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National News

1. Parul Chaudhary breaking National Record and sets new National Record in women's 3000 meters



- Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur has congratulated Parul Chaudhary for breaking the 6-year-old National Record and setting the new National Record in women's 3000 metres with a time of 8:57.19 at UA Sunset Tour in Los Angeles.
- In a tweet, Mr Thakur said, Parul Chaudhary is the first Indian athlete to clock a sub-9 minute time in Women's 3000 metres.

2. Stand-in India captain Jasprit Bumrah creates world record for scoring most runs in an over in Test cricket



- Stand In India captain Jasprit Bumrah smashed Stuart Broad for 29 runs to create a world record for maximum runs in a single over in Test cricket.
- The Indian skipper was not out on 31 off 16 balls with four boundaries and two sixes.
- With this, he has surpassed legendary West Indies batter Brian Lara, who hit South Africa's Robin Peterson for 28 in an over in 2003.

3. Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal Launches A Three-Day “Grand Hackathon” On Agriculture Domain To Promote Open ECommerce Network



- Union Minister Piyush Goyal has virtually kicked off a three-day Grand Hackathon that the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is hosting in association with NABARD.
- The physical portion of this event took place at the Fort, Mumbai location of the Bombay Stock Exchange.
- The Grand Hackathon is divided into two categories: the Agri Grant Challenge and the Agri Innovation Hackathon, both of which will highlight innovations that will help the agriculture sector adopt eCommerce.
- Speaking at the event, Shri Goyal stated that the newly created ONDC-NABARD Grand Hackathon will give start-ups a platform to collaborate with ONDC and develop creative solutions for some of the most urgent problems in the agri-sector.

- Even though it might seem like a tiny move right now, in the long run, this will give farmers all throughout the nation more influence. Early signs suggest that this will likely affect not only the way e-commerce operates in India but maybe the entire world.
- According to the Minister, this Government has made tripling the income of farmers and ensuring their welfare a primary priority.

4. SBI celebrates 66th Foundation Day



- The oldest commercial bank in the country, State Bank of India, is celebrating its 67th year on 1st July.
- SBI descends from the Bank of Calcutta founded in 1806 through the Imperial Bank of India.
- The Bank of Madras merged into the other two presidency banks, the bank of Calcutta and the bank of Bombay to form the Imperial Bank of India which in turn became the SBI in 1955.
- In the 19th century, three presidency banks were incorporated.
- The three presidency banks were the Bank of Madras (established on 2nd June 1806), the Bank of Bombay (incorporated on 15 April 1840), and the Bank of Madras (incorporated on 1 July 1843).
- These three presidency banks were joint-stock companies. These presidency banks were consolidated on 27 January 1921 and the new entity was named Imperial Bank of India.
- Even after the consolidation, it remained as the joint-stock company but without government participation.

- **RBI in 1955 acquired a controlling interest in the Imperial Bank of India. On 1st July 1955, the imperial bank of India became the State Bank of India.**
- **To avoid any conflict of interest since RBI is the country's banking regulatory authority, the government of India in 2008 then acquired the Reserve Bank of India's stake in SBI.**

5. Government authorises SBI to issue and encash Electoral Bonds



- **The government gave its approval for the 21st tranche of electoral bonds to be issued, and the bonds' sales.**
- **In an effort to increase openness in political fundraising, electoral bonds have been proposed as a substitute for financial contributions to political parties.**
- **With effect from July 1 to July 10, State Bank of India (SBI), in the 21st phase of sale, has been granted authorization to issue and encash electoral bonds through its 29 authorised branches, according to a statement from the finance ministry.**
- **SBI branches in Lucknow, Shimla, Dehradun, Kolkata, Guwahati, Chennai, Patna, New Delhi, Chandigarh, Srinagar, Gandhinagar, Bhopal, Raipur, and Mumbai are among those that have been authorised.**

- Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh are scheduled to hold their assemblies this year. In this year's March, elections were completed for five states: Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Goa.

6. Ketanji Brown Jackson sworn in, becomes 1st Black woman on US Supreme Court



- Ketanji Brown Jackson has been sworn in to the Supreme Court, shattering a glass ceiling as the first Black woman on the nation's highest court.
- The 51-year-old Jackson is the court's 116th justice and she took the place Thursday of the justice she once worked for. Justice Stephen Breyer's retirement took effect at noon.
- Moments later, joined by her family, Jackson recited the two oaths required of Supreme Court justices, one administered by Breyer and the other by Chief Justice John Roberts.

7. NMCG creates Namami Gange Amrit Vatika at Kalindi Kunj Ghat on River Yamuna in New Delhi



- National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has created Namami Gange Amrit Vatika at Kalindi Kunj Ghat on River Yamuna in New Delhi with the planting of 75 saplings under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- The plantation activities were carried out under the initiative Yamuna Ghat par Vriksharopan.
- Speaking on the occasion, Director General of NMCG, G. Asok Kumar said that cleaning of tributaries of River Ganga, especially, Yamuna, is one of the focus areas of the Namami Gange Programme.
- He motivated the participants to become part of this Clean Yamuna campaign.

- **Cleanliness drive on River Yamuna in Delhi is a regular activity organized on the 4th Saturday of every month by the National Mission for Clean Ganga.**

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