



## 1. PNB appointed Raman Grover as CFO

- **Promotion from Within:** Grover's appointment signifies a promotion from within the bank's ranks. Prior to this role, he served as the General Manager of the Finance Division at the Head Office, demonstrating the bank's confidence in its internal talent pool.
- **Extensive Experience:** With over 26 years of experience in the banking sector, Grover brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his new position. His long-standing career with PNB provides him with a deep understanding of the bank's financial operations and strategic direction.
- **Succession Planning:** This appointment is part of a planned leadership transition. Grover takes over the CFO responsibilities from Dilip Kumar Jain, who superannuated from the bank's services on August 31, 2025.
- **Broader Management Changes:** Grover's elevation to CFO is part of a larger set of senior management changes at PNB. These changes include the appointment of a new Chief General Manager for the HRD and a new General Manager for the Corporate Communication Division.



### Foot notes: About PNB-

- **MD & CEO:** Ashok Chandra

- **Headquarters:** Dwarka
- **Founded:** 1894

## 2. Dr. Deepak Mittal appointed as India's New Envoy to UAE

- **Appointment:** Dr. Deepak Mittal, an Indian Foreign Service officer from the 1998 batch, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the United Arab Emirates.
- **Background:** As a seasoned diplomat, Dr. Mittal brings extensive experience to his new role, further strengthening India's diplomatic ties with the UAE.
- **Assumption of Office:** He is expected to take up his new assignment shortly, although the exact date hasn't been specified.
- **Strategic Move:** This appointment reflects India's efforts to bolster its strategic partnership with the UAE, a key player in the Middle East region.



## 3. India unveils Vikram-3201, the first fully indigenous 32-bit microprocessor

- **Launch Details:** Vikram-3201 was officially unveiled on September 2, 2025, at the Semicon India Summit in New Delhi, marking a significant milestone in India's semiconductor journey.
- **Design and Fabrication:** This microprocessor was designed by ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) and fabricated at the Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL) in Mohali, showcasing India's end-to-end capabilities in semiconductor technology.
- **Space-Grade Capabilities:** Vikram-3201 is engineered to withstand extreme temperatures, radiation, and vibrations, making it suitable for launch vehicles and satellites. Its 32-bit architecture enables higher performance and wider memory addressing.
- **Indigenous Technology:** The microprocessor features a custom, indigenous instruction set, ensuring full strategic control and self-reliance. ISRO has also developed in-house software tools, including an Ada cross-compiler, assembler, linker, and simulator.



## 4. India-Thailand Military Drill Exercise MAITREE-XIV Begins

- **Exercise Details:** The 14th edition of Exercise MAITREE commenced on September 1, 2025, at the



Joint Training Node (JTN) in Umroi, Meghalaya, and will run until September 14, 2025.

- **Participating Forces:** The exercise involves 120 personnel from the Indian Army's Madras Regiment and 53 personnel from the Royal Thai Army's 1st Infantry Battalion, 14th Infantry Brigade.
- **Objective:** The primary focus is on enhancing interoperability and mutual understanding between the two armies, particularly in counter-terrorist operations in semi-urban terrain under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.
- **Training Modules:** The exercise includes joint tactical drills, special arms and weapons handling skills, and planning and execution of counter-insurgency operations, culminating in a 48-hour validation exercise simulating realistic operational scenarios.

## 5. PM Modi Launched Rajya Jeevika Nidhi Saakh Sahkari Sangh Limited

- **Launch Details:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Bihar Rajya Jeevika Nidhi Saakh Sahkari Sangh Limited on September 2, 2025, via video conferencing, to provide easy access to funds at affordable interest rates for women associated with Jeevika.
- **Financial Support:** PM Modi transferred Rs 105 crore to Jeevika Sisters, enabling them to access financial support easily and strengthen their businesses or work.
- **Digital Platform:** The Jeevika Nidhi system operates entirely on a digital platform, ensuring faster and more transparent fund transfers directly into the bank accounts of Jeevika Didis, eliminating the need for physical visits.
- **Women's Empowerment:** The initiative aims to strengthen entrepreneurship development among rural women, accelerate the growth of community-led enterprises, and promote women's financial independence, aligning with the government's priority of empowering women.



