

CURRENT AFFAIRS

THIS WEEK



RECENTLY, A BELL HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN SHRI MUKTINATH TEMPLE OF WHICH COUNTRY IN HONOR OF LATE VIPIN RAWAT?

- **NEPAL**

- **IN A SOLEMN CEREMONY AT NEPAL'S SHREE MUKTINATH TEMPLE, A BELL WAS PLACED IN HONOUR OF INDIA'S LATE CHIEF OF DEFENSE STAFF, GENERAL BIPIN RAWAT.**
- **THE BELL, NAMED "BIPIN BELL," WAS INSTALLED AS A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CDS WHO HAD EXPRESSED HIS KEEN INTEREST IN VISITING THE TEMPLE MANY TIMES.**
- **THE TEMPLE, A VISHNU TEMPLE AND ONE OF THE SHAKTI PEETH, HOLDS GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR HINDUS AND THE PLACEMENT OF THE BELL IS A HOMAGE TO GEN RAWAT.**



WHO HAS RECENTLY BEEN APPOINTED AS THE NEW CMD OF INDIAN TELEPHONE INDUSTRY RECENTLY?

- **RAJESH RAI**
- **THE UNION GOVERNMENT HAS APPOINTED RAJESH RAI AS THE NEW CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ITI LIMITED FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM FEBRUARY 21, 2023. INDIAN TELEPHONE INDUSTRIES LIMITED: CURRENTLY KNOWN AS ITI LIMITED. IT IS A CENTRAL PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKING UNDER OWNERSHIP OF DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION, GOI. FORMATION- 1948 HQ- BENGALURU**



WHERE HAS 'OLA UBER AND RAPIDO BIKE TAXI' BEEN BANNED RECENTLY?

- **NEW DELHI**
- **THE DELHI TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ISSUED A PUBLIC NOTICE TO THESE RIDE SHARING COMPANIES TO PUT A STOP TO BIKE TAXI SERVICES WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.**
- **A PUBLIC ORDER RECENTLY NOTED THAT BIKE TAXIS IN DELHI VIOLATED THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACT 1988, AS THE ACT PROHIBITS USING TWO-WHEELERS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSE.**
- **COMPANIES VIOLATING THE ORDER WILL BE PENALIZED WITH A FINE OF RS 1 LAKH.**

WHO HAS RECENTLY BAGGED THE TITLE SPONSORSHIP RIGHTS FOR THE WOMEN'S PREMIUM LEAGUE TILL 2027?

- **TATA GROUP**

- **THE BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CRICKET IN INDIA (BCCI) HAS AWARDED THE TITLE SPONSORSHIP RIGHTS OF THE WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE (WPL) SEASONS 2023-2027 TO TATA GROUP.**

- **WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: 0 IT IS AN UPCOMING WOMEN'S TWENTY20 CRICKET FRANCHISE LEAGUE IN INDIA. 0 IT IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY BCCI. 0 HQ- MUMBAI 0 FIRST EDITION- 2023 0 NO OF TEAMS- 5- ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE, DELHI CAPITALS, GUJARAT GIANTS, UP WARRIORZ AND MUMBAI INDIANS.**

WORLD'S HIGHEST ALTITUDE WEATHER STATION HAS BEEN REBUILT ON WHERE?

- **MOUNT EVEREST**
- **AFTER THE WORLD'S HIGHEST ALTITUDE WAS DESTROYED DUE TO HURRICANE-FORCE WINDS ON MOUNT EVEREST, A TEAM OF SCIENTISTS AND SHERPA HAVE AGAIN PLACED ITS NEW VERSION ATOP MOUNT EVEREST.**
- **THE GROUP HAS BEEN LED BY A 31-YEAR-OLD ELECTRICIAN AND MOUNTAIN GUIDE TENZING GYALZEN SHERPA.**
- **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY HAS INSTALLED THE 'WORLD'S HIGHEST WEATHER STATION' ON MOUNT EVEREST AT AN ALTITUDE OF 8830 METRES TO AUTOMATICALLY MEASURE VARIOUS METEOROLOGICAL PHENOMENA JUST 39 METRES BELOW EVEREST'S SUMMIT.**

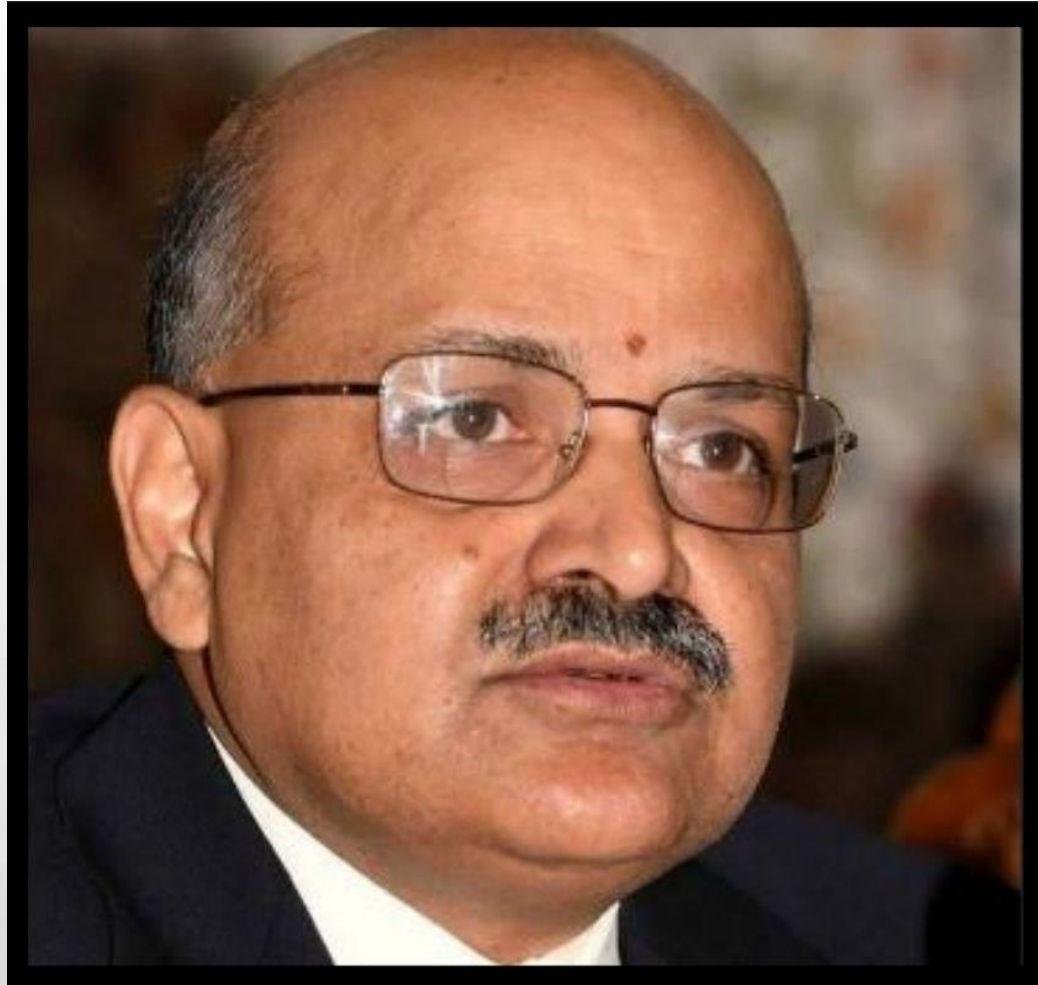


WHO HAS LAUNCHED MPASSPORT POLICE APP FOR SPEEDY POLICE VERIFICATION FOR PASSPORTS?

- **THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.**
- **THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (MEA) HAS TAKEN ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS DIGITISING THE VITAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE OF PASSPORT VERIFICATION BY INTRODUCING THE 'MPASSPORT POLICE APP'.**
- **THE APP IS DEVELOPED BY THE CONSULAR, PASSPORT AND VISA DIVISION OF THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY FOR LAW AND ENFORCEMENT.**
- **THE APPLICATION ATTEMPTS TO SIMPLIFY AND ACCELERATE THE POLICE VERIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR PASSPORT ISSUANCE.**
- **THE NEW APP EXPECTED TO CUT THE TIME FOR POLICE VERIFICATION OF PASSPORT APPLICATION TO 5-DAYS AND REDUCE THE SCOPE FOR MISUSE OF THE PROCESS.**
- **THE NEW APP WAS LAUNCHED BY HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH DURING THE 76TH RAISING DAY PARADE OF DELHI POLICE.**

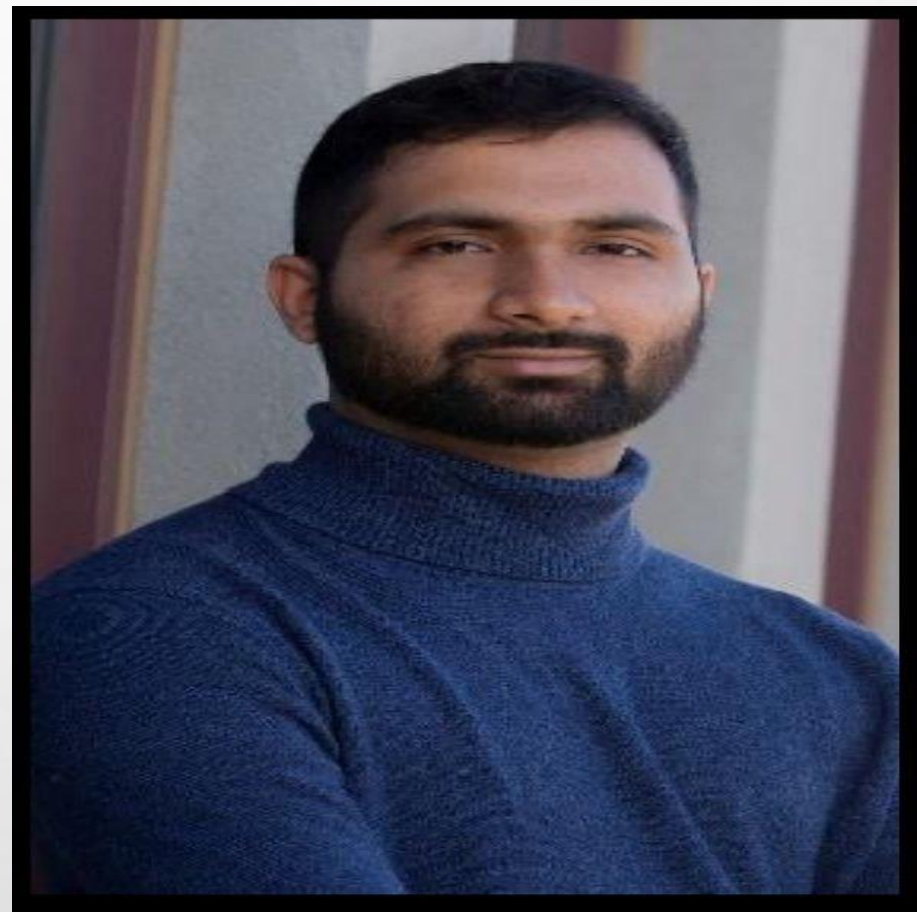
WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE NEW CEO OF NITI AAYOG?

- **BVR SUBRAHMANYAM**
- **FORMER UNION COMMERCE SECRETARY AND RETIRED BUREAUCRAT BVR SUBRAHMANYAM HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) OF NITI AAYOG.**
- **HE SUCCEEDED PARAMESWARAN IYER, WHO WAS APPOINTED NITI AAYOG'S CEO IN JULY 2022. SUBRAHMANYAM'S APPOINTMENT TO THE POST HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS. HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE POST WILL BE EFFECTIVE FOR TWO YEARS FROM THE DATE OF ASSUMPTION OF THE CHARGE OF THE POST.**
- **OUTGOING CEO IYER HAS NOW BEEN APPOINTED AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WORLD BANK. HE REPLACED RAJESH KHULLAR, A 1988 BATCH INDIAN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE OFFICER.**



WHO HAS RECENTLY WON 'PHOTO OF THE YEAR AWARD'?

- **KARTHIK SUBRAMANIAM.**
- **INDIAN-ORIGIN ENGINEER CUM HOBBYIST PHOTOGRAPHER KARTHIK SUBRAMANIAM'S BEAUTIFUL PHOTO HAS TOPPED NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC'S 'PHOTO OF THE YEAR' CONTEST 2023, BEATING OVER 5000 ENTRIES. HIS PHOTO TITLED "DANCE OF THE EAGLES", WHICH WAS CAPTURED AT THE CHILKAT BALD EAGLE PRESERVE IN ALASKA, WON THE GRAND PRIZE IN THE CONTEST.**
- **"EVERY YEAR IN NOVEMBER, HUNDREDS OF BALD EAGLES GATHER AT CHILKAT BALD EAGLE PRESERVE NEAR HAINES, ALASKA, TO FEAST ON SALMON. I VISITED THERE LAST TWO NOVEMBERS TO PHOTOGRAPH THEM," SUBRAMANIAM SAID AFTER WINNING THE CONTEST.**



WHO HAS BECOME THE NATIONAL AMBASSADOR OF UNICEF INDIA?

