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### 1. BVR Subrahmanyam appointed new CEO of Niti Aayog ( Feb. 21, 2023 )

The government on 20 February approved the appointment of **BVR Subrahmanyam as the CEO of NITI Aayog**. He will be the **fourth CEO of NITI Aayog**.

#### An overview of the news

- Subrahmanyam will replace **Parameswaran Iyer**, who has been appointed as the **Executive Director of the World Bank** for a period of two years.
- Prior to this, he was the former **Commerce Secretary to the Government of India**.
- Subramaniam, a **1987 batch IAS officer** of Chhattisgarh cadre, was appointed as the chairman and managing director of ITPO on a two-year contract after his superannuation on September 30.
- Subramaniam has also been the **personal secretary of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh**.

#### NITI Aayog

- It is the **apex public policy think tank** of the Government of India and responsible for bringing ideas and focus to key areas through policy formulation.
- It is also responsible for promoting cooperative federalism in the country through the participation of state governments in the economic policy-making process.

### 2. UNICEF Names Ayushmann Khurrana As Its National Ambassador For Child Rights ( Feb. 19, 2023 )

actor **Ayushmann Khurrana** was appointed as the **National Ambassador of Child Rights for UNICEF India** on 18 February.

#### An overview of the news

- Ayushmann Khurrana is known for his knack for off-beat scripts and roles.
- The 38-year-old actor has previously worked as a '**celebrity advocate**' for UNICEF-India.
- Ayushmann was appointed as UNICEF India's Celebrity Advocate in **September 2020** to advocate on ending violence against children and promoting child rights.
- As a national ambassador, Khurrana will help UNICEF ensure the rights of all children.
- Recently, he focused on inclusiveness and non-discrimination through gender inclusive sports on World Children's Day 2022, along with **Sachin Tendulkar, UNICEF South Asia Regional Ambassador**.

### **About UNICEF India**

- UNICEF India works to promote and protect the rights of children across the country.
- The partnership of UNICEF with India began in **1949**.
- The first office was established in New Delhi in **1952**.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development is a nodal agency in India.

### **About UNICEF**

- UNICEF is a United Nations agency which was set up on **11 December 1946** as United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.
- It was renamed as the **United Nations Children's Fund** in 1953.
- It provides development and humanitarian assistance to children and mothers.
- Headquarters: **New York, United States of America**.

### **3. Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar is new Army Vice Chief ( Feb. 18, 2023 )**

The Indian Army has named **Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar** as the **new Vice Chief of the Indian Army**, while current Vice Chief **Lt Gen BS Raju** has been transferred to the **South Western Army Command (Jaipur) as Army Commander**.

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

- At present, Suchindra Kumar is serving as **Deputy Chief of Staff (Strategic)** at the Army Headquarters.
- BS Raju will succeed **Lt Gen AS Bhinder**, who is retiring as the Chief of the South Western Army Command on February 28.
- **Lt Gen NSR Subramani** has been promoted to the rank of **Army Commander**. He will be the new commander of the Army's Central Command in Lucknow. He is currently the Chief of Staff in the Northern Command.

#### **About MV Suchindra Kumar**

- Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar is an alumnus of the **National Defense Academy, Khadakwasla, Pune**.
- He has completed several courses including **Defense Services Staff College in Wellington**, Higher Command Course in Mhow and National Defense College in New Delhi.
- He has also attended specialised training programs like '**Cooperative Security in South Asia**' in Sri Lanka and 'United Nations Senior Mission Leaders Course' in Egypt.

- He was first commissioned into the Assam Regiment in **June 1985** and has had an illustrious career in the Indian Army.

#### **4. Tulsidas Balaram, legendary Indian footballer, passes away aged 86 ( Feb. 18, 2023 )**

**Tulsidas Balram**, one of the country's finest **footballers** and a **member of the golden era (1951-1962) of Indian football**, passed away on February 16 due to multiple organ failure in Kolkata. He was 86 years old.

