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Pratap Singh Appointed MD and CEO of Fino Payments Bank



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the appointment of Pratap Singh as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Fino Payments Bank Limited.
- Pratap Singh succeeded Ketan Merchant (Interim CEO), who took over after Rishi Gupta.
- Fino Payments Bank is headquartered in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

57th International Film Festival of India will be held in Goa



- The 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2026 will be held in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026.
- The theme of IFFI 2026 is "Stories Without Borders".
- Ashutosh Gowariker has been appointed as the Festival Director for the 57th edition.

NPCI Introduces UPI Vyapaar Saksham Scheme

- NPCI introduced the UPI Vyapaar Saksham Scheme to expand UPI acceptance infrastructure, onboard small merchants and promote digital payments.
- It primarily targets small merchants with an annual turnover of up to ₹40 lakh in the preceding financial year.
- The scheme focuses on Tier 3 to Tier 6 centres, North-Eastern states, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

India and Malaysia to Hold Harimau Shakti 2026



- The Indian Army and Malaysian Army will conduct the 6th edition of the bilateral military exercise Harimau Shakti 2026.
- The previous (5th) edition was conducted from 5 to 18 December 2025 at Mahajan Field Firing Range, Rajasthan, India.
- The exercise aims to enhance interoperability, strengthen defence cooperation and promote mutual understanding between the two armies.

India Wins First Railway Propulsion System Export Order from Japan

- Japan has placed its first order for indigenously manufactured electronic train propulsion systems from India, marking a milestone in railway technology exports.
- Alstom's Maneja manufacturing facility in Vadodara, Gujarat, has exported 5,000+ propulsion systems to international markets.
- India has previously exported railway propulsion systems to countries including France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Romania and Mexico.

NITI Aayog Launches Report on Impact Assessment of PLI Schemes



- The report was prepared in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad which served as knowledge partner.
- The report assesses the impact of the Govt. of India's Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, implemented across 14 sectors.
- The scheme has a total approved financial outlay of ₹1,91,049 crore.

Bibi Fathima SHG, Eshwaragouda Patil Win Genome Saviour Awards



- The Bibi Fathima Self-Help Group (SHG) of Theertha village and farmer Eshwaragouda Patil of Mattigatti village, Karnataka, received the National Plant Genome Saviour Awards.
- The awards were presented during the 22nd Foundation Day celebrations of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPVFRA).
- Patil received a cash reward of ₹1 lakh and a citation.

Deepti Sharma Wins ICC Women's Player of the Month for October



- This is her second ICC Women's Player of the Month award; she previously won it in December 2023.
- She received the award for her outstanding all-round performance during India's home series against Zimbabwe.
- Deepti scored 155 runs and took 7 wickets across T20Is and ODIs.

BANKS AND THEIR HEADQUARTERS (INDIA)

SBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra

PNB – New Delhi

BOB – Vadodara, Gujarat

Canara Bank – Bengaluru, Karnataka

BOI – Mumbai, Maharashtra

RBI– Mumbai, Maharashtra

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

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World Diabetes Day 2026 is observed on November 14 with the theme "Early action on diabetes".