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Jay Shah: 5th Indian and the youngest person to head the ICC



Key Points:

- ❖ The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Secretary Jay Shah has been elected unopposed as the next Independent Chair of the International Cricket Council (ICC) on 27 August 2024.
- ❖ He will replace New Zealand's Greg Barclay, whose term will end on 30 November 2024. Jay Shah is the 5th Indian to head the ICC and, at the age of 35, is the youngest Chair of the ICC. Jay Shah will begin his term as Independent Chair of ICC on 1 December 2024.
- ❖ **Term of the Independent Chair of the ICC**
- ❖ A person is elected as the Independent Chair of the ICC for two years and a maximum of three terms.
- ❖ Greg Barclay was elected the ICC Independent Chair in 2020 and again re-elected in 2022. However, he declined to serve beyond his second term.
- ❖ Jay Shah was the only person to file his nomination for the ICC Chair, and he was declared elected on 27 August 2024.
- ❖ 5th Indian to head the ICC and the third Indian to be Chair of the ICC
- ❖ The ICC created the post of Independent Chair in 2014 and abolished the post of President in 2016.
- ❖ The Office of the Independent Chair is the most powerful post in the ICC.
- ❖ Jay Shah will be the third Indian to be elected as the Chair of the ICC and the 5th Indian to head the ICC.
- ❖ Jagmohan Dalmiya was the first Indian to become the President of the ICC for the 1997-2000 period.
- ❖ Sharad Power was the second Indian to become the President of the ICC, serving a term from 2010 to 2012.
- ❖ In 2014, former BCCI President N. Srinivasan was elected as the first Chair of the ICC.
- ❖ Shashank Manohar replaced N. Srinivasan in 2015 and became the second Indian to be elected as the Chair of the ICC.
- ❖ His term as the Chair of the ICC was from 2015 to 2020. Jay Shah is the third Indian to be the Chair of the ICC and 5th to head the ICC.
- ❖ **About Jay Shah**

- ❖ Jay Shah is the son of the Indian Home Minister Amit Shah. He started his career in cricket administration in Gujarat in 2009.
- ❖ He was elected Secretary of the BCCI in 2019 and was again re-elected in 2022.
- ❖ Jay Shah also joined the ICC's influential Finance & Commercial Affairs (F&CA) and was elected its Chair in 2023.
- ❖ Jay Shah was elected as the President of the Asian Cricket Council from 2021 to 2024. However, after being elected the ICC Chair, he will have to resign from his post as BCCI's Secretary and the ICC's influential Finance & Commercial Affairs post.

International Cricket Council (ICC)

- ❖ International Cricket Council is the world governing body of cricket. It was founded as the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1909, but its name was changed to the International Cricket Conference in 1965, and in 1989, it was again changed to the International Cricket Council.
Members: 108 member countries
- ❖ Headquarters: It was shifted from London, England, to Dubai, UAE, in 2005.

Senior IPS officer B. Srinivasan Appointed as DG of NSG



Key Points:

- ❖ The Appointment Committee of the Union Cabinet, in a meeting held in New Delhi on 27 August 2024, has approved the appointment of senior Indian Police Officer (IPS) B Srinivasan as the new Director General of the elite counterterrorism force National Security Guard.
- ❖ The meeting was chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and was attended by the Union Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Cooperation Amit Shah.
- ❖ B Srinivasan will replace CRPF Director General Anish Dayal Singh, who was given the additional charge of the National Security Guard (NSG), following the appointment of the then NSG Director General Nalin Prabhat's appointment as a special Director General of Police of the Jammu and Kashmir Police.
- ❖ B. Srinivasan has been appointed as the Director General of the NSG till his date of retirement, which is 31 August 2027.

- ❖ 1992 batch B Srinivasan is a Bihar Cadre IPS officer and is currently the Director of Bihar Police Academy, Rajgir, Bihar.

About National Security Guard

- ❖ The Government of India decided to set up an elite counter terrorism force in 1984. The National Security Act was enacted in 1986 and the National Security Guard came into existence on 22 September 1986.
- ❖ The NSG is one of the seven Central Armed Police Forces of the government of India. It is under the administrative control of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ❖ The NSG has been modelled on the special units of the British Army, Special Air Service (SAS) and the German special force GSG-9. The NSG has two forces - Special Action Group and Special Ranger Group.
- ❖ The Special Action Group comprises Army personnel, while the SRG comprises personnel of the Central Armed Police Forces and the State Police.

- ❖ Operational Headquarters: Manesar, Haryana
- ❖ Motto: Sarvatra Sarvottam Suraksha

Indian Government Flagship Programme PMJDY completes 10 years



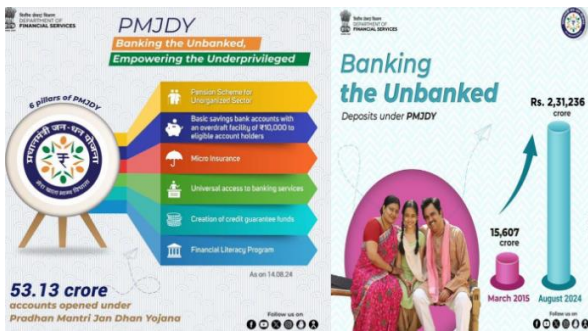
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- ❖ The world's largest financial inclusion programme, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) completed 10 years on 28 August 2024.
- ❖ The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) was launched by the government of India on 28 August 2014 with the aim of bringing the unbanked population within the formal banking system.

