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### **1. Neeraj Chopra makes history, becomes World No 1 in men's javelin throw ( May 23, 2023 )**

**Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Neeraj Chopra** on May 22 achieved the **number one ranking in men's javelin throw** for the first time. This is a major milestone in his career.

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

- Neeraj Chopra is **on top with 1455 points**, 22 ahead of Anderson Peters of Granada.
- Chopra rose to world No. 2 on August 30, 2022, but has since been overtaken by the defending world champion, Peters.
- In 2022, **Neeraj won the Diamond League 2022 final in Zurich** in September, making him the first Indian athlete to do so.
- Tokyo Olympics silver medallist **Jakub Vadlejch of Czech Republic was third** with 1416 points.
- The Indian national record holder in men's javelin throw, took part in the season-opening **Doha Diamond League** on May 5 and finished first with a throw of 88.67m.
- Anderson Peters finished third in Doha with a throw of 85.88m.

#### **Top 5 in Men's javelin throw**

1. **Neeraj Chopra (India)** - 1455 points
2. **Anderson Peters (Granada)** - 1433 points
3. **Jakub Vadlejch (Czech Republic)** - 1416 points
4. **Julian Weber (Germany)** - 1385 points
5. **Arshad Nadeem (Pakistan)** - 1306 points

### **2. Amy Pope became the first woman Director-General of the United Nations Migration Agency ( May 22, 2023 )**

#### **first-woman-Director-General-of-the-United-Nations**

**Amy Pope of the United States** has been selected as the **first female Director-General of the United Nations Migration Agency**.

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

- She will head the **Geneva-based International Organization for Migration (IOM)**.
- Pope is currently serving as **deputy to Director General Antonio Vitorino**.
- Her five-year term as director general will begin on October 1, replacing Vitorino.

## **International Organization for Migration (IOM)**

- It is an **agency of the United Nations** and provides **services and advice related to migration**.
- The agency provides assistance to governments and expatriates.
- It caters to the needs of diverse groups including **internally displaced persons, refugees and migrant workers**.

Formation - **6 December 1951**

Headquarters - **Geneva, Switzerland**

Membership (2023) - **175 member states and 8 observer states**

### **3. Congress leader Siddaramaiah sworn in as CM of Karnataka and DK Shivakumar as Deputy CM ( May 20, 2023 )**

CM-of-Karnataka-and-DK-Shivakumar-as-Deputy-CM

Congress leader **Siddaramaiah** was **sworn in as the Chief Minister of Karnataka** for his second term and Karnataka Congress President **DK Shivakumar** was **sworn in as the Deputy Chief Minister**.

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

- The swearing-in ceremony took place at the **Kanteerava Stadium** in Bengaluru, administered by Karnataka Governor **Thaawarchand Gehlot**.
- Several Congress MLAs including Dr G Parameshwara, KH Muniyappa, KJ George, MB Patil, Satish Jarkiholi, Priyank Kharge, Ramalinga Reddy and BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan took oath as ministers in the state cabinet.
- The ceremony was attended by Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi and chief ministers of Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh, as well as other political leaders.
- The Congress government in Karnataka is now officially established.

#### **About Karnataka:**

It is a state located in **South West India** and has **coasts of the Arabian Sea**.

Formation - **1 November 1956**

Governor - **Thawar Chand Gehlot**

Capital - **Bangalore**

Rajya Sabha - **12 seats**

Lok Sabha - **28 seats**

#### **4. Arjun Ram Meghwal appointed as the new Law and Justice Minister ( May 18, 2023 )**

##### **Arjun Ram Meghwal**

**Arjun Ram Meghwal** was appointed as the **new Law and Justice Minister** and the previous Law and Justice Minister **Kiren Rijiju** was assigned the **Ministry of Earth Sciences**.

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

- Meghwal will also continue in his current position as Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Culture.
- Arjun Ram Meghwal will replace Kiren Rijiju in the Ministry of Law and Justice.

