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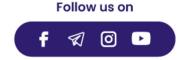
## Gyanesh Kumar Appointed as India's New Chief Election Commissioner

Gyanesh Kumar was appointed as India's new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) on February 17, 2025, under the newly implemented election law. A 1988-batch IAS officer from the Kerala cadre, he has held key positions in state and central governments, including the Ministry of Home Affairs and Defence. His tenure, lasting until January 26, 2029, includes overseeing major elections like the 2025 Bihar Assembly and 2029 Lok Sabha polls. His appointment marks a significant shift in India's electoral governance framework.



[Image Source: India Today]

# **Gujarat Introduces G-SAFAL to Empower 50,000 Underprivileged Women**



















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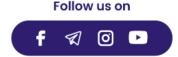
The Gujarat government, led by CM Bhupendra Patel, launched G-SAFAL to empower 50,000 underprivileged families, particularly women, across 25 talukas in 10 districts. Implemented by the Gujarat Livelihood Promotion Company, the scheme provides Rs 80,000 per family for income generation, skill training, financial inclusion, and social development. It integrates digital monitoring, connects beneficiaries with banks, and ensures multiple income sources. Aligning with the Aspirational Blocks Programme, G-SAFAL aims to enhance economic self-sufficiency and social security for the poorest families in Gujarat.



[Image Source: India Today]

# RBI Imposes Penalties on Shriram Finance, Ujjivan SFB, and Nainital Bank for Regulatory Violations

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed penalties on Shriram Finance, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, and Nainital Bank for non-compliance with regulatory norms. Nainital Bank was fined ₹61.40 lakh for failing to follow interest rate and customer service guidelines. Ujjivan SFB faced ₹6.70 lakhs for not issuing loan agreements, while Shriram Finance was penalized ₹5.80 lakhs for not reviewing risk categorization. These actions underline RBI's strict regulatory oversight to ensure transparency, consumer protection, and financial stability.



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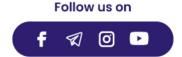
# Indonesia Clinches First Asia Mixed Team Title by Defeating China

Indonesia made history by winning its first Asia Mixed Team Badminton Championship, defeating defending champions China 3-1 at the Conson Sports Centre in Qingdao. The decisive men's doubles match, where Muhammad Shohibul Fikri and Daniel Marthin triumphed 21-15, 21-9, sealed Indonesia's victory. This victory ended China's dominance in the tournament. Indonesia also overcame Thailand 3-1 in the semifinals, while Japan and Thailand secured bronze. Past champions include China (2023, 2019) and Japan (2017).



[Image Source: BBC News]

### Madhya Pradesh Launches India's First GCC Policy



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Madhya Pradesh has introduced India's first Global Capability Centers (GCC) Policy 2025, aiming to attract multinational corporations and enhance global innovation. The policy focuses on Tier-2 cities like Indore, Bhopal, and Jabalpur, offering financial incentives, infrastructure development, and a business-friendly environment. It includes up to 40% capital subsidy, rent and payroll assistance, and R&D support. This initiative aligns with India's broader strategy to decentralize economic growth, positioning Madhya Pradesh as a key player in the global business landscape.



[Image Source: NDTV]

## Elon Musk Introduces Grok 3 AI The Most Advanced AI on Earth

Elon Musk's xAI has launched Grok 3, an advanced AI chatbot claimed to be the most intelligent AI ever developed. Backed by massive computing power, including 100,000 GPUs and doubled H100 clusters, Grok 3 showcases enhanced speed, accuracy, and reasoning. The AI is expected to revolutionize industries such as education, healthcare, finance, and software development. With Grok 3, xAI aims to push the boundaries of AI and usher in a new era of human-AI collaboration.



[Image Source: BBC News]

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### Saudi Arabia to Host First Olympic Esports Games in 2027

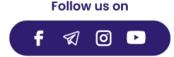
In July 2023, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced the creation of the Olympic Esports Games, set to debut in 2027 in Saudi Arabia. The event will be hosted in partnership with the Saudi Olympic and Paralympic Committee (SOPC) and supported by the Esports World Cup Foundation (EWCF) as a Founding Partner. The collaboration aims to connect esports with traditional sports, enhance competitive structures, and provide qualification pathways for players. Saudi Arabia has significantly boosted its sports involvement, hosting over 100 international events since 2015.



[Image Source: BBC News]

# The Indian Navy has launched its eighth MCA (Modular Cargo) barge, LSAM 11

On February 14, 2025, the Indian Navy launched its eighth Missile Cum Ammunition (MCA) Barge, LSAM 11, in Mira Bhayandar, Maharashtra. Designed to transport ammunition and supplies to Navy platforms, it strengthens operational and logistical capabilities. Built-in collaboration with M/s SECON Engineering Projects Pvt Ltd, the MCA barges align with India's 'Make in India' initiative by utilizing domestic resources and expertise. LSAM 11's launch enhances India's defence infrastructure and supports self-reliance in defence production.



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[Image Source: India Today]

# Tata Group Chairman N. Chandrasekaran has been honoured with a knighthood

N. Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Tata Group, was awarded an honorary knighthood by the UK on February 14, 2025, for his significant contributions to strengthening India-UK business relations. His leadership in expanding Tata's investments, especially in industries like steel, automobiles, and technology, played a key role in this recognition. This honour complements previous awards, including France's Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur. The knighthood further enhances Tata Group's global presence and fosters ongoing UK-India economic collaboration.



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### Standard Chartered has named P.D. Singh as its new CEO for India

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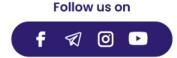
Standard Chartered has appointed P.D. Singh as its new CEO for India and South Asia, effective April 1, 2025, with approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Singh, a former CEO of JP Morgan India, brings over 20 years of experience in corporate banking. He replaces Zarin Daruwala, who led the bank's expansion in India for nearly a decade. Singh's appointment signals Standard Chartered's focus on strengthening its operations and expanding its presence in India's competitive banking sector.



[Image Source: Wikipedia]

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