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## **President Droupadi Murmu presents Swachh Survekshan Awards 2023: Indore and Surat adjudged cleanest cities in the country**

- Indore and Surat received the cleanest cities award of the country in the Cleanliness Survey-2023, in the category of more than one lakh population.
- Indore has received this award for the 7th consecutive time.
- Navi Mumbai got the third position in the same category.
- Sasvad in Maharashtra, Patan in Chhattisgarh, and Lonavala in Maharashtra bagged the top three positions in the cleanest cities in the category of population of below one lakh population.
- Meanwhile, Maharashtra got the first prize for cleanliness in the state category, Madhya Pradesh got second and Chhattisgarh got the award of third cleanest state. Varanasi and Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh clinched the top spots as the Cleanest Ganga Towns.

**Q.** Name the cities, which have received the award of the cleanest city of the country in the category of population more than one lakh in the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2023?

**Indore and Surat**



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## German tech major SAP elevates Kulmeet Bawa to global chief revenue officer

- German technology major SAP has elevated Kulmeet Bawa, president and managing director for the Indian sub-continent, to a global role as the chief revenue officer, SAP Business Technology Platform (SAP BTP).
- Bawa will continue to serve in his current role through February, during which time a new leader for SAP India will be announced.
- In his new role, Bawa will be responsible for driving the growth and adoption of SAP BTP across the globe, including SAP's artificial intelligence (AI), data and analytics, automation, and integration.
- A technology leader with two decades of experience across Asia, Bawa joined SAP India in 2020. Under his leadership, SAP India became one of the company's fastest-growing global markets with a strong focus on the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) segment, including 50 Indian unicorns that run on SAP today.
- Before SAP, Kulmeet has also served in various leadership roles in major technology companies such as Adobe, Microsoft Corporation, and Sun Microsystems.

### SAP:

- Founded: 1972
- Headquarters: Germany
- Chairman: Hasso Plattner
- CEO: Christian Klein

**Q.** Who has been promoted to the global role as Chief Revenue Officer of SAP Business Technology Platform (SAP BTP) by German technology major SAP? **Kulmeet Bawa**



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## **Arvind Ltd signs MoU with Indian Navy to supply advanced uniform fabric**

- A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the Indian Navy and textile and apparel company Arvind Limited for the supply of technically advanced uniform fabric for the Navy.
- Meanwhile, the Royal Saudi Naval Forces Chief of Staff, Admiral Fahad Abdullah S Al-Ghofaily, called on Admiral R Hari Kumar, the Chief of the Naval Staff, Indian Navy, on Thursday in New Delhi and held discussions on collaborative mechanisms and measures to further strengthen naval cooperation.
- Admiral Al-Ghofaily is on a four-day official visit to India from January 10-13.
- Earlier in the day, he was accorded a Guard of Honour at South Block Lawns in the national capital.
- Al-Ghofaily's visit is a testimony to the longstanding relationship between the navies of Saudi Arabia and India.
- Indian Navy ships have been regularly undertaking port calls at various Saudi Arabian ports.
- India and Saudi Arabia enjoy cordial and friendly relations reflecting centuries-old economic and socio-cultural ties. The diplomatic ties between India and Saudi Arabia were established in 1947, according to the Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia.

**Q.** A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Indian Navy and which textile and apparel company for the supply of technologically advanced uniform fabrics for the Navy? **Arvind Limited**



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## **PM Modi to inaugurate India's longest sea bridge**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL), marking a momentous milestone in India's infrastructure development and opening of the long-awaited sea bridge.
- The bridge, officially named "Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewari-Nhava Sheva Atal Setu", shortened to "Atal Setu", upon opening, will stand as India's longest sea bridge and the 12th longest sea bridge in the world.
- Atal Setu is expected to alleviate traffic on existing entry points to Mumbai, thereby enhancing overall connectivity. MTHL can also ensure seamless connectivity from the mainland to the upcoming Navi Mumbai airport in Pandal. For daily commuters between Navi Mumbai and Mumbai, the bridge can reduce travel time by 30-45 minutes during peak traffic hours.
- Presently, Mumbai and Navi Mumbai have only two road connectivity options. The MTHL is also expected to strengthen connectivity between Mumbai Port Trust (MbPT) and Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), playing a pivotal role in stimulating urban and industrial development. The inauguration of this sea bridge also stands as a testament to India's growing infrastructure prowess.

**Q.** What is the length of India's longest sea bridge 'Atal Setu'?  
**21.8-km**



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## **Pankaj Tripathi Steps Down As National Icon Of Election Commission Of India**

- Actor Pankaj Tripathi, who was appointed as the 'National Icon' of the Election Commission of India, has voluntarily stepped down from his position.
- Pankaj Tripathi was roped in as the ECI National Icon in October 2022.
- These days he is occupied in promoting his upcoming project 'Main Atal Hoon'.
- Tripathi is playing the role of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in the biopic 'Main Atal Hoon'.
- The film 'Main Atal Hoon' is directed by Ravi Jadhav.
- The film is backed by Bhanushali Studios Limited and Legend Studios, Vinod Bhanushali, Sandeep Singh, Sam Khan and Kamlesh Bhanushali.

