



## Breakthrough Point

### DAILY UPDATE 1 : AWARDS



#### **GAIL Wins 15th CIDC Vishwakarma Award For Barauni – Guwahati Pipeline :-**

GAIL (India) Limited received the prestigious 15th CIDC Vishwakarma Award in the 'Achievement Award for Best Construction Projects' category for its Barauni-Guwahati Natural Gas Pipeline project (BGPL). The BGPL project, which is part of the Jagdishpur-Haldia and Bokaro-Dhamra Pipeline project, has connected North-East India to the National Gas Grid for the first time. The 718 km long pipeline will act as the gateway for access of environmental-friendly fuel Natural Gas for entire North-East through Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited (IGGL).



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### DAILY UPDATE 2 : BANKING



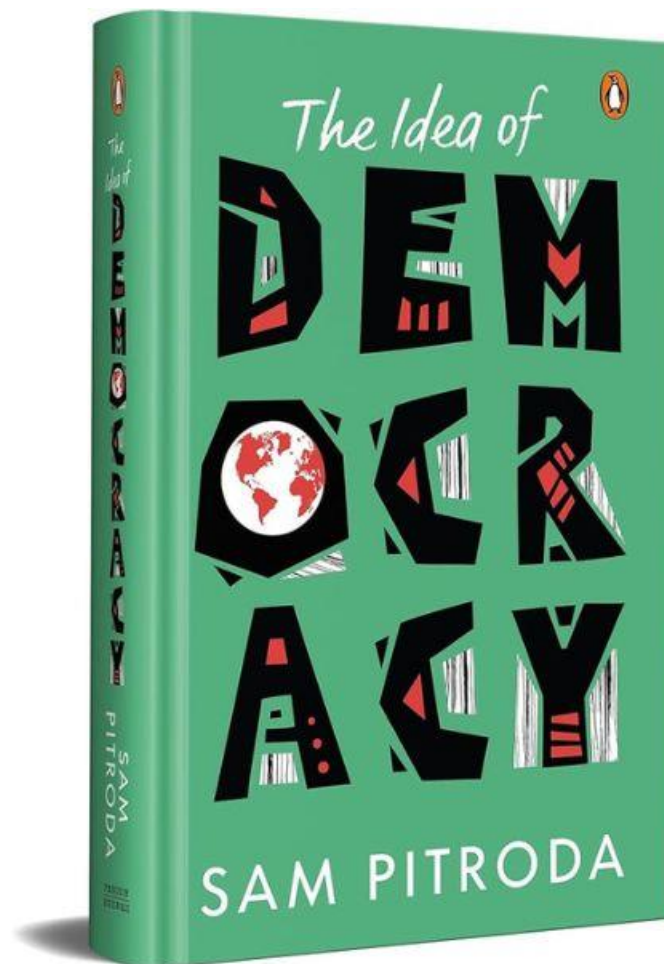
#### **SIDBI Partners With KarmaLife To Offer Micro Loans For Gig Workers :-**

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has signed an agreement with fintech Union Life Private Limited to leverage the latter's technology platform KarmaLife in a pilot program to provide micro loans to gig workers. This is expected to improve gig workers' access to formal institutional finance. KarmaLife will allow gig workers receive micro loans via a smartphone app, eliminating the need for significant paperwork or physical documentation. This streamlined process will make it easier for gig workers to manage the liquidity needs of their enterprise activities.



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DAILY UPDATE 3: BOOKS



### Sam Pitroda's New Book 'The Idea Of Democracy' :-

Sam Pitroda, a renowned author, has authored a new book titled 'The Idea of Democracy', which examines the current state of democracy and future obstacles in nations such as India and the United States. Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal and other prominent literary figures attended the book launch ceremony. It gives a thorough examination of the essence of democracy, its workings, the principles it must embody, and the forces and safeguards that can help to maintain liberal



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democracy. The book aims to stimulate conversations, particularly among the youth, on the meaning of democracy and the role they can play in its survival and thriving in the coming era.