History of the PMJDY

- ❖ The government of India launched the Swabhiman campaign in 2010 as part of its National Mission for Financial Inclusion.
- ❖ The Dr Manmohan Singh government launched the Swabhiman scheme on the recommendation of the 2009 RBI's High-Level Committee on Lead Bank Scheme, which was headed by Usha Thorat.

- ❖ It aimed to provide banking facilities to unbanked areas with a population of 2000 or more by March 2012 (based on the 2001 census).
- ❖ Its goal was to open at least one bank account per family in identified unbanked areas. The Swabhiman Scheme was later renamed Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) and officially launched on 28 August 2014.



- ❖ The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) is a comprehensive financial inclusion programme of the government which aims to encourage saving habits amongst the public by opening bank accounts, access to cheap credit, fund transfer facilities, insurance facilities and pension facilities.

Following are the features of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)

- ❖ Open a bank account for every adult who doesn't have a bank account.
- ❖ A specially designed Basic Saving Bank Deposit Account (BSBDA) is

offered with no minimum balance requirement.

- ❖ According to the RBI, a person can open only one BSBDA account in a Bank.
- ❖ A free Rupay Debit card is provided to the PMJDY account holder.
- ❖ The RuPay Debit card under PMJDY provides accidental death insurance coverage of Rs two lakhs to the account holder.
- ❖ A Rs 10,000 overdraft facility is available to eligible account holders.
- ❖ PMJDY accounts are eligible to receive funds from the government under their Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme,
- ❖ PMJDY offers two insurance schemes: Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY),
- ❖ It also provides a pension scheme through the Atal Pension Yojana

Achievements of the PMJDY scheme

- ❖ According to the Union Ministry of Finance, the following are the PMJDY's achievements as of 14 August 2024. The total number of account holders was 53.13 crore, of which 55.6 per cent, or 29.56 crores, were women, and 66.6 per cent, or 35.37 crores,

- ❖ Jan Dhan accounts were in rural and semi-urban areas. The total deposit under PMJDY Accounts was Rs 2,31,236 crore.
- ❖ The average deposit per account is Rs. 4,352. 36.14 crore RuPay debit cards issued.

Harmanpreet Singh to lead at the 8th Asian Hockey Champions Trophy



Key Points:

- ❖ Hockey India has announced a new look national men's hockey squad, led by Harmanpreet Singh for the 8th Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2024.
- ❖ The 8th Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 will be held at Hulunbuir City, Inner Mongolia, People's Republic of China, from 8-17 September 2024.
- ❖ India is the defending champion of the Men's Asian Champions Trophy, having won the 7th edition in Chennai in 2023.
- ❖ The 8th Asian Hockey Champions Trophy is the first major assignment for the national hockey team after winning the bronze medal at the

2024 Paris Olympics. Many of the bronze-winning 2024 Paris Olympics players have been rested, and new players have been selected.

About the Asian Hockey Federation

- ❖ Asian Hockey Federation is the governing body of hockey in Asia and is affiliated with the International Hockey Federation (FIH).
- ❖ India, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, and Pakistan founded it in 1958 during the Tokyo Asian Games.
- ❖ Members: 31 Countries
Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Amit Shah chairs seven LWE affected state's meeting in Raipur



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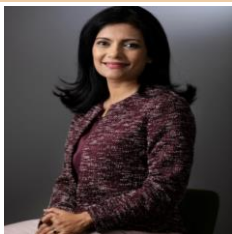
- ❖ Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah chaired a review meeting on Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) and an inter-state coordination meeting in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- ❖ The central government is committed to eradicating Left-Wing Extremism (Naxalism) from the country before March 2026.

- ❖ The meeting was attended by seven states Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Telangana.

About Naxals or Left-Wing Extremism

- ❖ Left-wing extremism refers to those groups or persons who are inspired by the ideology of the founder of modern communist China, Mao Zedong.
- ❖ The leftwing extremism in India wants to replace the constitutional system in India through an armed revolution and establish a communist government like China.
- ❖ The Left-wing extremists are also called the Naxals. In 1967, there was an armed revolt by the peasants in Naxalbari, West Bengal, inspired by the ideology of Mao. Since then, they are also called naxals.

SAP Labs India MD Sindhu Gangadharan appointed as NASSCOM chairperson



Key Points:

- ❖ MD of SAP Labs India, Sindhu Gangadharan has been appointed as the chairperson of the industry body Nasscom.

- ❖ She will succeed President-designate Rajesh Nambiar once his tenure ends. In 2023, Sindhu was appointed as the chair of Nasscom GCC Council.
- ❖ She serves on the boards of Siemens India and Titan Company Ltd and is a member of the Steering Committee of the IndoGerman Chamber of Commerce, fostering bilateral trade between India and Germany.

