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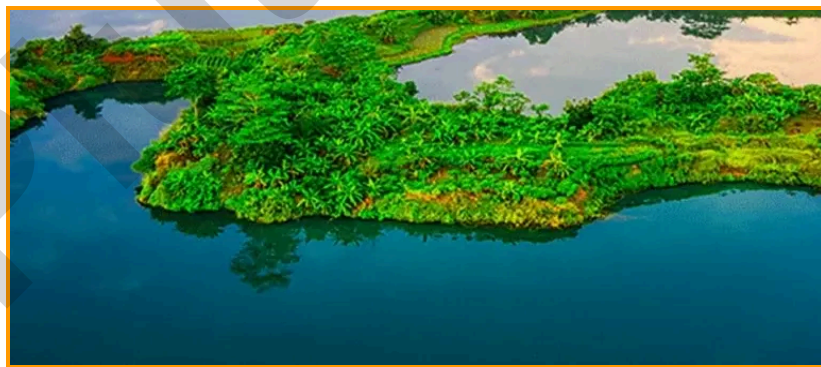


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Jyoti Ratre, an entrepreneur and fitness enthusiast from Madhya Pradesh, has etched her name in history by becoming the oldest Indian woman to conquer Mount Everest. Ratre's triumphant ascent to the summit of the world's highest peak comes precisely six years after Sangeeta Bahl, at the age of 53, earned the title of 'India's oldest woman to climb Mount Everest' on May 19, 2018.

International News

World Bank Report: 'Water For Shared Prosperity'



The World Bank's report, 'Water For Shared Prosperity,' unveiled at the 10th World Water Forum, delineates the critical role of water in fostering equitable societies amidst

global water access disparities exacerbated by population growth, urbanization, and climate change. It highlights the urgency of comprehensive strategies to ensure inclusive water security worldwide.

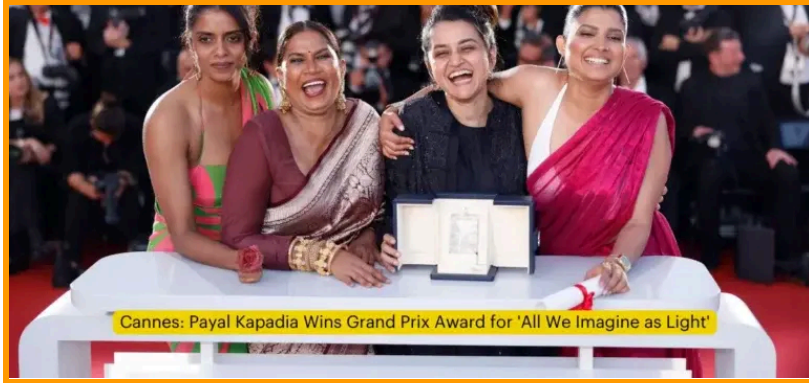
Awards News

NHPC Honoured with 'The Economic Times HR World Future Ready Organization Award 2024-25'



NHPC, India's premier hydropower company, has been bestowed with the prestigious 'The Economic Times HR World Future Ready Organization Award 2024-25'. This coveted recognition highlights NHPC's unwavering commitment to fostering a future-ready workforce and its strategic approach to human resource management.

Cannes: Payal Kapadia Wins Grand Prix Award for 'All We Imagine as Light'



The 77th Cannes Film Festival witnessed a remarkable achievement for Indian cinema as Payal Kapadia's film 'All We Imagine as Light' won the prestigious Grand Prix award, the second-highest honour at the festival. This triumph marks a historic moment, as Kapadia becomes the first Indian filmmaker to receive this prestigious accolade.

