clinch Raja Bhalindra Trophy for First Time Since 1994**

- Maharashtra secured an impressive haul of 80 gold medals, 69 silver medals, and 79 bronze medals, totaling 228 medals.

- This victory marked their return to the top position after 1994, ending the Services Sports Control Board's (SSCB) reign at the top, which had persisted since 2007.

**About Maharashtra**

Chief Minister: Eknath Shinde

Governor: Ramesh Bais

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

**'Mika' Becomes World's First AI Human-Like Robot CEO**

- Hanson Robotics and Dictador, a Polish run company, have appointed the world's first humanoid robot CEO named Mika.
- David Hanson, CEO of Hanson Robotics, emphasizes the importance of "humanizing".
- FOX Businesses reporter Lauren Simonetti took to the streets of New York City to gauge public opinions on Mika as a robot CEO.

**SpaceX Launched Its 29th Mission to Deliver Research Gear and Equipment to the ISS**

- SpaceX's Cargo Dragon embarked on its 29th mission to the International Space Station (ISS), launching from the iconic Pad 39 at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on 9th November 2023.

**About SpaceX:**

Founders: Elon Musk, Tom Mueller

Headquarters: Hawthorne, California, United States

CEO: Elon Musk (May 2002–)

Founded: 14 March 2002

COO: Gwynne Shotwell

**IMPORTANT DAYS**

**National Education Day 2023: 11th November**

- Theme: Embracing Innovation
- November 11th to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Education Minister.

**SUMMIT'S & MOU's**

**AM/NS India Signs MoU with Government of Odisha to Establish Kho Kho High Performance Centre**

About Odisha:

Founded: 1 April 1936

Chief Minister: Naveen Patnaik

Governor: Raghuraj Das

Capital: Bhubaneswar

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**INTERNATIONAL**

**Russia Pulled Out Of Treaty of Conventional Armed Forces in Europe**

- The move follows Russia's recent revocation of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).

- Signed in 1990 after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

**About Russia:**

Capital: Moscow

Continent: Europe, Asia

Currency: Russian Ruble

Prime minister: Mikhail Mishustin

**UK To Add India to Safe States List, Restrict Asylum Rights for Illegal Migrants**

- India and Georgia are the two countries featured in the draft legislation that has been laid in the House of Commons.

**About United Kingdom:**

Capital: London

President: Rishi Sunak

**NATIONAL**

**Supreme Court: Nationwide Ban on Use of Barium and Other Prohibited Chemicals in Firecrackers**

- Issued in the 2021 order, banning the use of barium and other prohibited chemicals in firecrackers applies not only to the National Capital Region but to the entire country.

**Winter Session of Parliament Scheduled For December 4 – 22**

- As announced by Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prahlaad Joshi on November 9.

**Kozhikode and Gwalior Join UNESCO Creative Cities Network**

- UNESCO welcomed 55 new cities into its Creative Cities Network (UCCN)
- Kozhikode, situated in Kerala, stands out as the first Indian city to be designated as the 'City of Literature' by UNESCO, marking a historic achievement.
- Gwalior, located in Madhya Pradesh, has earned the distinction of being designated as the 'City of Music' by UNESCO.

**About UNESCO:**

Founders: India, United States, France, Mexico, China, Brazil, MORE

Headquarters: Paris, France

Founded: 16 November 1945, London, United Kingdom

Abbreviation: UNESCO

Head: Audrey Azoulay; (Director-General)

**Indian Air Force Arrives For Dubai Air Show 2023**

- Two of India's indigenous aircraft, the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas and the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv.

**About UAE:**

Capital: Abu Dhabi

Currency: United Arab Emirates Dirham

Prime minister: Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

President: Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

### SPORTS

#### Australian Cricketer Meg Lanning Announces Retirement from International Cricket

- Australia women's national team captain Meg Lanning officially announced her retirement from international cricket.
- Notably, in just her second ODI, Lanning became the youngest Australian to score an international century, a record she still holds today.

##### **About Australia:**

Capital: Canberra

Prime minister: Anthony Albanese

### APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

#### N. Srikant Appointed As Additional Secretary in MNRE

- He was previously serving as a joint secretary in the Union Cabinet.
- Serving as the first Commissioner of AP Capital Region Development Authority and as the Chairman and Managing Director of AP-Transco.

### SUMMIT'S & MOU's

#### InterGlobe Enterprises Ties Up With US-Based Archer for Air Taxi Service

- The parties plan to finance the acquisition of up to 200 Archer Midnight aircraft for operations in India.
- Initial focus cities include Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru.

