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DAILY UPDATE 1 : IMPORTANT DAY



**WORLD
THALASSAEMIA
DAY**

World Thalassaemia Day : 08 May :-

World Thalassaemia Day is observed on May 8 to raise awareness about thalassaemia as a blood ailment, dispel myths about the disease, and assist patients in living a normal life. Thalassaemia is a genetic condition characterized by low quantities of oxygen-carrying proteins called haemoglobin and fewer red blood cells than usual. Symptoms of this illness may include weariness, weakness, and stunted growth. While milder forms of the illness may not require therapy, more severe instances frequently require blood transfusions or stem-cell transplants from a matched donor. The theme of the event this year is "Empowering Lives, Embracing Progress: Equitable and Accessible Thalassaemia Treatment for All."



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DAILY UPDATE 2 : IMPORTANT DAY



World Red Cross Day : 08 May :-

World Red Cross Day is an annual event held on May 8th to commemorate the humanitarian efforts and principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. These organisations play a critical role in delivering aid and assistance to individuals affected by natural disasters, armed conflicts, and other emergencies around the world. In 1948, the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies advocated commemorating Henry Dunant's birth anniversary as the founder of the Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The theme announced for World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day in 2024 is "I give with joy, and the joy I give is a reward."



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DAILY UPDATE 3: APPOINTMENT



Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Names Sanjeev Nautiyal As MD & CEO:-

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank said that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has accepted the nomination of Sanjeev Nautiyal as the bank's managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) for three years, beginning July 1, 2024. He will join the Bank prior to his appointment as MD&CEO and will serve as President in the meantime. He is a banker with over three decades of extensive strategic domain expertise in retail, SME, financial inclusion, operations, HR, international banking, and treasury.



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DAILY UPDATE 4 : INTERNATIONAL



José Raúl Mulino Wins Panama's Presidential Election :-

In a remarkable political development, José Raúl Mulino emerged victorious in Panama's presidential election, with about 35% of the counted votes and over 92% of the ballots tabulated. The 64-year-old former security minister had a commanding 9% advantage over his nearest contender, causing three of his closest rivals to declare defeat. The newly elected president is going to inherit an economy that is facing a variety of issues. Panama's economic growth is



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projected to reach 2.5% in 2024, while grappling with high income inequality and an unemployment rate hovering around 10%. Additionally, a severe drought has impacted traffic in the economically crucial Panama Canal, and the country faces high public debt and declining foreign investment.

DAILY UPDATE 5 : OBITUARY



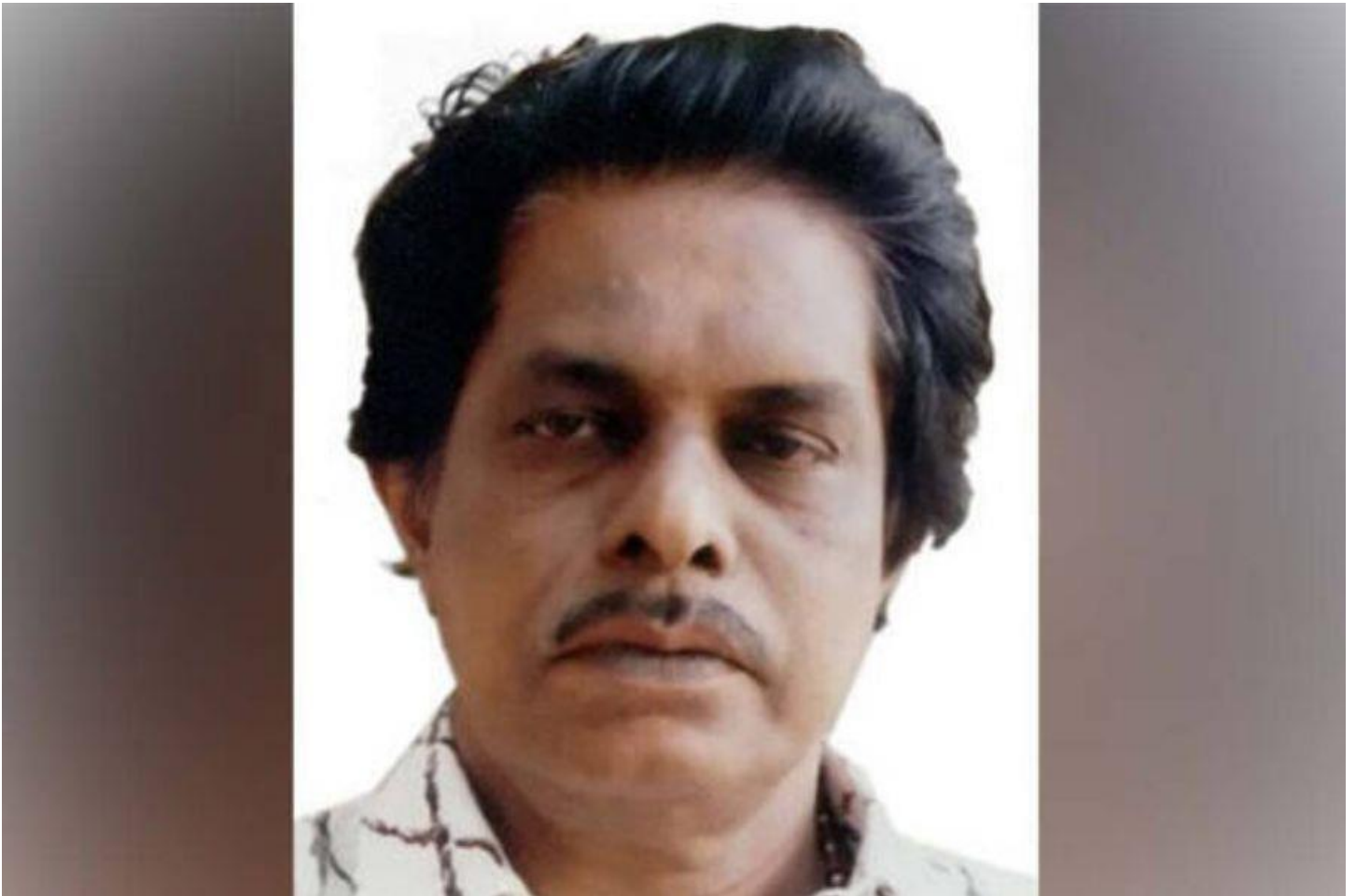
Film-serial actor Kanakalatha passes away :-



