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1. Vipan Singh joins as Head Audit & Inspection Vertical of UBI

- **Vast Banking Experience:** He brings over 28 years of service across various divisions of Union Bank—Branch Banking, Regional Offices, Zonal Offices, and Corporate Office
- **Leadership in Jaipur Zone:** He previously served as the Head of the Jaipur Zone, overseeing regional operations, compliance, and customer engagement
- **Current Designation:** As of 9 July 2025, he has been designated as General Manager (Empaneled Chief General Manager) and now leads the Audit & Inspection Vertical at Union Bank of India
- **Academic Credentials:** He holds a Master's degree in Business Administration and is a Certified Associate of Indian Institute of Bankers (CAIIB)
- **Global Executive Training:** He has completed executive programs on Revenue Management and Dynamic Pricing at IIM Ahmedabad, a Leadership Development Program spanning Switzerland, Germany, and France, as well as a Focused Leadership Development Program at ISB Hyderabad.



Foot notes:

About UBI-

- **Managing Director & CEO:** Ashish Pandey
- **Headquarters:** Mumbai

- **Founded:** 1919

2. Arthunkal Police Station becomes first in India to achieve IS/ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System Certification

- **First in India:** Arthunkal Police Station in Kerala has become the first police station in India to receive the IS/ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System Certification.
- **Certification Scope:** The certification covers all aspects of the police station's operations, including crime investigation, law and order maintenance, public service delivery, and administrative functions.
- **Improved Service:** This achievement signifies the station's commitment to delivering high-quality, efficient, and citizen-centric services.
- **Rigorous Audit:** The station underwent a stringent audit process to meet the international standards set by ISO 9001:2015 for quality management.
- **Benchmark for Others:** This recognition sets a new benchmark for police stations across India, encouraging others to adopt similar quality management systems for better public service.



3. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank appoints Head of Emerging Business

- **New Role:** Umesh Arora has been appointed as the Head of Emerging Business at Ujjivan Small Finance Bank.
- **Extensive Experience:** He brings over 25 years of experience in the banking and financial services sector, having held senior leadership roles in retail lending, credit, and asset businesses.
- **Previous Associations:** Arora has worked with reputed institutions like Axis Bank, IDBI Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, and Utkarsh Small Finance Bank.
- **Strong Qualifications:** He holds an MBA from IIM Kozhikode, an Advanced certification in Digital Transformation from IIM Lucknow, is a CAIIB, and a B.Com (Hons.) graduate from Hansraj College, Delhi University.



Foot notes:

About Ujjivan Small Finance Bank-

- **MD & CEO:** Sanjeev Nautiyal

- **Headquarters:** Bengaluru
- **Founded:** 2017

4. Maharashtra Government Declares Ganeshotsav as State Festival

- **Official Recognition:** The Maharashtra government officially declared the 10-day Ganeshotsav as the "Maharashtra State Festival" on Thursday, July 10, 2025.
- **Cultural Significance:** This declaration recognizes Ganeshotsav as a symbol of Maharashtra's cultural pride, identity, social unity, and nationalism, with roots dating back to Lokmanya Tilak's efforts in 1893.
- **Government Support:** The state government has pledged full support, including financial aid, police security, and infrastructure, for grand celebrations across the state, particularly in major cities like Mumbai and Pune.
- **Promotion and Themes:** The government aims to promote the festival nationally and internationally. Ganesh mandals are encouraged to incorporate themes honoring armed forces (like "Operation Sindoor"), social initiatives, and national achievements.



Foot notes:

About Maharashtra-

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

5. Animesh Kujur breaks invisible barrier with new 100m record

- **New National Record:** Animesh Kujur set a new national record in the men's 100m, clocking an impressive 10.18 seconds.
- **First Indian under 10.2s:** This performance makes him the first Indian athlete to run the 100m sprint in under 10.2 seconds, breaking a significant "invisible barrier" in Indian athletics.
- **Location of Achievement:** The record was set at the Dromia International Sprint and Relays Meeting 2025 in Vari, Greece, on July 5, 2025.



