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1. Duroflex ropes in Virat Kohli as brand ambassador (May 16, 2023)

Duroflex-ropes-in-Virat-Kohli-as-brand-ambassador

Duroflex announces cricket icon **Virat Kohli** as its new **brand ambassador** to further its mission of advocating the importance of quality sleep in promoting a long healthy life.

An Overview of the News

- Virat Kohli's strong association with the brand's mission has inspired him to take on the role of **brand ambassador for Duroflex**.
- This collaboration will demonstrate Duroflex's commitment to spreading awareness about the connection between quality sleep and a healthier, more satisfying life.
- Kohli also launched **Duroflex's latest offering Neuma'**.

About Virat Kohli

Early Life and Career: Virat Kohli was born on 5 November 1988 in Delhi, India.

- Kohli made his international debut for the Indian cricket team in 2008.

Indian Cricket Captaincy:

- Kohli took over the captaincy of the **Indian cricket team in Test matches in 2014**.
- Under his leadership, India has achieved significant victories including a series win in Australia and a bilateral series win.

Awards and Recognitions:

- He has been awarded the **Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy** for the **ICC Cricketer of the Year**.
- Kohli also received the **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna**, India's highest sporting honour.

2. Vedanta appoints Sonal Srivastava as its new CFO (May 16, 2023)

Vedanta-appoints-Sonal-Srivastava-as-its-new-CFO

Vedanta Limited has appointed **Sonal Srivastava** as its **Chief Financial Officer with effect from June 1, 2023**.

An Overview of the News

- Sonal Srivastava had served as the **Chief Financial Officer for Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa operations** at Holcim Group.
- She will work with internal and external stakeholders to develop and deliver business goals.

Chairman of Vedanta - **Anil Agarwal**

About Vedanta Limited

- It is an Indian multinational mining company.
- Main operations: **Iron ore, gold and aluminium mining.**
- Operating in the States: **Goa, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Odisha.**

CEO - **Sunil Duggal**

Founder - **Dwarka Prasad Agarwal**

Established - **25 June 1965**

Headquarters - **Mumbai**

3. Ashutosh Dixit appointed as Vice Chief of the Air Staff (May 16, 2023)

Ashutosh-Dixit-appointed-as-Vice-Chief-of-the-Air-Staff

On 15 May **Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit** was appointed as the **Vice Chief of the Air Staff.**

An Overview of the News

- He has commanded the **Mirage 2000 Squadron**, a frontline fighter base in the **Western Sector and a major fighter training base.**
- He has held various positions at **Air Headquarters**, including **Principal Director Air Staff Requirements, Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Projects) and Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Plans).**
- He has participated in missions like '**Safed Sagar**' and '**Rakshak**'.
- Prior to this appointment, he was the Air Defense Commander of the Southern Air Command and the Senior Air Officer in the South Western Air Command.

Indian Air Force (IAF):

- It is the air arm of the Indian Armed Forces.
- Its primary mission is to secure Indian airspace and conduct aerial warfare during armed conflicts.

Establishment - **26 January 1950**

Headquarters - **New Delhi**

Chief of Defense Staff (CDS) - **General Anil Chauhan**

Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) - **Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhary**

Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) - **Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh**

4. Pasang Dawa Sherpa became the second person to conquer Everest for the 26th time (May 16, 2023)

pasang-dawa

46 year old **Pasang Dawa Sherpa**, has become the **second person to climb Mount Everest** for the **26th time**.

An Overview of the News

- The Himalayan database confirms that Pasang Dawa Sherpa has previously **climbed Everest 25 times, including two in 2022**.
- He has been climbing Everest almost every year since his **first successful climb in 1998**.
- **Kami Rita**, a climber who is a **U.S. Leading the team**, and is the first person to **conquer Mount Everest for the 26th time**.

Mount Everest:

- It is the highest mountain in the world, located in the **Mahalangur Himal sub-range of the Himalayas**.
- Its summit point is located on the **China-Nepal border** with a confirmed **elevation of 8,848.86 m (29,031.69 ft) in 2020**.
- The mountain is named after the former Surveyor General of India, **George Everest**.
- It is known in Tibetan as Chomolungma, meaning "**Goddess of the World**," and in Nepali as Sagarmatha, meaning "**Peak of Heaven**."
- **In 1953, Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay became the first climbers** to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

About Nepal

Capital - **Kathmandu**

Prime Minister - **Pushpa Kamal Dahal**

President - **Ram Chandra Paudel**

Currency - **Nepalese Rupee**

Official language - **Nepali**

5. 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**

6. 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**.

7. 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**.

8. 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.

9. 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.**

10. 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 Chaiwai** received the **ICC Women's Player of the Month award for April 2023**.
- Chaiwai 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**