Goldman Sachs Group cuts India's 2024 and 2025 GDP growth forecasts



Key Points:

- ❖ Goldman Sachs Group Inc. has lowered India's growth forecast by 20 basis points each for this year and the next, citing a contraction in central government expenditure.
- ❖ The bank now expects the nation's economy to expand at 6.7% in calendar 2024, and 6.4% in 2025.
- ❖ The current year's downgrade factors a 35% year-on-year contraction in government expenditure during the April-June quarter that coincided with the weeks-long general election.

Samanatham Tank in Madurai to be converted into bird sanctuary



Key Points:

- ❖ Following Madurai Nature Cultural Foundation recommendations, the Tamil Nadu Forest Department will convert the Samanatham Tank in the Madurai district will be converted into a bird sanctuary.
- ❖ Samanatham Tank, documented 300 rare species of birds including Anhinga Melanogaster, Mycteria Leucocephala, Threskiornis Melanocephalus, Pelecanus Philippensis, Limosa Lapponica, Sterna Aurantia, and Pandion Haliaetus.
- ❖ There are 17 bird sanctuaries in Tamil Nadu, 15 wildlife sanctuaries, and four Tiger reserves

India clinch silver medal at Asian Surfing Championships 2024



Key Points:

- ❖ India won a silver medal at the Maruhaba Cup, a team event, at the Asian Surfing Championships 2024 at Thulusdhoo, Maldives.
- ❖ In the final, Japan won the gold medal by a substantial margin, with a score of 58.40 ahead of India, who recorded a score of 24.13. Taipei (23.93) and China (22.10) placed third and fourth, respectively.
- ❖ Earlier, the Indian team, consisting of Kamali P, Ajeesh Ali, Srikanth D and Sanjay Selvamani, secured first place in the Heat 2 semi-final with a total score of 32.16.

Australia's 'right to disconnect'



- ❖ Australia's new "right to disconnect" came into force on Monday (August 26), allowing employees "the right to refuse employer or third-party contact outside of working hours." Advocating for the right, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese earlier said, "Someone who's not paid 24 hours a day shouldn't be penalised if they're not online and available 24 hours a day." Countries like France, Italy and Belgium have similar laws, while others have also toyed with the idea.

What is the 'right to disconnect'?

- ❖ It comes from a belief that with technology enabling work from home, many people no longer have definite working hours.
- ❖ A lot of communication and work also happens when workers are not in the office. In 2022, Belgium's Public Administration Minister Petra De Sutter told the BBC that the pandemic further blurred the distinction between work and home life. "The result will be stress and burnout and this is the real disease of today," she said.
- ❖ Have other countries, or India, experimented with 'right to disconnect' laws? France was the first country to introduce a 'right to disconnect' in 2017.
- ❖ "Employees are more and more connected during hours outside of the office," Myriam El Khomri, then France's Minister of Labour, said on the need for such a law. According to a BBC report, it required that companies with more than 50 workers were obliged to draw up a charter of good conduct, setting out the hours when staff are not supposed to send or answer emails.

What is Australia's 'right to disconnect'?

- ❖ According to the Australian government's Fair Work Ombudsman, it means, "Employees will have the right to refuse contact outside their

working hours unless that refusal is unreasonable.

- ❖ This means an employee can refuse to monitor, read or respond to contact from an employer or a third party." What does "unreasonable" mean here?
- ❖ Tony Burke, Australia's Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, earlier said that it was understood bosses may have to contact employees even after work hours, at times.
- ❖ "But if you're in a job where you're only paid for the exact hours that you're working, some people are now constantly in a situation of getting in trouble if they're not checking their emails, it is expected to be working for a whole lot of time that they're not being paid.
- ❖ That's just unreasonable," he said.
- ❖ For companies having more than 15 employees, the right came into effect on Monday. For smaller firms, it will be applicable from August 26, 2025. It is part of other changes introduced to industrial relations laws, through the Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Closing Loopholes No. 2) Bill, 2023.
- ❖ In India, Baramati MP Supriya Sule drafted a Private Member's Bill for such a right, through the Right to Disconnect Bill of 2018, which was never taken up for discussion in the House.

- ❖ It proposed that every registered company and society shall constitute Employees' Welfare Committees consisting of its employees to assist employees in the negotiation of terms and conditions of out-of-work hours with employers.
- ❖ The draft Bill also mentions a penalty "at the rate of one per cent of total employees' remuneration" to be paid by companies for noncompliance with its provisions.
- ❖ If an employee works beyond work hours, they will be entitled to overtime wages. "Without holding a person accountable, you can't expect things to be implemented," Vinnakota said.
- ❖ However, one line of criticism says that employees who point out the need to disconnect from work might be passed over for promotions and crucial tasks.
- ❖ Vinnakota says these arguments were also advanced in debates over menstrual leaves and maternity leaves.
- ❖ The possible exclusion of women workers from the workforce was anticipated for availing of such policies.