## 6. GM Pranav Venkatesh Wins Fujairah Global Superstars 2025

- **Convincing Victory:** Pranav Venkatesh won the Fujairah Global Superstars 2025 chess tournament, scoring 7 points out of 9 and finishing a full point ahead of his nearest rivals.



- **Tournament Performance:** He achieved a remarkable performance rating of 2843, showcasing his exceptional skill and dominance in the tournament.
- **Key Wins:** Pranav defeated notable players like Nihal Sarin, Alan Pichot, and Amin Tabatabaei, demonstrating his ability to handle pressure and outmaneuver strong opponents.
- **Rating Boost:** This victory earned him a significant rating boost of 28.2 Elo points, further solidifying his position as a rising star in the chess world.

## 7. Ariser onboards Ravindra Jadeja as brand ambassador

- **Partnership Announcement:** Ariser, a smart-casual clothing label, announced Ravindra Jadeja as its brand ambassador, leveraging his popularity and style to promote the brand.
- **Brand Fit:** Jadeja's all-round brilliance on the field resonates with Ariser's promise of style that fits right, feels right, and moves with you, making him a perfect fit for the brand.
- **Quality and Comfort:** Ravindra Jadeja praised Ariser for its focus on quality, comfort, and craftsmanship, stating that the brand delivers on all fronts without a hefty price tag.
- **Marketing Campaign:** A 360-degree campaign across TV, digital, outdoor, and retail touchpoints will feature Jadeja and Ariser's latest collection, showcasing smart-casual menswear.



## 8. Kavinder Singh Negi inducted as Superintendent of Police in CBI

- **Appointment Details:** Kavinder Singh Negi, a 2015-batch IRS (Income Tax) officer, has been inducted as Superintendent of Police in the CBI for a period of four years.
- **Current Role:** Before joining CBI, Negi was serving as Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax in Delhi Headquarters, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
- **Induction Alongside Others:** He was inducted alongside another officer, Vedant Kanwar (IRS IT: 2016), who was appointed as Superintendent of Police in CBI for a period of three years.
- **Background:** The CBI has been recruiting officers from various government services, including IRS and IDAS, as superintendents of police or deputy inspector general, bringing diverse expertise to the agency.





## 9. Rajit Punhani appointed as CEO of FSSAI

- **Appointment Details:** Rajit Punhani, a 1991-batch IAS officer of the Bihar cadre, has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for a specific term, succeeding Ganji Kamala V. Rao.
- **Background:** Punhani brings over three decades of administrative experience across various sectors, including public policy, finance, social security, taxation, health, energy, and governance.
- **Previous Role:** Before joining FSSAI, Punhani served as Secretary in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, where he oversaw initiatives to align skilling with industry demands and global competitiveness.
- **Key Contributions:** Punhani has launched impactful initiatives, such as a pension and insurance scheme for over 450 million unorganized sector workers and the world's largest maternal messaging program to improve maternal health outcomes.



### Foot notes:

#### About FSSAI-

- **CEO:** Rajit Punhani
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Formed:** 2008

## 10. NTPC Kanti Wins Prestigious Global Water Tech Award 2025

- **NTPC's Achievements:** NTPC Limited has received several awards and recognitions for its efforts in sustainability and water resource management, such as the Forward Faster Sustainability Award 2025 in the Water Resilience category.
- **Water Conservation Efforts:** NTPC has been recognized for its water conservation efforts, including NTPC Barauni being ranked #1 in water resource conservation in the national awards.
- **Global Recognition:** NTPC Limited has gained international recognition, including being ranked 433 in Forbes' Global 2000 list in 2023, showcasing its prominence in the energy sector.



**Foot notes:  
About NTPC-**

- **Chairman & MD:** Gurdeep Singh
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Founded:** 1975



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