



1. BPCL announces Rahul Dravid as Brand Ambassador

- Bharat Petroleum, the Indian Oil Marketing Company has unveiled, cricketing legend and current Head Coach of the Indian cricket team, Rahul Dravid as its new brand ambassador. Rahul Dravid will endorse BPCL's iconic Pure for Sure initiative and range of MAK lubricants.
- With a heritage steeped in upholding integrity and dependability, BPCL has consistently distinguished itself as an industry leader. Amidst the dynamic landscape of competition, the company's steadfast commitment to these values has consistently set it apart. The introduction of Rahul Dravid as the face of BPCL reaffirms this commitment, reflecting a shared ethos of maintaining the highest standards of integrity and reliability.



Foot Notes:

About BPCL:

Established: 1952

Headquarters: Mumbai

CEO: Shri G. Krishnakumar

2. G20 Trade & Investment Ministerial Meeting to be held in Jaipur

- The G20 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting in Jaipur is a significant event focusing on global trade and investment discussions among representatives from G20 nations and beyond. It underscores the importance of the rules-based multilateral trading system and supports India's objectives of inclusive growth and sustainable development.
- The collaborative platform aims to address challenges and explore solutions for trade and investment matters. Understanding the priority issues discussed during previous Working Group meetings is essential for a well-rounded understanding of this impactful event.



3. Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma Launches Mega Conclave for Raising Awareness Among SC-ST Entrepreneurs at Gumla, Jharkhand

- The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India, organized the National SC-ST Hub (NSSH) Conclave in Gumla, Jharkhand. The purpose was to promote entrepreneurship culture and create awareness about the NSSH Scheme and other Ministry initiatives.
- Union Minister of State for MSME, Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma, and Shri Jitendra Kumar Singh, Secretary of the Department of Industries in the Government of Jharkhand, were present. The event had around 650 aspiring and established SC-ST entrepreneurs anticipating.
- Government bodies like KVIC, MSME-DFO, TRIFED, and GeM also took part, sharing insights into their schemes for MSMEs.



Foot Notes:

About Jharkhand:

Capital: Ranchi

Chief Minister: Hemant Soren

Governor: C. P. Radhakrishnan

4. Srinagar's Tulip Garden Enters Record Books With 1.5mn Flowers

- The Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden in Srinagar has entered the World Book of Records (London) as Asia's largest such park. The garden is adorned with 1.5 million tulip bulbs from an ensemble of 68 distinct visitors. A lakh visitors have visited the picturesque garden.
- The tulip garden is located between the Dal Lake and the Zabarwan hills in Srinagar and is spread over 30 hectares. Besides a scenic display of tulips, the garden, formerly known as Siraj Bagh, has other spring



flowers such as hyacinths, daffodils, muscari and cyclamens.

- According to Srinagar Tourism, the park was opened in 2007 with the aim of boosting floriculture and tourism in the Kashmir Valley. It is built on sloping ground in a terraced fashion, consisting of seven terraces.

5. Russia's Luna 25 Mission, Reasons to Crash Luna-25 moon Mission

- The long awaited Luna-25 lunar mission from Russia has experienced a serious setback after the spacecraft lost control and fell to the Moon's surface. The failure emphasises that even the most cutting-edge equipment is prone to failure and serves as a sobering reminder of the unanticipated difficulties that come with space travel. This article explores the mission's specifics, its ramifications, and Russia's unwavering dedication to lunar exploration.



Foot Notes:

About Russia:

Capital: Moscow

Currency: Ruble

President: Vladimir Putin

6. The United States has approved for the transfer of F-16 fighter jets from Denmark and the Netherlands to Ukraine

- The United States has approved sending F-16 fighter jets to Ukraine from Denmark and the Netherlands to defend against Russian invaders as soon as pilot training is completed. Ukraine has actively sought the U.S.-made F-16 fighter jets to help it counter Russian air superiority. Washington gave Denmark and the Netherlands official assurances that the United States will expedite approval of transfer requests for F-16s to go to Ukraine when the pilots are trained.
- NATO members Denmark and the Netherlands have been leading international efforts to train pilots as well as support staff, maintain aircraft and ultimately enable Ukraine to obtain F-16s for use in its war with Russia.



7. Shri Nitin Gadkari Unveils Rs. 800 Crore Nandura to Chikhli National Highway 53 Section in Buldhana District, Maharashtra

- The Union Minister for Roads Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the quadrangement of the Nandura to Chikhli section of 45

km length on National Highway 53 worth Rs.800 crore at Malkapur in Buldhana district, Maharashtra.

- The section spans 45 kilometres in length. The cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 800 crore. The inauguration ceremony took place at Malkapur in Buldhana district, Maharashtra.
- The project's completion is expected to have positive implications for trade and commerce.
- It will enhance trade connections among states like Gujarat, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha. The East-West Corridor will experience improved connectivity, benefiting cities like Raipur, Nagpur, and Surat.



Foot Notes:

About Maharashtra:

Capital: Mumbai

Chief Minister: Eknath shinde

Governor: Ramesh Baisakhi

8. RBI launches centralised web portal UDGAM for searching unclaimed deposits across multiple banks

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched a centralised web portal to help citizens search for their unclaimed deposits, known as UDGAM (Unclaimed Deposits – Gateway to access information). The portal has been developed by the central bank for the public to help them search for their unclaimed deposits across multiple banks at one place.
- Reserve Bank Information Technology Pvt Ltd (ReBIT), Indian Financial Technology & Allied Services (IFTAS), and participating banks have collaborated on developing the portal. Earlier, the RBI had announced the development of the centralised web portal on April 6, 2023.



Foot Notes

About RBI:

Established : 1 April 1935

Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

Governor : Shaktikanta Das

Deputy Governors : Mahesh Kumar Jain, M. Rajeshwar Rao, Michael Patra and T. Rabi Shankar

9. Axis Bank partners with RBI Innovation Hub to launch Kisan Credit cards & MSME loans

- Axis Bank, one of the largest private sector banks in India has launched 2 lending products Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and unsecured Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) loans powered by the Public Tech Platform for Frictionless Credit (PTPFC), introduced by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- Axis Bank will offer KCC & unsecured MSME loans to small business customers, powered by the platform. Both the products will be offered in a completely digital manner and require no submission of documents by customers.
- As a pilot, Kisan Credit Cards will be offered in Madhya Pradesh and will be available to customers for up to 1.6 lakh to start with. MSME loans will be available across the country and will offer loans up to 10 lakh to customers.



Foot Notes:

About Axis Bank:

Established : 1993

Headquarters: Mumbai

MD & CEO: Amitabh Chaudhry

Tagline : Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi ("Progress is the Name of Life")

10. India Clinches Gold Medals in Men's and Women's Team Compound Archery at World Cup Stage 4 in Paris

- India won gold medals in both men's and women's team compound events at Archery World Cup Stage 4 in Paris. The men's team defeated the American team 236-232, while the women's team beat Mexico with a score of 234-233.
- Jyothi Vennam won bronze in the women's compound event, after losing to Ella Gibson in the semifinal. Vennam secured bronze by shooting closest to the centre in a tiebreaker against Sara Lopez.



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