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DRDO carries out successful maiden flight test of Long Range Glide Bomb 'GAURAV'

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has carried out successful maiden flight test of Long Range Glide Bomb (LRGB), GAURAV from Su-30 MK-I platform of the Indian Air Force (IAF). The test was conducted off the coast of Odisha.
- GAURAV is an air launched 1,000 kg class glide bomb capable of hitting targets at long distance.
- After being launched, the glide bomb steers towards the target using highly accurate hybrid navigation scheme with a combination of INS and GPS data.
- GAURAV has been designed and developed indigenously by the Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad.
- During the flight test, the glide bomb hit the target with pinpoint accuracy.
- Complete flight data during the test launch was captured by Telemetry and Electro optical tracking systems deployed by Integrated Test Range along the coastline.
- The flight was monitored by senior DRDO scientists. Adani Defence and Bharat Forge, the Development cum Production Partners also participated during the flight trial.

Q. What is the name of the Long Range Glide Bomb recently tested by DRDO from Su-30 MK-I platform? **GAURAV**



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India's MSME Ministry and U.S. SBA Sign MoU to Boost Small Business Cooperation

- Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises of India and Small Business Administration (SBA) of USA, signed a Memorandum of Understanding for promoting Cooperation on Small and Medium-size Enterprises.
- The MoU provides a framework for both sides to discuss issues concerning micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and explore possibilities of cooperation.
- It envisages the exchange of expertise between the two sides on issues related to improving MSME participation in the global marketplace through mutual visits.
- It also provides for the joint conduct of programmes for women entrepreneurs to empower them and facilitate trade partnership between women-owned small businesses of the two countries.
- Recognizing the crucial role that MSMEs play in advancing inclusive growth, expanding exports, and boosting employment, the two sides also agreed to explore the development of a “Business Matching Digital Platform” to boost business opportunities.

Q. What key aspect of MSME development is highlighted in the MoU between India's Ministry of MSME and the U.S. SBA? **development of a "Business Matching Digital Platform" to increase business opportunities**



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Union Minority Affairs Minister, Shri Kiren Rijiju launches Jiyo Parsi scheme Portal

- Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister of Minority Affairs launched the Jiyo Parsi scheme Portal.
- The Minister opined that Government's intervention in the form of this specific scheme is expected to bear more fruits for the community in future.
- A web Portal for this unique scheme would enable more Parsi Couples to take advantage.
- The Portal would enable them to apply online, check the status of their application and to receive the financial assistance online through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.

Background:

- The Jiyo Parsi scheme is an initiative by the Indian government to reverse the declining Parsi population.
- It provides financial assistance for fertility treatments like IVF, offers counseling services, and promotes health awareness.
- The scheme encourages larger families within the Parsi community and is implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.
- It specifically targets Parsi couples in India, helping them overcome fertility challenges to increase the community's population.

Q. What is the purpose of the newly launched Jiyo Parsi scheme Portal? **To apply online, track application status, and receive financial assistance via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)**



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1,037 police medals announced on I-Day eve, Telangana cop gets top honour

- On the eve of Independence Day, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs announced service medals for 1,037 police personnel from central and state forces. Awards include:
- President's Medal for Gallantry (PPMG): Awarded to one Head Constable from Telangana Police.
- Medal for Gallantry (PMG): Given to 213 personnel, including Head Constable Chaduvu Yadaiah of Telangana Police, for exceptional bravery during a robbery on July 25, 2022.
- Medal for Distinguished Service (PPM): Awarded to 94 personnel.
- Medal for Meritorious Service (PM): Given to 729 personnel.
- The Jammu & Kashmir Police received the highest number of Gallantry Medals (31), followed by Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra Police (17 each). The medals recognize acts of bravery, distinguished service, and meritorious contributions by police personnel.

Q. Who received the President's Medal for Gallantry (PPMG) in the recent service medal awards? **Head Constable Chaduvu Yadaiah from the Telangana Police**



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Sandeep Poundrik takes charge as Secretary of Steel Ministry

- Sandeep Poundrik assumed charge as Secretary, Ministry of Steel.
- Poundrik was holding the charge of Additional Chief Secretary in the Industries Department and has also served in several other positions in the Government of Bihar.
- He had previously served as an Advisor in the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) under the Ministry of Home Affairs and as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas as well.
- India became the world's second-largest steel producer in 2018 surpassing Japan and has succeeded in maintaining this rank since then.
- The government has also launched a Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme to promote the manufacturing of Specialty Steel within the country and reduce imports by attracting capital investments.
- The anticipated additional investment under PLI Scheme for Specialty Steel is Rs 29,500 crores. This is expected to create an additional capacity of around 25 million tonnes (MT) for speciality steel.

