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Pakistan Government to ban jailed ex-PM Imran Khan's party PTI for alleged anti-state activities



### Key Points:

- ❖ In a controversial move, the Pakistan Government on July 15 announced that it will ban jailed ex-prime minister Imran Khan's party for its alleged involvement in anti-state activities and slap cases against him and two of his senior party colleagues for treason.
- ❖ Khan, 71, has been lodged at the Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi on account of multiple cases against him since his ouster as prime minister in April 2022.

Amit Shah inaugurated PM College Of Excellence in All 55 Districts of MP



### Key Points:

- ❖ Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated Prime Minister College of Excellence in all 55 districts of Madhya Pradesh from Indore.

- ❖ All courses will be offered in Excellence Colleges as per the new education policy. Apart from this, all resources will be available in these colleges.
- ❖ The students will get academic benefit. Under the Vibrant Villages Programme scheme, 136 border villages are being provided connectivity through 113 all-weather road projects at a cost of two thousand 420 crore rupees.

NITI Aayog launches 'NITI GearShift Challenge' as part of E-FAST India initiative



### Key Points:

- ❖ NITI Aayog has launched the 'NITI GearShift Challenge' as part of the e-FAST India initiative.
- ❖ This pioneering hackathon aims to foster innovative business models for the adoption of zero-emission trucks in India, addressing the nation's pressing economic and environmental challenges.
- ❖ NITI Aayog has also invited students, transport service practitioners, academics, and researchers to develop innovative business models that address financial, technical, and operational challenges in the adoption of electric trucks.

- ❖ The program has garnered participation from e-FAST India knowledge partners, financial institutions, and industry forums. The 'NITI GearShift Challenge' is being organised in collaboration with IIM Bangalore, Smart Freight Centre India, WRI India and other institutions.

### India to organize World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit in November



#### Key Points:

- ❖ India will organize the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit from 20th to 24th November in Goa.
- ❖ India will host the Summit which will be a landmark event for the Media and Entertainment industry the world over. The role of public policy is to enable the harnessing of the best out of this structural change.
- ❖ At the curtain raiser event in New Delhi along with Chief Minister of Goa Pramod Sawant, Mr. Vaishnav said, the media and entertainment world is undergoing a structural change and has seen immense technology infusion.

### Robert Ravi appointed as the CMD of BSNL



#### Key Points:

- ❖ The government has appointed Robert Jerard Ravi as the new BSNL Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) for a period of six months.
- ❖ Ravi is currently appointed as deputy director general, standards, research and innovation at the department of telecommunications (DoT).
- ❖ He will hold additional charge as CMD BSNL, CMD MTNL, and CMD BBNL. Ravi will replace PK Purwar, whose tenure is expiring on July 14. Purwar assumed charge as BSNL CMD in July 2019.

### About Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)

- ❖ **Founded-** 15 September 2000
- ❖ **Founder-** Government of India
- ❖ **Headquarters-** New Delhi
- ❖ **CMD -** Robert Jerard Ravi

### The First Woman Chief Justice of Lahore Takes Oath



#### Key Points:

- ❖ Justice Aalia Neelum took oath as the Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court (LHC) of Pakistan, making her the first woman to be elevated as the court's top judge.

- ❖ Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan administered the oath of office to her. Punjab province's first woman Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz was also present in the oath-taking ceremony.

### International honour Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming



#### Key Points:

- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF) program, led by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, has been awarded the prestigious Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity 2024.
- ❖ The announcement was made by Dr. Angela Merkel, chair of the Jury and former Federal Chancellor of Germany, during a ceremony in Lisbon, Portugal. APCNF shares the €1 million prize with Dr. Rattan Lal, a renowned soil scientist from the USA, and SEKEM, an Egyptian network promoting biodynamic farming.

### K.P. Sharma Oli sworn in as Nepal's Prime Minister



#### Key Points:

- ❖ K P Sharma Oli was sworn in as Nepal's Prime Minister for the fourth time.
- ❖ The leader of Nepal's largest communist party was appointed Nepal's Prime Minister by President Ram Chandra Paudel to lead a new coalition government that faces the daunting challenge of providing political stability in the Himalayan nation.
- ❖ Oli, 72, succeeds Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' who lost the vote of confidence in the House of Representatives leading to the formation of the new government headed by Oli.
- ❖ He became the Prime Minister with the support of the Nepali Congress, the largest party in Parliament.
- ❖ Oli now needs to secure a vote of confidence from Parliament within 30 days of appointment according to the constitutional mandate.

