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### DAILY UPDATE 1 : APPOINTMENT



#### **Ms Sheyphali Sharan Takes Charge As Principal Director General, Press Information Bureau :-**

Sheyphali B. Sharan, a senior IIS officer, succeeded Manish Desai as Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau (PIB). Ms. Sharan is an Indian Information Service officer from the 1990 batch. Throughout her illustrious career spanning three decades, she has handled numerous roles, primarily overseeing media PR work as a Press Information Bureau officer for ministries such as Finance, Health and Family Welfare, and Information and Broadcasting. She has also served as the spokesperson for Election Commission of India (ECI).



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### DAILY UPDATE 2 : APPOINTMENT



#### **Veteran Dealmaker Atul Mehra Joins Axis Capital As MD & CEO :-**

Axis Capital has named Atul Mehra as its managing director (MD) and chief executive officer. The appointment is subject to receipt of the necessary permissions. Mehra, who formerly worked at JM Financial, would lead Axis Capital's investment banking and institutional equities businesses. His appointment follows the departure of Axis Capital's existing MD and co-CEO, Salil Pitale. In December, JM Financial roped in Chirag Negandhi — who was the co-CEO at Axis Capital — as its MD. Mehra is a veteran dealmaker with over three decades of experience and was the joint MD at JM Financial.



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### DAILY UPDATE 3: INTERNATIONAL



#### **Congo Appoints First Female Prime Minister Amid Eastern Violence :-**

President Felix Tshisekedi of the Democratic Republic of Congo has named the country's first female Prime Minister, fulfilling a campaign pledge and taking a key step toward forming a new cabinet after being reelected late last year. Former Planning Minister Judith Suminwa Tuluka will take up the position at a time of rising instability in the country's mineral-rich east, which borders Rwanda. The long-running conflict has displaced more than 7 million people according to the United Nations, making it one of the world's worst humanitarian crises.

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### DAILY UPDATE 4 : AWARDS



#### **Vineet Jain Honoured With ENBA Lifetime Achievement Award 2023 :-**

The exchange4media News Broadcasting Awards (ENBA) jury has given Vineet Jain, Managing Director of The Times Group, the Lifetime Achievement Award 2023 in appreciation of his "immeasurable contributions to the Indian television

