

DESCRIPTIVE SESSION**❖ Paytm Payments Bank appoints Deependra Singh Rathore as the interim CEO**

- The Paytm Payments Bank has appointed Deependra Singh Rathore as the interim chief executive officer (CEO), in addition to his role as chief product & technology officer.
- Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL) is an Indian payments bank, founded in 2015 and headquartered in Noida. In the same year, it received the license to run a payments bank from the Reserve Bank of India and was launched in November 2017. In 2021, the bank received a scheduled bank status from the RBI.

❖ Adani Airports appoints Arun Bansal as CEO

- Adani Airport Holdings has again rejigged its top management, naming Ericsson veteran Arun Bansal its chief executive officer.
- Adani's airports account for 25% of airport footfalls and 40% of air cargo in India.

❖ Sir Syed Excellence Award for 2022

- Noted American historian Prof. Barbara Metcalf was awarded the Sir Syed Excellence Award 2022 by the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) on the 205th birth anniversary of its founder Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.
- Prof. Metcalf has written extensively on the history of the Muslim population of India and Pakistan.
- Sir Syed Ahmad Khan (17 October 1817 – 27 March 1898; also Sayyid Ahmad Khan) was a South Asian Muslim reformer, philosopher, and educationist in nineteenth-century British India.

❖ PM Narendra Modi launches 'One Nation, One Fertiliser' scheme

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday launched a new scheme - Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana - One Nation One Fertiliser - under which it is mandatory for companies to market all subsidised fertilisers under single brand 'Bharat'.
- He also inaugurated 600 PM Kisan Samruddhi Kendras (PM-KSK) at a two-day event held at Mela ground in Pusa complex in the national capital.

- With the launch of this scheme, India will have a common bag design across the country like Bharat urea, Bharat DAP, Bharat MOP, Bharat NPK, and so on.
- Separately, PM Narendra Modi also inaugurated 600 PM Kisan Samruddhi Kendras (PM-KSK) that will act as a one-stop-shop for farmers who can buy products and avail of multiple services related to the agriculture sector.
- PM also launched 'Indian Edge', an e-magazine on fertilisers.
- ❖ **Ulf Kristersson elected as PM of Sweden**
- ❖ **Karim Benzema Wins Ballon D'Or For First Time**
- Karim Benzema won the men's Ballon d'Or for the first time after a brilliant season with Real Madrid capped by the UEFA Champions League and Spanish La Liga titles.
- Spanish player Alexia Putellas won the women's trophy for the second straight year following another standout season with Barcelona.
- Benzema, at 34, became the oldest winner since the first recipient in 1956, Stanley Matthews.
- He succeeded Lionel Messi, who won the award for a record-extending seventh time last year but was not among the nominees this time after his first season with Paris Saint-Germain.
- The Ballon d'Or award is an annual award given to the best footballer every year since its inception in 1956 and is organised by the French news magazine, France Football.
- Between 2010 to 2015, an agreement with FIFA saw the Ballon d'Or merge with the FIFA World Player of the year and become the FIFA Ballon d'Or.
- ❖ **Indian teenager Donnarumma Gukesh becomes the youngest ever player to beat Magnus Carlsen as world champion**
- Indian teenager Donnarumma Gukesh has become the youngest player ever to defeat Magnus Carlsen since the Norwegian became world champion almost a decade ago.
- Aged 16 years, four months and 20 days old, Gukesh broke the previous record held by his compatriot Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa who defeated the world champion in February when he was 16 years six months and 10 days old.
- It was Carlsen's second defeat in two days to one of India's teenage grandmasters at the Aimchess Rapid, after he lost to 19-year-old Arjun Erigaisi.

❖ **Jyothi Yarraji becomes first Indian woman to run sub-13s hurdles**

- Jyothi Yarraji, an Indian Sprinter made history in the women's 100m hurdles as she became the first Indian woman to run a sub-13s time to win the gold medal at the Nation Games 2022.
- Jyothi Yarraji broke her national record representing Andhra Pradesh by running the final in 12.79s. Earlier, Jyothi Yarraji won the women's 100m gold, leaving behind Sprinters like Dutee Chand and Hima Das.

❖ **Boult Audio appoints Saif Ali Khan and Suryakumar Yadav as brand ambassadors**

❖ **Dr Dilip Mahalanabis, Pioneer Of Oral Rehydration Therapy**

- Dr. Dilip Mahalanabis, the epoch-making doctor, who pioneered the use of oral rehydration theory for the treatment of diarrhoeal diseases and the development of Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) passed away in Kolkata recently.
- Dr. Mahalanabis proved the effectiveness of ORS in cholera patients at a refugee camp in Bongaon, West Bengal, during the 1971 War.
- Dr. Mahalanabis was made a member of the WHO's Diarrhoeal Disease Control Programme in 1983 for over five years.
- Oral rehydration therapy is a solution used to prevent and treat dehydration.