- **Triple National Record Holder:** Kujur now holds national records in three events: the 100m (10.18s), 200m (20.32s), and is also part of the 4x100m relay national record team (38.69s).

6. Carnac Bridge Renamed as Sindoor in Mumbai

- **New Name:** The newly constructed bridge in South Mumbai, replacing the old Carnac Bridge, has been named "Sindoor Bridge."
- **Colonial Legacy:** The renaming aims to break from colonial ties, as the original bridge was named after James Rivett Carnac, a British governor accused of injustices against Indian rulers.
- **Tribute to "Operation Sindoor":** The new name "Sindoor" is a tribute to "Operation Sindoor," a recent Indian military operation that precisely targeted terrorist bases across the border.
- **Improved Connectivity:** The new bridge, with four vehicular lanes, is expected to significantly ease traffic flow and congestion in South Mumbai, connecting key commercial areas.
- **Inauguration:** Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis inaugurated the bridge on Thursday, July 10, 2025.



7. Priya Nair to Take Over as CEO and MD of HUL

- **Historic Appointment:** Priya Nair will become the first woman CEO and MD of Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) in its 92-year history.
- **Successor to Rohit Jawa:** She will replace Rohit Jawa, who will step down on July 31, 2025, after a two-year tenure.
- **Extensive HUL/Unilever Experience:** Nair is a veteran of Unilever, having joined HUL in 1995. She has held diverse leadership roles across home care, beauty & wellbeing, and personal care, both in India and globally, most recently as President, Beauty & Wellbeing, Unilever.
- **Board Membership:** She will also join the HUL Board and continue to be a member of the Unilever Leadership Executive (ULE).



Foot notes:
About HUL-

- **CEO and MD:** Priya Nair
- **Headquarters:** Mumbai
- **Founded:** 1933

8. Telangana Wins National Award for Battery Manufacturing

- **Award Received:** Telangana secured the India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) Industry Excellence Award 2025 in the "State Leadership – Battery Manufacturing" category.
- **Award Ceremony:** The award was presented on July 10, 2025, during the 11th India Energy Storage Week (IESW) in New Delhi.
- **Recognition:** The award acknowledges Telangana's proactive efforts in fostering a robust ecosystem for battery production and new energy technologies.
- **Supportive Policies:** This achievement is attributed to the state's forward-thinking policies, such as the Telangana EV and Energy Storage Policy and the Telangana Renewable Energy Policy.
- **Growth Hub:** Telangana has emerged as a significant hub for advanced energy manufacturing, attracting major investments and establishing a comprehensive supply chain for battery and EV components.



Foot notes:

About Telangana-

- **Capital:** Hyderabad
- **Chief Minister:** Revanth Reddy
- **Governor:** Jishnu Dev Varma

9. World Population Day observed on 11th July

- **Date and Origin:** Celebrated every year on July 11th, established in 1989 by the UN Development Programme, inspired by "Five Billion Day" on July 11, 1987.
- **Purpose:** Aims to raise global awareness about population issues, including their connections to sustainable development and the environment.
- **Key Issues:** Focuses on topics like family planning,



gender equality, maternal health, human rights, and the challenges of population growth and decline.

- **2025 Theme:** "Empowering young people to create the families they want in a fair and hopeful world," emphasizing youth empowerment and reproductive rights.
- **Global Impact:** Serves as a platform for governments, organizations, and individuals to discuss and implement solutions for a sustainable and equitable future.

10. Veteran Socialist Leader Charupara Ravi passed away

- **Dedicated Socialist:** He was a lifelong socialist, deeply influenced by the ideologies of leaders like Jayaprakash Narayan, Ram Manohar Lohia, and Mahatma Gandhi, and began his political career at 18 with the Samyukta Socialist Party.
- **Prominent Trade Unionist:** Ravi was a significant figure in the trade union movement, particularly in the plantation sector, leading numerous agitations for workers' rights, including those for minimum wages by Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS). He also served as the founding president of the Voice of Mathrubhumi Employees.
- **Emergency Resistance:** He actively opposed the Emergency period, leading to his arrest and four months of imprisonment, where he endured police brutality.



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