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1. Ruby Sinha appointed as the President of BRICS CCI WE (June 23, 2023)

Ruby-Sinha-appointed-as-the-President-of-BRICS-CCI-WE

Ruby Sinha has been appointed as the President of BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry Women Vertical (BRICS CCI WE) for a term of three years.

An Overview of the News

- Ruby Sinha is the **founder of SheAtWork and Kommune Brand Communications.**
- BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry promotes trade, commerce and entrepreneurship among BRICS countries and other friendly countries.
- Sinha **succeeds Shabana Naseem**, who has moved to the **position of Executive Director of BRICS CCI and Chief Patron of BRICS CCI WE.**

BRICS CCI:

- The **parent organization** for the promotion of **commerce and industry in the BRICS countries.**
- **Established in 2012 by eminent professionals and entrepreneurs.**
- Non-profit and non-governmental organizations.
- Registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 of the Government of India.
- Listed with NITI Aayog (the apex policy-making body of the Government of India).
- It is recognized by the United Nations

Women's Vertical of BRICS CCI:

- It was created **to focus on women empowerment initiatives and policies.**
- It aims **to support women entrepreneurs and professionals across all geographies.**
- To create an efficient support system for women.

2. Hasmukh Adhia appointed chairman of GIFT City (June 23, 2023)

Hasmukh-Adhia-appointed-chairman-of-GIFT-City

Hasmukh Adhia has been appointed as the chairman of GIFT City Limited.

An Overview of the News

- Hasmukh Adhia is a retired bureaucrat and **former Union Finance Secretary and Revenue Secretary.**

- Before Hasmukh Adhia, **former Chief Secretary of Gujarat Sudhir Mankad was in the post of president.**
- GIFT City aims **to promote international financial services and develop infrastructure for the finance and technology sectors.**
- Hasmukh Adhia has been appointed as the **director and chairman of the boards of Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL) and Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited (GMDC).**
- Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL) and Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited (GMDC) are state public sector undertakings.
- According to regulatory filings, the appointments of Hasmukh Adhia to the post of non-executive chairman in GACL and GMDC.

About GIFT City

- **Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT) City** is a central business district under construction in **Gandhinagar district of Gujarat, India.**
- It is **India's first operational Greenfield Smart City and International Financial Services Centre.**
- GIFT City has been promoted as a greenfield project by the Government of Gujarat.
- GIFT City is divided into two zones: the **International Financial Services Center (IFSC)** and the **Domestic Tariff Area (DTA).**
- IFSC is designed for global financial institutions and international transactions.
- DTA caters to home businesses in a variety of industries.

About Gujarat

- Formation - **1 May 1960**
- Capital - **Gandhinagar**
- Governor - **Shri Acharya Dev Vrat**
- Chief Minister - **Shri Bhupendra Patel**
- Rajya Sabha - **11 seats**
- Lok Sabha - **26 seats**

3. 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**

4. 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.

5. 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 |

6. 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**

7. 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.

8. 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**.
- Chowdhury 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.

9. 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)**

10. 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.