- ❖ Oli will need a minimum of 138 votes in the 275-seat House of Representatives (HoR).

### Saudi Arabia to host first 'Olympics Esports Games' in 2025



#### Key Points:

- ❖ Saudi Arabia and the International Olympic Committee have announced a 12-year agreement to host the new esports Olympics in the oil-rich kingdom starting from 2025.
- ❖ This is a natural next step for our young athletes, our country and the global esports community," said Prince Abdulaziz, who also heads the Saudi national Olympic committee.
- ❖ The IOC said last month it planned to launch video gaming Olympics to try to attract and retain young fans and audiences.

### Wimbledon 2024: Barbora Krejčíková Lifts Women's Singles Trophy Beating Jasmine Paolini



#### Key Points:

- ❖ Barbora Krejčíková of the Czech Republic defeated Jasmine Paolini of Italy 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 to win her maiden Wimbledon women's singles title in London.
- ❖ While, Carlos Alcaraz of Spain won the Men's Singles title at Wimbledon, defeating Novak Djokovic 6-2, 6-2, 7-6.
- ❖ Alcaraz dominated the first two sets with scores of 6-2 each, while Djokovic made a comeback in the third set.
- ❖ Wimbledon Open title 2024
- ❖ Winner-Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)
- ❖ Runner Up-Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
- ❖ Women's Singles
- ❖ Winner-Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic)
- ❖ Runner Up-Jasmine Paolini (Italy)
- ❖ Men's Doubles
- ❖ Winner-Henry Patten (British) & Harri Heliövaara (Finland)
- ❖ Runner Up-Max Purcell (Australia) & Jordan Thompson (Australia)
- ❖ Women's Doubles
- ❖ Winner- Taylor Townsend (USA) & Katerina Siniakova (USA)
- ❖ Runner Up - Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) & Erin Routliffe (New Zealand)
- ❖ Mixed Doubles title
- ❖ Winner- Hsieh Su-Wei (Taiwan) & Jan Zielinski (Poland)

- ❖ Runner Up-Santiago Gonzalez (Mexico) & Giuliana Olmos (Mexico)

**Argentina won Copa America 2024 defeating Colombia**



**Key Points:**

- ❖ Defending champions Argentina has won the Copa America 2024 final at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida after defeating Colombia.
- ❖ It is Argentina's record 16th Copa America title. With this victory, Argentina secured its third consecutive major title, following the 2021 Copa America and 2022 World Cup, matching Spain's achievement of winning the 2008 and 2012 European Championships alongside the 2010 World Cup.

**World Youth Skills Day**



**Key Points:**

- ❖ World Youth Skill Day is celebrated every year on July 15.

- ❖ This day recognises the importance of youth skills development to address the global challenges of unemployment and underemployment.
- ❖ Theme 2024 – Youth Skills for Peace and Development
- ❖ The United Nations General Assembly declared July 15th as World Youth Skill Day in December 2014.

**MAUSI MAA TRADITION OF PRABHU JAGANNATH**



**Key Points:**

- ❖ Situated almost on the mid-way of the grand road, at Balagandi square, there is a small temple dedicated to Goddess Mausimaa.
- ❖ Mausima temple is located on the right side of the Grand Road leading from the Jagannath temple towards Gundicha temple.
- ❖ She is called Mausi Maa (the mother's sister) of Lord Jagannath. Mausimaa is a combination of two words, 'Mausi' and 'Maa'.
- ❖ In Odia language, 'Mausi' means 'Aunt' and 'Maa' means 'Mother'.
- ❖ The Mausi Maa Temple is a symbol of faith, devotion and relationship. Goddess Mausi Maa is also known as 'Ardhashosini' or 'Ardhasini'.

- ❖ In local Odia language, 'Ardha' means half and 'Shosini' means someone who drank water. It is stated in the Vaisanava Knadha of Skanda Purana that Mausimaa drank half the sea water that once flooded Puri and saved the town.
- ❖ There for her name become Ardhashosini or Ardhasini and the temple is also called as Ardhashosini Temple or Ardhasini Temple.
- ❖ It is a belief among the local people that Goddess Ardhasini, together with Kapalamochana Shiva, act as the day and night guardians of Puri town.



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