### BANKING AND ECONOMY

#### RBI Allows NRIs to Buy Sovereign Green Bonds

- The RBI circular designates all Sovereign Green Bonds issued in 2023-24 as 'specified securities' under the Fully Accessible Route (FAR).

##### **About RBI:**

Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata

Founder: British Raj

Governor: Shaktikanta Das

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Record 7.5 million people globally diagnosed with TB in 2022: WHO

- A total of 7.5 million people were diagnosed with tuberculosis in 2022, the highest recorded since WHO began global TB monitoring in 1995, according to a report featuring data from 192 countries and areas.

##### **About WHO:**

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

Founders: United States, Brazil, Mexico, France, United Kingdom, MORE

Founded: 7 April 1948

Director General: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

### **Sanya Malhotra's 'The Great Indian Kitchen' Hindi remake titled 'Mrs'; to premiere at Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival**

- Hindi film "Mrs", fronted by Sanya Malhotra, will receive its world premiere on November 17 at the 2023 POFF, the Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival.
- Directed by Arati Kadav, "Mrs" will also compete in the Critics' Pick Competition section, the makers said.

### **US Announces \$553 Million Investment in Adani's Sri Lanka Port Terminal Project**

- The United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) has revealed a substantial investment of \$553 million in Adani Ports' container terminal project located in the Port of Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Adani Ports initiated this project in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) and John Keells Holdings. The consortium, named Colombo West International Terminal Pvt. Ltd.

#### **About Sri Lanka:**

Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte

Currency: Sri Lankan Rupee

Official languages: Sinhala, Tamil

President: Ranil Wickremesinghe

Prime minister: Dinesh Gunawardena

#### **About USA:**

Capital: Washington, D.C.

Continent: North America

President: Joe Biden

### **China Faces Deflationary Pressures in October despite Import Surge**

- China, the world's second-largest economy, encountered a setback as it slipped back into deflation in October.
- The National Bureau of Statistics reported a 0.2 percent year-on-year decline in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- The CPI had shown marginal improvement in September and August following a 0.3 percent drop in July.

#### **About China:**

Capital: Beijing

President: Xi Jinping

## **NATIONAL**

### **Home minister Amit Shah launched 'Bharat Organics' brand of new cooperative body National Cooperative Organics Ltd.**

- Shah also launched the NCOL's logo, website and brochure. He gave away NCOL membership certificates to five cooperative societies.

## Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde unveils Shivaji Maharaj statue in J&K's Kupwara

- Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, along with other dignitaries, inaugurated a statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in the Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir on November 7.
- Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir is Manoj Sinha.

### About Maharashtra:

Chief Minister: Eknath Shinde

Capital: Mumbai

Governor: Ramesh Bais

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### Santosh Kumar Jha set to be next CMD of Konkan Railway

- The Public Enterprises Selection Panel (PESB) has recommended Santosh Kumar Jha as the next Chairman & Managing Director of Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL).
- Currently serving as the Director (Operations & Commercial) at KRCL.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### International Week of Science and Peace 2023, 9-15 November

- Originating in 1986 as part of the International Year of Peace, the week was officially recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in 1988.

## SUMMITS AND MOU'S

### IICA and FSR Global sign MoU to promote collaboration in academia and research on regulatory issues of the energy sector

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) and the FSR Global at IICA Campus in Manesar, Gurugram, yesterday.
- The MoU was signed by Prof. (Dr.) Naveen Sirohi, representing IICA, and Ms. Swetha Ravi Kumar, representing FSR Global.

## BANKING AND ECONOMY

### PayGlocal Receives In-Principle Approval from RBI for Payment Aggregator License

- Founded in 2021 by Prachi Dharani, Rohit Sukhija, and Yogesh Lokhande.
- PayGlocal provides technology solutions for payment processing and transaction risk management.

### About RBI:

Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata

Founder: British Raj

Governor: Shaktikanta Das

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

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## INTERNATIONAL

### Chile becomes 95th member of International Solar Alliance ISA

- Chile has recently become the 95th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

- ISA was initially conceived as a joint effort by India and France.

#### **G7 Foreign Ministers Meet in Japan, With the Israel-Gaza Conflict as a Key Focus**

- The Group of Seven (G7) foreign ministers' meetings held this week have taken center stage in addressing the Israel-Hamas conflict and the ensuing humanitarian crisis in Gaza.
- Japan, which chairs this year's G7 meetings, hosted the discussions.
- U.S. Secretary of State Blinken engaged in bilateral talks with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa.

