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RBI APPOINTS MURALIDHAR PAI AS MD & CEO OF SOUTH INDIAN BANK

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Muralidhar Pai as the Managing Director & CEO of South Indian Bank. He succeeds P.R. Seshadri.
- Muralidhar Pai has over 30 years of banking experience in retail, corporate, and digital banking. His appointment aims to strengthen the bank's growth and governance.
- South Indian Bank was established in 1929 and is headquartered in Thrissur, Kerala. It is one of India's leading private sector banks.

UTTARAKHAND BECOMES INDIA'S SIXTH FULLY LITERATE STATE

- Uttarakhand has become India's sixth fully literate state under the ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society) programme. The state achieved a literacy rate of over 95%.
- The achievement reflects successful implementation of adult education and literacy initiatives. It promotes inclusive education and lifelong learning.

- Earlier, Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, Kerala, and Himachal Pradesh had attained full literacy. The milestone supports the goals of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

UNION MINISTER LAUNCHES TRIBEX FOR TRIBAL EDUCATION



- Union Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram launched Tribex, a digital learning platform for tribal education and culture. The platform promotes tribal knowledge, languages, and heritage.
- Tribex provides online learning resources, skill development, and digital educational content for tribal students. It also helps preserve India's rich tribal traditions.
- The initiative supports the government's vision of Digital India and inclusive education. It aims to improve educational access in tribal areas.

IMPORTANT FACTS

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (RBI)

- *Established: 1 April 1935*
- *Nationalised: 1 January 1949*
- *Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.*
- *First Governor: Osborne Smith.*
- *First Indian Governor: C. D. Deshmukh.*
- *Current Governor: Sanjay Malhotra.*

GENEVA TO HOST GLOBAL AI SUMMIT IN 2027

- Geneva, Switzerland, will host the Global AI Summit 2027, bringing together governments, researchers, and industry leaders. The summit will focus on responsible and inclusive AI development.
- Discussions will cover AI governance, ethics, innovation, cybersecurity, and global cooperation. The event aims to shape future international AI policies.
- Geneva is known as a hub for international diplomacy and hosts several UN organizations. The summit is expected to strengthen global collaboration on artificial intelligence.

AGRICULTURE MINISTER UNVEILS PRAGATI INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT 20 LAKH FARMERS

- Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the PRAGATI Initiative to benefit around 20 lakh farmers across India. The programme focuses on improving farm productivity and income.
- PRAGATI promotes modern agricultural practices, digital technologies, and capacity building. It also encourages sustainable farming methods.
- The initiative supports the government's goal of enhancing farmers' welfare and agricultural growth. It complements ongoing efforts to modernize Indian agriculture.

ACHARYA RANCHHODLAL GOSWAMI WINS USTAD BISMILLAH KHAN YUVA PURASKAR

- Acharya Ranchhodlal Goswami has been selected for the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar, presented by the Sangeet Natak

Akademi. The award recognizes outstanding young artists.

- The Puraskar is given to artists below the age of 40 for excellence in music, dance, and theatre. It encourages emerging talent in performing arts.
- The award is named after legendary shehnai maestro Ustad Bismillah Khan. It is one of India's prestigious recognitions for young performing artists.

PM MODI VISITS UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE PRAMBANAN TEMPLE IN INDONESIA



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the Prambanan Temple during his Indonesia visit. It is the largest Hindu temple complex in Indonesia.

- Prambanan Temple is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and was built in the 9th century. It is dedicated to the Hindu Trinity—Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva.
- The visit highlighted the shared cultural and civilizational ties between India and Indonesia. It also strengthened bilateral cultural diplomacy.

TAMIL NADU'S ASWATH BECOMES INDIA'S 98TH GRANDMASTER

- H. Aswath from Tamil Nadu became India's 98th Chess Grandmaster after securing the required Grandmaster norms. He joins India's growing list of elite chess players.
- India continues to emerge as a global chess powerhouse with a rapidly increasing number of Grandmasters. Tamil Nadu remains the leading state for producing top chess talent.
- The Grandmaster (GM) title is awarded by FIDE (International Chess Federation). It is the highest title a chess player can achieve after fulfilling strict performance norms.

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

09.07.2026 / THURSDAY

- **Quit India Resolution (1942):** On July 9, 1942
- **Bombay Stock Exchange (1875):** On July 9, 1875
- **National Animal Designation (1969):** On July 9, 1969, the Indian Wildlife Board designated the lion as India's national animal.