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## Current Affairs

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### 1. Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya presented Rashtrapati Award certificates

- **Presentation of Certificates:** Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya presented the Rashtrapati Award certificates on behalf of the President of India to selected awardees.
- **Occasion:** The ceremony was held as part of the National Sports and Adventure Awards recognition process.
- **Purpose:** The awards honor outstanding contributions and achievements in sports, coaching, and promotion of physical education.
- **Categories:** Recipients include sportspersons, coaches, and institutions recognized for excellence in their respective fields.
- **Significance:** The Rashtrapati Award is a mark of the highest national recognition for sporting excellence, carrying prestige and encouragement for the sporting community.



### 2. Dinesh K Patnaik Appointed India's Envoy to Canada

- **New Appointment:** Senior diplomat Dinesh K. Patnaik has been appointed as India's High Commissioner to Canada.



- **Previous Role:** He previously served as Director General of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).
- **Diplomatic Experience:** Patnaik is a seasoned Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of the 1990 batch, with experience in Europe, Asia, and Africa.
- **Context:** His appointment comes at a crucial time, amid strained India-Canada relations over diplomatic and security concerns.
- **Significance:** As High Commissioner, he will play a key role in strengthening bilateral ties, addressing challenges, and expanding cooperation in trade, education, and diaspora engagement.

### 3. Rajnath, Yogi inaugurate India's largest aero engine test bed in UP

- **Inauguration:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath jointly inaugurated India's largest aero engine test bed in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Facility Purpose:** The test bed is designed for testing and validating aero engines, crucial for strengthening India's aerospace and defence self-reliance.
- **Strategic Importance:** The facility supports the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, reducing dependence on foreign testing facilities.
- **Key Agency Involved:** Developed under the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) / DRDO collaboration (depending on official details, can confirm exact body).
- **Regional Boost:** The project not only strengthens India's defence ecosystem but also positions Uttar Pradesh as a defence and aerospace hub.



### 4. Army Conducts Yudh Kaushal 3.0 Multi-Domain Drill in Arunachal

- **Exercise Conducted:** The Indian Army carried out Yudh Kaushal 3.0, a large-scale multi-domain military drill in Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Objective:** The exercise tested operational readiness, joint warfare capabilities, and integration of modern technology in high-altitude conditions.
- **Forces Involved:** Multiple arms of the Army, including infantry, artillery, aviation, engineers, and electronic warfare units, participated.
- **Strategic Significance:** Conducted close to the LAC (Line of Actual Control) with China, the drill strengthens preparedness against border challenges.



- **New Dimension:** The exercise emphasized multi-domain operations like cyber, space, drones, and AI-based warfare, aligning with India's future combat strategies.

## 5. Odisha Ranks 5th in E-Bus Adoption, Plans 1,000+ Fleet

- **National Ranking:** Odisha secured the 5th position in India for electric bus (e-bus) adoption.
- **Current Status:** The state has already introduced e-buses in key cities under the 'Location Accessible Multimodal Initiative (LAccMI)' scheme.
- **Expansion Plan:** Odisha government announced plans to expand its e-bus fleet to over 1,000 buses in the coming years.
- **Objective:** The move aims to promote green public transport, reduce carbon emissions, and improve urban mobility.
- **Significance:** With this step, Odisha is set to become a leading state in sustainable transport, aligning with India's net zero and clean energy goals.



## 6. India Clinches 2025 SAFF U17 Women's Championship Title

- **Championship Victory:** India won the 2025 SAFF U-17 Women's Championship title, showcasing dominance in South Asian women's football.
- **Tournament Host:** The championship was held in Bangladesh, featuring teams from South Asian nations.
- **Final Match:** India defeated Bangladesh in the final to secure the trophy (can confirm exact scoreline if you want).
- **Consistent Success:** This victory highlights India's growing strength in youth women's football, following recent successes at junior levels.
- **Significance:** The win boosts India's women's football development, inspires grassroots participation, and strengthens preparation for continental competitions.



## 7. Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh Gets Additional Charge as CMD of NHPC

- **New Role:** Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh has been given the additional charge of Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of NHPC Limited, India's leading hydropower company.



- **Reason for Appointment:** He assumes the role following the retirement/vacancy of the previous CMD, ensuring continuity in leadership.
- **Experience:** Singh has vast experience in hydropower project planning, execution, and management, contributing to NHPC's growth.
- **Significance:** His appointment is crucial for driving clean energy initiatives, hydropower expansion, and renewable energy diversification under India's green energy mission.



## 8. OpenAI names ex-Coursera chief Raghav Gupta as Education Head for India and APAC

- **New Appointment:** Raghav Gupta, former Managing Director of Coursera India & APAC, has been appointed as Education Head for India and Asia-Pacific at OpenAI.
- **Role & Responsibility:** He will lead OpenAI's education initiatives in the region, focusing on integrating AI tools into learning, teaching, and skill development.
- **Professional Background:** Gupta has over two decades of experience in edtech, consulting, and business leadership, with stints at Coursera, Aon Hewitt, and Technopak.
- **Strategic Importance:** His appointment comes at a time when AI in education is becoming a key driver for digital learning and workforce upskilling in India & APAC.
- **Significance:** This move strengthens OpenAI's regional presence and aligns with its goal of making AI-powered learning more accessible to students, educators, and institutions.



## 9. C&MD, EIL conferred with SCOPE Eminence Award

- **Award Conferred:** The Chairman & Managing Director (C&MD) of Engineers India Limited (EIL) was honored with the SCOPE Eminence Award.
- **Awarding Body:** The award was presented by Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE), which recognizes excellence among Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs).
- **Category of Recognition:** The award acknowledges leadership, corporate governance, innovation, and outstanding contributions to the public sector.



- **About EIL:** Engineers India Limited is a Navratna PSU under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, specializing in engineering consultancy and EPC services.
- **Significance:** The award highlights EIL's role in nation-building, energy sector projects, and sustainability initiatives, while recognizing the CMD's leadership.

### 10. Prem Sagar, FTII alumnus and 'Ramayan' cinematographer, passed away

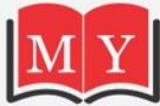
- Veteran cinematographer Prem Sagar, best known for his work on Ramanand Sagar's epic TV series 'Ramayan', has passed away.
- He was an alumnus of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune, and contributed significantly to Indian television and cinema.
- Apart from 'Ramayan', he worked on several other mythological and devotional serials produced by Sagar Arts.
- Prem Sagar was the son of legendary filmmaker Ramanand Sagar, who created iconic TV shows in the 1980s and 1990s.
- His passing marks the loss of a pioneering cinematographer who played a key role in shaping the visual storytelling of Indian television's golden era.



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