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- **Replaces BD Mishra:** Kavinder Gupta will take over from Brig (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd), whose resignation as Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh was accepted by the President.
- **Former J&K Deputy CM:** Gupta has a significant political background, having served as the last Deputy Chief Minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.
- **Senior BJP Leader:** He is a veteran leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), indicating a strategic choice for the Union Territory.
- **Effective Upon Assuming Charge:** His appointment will officially take effect from the date he assumes his new office.



2. India Launches World's First Traditional Knowledge Digital Library

- **Global First:** India has become the first country globally to launch a Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL), a significant step in protecting and promoting traditional knowledge.
- **Combating Biopiracy:** The primary aim of the TKDL is to prevent biopiracy and the misappropriation of India's



ancient and traditional knowledge, especially in medicine and other fields, by serving as a "prior art" database for patent examiners worldwide.

- **Digital Repository of Ancient Knowledge:** It's a digital platform that systematically converts and structures the vast content of ancient Indian texts on systems like Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa, and Yoga into easily accessible formats.
- **Multilingual and AI-Powered:** The TKDL overcomes language barriers by translating this knowledge into five international languages (English, German, French, Japanese, and Spanish) and leverages AI tools to organize, understand, and make these ancient texts and practices more accessible.

3. Sano Vamuzo conferred BWA Quinquennial Human Rights Award

- **Prestigious International Recognition:** Sano Vamuzo, a renowned social activist from Nagaland, India, received the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) Quinquennial Human Rights Award for Lifetime Achievement. This award is conferred only once every five years.
- **Award for Global Contributions:** She was honored for her "outstanding global contributions in advancing human rights, social justice, and peace," particularly through her work in Nagaland and beyond.
- **Held at Baptist World Congress:** The award was presented during the 23rd Baptist World Congress, which took place in Brisbane, Australia, from July 7 to 12, 2025.
- **Founding Member of Naga Mothers' Association:** Vamuzo is a key figure in social activism, being a founding member of the Naga Mothers' Association (NMA) and the first chairperson of the Nagaland State Commission for Women.



4. Telangana received national recognition for battery manufacturing excellence

- **IESA Industry Excellence Award 2025:** Telangana was awarded the prestigious India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) Industry Excellence Award 2025 in the "State Leadership – Battery Manufacturing" category.
- **Recognition for Robust Ecosystem:** The award acknowledges Telangana's proactive efforts in creating a supportive and robust ecosystem for battery



manufacturing and new energy technologies within the state.

- **Presented at IESW 2025:** The recognition was conferred during the 11th India Energy Storage Week (IESW) 2025, a significant event in the energy and clean-tech sector, held in New Delhi from July 8-10, 2025.
- **Driven by Progressive Policies:** Telangana's success is attributed to its forward-thinking government policies, such as the Telangana EV and Energy Storage Policy, and the Telangana Renewable Energy Policy, which have attracted substantial investments.

5. Swiatek crushes Anisimova to win maiden Wimbledon 2025

- **Dominant Victory:** IgaSwiatek secured her first Wimbledon title by comprehensively defeating Amanda Anisimova in the final with a score of 6-0, 6-0.
- **Historic "Double Bagel":** This scoreline marked a rare "double bagel" in a Grand Slam final, making it the first women's final at Wimbledon in 114 years (since 1911) where a player failed to win a single game.
- **Sixth Grand Slam Title:** This triumph is Swiatek's sixth Grand Slam title overall, adding to her previous successes at the French Open (four times) and the US Open.
- **Perfect Grand Slam Final Record:** With this win, Swiatek maintained her perfect record in Grand Slam finals, now standing at 6-0.



