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## 1. Shivendra Nath of BSNL next CMD of EPIL



Shivendra Nath, a 1994-batch officer of UPSC, has been selected by the PSEB (Public Enterprises Selection Board) panel to take up the role of Chairman and Managing Director in Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) Engineering Projects India Limited (EPIL). Nath started his engineering career in 1994, after being selected through the Union Public Service Commission as the Engineering Project Manager of the P&T Department of the Indian Engineering Services. Nath is working as Chief Engineer in BSNL since September 2020. Earlier, he held the post of Superintending Engineer in Naya Raipur Development Authority till January 2021. Presently, Nath is working as Senior General Manager in BSNL. With over 25 years of experience in various essential domains such as infrastructure development, contract management, supervision, sustainable water solutions, urban planning and development and government administration, Nath serves as the Chief Executive in EPIL. Reporting directly to the Board of Directors of the organization, he bears the responsibility of ensuring smooth functioning of the organization and successful achievement of its corporate objectives and performance targets.

## 2. Industrialist Ratan Tata to get Maharashtra government's first 'Udyog Ratna' award



The Maharashtra government has decided to confer the first 'Udyog Ratna' award on veteran industrialist and Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, Ratan Tata. State Industries Minister Uday Samant gave this information. Samant told the State Legislative Council that awards would also be given to young entrepreneurs, women entrepreneurs and Marathi entrepreneurs. Samant said that like Maharashtra Bhushan award given to distinguished people, the state government has decided to give Udyog Ratna award to Ratan Tata. Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, Deputy Chief Ministers Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar and as Industry Minister he was a member of this committee. This award will be given for the first time. The objective of the Maharashtra Udyog Ratna Awards is to recognize the efforts of individuals and organizations who have made significant contribution to Maharashtra in business, industry, education, real estate, tourism, financial services, fashion, electronics, agriculture, banking,

## 3. NHAI launches HighwayYatra app



The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has taken a significant step towards enhancing the highway user experience by introducing an integrated mobile application 'RajmargYatra'. The objective of this app is to provide comprehensive information and efficient grievance redressal for National Highway users, thereby making their journeys seamless and safe. Currently, it caters to users who are fluent in Hindi and English. It provides users with comprehensive information about Indian National Highways, keeping them updated with real-time weather conditions and timely broadcast information. This facility is essential for highway commuters to plan their journey better, keeping in mind the weather variations and possible obstructions.

## 4. Shohini Sinha to head FBI field office in Salt Lake City

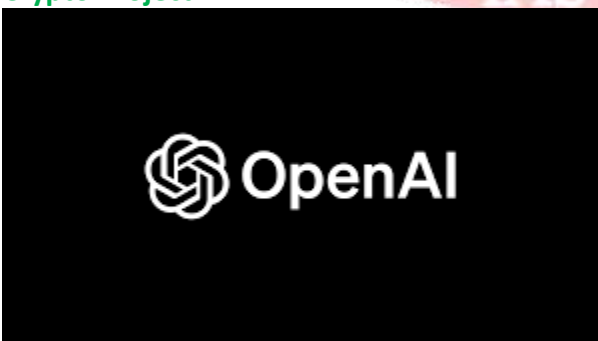


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Indian-American Shohini Sinha has been named special agent in charge of the FBI's field office in the US state of Utah in Salt Lake City. Shohini Sinha is known for her work on counter-terrorism investigations in the US. Shohini Sinha most recently served as Executive Special Assistant to the Director at FBI Headquarters in Washington, DC. He was designated special agent in charge by FBI Director Christopher Wray. The FBI director praised Sinha's exceptional track record in counterterrorism investigations and his extensive experience within the agency. Since joining the FBI as a special agent in 2001, Shohini Sinha has had a remarkable career. His journey began with the Milwaukee field office, where he led a number of anti-terrorist investigations. Showcasing her versatility and commitment, Shohini has also held a number of temporary assignments,

