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1. Indian-origin Sikh woman becomes Connecticut's first Asian assistant police chief (March 28, 2023)

Indian-origin **Sikh woman Lieutenant Manmeet Kolan** has become the **assistant police chief in the US state of Connecticut**.

An Overview of the News

- She is the department's first second-in-command of Asian descent.
- The Board of Police Commissioners unanimously approved the appointment of Col.

About Connecticut

- Connecticut is a **state in the United States of America**, located in **southern New England**.
- The state has a diverse mix of **small towns along with coastal cities and rural areas**.
- Mystic is a popular tourist destination in Connecticut, known for its seaport museum filled with centuries-old shipwrecks and the beluga whale exhibits at the **Mystic Aquarium**.

Capital - **Hartford**

Attorney General - **William Tong (Democratic Party)**

Governor - **Ned Lamont (Democratic Party)**

Senators - **Chris Murphy (Democratic Party), Richard Blumenthal (Democratic Party)**

2. 'Ironman' Krishna Prakash becomes first person to swim from Gateway of India to Elephanta Caves (March 28, 2023)

'Ironman' and IPS officer **Krishna Prakash** achieved another milestone, by **becoming the first person to swim from the Gateway of India (located at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Marg in South Mumbai) to the famed Elephanta Caves (located at the Elephanta Island in Mumbai Harbour)**.

An overview of the news

- This task was completed by Krishna Prakash, posted as **Inspector General of Police in the VIP Security Department in Mumbai**, as an adventurous sea swimming expedition on 27 March.
- He covered **16.20 kilometers within five hours, and 26 minutes**.
- The expedition was dedicated to the **"Drowning Prevention Awareness" campaign**.

He had earlier completed the gruelling Ironman and Ultraman triathlon competitions.

Gateway of India

- It is a **monument in Mumbai** which was completed in **1924**.
- It is located on the port side of the **Arabian Sea** in the **Apollo Bunder area of South Mumbai**.
- It marks the major ports of India and is a major **tourist attraction** for first time visitors to India.
- It was designed in 1911 to commemorate the visit of **King George V and Queen Mary**.

About Elephanta Caves

- A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the **Elephanta Caves** are a specimen of rock-cut art and architecture from the time of **medieval India**.
- The caves are located on the **Elephanta or Gharapuri island** which is situated at a distance of **11 km from Mumbai city**.

3. MT Vasudevan Nair honoured with Kerala's highest civilian honour (March 28, 2023)

M T Vasudevan Nair was awarded the "**Kerala Jyoti**", the highest civilian honour in Kerala.

An Overview of the News

- **Actor Mammootty**, former civil service officer **T Madhava Menon**, and writer **Omcheri NN Pillai** shared the **second highest award "Kerala Prabha"**.
- The Governor of Kerala, **Arif Mohammad Khan** presented the inaugural edition of the "Kerala Puraskarangal" awards.

About Kerala Puraskarangal Award

- The Kerala Puraskarangal is a civilian award second only to the prestigious **Padma Awards conferred by the Government of India**.
- The award is given to individuals who have made **exceptional contributions in various fields such as literature, art, culture, science, social work and sports**.
- There are three categories of the award: **Kerala Jyothi, Kerala Prabha and Kerala Shree, with Kerala Jyothi** being the highest honour.

- The objective of these awards** is to recognize the contribution of outstanding individuals from Kerala and to inspire others to strive for excellence in their respective fields.

About Kerala

- Kerala, also known as "**God's Own Country**", is a state located in the **South-Western region of India**.
- It is known for its **lush tropical landscape, palm-lined beaches, serene backwaters and rich cultural heritage**.
- It is bounded by the **states of Karnataka to the north and northeast, Tamil Nadu to the east and south, and the Arabian Sea to the west**.

Official language - **Malayalam**

Capital - **Thiruvananthapuram**

4. NDTV appoints former SEBI Chairman UK Sinha and business leader Dipali Goenka as Independent Directors (March 28, 2023)

U K Sinha and Dipali Goenka have been appointed **Independent Directors of NDTV for a period of two years** effective from **March 27, 2023**.

