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## SIRSA KINNOW, HARYANA'S FRUIT RECEIVES GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION (GI) TAG

- Sirsa Kinnow has been granted the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag, recognizing its unique quality and origin from Haryana's Sirsa district. The tag provides legal protection and enhances the fruit's market value.
- Sirsa is one of India's largest kinnow-producing regions, known for its sweet, juicy, and high-quality citrus fruit. The GI tag is expected to boost exports and benefit local farmers.
- A GI tag prevents unauthorized use of the product's name by producers from other regions. It also promotes regional branding and preserves traditional agricultural practices.

## INDIA RANKS 125TH IN GLOBAL PASSPORT INDEX 2026

- India ranks 125th in the Global Passport Index 2026, slipping one position from the previous year. The ranking reflects the global mobility offered by an Indian passport.
- The index compares passports based on visa-free, visa-on-arrival, and electronic travel authorization access. Higher rankings indicate greater international travel freedom.
- The passport index is widely used to assess a country's global connectivity and diplomatic

strength. It also helps travelers understand international visa privileges.

## GUJARAT TO INTRODUCE STATE'S FIRST AIR-FILLED RUBBER DAMS



- Gujarat will construct its first air-filled rubber dams to improve water conservation and river management. These inflatable dams help regulate water flow efficiently.
- Rubber dams can be inflated during the rainy season to store water and deflated during floods to allow smooth river flow. They are cost-effective and environmentally friendly compared to conventional dams.
- The project aims to improve irrigation, groundwater recharge, and drinking water availability. It will also support sustainable water resource management in the state.

## IMPORTANT FACTS

### ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION(HQ)

- *International Monetary Fund*  
(Washington, D.C.)
- *World Bank* (Washington, D.C.)
- *World Trade Organization*  
(Geneva)
- *Asian Development Bank* (Manila)
- *New Development Bank*  
(Shanghai)
- *Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank* (Beijing)

## DELHI GOVERNMENT TO LAUNCH ₹8,300 CRORE AIR POLLUTION PROJECT WITH WORLD BANK

- The Delhi Government will implement an ₹8,300 crore air pollution control project with financial support from the World Bank. The initiative aims to significantly improve air quality in the National Capital.
- The project will focus on reducing emissions from transport, industries, construction activities, and waste burning. It also includes strengthening air quality monitoring systems.
- The programme promotes clean mobility, sustainable urban planning, and better environmental governance. It is one of Delhi's largest pollution-control initiatives.

## STATE BANK OF INDIA TO ACQUIRE NHB'S 10% STAKE IN RDCL

- State Bank of India (SBI) will acquire the National Housing Bank's (NHB) 10% stake in Residential Development Corporation Limited (RDCL). The acquisition is aimed at strengthening SBI's position in housing finance-related infrastructure.
- The move is expected to streamline ownership and improve operational efficiency within RDCL. It also reflects SBI's long-term investment strategy in the housing sector.
- SBI is India's largest public sector bank, while NHB is the apex regulatory institution for housing finance. The transaction supports the government's housing development objectives.

## BPR&D AND NCRB GET NEW CHIEFS

- The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) and the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) have been appointed new Directors-General. The appointments are intended to strengthen policing reforms and crime data management.
- BPR&D works on police modernization, research, training, and capacity building. NCRB

maintains the national crime database and publishes the annual Crime in India report.

- Both organizations function under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). Their leadership plays a key role in improving internal security and evidence-based policing.

## INDIA JOINS UN'S FIRST GLOBAL DIALOGUE ON AI GOVERNANCE IN GENEVA



- India participated in the United Nations' first Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Governance held in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting focused on creating responsible and inclusive global AI standards.
- Discussions covered AI ethics, transparency, safety, innovation, and international cooperation. Countries explored ways to balance

technological advancement with human rights and security.

- India's participation highlights its growing role in shaping global digital governance. It also aligns with the country's vision of promoting safe, trusted, and inclusive AI.
- ## PM MODI CONFERRED WITH INDONESIA'S HIGHEST HONOUR 'BINTANG ADIPURNA'

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with Indonesia's highest civilian honour, 'Bintang Adipurna', during his official visit. The award recognizes his contribution to strengthening India-Indonesia relations.
- The honour reflects the deep strategic partnership between the two countries in trade, defence, maritime security, and cultural cooperation. It also acknowledges India's role in promoting regional stability.
- Indonesia is an important partner in India's Act East Policy and the Indo-Pacific region. The award further strengthens bilateral diplomatic ties between the two nations.

## WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

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### On July 7 in Indian history

- **1799:** At the age of 19, Maharaja Ranjit Singh captured Lahore.
- **1807:** Napoleon Bonaparte of France and Tsar Alexander I of Russia met on a raft in the Neman River to sign the first Treaty of Tilsit.