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1. Justice Augustine George Masih sworn in as Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court (May 31, 2023)

Augustine-George-Masih-sworn

Justice Augustine George Masih was sworn in as the **Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court** on May 30, 2023.

An Overview of the News

- **Governor Kalraj Mishra** administered the oath of office at a function held at Raj Bhavan.
- Justice Masih's appointment as Chief Justice comes after the previous Chief Justice, **Justice Pankaj Mithal**, was appointed as a Supreme Court judge in February 2023.
- Prior to his appointment as the Chief Justice, **Justice MM Srivastava** was serving as the Acting Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court.
- Justice Masih was sworn in as an Additional Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on July 10, 2008 and became a permanent Judge on January 14, 2011.
- Recently, Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra and senior advocate **KV Vishwanathan** were also sworn in as judges of the Supreme Court.

About Rajasthan

- It is a state in northern India and is the **largest Indian state by area and the seventh largest by population.**
- It is bordered by five other Indian states: **Punjab to the north; Haryana and Uttar Pradesh in the northeast; Madhya Pradesh in the southeast; and Gujarat in the southwest.**
- Rajasthan is also home to three national tiger reserves, Ranthambore National Park in Sawai Madhopur, Sariska Tiger Reserve in Alwar and Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve in Kota.
- The state was formed on 30 March 1949 when Rajputana was merged with the Dominion of India.

Capital- **Jaipur**

District - **33 (7 Circle)**

Governor - **Kalraj Mishra**

Chief Minister - **Ashok Gehlot (INC)**

State Legislature - **Unicameral**

Legislative Assembly - **Rajasthan Legislative Assembly (200 seats)**

2. Bola Tinubu of Nigeria sworn in as President (May 31, 2023)

Bola Tinubu was sworn in as the **President of Nigeria** on 29 May.

news overview

- Tinubu was inaugurated at **Eagles Square in Abuja**, which was attended by local and foreign dignitaries.
- Tinubu's presidency is marked by economic crisis, security concerns, and the need for political stability.
- Economic challenges in Nigeria include the need for diversification to reduce dependence on oil revenues.

Nigeria

- It is an **African country** located on the **Gulf of Guinea**.
- Capital - **Abuja**
- Vice President - **Kashim Shettima**
- Senate President - **Ahmed Lawan**
- House Speaker - **Femi Gbajamila**
- Chief Justice - **Olukayode Arivula**

3. Mukesh Ambani joins advisory committee of global climate change panel COP28 (May 30, 2023)

Mukesh-Ambani

Indian business tycoon **Mukesh Ambani** has been nominated to the **Consultative Committee** for the **28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP28)** to the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**.

An overview of the news

- This committee will work to guide and advise the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) on Climate Change.
- Apart from **Sunita Narayan**, director general of the Center for Science and Environment, **Ambani** is the only Indian to be included in the COP28 President's Advisory Committee.
- It is noteworthy that Mukesh Ambani's **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** is promoting renewable energy.
- Along with this, he is diversifying his conventional crude refinery and petrochemical business. For this reason, Ambani has been included in the committee's **31 international experts**.

Other global leaders included in the COP28 Advisory Committee

- BlackRock Chairman and CEO **Larry Fink**
- Arctic Circle President **Olafur Grimsson**
- **Laurent Fabius**, President of the Paris Agreement
- **Francesco La Camara**, Director General of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- **Bob Dudley**, President of the Oil and Gas Climate Initiative (OGCI)

About COP28

- The **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change** convention is known as the **Conference of the Parties (COP)**.
- The COP28 conference will be held in **Dubai from 30 November to 12 December 2023**.
- The COP28 UAE Advisory Committee brings together climate experts from **6 continents**, representing **policy, industry, energy, finance and civil society**.
- There are **31 members** in this committee.

4. CAG Girish Chandra Murmu re-elected as external auditor of WHO for a four-year term (May 30, 2023)

CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General) Girish Chandra Murmu has been re-elected as the **external auditor of the World Health Organization (WHO)** for a period of **four years** from 2024 to 2027.