### **Election Commission of India:**

- Formed: 25 January 1950 (Later celebrated as National Voters' Day)
- Chief Election Commissioner of India: Rajiv Kumar
- Election Commissioner of India: Anup Chandra Pandey, Arun Goel

**Q.** Who has voluntarily stepped down as National Icon Of Election Commission Of India? **Pankaj Tripathi**



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## **DRDO performs successful flight test of India's next generation Akash missile**

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has conducted a successful flight test of the New Generation AKASH (AKASH-NG) missile from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.
- The flight test was conducted against a high-speed unmanned aerial target at a very low altitude. During the flight test, the target was successfully intercepted by the weapon system and destroyed.
- It has validated the functioning of the complete weapon system consisting of the missile with indigenously developed Radio Frequency Seeker, Launcher, Multi-Function Radar, and Command, Control, and Communication system, the Ministry of Defence said in an official statement.
- The system performance was also validated through the data captured by several Radars, Telemetry, and Electro-Optical Tracking System deployed by ITR, Chandipur.
- The AKASH-NG system is a state-of-the-art missile system capable of intercepting high-speed, agile aerial threats.

**Q.** Recently DRDO has successfully flight tested the new generation \_\_\_ missile from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha. **AKASH-NG**



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## Edtech company Simplilearn rejigs top leadership with 2 appointments

- Digital upskilling platform Simplilearn appointed Mark Moran as Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) and Veerasundar V as Chief Financial Officer (CFO), in a bid to expand its future growth.
- Moran earlier served as Simplilearn's CMO from 2015 to 2022.
- In November 2022, Simplilearn acquired a US-based bootcamp education company, Fullstack Academy, for an all-cash transaction.
- Founded in 2010 Simplilearn, a Blackstone portfolio company, is the leading online Bootcamp for digital economy skills training.

**Q.** Who has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer of Edtech company Simplilearn?

**Veerasundar V**





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## Dr Wanda Austin to join Apple's board of directors

- Apple has announced to appoint Dr Wanda Austin, former president and CEO of The Aerospace Corporation, on its board of directors.
- Al Gore, who has served since 2003, and James Bell, who joined in 2015, will both retire from Apple's board this year.
- As president and CEO of The Aerospace Corporation, Dr Austin led an organisation dedicated to supporting the U.S. space programme and expanding opportunities for future exploration. She was the first woman and the first African American to hold the position.

### Apple:

- Founded: April 1, 1976
- Founders: Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak, Ronald Wayne
- Headquarters: California, U.S.

**Q.** Recently, Apple has announced the appointment of which former chairperson and CEO of Aerospace Corporation to its board of directors? **Dr Wanda Austin**



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## **RIL, int'l partners launch data centre in Chennai, their first in India**

- Digital Connexion, a joint venture between Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries, Canada's Brookfield and US-based Digital Realty, launched its first data centre in India, at Ambattur in Chennai.
- The centre started with a processing capacity of 20 megawatt (Mw) and will expand it to 100 Mw, making it one of the largest such facility in the country.
- Digital Connexion is planning to start a 40 Mw data centre in Mumbai, a top company executive told Business Standard.
- The first phase of the data center, MAA10, will offer 20 Mw of information technology (IT) load and features design that enables customers to adapt their infrastructure in response to varied workload demands, accommodating anything from single cabinet needs to multi-megawatt requirements.
- In July, Reliance partnered with Brookfield Infrastructure and Digital Realty to develop data centers in India. Each partner holds a 33.33 per cent stake in the joint venture.

**Q.** A joint venture between Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries, Canada's Brookfield and US-based Digital Realty launched its first data center in India in which area of Chennai? **Ambattur**



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### **ANUBHAV Awards Scheme, 2024**

- The ANUBHAV Awards Scheme, initiated by the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare (DoPPW), is an innovative platform for recognizing the contributions made by retired officials to nation-building during their tenure in government service.
- Launched in 2015 under the guidance of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, the scheme is a step towards documenting India's administrative history through written narratives by retired Central Government employees.

#### **Key Features:**

- Objective: To acknowledge and honour the valuable contributions and experiences of retired government employees.
- Eligibility: Retiring Central Government employees/pensioners can participate by submitting their 'Anubhav' write-ups 8 months before retirement and up to 1 year after their retirement.
- Submission Period: Write-ups submitted from 31st July 2023 to 31st March 2024, will be considered for the 2024 awards.
- Awards: The scheme offers 05 ANUBHAV Awards and 10 Jury Certificates annually.
- Outreach and Participation: The DoPPW has launched an outreach campaign to encourage broad participation, including knowledge-sharing sessions and coordination with ministries and departments.

**Q.** ANUBHAV Awards Scheme is an initiative of which govt Department? **Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare (DoPPW)**



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