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#### **NATIONAL**

# 1) Indian government

- Esports received a huge boost from the Indian government. It is incorporated into the nation's mainstream sports disciplines.
- Droupadi Murmu, the President of India, amended the regulations governing eSports in accordance with the authority "conferred by clause (3) of article 77 of the Constitution" and requested that "e-Sports be included as part of multi-sports events" from the Ministries of Electronics and Information Technology and Sports.

# 2) Indian Bank

- Indian Bank, one of the leading public sector banks in the country, has launched its flagship business mentoring program for MSME entrepreneurs 'MSME Prerana' in the state of Rajasthan.
- Indian Bank's unique program, "MSME Prerana", is a first-of-its-kind initiative for MSME Sector in the country by any bank.



## 3) "Financial Literacy and Inclusion survey"

- It is often believed that in India, the majority of the rural people is not familiar with digital banking. But in what might be considered a revelation, a pan-Indian "Financial Literacy and Inclusion survey" conducted by - the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) found that awareness and knowledge of digital banking are on par between the rural and urban population nationwide, with the average for both segments being 11.7 on a scale of 21.

#### **STATE NEWS**

1) Punjab ranks second in the country













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- Punjab ranks second in the country in average monthly income per agricultural household. The fact came to light in a data provided by Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar in the ongoing session of Rajya Sabha.

# 2) Pinarayi Vijayan's

- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's constituency has achieved a new record recently. It has become the only constituency in India to have a library in all the wards.
- CM Vijayan's constituency Dharmadam has achieved the position of complete library constituency in India, the first in India.
- Out of the total 138 wards in the constituency, there were no libraries in 63 wards. Dharmadam reached the achievement with the opening of libraries in these wards too.



# 3) 1000 small stations

- The Ministry of Railways has developed a new scheme to modernize over 1000 small stations over the coming year.
- The stations will be equipped with facilities inspired by the mega-upgradation of marquee stations.
- This scheme will be a part of the Ministry of Railways Station Redevelopment Drive and Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

## 4) Tecnimont Private Limited

- NTPC signed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with Tecnimont Private Limited, the Indian subsidiary of Maire Tecnimont Group, Italy.





















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 NTPC is India's largest power generation company. The objective of the MoU is to jointly evaluate and explore the possibility to develop a commercial-scale Green Methanol production facility at the NTPC project in India.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

#### 1) Arvind Walia

- Lieutenant General Arvind Walia has been appointed as the next Engineer-in-Chief of the Indian Army. He would be succeeding Lt Gen Harpal Singh who is superannuating on December 31. An officer of the 1986 batch, Lt Gen Walia is an alumnus of the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, and also received the prestigious Silver Medal there.

#### 2) Baskar Babu Ramachandran

- Reserve Bank of India has approved the reappointment of Baskar Babu Ramachandran as the MD & CEO of Suryoday Small Finance bank for three years effective from 23rd January 2023.
- The founder of the bank, Baskar Babu Ramachandran sold the bank's 50 lakh shares on 16th December for ₹55.44 crores to close a loan for exercising warrants to maintain the promoter's stake at the minimum of 26 percent for the first 5 years.



## **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

## 1) "Forks in the Road: My Days at RBI and Beyond"

- C Rangarajan authored a book titled "Forks in the Road: My Days at RBI and Beyond". It was published by the Penguin Business (Penguin Group). The book is the memoir of Dr C. Rangarajan, an Indian economist, a former Member of Parliament, and the 19th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It discusses India's transition from its post-independence planning era to the present times. The book is divided into 3 parts. Part 1- 'RBI and Planning Commission', Part 2-'Governor of RBI' and Part 3- 'Beyond RBI'.











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#### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

# 1) KR Gouri Amma national award

- Noted Cuban social worker and human rights advocate, Aleida Guevara has been selected for the first KR Gouri Amma national award instituted by the K.R. Gouri Amma Foundation.
- The award comprising \$3,000, a statuette and citation will be given away by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan at a function to be held here on January 5.
- Dr. Aleida is also an active member of the Cuban Medical Mission that works to improve the health profile of children in Latin America.

## 2) 'Good Governance Day'

- On the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, which was marked as 'Good Governance Day' across the country, the Aurangabad unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party named a star after the 'Bharat Ratna' recipient.
- The distance of the star from Earth is 392.01 light years. It is the closest star to the Sun.
- The star with the coordinates 14 05 25.3 -60 28 51.9 has been registered in the International Space Registry on December 25, 2022. The star gets the name Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji. Registration Number CX16408US.