##### **Ministry of Law and Justice:**

- The **Ministry of Law and Justice** is a cabinet ministry in the Government of India.
- It is responsible for the management of legal affairs, legislative activities and administration of justice in India.
- The ministry consists of three departments: Legislative Department, Department of Legal Affairs and Department of Justice.
- The Department of Legal Affairs advises various Ministries of the Central Government.

Formed - **1833**

Headquarters - **Cabinet Secretariat Raisina Hill, New Delhi**

#### **5. AK Jain appointed as new chairman of PNGRB by the government ( May 18, 2023 )**

##### **AK-Jain-appointed-as-new-chairman-of-PNGRB-by-the-government**

**AK Jain** was appointed as the **new chairman of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB)** by the government.

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

- The appointment was made by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet and the post of chairman was lying vacant since December 2020.
- AK Jain is replacing former **PNGRB chief DK Saraf**, who retired on December 3, 2020.
- Former coal secretary AK Jain will serve as the chairman of PNGRB for a **period of five years**.

##### **Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB):**

- It was established under the **Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 (No. 19 of 2006)**.

- The purpose of setting up the Board is to protect the interests of consumers and entities involved in activities related to petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas.
- PNGRB is responsible for promoting competitive markets and addressing matters related to the petroleum and natural gas sectors.
- One of the major objectives of PNGRB is to ensure uninterrupted and adequate supply of petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas throughout the country.

## **6. Dr. Manoj Soni took the Oath of Office and Secrecy as the Chairman of UPSC ( May 18, 2023 )**

**Dr Manoj Soni** took the **oath of office and secrecy** as the **Chairman** of the **Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)** on 16 May.

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

- The oath was administered by **Smita Nagraj**, the senior-most member of the commission.
- Dr. Manoj Soni became the Member of the Commission on **June 28, 2017** and was later appointed as the Chairman under **Article 316(A) of the Constitution of India** on April 5, 2022.
- Prior to joining UPSC, Dr. Soni studied Political Science with specialisation in International Relations Studies and holds a Doctorate degree in "Post-Cold War International Systemic Transition and Indo-US Relations" from Sardar Patel University.
- He served as Vice-Chancellor of MS University of Baroda for one term and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Gujarat for two terms, making him the youngest Vice-Chancellor in independent India.

### **UPSC:**

- It is a **constitutional body** established under **Articles 315-323 Part XIV Chapter II of the Constitution of India**.
- It discharges its duties, functions and obligations assigned under **Article 320**.
- It is responsible for conducting examinations and interviews for the appointment of civil servants in the Central Government.

## **7. Paytm appoints Bhavesh Gupta as President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) ( May 17, 2023 )**

paytm-appoints-bhavesh-gupta

On May 16, **One97 Communications Ltd**, the parent company of **Paytm**, appointed **Bhavesh Gupta as the President and Chief Operating Officer (COO)** of the fintech company.

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

- **Bhavesh Gupta** previously served as **Senior Vice President at Paytm**.
- He will oversee various verticals within Paytm including **credit, insurance, online and offline payments and consumer payments**.
- Prior to joining Paytm, he held leadership positions at **Clix Capital (formerly GE Capital), IDFC Bank and ICICI Bank**.

### **About Paytm**

- Paytm is an Indian **multinational financial technology company** headquartered in **Noida**.
- The company specialises in providing a wide range of **digital payment solutions and financial services**.
- The primary focus of Paytm is to facilitate **digital transactions and make payments convenient for the users**.
- Paytm provides a comprehensive platform that enables users **to pay bills, recharge mobiles, book tickets and shop online**.

Establishment - **August 2010**

Founder/CEO - **Vijay Shekhar Sharma**

Parent Organization - **One97 Communications**

### **8. Libyan parliament suspends its prime minister Fathi Bashagha ( May 17, 2023 )**

Fathi-Bashagha

Recently, the **Libyan Parliament** has decided to suspend the **Libyan Prime Minister Fathi Bashagha** from his post.