An overview of the news

- The appointment is based on the recommendations of the **Nomination and Remuneration Committee**, and subject to the approval of **shareholders and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**.
- U K Sinha has also been designated as **Non-Executive Chairperson of NDTV**.

About U K Sinha

- UK Sinha, a **former bureaucrat**, served as the chairman of the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** between 2011 and 2017.
- Prior to this, he was the **Chairman and Managing Director at UTI Asset Management Company Private Limited** for six years.
- He has also served as **Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Finance**.

About Dipali Goenka

- Deepali Goenka is the **Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Welspun India Limited**.
- She is an accomplished **global business leader** known for her dynamism, entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to protecting the environment.

- She has been recognized by **Forbes as one of the most powerful women in Asia and India.**
- She was the co-chair at the **India Economic Summit, 2017** organized by the World Economic Forum.
- She was the chairperson of the **Assocham Women's Council** and is currently on the board of the World Economic Forum's Consumption Forum.

5. PM Modi expressed grief over the demise of actor and former MP Innocent Vareed Thekkethala (March 27, 2023)

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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed deep sorrow over the passing away of **Innocent Vareed Thekkethala**, a renowned actor and former parliamentarian, on March 26, 2023 at the age of 75.

An Overview of the News

- Thekkethala, also known as Innocent, was a noted Indian **actor, film producer, writer and politician.**
- He was primarily recognized for his comedic roles in **Malayalam cinema**, but also acted in **Tamil, Kannada, Hindi and English films**, appearing in over **700 films** throughout his career.
- He has won several awards, including the **Kerala State Film Award** and the **Kerala Film Critics Award**, and is regarded as one of the finest comedians in Malayalam cinema.
- Innocent began his political career in **1979 as a Municipal Councilor of Irinjalakuda Municipality** and later served as a **Member of Parliament** representing the **Chalakyud constituency** in the **16th Lok Sabha of India.**
- He was the president of the Association of **Malayalam Movie Artistes (AMMA)**, a guild of Malayalam artistes, from **2003 to 2018.**
- Innocent wrote seven books, including **Najan Innocent, Irinjalakudakku Chuttam, Mazha Kannadi, Chirrikku Pinil, and Kalante Delhi Yatra Anthikkad Vazhi.** His book **Irinjalakudakku Chuttam** won the **Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award** for humour in 2020.

6. Gordon Moore passed away at the age of 94 (March 25, 2023)

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Intel co-founder and pioneer in the microprocessor industry, Gordon Moore, has died at the age of 94 in Hawaii.

An Overview of the News

- Gordon Moore was an **American engineer and entrepreneur.**

- He co-founded Intel Corporation, **one of the world's largest semiconductor chip makers.**
- **Moore's Law**, named after him, states that **the number of transistors on a microchip doubles approximately every two years**, while the cost of the chips remains the same.
- Moore has made significant contributions to the development of many important technologies, including the **integrated circuit and the semiconductor industry.**
- He has received numerous awards and honours for his work, including the **National Medal of Technology and Innovation**, and has been inducted into the **National Inventors Hall of Fame.**

About Intel Corporation

- It is a **multinational technology company headquartered in Santa Clara, California, United States.**
- This company was **established in 1968** and is known for developing and manufacturing **computer processors, motherboard chipsets and other hardware components** for personal computers and data centres.
- Intel is one of the **world's largest semiconductor manufacturers** and has a significant market share in the computer processor industry.
- Intel has made significant contributions to the technology industry, including the **development of the first microprocessor, the Intel 4004, in 1971.**

7. Manmeet K. Nanda appointed new managing director & CEO of Invest India (March 23, 2023)

The **board of Invest India** has appointed **Manmeet K Nanda** as the **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer** of the investment promotion and facilitation body under the **Ministry of Commerce.**

An overview of the news

- Nanda replaces **Deepak Bagla**, who resigned from the post last week.
- According to the commerce ministry, the board in its meeting approved the appointment of Nanda, a **2000 batch IAS officer of West Bengal cadre**, as the new MD and CEO.

