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1. Vibha Devi Makes History as India's First Female E-Voter

- **Name and Background:** Vibha Devi is a resident of Pakdidiyal in the East Champaran district of Bihar. She made history by becoming the first female e-voter in India.
- **Achievement:** Vibha Devi cast her vote using a mobile app, marking a significant milestone in India's electoral history. This innovation aims to increase voter participation, especially among those living abroad or in remote areas.
- **Political Career:** According to PRS Legislative Research, Vibha Devi is a member of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and represents the Nawada constituency in the Bihar Assembly. She has been in office since November 16, 2020.
- **E-Voting Initiative:** The e-voting system was introduced by the Bihar State Election Commission to facilitate voting for citizens, particularly those who are differently-abled, elderly, or living far from their constituencies.



2. RECLAIM is being launched by the Ministry of Coal

- **RECLAIM Framework:** RECLAIM stands for a structured Community Engagement and Development Framework tailored for mine closure and repurposing.

- **Objective:** The framework aims to provide long-term sustainability and economic recovery post-mining, focusing on social and ecological transitions in mining regions.
- **Key Features:** RECLAIM includes structured community participation, toolkits and methodologies for mine closure, gender and vulnerability focus, linkage with local governance (Panchayati Raj Institutions), ecological restoration goals, and socio-economic continuity through alternate livelihoods and capacity building.
- **Launch and Collaboration:** The Ministry of Coal launched RECLAIM in collaboration with the Coal Controller Organisation and the Heartfulness Institute.
- **Significance:** RECLAIM is a first-of-its-kind framework for India, introducing a dedicated, people-centric closure policy in the coal sector.



3. Pakistan Becomes President of the UN Security Council

- **Term and Membership:** Pakistan has assumed a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council for the 2025-26 term, marking its eighth term in the council. It secured 182 votes in the 193-member UN General Assembly to become a non-permanent member.
- **Presidency Term:** Pakistan will hold the presidency of the Security Council for the month of July, following the English alphabetical order of member states' names.
- **Priorities and Focus Areas:** Pakistan is expected to prioritize peacekeeping and humanitarian issues, particularly in conflict zones like Gaza and Kashmir.
- **Diplomatic Leverage:** Pakistan aims to use its position to strengthen ties with the Taliban in Afghanistan, leveraging support from allies like Russia and China for diplomatic rehabilitation efforts.



4. Ladakh Hosts Its First Astro Tourism Festival in Leh

- **Promotes Astro-Tourism:** The festival's main aim was to establish Ladakh as a premier destination for astronomy-focused tourism, leveraging its exceptionally clear and dark skies.
- **Collaboration for Science:** It was a joint initiative by the



Ladakh Tourism Department and the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), highlighting a commitment to science outreach.

- **Educational and Interactive:** The festival featured public talks by experts from ISRO and IIA, workshops on space science, and hands-on stargazing sessions with telescopes.
- **Leverages Unique Geography:** Ladakh's high altitude, dry climate, and minimal light pollution provide ideal conditions, with Hanle (India's first Dark Sky Reserve) being a key highlight.
- **Inspiring Youth & Economy:** Beyond tourism, the event sought to foster scientific curiosity among local youth and contribute to the region's sustainable economic development.

5. Smriti Mandhana created double records in women's international cricket

- **First Indian Woman with Centuries in All Formats:** She became the first Indian woman to score a century in all three international formats – Tests, One Day Internationals (ODIs), and Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is). Her maiden T20I hundred against England in June 2025 completed this rare feat.
- **Most ODI Centuries in a Calendar Year:** In 2024, Smriti Mandhana scored four ODI centuries, a new record in women's cricket for the most tons in a single calendar year, surpassing the previous record of three.
- **Highest T20I Score by an Indian Woman:** Her 112 off 62 balls against England in the aforementioned T20I also stands as the highest individual score by an Indian woman in T20 Internationals.
- **Most 50+ Scores in Women's T20Is:** She broke the world record for the most 50+ scores in women's T20Is, surpassing Suzie Bates.
- **Most Fours in Women's T20Is:** She also overtook Suzie Bates' long-standing record for the most fours in women's T20Is.



6. SAIL Opens First Overseas Office in Dubai to Strengthen Global Presence

- **Strategic Global Expansion:** The Dubai office is SAIL's first international representative office and a significant step in its strategy to strengthen its global presence and become a more competitive steelmaker.
- **Gateway to MENA Region:** Dubai's strategic location makes it an ideal hub for SAIL to boost steel exports and



forge deeper industry linkages across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

- **Boosts India-UAE Trade Ties:** The office aims to reinforce trade relations between India and the UAE, aligning with India's vision to enhance its steel industry's global footprint.
- **Supports National Steel Target:** This move contributes to India's ambitious goal of achieving a national crude steel production capacity of 300 million tonnes by 2030.

7. Deepika Padukone to get star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

- **First Mainstream Indian Actress:** Deepika Padukone will make history as the first mainstream Indian actress to be honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.
- **Part of Class of 2026:** She has been officially announced as one of the honorees for the Hollywood Walk of Fame Class of 2026, specifically in the Motion Pictures category.
- **Global Recognition:** This honor solidifies her status as a global icon and recognizes her significant contributions to cinema on an international scale, following her Hollywood debut in "xXx: Return of Xander Cage" (2017) and various global appearances.
- **Prestigious Company:** Deepika will join an illustrious list of international celebrities being inducted in 2026, including names like Emily Blunt, Timothée Chalamet, Rami Malek, Rachel McAdams, Stanley Tucci, and Demi Moore.



