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1. Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai appointed as Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy)

- The role of Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy) oversees crucial branches like the Military Operations Directorate, Military Intelligence Directorate, and Information Warfare and Strategic Planning Divisions.
- Lt Gen Ghai played a central role in planning and overseeing "Operation Sindoor," a recent precision military campaign by India.
- Lt Gen Ghai was conferred the prestigious Uttam Yudh Seva Medal (UYSM) for his distinguished service in war and conflict scenarios, particularly for his leadership in Operation Sindoor.



Foot Notes:

About: Indian Army

HQ: New Delhi

Chief of the Army Staff (COAS): General Upendra Dwivedi

2. India's 1st International agri hackathon concludes in Pune

- The hackathon's core objective was to bring together innovators, startups, students, and researchers to develop technology-driven, scalable, and cost-



effective solutions for pressing challenges in Indian agriculture.

- A major announcement made during the hackathon's conclusion by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan was the launch of the 'Clean Plant Programme'.
- This initiative aims to establish nine facilities nationwide (three in Maharashtra) with an investment of 300 crore to provide disease-free horticultural plants, crucial for boosting productivity.
- This involves deploying 16,000 agricultural scientists across India to work directly with farmers, ensuring that innovations reach the grassroots.

3. Kyrgyzstan Removes Central Asia's Tallest Statue of Soviet Leader Lenin in Osh

- **Iconic Landmark Removed:** The 23-meter (75-foot) statue of Vladimir Lenin, which was erected in 1975 and widely considered the tallest of its kind in Central Asia, was quietly dismantled in Kyrgyzstan's second-largest city, Osh, over the weekend of June 7-8, 2025.
- **Official Reason:** "Aesthetic Appearance": Osh City Hall stated the removal was a "common practice" aimed at improving the "architectural and aesthetic appearance" of the city.
- Its former prominent spot along Lenin Avenue will be replaced by a flagpole, similar to a previous relocation of a Lenin statue in the capital, Bishkek.
- **Symbolic Timing and Mixed Reactions:** The removal, 34 years after the collapse of the Soviet Union, came a week after Russia unveiled a new monument to Joseph Stalin in Moscow, highlighting the diverging paths of post-Soviet states.



About Kyrgyzstan:-

Capital: Bishkek

Currency: Kyrgystani Som

President: Sadyr Japarov

4. Coco Gauff Wins First French Open Title, Defeats Sabalenka in Final

- This is Coco Gauff's first-ever French Open singles championship, a major milestone in her career. She had previously reached the final in 2022 and won the doubles title in 2024.



- **Second Grand Slam Singles Title:** This victory marks Gauff's second Grand Slam singles title overall. Her first was the US Open in 2023, where she also defeated Aryna Sabalenka in the final.
- **Comeback Victory Against World No. 1:** Gauff achieved this win by defeating the top-ranked player in the world, Aryna Sabalenka, in a thrilling three-set match (6-7(5), 6-2, 6-4). Gauff came from a set down to secure the championship.
- **First American Woman to Win Since 2015:** With this win, Coco Gauff becomes the first American woman to clinch the French Open singles title since Serena Williams did so in 2015, ending a nearly decade-long drought for American women at Roland Garros.

5. Antonsen & An Se-young Capture Singles Crowns at 2025 Indonesia Open

- **Antonsen's Maiden Indonesia Open Title:** Denmark's Anders Antonsen secured his first-ever men's singles title at the Indonesia Open. This was a significant breakthrough for him, as he had previously reached the final twice (in 2019 and 2024) but failed to clinch the crown.
- **An Se-young's Second Indonesia Open Crown:** South Korea's An Se-young claimed her second women's singles title at the Indonesia Open, having previously won in 2021. She overcame a tough challenge from China's Wang Zhiyi in a three-set thriller (13-21, 21-19, 21-15).
- **Super 1000 Event Status:** The Indonesia Open is a BWF World Tour Super 1000 event, making it one of the most prestigious tournaments on the badminton calendar, outside of the World Championships and Olympics.
- **Dramatic Comeback for An Se-young:** She was trailing significantly in the second game before mounting a superb rally to win the set and ultimately the match, showcasing her mental fortitude.



