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Microsoft appoints its AI chief as Mustafa Suleyman

- **Mustafa Suleyman**, who was one of the co-founders of **Google's DeepMind** in 2010 has been appointed as the new **AI CEO of Microsoft**.
- Microsoft become the world's biggest company by market capitalization.
- For development of AI he collaborates with Inflection AI, Mistral AI, expanding Microsoft's AI advancements and market capitalization and to overtake Apple firm.
- **About Microsoft**
- **Founded:** 4th April 1975
- **Headquarters:** Washington DC, USA
- **CEO:** Satya Nadella



Hasaranga suspended by ICC from Test-series

- **Sri Lanka all-rounder Wanindu Hasaranga** has been suspended from the two-Test series against **Bangladesh** by International Cricket Council (ICC).
- The **opening Test** begins on March 22 in **Sylhet** and the **second Test** will host **Chittagong** from March 30.
- He received a 50 percent match fine and accumulated three demerit points for his offence
- This was his **second suspension** in less than a month, after he was suspended for **two Twenty20 Internationals (T20I)** for showing dissent at an umpire during the third T20 against Afghanistan in February.
- **About International Cricket Council (ICC)**
- **Founded:** 15 June 1909
- **Headquarters:** Dubai, UAE
- **CEO:** Geoff Allardice
- **Chairman:** Greg Barclay



Chinese firm SAIC Motor has pick up 51% stake in MG Motor India

- **JSW Group** Chairman **Sajjan Jindal** and **China's SAIC Motor** Corp have finalised an agreement to invest in MG Motor India.
- SAIC Motor has divested a 51% stake in subsidiary MG Motor India to Indian investors led by JSW Group.
- The joint venture company JSW MG Motor India Ltd. and Jsw group has picked up a 35% stake.
- Other investors including Indian financial institutions with an 8% stake, the employees of MG India with 5% and MG India's dealers with 3%.
- The investors would put in more than 5000cr into the company and the capital would be deployed for capacity expansion from 1lakh units per annum to 3 lakh units.
- **About MG Motor India**
- **Founded:** 1982
- **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **CEO:** Sajjan Jindal.



CAG signs an agreement with IIT Delhi

- **Comptroller and Auditor General of India and IIT Delhi** signed an MoU for a partnership in **four key** areas for use of AI in audit, audit of AI systems, capacity building and knowledge sharing.
- The MoU between the two institutions was signed by Anand Mohan Bajaj, Chief Technology Officer & Additional Deputy CAG and Prof. Rangan Banerjee, Director, IIT Delhi in the presence of the CAG of India Girish Chandra Murmu.
- As a signatories to this MoU, we are well-positioned to contribute to the objectives of the India AI Mission, leveraging our collective expertise and resources to advance the frontiers of AI research, education, and application in the domain of audit
- The AI-powered tools have the potential to automate routine tasks, liberating auditors to focus on strategic analysis and value-added activities, thereby elevating the quality and relevance of audit outcomes.

➤ **About CAG**

➤ **Founded:** 1858

➤ **Headquarters:** New Delhi

➤ **CAG of India:** Girish Chandra Murmu



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Axis Bank Commits Rs.100 Crore to Enhance Cancer Care

- The **National Cancer Grid (NCG)**, a pan-India network of 300 cancer centres led by Tata Memorial Centre, has received a donation of **Rs 100 crore** from **Axis Bank**.
- The **five-year partnership**, which was signed between the **premier cancer care centre** and the **Axis bank**, will focus on improving access to cancer care, promoting cancer research and bringing about digitisation of healthcare.
- The National Tumour Biobank, a repository of tumour tissues, blood, radiology and pathology images from all over the country, will receive a part of the funding.
- “This support is critical to drive cancer research, innovation and digital health initiatives at National Cancer Grid, which has already taken steps to deliver high-quality care to patients across the country.”

