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FORMER INDIA CRICKET CAPTAIN ROHIT SHARMA CONFERRED WITH PADMA SHRI

- Prestigious Recognition:** Former Indian cricket captain Rohit Sharma was officially conferred with the Padma Shri award. President Droupadi Murmu presented this distinguished honour at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
- Celebrating Sporting Legacy:** The award recognizes his exceptional contributions to Indian cricket throughout his long and decorated career. It celebrates his status as an iconic player and a highly successful leader for the national team.
- Highlighting Major Achievements:** This accolade follows his monumental success in leading India to the 2024 ICC T20 World Cup and the 2025 ICC Champions Trophy titles. These victories cemented his legacy as one of the most impactful figures in the history of the sport.

WORLD'S TALLEST LIONEL MESSI STATUE UNVEILED IN ARGENTINA AS A HISTORIC TRIBUTE

- Monumental Tribute:** A massive 26-meter-tall statue of Lionel Messi has been unveiled in the Argentine city of Cutral-Có. This impressive structure serves as a historic tribute to his legendary career and impact on global soccer.

- Engineering Feat:** Crafted by sculptor Aldo Beroisa, the monument is constructed from 70 tons of steel and iron. It depicts the star kneeling in his national team jersey, clutching the 2022 World Cup trophy in celebration.

INDIAN JURIST ELECTED AS JUDGE OF INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL OF THE LAW OF THE SEA



- Official Appointment:** Shri Prem Chand has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Cabo Verde. He is a seasoned diplomat and a 2011-batch Indian Foreign Service officer.
- Professional Background:** He is currently serving at the Embassy of India in Abu Dhabi. He is expected to take up his new assignment in the very near future.
- Strategic Strengthening:** This appointment aims to deepen bilateral ties and foster stronger cooperation between India and Cabo Verde. It reflects India's continued commitment to expanding its diplomatic footprint in Africa.

IMPORTANT FACTS

- Gregor Mendel is known as the Father of Genetics**
- Mendel conducted his experiments on pea plants (*Pisum sativum*)**
- Mendel proposed three fundamental laws of inheritance**
- The Law of Dominance states that dominant traits are expressed over recessive traits**
- The Law of Segregation is also known as the Law of Purity of Gametes.**
- The Law of Independent Assortment states that different traits are inherited independently of one another.**

TUSHAR MEHTA REAPPOINTED AS SOLICITOR GENERAL OF INDIA

- Formal Reappointment:** The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has officially reappointed Tushar Mehta as the Solicitor General of India. This decision grants him a fresh three-year term starting from July 1, 2026.
- Continued Leadership:** Having served as the Solicitor General since October 2018, this extension ensures stability in the Centre's legal representation. He remains a key figure in defending the government's stance in landmark constitutional and policy-related cases.
- Broad Legal Extension:** Alongside Mehta, the government has also extended the tenures of five Additional Solicitors General for the Supreme Court. These moves collectively aim to maintain continuity and strength within the Union Government's legal team.

CRISTIANO RONALDO BECOMES FIRST PLAYER TO SCORE IN SIX FIFA WORLD CUPS

- **A Historic Milestone:** Cristiano Ronaldo has officially become the first football player to score in six different FIFA World Cup tournaments. He secured this legendary achievement by netting a brace during Portugal's 5-0 victory against Uzbekistan.
- **Two Decades of Longevity:** His remarkable World Cup scoring streak originally began two decades ago at the 2006 tournament in Germany. Since then, the Portuguese forward has found the back of the net in the 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022, and 2026 editions.
- **Surpassing National Records:** These historic goals also snapped a 10-match scoring drought for the 41-year-old superstar in major international tournaments. Additionally, the performance lifted his career World Cup tally to 10 goals, surpassing Eusébio to make him Portugal's all-time top scorer in the competition.

DR R DHINAKARAN APPOINTED ADGP ARMED POLICE IN TAMIL NADU

- **New Executive appointment:** Dr. R. Dhinakaran has been officially appointed as the Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) for the Armed Police wing in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The state government issued the orders as part of a wider, senior-level administrative reshuffle in the police department.
- **A Decorated Career Profile:** He is a highly experienced 1998-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer

of the Tamil Nadu cadre. He holds a PhD in agriculture and has previously received both the Chief Minister's and the President's police medals for his dedicated service.

- **Strategic Wing Responsibility:** In his new role, he will assume full command over the state's armed police wing and oversee its operational preparedness. This essential unit is responsible for managing major security deployments, protecting sensitive installations, and handling armed interventions.

CHENNAI PETROLEUM CORPORATION LIMITED GRANTED THE NAVRATNA STATUS



- **Prestigious Status Elevation:** Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL) has officially been granted the prestigious Navratna status by the Government of India. Approved by the Ministry of Finance, the oil refining company becomes the 28th Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise in the country.
- **Enhanced Financial Autonomy:** The new status grants CPCL significantly higher operational and financial independence for its future capital expenditures. The company can now invest up to ₹1,000 crore on a single project without seeking prior government approval.
- **Strategic Market Expansion:** This elite designation allows the public

sector undertaking to establish overseas joint ventures and alliances freely. It strongly reinforces the competitive market position of CPCL, which operates as a vital subsidiary of Indian Oil Corporation Limited.

Footnotes: Chennai's Mayor: Priya Rajan, Commissioner: J. Kumaragurubaran

NHAI SIGNS MOU WITH NCAER TO ESTABLISH CENTRE FOR ECONOMICS OF TRANSPORTATION

- **Strategic Research Alliance:** The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER). This milestone partnership will establish the country's first permanent, independent research center dedicated to transportation economics.
- **Core Objectives and Scope:** The new center will focus on providing data-driven, actionable insights to support long-term highway planning and investment decisions. It will conduct specialized research across critical areas like freight logistics, toll policies, asset monetization, and road safety.
- **Long-Term Funding and Governance:** NHAI has officially committed to supporting the establishment and operational funding of this institution for a baseline period of ten years. The facility's research priorities and outputs will be closely monitored by a dedicated advisory committee and an NHAI steering committee.

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

24.06.2026 / WEDNESDAY

- **International Day of Women in Diplomacy: 24th June**
- **Theme for 2026 is "Give to Gain," which emphasizes that supporting women through generosity, collaboration, and active contribution.**
- **This day urges governments and global organizations to remove barriers that prevent women from attaining leadership and decision-making roles.**