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Media baron Ramoji Rao passes away at 87

- Cherukuri Ramoji Rao, the head of Telugu news and entertainment network ETV and founder of Ramoji Film City, passed away at 87 in Hyderabad.
- Rao was undergoing treatment for the past few days.
- The Padma Vibhushan awardee is recognised for being the founder of the Ramoji Group which owns the famous integrated production facility Ramoji Film City in Telangana's capital city.
- He was born on November 16, 1936. Rao launched Eenadu, a leading Telugu language daily newspaper in 1974.
- He is also credited for backing 50 films and telefilms as a producer.

Q. Name the head of Telugu news and entertainment network ETV and founder of Ramoji Film City, died recently? **Cherukuri Ramoji Rao**

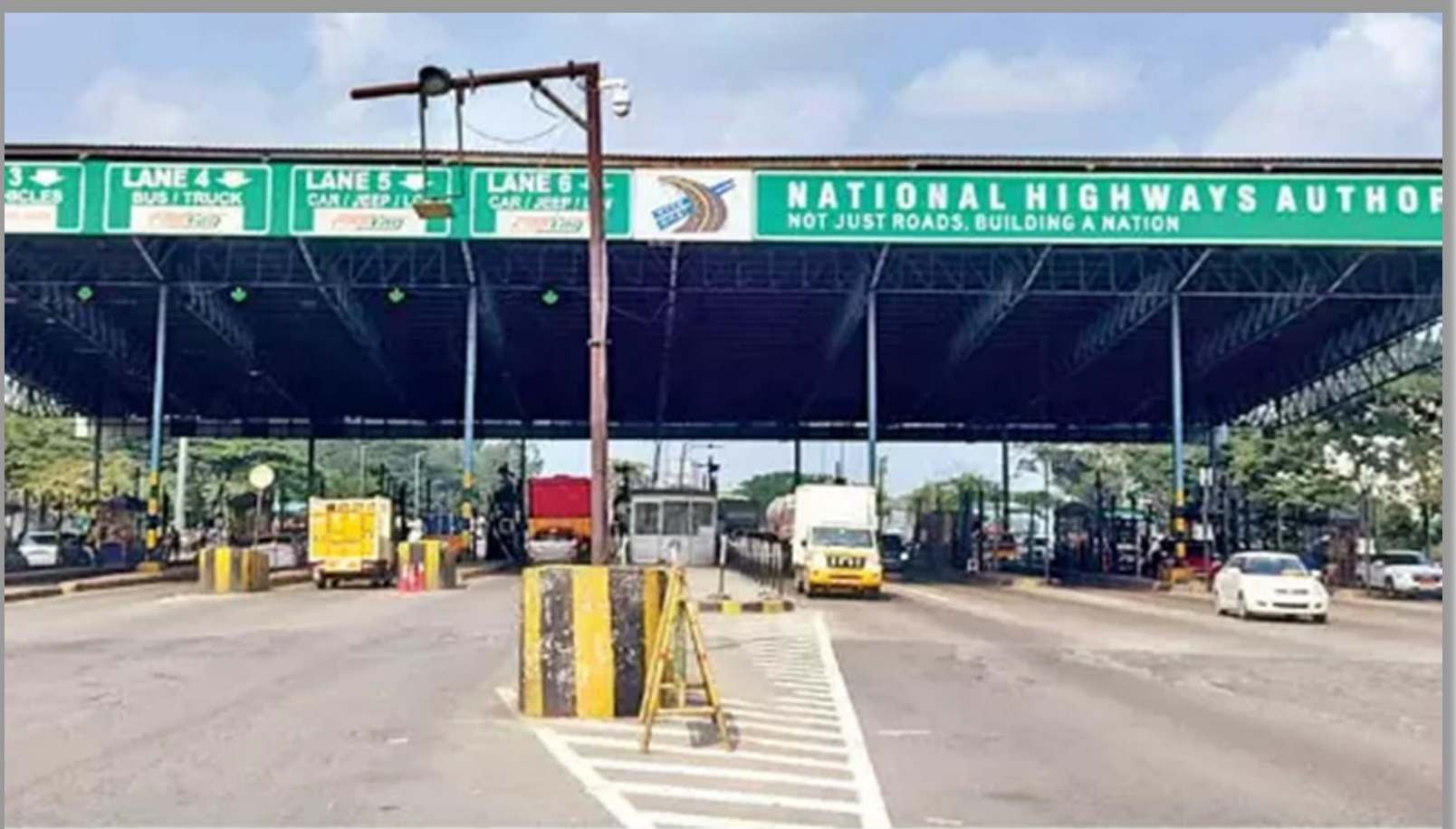


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Sri Lanka green lights Elon Musk's Starlink satellite service