#### **NATIONAL**

#### **FM Nirmala Sitharaman Launches 12 GST Seva Kendras in Vapi, Gujarat**

- Vapi, Gujarat, Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, inaugurated 12 Goods and Services Tax (GST) Seva Kendras.
- She recognized and rewarded the participants of the "Mera Bill Mera Adhikaar" (MBMA) scheme.

#### **Government Launches 'Bharat Atta' Initiative for Affordable Wheat Flour**

- Under the 'Bharat' brand, Piyush Goyal has initiated the sale of wheat flour (Atta) at prices not exceeding ₹27.50 per kilogram.

#### **SPORTS**

#### **Vidit Gujrathi, Vaishali R Claim Titles at FIDE Grand Swiss Chess Event**

- Indian chess players Vidit Gujrathi and R Vaishali achieved remarkable victories at the FIDE Grand Swiss Chess 2023 held on the Isle of Man.
- R Vaishali was rewarded with a handsome prize purse of over 20 lakh rupees.
- Vidit Gujrathi's triumph was even more rewarding, with a whopping prize purse of over 66 lakh rupees.

#### **APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

#### **Hitesh Kumar S Makwana appointed Surveyor General of India**

- Prior to this appointment, he served as an Additional Secretary in the Union Home Ministry.

#### **SUMMITS AND MOU'S**

#### **Ministry of Tourism, GOI participates in WTM 2023, London from 6 – 8 November 2023**

- Union Ministry of Tourism, is participating in the prestigious World Travel Market (WTM) in London from 6 to 8, 2023.
- Theme 'Incredible India! Visit India Year 2023.'

#### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

#### **Apolinaris D'Souza Honored With the 19th 'Kalakar Puraskar' Award**

- The 19th edition of the prestigious 'Kalakar Puraskar,' organized by the Carvalho Household of Kundapura in association with Mandd Sobhann, Mangaluru, was awarded to Apolinaris D'Souza.
- The award ceremony took place on the 5th of November 2023, during a public event held at Kalaagann, Mangaluru.

### RANKING

#### QS Asia University Rankings 2024: IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi within Top 50

- Two prestigious Indian institutions, IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi, showcased their academic strength by securing positions within the top 50.
- IIT Bombay, maintaining its status as India's leading institution, secured an impressive 40th position in the Asian rankings.

### BANKING AND ECONOMY

#### Axis Bank Partners With IRMA to Promote Financial Inclusion and Literacy in India

- Axis Bank and the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish the Axis Bank Chair for financial inclusion at IRMA.
- The Axis Bank Chair for Financial Inclusion has been established for a period of five years.
- Group Executive & Head – Bharat Banking, Axis Bank: Munish Sharda.
- Director of IRMA: Dr. Umakant Dash.

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### IIT Madras Sets Its First International Campus on Zanzibar Island in Tanzania

- IIT Madras has become the first Indian Institute of Technology to establish an international campus on the picturesque Zanzibar Island in East Africa.
- Inaugurated by the President of Zanzibar, Hussein Ali Mwinyi.

##### **About Tanzania:**

Capital: Dodoma

President: Samia Suluhu Hassan

### NATIONAL

#### 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2023: A Glimpse

- The 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is set to unfold in Goa from November 20 to 28, 2023.
- Union Minister Shri Anurag Thakur announced the event, highlighting India's growing influence in the global media.
- A prestigious feature of IFFI is the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award (SRLTA), presented to honor Excellence in World Cinema.

##### **About IFFI:**

Location: Goa, India

Founded: 24 January 1952; 71 years ago

Hosted by: Government of Goa; Directorate of Film Festivals

##### **About Goa:**

Chief Minister: Pramod Sawant

Governor: Shri Sreedharan Pillai

### MoHUA Rolls Out Swachh Diwali Shubh Diwali Signature Campaign

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is launching the Swachh Diwali Subh Diwali Campaign from November 6th to 12th 2023, under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.

### SPORTS

### Max Verstappen wins Brazilian Grand Prix 2023

- Brazilian Grand Prix is a three-time champion player.

### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### Heeralal Samariya Appointed as the New Chief Information Commissioner

- He administered the oath of office to Information Commissioners Anandi Ramalingam and Vinod Tiwari.

### IMPORTANT DAYS

### India Celebrates 135th Birth Anniversary of CV Raman: 7th November

- November 7, 2023, marks the 135th birth anniversary of the renowned Indian physicist, Sir Chandrasekhar Venkata Raman, who is celebrated for his groundbreaking discovery of the Raman Effect.
- He won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930

### SUMMITS AND MOU'S

### APEDA Partners With Lulu Hypermarket to Boost Indian Agri-Product Exports

- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India, has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the renowned global retail giant, Lulu Hypermarket LLC.
- It was officially signed at the World India Food (WIF) 2023 event on November 3, 2023, in New Delhi.
- Lulu group founded in 2000 by M. A. Yusuff Ali from Nattika in Kerala, India.

