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VINAY TONSE TAKES CHARGE AS MD & CEO OF YES BANK

- **Appointment Details:** Vinay Muralidhar Tonse officially took charge as the MD & CEO of YES Bank on April 6, 2026, for a tenure of three years. He succeeds Prashant Kumar, who completed his term on April 5.
- **SBI Veteran:** Tonse brings nearly four decades of experience from the State Bank of India (SBI), where he most recently served as Managing Director (Retail Business & Operations). He also previously served as the MD & CEO of SBI Mutual Fund.
- **Strategic Focus:** His appointment, approved by the RBI, is seen as a shift for YES Bank from "stabilization" to "growth and expansion," specifically focusing on strengthening retail banking and the bank's digital platform.

Footnotes: YES Bank's Previous MD: Prashant Kumar, HQ: Mumbai, Founded: 2004

VIETNAM ELECTS COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF TO LAM AS PRESIDENT

- **Dual Leadership:** On April 7, 2026, Vietnam's National Assembly elected To Lam as the State President for the 2026–2031 term. He will simultaneously continue to serve as the General Secretary of the Communist Party, consolidating the country's two most powerful roles.
- **Unanimous Election:** Lam was the sole nominee and received 99% of the vote (495 out of 495 delegates present) during the first session of the 16th National Assembly in Hanoi.

- **Economic Vision:** Upon taking his oath, he emphasized a "new era" for Vietnam, aiming to transform the nation into an upper-middle-income country by 2030 and a high-income developed country by 2045 through administrative reforms and modernization.

NITI AAYOG'S AIM LAUNCHES ATL SARTHI & MENTOR INDIA ACADEMY



- **Telangana Rollout:** On April 4, 2026, the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) under NITI Aayog launched ATL Sarthi and the Mentor India Academy in Telangana to provide structured support to 379 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) across the state.
- **Four-Pillar Framework:** ATL Sarthi is a self-monitoring tool designed to enhance lab efficiency through four pillars: a digital dashboard (MyATL), compliance SOPs, a cluster-based monitoring approach, and a Performance-Enablement (PE) Matrix.
- **Institutional Linkage:** The initiative moves from providing just infrastructure to sustained engagement by appointing Vardhaman College of Engineering as a nodal institution to mentor school students and foster a "school-to-startup" ecosystem.

IMPORTANT FACTS

MAJOR DAMS & RIVER PROJECTS

- **Idukki Project:** Periyar River, Kerala
- **Ukai Project:** Tapi river, Gujarat
- **Kakrapar project:** Tapi river, Gujarat
- **Koldam project:** Sutlej River, Himachal Pradesh
- **Ganga Sagar project:** Chambal River, Madhya Pradesh
- **Jawahar Sagar Project:** Chambal River, Rajasthan

SATSURE, DHRUVA SPACE SIGN MOU TO DELIVER END-TO-END SPACE-BASED SOLUTIONS

- **Strategic Alliance:** Bengaluru-based SatSure and Hyderabad-based Dhruva Space signed an MoU to provide end-to-end Earth Observation-as-a-Service (EOaaS), combining SatSure's satellite data analytics with Dhruva Space's satellite manufacturing and launch expertise.
- **Upstream & Downstream Integration:** The partnership unifies the space value chain; SatSure's subsidiary, KaleidEO, provides high-resolution optical payloads, while Dhruva Space handles small satellite platforms, ground station infrastructure, and launch integration.
- **National Impact:** This collaboration aims to build a sovereign EO ecosystem, offering fully indigenous, cost-effective, and high-quality space-based data for sectors like agriculture, infrastructure, and defense.

NARENDRA BHOOSHAN APPOINTED SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF LAND RESOURCES

- **Appointment Details:** Shri Narendra Bhooshan, a 1992-batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, officially assumed charge as the Secretary of the Department of Land Resources (Ministry of Rural Development) on April 6, 2026.
- **Diverse Experience:** He has over three decades of administrative experience, previously serving as the Additional Chief Secretary (Energy) in Uttar Pradesh and the CEO of Greater Noida Authority. At the Centre, he has served in the UIDAI and as Joint Secretary in the Department of Agriculture.
- **Academic Profile:** Bhooshan holds a Master's degree in International Development Policy from Duke University (USA), a postgraduate degree in Economics, and a graduate degree in Electronics.

MENAKA GURUSWAMY BECOMES INDIA'S FIRST OPENLY QUEER MP

- **Historic Milestone:** Senior Advocate Menaka Guruswamy took her oath as a Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha on April 3, 2026, becoming the first openly queer (LGBTQ+) person to serve in India's Parliament.

- **Political Representation:** She was elected as a candidate of the Trinamool Congress (TMC) representing the state of West Bengal, following the Rajya Sabha elections held in March 2026.
- **Legal Legacy:** Guruswamy is renowned for her pivotal role as a lead lawyer in the landmark Navtej Singh Johar v. Union of India (2018) case, which resulted in the Supreme Court decriminalizing consensual same-sex relationships by reading down Section 377.

DOUBLE OLYMPIC MEDALLIST BLANKA VLAŠIĆ NAMED AMBASSADOR FOR WORLD 10K BENGALURU



- **Event Ambassador:** Double Olympic medalist and high jump legend Blanka Vlašić was named the International Event Ambassador for the 18th edition of the TCS World 10K Bengaluru, scheduled for April 26, 2026.
- **Athletic Credentials:** The Croatian star won silver at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and bronze at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Her personal best of 2.08m remains the third-highest clearance in women's high jump history.

- **Global Recognition:** The World 10K Bengaluru is a World Athletics Gold Label Race and one of the premier distance running events globally, attracting both elite international athletes and thousands of mass participants.

MCL'S KESHAV RAO WINS PROFESSIONAL CSR PERSON OF THE YEAR 2026

- **Top Recognition:** Shri Keshav Rao, Director (Human Resources) of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), was honored with the "Professional CSR Person of the Year 2026" award on April 6, 2026.
- **The Conclave:** The accolade was presented during the State CSR Corporate Awards & Conclave, recognizing his exemplary leadership in driving impactful Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and HR initiatives.
- **Impactful Strategy:** Under his guidance, MCL transitioned to need-based programs focusing on inclusive development in local communities, specifically targeting education, healthcare, skill development, and infrastructure in the company's operational areas in Odisha.

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

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- **World Health Day 2026: 7th April**
- **Theme 2026: "Together for health, Stand with science."**
- **A core focus of this year's campaign is the "One Health" model, which recognizes that human health is intrinsically linked to the health of wider environment.**