- The Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL) has approved the launch of Starlink's satellite internet services in the country, contingent on a two-week public consultation period.
- This development will revolutionise connectivity, opening up new horizons, especially for youth.
- With faster and more reliable internet, the youth can access global education resources, collaborate on innovative projects, and thrive in this new digital age.
- The country will introduce relief packages for the education and fishing sectors.
- Starlink's implementation will be transformative for Sri Lankans, especially those struggling to stay connected with reliable, high-speed internet.
- This advancement will significantly improve connectivity across the country, which is crucial for inclusion in the digital economy and maintaining communications in remote areas and during natural disasters.
- Starlink, a satellite internet constellation operated by Elon Musk's SpaceX, promises to deliver high-speed internet to even the most remote corners of the globe.

Q. The Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of which country has approved the launch of Starlink's satellite internet services in the country? **Sri Lanka**

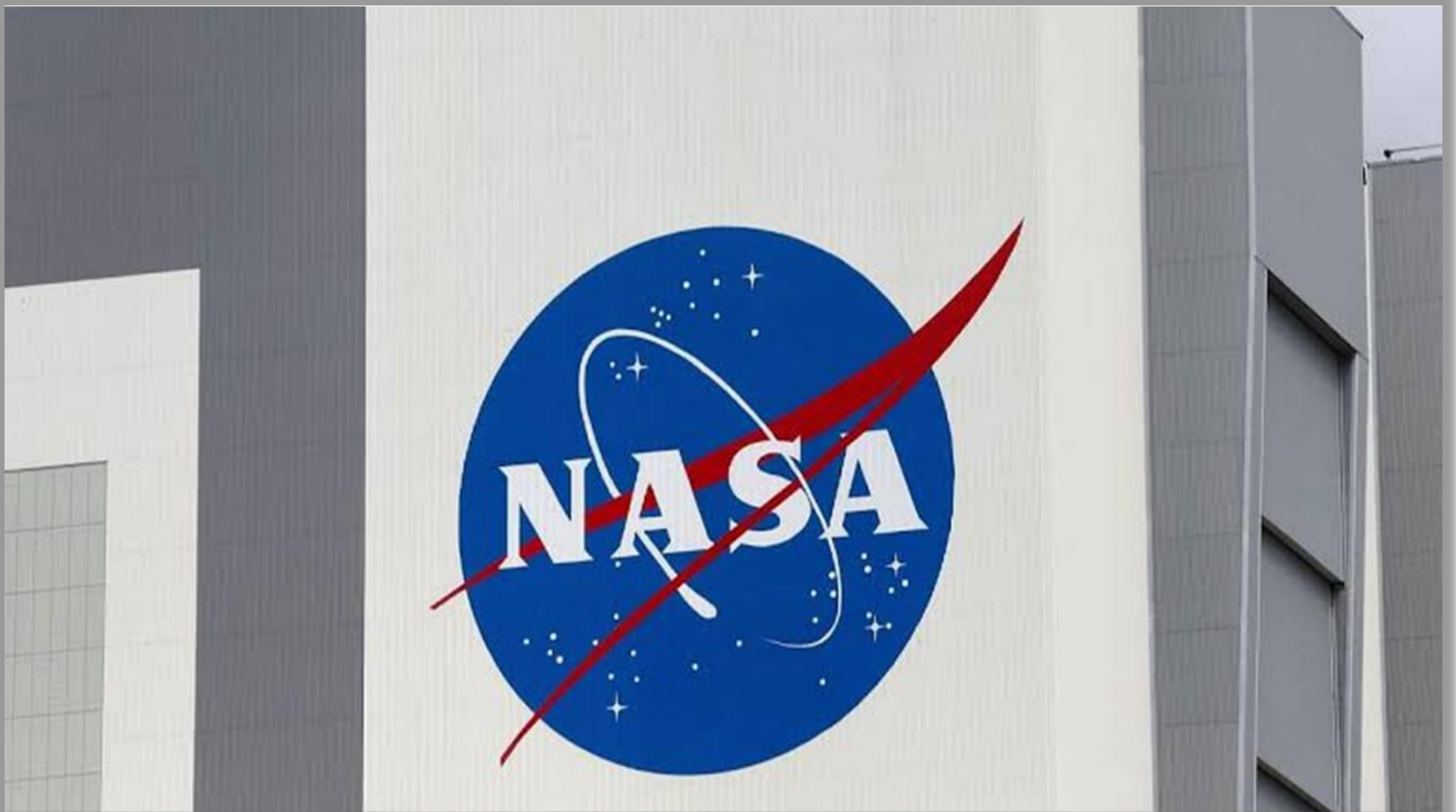


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NHAI plans to roll out Global Satellite-based toll system for barrier-free for highway users

- To provide a seamless and barrier-free tolling experience to National Highway users and enhance efficiency and transparency of toll operations, NHAI has invited global expression of interest (EOI) from innovative companies to develop and implement a Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)-based electronic toll collection system in India.
- NHAI plans to implement the GNSS-based Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) system within the existing FASTag ecosystem, initially using a hybrid model where both RFID-based ETC and GNSS-based ETC will operate simultaneously.
- Dedicated GNSS lanes will be available at toll plazas, allowing vehicles using the GNSS-based ETC to pass through freely.
- As GNSS-based ETC becomes more widespread, all lanes will eventually be converted to GNSS lanes.
- Note: The GNSS-based Electronic Toll Collection will also result in more efficient toll collection as it helps to plug leakages and check toll evaders.

Q. NHAI plans to roll out Global Satellite-based toll system for barrier-free for highway users. In context to same what does GNSS stands for? **Global Navigation Satellite System**



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NASA awards over \$10mn to 7 firms for Mars sample return mission

- NASA announced a grant of about \$1.5 million each to seven companies for studies exploring more affordable and faster methods for the Mars sample return mission.