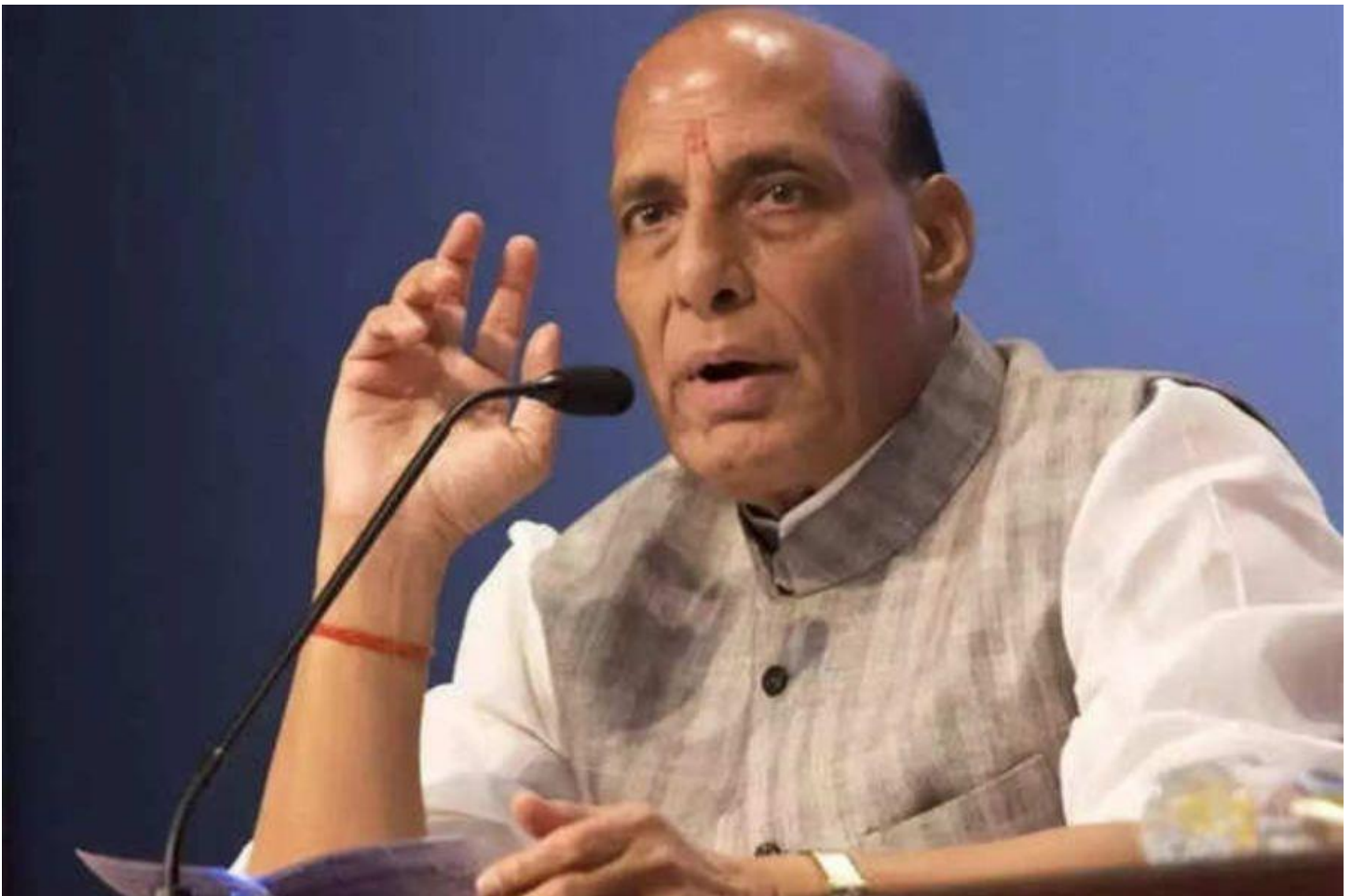




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news landscape." Mr Vineet Jain has been instrumental in transforming a hitherto newspaper and magazine entity into a media conglomerate spanning India's biggest companies across FM radio (Mirchi), Internet (Times Internet Ltd), TV (Times Network), apart from leading presence in Music (Times Music), Films (Junglee Pictures), Events (TSSL), Outdoor media (Times OOH), Magicbricks, and more.

### DAILY UPDATE 5 : DEFENCE





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**"Indian Defence Exports crossed Rs 21,000 crore mark for the first time", says Defence Minister Rajnath Singh :-**

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on social media that the country's defence exports have reached historic heights, surpassing Rs 21,000 crore for the first time in Independent India's history. According to a statement released by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, India's defence exports increased to a stunning Rs 21,083 crore in fiscal year 2023-24, a 32.5 percent increase over the previous year. India's defence exports span across 84 countries and regions worldwide.

**DAILY UPDATE 6 : RANK AND REPORT**



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### UP Leads With Most GI-Tagged Products :-

The inclusion of 15 Uttar Pradesh items to the list of Geographical Indication (GI) certified goods has moved the state to the top spot in India. Uttar Pradesh has 69 GI-tagged products, surpassing Tamil Nadu's 58. Varanasi has become a leader in GI-tagged goods manufacture, with 30 certified products—the most from a single geographical area. GI certification signifies that these products are unique representations of a specific culture, society, or craft. Varanasi secures Geographical Indication for Banaras Thandai and other regional products, expanding to 30 GI-tagged items.





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### DAILY UPDATE 7 : RANK AND REPORT