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

- He played in two **Olympics in 1956 and 1960** and reached the pinnacle of Asian football when India, under the guidance of legendary coach **Syed Abdul Rahim**, won the **Asian Games gold in Jakarta**, beating South Korea 2-1 in 1962.
- He was also a part of the Indian football team in the 1956 and 1960 Olympics.
- In the 1960 Rome Olympics, he scored spectacular goals against **Hungary and Peru**.
- He also captained the country's famous football club **East Bengal** based in Kolkata.
- He was called by the name of **Chunni Goswami, PK Banerjee and Tulsidas Balram 'Holy Trinity' (Trimurti)**.
- Balram, who was awarded the **Arjuna Award**, had a great performance in the 1960 Rome Olympics.
- India, who were drawn in the 'Group of Death' along with Hungary, France and Peru, lost 1-2 to Hungary in the first match, but Balram got himself into the pages of history by scoring a goal in the 79th minute.
- Balram mostly played as '**Center Forward**' or '**Left Winger**'.
- Due to tuberculosis, his career lasted only for **8 years (1955 to 1963)** and he had to say goodbye to the game at the age of 27.
- Born on **4 October 1936** in **Ammuguda village of Garrison City, Secunderabad** to a Tamil family, Balaram scored 131 goals, including 14 for India, in seven seasons.

#### **5. Yakshagana Bhagavat Balipa Narayana Bhagavatha dies at 85 in Karnataka ( Feb. 17, 2023 )**

Famous **Yakshagana singer** and screenwriter **Balipa Narayan Bhagwat** passed away on February 16 in Karnataka.

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

- He had mastered a **unique style of singing**, due to which fans have given it the name of '**Balipa Style**'.
- Rich in voice, Bhagwat has written more than **30 Yakshagana 'Prasanga' (scripts)**.
- He was well versed in over **100 Yakshagana episodes**, which he composed by heart.
- He had served in the field of Yakshagana for about 60 years.
- He was the chief Bhagwat of Kateel Durgaparameshwari Prasadita Yakshagana Mandali (**Kateel Mela**).
- Born on **April 13, 1938 in Padre village of Kasargod district (Kerala)**, Bhagavata wrote several Yakshagana episodes.
- Bhagwat entered the Yakshagana field at the age of 13.
- He composed the five-day '**Devi Mahatme**' episode, which was an important milestone in the history of Yakshagana literature.
- He was honoured with several other awards including the '**Karnataka Sri**' award in 2002 for All India Kannada literature.

## **6. Neil Mohan appointed as new CEO of YouTube ( Feb. 17, 2023 )**

Indian-American executive Neil Mohan has been appointed as the **new CEO of YouTube**.

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

- He is working as YouTube's Chief Product Officer and Senior Vice President.
- He will replace **Susan Wojcicki**, who has announced her decision to step down after nine years in the position.
- Mohan is joining an **elite list of Indian-origin tech chiefs**, including Alphabet's Sundar Pichai, Microsoft's Satya Nadella, IBM's Arvind Krishna and Adobe's Shantanu Narayen.

### **Who is Neal Mohan?**

- He completed his studies in Electrical Engineering from **Stanford University**.
- He completed his **MBA** from Stanford University Graduate School of Business in 2005.
- He worked at **DoubleClick Inc.** from 1997 to 2003. Worked in
- At **Microsoft**, he served as Manager, Corporate Strategist from June 2004 to September 2004.
- He returned to DoubleClick as **Senior Vice President**, Strategy and Product Management.

- He joined Google in **2008**.
- From 2008 to 2015, Mohan was in charge of **Google's display and video advertising business**.
- Mohan became the **Chief Product Officer** of YouTube in 2015.

## **7. Bollywood actor Javed Khan Amrohi passes away ( Feb. 15, 2023 )**

Javed Khan Amrohi

Bollywood actor **Javed Khan Amrohi** passed away due to **lung failure at a Mumbai hospital** on 14 February.

