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### 1. Praveen Sood appointed as new CBI director ( May 15, 2023 )

#### Praveen Sood

**Praveen Sood**, a **1986 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer** of the Karnataka cadre, has been appointed as the **next director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)**.

#### An Overview of the News

- Praveen Sood will replace current CBI Director **Subodh Jaiswal** when his term ends on May 25.
- The Department of Personnel and Training approved the appointment of Sood as CBI Director for a period of two years.

#### Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI):

- CBI is the **premier investigative agency** of India.
- It was **established in 1941** as Special Police Establishment and later renamed as Central Bureau of Investigation in 1963.
- Its primary objective is **to maintain the integrity and credibility of administration, ensure justice and uphold the rule of law**.
- It is responsible for the investigation of a wide range of cases including **corruption, economic offences, fraud, organised crime and other serious crimes** of national and international importance.
- Headquarters - **New Delhi**

### 2. Geeta Rao Gupta appointed US Ambassador for Global Women's Issues ( May 14, 2023 )

The **US Senate** has confirmed the **appointment of Indian-American Geeta Rao Gupta** as the '**Ambassador at Large**' for **global issues related to women at the State** Department.

#### An overview of the news

- The Senate is deeply impressed by Gupta's efforts to **promote the rights of women and girls through US foreign policy**.
- Gupta's nomination was confirmed earlier this week by a **51-47 vote in the US Senate**.
- According to Geeta Rao Gupta, women across the world face many inequalities and stigma and this prevents them from participating fully in the economy.

- She served as the **executive director of the UN Foundation's 3D Program** for Girls and Women.
- She also advises the **UNAIDS Global Coalition on Women and AIDS** and is on the boards of the **InterAction and Moria Fund**.
- She has also held the position of **Co-Chair** of the **United Nations Millennium Project Task Force on Education and Gender Equality**.

### **3. Former NBCUniversal ad chief Linda Yaccarino named CEO of Twitter ( May 13, 2023 )**

#### **NBCUniversal-ad-chief-Linda**

**Linda Yaccarino**, former advertising chief at **NBCUniversal**, has been appointed as the **new CEO of Twitter**, according to a tweet by **Elon Musk**, the current CEO of Twitter.

#### **An overview of the news**

- Yaccarino will **primarily focus on business operations**, while Elon Musk will focus on **product design and new technology**.
- Yaccarino is credited with **modernizing the advertising business of Comcast Corp's** entertainment and media division.
- Twitter's reputation with advertisers has taken a hit recently, with many leaving the platform amid concerns about ads appearing alongside inappropriate content.
- Yaccarino's appointment follows the departure of **NBCUniversal CEO Jeff Shell**, who left the company after admitting to an inappropriate relationship with a woman.
- Musk completed the purchase of Twitter in **October 2022 for \$44 billion** and said in December that he would step down as CEO once he found a suitable person for the position.

#### **About Twitter**

- Twitter was **founded in March 2006 by Jack Dorsey, Biz Stone, and Evan Williams** as a social media platform for short, real-time messages called "**tweets**."
- It launched publicly in **July 2006 and quickly gained popularity**.
- In its early years, Twitter became known for its role in political activism and citizen journalism during events such as the **Arab Spring**.
- In October 2022, Twitter was acquired by **Tesla CEO Elon Musk in a deal worth \$44 billion**.

### **4. Parminder Chopra, first woman to lead India's largest NBFC ( May 11, 2023 )**

**Parminder Chopra** will become the **first woman Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Power Finance Corporation (PFC) Limited**, the largest NBFC in India.

**An overview of the news**

- The **Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)** recommended the name of Parminder Chopra as the **next CMD of PFC**.
- She has been with the company since 2005 and has been serving as **Director (Finance) and CFO as well as a member of the Board of Directors since 2020**.
- He holds a bachelor's degree in commerce and is a qualified cost accountant and MBA and has over 35 years of experience in the power sector including National Hydroelectric Power Corporation of India and Power Grid Corporation of India.
- In her new role as CMD, Parminder Chopra will be responsible for strategic initiatives at PFC and lead its growth trajectory.

**5. Atanu, Mehuli re-included in TOPS ( May 11, 2023 )**

**Olympian and World Championship silver medallist archer Atanu Das** has been **reincluded in the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)** following his impressive performances at the **domestic circuit and the Archery World Cup in Antalya this year**.

**An overview of the news**

- **Atanu, who shot 673** to finish **fourth in the men's recurve individual rankings**, is returning to international outdoor competition after almost **one-and-a-half years**.
- The other big name to feature in TOPS is rifle shooter **Mehuli Ghosh**, who won the 10m air rifle event at the **National Shooting Trials** this year.
- Apart from this, 15-year-old **Tilottama Sen** has also been included.
- Tilottama Sen had earlier this year **won a bronze medal** in the **10m air rifle event** at the **Cairo World Cup**, her debut in the senior circuit.
- **A total of 27 new names** were added to the TOPS Core and Development lists, taking the **total number of TOPS athletes to 270 (101 in Core, 269 in Development)**.

**Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)**

- It was **created in July 2014** under the auspices of the **National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)** with the objective of identifying and preparing potential medal prospects for the **Olympic and Paralympic Games**.
- It is a flagship program of the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**.
- The idea of the scheme is to look to the future and fund a developmental group of athletes who have the potential to bring medals to the **Olympic Games in Paris in 2024 and Los Angeles in 2028**.