#### About APEDA:

Founded: 13 February 1986

Headquarters: New Delhi

### BANKING AND ECONOMY

### HSBC India Launches E-Bank Guarantees to Modernize Trade Finance

- HSBC India, in collaboration with the National E-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL), has introduced electronic bank guarantee services.

#### About HSBC India:

CEO: Hitendra Dave (7 Jun 2021–)

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founded: 1853

### RBI Announces Phased Discontinuation of Incremental Cash Reserve Ratio (I-CRR)

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has unveiled a plan to gradually discontinue the Incremental Cash Reserve Ratio (I-CRR) in response to evolving liquidity conditions.

- The RBI Governor, Shaktikanta Das, introduced the I-CRR, mandating all scheduled banks to maintain a 10% reserve ratio on the increase in their net demand and time liabilities (NDTL).

**About RBI:**

Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata

Founder: British Raj

Governor: Shaktikanta Das

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

**IndiaFirst Life Becomes the First Life Insurance Company to Obtain GIFT City IFSC Registration**

- IndiaFirst Life, a Mumbai-based life insurance company, has achieved a significant milestone by becoming the first life insurance company to secure registration within the GIFT City International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) in August 2023 and subsequent registration from the International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA).

**About IRDAI:**

Founded: 1999

Sector: Insurance

Headquarters: Hyderabad

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### NATIONAL

**17th Jaipur Literature Festival 2024 to Begin from February 1**

- The Jaipur Literature Festival, often referred to as the “greatest literary show on Earth.
- The 17th edition of this iconic event is set to take place from February 1 to February 5, 2024.

**About Rajasthan:**

Chief Minister: Ashok Gehlot

Governor: Kalraj Mishra

**NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd's First 50 MW Dayapar Wind Project in Kutch, Gujarat**

- This project, a 50 MW wind farm located in Dayapar, Kutch, Gujarat is a first-of-its-kind effort in India's renewable energy journey.

**About Gujarat:**

Chief Minister: Bhupendrabhai Patel

Governor: Acharya Devvrat

**About NTPC:**

Founded: 7 November 1975

Headquarters: New Delhi, India

Owner: Government of India

**Jal Diwali - “Water for Women, Women for Water Campaign” launched**

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) is poised to introduce a groundbreaking initiative called the “Women for Water, Water for Women Campaign”

- In collaboration with the Ministry's National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) and in partnership with the Odisha Urban Academy.
- This campaign, known as "Jal Diwali," is scheduled to kick off on November 7, 2023, and run through November 9, 2023.

#### **COLORS joins forces to support the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' initiative**

- COLORS, India's leading Hindi GEC, today announced its collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development's 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' initiative.
- 'COLORS' is Viacom18's flagship brand in the entertainment space in India.
- A combination of 'emotions' and 'variety', COLORS, launched on 21st July 2008.

##### **About Colors TV:**

Owner: Viacom 18

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

Language(s): Hindi

Launched: 21 July 2008; 15 years ago

#### **SPORTS**

#### **Sri Lanka's Angelo Mathews becomes first Cricketer to get 'timed out'**

- Angelo Mathews' timed out dismissal during the Cricket World Cup 2023 vs Bangladesh.

##### **About Sri Lanka:**

Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte

Prime Minister: Dinesh Gunawardena

##### **About Bangladesh:**

Capital: Dhaka

Currency: Bangladeshi Taka

Prime minister: Sheikh Hasina

President: Mohammed Shahabuddin

##### **About ICC:**

Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Founded: 15 June 1909

CEO: Geoff Allardice

Chairman: Greg Barclay

#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### **International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict 2023:6 November**

- On May 27, 2016, the United Nations Environment Assembly further reinforced its commitment to this cause by adopting resolution UNEP/EA.2/Res.15.
- The roots of this important day can be traced back to November 5, 2001, when the United Nations General Assembly took a momentous step by adopting resolution A/RES/56/4.

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

#### New York City wins first US National Gatka Championship

- The 1st US National Gatka Championship recently concluded at The Sikh Center of New York Inc., drawing hundreds of spectators. Organized by the Gatka Federation USA.

##### **About USA:**

Capital: Washington, D.C.