An Overview of the News

- He has held this position at the WHO since 2019, with his current **term set to end in 2023**.
- The re-election took place during the **76th World Health Assembly in Geneva**.
- Mr. Murmu secured a massive majority of 114 votes out of 156 in the first round of voting.
- The appointment of CAG Girish Chandra Murmu is a recognition of the position of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India among the international community.
- This is the second major international audit assignment for CAG Girish Chandra Murmu this year.
- Earlier in March, he was selected as the **external auditor of the International Labor Organization**.

World Health Organization (WHO):

- Established on **7th April 1948**.
- Specialised agency of the United Nations.
- Responsible for international public health.
- **Headquarters and Offices:**
 - Headquarters in **Geneva, Switzerland**.
 - Operates through six regional offices.
 - It has 150 regional offices around the world.
- **Mandate and Focus:**
 - To promote the highest standard of health for all people.
 - Addresses global health challenges.

5. Praveen Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as the new Central Vigilance Commissioner (May 30, 2023)

Praveen-Kumar-Srivastava

President Draupadi Murmu (President Draupadi Murmu) administered the oath of office to Vigilance Commissioner **Praveen Kumar Srivastava** as the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) on 29 May.

An overview of the news

- Srivastava was serving as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) since December last year after the completion of **Suresh N Patel**'s tenure as the Central Vigilance Commissioner.
- The Commission is headed by the CVC and can have a maximum of two Vigilance Commissioners.

About Central Vigilance Commission

- CVC is an apex vigilance institution, which is free from any executive authority.
- It is an independent body whose accountability is only to the **Parliament**.
- It was **established in February 1964** on the basis of the recommendations of the Anti-Corruption Committee constituted under the chairmanship of K. Santhanam.
- The **Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003** (CVC Act) has been enacted by the Parliament conferring statutory status on CVC.
- It submits its report to the President of India.

Appointment of commissioners

- The Central Vigilance Commissioner and Vigilance Commissioners are appointed by the President on the recommendation of a committee consisting of the Prime Minister (Chairman), the Home Minister (Member) and the Leader of the Opposition (Member) in the Lok Sabha.

Tenure

- Their tenure is for **4 years or 65 years** (whichever is earlier).

6. Srikrishnan Harihar Sarma appointed as MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank (May 29, 2023)**Srikrishnan-Harihar**

Karnataka Bank appointed **Srikrishnan Harihar Sarma** as its new **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**.

An Overview of the News

- Sarma has vast experience in commercial, retail and transactional banking, technology and payments.
- The appointment is subject to the approval of the shareholders in the ensuing Annual General Meeting or within a period of three months from the date of joining, whichever is earlier.

Karnataka Bank

- The Karnataka Bank Limited was incorporated on 18 February 1924 and commenced business on 23 May 1924.
- The bank was established in Mangalore, a coastal city in the Dakshina Kannada district of Karnataka.
- BR Viceroy was one of the founders of the Pickle Bank, which aimed to serve the South Canara region.
- KSN Adiga served as the chairman of Karnataka Bank Limited from 1958 to 1979.
- In 2021, Karnataka Bank Limited incorporated its wholly owned non-financial subsidiary, KBL Services Limited, with its registered and head office at Bangalore.

About Karnataka

- It is a state in southwest India and is bordered by Maharashtra to the north, Goa to the northwest, Andhra Pradesh to the east, Tamil Nadu to the southeast, and Kerala to the southwest.
- Bengaluru, the capital of Karnataka, is known as the "Silicon Valley of India" and is a major centre of technology and innovation.
- Hampi, located in northern Karnataka, was once the capital of the Vijayanagara Empire and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Chief Minister - **Basavaraj Bommai**

Governor - **Thawar Chand Gehlot**

Official Animal - **Indian Elephant**

Official Bird - **Indian Roller**

7. Shri Ramcharitmanas became the longest song in the world (May 28, 2023)

Dr. Jagadish Pillai of Varanasi created a **Guinness World Record** by singing **Shri Ramcharitmanas** for **138 hours, 41 minutes and two seconds**.