## 5. OpenAI CEO Sam Altman Launches WorldCoin Crypto Project



OpenAI CEO Sam Altman started the WorldCoin crypto project with two co-founders. Through this project, users will get a verified digital identity and access to financial projects. WorldCoin is a crypto-currency project launched by Sam Altman, CEO of OpenAI, along with Alex Blania and Max Novendstern, with the main objective of providing its users with a private digital identity – a world identity – to register individually. After, where an "orb" imaging device scans the unique

iris pattern of their eye to verify they are "a real and unique person". The orb is a silver sphere that can capture a high-resolution image of the iris, which is unique to each individual. The orb then encrypts the image and sends it back to the blockchain network, where it is matched with the WorldCoin address. The person who scans their eyes receives some WorldCoins as a reward for joining the network.

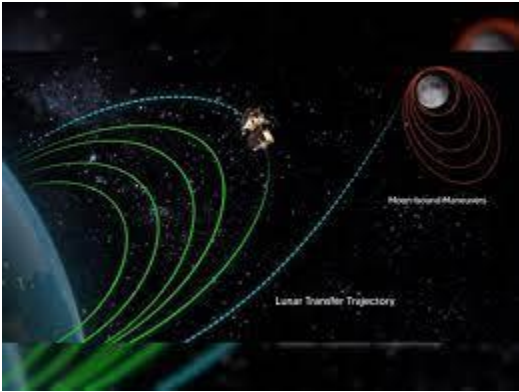
## 6. GST collections exceed Rs 1.65 lakh crore in July; Recorded 11% YoY Growth



The Finance Ministry said that the GST collection in the month of July was recorded at Rs 1,65,105 crore. GST collections crossed Rs 1.6 lakh crore for the fifth time since the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax. The revenue for July is 11 per cent more than the GST revenue for the same month last year. Of the gross GST of Rs 1.65 lakh crore collected in July, Rs 29,773 crore is CGST and Rs 37,623 crore is SGST. Rs 85,930 crore is IGST, of which Rs 41,239 crore is collected on import of goods and Cess is Rs 11,779 crore, of which Rs 840 crore is collected on import of goods. The ministry said the government settled Rs 39,785 crore to CGST and Rs 33,188 crore to SGST from IGST. The total revenue of the Center and States in July after regular settlement is Rs 69,558 crore for CGST and Rs 70,811 crore for SGST.

## 7. ISRO placed Chandrayaan-3 in translunar orbit.

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The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) announced that Chandrayaan-3 has successfully completed its orbit around the Earth and is currently moving towards the Moon. It said, "ISTRAC (ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network) carried out a successful perigee-firing. ISRO has placed the spacecraft in the translunar orbit." Chandrayaan-3 successfully orbited the Earth and is now moving fast on its journey to the Moon. Now its final stop will be the Moon's surface where a soft landing will take place. Earth Thirst firing has been done to take Chandrayaan-3 out of its orbit. ISRO has sent the spacecraft into the translunar orbit. Now the spacecraft will be entered into the lunar orbit on August 5. According to ISRO so far All the phases have been successfully completed. Preparations will be made for the soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 on August 23. Chandrayaan-3 started its journey to the moon on July 14.

## 8. Steel Minister unveils new logo of NMDC



At a special event in New Delhi, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Union Minister for Steel and Civil Aviation, unveiled the new logo of the National Mining Development Corporation (NMDC). With the launch of the new logo, NMDC has taken a major step to showcase its commitment towards responsible mining and global standards. The new logo is a perfect blend of modern

style and meaningful symbolism. This new logo represents more than just a visual change, it represents the essence of NMDC's role as a leader in India's sustainable path. Embracing the elements of nature, NMDC is now committed to create a world in a responsible and harmonious manner. The new logo represents NMDC's past successes, present commitments and future aspirations. It showcases the future masterplan of the company, which will be driven with innovation and sensitivity.