- The companies, which include Lockheed Martin, SpaceX, Blue Origin, Quantum Space, and Northrop Grumman, will conduct ten three-month-long studies.
- In addition, NASA centres, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California, and Johns Hopkins' Applied Physics Laboratory are also producing studies.
- Once completed, NASA aims to assess all studies to consider alterations or enhancements to the Mars Sample Return architecture.
- NASA has been engaging in several missions over the last century to determine the early history of Mars and to understand the formation and evolution of habitable worlds, including Earth.
- NASA's Mars Sample Return is a strategic partnership with ESA (the European Space Agency) that has been a long-term goal of international planetary exploration for the past two decades.

Q. Recently NASA announced a grant of about \$1.5 million each to how many companies for studies exploring more affordable and faster methods for the Mars sample return mission? **7 companies**



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Norway Chess: Magnus Carlsen, Ju Wenjun clinch 2024 titles

- World number-one Magnus Carlsen has won his sixth Norway Chess title after beating GM Fabiano Caruana in armageddon while GM Hikaru Nakamura was held to an incredibly tense classical draw by GM Praggnanandhaa Rameshbabu.
- The young Indian won the armageddon but still takes third place behind Nakamura.
- Women's World Champion Ju Wenjun took the Women's Norway Chess title and a prize of around \$65,000 after scoring a smooth classical win against her great rival GM Lei Tingjie.
- That allowed GM Anna Muzychuk to climb into second place with an armageddon win over GM Koneru Humpy.

Q. Who has won the Norway Chess 2024 title in Men's as well as Women's category?

Magnus Carlsen & Ju Wenjun



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Surya Sagar becomes first Indian to win a golden ticket to World League of Fighters

- Indian Muay Thai star Surya Sagar has made history by becoming the first Indian to secure a golden ticket for the World League of Fighters.
- The qualifying event, supported by EaseMyTrip and Vernost Technologies, took place at the Lumpinee Stadium in Bangkok.
- The first qualifying event of the World League of Fighters featured five main matches, including cruiserweight, featherweight, middleweight, welterweight, and female featherweight categories.
- Surya Sagar's victory stood out among the participation of many Indian fighters.
- His win highlighted the growing proficiency of Indian fighters on the global stage.
- In other matches, Ukrainian fighter Anatoli Shponarskyi defeated Rauf Gerayzade of Azerbaijan.
- Dana Begzhonova of Russia won the female featherweight division against Spain's Alba Morral.
- Santanfah Sitsongpeenong of Thailand triumphed over Azerbaijan's Mahabbat Humbatov in the middleweight division.

