



### **Vietnam elects Luong Cuong as President**

Luong Cuong, member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV) Central Committee and permanent member of the CPV Central Committee Secretariat, has been elected as Vietnam's President.

The ongoing 8th session of the 15th-tenure National Assembly (NA) elected Cuong as President for the tenure until 2026.

Cuong replaces To Lam, who remained president even after he was formally appointed as the general secretary of the ruling Communist Party in August.

The role of the general secretary is the most powerful position in Vietnam while the presidency is mostly ceremonial and involves meeting foreign dignitaries.

### **U.N. COP16 nature summit in October 2024**

At the U.N. COP16 nature summit in October 2024, countries are set to negotiate a deal on the use and compensation for genetic information from nature. This data, known as "digital

sequence information" (DSI), is crucial for research and commercial applications.

### **ICRISAT appoints Dr Himanshu Pathak as Director General designate**

International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) Governing Board formally announced the appointment of Dr Himanshu Pathak as the Director General-designate of the globally acclaimed institute. The announcement was made by Governing Board Chair Professor Prabhu Pingali during an all-staff event on October ICRISAT headquarters in Hyderabad.

The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) was established under a Memorandum of Agreement between the Government of India and CGIAR, dated 28 March 1972.

### **Additional pension after 80 years**

Older Pensioners require a better deal because their needs, especially those relating to health, increase with age. Quantum of pension available to the old pensioners should be increased as follows:

1. 80 years: 20% of basic pension
2. 85 years: 30% of basic pension

3. 90 years : 40% of basic pension
4. 95 years: 50% of basic pension
5. 100 years 100% of basic pension

### Rabada takes 300th Test wicket

Kagiso Rabada has become the 39th man and sixth South African to take 300 Test wickets. Rabada has taken his 300th wicket in his 65th Test. That puts him joint-10th among all bowlers and joint-seventh among pace bowlers.

### Centre Appoints Three Lawyers as Judges to Andhra Pradesh High Court

The Supreme Court Collegium recommended the appointment of advocates Kuncham Maheswara Rao, Thoota Chandra

Dhana Sekar and Challa Gunaranjan as the judges of Andhra Pradesh High Court (HC).

The High Court of Andhra Pradesh was established in 1954.

The High Court was established after the formation of the State of Andhra Pradesh from the Madras Presidency. The first Chief Justice was Justice Koka Subba Rao. The principal seat was in Guntur.



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