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POLICYBAZAAR INSURANCE BROKERS APPOINTS SAJJA PRAVEEN CHOWDARY AS CEO

- **Effective Date & Scope:** The appointment became effective on April 7, 2026, following approval from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). In addition to becoming CEO, Chowdary will serve as the Principal Officer and Whole-Time Director.
- **Succession Details:** He succeeds Tarun Mathur, a long-serving co-founder and executive who stepped down from the CEO and Principal Officer roles due to personal commitments.
- **Leadership Background:** An industry veteran with over 17 years of experience, Chowdary has been with the PB Fintech Group since 2011. Before this elevation, he successfully headed "Policybazaar for Business," where he was instrumental in scaling the company's corporate, SME, and reinsurance segments.

BHOPAL PASSPORT OFFICE LAUNCHES BRAILLE AND SIGN SERVICES

- **Pioneering Initiative:** Inaugurated on April 7, 2026, by Chief Passport Officer B.S. Mubarak, this project makes Bhopal the first Regional Passport Office in the country to offer such integrated accessibility features.
- **Key Services for Visually Impaired:** The office has introduced special Braille booklets that detail the application process (including ECR/Non-ECR and Tatkaal categories) and installed Braille signage throughout

the premises to allow for independent navigation.

- **Sign Language Integration:** For speech and hearing-impaired applicants, a series of instructional videos in Sign Language has been launched. These videos are accessible via QR codes placed at various counters, guiding users through biometric enrollment and document verification.

MARK ZUCKERBERG LAUNCHES META MUSE SPARK AI



- **"Personal Superintelligence" & Multi-Agent Reasoning:** Muse Spark is a natively multimodal model designed to act as a personal agent. It features a unique "Contemplating Mode" that coordinates multiple sub-agents in parallel to solve complex more efficiently than sequential models.
- **Strategic Pivot to Proprietary Models:** In a major shift from Meta's previous open-source strategy, Muse Spark is a closed, proprietary model. It was developed over nine months as part of a total overhaul of Meta's AI stack, focusing on speed and "thought compression" to deliver high reasoning power with lower computational cost.
- **Domain-Specific Expertise (Health & Shopping):** Trained with data curated by over 1,000 physicians, Muse Spark leads industry benchmarks in health reasoning.

IMPORTANT FACTS

- *Boyle's Law applies at constant temperature*
- *Water starts boiling below 100°C on mountains*
- *Water has maximum density at 4°C*
- *An electron is a negatively charged particle*
- *Cotton, flax, and jute are fibrous crops*
- *Cholera disease is caused by bacteria*
- *The surface at the back of the eye is called the Retina*

DOORDARSHAN SIGNS MOU WITH ICCR IN NEW DELHI

- **Global Content Dissemination:** The agreement allows Doordarshan to leverage its television, radio, and digital platforms to broadcast cultural performances and events organized by Indian Missions abroad (Embassies/Consulates) and ICCR's regional centers, significantly expanding India's "soft power" reach.
- **Joint Ownership & Digital Rights:** A key feature of the MoU is the joint ownership of content rights in perpetuity. This includes digital rights, enabling both organizations to archive, reuse, and disseminate cultural content over the long term across OTT and social media.
- **Three-Year Strategic Partnership:** The MoU, signed by DG Doordarshan K. Satish Nambudiripad and DG ICCR K. Nandini Singla, is valid for three years.

MEENAKSHI GOYAT WINS SILVER MEDAL AT ASIAN WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

- **Final Performance:** Competing in the women's 53kg category, Meenakshi faced China's Jin Zhang in the final. She finished with a silver medal after losing the gold-medal bout 10-0 via technical superiority.
- **Path to the Podium:** To reach the final, the 25-year-old staged a remarkable comeback in the semi-finals against South Korea's Seoyoung Park, overcoming a 0-2 deficit in the final 30 seconds to win 4-2. Earlier, she defeated Uzbekistan's Sakibjamal Esbosynova 15-4 in the quarter-finals.
- **Significance of Participation:** Meenakshi earned her spot in the Indian contingent by stunning two-time World Championship medalist Antim Panghal during the national selection trials in March 2026. This was a major upset, marking Antim's first domestic defeat in three years.

PREETI SARAN RE-ELECTED AS UN COMMITTEE HEAD

- **New Tenure & Status:** Re-elected on April 8, 2026, Ambassador Saran will serve a fresh three-year term beginning in January 2027. She was elected by acclamation (unanimously) to an Asia-Pacific seat, serving in her personal capacity as an independent expert.
- **Leadership Role:** Ambassador Saran is the current Chair of the

ICESCR, having been elected to the post in February 2025. She holds the distinction of being the first Indian to lead this prestigious committee, which monitors the implementation of the ICESCR.

- **Diplomatic Significance:** Her re-election was part of a broader "unopposed sweep" where India secured seats in four key subsidiary bodies of the UN ECOSOC, including the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and the Committee on NGOs.

VIBHOR JAIN APPOINTED CEO OF ONDC, SET TO DRIVE DIGITAL COMMERCE GROWTH



- **Elevation to Full-time Leadership:** Effective April 7, 2026, Vibhor Jain transitioned from his role as Acting CEO to permanent MD & CEO. He had been leading the organization in an interim capacity since May 2025, following the departure of the founding CEO, Thampy Koshy.
- **Operational Background:** Prior to his elevation, Jain served as ONDC's Chief Operating Officer (COO). With over 18 years of experience in technology and consulting, he was a key architect in designing ONDC's scalable

infrastructure and managing its transition from a pilot project to a national network.

- **Growth Strategy & Focus:** Under his leadership, ONDC reported a 127% revenue surge for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Jain has stated that his priority is to move beyond traditional platform models to empower "kisaans (farmers), karigars (artisans), and kiranas (small retailers)" through an interoperable digital ecosystem.

Footnotes: ONDC's Previous CMD: T. Koshy, HQ: India, Estd: 2021

GAIL EXECUTIVE SHRI A. K. TRIPATHI CONFERRED CIDC VISHWAKARMA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2026

- **Award Category & Event:** The honor was conferred during the 17th CIDC Vishwakarma Awards held in New Delhi in March/April 2026. Shri Tripathi received the "Achievement Award for Public Officer" for his exceptional contribution to the growth of India's construction and infrastructure sector.
- **Infrastructure Impact:** The award recognizes his leadership in executing large-scale energy infrastructure, notably the commissioning of over 1,600 km of pipelines in the 2025-26 fiscal year and the management of projects worth approximately ₹18,900 crore.
- **Engineering Excellence:** Under his guidance, GAIL successfully implemented complex engineering feats, including the Dabhol-Breakwater project and high-difficulty HDD river crossings.

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

12.04.2026 / SUNDAY

- **National Safe Motherhood Day: 11th April**
- **Theme 2026: "Empowering Every Mother: Bridging Gaps through Technology and Compassionate Care."**
- **The theme highlights bridging the maternal healthcare gap between urban and rural India.**