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1. Tesam Pongte Unanimously Elected as Speaker of Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly (June 15, 2024)

Tesam Pongte, MLA from Changlang North, has been elected unanimously as the Speaker of the 8th Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly.

An Overview of the News

- The special session of the Assembly commenced with the election of the Speaker.
- Pro-tem speaker Ninong Ering announced Tesam Pongte's election as Speaker, as no other nominations were received.
- Kardo Nyigyor, MLA from Likabali, was also elected unopposed as the Deputy Speaker of the 8th State Legislative Assembly.

About Arunachal Pradesh

- It is a state located in the northeastern region of India. It shares its borders with the countries of Bhutan, China and Myanmar.
- Establishment:- **20 February 1987**
- Capital:- Itanagar (Executive Branch)
- Chief Minister:- **Pema Khandu**
- Official flower:- **Rhynchosyilis retusa**
- Official Animal:- **Gayal**

2. Mohan Charan Majhi Sworn in as Odisha's First BJP Chief Minister (June 13, 2024)

Mohan Charan Majhi was sworn in as the first BJP Chief Minister of Odisha in a grand ceremony in Bhubaneswar.

An Overview of the News

- Alongside Majhi, two Deputy Chief Ministers, Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo and Pravati Parida, also took the oath.
- Thirteen ministers were sworn in as part of the new government.
- The oath was administered by Odisha Governor Raghubar Das.
- The ceremony was attended by notable dignitaries including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers Amit Shah, JP Nadda, Nitin Gadkari, Jual Oram, Dharmendra Pradhan, and Bhupinder Yadav.
- Many chief ministers from BJP-ruled states, BJD supremo and former chief minister Naveen Patnaik, and other dignitaries were also present.

About Odisha

- Formation - **1 April 1936**
- Capital - **Bhubaneswar**
- Governor - **Raghubar Das**
- Chief minister - **Mohan Charan Majhi**
- Rajya Sabha - **10 seats**
- Lok Sabha - **21 seats**

3. Sub-Lieutenant Anamika B. Rajeev First Woman Helicopter Pilot in Indian Navy (June 12, 2024)

Sub-Lieutenant Anamika B. Rajeev has made history as the Indian Navy's first female helicopter pilot.

An Overview of the News

- She completed her training at INS Rajali in Arakkonam, Tamil Nadu, where she graduated from the 102nd Helicopter Conversion Course (HCC).
- Anamika is now qualified to pilot Sea Kings, ALH Dhruvs, Chetaks, and MH-60R Seahawks.

Lieutenant Jamyang Tsewang: First Naval Officer from Ladakh

- Lieutenant Jamyang Tsewang became the first Commissioned Naval Officer from Ladakh.
- He also completed his helicopter pilot training at INS Rajali as part of the 4th Basic Helicopter Conversion Course (BHCC).
- Both Anamika and Jamyang were among the 21 officers awarded the Golden Wings at the passing out parade.

Significance of the Graduation Ceremony

- The passing out parade marked the completion of Stage I training for the 4th BHCC.
- It celebrated the graduation of the 102nd HCC, signifying a new cohort of trained helicopter pilots for the Indian Navy.

Historical Context

- In 2018, Flying Officer Avani Chaturvedi achieved a historic milestone by becoming the first Indian woman to fly a fighter aircraft solo.

4. Appointment of Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi as Chief of Army Staff (June 12, 2024)

Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi will assume the role of Chief of Army Staff from 30th June.

An Overview of the News

- General Manoj C Pande will step down as Chief of the Army Staff on the same date.

Background of Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi:

- Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi was born on 1st July 1964.
- Commissioned into the Infantry (Jammu and Kashmir Rifles) of the Indian Army on 15th December 1984.
- Has served for nearly 40 years in various capacities.

Career Highlights:

- Served as Director General Infantry.
- Held the position of General Officer Commanding in Chief, Headquarters Northern Command from 2022 to 2024.
- Currently serving as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff.

Education:

- Alumnus of Sainik School, Rewa.
- Holds an M Phil in Defence and Management Studies.
- Holds two Master's Degrees in Strategic Studies and Military Science.

Awards:

- Decorated with the Param Vishisht Seva Medal.
- Awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal.
- Received three GOC-in-C Commendation Cards.

5. Harsh Malhotra Takes Charge as Minister of State for Corporate Affairs in New Delhi (June 12, 2024)

Harsh Malhotra has taken up the role of Minister of State for Corporate Affairs in New Delhi on June 12.

An Overview of the News

- Upon assuming office, Malhotra received a briefing on the major initiatives and policy matters within the Ministry and its associated bodies.
- He was informed about the current ongoing issues and the anticipated hurdles ahead.
- Malhotra is a representative from the East Delhi Lok Sabha constituency.

About Harsh Malhotra

- Malhotra, aged 60, is a first-time Member of Parliament (MP) representing the Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) from East Delhi in the 18th Lok Sabha.
- Malhotra holds a science degree from Hansraj College, Delhi University.

Career Highlights in Public Service

- Elected Councillor from Welcome ward in 2012
- Mayor of East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) in 2015
- General Secretary of BJP's Delhi unit

6. Former Football Coach T.K. Chathunni Passes Away at 80 in Kerala (June 12, 2024)

Former India international TK Chathunni passed away on June 12 at the age of 80 in a private hospital in Kerala.

An Overview of the News

- Chathunni was known for molding I.M. Vijayan into a renowned football player.
- He significantly impacted the lives and careers of many other footballers.

Playing Career

- Position: Defender
- International Representation: Played for India in the 1973 Merdeka Cup in Kuala Lumpur and other tournaments.
- Domestic Representation: Played in the Santosh Trophy for Services and Goa.