Business News

Maldives Plans Launch of RuPay to Enhance Bilateral Ties with India



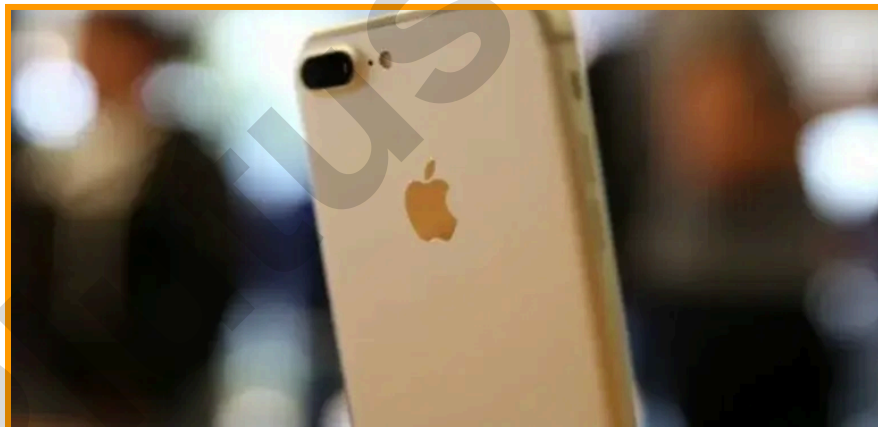
In a move that reflects the strengthening ties between India and the Maldives, the island nation has announced its intention to launch India's RuPay service. This decision underscores the growing economic and financial cooperation between the two countries. While the specific launch date for the RuPay service has not yet been disclosed, the upcoming integration holds promise for enhanced financial inclusivity and cost-saving measures.

RBI Imposes Rs 3.1 Lakh Penalty on Hero FinCorp for Fair Practices Code Violation



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 3.1 lakh on Hero FinCorp Limited due to non-compliance with certain provisions of the fair practices code. This penalty is based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and does not affect the validity of any transactions or agreements the company has with its customers.

Smartphones Become India's Fourth Largest Export Item with 42% Growth



Smartphones have become a major export success story for India, now ranking as the fourth-largest export item with a 42% growth, reaching \$15.6 billion in FY24. This marks an improvement by one notch in the ranking from the preceding year. Data collection for

smartphones as a separate category began in April 2022, highlighting the sector's rapid growth.

Microsoft Unveils AI-Enhanced 'Copilot+' PCs with Unique 'Recall' Functionality



Microsoft has introduced a new category of personal computers, 'Copilot+ PCs,' featuring advanced AI capabilities to compete with Alphabet and Apple. These devices, developed in collaboration with Acer and ASUSTeK Computer, aim to perform AI tasks locally without relying on cloud data centers. The launch event took place at Microsoft's Redmond, Washington campus on May 20, with sales starting on June 18 at a base price of \$1,000.

State News

Uttar Pradesh Leads Transmission Line Additions in 2023-24



According to the Central Electricity Authority's latest data, Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the top state in terms of adding transmission lines by state transmission companies in 2023-24. This achievement follows its leading position in the previous fiscal year, 2022-23.

Jaisalmer's Desert Park Sanctuary for the Majestic Great Indian Bustard



In a heartening development, the annual waterhole census conducted in the National Desert Park, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, has revealed a significant presence of the critically endangered Great Indian Bustard. The survey, which employs the waterhole technique during the scorching summer months, counted a staggering 64 Great Indian Bustards within the park's boundaries. This marks a notable increase from the previous year's census in 2022, which recorded 42 birds using the same waterhole technique.

Sports News

IPL 2024 Award Winners, Check the Complete list



Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) won the IPL 2024 title, defeating Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in the final. KKR's Sunil Narine was named the Most Valuable Player and Ultimate Fantasy Player of the Season. SRH's Nitish Kumar Reddy was the Emerging Player of the Season. Virat Kohli (RCB) won the Orange Cap for most runs, while Harshal Patel (PBKS) took the Purple Cap for most wickets. Other award winners included Abhishek Sharma (SRH) for Most Sixes, Travis Head (SRH) for Most Fours, and Jake Fraser-McGurk (DC) for Best Strike Rate. SRH received the Fair Play Award, while the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad...