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1. Actor Junior Mehmood passes away at the age of 67



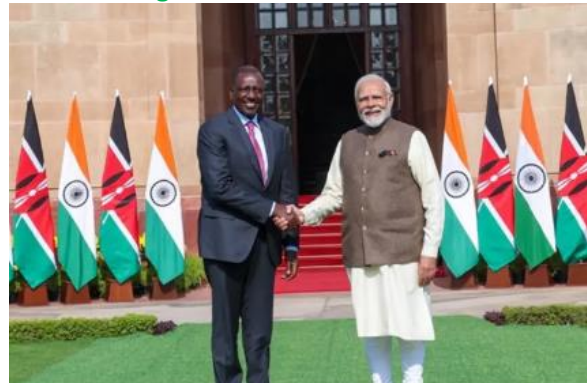
Veteran character actor Junior Mehmood, known for his roles in iconic Bollywood films like Caravan, Haathi Mere Saathi and Mera Naam Joker, passed away at the age of 67. Veteran character actor Junior Mehmood, known for his roles in iconic Bollywood films like Caravan, Haathi Mere Saathi and Mera Naam Joker, passed away at the age of 67. Mehmood Jr., whose real name was Naeem Syed, started his acting journey when he was very young. When he was just a child, he did brilliant work in films like “Mohabbat Zindagi Hai” (1966) and “Naunihaal” (1967). But things really changed for him when he worked with the famous comedian Mehmood in the film “Suhaag Raat” in 1968. During this time, he got the nickname 'Junior Mahmood', which was given to him by Senior Mahmood. Junior Mehmood became famous for acting in more than 260 films in seven different languages. Some of his famous films include “Caravan,” “Haathi Mere Saathi,” “Mera Naam Joker,” “Brahmachari,” “Kati Patang,” “Hare Ram Hare Krishna,” and many others. He was very good at playing different roles, making people laugh and sometimes even cry with his acting. Apart from films, Junior Mahmood also worked in TV shows. Some of the shows she featured in were “Pyaar Ka Dard Hai Meetha Meetha Pyaara Pyaara” and “Ek Rishta Partnership Ka”. This showed that he could be great on both the big and small screens. Junior Mahmood not only acted in a lot of films; He left his mark on the film industry. People remember the characters he played and the happiness he brought on screen. He started as a child actor and became a talented and versatile actor.

2. State Bank will take another 20 percent of SBI pension fund



State Bank of India will acquire additional 20 per cent stake in SBI Pension Fund from SBI Caps for Rs 229.52 crore, taking its stake to 80 per cent. State Bank of India said in a communication sent to the exchanges, SBI has proposed to acquire 20 per cent stake in SBI Pension Funds Private Limited from SBI Caps. SBI Caps is a wholly owned subsidiary of SBI. All regulatory approvals in this regard have been obtained. State Bank said that the purpose of this transaction is better management. This cash acquisition will be completed by December 15, 2023. State Bank said that this deal is based on the valuation report of M/s Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India. At present SBI has 60 percent stake in the pension fund. SBI and SBI Funds Management Limited will be the sponsors of SBI Pension Fund. SBI Funds Management Limited, a joint venture between SBI and Amundi with 62.53 per cent and 36.73 per cent stake respectively, holds 20 per cent stake in SBI PF. The bank said that RBI and PFRDA have given their respective approvals. SBI PF was formed in December 2007 and has been appointed as the Pension Fund Manager to manage the pension fund under the National Pension System.

3. India will give a loan of Rs 2 thousand crore to Kenya



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, after extensive talks with visiting Kenyan President William Samoyi Ruto, announced India's decision to provide a line of credit of \$ 250 million (about Rs 2 thousand crore) to Kenya for the modernization of its agriculture sector. . Ruto arrived here on a 3-day visit aimed at expanding overall relations between the two countries. In a statement issued to the media after the talks, Modi said that India has always given high priority to Africa in its foreign policy and has expanded its overall relations with the continent on a mission mode in the last decade or so. PM Modi said, 'I am confident that President Ruto's visit to India will not only strengthen bilateral relations but will also give new impetus to our relations with Africa.' Later, Modi said in a post on 'X', 'President Ruto Had a meaningful conversation with today. We had the opportunity to review the full range of India-Kenya relations. We discussed ways to deepen economic ties between our countries. Our countries will also work together in technology, digital innovations, clean energy and other areas. PM Modi expressed happiness that Ruto's visit to India is coming shortly after the African Union joined the G20. PM Modi said that India will provide a line of credit of \$250 million to Kenya for the modernization of its agriculture sector. He said, 'Laying the foundation of a progressive future, today we considered strengthening our cooperation in all areas and also identified many new initiatives. There is steady progress in mutual trade and investment between India and Kenya. We will continue to explore new opportunities to harness the full potential of our economic cooperation. India has been a reliable and committed development partner for Kenya.

