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#### 1. Acharya Devvrat Gets Additional Charge as Maharashtra Governor

- **Reason for Additional Charge:** Acharya Devvrat was given the additional charge of Maharashtra Governor after C.P. Radhakrishnan stepped down from the position following his election as the Vice President of India.
- **Appointment:** President Droupadi Murmu appointed Acharya Devvrat, who is currently the Governor of Gujarat, to discharge the functions of the Governor of Maharashtra in addition to his own duties.
- **Role of Governor:** As Governor, Acharya Devvrat will serve as the chief executive of the state and play a crucial role in ensuring democratic and administrative balance during times of political change.
- **Tenure:** The Governor shall hold office during the pleasure of the President and can serve for a term of five years from the date on which he enters upon his office.
- **Background:** Acharya Devvrat was sworn in as Gujarat's Governor in July 2019 and has previously served as Himachal Pradesh Governor from August 2015 to July 2019. **Foot notes:**



#### About Maharashtra-

- **Previous Governor:** C. P. Radhakrishnan
- **Chief Minister:** Devendra Fadnavis

- **Capital:** Mumbai

## 2. IIM Ahmedabad Launches First Global Campus in Dubai

- **A Historic First for IIMs:** This move is seen as a major step towards the internationalization of Indian education and is expected to enhance the global brand of one of India's most prestigious educational institutions.
- **Strategic Location in a Global Hub:** Dubai's status as a thriving global business and travel hub provides IIM-A with a launch pad to attract a diverse pool of students and forge collaborations with international corporations.
- **Initial Program Offerings:** The Dubai campus will initially offer a one-year Global MBA program specifically designed for experienced professionals and entrepreneurs. In addition to this flagship program, the campus will also provide a range of executive education courses.
- **Phased Development Plan:** The operations of the IIM Ahmedabad -Dubai campus are commencing in September 2025 at the Dubai International Academic City (DIAC).



### Foot notes:

#### About IIM-

- **Chairman:** Pankaj Patel
- **Established:** 1961

## 3. AIIMS Delhi launched the AI-based mental health program Never Alone

- **AI-Powered Mental Health Support:** "Never Alone" utilizes Artificial Intelligence to offer a comprehensive mental wellness solution. The program is delivered through a secure, web-based application that is accessible 24/7 via WhatsApp.
- **Focus on Suicide Prevention and Stigma Reduction:** The primary goal of the program is to tackle the alarming rate of suicidal tendencies among students by providing early and accessible intervention.
- **Accessible and Affordable for Institutions:** The program has been designed to be highly accessible for educational institutions. The basic screening for mental



health issues through the "Never Alone" app is available at a nominal cost of 70 paise per student per day.

- **Hybrid Model of Care:** While the initial interaction and screening are AI-driven, the program facilitates both virtual and in-person consultations with mental health and wellness experts.

**Foot notes:**

**About AIIMS-**

- **President:** Mansukh L. Mandaviya
- **Founded:** 1956

**4. TCIL-PNB MoU to Boost IT Infrastructure and Banking Tech**

- **Modernizing Banking Infrastructure:** The core objective of this MoU is to upgrade and modernize PNB's existing IT infrastructure. This includes enhancing data centers, improving network security, and implementing more efficient communication systems across the bank's extensive network of branches and offices.



- **Focus on Cutting-Edge Technologies:** The partnership will prioritize the implementation of next-generation banking technologies. This involves exploring and integrating solutions in areas like artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), blockchain and the Internet of Things (IoT).
- **Enhancing Cybersecurity Measures:** A critical aspect of the collaboration is to strengthen PNB's cybersecurity framework. With the increasing threat of cyberattacks in the financial sector, TCIL will provide its expertise in securing the bank's digital assets.
- **Expanding Digital Services:** The MoU will support PNB in expanding its portfolio of digital banking services. This includes the development of more sophisticated mobile banking applications, seamless online payment gateways.

**Foot notes:**

**About PNB-**

- **MD & CEO:** Ashok Chandra
- **Headquarters:** Delhi
- **Founded:** 1894

## About TCIL-

- **Chairman & MD:** Sanjeev Kumar
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi

## 5. Bangladesh Clinch First-Ever T20 Win Over Hong Kong in Asia Cup

- **First-Ever T20I Victory over Hong Kong:** This match marked a significant milestone for Bangladesh, as it was their first-ever T20 International win against Hong Kong. The two teams had only met once before in the format, back in the 2014 T20 World Cup, where Hong Kong surprisingly emerged victorious.
- **Litton Das's Match-Winning Half-Century:** Bangladesh's captain, Litton Das, was the star of the show, earning the Player of the Match award for his impressive knock. He scored a fluent 59 off 39 balls, steering his team's chase after they had lost two early wickets.
- **Disciplined Bowling Performance by Bangladesh:** Bangladesh's bowlers were effective in restricting Hong Kong's scoring. Pace bowlers Taskin Ahmed and Tanzim Hasan Sakib, along with leg-spinner Rishad Hossain, each took two wickets, helping to contain Hong Kong to a manageable total of 143 for 7.
- **Hong Kong's Improved Batting Effort:** While Hong Kong lost the match, they showed an improved batting performance compared to their previous game.