Q. Who has assumed charge as Secretary of the Ministry of Steel, and what is one key initiative under the PLI Scheme for Specialty Steel? **Sandeep Poundrik, PLI Scheme for Specialty Steel**



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Brian Niccol to serve as new Starbucks CEO

- Starbucks is undergoing another leadership change as Laxman Narasimhan steps down as CEO after just one year.
- Effective September 9, Brian Niccol, the CEO of Chipotle, will take over as Starbucks' new chairman and CEO.
- Niccol, who has led Chipotle since 2018 and achieved significant revenue growth, will be Starbucks' fourth CEO in two years.
- Narasimhan, who is also leaving the board, presided over a period of declining sales, including a 3% drop globally and a 2% decrease in North America.

Who is Niccol?

- Niccol joined Chipotle in February 2018, helping turn around the chain from an E. coli nightmare that hospitalized 22 people.
- He's expanded the menu, improved its digital ordering plus rewards program and its stock is up more than 800%.
- Niccol is leaving on August 31 and that the chain's chief operating officer, Scott Boatwright, will become its interim CEO.

Q. What significant leadership change is occurring at Starbucks? **appointing Brian Niccol as its new CEO, replacing Laxman Narasimhan**



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PR Sreejesh Named Head Coach of India's Junior Men's Hockey Team

- Following his bronze medal at the Paris Olympics, PR Sreejesh's jersey number will be retired, as announced by Hockey India's General Secretary Bhola Nath Singh.
- New Role: Sreejesh, aged 36, has been appointed as the new coach of the Indian Junior Men's Hockey team.
- Legacy: Sreejesh is celebrated as an icon in Indian hockey, having won back-to-back Olympic bronze medals in his 18-year career, earning the nickname 'The Great Indian Wall of Hockey.'
- Olympic Success: The Indian men's hockey team clinched a second successive bronze medal at the Olympics, marking a fitting farewell for Sreejesh.
- Match Highlights: In the third-position playoff match, India defeated Spain 2-1, with Indian skipper Harmanpreet Singh scoring twice, while Spain's captain Marc Miralles scored their only goal from a penalty stroke.
- Recognition: Hockey India honored Sreejesh with a trophy and a cash prize of INR 25 lakhs as a gesture of gratitude for his contributions to Indian hockey.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new coach of the Indian Junior Men's Hockey team after his historic bronze medal win at the Paris Olympics? **PR Sreejesh**



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Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh Takes Charge as Managing Director of SBI

- Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh has assumed the role of Managing Director in charge of the Risk Compliance and Stressed Assets Resolution Group (SARG) departments at the State Bank of India (SBI) following his nomination by the government.
- Gajendra Singh Rana, the former Chief General Manager of the Mumbai circle, has succeeded Singh as the Deputy Managing Director (DMD) Retail and Real Estate at SBI.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has endorsed CS Setty's appointment as SBI Chairman for a three-year term after the current chairman, Dinesh Khara, departs on August 28.
- The ACC also authorized Singh's advancement to the position of Managing Director. Singh's term runs until his retirement on June 30, 2027.
- Amara Ramamohan Rao, the bank's top risk officer, is set to become the new Managing Director, as he is the most senior DMD currently serving in the bank.

SBI

- Founded: 1 July 1955
- Chairman: Challa Sreenivasulu Setty
- CFO: Kameshwar Rao Kodavanti

Q. Who has recently assumed the role of Managing Director in charge of Risk Compliance and Stressed Assets Resolution Group at SBI? **Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh**



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NHA And MUHS Sign MoU To Drive Digital Health Education

- National Health Authority (NHA) and Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- Course Offering: MUHS will provide its Digital Health Foundation Course (DHFC) to NHA and collaborate on developing additional Digital Health programs.
- ABDM Support: The collaboration supports the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) by integrating digital health education into medical training.
- Future Development: The MoU includes plans to create more digital health courses and contribute to the development of an interoperable digital health ecosystem.
- Impact: The partnership aims to enhance the skills of medical students and professionals, improving healthcare access and quality for millions of Indians.
- The National Health Authority (NHA) is a government body in India responsible for implementing and overseeing the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) and the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).

Q. What is the role of the National Health Authority (NHA) in the context of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)? **implementing and overseeing the scheme**



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Pramod Bhagat Suspended for 18 Months, Misses Paris Paralympics

- Tokyo gold medallist para shuttler Pramod Bhagat will not be able to defend his title at the Paris Paralympics after he was handed an 18-month suspension for breaching BWF's anti-doping whereabouts clause, leaving the Indian heartbroken.
- In 1 March 2024, the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS) Anti-Doping Division found Bhagat in breach of the BWF anti-doping regulations for committing three whereabouts failures within 12 months.
- The 36-year-old, an SL3 athlete, said he is saddened by the decision and claimed it was a result of a technical glitch.

WADA

- President: Witold Bańka
- Headquarters: Montreal, Canada
- Founded: 10 November 1999
- Purpose: Anti-doping in sport

Q. What was the reason behind Pramod Bhagat's 18-month suspension? **due to three whereabouts failures within 12 months**



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