An Overview of the News

- This achievement made Shri Ramcharitmanas the longest song in the world.
- Dr. Jagadish Pillai has been credited with five years of broadcast of Sri Ramcharitmanas recitals on more than 100 official audio channels across the globe.
- His rendition was streamed on official music platforms such as Apple Music, Spotify, Amazon Music and others.
- The entire process of recording, editing and mixing took **four years, 63 days and 295 hours to complete**.
- The previous record for the longest song was held by **UK's Mark Christopher Lee and The Pocket Gods** on December 1, 2021 with a duration of 115 hours and 45 minutes.

About Ramcharitmanas

- It is a 16th-century epic poem by the Indian poet **Tulsidas** in the **Awadhi language**.
- It is based on the Hindu epic Ramayana and is also known as Tulsi Ramayana, Tulsikrit Ramayana, Tulsidas Ramayana or Manas.
- The name "**Ramcharitmanas**" is translated as "**Lake of the Deeds of Rama**" and is considered one of the greatest works of Hindu literature.
- It explores themes of righteousness, devotion, and the triumph of good over evil, while providing moral and spiritual guidance to the readers.

8. Suman Sharma sworn in as member of UPSC (May 27, 2023)

Suman-Sharma-sworn-in-as-member-of-UPSC

Suman Sharma, a member of the 1990 batch, took oath as a **member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**.

An Overview of the News

- UPSC Chairman Dr Manoj Soni administered the oath of office and secrecy.
- Suman Sharma has served as an officer of the Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax) for more than 30 years.
- Suman Sharma has been associated with matters such as International Taxation, Transfer Pricing, Export Promotion Schemes and Power Trading Agreements.

About UPSC

- It is the central recruitment agency in India for Group 'A' officer posts under the Government of India.
- It is established as a constitutional body under Article 315 of the Indian Constitution.

- UPSC conducts competitive examinations for recruitment to various civil services including IAS, IPS and IFS.
- It is responsible for the selection and placement of candidates in the All India Services namely IAS, IPS and IFS.
- UPSC also conducts exams for recruitment to other central services like IRS, IAS, IRTS and others.

Establishment - **1 October 1926**

Founder - **United Kingdom Government**

Headquarters - **New Delhi**

9. R Dinesh appointed as CII President for 2023-24 (May 27, 2023)

TVS Supply Chain Solutions Executive Vice President R. Dinesh was appointed as the **President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** for 2023-24.

An Overview of the News

- **Sanjiv Puri**, Managing Director of ITC has been named the Chairman and the announcement was made during the CII National Council meeting in New Delhi.
- **Rajeev Memani**, President, EY India Region, has been appointed as the Vice President of CII.

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

- It works towards creating and maintaining a conducive growth environment in India.
- CII collaborates with industry, government and civil society through advisory and consultative processes.
- CII is a non-governmental and non-profit organisation.
- It has around 9,000 members from private and public sectors including SMEs and MNCs.
- It indirectly represents over 300,000 enterprises through affiliation with 286 national and regional industry bodies.

10. 'Dream 11' CEO Harsh Jain appointed new chairman of IMAI (May 26, 2023)

In May 2023, **Harsh Jain**, CEO of online gaming platform '**Dream11**', has been appointed as the new chairman of '**Internet and Mobile Association of India**' (**IMAI**) for two years (2023-2025).

An Overview of the News:

- Harsh Jain has replaced **Sanjay Gupta**, Vice President and Country Manager, **Google India** at IMAI.
- Along with this, MakeMyTrip co-founder and Group CEO **Rajesh Mago** has been appointed as IMAI Vice Chairman and Times Internet Vice Chairman **Satyan Gajwani** as **Treasurer**.

Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)

- Establishment : **2004**
- IAMAA is a non-profit industrial body registered under the **Societies Act, 1896.**