8. Indigo appoints Amitabh Kant as non- executive director

- **Strategic Insight and Governance:** As a Non-Executive Director, Amitabh Kant will bring independent oversight, strategic guidance, and constructive challenge to IndiGo's executive management, leveraging his vast experience in public policy and governance.
- **Rich Administrative Experience:** Kant has a distinguished career spanning over four decades in the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), holding key positions like CEO of NITI Aayog and India's G20 Sherpa, which will be invaluable for IndiGo's growth.
- **Facilitating Growth and Expansion:** His deep understanding of government policies, infrastructure development (including airports), and international



relations is expected to greatly benefit IndiGo, especially as the airline pursues its ambitious international expansion plans.

- **Boosting Tourism and Connectivity:** Kant's past roles in driving initiatives like "Incredible India" and "God's Own Country" in Kerala tourism align with IndiGo's vision of transforming Indian airports into global hubs and fostering trade, tourism, and investment.

9. Shri Sanjib Kumar Saha Takes Charge as Head of Project, NTPC

- **New Role as HOP:** He assumed the role of Head of Project at NTPC Vindhyachal, effective July 2nd, 2025.
- **Seasoned Professional:** Shri Saha is a highly experienced professional with an illustrious career spanning over 34 years at NTPC.
- **Educational Background:** He holds a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Calcutta University and a Master's degree in Power Systems from IIT Delhi.
- **Extensive NTPC Experience:** He began his journey at NTPC in 1991 as an Executive Trainee and has held various key leadership positions across multiple NTPC stations, including Farakka, Badarpur, Lara, Kahalgaon, Telangana, and Vindhyachal.
- **Expertise and Leadership:** He is recognized for his expertise in electrical maintenance, operations, and fuel management, demonstrating visionary leadership and commitment to operational excellence.

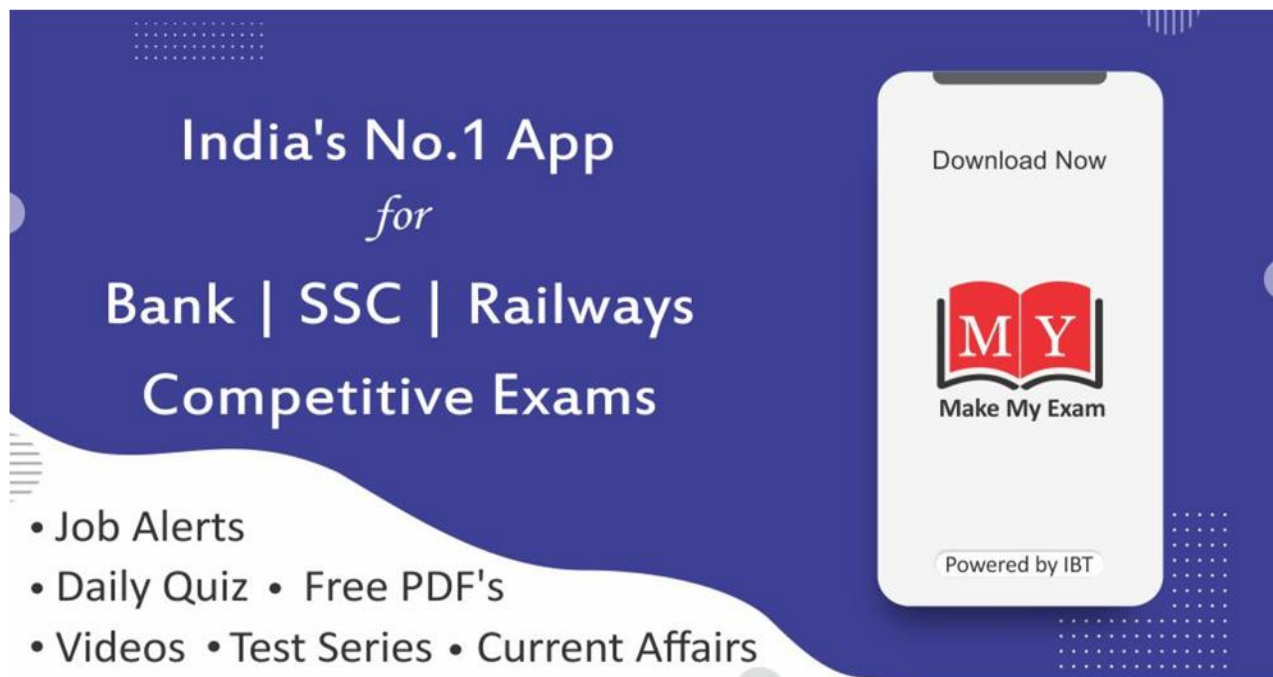


10. Liverpool & Portugal forward Diogo Jota & his brother passed away

- **Tragic Car Accident:** Liverpool and Portugal forward Diogo Jota, 28, and his younger brother, André Silva, 25, were killed in a car crash in Zamora, Spain, on Thursday, July 3, 2025.
- **Vehicle Veered and Caught Fire:** Their Lamborghini veered off the road and burst into flames, with no other vehicles involved. Authorities are investigating the cause, with a tire blowout during an overtaking maneuver being a potential factor.
- **Both Professional Footballers:** Diogo Jota was a prominent player for Liverpool and the Portuguese national team, while André Silva was also a professional footballer, playing for F.C. Penafiel in Portugal's lower divisions.



- **Recently Married:** Diogo Jota had married his longtime partner Rute Cardoso just two weeks prior to the accident; they had three young children together.



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