## 6. Sipra Bajpai appointed as Independent Director of Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd

- **Appointment Date and Term:** Ms. Sipra Bajpai was appointed as an Independent Director on the Board of RCF with effect from September 11, 2025. Her term is for a period of three years from the date of her appointment.
- **Professional and Educational Background:** Ms. Bajpai brings a diverse background to her new role. She holds a Master's degree in Commerce and a Bachelor's degree in Law from F.M. University, Balasore, Odisha. This combination of commercial and legal expertise is expected to be a valuable asset to the company's governance.
- **Political Experience:** In addition to her educational qualifications, Ms. Bajpai has a notable political background. Since 2019, she has been serving as the State



Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Odisha. Her experience in public service is seen as a way to bring a fresh perspective to RCF's leadership.

## 7. Srinivas Injeti appointed as Chairperson of NSE Governing Board

- **Filling a long-term vacancy:** His appointment, effective September 9, 2025, comes after a year-long vacancy for the chairperson position on the NSE's governing board.
- **Extensive regulatory experience:** A retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer from the 1983 batch, Srinivas Injeti brings over four decades of experience in corporate regulation, financial services, and public policy. This deep knowledge of regulatory frameworks is expected to be a major asset to the NSE.
- **Key previous roles:** His distinguished career includes serving as the Union Secretary in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (2017-2020), where he spearheaded significant reforms in insolvency, competition, and company laws.
- **Strengthening governance:** Injeti's appointment is part of the NSE's focus on enhancing its corporate governance structure, particularly as the exchange prepares for a potential initial public offering (IPO).



## 8. Jitendra Asati to serve as Director on Board of Punjab & Sindh Bank

- **Government Nominee:** Jitendra Asati's appointment is a direct nomination from the Central Government of India. This makes him a government nominee director on the public sector bank's board.
- **Immediate Effect and Replacement:** The appointment is effective immediately and he replaces Ms. M.G. Jayasree. This change reflects the government's ongoing effort to strategically place senior officials with relevant expertise in key leadership positions.
- **Extensive Experience:** Mr. Asati is a seasoned Indian Economic Service (IES) officer from the 2010 batch. He has held multiple high-profile roles, including as a Director in the Department of Financial Services (DFS) under the Ministry of Finance.
- **Academic and Professional Excellence:** Asati was the All-India topper of his IES batch. He holds an M. Phil. in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and has a strong background as an economist-bureaucrat. His



professional work includes shaping policies on external commercial borrowings and regulations under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).

- **Strengthening Governance:** His appointment is aimed at leveraging his deep experience in financial and economic policy to guide Punjab & Sind Bank.

#### Foot notes:

#### About Punjab & Sindh Bank-

- **MD & CEO:** Swarup Kumar Saha
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Founded:** 1908

### 9. PRIO-GRID wins data innovation award

- **Prestigious Recognition:** PRIO-GRID received the J. David Singer Data Innovation Award, which is a highly esteemed honor in the field of political science and conflict research. The award recognizes "the best data contribution to the study of any and all forms of political conflict, either within or between nation-states."
- **What PRIO-GRID Is:** PRIO-GRID is a widely used and open-access data framework. It is a spatial grid structure that divides the entire terrestrial surface of the world into small, consistent grid cells.
- **Facilitating Research and Analysis:** The key innovation of PRIO-GRID is that it harmonizes and organizes diverse geographical data in a unified, grid-based format.
- **Open-Source and Accessibility:** A crucial aspect of PRIO-GRID is that it is open source and freely available to the public. Since its release in 2012, it has been downloaded over 20,000 times, indicating its significant impact on the academic and research communities.



### 10. Manmohan Singh Posthumously Honoured with PV Narasimha Rao Award for Economics

- **Posthumous Recognition:** The award was conferred upon the late former Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, after his passing. This honor recognizes his monumental contributions to India's economic landscape and nation-building.



- **Received by His Wife:** At a ceremony held in New Delhi, the award was formally received on his behalf by his wife, Gursharan Kaur. The event was a solemn occasion that brought together a number of academics, policymakers, and supporters of both leaders.
- **Presented by Montek Singh Ahluwalia:** The award was presented by Montek Singh Ahluwalia, a prominent economist and former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission. Ahluwalia's involvement is particularly significant as he worked closely with Dr. Singh during the period of India's economic liberalization in the early 1990s.
- **Instituted by PVNMF:** The P.V. Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for Economics was established by the Hyderabad-based P.V. Narasimha Rao Memorial Foundation (PVNMF).

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