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#### **INTERNATIONAL**

# 1) New global report

- A new global report, published jointly by UN Women and UNDP at the Women Deliver Conference, highlights the challenges in achieving gender parity and women's empowerment worldwide.
- The report introduces two indices Women's Empowerment Index and Global Gender Parity Index – as tools to assess progress in women's human development.
- On average, women achieve 72% of what men do, reflecting a 28% gender gap.

# 2) East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline

- The East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline project, linking the Tilenga and Kingfisher oilfields in western Uganda with the port of Tanga in eastern Tanzania, has raised concerns over its impact on ecosystems and exacerbating the global climate crisis.
- The pipeline's construction will damage sensitive ecosystems, including Uganda's Murchison Falls National Park and the Murchison Falls-Albert Delta Ramsar site.

#### **NATIONAL**

# 1) Tankai Method

- Recently, the Ministry of Culture and the Indian Navy have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to revive the ancient stitched shipbuilding method, also known as the Tankai method.
- The Tankai method is an ancient shipbuilding technique that involves stitching wooden planks together to construct ships, rather than using nails.
- The revival of the stitched shipbuilding method is vital for preserving India's rich maritime heritage and cultural history.



















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#### STATE NEWS

### 1) 'Satellite Network Portal Site'

- Gujarat is set to get India's first 'Satellite Network Portal Site'. The state has signed a MoU with London-Based Company, OneWeb Company and the Department of Science and Technology.
- OneWeb Company is setting up two 'Satellite Network Portal Site' and one of them will be in Mehsana District of Gujarat
- OneWeb is a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) Satellite company with 648 satellites. The company was established by Greg Wyler in 2012 and headquartered at London, England.

### 2) CM Rise Schools

The Madhya Pradesh government has launched an educational initiative called CM Rise Schools. It aims to establish 9,000 CM Rise Schools across the state. emphasizing the importance of accessible and quality education for all.

# 3) Chachin Grazing Festival

- The Chachin Grazing Festival took place in the Tawang region with great fervor and enthusiasm.
- It is a two-day event held at Chachin brought together local graziers from all over the region to celebrate their traditional occupation and honor their cultural heritage.















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#### **BOOKS AND AUTHORS**

# 1) "Through The Broken Glass: An Autobiography"

- The former Chief Election Commissioner of India, T.N. Seshan, authored a book titled "Through The Broken Glass: An Autobiography".
- This autobiography covers his term as the CEC from 1990 to 1995. It has been published 4 years after he passed away in 2019.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

# 1) Manoj Yadav

- Manoj Yadav, a senior IPS officer from the Haryana cadre, has been designated as the new Director General of the Railway Protection Force.
- He belongs to the 1988 batch of the Indian Police Service, will take over from Sanjay Chander, who is set to retire on July 31.

# 2) S Phangnon Konyak has been nominated as vice chairpersons of the Rajya Sabha

- S Phangnon Konyak, the Nagaland MP in the Upper House, has been nominated as one of the vice chairpersons of the Rajva Sabha.
- Rajya Sabha, Chairman Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar nominated Phangnon on the Panel of Vice Chairpersons.















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#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 1) Anshuman Jhingran

- Anshuman Jhingran, a 18-year-old open water swimmer from Mumbai, has achieved a remarkable milestone by becoming the youngest person ever to cross the North Channel.
- He completed this task in just 125 days. The North Channel, situated between the northeastern coast of Northern Ireland and the southwestern coast of Scotland.
- Mihir Sen holds the distinction of being the first Indian to successfully swim across the English Channel.

### 2) "Eni Award"

- Prof. Thalappil Pradeep from the Department of Chemistry at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras has been honored with the 15th edition of the "Eni Award".
- His groundbreaking research led to the discovery of sustainable and cost-effective nanoscale materials that effectively remove toxic contaminants from water.

#### **SPORTS**

### 1) Super GM chess tournament 2023

- R Praggnanandhaa, the 17-year-old Indian Grandmaster, emerged as the champion in Super GM chess tournament 2023. He scored 6.5 points, securing a clear first position in the 10-player event.
- After nine rounds of intense play, he finished one point ahead of M Amin Tabatabaei (Iran) and Russia's Sanan Sjugirov.















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