## QUIZ

**1. Indian Railways and which organization have signed MoU for 5G testbed in Hyderabad?**

- (a) IIT Madras
- (b) IIT Mumbai
- (c) IIT Bangalore
- (d) IIT Delhi

The Ministry of Railways and the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) signed an agreement to set up the Bharat 5G Testbed for the Indian Railways. This testbed will be set up at the Indian Railway Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunication (IRISET) in Secunderabad.

**2. Which Indian cricketer has announced his retirement recently?**

- (a) Umesh Yadav
- (b) Manoj Tiwari
- (c) Rishabh Pant
- (d) Dinesh Karthik

India and Bengal batsman Manoj Tiwary has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. Tiwary last played for India in 2015, when the Indian team toured Zimbabwe, scoring 34 runs in three ODIs. Tiwari is currently the Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports of West Bengal.

**3. ISRO launched seven satellites of which country with PSLV-C56 rocket?**

- a) India
- b) Malaysia
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Singapore

Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) launched seven satellites of Singapore with PSLV-C56 (PSLV-C56) rocket from Satish Dhawan Space Center in

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Sriharikota. ISRO said that the rocket separated from the satellites 23 minutes after launch. This was the 58th launch of PSLV and 17th launch of PSLV in core alone configuration, ISRO said.

**4. Recently SBI has raised how many crores through Infra Bonds.**

- (a) ₹11000 crores
- (b) ₹15000 crores
- (c) ₹17000 crores
- (d) ₹10000 crores

SBI raised Rs 10,000 crore through its third infrastructure bond issue at a coupon rate of 7.54%. The yield for this issue was lower than the 7.7% yield for infrastructure bonds issued by the bank in January.

**5. By whom has the mobile application 'Rajmargyatra' been launched?**

- (a) NIC
- (b) C-DAC
- (c) NHAI
- (d) NITI Aayog

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has launched an integrated mobile application 'Rajmargyatra'. It aims to provide comprehensive information and a better grievance redressal facility to the National Highway users. Fastag services have been added to this app.

**6. Which portal has been launched to monitor child care institutions across the country?**

- (a) Defense Portal
- (b) Masi Portal
- (c) Kavach Portal
- (d) Child Protection Portal

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has launched an application 'MASI' (Monitoring App for Seamless Inspection-MASI) - Monitoring App for real time monitoring of Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and their inspection system across the country. Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani said that since 2014, 27,085 children have been adopted.

**7. 'Jaldost Airboat' has been launched recently by?**

- (a) National Aerospace Laboratories
- (b) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

- (c) DRDO
- (d) Garuda Aerospace

Recently, National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) has launched JALDOST airboat. It is an airboat that moves on water, it is designed to remove floating waste in water. The National Aerospace Laboratories is a part of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), established in the year 1959.

**8. What is the percent increase in Goods and Services Tax on Casino and Online Gaming?**

- (a) 28 percent
- (b) 29 percent
- (c) 25 percent
- (d) 34 percent

The 51st meeting of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council has decided to tax the full value of all bets made on online gaming at 28% from October 1. GST was launched on 1 July 2017 by the former President of India, Ram Nath Kovind.

## ONE LINER

ISRO launched seven satellites of which country with PSLV-C56 rocket - **Singapore**

Who has become India's number 1 chess player - **Gukesh D**

Which day is celebrated all over India on 3 August 2023 - **National Heart Transplant Day**

Who has been appointed as the new President of Qualcomm India - **Savi Sooin**

As part of the second phase of CPEC, Pakistan and which country have signed 6 agreements - **China**

How many lakh houses have been completed under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana program - **75.51 lakh houses**

Which state assembly has passed a resolution condemning the violence in Manipur - **West Bengal Assembly**

South Asia's first "Center for Species Survival" will be established in which country - **India**

Who has recently been appointed as the new Corporate Vice President of Microsoft India and South Asia - **Puneet Chandok**

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has inaugurated the new building of which assembly - **Assam Legislative Assembly**

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