About Invest India

- It was established in **2009.**
- It is a **non-profit enterprise** under the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.**
- It is the **National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency.**

- Invest India focuses on developing new partnerships to enable **sustainable investments in India**.
- Invest India also partners with **investment promotion agencies and multilateral organizations**.

8. Gujarat court sentences Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to two years in jail (March 23, 2023)

A court in Surat in Gujarat has convicted Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in a criminal defamation case filed in 2019 over his remarks on Modi's surname.

An overview of the news

- The court also sentenced him to **two years in jail**.
- The court of **Chief Judicial Magistrate HH Verma** convicted **Rahul Gandhi under sections 499 and 500 of the Indian Penal Code**.
- The court granted bail to Rahul Gandhi and stayed the sentence for **30 days so that he can appeal in a higher court during this period**.
- After this decision, **Rahul Gandhi's membership of Parliament can also go from Wayanad parliamentary constituency**.
- Before the 2019 Lok Sabha elections**, Rahul Gandhi made an objectionable comment on the Modi surname while addressing a public meeting in Kollar, Karnataka.

What will be the effect of this decision?

- The disqualification of an MP convicted of an offense can be in **two cases**.
- If the offense for which he is convicted is listed in **section 8(1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951**. This includes offenses such as section **153A** (offence of promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc. and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony) or section 171E (offence of bribery). Are.
- Section 171F** (offence of undue influence or impersonation at election) and certain others.
- Second, Section 8(3)** of the RPA states that an MP can be disqualified if convicted and sentenced to a minimum of 2 years' imprisonment.
- However, the section also states that disqualification takes effect only "**after the lapse of three months**" from the date of conviction.
- Within that period, Gandhi can file an **appeal against the conviction before the High Court**.

9. Ratan Tata appointed to 'Order of Australia' for bolstering bilateral ties (March 21, 2023)

Ratan Tata appointed to 'Order of Australia' for bolstering bilateral ties

Indian industrialist and philanthropist **Ratan Tata** has been appointed as an **Honorary Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AO)**, for distinguished service to **Australia-India bilateral relations, particularly trade, investment and philanthropy**.

An overview of the news

- Australian High Commissioner to India **Barry O'Farrell** said that the Governor General of Australia announced his appointment.
- Ratan Tata is the **Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, former Chairman of the Tata Group** and one of the **world's richest entrepreneurs**.
- He tops the list of **most humble entrepreneurs India** has ever had.
- With a net worth of over **\$1 billion (accessed in 2022)**, Ratan Tata is a humanitarian.
- Ratan Tata has been a **strong and influential supporter of deeper ties between Australia and India**, including advocating for an **India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement, set to be finalized in 2022**.
- Their work includes supporting development and creating opportunities in many areas, including health, nutrition, education, water, agriculture, environment, and energy, social justice and inclusion, digital transformation, disaster relief, and women's economic empowerment.
- He has received **numerous international awards** and commendations including a **Doctor of Business honoris causa** from the **University of New South Wales**.

10. G Krishnakumar appointed as the chairman of Bharat Petroleum Corporation (March 21, 2023)

Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL),

G Krishnakumar has been appointed as the **Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)**, a 'Maharatna' and Fortune Global 500 company.

An Overview of the News

- Krishnakumar is an **Electrical and Electronics Engineer** from National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli, and a Post Graduate in Finance Management from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai.
- He was earlier an **executive director** in the company and succeeds **Arun Kumar Singh**, who retires as chairman in October 2022.

- BPCL was earlier known as **Bharat Refineries Limited** and was formed after the Government of India acquired **Burmah Shell** on January 24, 1976.
- BPCL was the **first refinery to process Bombay High**, a recently discovered indigenous crude.

About Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)

- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) is a state-owned oil and gas company in India that was **founded in 1952** and is headquartered in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- BPCL has a **diverse range of products and services** that cater to the energy needs of customers in India and abroad.
- The company operates **two large refineries in India**, one in **Mumbai** and the other in **Kochi**, with a combined refining capacity of over 15 million metric tonnes per annum.
- BPCL has a significant presence in the **upstream sector and has exploration and production operations** in several countries, including **Brazil, Mozambique, and Australia**.