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1. 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).

2. 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**

3. 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 Tulsī 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.

4. 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**

5. 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.

6. 'Dream 11' CEO Harsh Jain appointed new chairman of IAMAI (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**' (**IAMAI**) for two years (2023-2025).

An Overview of the News:

- Harsh Jain has replaced **Sanjay Gupta**, Vice President and Country Manager, **Google India** at IAMAI.
- Along with this, MakeMyTrip co-founder and Group CEO **Rajesh Mago** has been appointed as IAMAI 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**.

7. Govindraj elected as President of Basketball Federation of India (May 25, 2023)

President of Basketball Federation of India

Dr. Govindraj has been elected as the **President of the Basketball Federation of India**.

An Overview of the News

- He is a Congress MLC and holds the position of **President of International Basketball Federation (FIBA), Asia and President of Karnataka Olympic Association**.

- Dr. Govindaraj is the first Indian to be unanimously nominated as the President of FIBA Asia.
- The nomination was confirmed at the FIBA Asia Congress, making Dr. Govindaraj the first Indian to lead the International Basketball Federation in Asia, which comprises 44 countries.
- He succeeds Sheikh Saud Ali Al Thani of Qatar, who served as the head of FIBA Asia for four consecutive terms since 2002.

International Basketball Federation (FIBA)

- It is a federation of national organisations **governing basketball around the world.**
- It defines the rules of basketball, ensuring consistency and fairness across different countries and competitions.
- It hosts international competitions such as the FIBA Basketball World Cup and the Olympic Basketball Tournament.
- It consists of 212 national federations organised into five regions: **Africa, America, Asia, Europe and Oceania.**

Establishment - **18 June 1932**

Headquarters - **Mies, Switzerland**

President - **Hamane Niang**

8. Hari Buddha Magar conquered Mount Everest with artificial legs (May 24, 2023)

Hari-Buddha

Hari Budha Magar, a double-amputee **ex-British Gurkha soldier from Nepal**, scaled Mount Everest with prosthetic legs.

An Overview of the News

- Magar acknowledged the collective effort that made his achievement possible, including support from the Government of Nepal and people around the world.
- He joined the **British Gurkhas in 1999** at the age of 19.
- Magar lost both his legs when he stepped on an **Improvised Explosive Device (IED)** planted by the Taliban during a mission in Afghanistan in 2010.
- Magar participated in Paralympic sporting activities to raise awareness of disability.
- In the past decade, he accomplished numerous mountaineering feats, including the ascents of **Ben Nevis** (1,345 m), **Mont Blanc** (4,808.72 m), **Kilimanjaro** (5,895 m), **Mera Peak** (6,476 m), and **Mount Toubkal** (4,167 m).

Mount Everest:

- Mount Everest is the **highest peak of the Greater Himalaya mountain range** located on the border of **Nepal and China (Tibet) in Asia**.
- Mount Everest is called **Devagiri** in Sanskrit, **Chomolungma** in Tibetan, **Chu-mu-long-ma-feng** in Chinese and **Sagarmatha** in Nepali.
- On **29 May 1953**, **Edmund Hillary** of New Zealand and **Tenzing Norgay Sherpa**, an Indian citizen of Nepalese origin, climbed Mount Everest for the first time.
- **Junko Tabei** (Japan) is the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest, as well as the first woman to climb the highest peaks on each of the 7 continents.
- **Bachendri Pal** is the first Indian woman to climb **Mount Everest in 1984**.
- Santosh Yadav is the first Indian woman to climb Everest twice in a row.

About Nepal

The kingdom of Nepal was established by the **Shah dynasty**.

It is a landlocked country in **South Asia**.

Prime Minister - **Pushpa Kamal Dahal**

President - **Ram Chandra Paudel**

Capital - **Kathmandu**

Currency - **Nepalese Rupee**

9. Sourav Ganguly named as brand ambassador of Tripura Tourism (May 24, 2023)

Sourav-Ganguly

Former India cricket captain and former BCCI chief **Sourav Ganguly** has been named as the **brand ambassador for Tripura Tourism**.

An Overview of the News

- The Tripura government believes that Ganguly's popularity and charisma will draw attention to the state's unexplored tourist destinations.
- The selection of Ganguly as the brand ambassador is expected to attract more visitors to Tripura and give a boost to the tourism industry.

About Tripura

- It is a state in **northeastern India** and is **bounded by Assam and Mizoram in the east and Bangladesh in the north, south and west**.
- Tripura is divided into **8 districts and 23 sub-divisions** and Agartala is the state capital and largest city.

- Tripura has 19 different tribal communities with a majority Bengali population and **Bengali, English and Kokborok are the official languages of the state.**
- Tripura became a full-fledged Indian state in **1972** and only one major highway, National Highway 8, connects it to the rest of the country.
- Five mountain ranges - **Hathai Kotor, Atharamura, Longtharai, Shakhan, and Jampui Hills** - run from north to south with intervening valleys.

Capital - **Agartala**

Governor - **Dr. Manik Saha**

Chief Minister - **Mr. Satyadev Narayan Arya**

Tourism Minister - **Sushant Chowdhary**

10. Shirgaonkar elected as India Taekwondo Chief (May 24, 2023)

Namdev Shirgaonkar was elected unopposed as the **President of the executive committee of India Taekwondo** on 23 May.

An overview of the news

- The election was held at **2 Hotel Sun City Residency, Andheri (East)** in which 25 affiliated State Associations duly participated.
- With all the office bearers being elected unopposed, the entire election process was completed without any hitch.
- **Sharad D Madakare** (retd. Deputy Charity Commissioner) along with **Bhagwatrao Gaikwad (retd. Judge)** served as the Returning Officer.
- **Namdev Shirgaonkar**, President, India Taekwondo, who holds a **black belt in Taekwondo**, has accepted to be elected unopposed as the head of India Taekwondo.
- **Kiyarash Bahri** (Coordinator - World Taekwondo - WT) and **Wanyoung Lee** (Observer - Asian Taekwondo Union - ATU) and **Prashant Desai** (Observer - Paralympic Committee of India - PCI) moderated the election process.