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KVIC & DoP sign MoU for physical verification of PMEGP

- A significant development has occurred between the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and the Department of Posts (DoP), which could be relevant for various government exams. The two entities have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that assigns responsibility of physically verifying new units established under the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) to employees of the Postal Department.
- This collaboration will involve training sessions conducted by KVIC to equip postal employees with the necessary skills for the verification process.
- This MoU, signed by Dr. Amanpreet Singh, Deputy General Manager of Postal the Department, and Rajan Babu, Deputy CEO of PMEGP, highlights the inter-departmental cooperation aimed at enhancing the implementation of PMEGP.
- Q. Which two entities signed an MoU to assign physical verification of PMEGP units to Postal Department employees? KVIC & DoP















RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das ranked top central banker for second year in a row

- RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das has been ranked as the top central banker globally for the second consecutive year.
- A+ Rating: Das received an "A+" rating in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards, which assesses the performance of central bank governors from nearly 100 key economic regions.
- Global Recognition: Only two other central bankers— Christian Kettel Thomsen of Denmark and Thomas Jordan of Switzerland—share this top honor with Das.
- Assessment Criteria: The grading system, ranging from "A+" to "F", evaluates factors such as inflation control, economic growth, currency stability, and interest rate management.
- Significance: The Central Banker Report Cards have been a tradition since 1994, recognizing leaders who excel in steering their economies with originality, creativity, and resilience.
- Global Finance Magazine: Established in 1987, Global magazine is a respected publication Finance international financial circles, with a readership in 193 countries.
- Q. Which RBI Governor was ranked as the top central banker globally for the second consecutive year by Global Finance magazine? Shaktikanta Das















Australia, Indonesia agree to upgrade defense ties

- Australia and Indonesia have agreed to elevate their defense ties to a treaty-level agreement.
- The agreement was announced after talks in Canberra between Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and President-elect Indonesia's and Defense Minister, Prabowo Subianto.

Key Points:

- **Defense Cooperation:** The upgraded Australia-Indonesia Defence Cooperation Arrangement includes provisions for joint military drills and operations in each other's territories.
- Maritime Security: The agreement will also enhance cooperation on maritime security between the two nations.
- **Education Links:** The treaty aims to improve educational exchanges between Australia and Indonesia.
- Strategic Importance: The strengthened relationship comes amid growing tensions with China, highlighting the strategic importance of the bilateral ties.
- Diplomatic Relations: Subianto's visit to Canberra was his first since being elected in February, during which he noted that Albanese was the first foreign leader to congratulate him on his election victory.
- Q. Which two countries have recently agreed to upgrade their defense ties to a treaty-level agreement? Australia and Indonesia















Pakistan Conducts Successful Training Launch Of Shaheen-II Ballistic Missile

- Pakistan conducted a successful training launch of the Shaheen-II surface-to-surface ballistic missile.
- The launch was witnessed by senior officers from the Strategic Plans Division, Army Strategic Forces Command, and scientists and engineers from strategic organizations.
- Purpose: The training launch aimed to train troops, validate technical parameters, and evaluate the performance of subsystems for improved accuracy and survivability.
- Previous Launch: In May, Pakistan conducted a successful training launch of the Fateh-II Guided Rocket System, which has a range of 400 kilometers.

Shaheen-II Ballistic Missile:

- Type: The Shaheen-II is a surface-to-surface ballistic missile developed by Pakistan.
- Range: It has a range of approximately 1,500 kilometers (around 930 miles), making it capable of reaching various targets in the region.
- Payload: It is capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear warheads, giving it a strategic role in Pakistan's defense strategy.
- Q. What was the purpose of Pakistan's recent training launch of the Shaheen-II ballistic missile? To train troops, validate technical parameters, and evaluate performance















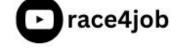
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Bharat Zero Emission Trucking Policy Advisory document launched

The Bharat Zero Emission Trucking (ZET) Policy Advisory document has been launched to promote the adoption of zero-emission trucks in India.

Key Points:

- **Content:** The document outlines 30 policy interventions categorized into five key areas: incentives, regulations, infrastructure, business and financing, and stakeholdercentric initiatives.
- Implementation: Each intervention specifies a nodal agency for execution, identifies key stakeholders, details its sectoral impact, and describes the policy formulation methodology.
- refined **Consultations:** Recommendations will through extensive consultations and detailed cost-benefit and impact analyses by relevant ministries, departments, and institutions.
- Objective: The policy aims to transition to 100% zeroemission truck sales by 2050 to support India's Net Zero 2070 target.
- **Development:** The document was developed under the guidance of a Policy Advisory Panel (PAP) chaired by Dr. Preeti Banzal and vice-chaired by Prof. Karthick Athmanathan, with a Project Management established at CoEZET, IIT Madras.
- Q. What is the primary goal of the Bharat Zero Emission Trucking (ZET) Policy Advisory document? To accelerate the adoption of zero-emission trucks in India.















