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REVATI MOHITE BECOMES MEGHALAYA'S 1ST WOMAN CJ

- Historic Appointment & Swearing-In:** Justice Dere was administered the oath of office by Meghalaya Governor Chandrashekhar H. Vijayashankar at the Durbar Hall of Lok Bhavan in Shillong. She succeeded Justice Soumen Sen, who was transferred to the Kerala High Court.
- Distinguished Career at Bombay High Court:** Before her elevation, she served for over 12 years as a senior judge of the Bombay High Court. She is renowned for landmark rulings on police accountability, women's rights—such as the 2016 Haji Ali Dargah verdict—and the protection of civil liberties.

Footnotes: Meghalaya's CM: Conrad Sangma, Governor: C. H. Vijayashankar, Capital: Shillong

NHAI SETS FOUR GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS

- Paving Distance & Quantity (24-Hour Records):** On January 6, 2026, the team set two global records by completing the longest continuous laying of bituminous concrete (28.89 lane km) and the highest quantity laid (10,655 metric tonnes) within a single 24-hour window.
- Massive Continuous Paving (Project Totals):** On January 11, 2026, they broke two more records for the uninterrupted laying of 57,500 metric tonnes of bituminous concrete and the continuous paving of 156 lane km (equivalent to a 3-lane-wide stretch of 52 km), significantly

surpassing the previous world record of 84.4 lane km.

Footnotes: NHAI's Chairman: Santosh Kumar Yadav, Estd: 1995

MAJOR SWATHI SHANTRA WIN AWARD



- Recognition for Gender-Inclusive Peacekeeping:** Major Swathi received the award in the Gender Category for her project "Equal Partners, Lasting Peace," chosen from global UN mission nominations through a competitive UN-wide voting process.
- Impactful Leadership in South Sudan:** Serving with UNMISS in South Sudan, she leads India's first all-woman Military Engagement Team, which carried out foot, river, and air patrols to access remote conflict areas earlier unreachable due to local mistrust.
- Empowering Local Communities:** Her work directly improved the lives of over 5,000 women in and around Malakal. By integrating female peacekeepers into frontline duties, she created a safe environment that encouraged local women to participate in peace dialogues and share their stories, significantly strengthening grassroots-level trust in the UN mission.

IMPORTANT FACTS

GAGANYAAN MISSION

- India's first human spaceflight mission by ISRO*
- Aim: Send Indian astronauts to LEO and return safely*
- Altitude: 400 km above Earth*
- Launch vehicle: LVM3*
- Key objectives: Human spaceflight capability, crew safety & recovery*

DRDO SUCCESSFULLY TESTS INDIGENOUS MPATGM

- Precision Strike Against Moving Targets:** The flight test successfully demonstrated the missile's "top-attack" capability against a moving target. In this mode, the missile climbs steeply after launch and strikes the target from above—the most vulnerable part of a tank—ensuring a high kill probability even against modern Main Battle Tanks (MBTs) protected by Explosive Reactive Armour.
- Advanced "Fire-and-Forget" Technology:** The third-generation MPATGM features an IIR homing seeker with AI-based image processing, enabling lock-on before launch and fully autonomous guidance, allowing the soldier to relocate immediately after firing.

Footnotes: DRDO's Chairman: Samir V. Kamat, HQ: New Delhi, Estd: 1958

DHAKA BANK APPOINTS OSMAN ERSHAD FAIZ AS MD & CEO

- Extensive Global Experience:** Faiz has over 30 years of international banking experience, having held top roles including MD & COO of Standard Chartered Singapore and CIOO of FinTech firm AMTD Digital.
- Specialization in Digital Transformation:** His appointment comes at a strategic time for Dhaka Bank as it shifts toward a tech-led future. Faiz is widely recognized for his proficiency in banking strategy, FinTech, and digital transformation, having previously co-founded Asia FiiT, an international banking advisory firm in Singapore.

Footnotes: Dhaka Bank's Chairman: Abdul Hai Sarker, HQ: Dhaka, Estd: 1995

VIRAT KOHLI BECOMES 2ND HIGHEST RUN-SCORER

- Surpassing Kumar Sangakkara:** Kohli achieved this milestone in the first ODI against New Zealand in Vadodara, scoring 93 runs to surpass Kumar Sangakkara's 28,016 runs, bringing his total to 28,068 runs, second only to Sachin Tendulkar.
- Fastest to 28,000 Runs:** During the same innings, Kohli became

the fastest player in history to reach the 28,000-run mark. He achieved the feat in just 624 innings, shattering the previous record held by Sachin Tendulkar, who took 644 innings to reach the same milestone.

- Unmatched Consistency:** This achievement highlights Kohli's extraordinary longevity and form. The Vadodara innings marked his fifth consecutive 50-plus score in ODIs. Notably, Kohli now exclusively plays the ODI format after having retired from Test and T20 international cricket.

ITALY HONOURS SHRINIVAS DEMPO WITH PRESTIGIOUS CIVILIAN AWARD



- Recognition of Diplomatic & Humanitarian Service:** The award was bestowed in recognition of Dempo's exceptional service as the Honorary Vice Consul of Italy in Goa since 2013. He was specifically lauded for his role in resolving complex legal and administrative cases

involving Italian citizens and investments, as well as providing critical assistance to Italian nationals traveling through the state.

- Strengthening Indo-Italian Ties:** The honor also acknowledges Dempo's role in people-to-people diplomacy, as he strengthened business, cultural, and educational ties between Italian institutions and the Goan community as Chairperson of the Dempo Group.

Footnotes: Italy's President: Sergio Mattarella, Capital: Rome

SHRI VINAY KUMAR APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR AT NMDC LIMITED

- Dual Leadership Role:** Already serving as the Director (Technical) since May 2023, Shri Vinay Kumar has been given the additional charge of Director (Commercial). This strategic move by the Ministry of Steel ensures leadership continuity following the cessation of Shri Vishwanath Suresh from the post on January 7, 2026.
- Strategic Oversight:** In this expanded role, he will manage NMDC's commercial operations—including marketing, contracts, pricing, and business development—while aligning production with market outreach amid strong iron ore demand.

Footnotes: NMDC's Chairman: Amitava Mukherjee, HQ: Hyderabad, Estd: 1958

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

- National Youth Day in India: January 12, in honor of Swami Vivekananda.**
- Theme 2026: "Ignite the Self, Impact the World."**
- Encouraging Youth Empowerment, Self-Confidence, Leadership & Positive Global Contribution**