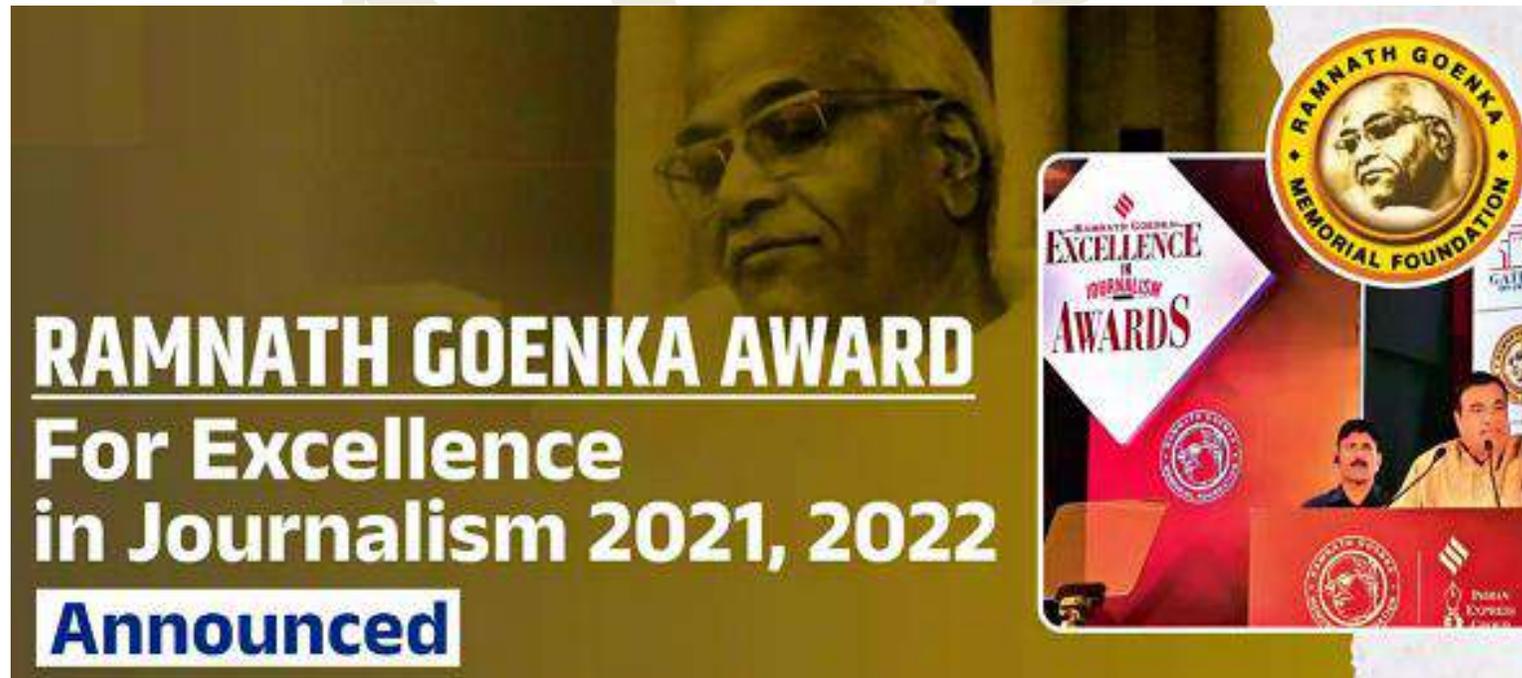
➤ **About Axis Bank**

- **Founded:** 1993
- **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **CEO:** Amitabh Chaudhry
- **Chairman:** Rakesh Makeja
- **Tagline:** Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi.



Ramnath Goenka Award for Excellence in Journalism 2021, 2022 Announced.

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** Presenting the **17th Ramnath Goenka Awards** for Excellence in Journalism for the years 2021 and 2022 at a ceremony in New Delhi.
- The award was conferred under the '**feature writing**' category, and this prestigious award presented annually since 2006.
- **Vandana Menon, an Assistant Editor with ThePrint**, who received the award for her 2021 report on how an engineer with the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) arrived at a conclusion about the burial spot of **Shah Jahan's son Dara Shukoh** and how his theory was received by experts and academics looking for the answer to this question.
- The award is named after **Ramnath Goenka**, the founder of "**The Indian Express**" and **Indian Express Group in 1932**.



International Day of Forests 2024: March 21st

- International Day of Forests is observed every year on March 21st and day aims to respect and promote the value of a wide range of forests.
- The theme for International Day of Forests 2024 is "**Forests and innovation: new solutions for a better world**".
- The idea of World Forestry Day was proposed in 1971 by the General Assembly of the European Confederation of Agriculture.
- The **United Nations General Assembly** announced March 21 to be the International Day of Forests since **2012**.



