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1. Alibaba appoints Eddie Wu as new CEO and Joseph Tsai as executive chairman (June 22, 2023)

Alibaba-appoints-Eddie-Wu-as-new-CEO

Eddie Wu has been appointed as the new CEO and Joseph Tsai as Executive Chairman by Alibaba Group.

An Overview of the News

- **Eddie Wu** is one of the **co-founders of Alibaba** and currently serves as the **chairman of Taobao and Tmall Group**.
- This leadership change is the second major change for Alibaba in recent years after **Jack Ma stepped down in 2019**.

About Alibaba

- It is a **Chinese multinational technology company**.
- It specializes in **e-commerce, retail, internet and technology**.
- Alibaba operates in a variety of sectors including **e-commerce, retail, Internet services and technology solutions**.
- The company's primary strength lies in its e-commerce platforms such as **Alibaba.com, Taobao, Tmall and AliExpress**.
- Alibaba facilitates businesses and consumers to connect, buy and sell a wide range of products and services
- Alibaba Cloud, Alibaba's cloud computing division, provides infrastructure, data storage and AI capabilities.

Founded - **4 April 1999**

Headquarters - **Hangzhou, China**

Founders - **Jack Ma, Joseph C. Tsai, Zhang Ying, Jianhang Jin**

2. Petteri Orpo has been elected as the new Prime Minister of the country by the Parliament of Finland (June 22, 2023)

Petteri-Orpo-has-been-elected-as-the-new-Prime-Minister

In Finland, the leader of the Conservative Party, Petteri Orpo, was elected Prime Minister of the country by the parliament.

An Overview of the News

- Orpo's election was supported by **107 members of parliament, while 81 opposed and 11 abstained**.

- **President Sauli Niinisto** is set to formally **appoint Petteri Orpo as the new Prime Minister.**
- Orpo will replace **Sanna Marin of the Social Democrats**, who finished third in the polls.

About Finland

- It is a **northern European nation.**
- It shares borders with **Sweden, Norway and Russia.**
- The capital of Finland is **Helsinki.**
- Helsinki is situated on a **peninsula and is surrounded by islands in the Baltic Sea.**
- Finland's arctic Lapland province is famous for the Northern Lights, a spectacular natural phenomenon.
- Lapland is a vast wilderness area with national parks and ski resorts, making it a popular destination.

3. Amit Agarwal takes over as CEO of UIDAI (June 21, 2023)

Amit-Agarwal-takes-over-as-CEO-of-UIDAI

Amit Agarwal has assumed charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).

An Overview of the News

- Amit Agarwal is a **senior IAS officer of 1993 batch of Chhattisgarh cadre.**
- He is a graduate of the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur.
- He has held important positions at the Center and in the states of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.
- Before becoming the CEO of UIDAI, he served as Additional Secretary in the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).**

About Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)

Establishment and Authorization:

- Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is a **government department established on 12 July 2016.**
- It works under the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.**
- UIDAI is a statutory authority created under the **Aadhaar Act 2016.**

Objectives and Functions:

- UIDAI provides a **12 digit unique identification number called "Aadhaar" to all Indian residents.**
- Aadhaar serves as a universal identity for residents across the country.
- UIDAI links the Aadhaar number with basic demographic and biometric information of residents.
- This information includes a photograph, ten fingerprints and two iris scans.
- The data is stored in a secure, centralized database managed by the UIDAI.

List of New Appointments in May 2023

Name of the Person	Designation
Ajay Banga	President of the World Bank
Praveen Sood	CBI Director
Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit	Deputy Chief of the Air Staff
Debadatta Chand	Managing Director of Bank of Baroda
Rajneesh Karnatak	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Bank of India
Shantanu Roy	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of BEML Limited

4. Swaminathan Janakiraman named as new deputy governor of RBI (June 21, 2023)

Swaminathan-Janakiraman

Swaminathan Janakiraman has been appointed as the new Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) by the Government of India.

An Overview of the News

- Swaminathan Janakiraman will **replace Mahesh Kumar Jain**, whose **term ends on June 22.**
- Janakiraman is **currently the Managing Director in State Bank of India (SBI).**
- He has served as a **nominee director of SBI on the boards of Yes Bank, Jio Payments Bank and NPCI.**

- He has also represented **SBI as a director in Bank of Bhutan, a joint venture with SBI.**

About Reserve Bank of India

- It was established on **April 1, 1935** as per the provisions of the **Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.**
- **Sir Osborne Smith** was made the **first Governor of RBI.**
- The central office of the Reserve Bank was established in **Kolkata which was permanently shifted to Mumbai in the year 1937.**
- It was **nationalized in 1949** and now the **Government of India owns the RBI.**
- It has the power to regulate banks under the **Banking Regulation Act 1949.**
- It has the power to regulate **Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)** under the **RBI Act 1934.**

Headquarters: **Mumbai**

Governor: **Shaktikanta Das**

5. Vice-President to be Chief Guest at International Day of Yoga, 2023 (June 20, 2023)

International-Day-of-Yoga,-2023

The Vice President of India, **Jagdeep Dhankhar** has been invited as the **chief guest for the International Day of Yoga** (IDY 2023) celebrations in **Jabalpur** on June 21, 2023.

