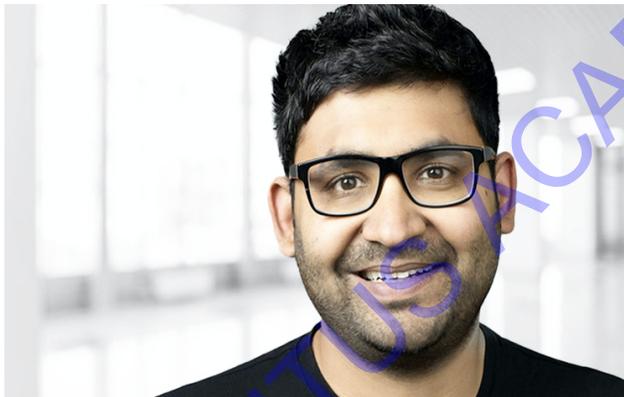




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Appointment News

1. Indian tech wizard Parag Agrawal takes over as CEO of Twitter



- Indian tech wizard Parag Agrawal takes over as CEO of the social media platform Twitter following the departure of its co-founder CEO.
- Yesterday Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey has stepped down as chief executive of the company paving way for the current chief technical officer, Parag Agrawal, to take over.
- Mr Dorsey has been serving as chief executive of both Twitter and payment firm Square.
- Parag Agrawal, IIT alumnus, joins the likes of Sundar Pichai and Satya Nadella as Indian-origin techies at the help of the biggest tech companies of the world.
- A Computer Science and Engineering graduate from IIT Bombay, Agrawal is a Ph.D. from Stanford University.

2. Admiral R Hari Kumar takes charge as Chief of Naval Staff



- Admiral R. Hari Kumar today assumed charge as the 25th Chief of the Naval Staff.
- He received Guard of Honour at the South Block lawns in New Delhi as the new Chief of Naval Staff.
- Admiral Hari Kumar succeeds Admiral Karambir Singh
- Admiral R. Hari Kumar was commissioned on 1st January 1983 into the Executive Branch of the Indian Navy.
- During his long and distinguished service spanning nearly 39 years, he has served in a variety of Command, Staff and Instructional appointments.
- He has been decorated with the Param Vishist Seva Medal, Ati Vishist Seva Medal and Vishist Seva Medal.

3. Hero Motocorp appoints former SBI chairman Rajnish Kumar to the board



- **Two-wheeler major, Hero MotoCorp announced the appointment of former chairman of State Bank of India (SBI) Rajnish Kumar as an independent non-executive director on the board of the company.**
- **Kumar completed his three-year term as chairman of SBI in October 2020.**
- **He is currently serving as an Independent Director on the Boards of many other companies including HSBC, Asia Pacific, L&T Infotech, and is also the Non-Executive Chairman of Resilient Innovations (BharatPe).**

National News

4. Nagaland police launches 'Call your Cop' mobile App for citizens



- Nagaland DGP T. John Longkumer officially launched the 'Call your Cop' mobile App today at Police Headquarters in Kohima. DGP Longkumer said the App will enable all citizens of the state especially those in distress to get in touch directly with the police as easily available with just one click away.
- The features in the App include directory, alerts, tourist tips, SOS, nearest police station and search.
- Citizens can download the app from google store on any android phone.
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5. Hyderabad-based Skyroot test fires India's first privately developed cryogenic rocket engine



- Skyroot Aerospace successfully tested 'Dhawan-1', which is India's first privately developed fully cryogenic rocket engine running on two high-performance rocket propellants- Liquid Natural gas (LNG) & Liquid Oxygen (LoX).
- This is a 'Made-in-India' cryogenic engine developed using 3D printing with a superalloy, reducing manufacturing time by more than 95 per cent.
- Cryogenic engines are highly efficient rocket propulsion systems that use propellants at cryogenic temperatures (less than -150° Celsius).
- Hyderabad-based company has named its cryogenic engine- 'Dhawan-1' in honour of eminent Indian Rocket scientist Dr Satish Dhawan who played an instrumental role in the development of the Indian Space Programme.
- Skyroot Aerospace Founded: 12 June 2018
- Skyroot Aerospace Headquarters: Hyderabad, Telangana
- Skyroot Aerospace Co-founder, CEO & CTO: Pawan Kumar Chandana

6. Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launches unique Face Recognition Technology for Pensioners in New Delhi



- Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Dr. Jitendra Singh today launched unique Face Recognition Technology for Pensioners in New Delhi.
- He said that Face Recognition Technique of giving Life Certificate is a historic and far-reaching reform and this will bring ease of living for the retired and the elderly citizens.
- He said, it will touch the lives of not only 68 lakh Central Government Pensioners but also Crores of Pensioners who fall outside the jurisdiction of this Department such as EPFO and State Government Pensioners.
- He thanked the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology as well as Unique Identification Authority of India

Banking News

7. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance ties up with Tropogo for drones



- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance announced its partnership with deep-tech startup TropoGo for the distribution of a drone Insurance product.
- With this Bajaj Allianz General Insurance becomes the 4th insurer to offer drone cover.
- HDFC Ergo was the first insurer to launch a drone insurance cover in June 2020, followed by ICICI Lombard in August 2021, and Tata AIG last month.

Books and Authors

8. General MM Naravane released a book 'Bangladesh Liberation @ 50 years: 'Bijoy' with Synergy, India-Pakistan war 1971'



- The book is an amalgamation of historical and anecdotal accounts of the 1971 War and comprises authors from both India and Bangladesh.
- The event was organized by the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) at the India International Centre (IIC), Delhi to commemorate 50 Years of India-Bangladesh Friendship as well as the decisive victory in India- Pakistan War 1971.
- The 'Scholar Warrior Award' was awarded by the former COAS (Chief of Army Staff) of Bangladesh, Bir Protik to Brigadier Narender Kumar for his outstanding contribution as a warrior and in the field of research.

Important Days

9. Day of Remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare 2021



- The United Nations recognised Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare is held every year on November 30.
- The day marks a tribute to the victims of chemical warfare, as well as to reaffirm the commitment of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to the elimination of the threat of chemical weapons, thereby promoting the goals of peace, security, and multilateralism.
- The first Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare was held in 2005.
- The history of the serious efforts to achieve chemical disarmament that culminated in the conclusion of the Chemical Weapons Convention began more than a century ago.

10. Cherry Blossom Festival 2021 celebrated in Meghalaya



- The three-day Shillong Cherry Blossom Festival 2021 was inaugurated by Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Conrad K Sangma, and Ambassador of Japan to India, Satoshi Suzuki.
- It was celebrated from November 25 to 27.
- The festival was held in two venues, Ward's Lake and Polo Grounds in Meghalaya.
- The annual festival coincides with the actual blooming of the cherry blossom flowers.

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