Golden Book Award 2024 presented to Author Rakhi Kapoor

- **"Golden Book Awards"** stand as a beacon of literary excellence, celebrating and honoring outstanding authors and their literary works.
- This prestigious award recognizes the literary achievements that captivate readers and contribute significantly to the world of Literature.
- **Rakhi Kapoor** received her second award for **26th book Breaking Free Embracing Me - Healing from childhood abuse and toxic conditioning.** He is a renowned physiotherapist who was the pioneer of prenatal counselling in India.
- Golden Book Awards is sponsored by **Wings Publication International.**



Indian Youth Uday Bhatia and Manasi Gupta Receive 'Diana Memorial Award'

- **Uday Bhatia** from **Dehli** and **Manasi Gupta** from **Haryana** and other 20 young changemakers from around the world have been honored with the prestigious Diana Legacy Awards in **London's Science Museum** in **UK** and the award is presented by **Prince William**.
- These awards celebrate the **25th anniversary** of the Diana Award charity, established in memory of **Princess Diana**.
- Bhatia is an innovator and founder of Uday Electric and he received the Diana Legacy Award for his social innovation and impact on education and employment opportunities.
- Gupta, founder of the Huesofthemind Foundation, was honored for her advocacy and support in mental health.



India to produce 600kt of solar waste by 2030

- India's solar waste could reach a staggering 600 kilotonnes by 2030 due to rapid deployment of new solar capacities.
- The study by the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** and **independent think tank Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)** said around **67 per cent** of this waste will come from **five states: Rajasthan, Gujarat, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu**.
- India's current installed **66.7 GW capacity** (as of FY23) has already generated about **100 kilotonnes** of waste, and **260 kilotonnes** of waste will come from new capacity that will be deployed in this **decade** (from 2024 to 2030) and which will increase to the a total of **340 kilotonnes by 2030**.
- The country has seen acceleration in solar energy deployment to nearly **75 GW from 5-6 GW in 2015**. With aspirations to reach **500 GW** of renewable energy by **2050**.
- The solar waste will increase to about **19,000 kilotonnes** by **2050**; 77 per cent of which will arise from new capacities.



Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF), 2nd Ministerial Meeting of IPEF Concluded



India is to join US-led IPEF co-operative work programme

- India has decided to join in at least one of the four cooperative work programmes under the US-led **Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)**, specifically focusing on **carbon market activities**.
- **The Ministry of Power and the Bureau of Energy Efficiency** will lead India's involvement in this programme.
- India is considering joining initiatives related to clean electricity and sustainable aviation fuel but will make a final decision after a thorough evaluation
- **India** is actively **developing its carbon markets** and recently amended its **carbon credits trading scheme** to facilitate independent standards for carbon trading and **allow non-obligated entities to generate carbon credits**.
- Through its participation in the **IPEF's carbon markets work programme**, **India aims** to learn from other countries' experiences and explore the potential for standardising and integrating carbon markets internationally.
- **Out of four pillars, India** has chosen to **participate in three pillars, excluding the trade pillar**.
- **About Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF):**
- Launched by **US President Joe Biden in May 2022**, the **IPEF aims to enhance regional cooperation** among **14 partners** in the **Indo-Pacific region**.
- **The 14 members** of the **IPEF are-** Australia, Brunei, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, The Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, the USA.

Guyana Deal to Purchase Indian-Made Dornier Aircraft

- **Guyana** Defence Force is planning to acquire **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited** (HAL)-manufactured **two Dornier 228 aircraft** from **India**.
- An agreement was signed between the Guyanese Finance Minister and Deputy General Manager of EXIM Bank for a **\$23.27 million** loan from the **Export-Import Bank of India**.
- These aircraft will be used for maritime patrols and troop movement. India has already given these aircraft to its neighbours like Maldives and Sri Lanka.
- The bilateral ties between the two nations extend to the energy sector. Last year, India was planning to source a majority of Guyana's oil share from its oilfields through long-term agreements at preferential rates.
- **About Guyana**
- **Capital:** Georgetown
- **Prime Minister:** Mark Phillips
- **President:** Irfaan Ali
- **Currency:** The Guyanese dollar.



Guyana Inks Deal to Purchase Indian-Made Dornier Aircraft

Hockey 5s: Indian Men and women's teams ranked second

- Indian Men and women's teams ranked second in Hockey 5s ranking issued by FIH and held in **muscat, Oman**.
- Indian men's team occupies the second spot jointly with **Oman and Malaysia**, following a three-way tie with **1400 points** each and the **Netherlands (1750 points)** led the pack after winning the inaugural World Cup.
- Poland and Egypt secured third spot with 1350 points.
- India's women's unit won the silver medal with 1550 points at the World Cup after winning the Asian Championship and ranked second.