Coaching Career

- Prominent Coach: Rose to prominence as one of India's top football coaches.
- **Notable Achievements:**
 - Mohun Bagan: Guided the team to its first National League title in the 1997-98 season.

◦ Kerala Police: Coached the team to their first Federation Cup title in 1990.

• Coaching Teams:

- Goa Clubs: Salgaocar, Dempo, Churchill Brothers.
- Kerala Clubs: FC Kochin, Viva Kerala, Josco FC.
- Santosh Trophy: Kerala's coach in 1979.

Influence and Recognition

- Mentorship: Played a pivotal role in the development of players like U. Sharafali, V.P. Sathyan, C.V. Pappachan, and P.P. Thobias.
- Early Training: Influenced I.M. Vijayan at a young age during a three-year camp in Thrissur.

Early Career and Clubs

- Premier Tyres: Recruited as one of the first batch of players in 1972.
- Other Clubs: Played for EME (Secunderabad) and Orkay Mills (then Bombay).

7. Mumbai Cricket Association President Amol Kale's Passing (June 11, 2024)

Amol Kale, President of the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA), has passed away due to a cardiac arrest in New York.

An Overview of the News

- Kale had recently traveled to the United States and attended the India vs Pakistan match at Nassau County International Cricket Stadium alongside MCA secretary Ajinkya Naik and apex council member Suraj Samat.

Election and Tenure:

- In 2022, Kale was elected as the MCA president, winning against World Cup champion Sandeep Patil.
- During his tenure, the domestic cricket circuit saw significant success, and Mumbai secured the Ranji Trophy under his leadership.

About MCA

- It serves as the governing body for cricket in Mumbai and surrounding areas such as Thane, Palghar district and Navi Mumbai.
- Located at the Cricket Centre in Churchgate, Mumbai, the MCA administers cricket activities in the region.
- It oversees the operations of the Mumbai cricket team.

- The MCA is responsible for organizing and sanctioning cricket tournaments within the Mumbai district.
 - Founded:- 1930
 - Headquarters:- Cricket centre, Wankhede Stadium, Churchgate, Mumbai
 - Men's coach:- Omkar Salvi

8. Gautam Adani Reclaims Title of Asia's Richest Man (June 3, 2024)

Gautam Adani, chairman of the Adani Group, has reclaimed the title of Asia's richest person.

An Overview of the News

- Adani's net worth: \$111 billion (Bloomberg Billionaires Index).
- Adani Group shares rallied up to 14% on 31 May, boosting Adani's net worth.
- Adani overtakes Reliance Industries' Mukesh Ambani.
- Ambani's net worth: \$109 billion, ranking 12th globally.
- Ambani had previously overtaken Adani after a share crash due to the Hindenburg report.

2024 Wealth Growth

- Adani's net worth increase in 2024: \$26.8 billion.
- Ambani's net worth increase in 2024: \$12.7 billion.

Challenges in 2023

- Adani Group faced challenges due to the Supreme Court-ordered probe following the Hindenburg report.
- Adani's ranking dropped rapidly after the report, from the third richest globally.

Global Rankings

- Bernard Arnault: Richest in the world, \$207 billion.
- Elon Musk: Second, \$203 billion.
- Jeff Bezos: Third, \$199 billion.

9. Sameer Bansal Appointed New MD and CEO of PNB MetLife India (June 9, 2024)

PNB MetLife India Insurance has appointed Sameer Bansal as the new Managing Director and CEO, effective July 1.

An Overview of the News

- Bansal succeeds Ashish Srivastava, who has been appointed Managing Director for MetLife Inc's global shared services team in India, based in New York.
- Regulatory Approval: The appointment is pending necessary regulatory approvals.
- Promoters: The company is promoted by MetLife International Holdings and Punjab National Bank.
- Experience: Bansal brings over 25 years of experience in financial services, including expertise in bancassurance, agency, digital, employee benefits, and direct marketing business models.

About PNB MetLife India

- PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Limited (PNB MetLife) was established in 2001.
- It is one of the leading life insurance companies in India.
- Headquarters:- Mumbai

10. Renowned Wildlife Biologist A.J.T. Johnsingh Passed away in Bengaluru (June 8, 2024)

A pioneer and eminent wildlife biologist in the field of wildlife conservation in the country, A.J.T. John Singh died on 7 June in Bengaluru at the age of 78.

An Overview of the News**Early Career and Education:**

- Began his career as a Zoology lecturer in Sivakasi in the early 1970s.
- Johnsingh's passion for wildlife led him to pursue a Ph.D. in wildlife studies, driven by his extensive field trips to forests.

Contributions to Conservation

- Pioneered research on elephants in the early 1980s, which played a crucial role in the formulation of Project Elephant by the Government of India.
- Organized an international conference on elephants at Mudhumalai wildlife sanctuary, gathering experts from around the world.

Affiliations and Associations

- Associated with esteemed organizations such as the Bombay Natural History Society, the Corbett Foundation, and the Nature Conservation Foundation, Mysuru.
- Served as a member of the National Wildlife Board and Tiger Conservation Authority, contributing his expertise to policy-making and conservation efforts.

Recognition and Awards

- Johnsingh was honored with the 2004 Distinguished Service Award for Government by the Society for Conservation Biology.
- He received the Carl Zeiss Wildlife Conservation Award in 2004 for his lifelong dedication to Indian wildlife.
- In 2005, Johnsingh was recognized with the ABN AMRO Sanctuary Lifetime Wildlife Service Award.