Q. Who has made history by becoming the first Indian to secure a golden ticket for the World League of Fighters? **Surya Sagar**



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Ex-astronaut William Anders, who took Earthrise photo, dies in plane crash

- Retired Maj. Gen. William Anders, the former Apollo 8 astronaut who took the iconic Earthrise photo showing the planet as a shadowed blue marble from space in 1968, was killed when the plane he was piloting alone plummeted into the waters off the San Juan Islands in Washington state. He was 90.
- The photograph, the first colour image of Earth from space, is one of the most important photos in modern history for the way it changed how humans viewed the planet.
- The photo is credited with sparking the global environmental movement for showing how delicate and isolated Earth appeared from space.
- Note: The National Transportation Safety Board and FAA are investigating the crash.

Q. Name the former Apollo 8 astronaut who took the iconic Earthrise photo showing the planet as a shadowed blue marble from space in 1968, died recently? **William Anders**



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Kamal Kishore Soan takes over the charge of Director General, ESIC

- Kamal Kishore Soan, a senior IAS officer from Jharkhand currently serving as an Additional Secretary and Director General, Labour Welfare in the Ministry of Labour & Employment, took over the additional charge of Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) under Ministry of Labour & Employment.
- He has got vast experience of governance and management of various departments in the state of Jharkhand viz. Land Revenue Management and District Administration, Agriculture & Cooperation, Health, Building Construction, Transport, Finance, Energy, Water Resources, Social Justice & Empowerment, etc.

ESIC

- Formed: 24 February 1952
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Minister responsible: Bhupender Yadav
- Director General: Dr. Rajendra Kumar
- Parent department: Ministry of Labour and Employment

Q. Who has been given the additional charge of Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) under Ministry of Labour & Employment? **Kamal Kishore Soan**



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Unacademy cofounder and CTO Hemesh Singh quits

- Hemesh Singh, cofounder of Unacademy, has stepped down as the chief technology officer and will move into an advisory role.
- Started as a YouTube channel by Gaurav Munjal, Hemesh Singh and Roman Saini, Unacademy became an edtech platform in 2015.
- Munjal and Singh will get access to additional voting rights if the company forms a committee by March 2025 to work on its initial public offering.
- Munjal and Saini hold 3.4% of the company each, while Singh holds a 2.2% stake.
- The company last closed a \$440 million funding round in August 2021, led by Singapore's Temasek Holdings and valuing it at \$3.4 billion.

Unacademy

- Founders: Roman Saini, Gaurav Munjal, Hemesh Singh, Sumit Jain
- Founded: 2015
- CEO: Gaurav Munjal
- Headquarters: Bangalore, Karnataka, India

Q. Name the cofounder of Unacademy, has stepped down as the chief technology officer and will move into an advisory role? **Hemesh Singh**

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IIT Kanpur launches UDAAN programme to boost drone startups in India

- The Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) at Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) Kanpur launched the UAV/UAS/Drone Acceleration and Networking (UDAAN) programme to boost drone startups in India.
- The launch was part of a partnership between SIIC, the IIT Kanpur (Drone CoE Kanpur), an initiative by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, and the Drone Federation of India (DFI).
- The programme will provide drone startups in India with the resources and expertise needed to scale their businesses rapidly.
- The UDAAN programme will select 20 startups annually, divided into two cohorts, for an intensive acceleration journey.
- These startups will be incubated at SIIC, IIT Kanpur, gaining access to cutting-edge R&D facilities, technical mentorship, financing opportunities, and invaluable industry relationships.
- The startups will also have access to testing facilities at the Drone CoE, including the Helicopter and VTOL Laboratory, Flight Laboratory, and the National Wind Tunnel Facility.

Q. IIT Kanpur launches UDAAN programme to boost drone startups in India. In context to same what does UDAAN stands for? **UAV/UAS/Drone Acceleration and Networking**



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