An overview of the news

- He will address the gathering and lead a mass yoga performance at the event.
- The motto of IDY 2023 is "Yoga for '**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**'", which emphasizes on treating the world as one family.
- The United Nations recognized June 21 as **International Yoga Day in 2014**, and this year marks the ninth anniversary of the global celebration.
- The global celebration of IDY 2023 will be led by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, United States.**
- The International Yoga Day 2023 event in Jabalpur will be attended by the Governor of Madhya Pradesh, **Mangubhai Patel**, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, Union Minister for Ayush and Ports, Shipping and Waterways, **Sarbananda Sonowal**, among other dignitaries.
- The celebration of IDY aims to promote yoga worldwide, highlighting its many benefits for physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

6. Nusrat Chowdhary will become the first Muslim woman federal judge in US history (June 19, 2023)

Nusrat Chowdhry

Nusrat Chowdhry, a civil rights lawyer, has been confirmed by the US Senate for appointment as the **first Muslim female federal judge in US history**.

An overview of the news

- She became the **first Bangladeshi American and the first Muslim American woman** to become a **federal judge**.
- She will serve as a federal judge in **Brooklyn federal court in New York** after receiving a **50-49 vote** along party lines.
- Endorsed by the **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)**, she currently holds the position of **Legal Director for the ACLU of Illinois**.
- Chowdhary previously served in the ACLU National Office and was the Deputy Director of the **ACLU Racial Justice Program**.
- Chowdhury has a notable academic background, having **graduated from Columbia, Princeton and Yale Law Schools**.
- He has also served as **clerk to chief justices in the US District Court and US Circuit Court of Appeals**.
- Earlier, in 2019, **Zahid Qureshi** became the country's first federal Muslim judge when he was confirmed to serve as a district court judge in New Jersey.

7. Chhattisgarh IPS officer Ravi Sinha selected as new chief of Research and Analysis Wing (June 19, 2023)

Ravi Sinha, a **1988 batch IPS officer of the Chhattisgarh cadre**, has been selected as the next chief of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW).

An Overview of the News

- Sinha will take over from **current chief Samant Kumar Goel**, whose **term ends on June 30, 2023**.
- **Presently, Ravi Sinha is holding the post of Special Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat**.

Research and Analysis Wing (RAW):

- It is the **foreign intelligence agency of India**.
- RAW's primary function is **to gather foreign intelligence**.

- It is responsible for **counter-terrorism and counter-proliferation efforts**.
- RAW advises **Indian policy makers on strategic matters**.

Established - **21 September 1968**

Founder - **RN Kao, Indira Gandhi**

Headquarters - **New Delhi**

Officeholder - **Samant Goyal (Director of Intelligence Agency)**

8. Daniel Ellsberg, Renowned Whistleblower of the Pentagon Papers, Passes Away at 92 (June 17, 2023)

Daniel-Ellsberg

Daniel Ellsberg, a prominent whistleblower who **leaked the Pentagon Papers**, passed away at the age of 92.

An overview of the news

- Ellsberg's actions, which exposed the government's deception and doubts regarding the **Vietnam War**, had far-reaching consequences and played a role in President **Richard Nixon's resignation**.
- Ellsberg revealed his terminal illness with **pancreatic cancer** in February.
- Until the **early 1970s**, Ellsberg was an influential member of the government and **military establishment**.
- As a Harvard graduate and self-described "**cold warrior**," he served as a consultant on Vietnam, risking his life and holding the highest security clearances.
- He gained the trust of officials from both Democratic and Republican administrations.
- The Pentagon Papers, a comprehensive study commissioned by then-Defense Secretary **Robert S McNamara** in 1967, became the catalyst for Ellsberg's whistleblowing.

9. Britain appoints Jane Marriott as first female envoy to Pakistan (June 16, 2023)

The United Kingdom appointed Jane Marriott as the next British High Commissioner to Pakistan, making her the **first female British envoy to Islamabad**.

An Overview of the News

- Jane Marriott previously served as the **High Commissioner to Kenya since September 2019**.
- She will **replace Dr Christian Turner**, who held the position of **British Ambassador to Pakistan since December 2019**.

- Prior to his diplomatic career, he held roles in the **Cabinet Office and the Home Office**.

About United Kingdom

- It is an island nation located in northwestern Europe. It consists of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Capital - **London**

Prime Minister - **Rishi Sunak**

Emperor - **Charles III**

About Pakistan

- Capital - **Islamabad**
- Chairman - **Arif Alvi**
- Prime Minister - **Shahbaz Sharif**
- President of the Senate - **Sadiq Sanjrani**

10. Renowned novelist Cormac McCarthy passed away (June 16, 2023)

Renowned Pulitzer Prize winning novelist **Cormac McCarthy** passed away at the age of 89.

An Overview of the News

- McCarthy, best known for such acclaimed novels as "**The Road**" and "**No Country for Old Men**," was born in Providence, **Rhode Island, in 1933**.
- He began his fiction writing journey in the early **1960s** and published his **first novel "The Orchard Keeper" in 1965**.
- Throughout his career, McCarthy wrote more than **20 novels**, including such **notable works as "Blood"**.
- In recognition of her literary achievements, McCarthy was awarded the **Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2007** for her **novel "The Road"**.
- Additionally, his novel "**No Country for Old Men**" was adapted into an **Academy Award-winning film in 2007**.

Pulitzer Prize

- It is an award administered by **Columbia University**.
- It was **established in 1917** by provisions of the **will of Joseph Pulitzer**.

- The award recognizes achievements in **newspaper, magazine, online journalism, literature, and musical composition** within the United States.
- The award covers various categories such as **newspaper reporting, investigative journalism, editorial writing, feature writing, commentary, criticism, photography, fiction, drama, history, biography, poetry and music.**