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Air India Appoints Tewolde Gebremariam as CEO



- Air India has appointed Tewolde Gebremariam, former CEO of Ethiopian Airlines Group, as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD).
- He succeeds Campbell Wilson, who stepped down after leading Air India's initial transformation under the Tata Group.
- Air India is jointly owned by Tata Group (75%) and Singapore Airlines (25%).

Ladakh to Launch India's First High-Altitude Wildlife Safari



- The High-Altitude Wildlife Safari will be developed in the upper reaches of Ladakh, primarily covering the snow leopard and bird-watching trails in the Changthang region.
- Major wildlife includes Snow Leopard, Tibetan Wolf, Blue Sheep (Bharal), Himalayan Ibex, Kiang, Black-necked Crane and Himalayan Marmot.
- The safari area falls within the Changthang Cold Desert Wildlife Sanctuary.

Assam Launches Nijut Moina and Nijut Babu Schemes



- The Assam Government launched the Nijut Moina Scheme to support higher education for girl students and Nijut Babu Scheme for male students.
- It covers students pursuing Higher Secondary, Undergraduate and Postgraduate education
- Both schemes aim to improve the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education.

Tamil Nadu Government to Launch 'Vetri Vaanmagal' Scheme



- The scheme aims to empower women farmers through modern agricultural technology.
- It focuses on providing training in agricultural drone operations.
- Training will be conducted through the Remote Pilot Training Organisation (RPTO) of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU).

Microsoft Launches Fourth India Cloud Region in Hyderabad

- Microsoft has launched its fourth cloud region in India at Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Hyderabad joins Mumbai, Pune and Chennai as Microsoft's cloud regions in India.
- The new facility provides Microsoft Azure, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and cloud computing services.

Cabinet Approves GOBARdhan Scheme



- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the revamped GOBARdhan Scheme, Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan.
- It converts organic waste into Compressed Biogas (CBG), Bio-CNG, biogas and organic manure.
- The nodal ministry is the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Prof. Karthikeyan Lanka Selected for NASI Young Scientist Award



- Prof. Karthikeyan Lanka has been selected for the prestigious NASI Young Scientist Award 2026 in the Earth Sciences category.
- He is an Associate Professor at the Centre for Studies in Resources Engineering (CSRE), IIT Bombay.

- The award is presented by the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI).

Arunachal's Boleng to Host Asian Rafting Championships 2026



- Boleng, located in Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh, will host the Asian Rafting Championships 2026.
- The event will take place on the Simang River, a major tributary of the Siang River, known for its world-class white-water rapids.
- The Siang River is the Indian name of the YarlungTsangpo River after it enters India from Tibet.

MOST IMPORTANT LAKE

Largest Freshwater Lake → **Wular Lake**

Largest Brackish Water Lagoon → **Chilika Lake**

Largest Inland Salt Lake → **Sambhar Lake**

Longest Lake in India → **Vembanad Lake**

Meteorite Crater Lake → **Lonar Lake**

Newest Ramsar Site (2026) → **Glaw Lake**

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

07-08-2026 / FRIDAY

1905 – Swadeshi Movement launched at Calcutta Town Hall; boycott of British goods announced after the Partition of Bengal. 1905 – Indian National Congress officially supported the boycott of British goods, strengthening the Swadeshi movement. 1941 – Rabindranath Tagore, India's first Nobel Prize winner (Literature, 1913), passed away in Kolkata.