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

- Amrohi is survived by a son and a daughter.
- He worked in more than **150 films** with many big stars including **Shah Rukh Khan to Aamir Khan and Salman Khan**.
- Javed Khan last worked in the **year 2020** in **Alia Bhatt and Aditya Roy Kapur starrer film 'Sadak 2'**.
- He started his career in 1973 with the film '**Jalte Badan**'.
- Apart from this, he worked in **many best films** like Satyam-Shivam-Sundaram, Prem Bandhan, Jhootha Kahin Ka, Prem Rog, Pasand Apni-Apni, Ram Teri Ganga Maili.
- Apart from this, Doordarshan's famous show '**Nukkad**' also gave him a lot of recognition, after that he also worked in Gulzar's '**Mirza Ghalib**', in which his role of a fakir was highly appreciated.
- Javed Khan was nominated for the **Academy Award for Best Actor** in 2001 for the film '**Lagaan**'.

## **8. Prominent Indian-American politician Nikki Haley announces US Presidential bid ( Feb. 15, 2023 )**

US President

Former South Carolina Governor, Indian-American leader and Ambassador to the United Nations **Nikki Haley** announced her candidacy for the **US President** on 14 February.

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

- In this way, she has become the first Republican to challenge former US President Donald Trump to become her party's nominee for the White House in 2024.
- Haley, 51, has been a **two-time governor of South Carolina and the US ambassador to the United Nations**.

- Before entering the presidential election, Haley must win the primary vote for the Republican presidential candidate, which begins in January next year.
- The next US presidential election will be held on **November 5, 2024**.

### **About Nikki Haley**

- Helly is the child of migrant **Punjabi Sikh parents**.
- Haley was born in **Bamberg, South Carolina**, and became the **state's first female governor and the first Indian-American** to lead the state.
- If she wins the Republican presidential nomination in 2024, she will make history as the first woman and the **first Asian-American**.

### **9. Noted painter Lalitha Lajmi passes away ( Feb. 14, 2023 )**

Noted painter **Lalitha Lajmi**, late actor-filmmaker **Guru Dutt's** sister, died on 13 February at the age of 90. The National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) shared the news of her demise.

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

- Lalita Lajmi was born in **1932 in Kolkata**.
- Hailing from an artistic family, Lajmi was very fond of **classical dance and painting**.
- She has held several exhibitions in international art galleries in **Paris, London and the Netherlands**.
- Lalita made a small appearance in the 2007 film **Taare Zameen Par**, starring **Aamir Khan**, in which she played an art teacher.
- She was also fond of **classical dance**.
- Through her work, she has told a layered history of the modern Indian woman in the decades following independence.

### **10. Mohammad Shahabuddin elected President of Bangladesh ( Feb. 13, 2023 )**

According to the notification issued by the **Election Commission of Bangladesh** on **13th February Mohammad Shahabuddin** will be the next **President of Bangladesh**.

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

- He will be the **22nd President of Bangladesh**.
- He was the only candidate to file his nomination after the time for nomination and withdrawal was over.
- Retired judge, Anti-Corruption Commission commissioner and freedom fighter Mohammad Shahabuddin was nominated for the post by the ruling **Awami League**.

- The term of current President **Abdul Hamid** ends on **April 23**.
- He served as the President of Bangladesh for two consecutive terms.
- The Constitution of Bangladesh does not allow any person to hold the presidency for more than two terms.

### **About Mohammad Shahabuddin**

- He was born in **1949 in Pabna**. He took part in the **Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971**.
- After the assassination of **Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman** on 15 August 1975 along with most of his family members, he was imprisoned for several years.
- He is a member of the **Awami League Advisory Council**.

### **People's Republic of Bangladesh**

- Capital: **Dhaka**
- Prime Minister: **Sheikh Hasina Wazed**
- President: **Mohammad Shahabuddin**
- Currency: **Taka**