### DAILY UPDATE 4 : INTERNATIONAL



#### **Peter Pellegrini Wins Slovakia Presidential Elections :-**



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Peter Pellegrini, a government supporter renowned for his skepticism toward Ukraine, won the Slovakia presidential election, defeating pro-Western diplomat Ivan Korcok. Korcok received 47% of the vote to former Prime Minister Pellegrini's 53%. The election was dominated by opposing viewpoints on the Ukraine situation, with Russia's invasion playing a large role, with Pellegrini pressing for peace talks in contrast to the dividing views within Slovak politics. Mr. Pellegrini becomes Slovakia's sixth President since the country gained independence after the split of Czechoslovakia in 1993.

### DAILY UPDATE 5 : STATE





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### **Miraj's Sitar And Tanpuras Awarded Geographical Indication Tags :-**

The sitars and tanpuras of Miraj, a small town in Maharashtra's Sangli district noted for its musical instrument manufacture, have been granted the coveted Geographical Indication (GI) designation. The makers claim that these Miraj-made instruments are in high demand among some of the most well-known artists, including those in classical music and the film industry. The GI tag denotes the product comes from a particular geographical area, and often enhances its commercial value.

**DAILY UPDATE 6 : OBITUARY**



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### **Gangu Ramsay, veteran filmmaker, producer, cinematographer of Ramsay Brothers fame, passes away SPORTS:-**

Gangu Ramsay, a veteran filmmaker, producer, and cinematographer, passed away lately. He was 83 and has been battling medical issues for the past month. The Ramsay Brothers were known for filming horror films in Hindi. Gangu Ramsay's successful career lasted decades and left an indelible effect on the Indian cinema industry. He lent his creative vision to over 50 films under the banner of Ramsay Brothers, including classics like "Veerana", "Purana Mandir", and "Bandh Darwaza", "Do Gaz Zameen Ke Niche", "Samri", "Tehkhana", "Purani Haveli", and "Khoj" with Rishi Kapoor.



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DAILY UPDATE 7 : SPORTS



### Max Verstappen Of Red Bull Dominated The Japanese Grand Prix :-

Red Bull's triple world champion Max Verstappen dominated the Japanese Grand Prix, guiding his team to a one-two finish with teammate Sergio Perez. Verstappen dominated the race after starting from pole position, earning his third win in the first four races of the 2024 season. Carlos Sainz of Ferrari finished third, ahead of his teammate Charles Leclerc, who started seventh on the grid. McLaren's Lando Norris finished fifth, while Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso was sixth. Verstappen's dominant victory has allowed him to take an early stranglehold on the world championship.





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DAILY UPDATE 8 : SPORTS



### India Tops WADA's Doping Offenders List In 2022 :-

According to the World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) 2022 testing results, India now has the greatest percentage of doping offenders. According to the report, 127 of the 4,064 samples gathered from Indian athletes (including urine, blood, and athlete biological passports) tested positive for banned substances, accounting for 3.26 percent of the sample size. WADA report also found a 6.4 per cent increase in the total number of samples analysed and reported in its Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS) in 2022, compared to the previous year.



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DAILY UPDATE 9 : SPORTS



### **Olympic Champion Valerie Adams Named Ambassador For TCS World 10K Bengaluru 2024 :-**

Dame Valerie Adams, the renowned shot putter who has won four World Championships and two Olympic medals, has been selected the International Event Ambassador for the 16th edition of the Tata Consultancy Services World 10K Bengaluru, which will take place on April 28. The 39-year-old from New Zealand is often regarded as the most accomplished female shot putter in history. In her five Olympic appearances, she has won two gold medals (in 2008 and



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2012), a silver (in 2016), and a bronze medal (2020). Among her other accolades, the New Zealander is only the third woman to win world championships at youth, junior, and senior levels.

### DAILY UPDATE 10 : SUMMIT AND CONFERENCE



**Ministry of Defence holds first tri-service conference 'Parivartan Chintan' :-**



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Parivartan Chintan, a landmark Tri-Service Conference aimed at creating new and creative ideas, initiatives, and reforms to drive Jointness and Integration activities, was held in New Delhi on April 8, 2024. General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff, chaired a day-long discussion. The 'Chintan' is the first-ever conference of the heads of all Tri-Service Institutions, the Department of Military Affairs, Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff, and the three Services, with officers from various service brackets recommending measures to achieve the desired "Joint and Integrated" end state with celerity.