4. Huma Qureshi launches debut novel 'Zeba: An Accidental Superhero'



Bollywood actress Huma Qureshi has stepped into a new field as a writer, making her debut with a novel titled 'Zeba: An Accidental Superhero'. The book was officially launched during the 12th edition of the Bangalore Literature Festival (BLF), marking a new chapter in the creative journey of Huma Qureshi. Huma Qureshi presented her novel to the world on the inaugural day of the Bengaluru Literature Festival at The Lalit Ashok in Bengaluru. The event was a significant moment when the popular Bollywood actor stepped into the literary world and presented a unique blend of fiction and fantasy to its readers. 'Zeba: An Accidental Superhero' unfolds in a fictional world, spanning the years between 1992 and 2019. The story revolves around a fantasy kingdom and an evil king, with the main focus being on a character named Zeba. This young girl has extraordinary superpowers and becomes a key player in the fight against the evil ruler, demonstrating the victory of good over evil.

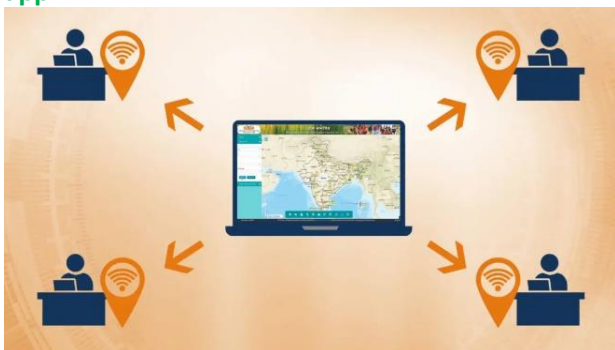
5. License of Urban Co-operative Bank based in UP cancelled.



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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken an important step by canceling the license of the Urban Co-operative Bank (UCB) located in Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh. The decision will come into effect from close of business on December 07, 2023, marking a significant development in the banking sector. According to RBI, the main reason behind the cancellation of the license is that the Urban Co-operative Bank has closed its banking business. The central bank has expressed concerns about the financial health of the bank, leading to the decision to wind down its operations. Apart from canceling the license, the RBI has approached the Cooperative Commissioner and Registrar of Uttar Pradesh to issue an order to close the bank. Emphasizing the seriousness of the situation, the appointment of a liquidator is also on the agenda. On liquidation, RBI assures that every depositor will be entitled to receive the deposit insurance claim amount of his deposits. This eligibility is subject to a monetary limit of ₹5 lakh from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC). Notably, as per the data presented by the bank, 98.32 per cent of depositors are eligible to receive the full amount of their deposits from DICGC. In its statement, the RBI highlighted the urban co-operative bank's inadequate capital and earning prospects as key factors in canceling its license. The central bank expresses concern about the bank's ability to make full payments to its depositors, concluding that the bank's continuity is detrimental to the interests of its depositors.

6. Panchayati Raj Ministry launches 'Gram Manch' GIS app



In a strategic move to enhance spatial planning at the Gram Panchayat level, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj launched the Geographical Information System (GIS) application known as "Village Map". This innovative application leverages geospatial technology to empower Gram Panchayats in their planning efforts.

"Gram Map" serves as an integrated geospatial platform, providing a comprehensive view of developmental works in different areas. It enables Gram Panchayats to visualize and plan projects effectively, while offering a decision support system for Gram Panchayat Development Planning (GPDP). Complementing the "Gram Map", the Ministry has introduced "mActionSoft", a mobile-based solution designed to capture photographs with geo-tags incorporating GPS coordinates. This facility facilitates geo-tagging of assets at three critical stages: before commencement of work, during work and on completion. Using the "mActionSoft" application the geo-tagged properties get seamlessly integrated with the "Gram Map", offering a better view of the developmental works in the Gram Panchayats. This integration ensures transparency and accessibility of information related to assets created under the Finance Commission Fund. "Village Map" comprises a series of planning tools that use GIS technology to assist Gram Panchayat officials in formulating realistic and achievable development plans. These tools play a vital role in the planning process, aiding in identification of potential project sites, asset tracking, cost estimation and impact assessment.

7. Taylor Swift was named Time Magazine's Person of the Year



Taylor Swift has been named Time magazine's Person of the Year for 2023. This recognition follows his title as the most played artist on Spotify, underscoring the widespread impact of his music and influence. As Taylor Swift receives the prestigious title of Time Magazine's Person of the Year for 2023, it serves as a reflection of her multifaceted impact on music, culture, and society. Beyond accolades and financial success, Swift's ability to

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connect with audiences on a global scale reflects the enduring power of her artistry. In a world where influence is measured along different dimensions, Taylor Swift has become True Person of the Year. Swift's Eras Tour captured the hearts of fans around the world, becoming a cultural phenomenon. The accompanying concert movie allowed even more people to experience the magic of her live performances. Swift's ability to reinvent her work became evident with the release of her reimagined '1989' album. The project showcased his musical versatility and creativity. Beyond her music, Swift's personal life, particularly her relationship with the Kansas City Chiefs' Travis Kelce, has been in the spotlight, drawing the interest of fans and media alike. Swift's influence extends beyond entertainment, as she has become the subject of college courses. This highlights their cultural significance and impact on contemporary society.

