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The Golden Thread' Awarded As Best Documentary In International Category With Golden Conch Award

- Indian Documentary 'The Golden Thread' is awarded as Best Documentary in international category with Golden Conch Award in Closing ceremony of 18th Mumbai International Film Festival.
- Actress Poonam Dhillon presented this award to director Nishita Jain in ceremony in Mumbai.
- This festival received highest number of delegates and film registration. In the special category of 'India in Amrit Kaal', director Edmond Ranson was conferred with the Best Short Film award for 'Life In Loom'.
- Sreemoyi Singh grabbed the Dadasaheb Phalke Chitranagari Award for Best Debut Director for her film 'And, Towards Happy Alleys'.
- In the National Competition category, '6-A Akash Ganga' won the Silver Conch Award best documentary, 'Salt' grabbed the Best Short Fiction Silver Conch, whereas 'Nirjara' of NID Ahmedabad was conferred with the Silver Conch for Best Animation.
- In international competition category, 'Zima' from Poland won the Silver Conch for Best Animation and 'Sour Milk' from Estonia grabbed the Silver Conch for Best Short Fiction.

Q. Which Indian Documentary is recently awarded as Best Documentary in international category with Golden Conch Award? **The Golden Thread**



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India's envoy to Türkiye Virander Paul dies

- India's ambassador to Türkiye Dr Virander Paul, known for his impactful professional contribution, died in Delhi.
- A 1991-batch IFS officer, Paul was struggling with health issues for over one-and-a-half years and he breathed his last at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi.
- Before arriving in Ankara as ambassador of India to Türkiye in the second half of 2022, he was India's High Commissioner to Kenya and Ambassador to Somalia.
- Prior to that, he served as additional secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, dealing with multilateral engagement in India's neighbourhood.
- He also had a stint as joint secretary at Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service, a premier institution of India for the training of Indian and foreign diplomats.
- In his illustrious career, Paul also served as deputy high commissioner of India in London (2013-2016), Minister (Press) at the Indian Embassy in Washington (2010-2013), Director in the Prime Minister's Office during 2007-2010, and Counsellor (Political) at the Indian Embassy in Moscow from 2003-2007.

Q. Name the India's ambassador to Türkiye, who passed away recently? **Dr Virander Paul**

NDTV

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NDTV Partners With Google

- NDTV, India's premier news platform, has achieved remarkable success through its innovative partnership with Google, focusing on real-time data insights to refine its content strategy.
- Recognising the limitations of traditional engagement measurement tools, NDTV went on a mission to develop a data-driven framework aimed at improving the quality and engagement of its published content.
- This pioneering collaboration led to the implementation of a machine learning-based process that allowed NDTV to accurately identify high-performing articles and those needing refinement.
- By leveraging real-time insights, editors could strategically focus on topics and formats that garnered the highest viewership, optimising the content strategy to meet audience demands more effectively.
- Within the first quarter of deploying this framework, NDTV witnessed substantial growth. New User Growth increased by 24 per cent, Page Views moved up by 12 per cent, Average Session Duration extended significantly, and Bounce Rate improved by 3.7 per cent. These metrics underscore the success of NDTV's new strategy in attracting and retaining a larger audience, marking a significant milestone in its digital transformation journey.

Q. Which leading India news platform has partnered with Google, with a focus on real-time data insights to refine its content strategy? **NDTV**



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Centre appoints Atul Kumar Chaudhary as Secretary, TRAI

- The government has appointed Atul Kumar Chaudhary, as the new Secretary, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), the position which was lying vacant after superannuation of V Raghunandan on May 31.
- Chaudhary is an Indian Telecom Service (ITS) officer of 1989 batch and currently working as Deputy Director General (DDG) in Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI). He is on “deputation on foreign service terms, initially for a period of two years.
- Chaudhary is a graduate from IIT-Rookkee and did his Master Diploma in Public Policy & Administration from IIPA Delhi. He has worked in various capacities in Personnel, HR, Administration, Licencing, Vigilance wing of BSNL and Department of Telecommunications (DoT). He was posted as a DDG at the DoT earlier.
- As the new Secretary of the telecom regulator, Chaudhary would have major responsibilities to steer some of the guidelines and policies, along with the stakeholders in terms of quality of services, especially to on pesky (unsolicited calls) and new Broadcasting Policy.

TRAI:

- Formed: 20 February 1997
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chairperson: Anil Kumar Lahoti

Q. Who has been named as the new Secretary of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)? **Atul Kumar Chaudhary**



Manoj Jain Appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Electronics Limited

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BEL appoints Manoj Jain as new chairman, MD

- Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has appointed Manoj Jain as the new Chairman and Managing Director of the company.
- Previously, he served as Director (R&D) from September 26, 2022, and took on additional roles, including Director (Bangalore Complex) from August 1, 2023, and Director (HR) from November 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023.
- Additionally, before his elevation as Director (R&D), he was the General Manager of the Electronic Warfare and Avionics SBU at BEL's Bangalore Complex, which he took over in June 2021.
- Manoj Jain, who joined BEL as a Probationary Engineer in August 1991, has had an illustrious career spanning over three decades, making significant contributions to the field of Research and Development.