Govind Mohan Appointed as Union Home Secretary

- Senior IAS officer Govind Mohan has been appointed as the new Union Home Secretary, replacing Ajay Kumar Bhalla.
- Previous Role: Before this appointment, he served as the Union Culture Secretary.
- Previous Home Ministry Role: He previously served in the Home Ministry as an Additional Secretary, handling key divisions, including Union Territories.
- Cultural Initiatives: As Union Culture Secretary, successfully launched 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' movement.
- Transition: He has already joined the Union Home Ministry as an Officer on Special Duty, marking his transition to the top bureaucratic post.

Union Home Secretary:

- The Union Home Secretary is the administrative head of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), responsible for internal security, law and order, and implementing policies related to national security.
- Appointment: The Union Home Secretary is typically a senior Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer appointed by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, headed by the Prime Minister.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the new Union Home Secretary of India, succeeding Ajay Kumar Bhalla? Govind Mohan















President of India Confers Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2024

- The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, presented the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar-2024 during a ceremony at the Gantantra Mandap, Rashtrapati Bhavan. In its inaugural edition, 33 distinguished scientists honored across four categories: Vigyan Ratna, Vigyan Shri, Vigyan Yuva, and Vigyan Team.
- Vigyan Ratna Award: This lifetime achievement award in Science and Technology was presented to Prof. Govindarajan Padmanabhan, a pioneer in molecular biology and biotechnology research in India.
- Vigyan Shri Awards: Thirteen scientists were recognized for their groundbreaking research and distinguished contributions to Science and Technology.
- Vigyan Yuva-SSB Award: Eighteen young scientists were honored for their significant contributions in ranging from the study of Indian Ocean warming and its consequences to the development of indigenous 5G technology and precision tests of quantum mechanics.
- Vigyan Team Award: The prestigious team award was presented to the Chandrayaan-3 mission team for their successful landing of the Chandrayaan-3 lander near the moon's south pole, marking a milestone in space exploration.
- Q. Who received the Vigyan Ratna Award at the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar-2024 for lifetime contributions in Science and Technology? Prof. Govindarajan Padmanabhan















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Germany's Manuel Neuer Retires from International Football

German goalkeeper Manuel Neuer has announced his retirement from international football after a distinguished 15-year career with the national team. He will continue to play for Bayern Munich in club football.

Key Points:

- International Career: Neuer, aged 38, earned 124 caps for Germany and served as captain 61 times.
- Debut and Achievements: He made his debut in 2009 and was instrumental in Germany's World Cup victory in 2014.
- Final Match: Neuer's last appearance for the national team was a 2-1 extra-time defeat to Spain in the quarterfinals of Euro 2024, which was hosted by Germany.
- Recent Retirements: Neuer's retirement follows that of midfielder Ilkay Gündogan, who captained the team at Euro 2024, and forward Thomas Müller, who retired last month.
- Manuel Neuer retires from international football after a remarkable 15-year career, but will continue with Bayern Munich.
- Q. Who has announced their retirement from international football after a 15-year career, while continuing to play for Bayern Munich? Manuel Neuer















U-17 Wrestling Championship: Ronak Dahiya Clinches Bronze in Greco-Roman

Indian wrestler Ronak Dahiya secured a Bronze medal in the Men's Greco-Roman 110 kilograms category at the Under-17 World Wrestling Championship held in Jordan.

Key Highlights:

- Victory Details: Dahiya triumphed over Turkish wrestler Emrullah Capkan with a score of 6-1 in the crucial bronze medal match.
- India's Performance: India finished with two Bronze medals in the Men's Greco-Roman category, with Sainath Pardhi also earning Bronze in the 51 kilograms category.
- Previous Matches: Ranked world No. 2, Dahiya previously lost in the semifinal to Hungary's Zoltan Czako with a score of 0-2. He started his campaign with an 8-1 victory over Artur Manvelian and followed it up with a technical superiority win against Daniil Maslakou.
- Sainath Pardhi: Pardhi, who is also in contention for a bronze medal, will face Munaretto Domenic Michael of the United States in the 51 kg repechage round after his loss to Tushan Dashdhimirov of Azerbaijan.
- Q. Which Indian wrestler won the Bronze medal in the Men's Greco-Roman 110 kilograms category at the U-17 World Wrestling Championship? Ronak Dahiya















Union Health Ministry to Establish National Task **Force for Doctor Safety**

The Union Health Ministry has announced the creation of a National Task Force dedicated to ensuring the safety of medical professionals, following a directive from the Supreme Court. The office memorandum issued on August 21, 2024, designates Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba as the Chairperson of this task force.

Key Details:

- Formation and Leadership: The task force established by a three-member bench led by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud to develop strategies for enhancing the safety of medical professionals across the country. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will cover all expenses related to the task force.
- Task Force Composition: The 14-member task force includes a range of ex-officio members and experts:
- Chairperson: Cabinet Secretary, Government of India
- Members: Home Secretary, Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Chairperson of the National Medical Commission, President of the National Board of Examinations, Vice Admiral Arti Sarin (Director General Medical Services, Navy), and other distinguished professionals from institutions such as AIIMS Delhi, NIMHANS Bengaluru, and Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi.
- Q. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Task Force for the safety of doctors by the Union Health Ministry? Rajiv Gauba



















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