## **6. Fakhar Zaman, Naruemol Chaivai named ICC Players of the Month for April ( May 10, 2023 )**

**Pakistani cricketer Fakhar Zaman** was named **ICC Men's Player of the Month** for April 2023 and **Thailand women's cricket team captain Naruemol Chaivai** was named **ICC Women's Player of the Month** for April 2023.

### **An Overview Of the News**

- Fakhar's exceptional batting skills carried over into the ODI series, where he **scored a brilliant 117 off 114 balls in the first match**, helping **Pakistan win by five wickets**.
- Thailand women's cricket team captain **Naruemol Chaivai** received the **ICC Women's Player of the Month award for April 2023**.
- Chaivai played a key role in **Thailand's historic ODI series win against Zimbabwe**, displaying consistent high-scoring performances.
- Became the first player from **Thailand to receive this prestigious award**.

### **About ICC**

Establishment - **15 June 1909**

Headquarters - **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

Chairman - **Greg Barclay**

CEO - **Geoff Allardyce**

General Manager - **Wasim Khan**

Assistant - **Asian Cricket Council**

## **7. Badminton Asia appoints Umar Rashid as chairman of the Technical Officials Committee ( May 10, 2023 )**

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**Badminton Asia** appointed **Umar Rasheed, joint secretary of the Badminton Association of India (BAI)**, as the chairman of the Technical Officials Committee.

### **An Overview Of the News**

- As chairman of the technical officials' committee, Rasheed will oversee the development and implementation of rules and regulations to elevate officiating standards in badminton tournaments across the country.
- Rashid is committed to strengthening the governance of badminton in India and the region, by upholding the integrity of the game and ensuring high quality officiating in all tournaments.

- Rashid also serves as the **General Secretary of the Assam Badminton Association**, contributing significantly to the development of badminton in Assam and the Northeast region of India.

**Badminton Association of India (BAI):**

- It serves as the **governing body** for badminton in India.
- BAI is registered as an association under the **Societies Act**.
- **Since 1936**, BAI has been responsible for organizing and hosting national level badminton tournaments in India.

Establishment - **1934**

Headquarters - **New Delhi**

President - **Himanta Biswa Sarma**

**Badminton Asia Championship:**

- It is an **annual badminton tournament** organized by the governing body **Badminton Asia**.
- The tournament has been held **since 1962** and has been an **annual event since 1991**.
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**8. Wakefit signs Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana as brand ambassador ( May 8, 2023 )**

Wakefit signs Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana as brand ambassador

**Wakefit**, a leading direct-to-consumer home and sleep solutions brand in India, has announced popular Bollywood actor **Ayushmann Khurrana** as its new **brand ambassador**.

**An overview of the news**

- The company, known for its off-beat and engaging marketing communications, unveiled the partnership.
- In the campaign, Ayushmann can be seen calmly taking a power nap on the sets and refilling his energy meter.
- He later appears in a genre format called 'Sleep India Sleep', which addresses the serious problem of sleep deprivation in India and urges people to prioritize their sleep health.
- Ayushmann will be the face of the brand and will lead the upcoming campaigns, creating awareness and education about sleep health and its importance in modern times.

- The objective of the association is to strengthen the brand identity of the company and expand its affiliation across the country.

## **9. Miss Universe Australia finalist Sienna Weir passes away at 23 ( May 6, 2023 )**

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Australian fashion model and 2022 Miss Universe finalist Sienna Weir passed away following a horse riding accident.

### **An Overview of the News**

- The accident happened on 2 April at the Windsor Polo Grounds in Australia.
- Sienna Weir was one of 27 finalists in the 2022 Miss Universe Australia pageant.

### **Australia:**

- It is a sovereign country located in the Southern Hemisphere, consisting of the mainland of the Australian continent, the island of Tasmania, and several other islands.
- It is the sixth largest country in the world by land area and the largest country in Oceania.
- The capital of Australia is Canberra, while the largest city is Sydney.
- The official language of Australia is English, and the country has a population of over 25 million.
- Capital - **Canberra**
- Government - **Federal parliamentary constitutional monarchy**
- Emperor - **Charles III**
- Governor-General - **David Hurley**
- Prime Minister - **Anthony Albanese**

## **10. Ajay Vij appointed as Country Managing Director of Accenture ( May 6, 2023 )**

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**Ajay Vij** has been appointed as **Country Managing Director of Accenture**, a newly created role in the company.

### **An Overview of the News**

- Mr. Vij's new role as Country Managing Director will include expanding his current responsibilities as the Corporate Services and Sustainability Lead for India.
- He will provide overall leadership and drive coordinated decision-making for key priorities of the company.
- Sandeep Dutta has been appointed as the head of Accenture's India market unit.
- Rekha M. Menon, Senior Managing Director and Chairperson of Accenture in India, will retire on June 30.

### **About Accenture**

- It is a global professional services company providing a range of services and solutions across strategy, consulting, digital, technology and operations.
- The company was established in 1989 and is headquartered in Dublin, Ireland. It operates in more than 200 cities in 51 countries and has over 500,000 employees globally.
- Accenture's services are designed to help businesses improve their performance and achieve their goals through the use of technology and digital innovation.
- The company serves clients in a variety of industries including banking, healthcare, telecommunications and energy.
- Accenture is known for its expertise in digital transformation, cloud computing, cyber security and artificial intelligence.
- The company has partnerships with leading technology companies such as Microsoft, Oracle and SAP.
- Accenture has been recognized for its work by industry analysts such as Gartner and Forrester.