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Kanakalatha, an actor most renowned for her outstanding depiction of character roles, died. The 63-year-old performer, who suffered from Parkinson's disease and dementia, died at her home in Thiruvananthapuram. Kanakalatha appeared in more than 360 films in various languages over the course of her four-decade career. Her noted films include 'Priyam' (2000), 'Kannezhuthi Pottumthottu' (1999), 'Varnapakittu' (1997), 'Spadikam' (1995), 'Kireedam' (1989), 'Rajavinte Makan' (1986) and 'Chillu' (1982). Her maiden film was 'Unarthupaattu' (1980). Her roles in 'Anyar', 'Vakkalathu Narayanankutty', 'Chirikkudukka' and 'Agrahaaram' were also noted. She had also acted in several Tamil movies.

DAILY UPDATE 6 : OBITUARY





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Malayalam filmmaker Harikumar passes away at 68 after a long battle with cancer :-

Harikumar, a veteran Malayalam film director and screenwriter, died at a private hospital in Thiruvananthapuram. He was 68 years old and had been battling cancer for a few years. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan condoled his passing and issued a statement on his services to the Malayalam cinema industry. Harikumar's first directorial endeavor was 'Ambal Poovu' (1981), which he co-wrote with Perumpadavam Sreedharan. With his career spanning several decades, some of his best films include 'Sukritham', 'Udayanapalakan' and 'Jalakam' amongst others.

DAILY UPDATE 7 : RANK AND REPORT



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India Ratings Raises Sovereign GDP Growth Estimate For FY25 To 7.1% :-

India Ratings and Research has raised its GDP growth prediction for 2024-25 to 7.1% from 6.5%, noting robust support for growth from ongoing government investment and deleveraged business and bank balance sheets, even as consumption demand and exports remain constrained. The rating firm's GDP growth expectations for this year, on the back of a 7.6% rise in 2023-24, are a tad higher than the 7% projected by the Reserve Bank of India. However, it expects a 6.9% uptick in the Gross Value Added in the economy this year, the same level as last year.



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DAILY UPDATE 8 : SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Sunita Williams 3rd flight to space scrubbed :-

The inaugural crewed flight of Boeing's Starliner spaceship was aborted mere hours before liftoff on May 7 due to a technical issue. Astronaut Butch Wilmore was supposed to accompany Sunita Williams on her third space voyage onboard the spacecraft. The delay was reported during a live NASA broadcast and was attributed to an issue with a valve in the rocket's second stage. This is Williams' third space mission; she previously spent 322 days in space and held the record for the most hours of spacewalk by a woman until being surpassed by Peggy Whitson.



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DAILY UPDATE 9 : SPORTS



2024 Madrid Open, Iga Swiatek And Andrey Rublev Triumph :-

The 2024 Madrid Open, contested in the Spanish city, featured two outstanding singles champions. Iga Swiatek of Poland won her first Madrid Open, while Andrey Rublev of Russia won his second title in this important competition. Iga Swiatek, the world's number one player, made history by winning her maiden WTA 1000 Madrid Open singles title. In a thrilling final, she prevailed over Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus with a hard-fought victory, 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (9/7). This triumph marked Swiatek's 20th career title and her ninth at the WTA 1000 level.



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DAILY UPDATE 10 : SPORTS



Real Madrid Clinches 36th La Liga Title :-

Real Madrid, the Spanish football powerhouse, have added another incredible milestone to their famous history by winning the La Liga 2023-24 season title. Real Madrid won the championship 3-0 over Cadiz, but their nearest rivals Barcelona lost 4-2 to Girona. With four games left in the season, Real Madrid has an incredible 87 points, establishing an



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insurmountable 13-point advantage over their nearest opponent, Girona. Goals from Brahim Diaz, Jude Bellingham, and Joselu propelled Real Madrid to victory against Cadiz, ensuring they clinched their 36th La Liga title.