8. 5th Nagaland Honey Bee Day organized in Kisama village



The 5th Nagaland Honey Bee Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm under the theme "Bee and Honey Trials Taste" at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama. In this program, Deputy Chief Minister, Planning and Transformation and National Highways, T.R. Zeliang, who congratulated the Mission and accomplished bee farmers at both the State and District levels. T.R. Zeliang highlighted the rich beekeeping tradition of Nagaland, and attributed its potential to become a hub of beekeeping activities. The state's abundance of nectar-rich flowering plants, favorable climatic conditions, rich vegetation and ideal topography make it an ideal center for beekeeping. Acknowledging the unique age-old tradition of beekeeping, TR Zeliang stressed the need to transform it from a traditional hobby to a sustainable

livelihood. With an aim to improve beekeeping practices across the state, regular training programs on honey production and rearing have been provided to the villagers. The Deputy Chief Minister revealed that there are more than 1 lakh beekeepers in Nagaland, with an additional 25,000 beekeepers launched in 500 villages by the Nagaland Beekeeping Mission (NBHM). The current honey production in the state is 440 metric tonnes (MT) per year. However, intensive and concerted efforts are required to achieve the ambitious target of 2000 MT by 2030 set by the Mission.

QUIZ

1. When is the 86th Maha Parninirvana Day celebrated recently?

- (a) 5th December
- (b) 6th December
- (c) 4th December
- (d) 7th December

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, known as the father of the Indian Constitution, was a great social reformer and scholar. He is known for his works and scholarship. But on 6 December 1956, the father of the Constitution merged into the five elements (Ambedkar Death Date). Dr. Ambedkar's death anniversary is celebrated as Mahaparinirvan Day. In fact, Ambedkar always worked to improve the condition of Dalits. He is also considered to have played a big role in ending the evil practice like untouchability. His followers believe that their guru was very effective and virtuous like Lord Buddha and because of his actions he has attained Nirvana. This is the reason why his death anniversary is celebrated as Mahaparinirvan Day.

2. Garba dance has been recognized as UNESCO's 'Intangible Cultural Heritage'. Which state does it belong to?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Maharashtra

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel announced that UNESCO has included the traditional Garba dance of Gujarat in its list of 'Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity'. Garba dance is the 15th intangible cultural heritage of India to be included in this list.

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3. Who has taken oath as the new Chief Minister of Telangana?

- (a) N. Uttam Kumar Reddy
- (b) Anumula Revanth Reddy
- (c) K.Chandrashekhar Rao
- (d) DK Shivakumar

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee President Anumula Revanth Reddy has taken oath as the Chief Minister of the state. Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan administered him the oath of office and secrecy. After the formation of Telangana state, he is the second Chief Minister of the state. K.Chandrashekhar Rao was the first Chief Minister of the state.

4. Who has been named 'Person of the Year' by Time Magazine? Has been named?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Georgia Meloni
- (c) Taylor Swift
- (d) Joe Biden

Famous singer Taylor Swift has been named Time Magazine's Person of the Year for 2023. This underlines the breadth of his music and influences. Swift, 33, performed music from throughout her career on her "Eras Tour" But programs have been organized all over the world. Time magazine has named Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky as "Person of the Year" in 2022. Was named.

5. Who has become the first Indian to operate NASA's Mars Rover?

- (a) Preeti Narayan
- (b) Soni Sarang
- (c) Surbhi Kumari
- (d) Akshata Krishnamurti

Akshata Krishnamurthy has become the first Indian to operate a Mars rover with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in the United States. He has given this information through a social media post. Akshata is a PhD holder from MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and has joined NASA for a full-time opportunity.

6. 'Marapi' The volcano has recently erupted, in which country is it located?

- (a) Malaysia

- (b) Kenya
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) South Africa

Mount Marapi, located in West Sumatra, Indonesia, recently erupted, due to which many people lost their lives and many climbers went missing. The explosion occurred on December 3, 2023. Indonesia "Ring of Fire" It is situated in an unstable tectonic region. Mount Marapi is approximately 2,891 meters (about 9,500 feet) high.

7. 'My village, my heritage' Which ministry is running the project?

- (a) Ministry of Culture
- (b) Ministry of Rural Development
- (c) Ministry of Tourism
- (d) Home Ministry

The Government of India has decided to map and document all the villages under the Mera Gaon, Meri Dharohar (MGMD) programme. This National Mission is being run in coordination with Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts (IGNCA) under the Ministry of Culture. A web portal on MGMD has also been launched on July 27, 2023.

8. Who has been named 'CEO of the Year' by Time Magazine? Chosen?

- (a) Sam Altman
- (b) Tim Cook
- (c) Sundar Pichai
- (d) Satya Nadella

Time Magazine named OpenAI founder Sam Altman as 'CEO of the Year'. Is named as. Sam Altman is the co-founder of ChatGPT, developed by OpenAI, which was launched in November 2022. Argentina's star football player Lionel Messi has been named 2023 'Athlete of the Year'. Has been named.

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Who has recently become the title sponsor of Patna Pirates team of Pro Kabaddi League – **Government of Bihar**

Where has the fifth Bee Day been celebrated recently to celebrate the beekeeping tradition – **Nagaland**
Recently when is the 86th Maha Parninirvana Day celebrated - **6th December**

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