Foot Notes:-

About : Indonesia

Capital: Jakarta

Currency : Indonesian Rupiah

President: Prabowo Subianto

6. Nicholas Pooran Retires from International Cricket

- **Sudden Retirement at 29:** Nicholas Pooran, at just 29 years old, announced his retirement from international cricket on June 10, 2025. This came as a shock to the cricketing world, as he was still in his prime and considered a key player for West Indies.
- **Focus on Franchise Cricket:** He has been a prominent and highly sought-after player in leagues like the IPL, CPL, and MLC.
- **Leading T20I Run-scorer for West Indies:** Pooran retires as the highest run-scorer for the West Indies in T20 Internationals, surpassing the legendary Chris Gayle. He also holds the record for being the most-capped West Indies player in the format.
- **Former White-Ball Captain:** Pooran had a stint as the West Indies white-ball captain in 2022, leading the team in both ODIs and T20Is, including the 2022 T20 World Cup. His retirement leaves a significant void in the West Indies' middle order and leadership group.



7. Carlos Alcaraz Retains Title After Beating Sinner in Longest French Open Final

- **Historic Comeback and Title Retention:** Carlos Alcaraz mounted a stunning comeback, rallying from two sets down (4-6, 6-7) to defeat Jannik Sinner (6-4, 7-6, 7-6). This victory allowed him to successfully defend his French Open title, making him the first man to achieve this feat in the 21st century.
- **Longest French Open Men's Final:** The match lasted an incredible 5 hours and 29 minutes, making it the longest men's singles final in French Open history. It surpassed the previous record set in 1982.
- **Saved Championship Points:** Alcaraz showed immense mental fortitude by saving three championship points while serving at 3-5 (0-40) in the fourth set. This pivotal moment shifted the momentum of the match decisively in his favor.
- **Fifth Grand Slam Title at 22:** With this victory, Alcaraz secured his fifth Grand Slam singles title at just 22 years old. He has now won all five Grand Slam finals.



8. India Unveils 'Ayush Nivesh Saarthi' Portal to Promote Investment in Traditional Medicine Sector

- **One-Stop Investor Facilitation:** The 'Ayush Nivesh Saarthi' portal is a dedicated, investor-centric digital platform designed as a single window for potential investors (both domestic and global) interested in the Ayush sector.
- **Developed by Ministry of Ayush with Invest India:** This crucial initiative has been developed by the Ministry of Ayush in collaboration with Invest India, the national investment promotion & facilitation agency, ensuring a robust and well-supported platform for investors.
- **Aims to Boost FDI and Entrepreneurship:** The primary objective of the portal is to attract foreign direct investment (FDI) and foster entrepreneurship in the traditional medicine sector.
- **Highlights Growth and Global Demand:** The portal leverages the Ayush sector's impressive 17% annual growth rate (between 2014 and 2020) and the increasing global demand for natural, preventive, and wellness-based healthcare.



9. Mayank Sharma appointed as Financial Advisor in the Ministry of Defence

- **Transition from CGDA:** Dr. Mayank Sharma, currently serving as the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA), will transition to this new role.
- **Key Financial Stewardship Role:** As Financial Advisor (Defence Services), he will be the principal advisor to the Ministry of Defence on all financial matters pertaining to the defence budget, expenditure, procurements, and financial policies.
- **Ensuring Fiscal Prudence and Efficiency:** A major responsibility of the Financial Advisor is to ensure judicious utilization of the substantial defence budget, promote fiscal discipline, and bring in greater transparency in defence spending and financial management.
- **Strategic Financial Planning and Policy:** The position involves a deep engagement in strategic financial planning, cost-benefit analysis of major defence projects and acquisitions, and contributing to the formulation of long-term financial policies for the armed forces.



Foot Notes:-

About Ministry of Defence:-

Formed: 15 August 1947

Headquarters: New Delhi

Officeholder: Rajnath Singh

10. DIBD & CRIS sign MoU to collaborate on multilingual AI solutions

- Digital India Bhashini Division (DIBD) and the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on the development and deployment of multilingual artificial intelligence solutions across key public-facing railway platforms.
- The MoU was formally signed by CEO of BHASHINI Amitabh Nag and Managing Director of CRIS G.V.L. Satya Kumar in New Delhi. This will enable citizens to access critical railway services in 22 Indian languages.
- The strategic partnership aims to integrate BHASHINI's state-of-the-art language technology stack, comprising Automatic Speech Recognition, Text-to-Text Translation, Text-to-Speech, and Optical Character Recognition, into CRIS-managed systems such as the National Train Enquiry System (NTES) and RailMadad.



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