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- **Appointment:** R Doraiswamy was appointed as the Managing Director of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) by the government, replacing Sat Pal Bhanoo.
- **Effective Date:** His appointment took effect from September 1, 2023, and will last until August 31, 2026, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- **Background:** Doraiswamy is a seasoned professional with over 38 years of experience in operations, marketing, technology, and academics. He was previously Executive Director at LIC's central office in Mumbai.
- **Current Status:** Although Doraiswamy has been recommended for the top post, Sat Pal Bhanoo is currently serving as the interim MD & CEO of LIC, following Siddhartha Mohanty's exit.



Foot notes:

About LIC-

- **Previous CEO & MD:** Sat Pal Bhanoo
- **Headquarters:** Mumbai
- **Founded:** 1956

2. India Joins Bilateral Military Exercise 'Talisman Sabre 2025'

- **Participation:** India is participating in the 'Talisman Sabre 2025' exercise as an observer nation, alongside other countries like the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.
- **Exercise Overview:** 'Talisman Sabre 2025' is a bilateral military exercise between Australia and the US, with participation from 19 nations, including India. The exercise focuses on multi-domain warfighting, including land, air, sea, space, and cyber domains.
- **Previous Invitations:** Australia had repeatedly invited India to join the exercise as an active participant, but India declined in 2023 due to its hosting of the G20 Summit and ongoing border tensions with China.
- **India's Stance:** India has expressed willingness to participate in the exercise in the future, with plans to join as an active participant in the next edition, likely in 2025 or later.



3. Gujarat becomes first state to join Cruise Bharat Mission

- **Historic Partnership:** Gujarat has formally partnered with the Cruise Bharat Mission, a national initiative aimed at enhancing cruise tourism across India, announced on September 30, 2024, by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal.
- **Cruise Circuits:** Gujarat plans to establish multiple cruise circuits along its 2,340 km coastline, connecting key destinations like Diu, Veraval, Porbandar, Dwarka, Jamnagar, Okha, and Padala Island, promoting maritime tourism.
- **Coastal Clusters:** The state has divided its coastal routes into three strategic clusters: Padala Island – Rann of Kutch, Porbandar – Veraval – Diu, and Dwarka – Okha – Jamnagar, each linking destinations within a 100 km radius for easy tourist access.
- **Economic Benefits:** The initiative aims to drive economic growth through increased international and domestic cruise travel, generating local employment opportunities and attracting investments.



Foot notes:

About Gujarat-

- **Chief Minister:** Bhupendra Patel
- **Governor:** Acharya Devvrat

- **Capital:** Gandhinagar

4. Justice Sachdeva appointed as Chief Justice of MP

- **Appointment:** Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, with the official notification issued by the Central Government on July 14, 2025.
- **Background:** Justice Sachdeva has over three decades of legal experience, having served as a Supreme Court advocate, Delhi High Court judge, and Acting Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court since May 24, 2025.
- **Previous Roles:** He was designated as a Senior Advocate by the Delhi High Court in 2011 and served as Standing Counsel for the Bar Council of India for over 20 years.
- **Transfer:** Justice Sachdeva was transferred from the Delhi High Court to the Madhya Pradesh High Court on May 30, 2024, and will now serve as the 29th Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh.



Foot notes:

About MP-

- **Chief Minister:** Mohan Yadav
- **Governor:** Mangubhai C. Patel
- **Capital:** Bhopal

5. Chelsea Beat PSG to Win Inaugural Edition of Club World Cup 2025

- **Final Score:** Chelsea defeated Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) 3-0 in the final held at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey, USA, on July 13, 2025.
- **Cole Palmer's Brilliance:** Young midfielder Cole Palmer scored two goals and assisted the third, showcasing a brilliant performance. He scored in the 22nd and 30th minutes, and then assisted Joao Pedro's goal.
- **Chelsea's Dominance:** Chelsea dominated the game, with PSG's frustration boiling over when Joao Neves was sent off in the 83rd minute for pulling Marc Cucurella's hair. The match ended with some heated moments between players.



- **Prize Money:** Chelsea earned nearly \$118 million, including bonuses for each knockout round and a \$40 million champion bonus, from the tournament's \$1 billion prize pool.