Continent: North America

President: Joe Biden

### RANKING

#### “India Leads in Workplace Burnout: 59% Report Burnout Symptoms, Reveals Survey”

- A recent survey conducted by the McKinsey Health Institute in 2023 shed light on the state of employees' well-being in workplaces.
- According to the survey, a staggering 59% of Indian respondents reported experiencing burnout symptoms.

### BOOKS AND AUTHORS

#### ISRO Chief Withdraws Release of his Autobiography ‘Nilavu Kudicha Simhangal’

- Chairman of ISRO, S Somanath, has decided to withdraw the publication of his forthcoming autobiography, titled ‘Nilavu Kudicha Simhangal’ (which roughly translates to ‘Lions that drank the Moonlight’).

##### **About ISRO:**

Founder: Vikram Sarabhai

Headquarters: Bengaluru

Founded: 15 August 1969

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### “AI” Named Collins Dictionary’s Word of the Year for 2023

- Collins Dictionary has declared “AI” as the Word of the Year for 2023.

##### **About Collins Dictionary:**

Originally published: 1979

Original language: English

### NATIONAL

#### ‘Surat’ Becomes the First Navy Warship to Be Named After a City in Gujarat

- Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel will unveil the crest of the Indian Navy’s latest warship ‘Surat.’
- The Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar
- Vice Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi
- Rear Admiral Anil Jaggi

##### **About Gujarat:**

Chief Minister: Bhupendrabhai Patel

Governor: Acharya Devvrat

### PM Modi Extends Free Ration Scheme for 5 More Years

- In a recent public meeting held in Durg, Chhattisgarh Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, a free ration scheme aimed at assisting 80 crore impoverished individuals.
- The scheme, which was initially introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, provides 5 kg of free food grains every month to those in need.

### OBITUARY

#### NASA Apollo astronaut Thomas Kenneth Mattingly II passed away at age of 87

- Best known for his vital role in the safe return of the damaged Apollo 13 spacecraft to Earth.

##### **About NASA:**

Founded: 29 July 1958, United States

Founder: Dwight D. Eisenhower

Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States

#### Padma Shri awardee writer Leela Omchery passed away

- Eminent singer, musicologist and writer Leela Omchery, passed away at the age of 94 years. Proficient in Carnatic, Hindustani, Sopanam and folk music.
- She was honoured her with Padma Shri in 2008.

##### **About Padma Shri Award:**

Established: 1954

Last awarded: 2023

Next (higher): Kirti Chakra

### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

#### Rohit Rishi Appointed As Executive Director at Bank of Maharashtra

- The appointment is for a tenure of three years, starting from November 1, 2023 in place of Shri A.B. Vijayakumar.

##### **About Bank of Maharashtra:**

CEO: A. S. Rajeev (2 Dec 2018–)

Founders: D. K. Sathe, V. G. Kale

Founded: 16 September 1935

Headquarters: Pune

#### RBI Appointed Manoranjan Mishra as new Executive Director

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday said it has appointed Manoranjan Mishra as Executive Director. As the Executive Director (ED), Mishra will look after the Enforcement Department, Risk Monitoring Department, and Department of External Investments & Operations.
- Prior to this, he was serving as the Chief General Manager in the Department of Regulation.

##### **About Reserve Bank of India:**

Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata

Founder: British Raj

Governor: Shaktikanta Das

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

#### **Surendra Kumar Adhana re-elected at UN advisory committee**

- "Elected Again! India's candidate, Mr. Surendra Kumar Adhana, has been re-elected to serve on the Advisory Committee on Administrative & Budgetary Questions #ACABQ for the term 2024-26.

##### **About United Nations:**

Founded: 24 October 1945, San Francisco, California, United States

Awards: Nobel Peace Prize, MORE

Secretary General: António Guterres

Headquarters: New York, United States

#### **IPS officer Pravin madhukar pawar appointed as CBI joint director**

- Senior IPS officer Pravin Madhukar Pawar has been appointed the joint director in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for five years, according to a personnel ministry order.

##### **About CBI:**

Founded: 1 April 1963

Headquarters: New Delhi

Founder: Government of India

Agency executives: Praveen Sood, Director; Praveen Sinha, Special Director

### **BANKING AND ECONOMY**

#### **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurates SBI branch in Sri Lanka**

- Sri Lankan counterparts as part of the 12th round of the Economic and Technology Cooperation Agreement (ETCA).

##### **About Sri Lanka:**

Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte

Prime Minister: Dinesh Gunawardena

##### **About State Bank of India:**

Chairperson: Dinesh Kumar Khara

Founded: 1 July 1955

Headquarters: Mumbai