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INTERNATIONAL

Swaziland's name changed to 'Kingdom Of ESwatini'

The king of **Swaziland** has announced that his country's name has changed to eSwatini. The declaration by **King Mswati III** was made during celebrations marking the monarch's birthday as well as 50 years of independence from British colonial rule. **eSwatini** meaning – “*place of the Swazi*”. It is the **Swazi language** name for the country. eSwatini has a population of about **1.3 million** people, suffers the **highest HIV rate** in the world, with **27 percent** of adults infected.

LEPV- Swaziland ❖ Capitals: **Mbabane, Lobamba** ❖
Currency: **South African rand, Swazi lilangeni**

Kyrgyzstan ➤ New Prime Minister

Kyrgyzstan's parliament named **Mukhammedkaliy Abylgazyev** as new prime minister.

LEPV- Kyrgyzstan ❖ Capital: **Bishkek** ❖ Currency: **Kyrgyzstani som**

Commonwealth Heads Of Government Summit Concluded

The two-day summit was inaugurated by **Queen Elizabeth II**, saw in attendance **53 heads of Government** including Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It was the **first time** an Indian Prime Minister had attended **CHOGM** since **2009**.

Commonwealth countries unanimously agree to take action on **cybersecurity by 2020**. **Prince Charles** is to be the next head of the Commonwealth. The theme of the summit was '**Towards a Common Future**'.

STATES

Gujarat ➤ Schemes ➤ Pocket Cop Project

The Gujarat police has unveiled the **Pocket Cop project**, which will enable quicker verification of passport applicants, and search of accused persons, among others. Each smartphone will have four different applications for passport verification, tracing criminals, finding missing persons and for stolen vehicles.

LEPV- Gujarat ❖ Capital: **Gandhinagar** ❖ Chief Minister: **Vijay Rupani** ❖ Governor: **Om Prakash Kohli**

Chhattisgarh ➤ Schemes ➤ Sanchar Kranti Yojana (Free Smartphone scheme)

Chhattisgarh will distribute smartphones to over **50 lakh people** for free under the **Sanchar Kranti Yojana (SKY)**. The SKY scheme will ensure better phone connectivity in **13,900 villages** of the state. The distribution of smartphones will start during the '**Vikas Yatra**' campaign of **Chief Minister Raman Singh**.

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ECONOMY

Banking & Finance ➤ SBI India's Most Trusted Bank

State Bank of India has topped the chart of **BFSI (Banking and Financial Services Institutions)** super-category. **ICICI bank** rose 9 ranks to become the topmost bank among the private banks. In the overall ranking comparing brands from across sectors, ICICI Bank ranked 38th in 2018. The public sector major Punjab National Bank ranks sixth among the public sector banks (PSB) and 297th in the overall rankings.

Banking & Finance ➤ Yes Bank To Open Offices In London And Singapore

Private sector lender YES Bank has got approval from the Reserve Bank of India to open two international representative offices. The new offices will come up in **London and Singapore** as part of the bank's international expansion. As part of its international expansion, YES Bank had opened its first overseas office in **Abu Dhabi in 2015** followed by the debut of IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City, Gandhinagar in the same year.

LEPV- YES Bank ❖ Headquarters: **Mumbai** ❖ MD & CEO: **Rana Kapoor**

AWARDS & HONOURS

Madame Tussauds Collection

Karan Johar has become the **first-ever Bollywood filmmaker** to get a place at the famous Madame Tussauds. Madame Tussauds is a wax museum in London with smaller museums in a number of other major cities. It was founded by wax sculptor **Marie Tussaud**.

SPORTS

Chinese Grand Prix 2018

Daniel Ricciardo has won the **Chinese Grand Prix 2018**. He plays for **Red Bull**. **Valtteri Bottas**, Mercedes Player took the second place. The event took place at the **Shanghai International Circuit** in Shanghai, China.

FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 Mascot

Chinese dragon Son of Dreams was unveiled as **official Mascot** of the **FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019**. FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 will take place in eight Chinese cities from August 31 until September 15.

SPORTS

Rajinder Sachar

Former Delhi HC Chief Justice **Rajinder Sachar** Passes Away. He was eminent human rights activist. In 2006, Rajinder Sachar Committee was set up by former prime minister Manmohan Singh for preparing a report on the social, economic and educational status of Muslims and was tabled in Parliament.

T V R Shenoy

The veteran journalist TVR Shenoy has passed away. He had been conferred the Padma Bhushan in 2003.

ABBREVIATIONS IN THE NEWS

BFSI: Banking and Financial Services Institutions

IFSC: Indian Financial System Code

IBU: IFSC Banking Unit

GIFT City: Gujarat International Finance Tec-City

FIBA: International Basketball Federation (*Fédération Internationale de Basket-ball*)

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