6. Jannik Sinner Stuns Alcaraz to Win First Wimbledon Title

- **First Wimbledon Title:** Jannik Sinner won his first Wimbledon title, defeating two-time defending champion Carlos Alcaraz in the final with a score of 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
- **Fourth Grand Slam Title:** This victory marked Sinner's fourth Grand Slam title overall, following his wins at the Australian Open and US Open in 2024 and 2025. He's now the first Italian man to win a Wimbledon singles title.
- **Ending Alcaraz's Streak:** Sinner's win ended Alcaraz's 24-match unbeaten streak and his 20-match winning streak at Wimbledon. Alcaraz was aiming to become the fifth man in the Open era to win three consecutive Wimbledons.
- **Rivalry Intensifies:** The match highlighted the growing rivalry between Sinner and Alcaraz, who have now shared the past seven Grand Slam titles between them.



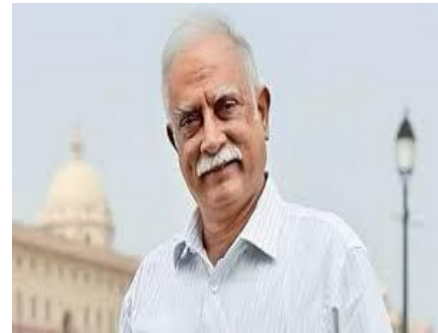
7. India Secures 2nd Position At U-20 Wrestling Championship 2025

- **Ranking:** India's U-20 freestyle wrestling team finished second at the championship, scoring 157 points and securing 2 gold, 1 silver, and 5 bronze medals.
- **Medal Winners:** Ankush won gold in the 57kg category, while Amit secured gold in the 79kg category with a 5-4 win over Iran. Ashwani took silver in the 65kg category, and Saurabh, Sachin (in two categories), Vishal, and Jaspooran Singh secured bronze medals.
- **Total Medals:** India won a total of 21 medals across all styles, including 10 gold, 3 silver, and 8 bronze medals.
- **Championship Leader:** Iran claimed the top spot in the championship, while India's performance was notable with several wrestlers showcasing their skills.



8. Ex-Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju appointed as Governor of Goa

- **Appointment:** Ashok Gajapathi Raju, former Union Minister for Civil Aviation, has been appointed as the Governor of Goa by President Droupadi Murmu, effective July 14, 2025.
- **Background:** Raju is a seasoned politician from Andhra Pradesh, belonging to the royal Pusapati family of Vizianagaram. He has over four decades of experience in politics, serving as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for seven consecutive terms.
- **Ministerial Experience:** Raju held key cabinet portfolios in the Andhra Pradesh government, including Finance, Revenue, and Legislative Affairs. As Union Minister for Civil Aviation, he led reforms in India's civil aviation sector, including the UDAN scheme.
- **Party Affiliation:** Raju is a senior leader of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and a Politburo member. His appointment marks a significant move, with the TDP being an ally of the NDA.



Foot notes:

About Goa-

- **Chief Minister:** Pramod Sawant
- **Governor:** Gajapathi Raju
- **Capital:** Panaji

9. World Youth Skills Day observed on 15th July

- **Objective:** World Youth Skills Day aims to raise awareness about the importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work, and entrepreneurship, highlighting the strategic role of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET).
- **Theme:** The theme for World Youth Skills Day 2025 is "Youth Empowerment through AI and Digital Skills," focusing on integrating AI into TVET systems and promoting inclusive access to digital technologies.
- **Significance:** This day emphasizes the need to address the global skills gap, promote vocational education, and align youth capabilities with the demands of



the evolving job market, ultimately contributing to sustainable development and poverty reduction.

- **Organizers:** The United Nations General Assembly declared July 15th as World Youth Skills Day in 2014, with UNESCO-UNEVOC, the International Labour Organization, and the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth being key organizers.

10. Legendary Actress B. Saroja Devi passed away

- **Legendary Career:** B. Saroja Devi was a celebrated Indian actress with a career spanning seven decades, acting in over 200 films across Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Hindi cinema.
- **Awards and Honors:** She received prestigious awards like the Padma Shri (1969) and Padma Bhushan (1992) from the Government of India, as well as an honorary doctorate from Bangalore University.
- **Record-Breaking Performances:** Saroja Devi holds the record for acting in 161 consecutive films as the lead heroine from 1955 to 1984, showcasing her remarkable popularity and talent.
- **Impact on Indian Cinema:** Known as "Abhinaya Saraswathi" in Kannada and "Kannadathu Paingili" in Tamil, she was a fashion icon and trendsetter in South Indian cinema, influencing women's dressing sense and hairstyles.



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