- **AYUSHMANN KHURRANA**
- **AYUSHMANN KHURRANA HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS A UNICEF INDIA NATIONAL AMBASSADOR.**
- **THE ACTOR IS HERE TO SUPPORT THE RIGHTS OF EVERY CHILD TO SURVIVE, THRIVE, AND BE PROTECTED. HE WILL ALSO PROMOTE CHILDREN'S VOICE AND AGENCY IN DECISIONS THAT CONCERN THEM.**



INDIA'S FIRST HYBRID ROCKET BY PRIVATE PLAYERS HAS BEEN LAUNCHED FROM WHERE?

- **PATTIPULAM, TAMIL NADU**
- **INDIA'S FIRST HYBRID SOUNDING ROCKET BY PRIVATE PLAYERS WAS LAUNCHED FROM PATTIPULAM VILLAGE, CHENGALPATTU IN THE PRESENCE OF TAMILISAI SOUNDARARAJAN, GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF PUDUCHERRY.**
- **MARTIN FOUNDATION, IN ASSOCIATION WITH DR. APJ ABDUL KALAM INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION AND SPACE ZONE INDIA, LAUNCHED THE DR. APJ ABDUL KALAM SATELLITE LAUNCH VEHICLE MISSION- 2023.**
- **THE ORGANISATIONS MENTIONED THAT 5,000 STUDENTS WERE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT. THE SELECTED STUDENTS DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED A STUDENT SATELLITE LAUNCH VEHICLE (ROCKET) AND 150 PICO SATELLITE RESEARCH EXPERIMENT CUBES THAT CONTAINED DIFFERENT PAYLOADS. THE REUSABLE ROCKET WAS MADE BY THE SELECTED TOP 100 STUDENTS, WHILE THE REST MADE THE SATELLITES. THE ROCKET CAN BE USED FOR RESEARCH IN WEATHER, ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS AND RADIATIONS.**

WHICH BANK HAS RECENTLY BECOME THE FIRST PRIVATE SECTOR BANK TO INTEGRATE CREDIT CARDS?

- **HDFC BANK**
- **HDFC BANK IS LIVE ON 'RUPAY CREDIT CARD ON UPI' FEATURE, BECOMING THE FIRST PRIVATE SECTOR BANK TO TAKE UP A SERVICE THAT ALLOWS CUSTOMERS TO USE RUPAY CREDIT CARDS ON UPI WITH BHIM AND OTHER UPI-ENABLED APPS.**
- **HDFC BANK RUPAY CREDIT CARDS CAN BE LINKED TO A UPI IDENTITY FOR SECURE PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS.**
- **PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK, UNION BANK OF INDIA, AND INDIAN BANK, WHICH ARE ALL STATE OWNED, USE THE UPI FEATURE. HDFC BANK, INDIA'S LARGEST CREDIT CARD ISSUER, IS THE FOURTH TO COME ON BOARD.**

PHILIPS DOMESTIC APPLIANCES GLOBALLY RENAMED TO WHAT?

- **VERSUNI**
- **PHILIPS DOMESTIC APPLIANCES, HEADQUARTERED IN THE NETHERLANDS, HAS BEEN REBRANDED AS 'VERSUNI' AFTER ROYAL PHILIPS SOLD ITS DOMESTIC APPLIANCES BUSINESS TO HILLHOUSE CAPITAL IN SEPTEMBER 2021.**



WHICH CHATBOT HAS BEEN LAUNCHED RECENTLY TO SOLVE QUERIES RELATED TO AADHAAR?

- **AADHAR MITRA**
- **THE UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION AUTHORITY OF INDIA (UIDAI) HAS RECENTLY LAUNCHED A CHATBOT TO HELP PEOPLE GET AN ANSWER TO THEIR QUERIES RELATED TO THE AADHAAR CARD. IT IS CALLED “AADHAAR MITRA”.**
- **THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE/MACHINE LEARNING (AI/ML)-A BASED CHATBOT CAN ANSWER QUERIES RELATED TO AADHAAR ENROLMENT NUMBER, PVC CARD ORDER STATUS, AND COMPLAINT STATUS, AMONG OTHER THINGS. IT IS AVAILABLE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND HINDI LANGUAGES.**