#### **UPI Ends FY24 With Record Transactions Worth ₹199 Lakh Crore :-**

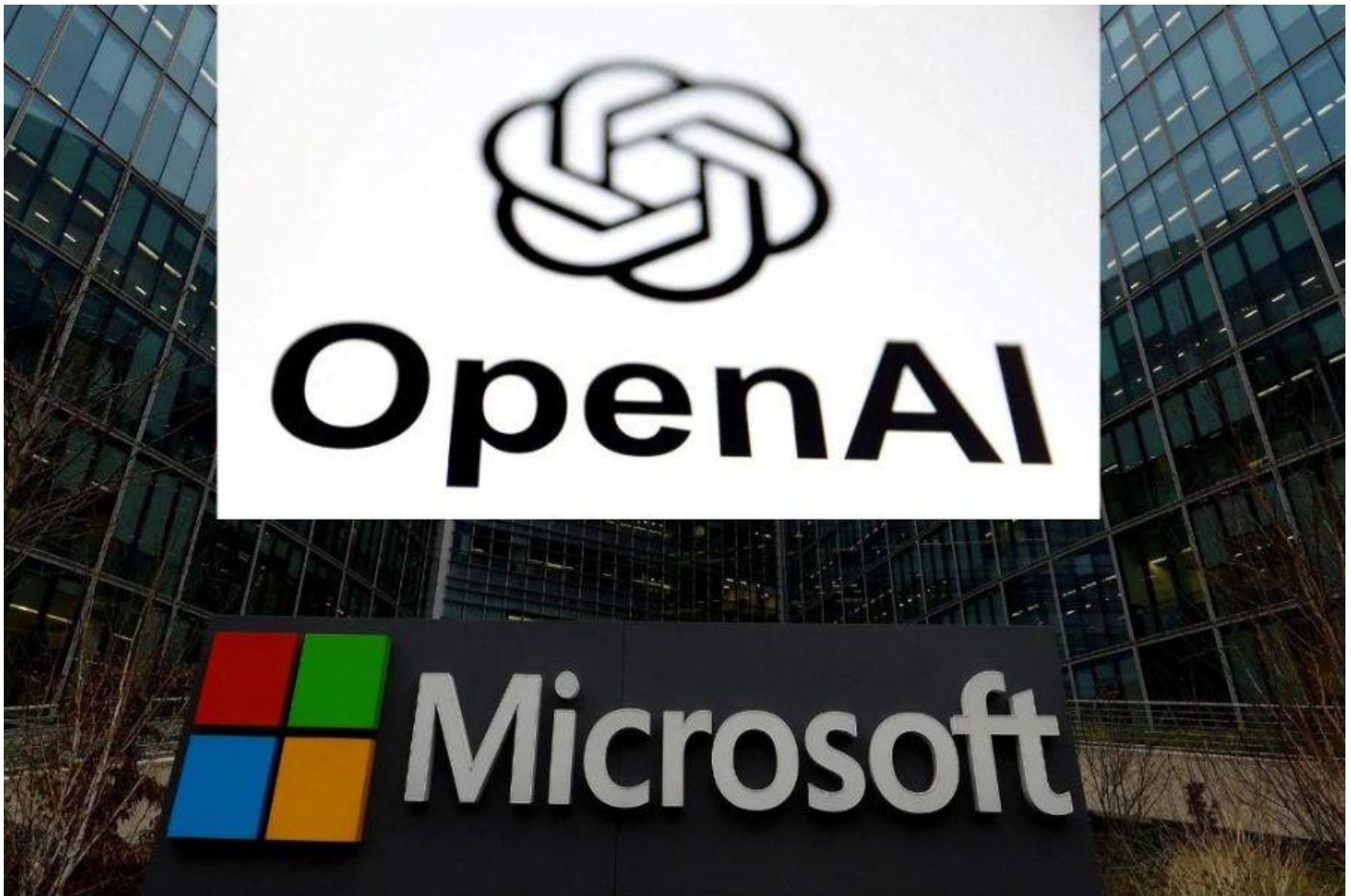
The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) closed FY24 on a high note, hitting new records for both the volume and value of transactions completed in March 2024. This was despite a modest decrease in transactions in February 2024 due to the shorter number of days in the month and greater investment activity ahead of the fiscal year's end. In FY24, the UPI platform completed 13,115 transactions worth ₹199.29 lakh crore, up from 8,376 crore worth ₹139 lakh crore the previous year. The value of transactions was 40 per cent higher, compared to that in March 2023.





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DAILY UPDATE 8 : SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



### Microsoft And OpenAI Unveil \$100 Billion 'Stargate' AI Supercomputer :-

In a ground-breaking cooperation, tech titans Microsoft and OpenAI have revealed plans to build a breakthrough supercomputer called "Stargate," signifying a substantial advancement in artificial intelligence (AI) technology. This ambitious project, which is expected to cost a stunning \$100 billion, highlights the growing demand for powerful data centers capable of supporting cutting-edge AI applications, ushering in a new age of AI development. The venture, as disclosed by sources to The Information, is anticipated to be primarily financed by Microsoft, eclipsing existing data centre costs by over 100-fold.



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DAILY UPDATE 9 : SPORTS



### **Novak Djokovic Becomes The Oldest World No. 1 In ATP Rankings History :-**

Novak Djokovic, the 24-time Grand Slam champion, continued to set records on the ATP Tour as he began week 419 as World No.1, extending his incredible record. He is also likely to become the oldest World No.1 ever on April 7. On April 7, the Serbian will become the oldest No. 1 in ATP Rankings history, surpassing Roger Federer's record of 36 years and





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321 days. Djokovic, one of the greatest players of all time, has proven near-unrivalled longevity at the pinnacle of his sport even as he enters his fourth decade.

### DAILY UPDATE 10 : SUMMIT AND CONFERENCE



**US plans trilateral summit with Japan, South Korea in July :-**





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According to Japanese media reports, the US administration intends to have a summit in July between President Joe Biden and his Japanese and South Korean counterparts on the margins of a NATO conference in Washington. According to the Kyodo news agency, Biden, Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol are likely to discuss issues such as reinforcing deterrence against China, North Korea's nuclear threat, and the country's developing military relations with Russia.