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

- The suspension reflects the internal conflicts and challenges facing the government in the country.
- Fathi Bashagha has served as Prime Minister of Libya, leading the **Government of National Accord (GNA)**.
- He has been an influential figure in Libyan politics, contributing to stabilization efforts during a challenging period.

#### **Reasons of suspension**

- The Libyan parliament's decision to suspend **Fathi Bashagha** stemmed from various factors and internal disputes.
- These include allegations of **mismanagement, corruption, or policy disagreements**.

### **Impact on Libyan governance**

- The suspension of Prime Minister Fathi Bashagha has significant implications for Libya's governance and stability.
- This highlights the internal power struggle and the need for political consensus among various factions within the country.
- This event may lead to a reshuffle in government positions and possible changes in the political landscape.

### **Political disorder and fragmentation**

- Libya has been experiencing political disorder and fragmentation since the overthrow of **Muammar Gaddafi's** regime in 2011.
- The suspension of the prime minister underscores the challenges faced by the Libyan government in achieving stability, consolidating power and meeting the needs of its people.

### **About Libya**

- Libya is a country located in **North Africa**. Most of the country lies in the **Sahara desert**.
- Capital - **Tripoli**
- Currency - **Libyan dinar**
- Chairman of the Presidential Council - **Mohamed al-Menfi**

## **9. Nepal's mountaineer Kami Rita Sherpa scaled Mount Everest for a record 27th time ( May 17, 2023 )**

Renowned Nepalese mountaineer **Kami Rita Sherpa** has set a **new world record** by successfully summiting **Mount Everest** for the 27th time on 17th May.

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

- Kami Rita Sherpa, born in **Thame village in Solukhumbu district, Nepal**, is widely regarded as one of the most accomplished mountaineers in history.
- He has devoted his life to mountaineering and has made an extraordinary impact on the world of **high-altitude climbing**.

## **Setting a New World Record**

- With his **27th successful ascent of Mount Everest, Kami Rita Sherpa** has surpassed his own record and cemented his place in mountaineering history.
- His consistent determination, physical fitness, and expertise in navigating the challenging terrain have enabled him to achieve this remarkable feat.

## **Contributing to the Sherpa Community**

- As a Sherpa, Kami Rita Sherpa's achievements have brought immense **pride and recognition to the Sherpa community**.
- Sherpas have a long tradition of providing essential support to climbers attempting to scale Everest.
- Kami Rita's achievements have further enhanced their reputation as skilled and indispensable members of mountaineering expeditions.

## **About 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, Chumu-long-ma-feng in Chinese and Sagarmatha in Nepali**.
- On **29 May 1953, Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tensingh 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**.

## **10. Govt appoints Ravneet Kaur as CCI Chairperson ( May 16, 2023 )**

Ravneet-Kaur

The government has appointed **Ravneet Kaur** as the **new chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI)**.

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

- Since the departure of **Ashok Kumar Gupta** in October 2022, there is no full-time chairman in the CCI for the last seven months.
- She will replace CCI member **Sangeeta Verma** who has been serving as the interim chairperson since October last year after Ashok Kumar Gupta stepped down.

- Kaur, a **1988 IAS officer of Punjab cadre**, will be appointed **for a period of five years** from the date of assuming charge or till the date of attaining the age of 65 years or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- Kaur has held several positions in the government over the past two decades, besides serving as the **chairperson of the India Tourism Development Corporation** between 2017 and 2019.

### **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**

- It is the **chief national competition regulator** in India.
- It was set up under the **Competition Act, 2002**.
- It comes under the **Ministry of Corporate Affairs**.
- It **promotes healthy market competition** and prevents activities that have an adverse effect on competition in India.
- CCI also approves merger and acquisitions of companies in India so that the two merging entities do not dominate the market unfairly.
- Headquarter - **New Delhi**