BEL:

- Founded: 1954
- Headquarters: Bangalore, India

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)? **Manoj Jain**



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India, Qatar hold talks on sale of 12 used Mirage-2000 fighter jets

- India and Qatar held key discussions in New Delhi on the proposal to buy 12 second-hand Qatari Mirage-2000-5 fighter jets for the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- The Indian authorities are evaluating the proposal, while considering the compatibility of the offered Mirage-2000-5 jets with India's existing fleet of Mirage-2000 aircraft, which are more advanced.
- According to the report, it would be easier for India to maintain the two sets of aircrafts as they have the same engines.
- However, the price of the jets still remains a key discussion point in the talks.
- While the Qatari side has offered a deal worth Rs 5,000 crore for the 12 aircrafts, India is seeking a more reasonable price.
- The Qatari aircraft would come with missiles and additional engines for flying operations.
- The IAF already has a significant amount of spare and equipment, bought from a French vendor during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Q. With which country India proposed to buy 12 second-hand Mirage-2000-5 fighter jets for the Indian Air Force (IAF)?

Qatar



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ADB approves \$250 million loan to Pakistan for sustainable investment

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed an agreement for a 250 million US dollar policy-based loan to assist Pakistan's sustainable investments in infrastructure and services through public-private partnerships.
- The program's core objective is to strengthen the governance framework and enable an environment for public-private partnerships at the federal government level.
- The mission will be achieved by strengthening the policy, legal, and institutional frameworks for public investment management and public financial management.

ADB

- Formation: 19 December 1966
- Type: Multilateral Development Bank
- Legal status: Treaty
- Headquarters: Manila, Philippines
- Membership: 68 countries
- President: Masatsugu Asakawa

Q. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed an agreement for a 250 million US dollar policy-based loan to assist which country's sustainable investments in infrastructure and services through public-private partnerships? **Pakistan**



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Centre approves Rs 13,595 crore to evacuate green energy from Rajasthan, Karnataka

- The Government of India approved new Inter State Transmission System (ISTS) schemes to evacuate 9 GW of renewable energy from Rajasthan and Karnataka.
- These schemes will be implemented through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) mode.
- The schemes are part of the 500 GW renewable energy capacity to be created by 2030, out of which 200 GW is already connected.
- The power evacuation scheme of Rajasthan Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) will evacuate 4.5 GW of RE power from the state.
- It comprises 1 GW from Fatehgarh complex, 2.5 GW from Barmer Complex, and 1 GW from Nagaur (Merta) Complex.
- This power will be transferred to Uttar Pradesh' Mainpuri Region, Fatehpur, and Orai.

Q. Recently the GoI approved new Inter State Transmission System (ISTS) schemes to evacuate 9 GW of renewable energy from Rajasthan and Karnataka with an outlay of: **Rs 13,595 crore**



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PM Modi and Sheikh Hasina launch futuristic India-Bangladesh partnership

- India and Bangladesh concluded 10 agreements following a meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina at the Hyderabad House.
- Both leaders jointly agreed to the India-Bangladesh shared vision for the future, including enhanced connectivity, commerce, and collaboration for shared prosperity.
- The vision document for a futuristic partnership between India and Bangladesh seeks to realise respective national development visions of having a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047 and a 'Smart Bangladesh' by 2041.
- MoUs on maritime cooperation and blue economy; space cooperation; railway connectivity; oceanography; and cooperation concerning military education in strategic and operational studies were also signed.

Q. In terms of bilateral partnership on river management between India & Bangladesh, the renewal of the Ganges Water Sharing Treaty is of main concern which was signed in _____. **1996**



Monday, 24 June 2024

Ayyanna Patrudu unanimously elected Speaker of Andhra Pradesh Assembly

- Senior TDP MLA Chintakayala Ayyanna Patrudu was unanimously elected as the Speaker of the 16th Legislative Assembly of Andhra Pradesh.
- His election was a formality as no other MLA filed a nomination for the Speaker's post to challenge him.
- Only three nominations were received for the Speaker's post, and they all were on behalf of Ayyanna patrudu.

Andhra Pradesh

- Capital: Amaravati
- Chief minister: N. Chandrababu Naidu
- Governor: S. Abdul Nazeer
- Before was: United Andhra Pradesh
- Bifurcation: 1 October 1953 (from Madras Presidency)
- Bird: Rose-ringed parakeet

Q. Who has been unanimously elected Speaker of Andhra Pradesh Assembly? **Ayyanna Patrudu**



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