6. Centre appoints Dr AbhijatSheth as New NMC Chief

- **New Chairperson of NMC:** Dr.AbhijatSheth has been appointed as the new chairperson of the National Medical Commission (NMC), the apex regulatory body for medical education and practice in India.
- **Replaces Dr. B.N. Gangadhar:** He succeeds Dr. B.N. Gangadhar, who had previously offered to step down due to health concerns but continued in the role until a suitable replacement was found.
- **Current President of NBEMS:** Dr.Sheth currently serves as the President of the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS), which conducts important medical entrance exams like NEET-PG. He is expected to continue in this role for a few months alongside his new position at NMC.



- **Appointment Amidst Scrutiny:** His appointment comes at a time when the NMC is under scrutiny, with allegations of corruption in assessment reports for medical colleges currently under investigation.

Foot notes:

About NMC-

- **Chairperson:** B. N. Gangadhar
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
- **Formation:** 2020

7. Centre extends Home Secretary Govind Mohan's tenure

- **Extended Tenure:** Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan's tenure has been extended until August 22, 2026. This extends his service beyond his original superannuation date of September 30, 2025.
- **Key Timing:** The extension is particularly significant as India prepares for its 16th Census, which will include caste enumeration, scheduled to commence in 2027. His continuity in this role is seen as crucial for this large-scale exercise.
- **Focus on Internal Security:** As Home Secretary, he will continue to oversee critical internal security matters, including the government's objective to eliminate Naxalism (Maoism) by March 2026.
- **Appointment by ACC:** The extension was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), which includes the Prime Minister and the Home Minister, signifying a high-level decision.



8. Microsoft has launched a new AI system called Biomolecular Emulator-1, or BioEmu-1

- **Accelerating Drug Discovery:** BioEmu-1 is designed to revolutionize drug discovery by rapidly decoding protein motion and structure. It aims to provide insights in hours that would otherwise take years using traditional simulation methods.
- **Predicting Protein Dynamics:** Unlike previous methods that often provide a single, static protein structure, BioEmu-1 is a deep learning model that can generate



thousands of diverse protein structures per hour.

- **High Computational Efficiency:** The system is remarkably efficient, capable of generating these thousands of protein structures on a single GPU. This makes it orders of magnitude faster and more cost-effective than traditional molecular dynamics (MD) simulations.
- **Revealing Hidden Targets:** A key capability of BioEmu-1 is its ability to predict hard-to-detect changes in protein structure, including the formation of "cryptic" binding pockets.

Foot notes:

About Microsoft-

- **Chairman & CEO:** SatyaNadella
- **Founded:** 1975
- **Headquarters:** U.S.

9. SarankumarLimbale selected for the ChintaRavindran Award 2025

- **Award Recipient:** Renowned Marathi writer and critic SarankumarLimbale has been chosen for the prestigious ChintaRavindran Award for the year 2025.
- **Award Significance:** The ChintaRavindran Award is presented annually to a writer who has made a significant impact in the fields of literature and social issues.
- **Focus on Dalit Literature and Human Rights:** Limbale is particularly recognized for his profound contributions to Dalit literature and his consistent efforts to address themes of Dalit identity, equality, and human rights through his writings. His work is considered instrumental in shaping discussions about the role of Dalit literature in social change.
- **Award Details:** The award includes a cash prize of ₹50,000, along with a memento and a citation.



10. Kota Srinivasa Rao, Telugu film icon passed away

- **Demise of a Veteran:** Kota Srinivasa Rao, a highly acclaimed Telugu film actor, passed away on Sunday, July 13, 2025, at the age of 83 in Hyderabad due to prolonged age-related health issues.



- **Prolific Career:** Over a career spanning more than four decades, he starred in over 750 films across various languages including Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, Kannada, and Malayalam, showcasing immense versatility.
- **Master of Diverse Roles:** He was celebrated for his ability to portray a wide range of characters, excelling in both villainous and comedic roles, and leaving an indelible mark with his unique dialogue delivery and powerful screen presence.
- **Awards and Recognition:** His significant contributions to Indian cinema were recognized with numerous accolades, including nine Nandi Awards (Andhra Pradesh State Film Awards) and the prestigious Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honor, in 2015.



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