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## Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav launches 'Lokpath Mobile App'

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav launched the 'Lokpath Mobile App' through which road problems of the public will be resolved in seven days.



### Key Points

- ❖ The mobile app will provide a facility for the general public to report problems on the routes and will also ensure the accountability of the officers.
- ❖ It has been developed by Madhya Pradesh State Electronic Development Corporation Limited.
- ❖ The scheme will be executed in two phases. The first phase consists of national highways, state highways, and main district roads which began on July 2, 2024. The second phase will include other district and rural roads.

### About Madhya Pradesh (MP):

- ❖ Chief Minister (CM) – Mohan Yadav
- ❖ Governor – Mangubhai C. Patel
- ❖ Formation – 1st November, 1956
- ❖ Capital – Bhopal

- ❖ Region – 3,08,252 sq. km.
- ❖ Total Districts – 55 Districts
- ❖ Other Name of State – Hriday Pradesh, Soya State, Tiger State, Leopard State.
- ❖ High Court – Jabalpur (Bench – Indore, Gwalior).

## Xenophrys apatani: New Horned Frog Species Discovered in Arunachal Pradesh

Researchers from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) identified a new species of



forest-dwelling horned frog called "Xenophrys apatani" at Talley Wildlife Sanctuary in Lower Subansiri District, Arunachal Pradesh.

### Key Points

- ❖ The new frog species was named after the Apatani tribe of Arunachal Pradesh in honor of their pioneering efforts to conserve wild flora and animals.
- ❖ Due to a lack of genetic data, the new species' specimen was incorrectly recognized as Xenophrys maasonensis in 2019.
- ❖ The result of ZSI Shillong's 2019 erroneous report on the Maason horned frog (Xenophrys maasonensis) in India was amended after further

investigation revealed significant genetic differences between the Indian specimen and *X. maosonensis* from Vietnam and China.

**LIC Re-designated Siddhartha Mohanty as its CEO and Managing Director (MD)**

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), India's largest public-sector insurance company, has re-designated its Chairman, Siddhartha Mohanty, as its new Managing Director (MD) and CEO.



**Key Points**

- ❖ He was named chairman of LIC from April 2023 to June 29, 2024, and MD and CEO from June 2024 to June 7, 2025.
- ❖ Siddhartha Mohanty was named interim chairman of LIC in March 2023 for a three-year term.
- ❖ LIC now employs four MDs: M. Jagannath, Tablesh Pandey, Sat Pal Bhanoo, and R. Doraiswamy.

**About Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC):**

- ❖ **Chairman-** Siddhartha Mohanty
- ❖ **Headquarters-** Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ❖ **Established-** 1956

**Rajinder Khanna Appointed New Additional NSA**

Rajinder Khanna, the Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA), has been named as the additional



NSA. This is the first time an additional NSA position has been filled; it has always existed but has stayed unfilled until now.

**Key Points**

- ❖ T.V. Ravichandran, special director of the Intelligence Bureau, has also been named as the deputy NSA.
- ❖ The NSC was founded in 1998 by the administration of then-Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in response to India and Pakistan's nuclear tests.
- ❖ It is India's top national security management body.
- ❖ Prior to the NSC's creation, the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister was in charge of national security functions.
- ❖ Ajit Doval is the current NSA, serving his third term. He is the longest-serving NSA in India's history, with a tenure of over 10 years.
- ❖ Brajesh Mishra served as the country's first NSA.

**India Hosts 46th UNESCO World Heritage Committee Session**

India is set to host the 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in New Delhi from July 21 to July 31, 2024.



### Key Points

- ❖ **Venue:** The event will take place at the Bharat Mandapam in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. This will be the first instance of India hosting the meeting of the World Heritage Committee.
- ❖ **Participants:** Over 2,500 delegates from State Parties, advisory bodies, senior diplomats, heritage experts, scholars, and researchers from 195 countries will attend.
- ❖ **Organizer:** The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is organizing the event.

### About UNESCO World Heritage Committee-

- ❖ **UNESCO World Heritage Committee:** The committee's roots trace back to the UNESCO General Conference of November 16, 1972, when the convention concerning the Protection

of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage was adopted. The Rules of Procedure were last updated at the 39th session in Bonn, Germany, in 2015.

- ❖ India has 42 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- ❖ Notable among these is Santiniketan, established by Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore, which became India's 41st World Heritage Site in September 2023.

### About UNESCO

- ❖ **UNESCO Director-General:** Audrey Azoulay
- ❖ **UNESCO Founded:** 16 November 1945, London, United Kingdom
- ❖ **UNESCO Headquarters:** Paris, France.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Where is India set to host the 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee?
- (a) Mumbai
  - (b) Bengaluru
  - (c) Chennai
  - (d) New Delhi

Answer- (d)

2. Who has been appointed as the additional National Security Adviser (NSA) of India?
- (a) Ajit Doval
  - (b) Rajinder Khanna
  - (c) Arvind Kumar
  - (d) Samant Goel

Answer- (b)

