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National News

Kiren Rijiju Gets Additional Charge After Pashupati Kumar Paras Resigns From Union Cabinet



Pashupati Kumar Paras, former Union minister and president of the Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party (RLJP), resigned from the Union Cabinet following his party's exclusion from the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) seat-sharing arrangement in Bihar for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. In response, President Droupadi Murmu accepted his resignation and appointed Kiren Rijiju with an additional charge as the Minister of Food Processing Industries.

Banking News

RBI Imposes Penalties On Tamilnad Mercantile Bank And DCB Bank



RBI imposed fines on Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (Rs 1.31 crore) and DCB Bank (Rs 63.6 lakh) for non-compliance with directives on 'Interest Rate on Advances'.

Airtel Payments Bank Unveils A New Way To Pay With Smart Watch



Airtel Payments Bank, in collaboration with Noise and Mastercard, introduces a pioneering solution for contactless payments through the Airtel Payments Bank Smart Watch. This innovative wearable aims to revolutionize digital transactions, offering convenience and accessibility to urban customers.

Axis Mutual Fund Partners With Enparadigm For AI-Generated Learning Program



Axis Mutual Fund, a prominent asset management firm based in Mumbai, has teamed up with Enparadigm, a leader in AI-driven experiential learning solutions. This collaboration aims to provide tailored learning journeys to enhance the performance and productivity of Axis MF employees across various levels.

DBS Bank India Announces \$250 Million Lending Support For Start-Ups, 'New Economy' Companies



DBS Bank India announced a lending commitment of USD 250 million for new-age start-ups, demonstrating its dedication to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship in India's thriving start-up ecosystem. With over 90,000 start-ups and more than 100 unicorns in India as of 2024, access to capital remains a significant challenge for these companies despite their growing resilience.

Business News

GRID-INDIA Achieves Miniratna Status



Grid Controller of India Limited (GRID-INDIA) has achieved a significant milestone by being conferred with the status of Miniratna Category-I Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE). This recognition was bestowed upon by the Ministry of Power, Government of India, highlighting GRID-INDIA's pivotal role in the nation's power landscape.

NIXI And MeitY To Unveil BhashaNet Portal At UA Day Tomorrow For Digital Inclusion Across The Nation



The National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) is gearing up to introduce the BhashaNet portal during the upcoming Universal Acceptance (UA) Day. This initiative aims to advance digital inclusion and linguistic diversity in India, showcasing collaborative efforts between NIXI and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). Theme: "BhashaNet: Impetus Towards Universal Acceptance".

Mineral Production In The Country Grows By 5.9% During January 2024



In January 2024, the index of mineral production in the mining and quarrying sector stood at 144.1, indicating a 5.9% increase compared to January 2023. The cumulative growth for April-January 2023-24 over the corresponding period of the previous year is recorded at 8.3%.

Economy News

All-India Consumer Price Index Numbers For Agricultural And Rural Labourers – February 2024



In February 2024, the All-India Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Agricultural Laborers and Rural Laborers remained stable, with figures of 1258 and 1269, respectively, based on the 1986-87=100 index. However, there were notable fluctuations observed among constituent states. Eight states saw a decline in the CPI-AL, while seven experienced a similar trend in the CPI-RL, with two states showing no change.

Awards News

Renowned Indian Dancer Dr. Uma Rele was Honoured with the Maharashtra Gaurav Award



Dr. Uma Rele, the esteemed Principal of Nalanda Nritya Kala Mahavidyalaya in Mumbai, has been conferred with the prestigious Maharashtra Gaurav Award. The honour was bestowed upon her by Maharashtra Industrial Minister Uday Sawant and Minister Deepak Vasant Kesarkar in recognition of her invaluable contributions to the realm of Indian classical dance, particularly Bharata Natyam.

Sports News

3rd Edition of North East Games 2024 Begins in Nagaland



In Nagaland, the 3rd edition of the North East Games 2024 kick-started with a glittering opening ceremony at the Regional Centre for Sporting Excellence, Sovima. The Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio officially declared the games open. More than

3000 athletes from eight North Eastern states are competing in 15 disciplines being held across 12 venues in three districts – Chumoukedima, Dimapur, and Kohima..

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