



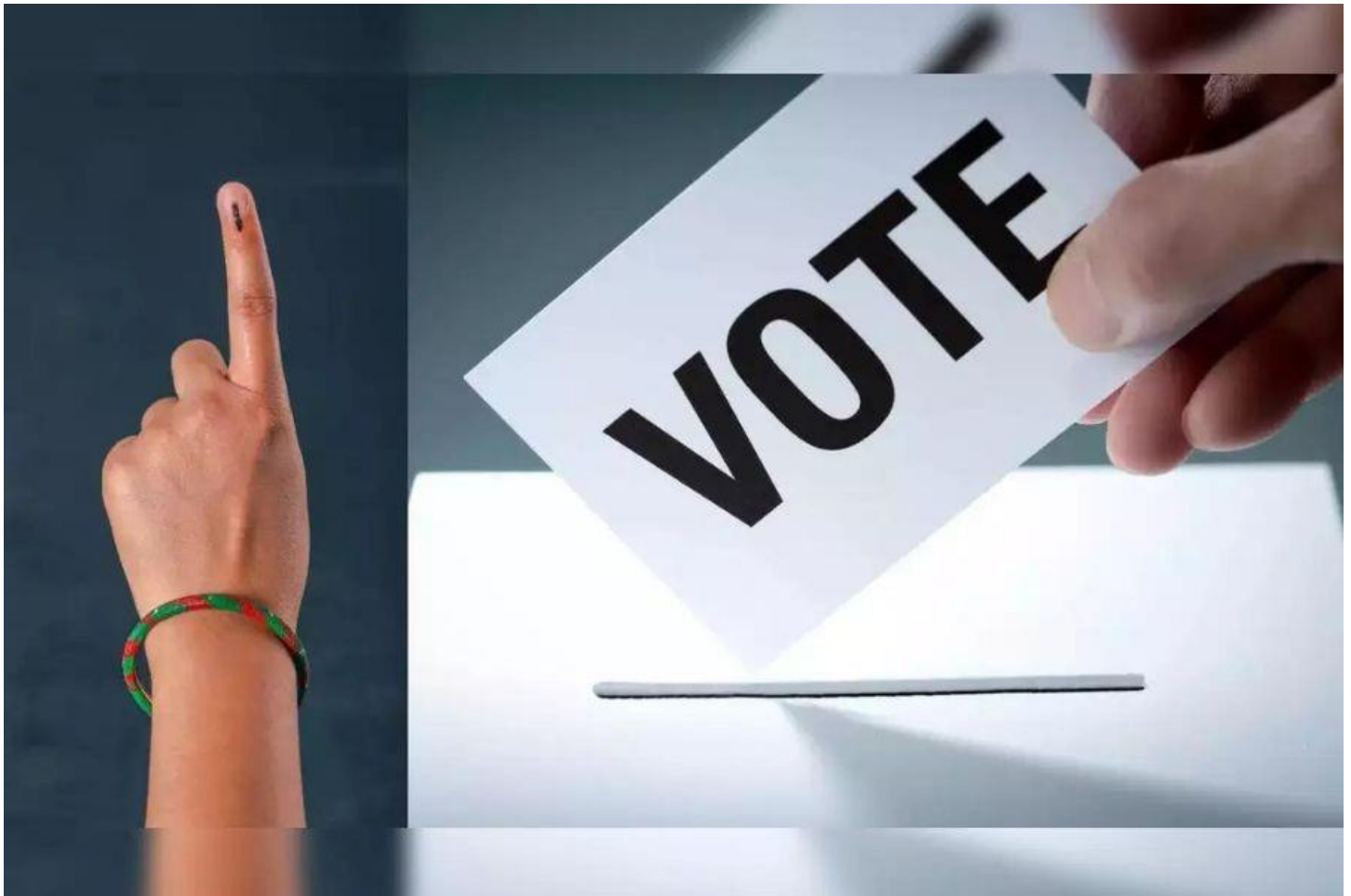
Bank of Baroda introduces GenAI-powered solutions for conversational banking :-

Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched 'Aditi', a GenAI-powered virtual relationship manager, to improve its digital customer care experience. The public sector bank stated that these human-like interfaces, presented in the form of digital avatars, provide conversational banking across a range of services. In addition, BoB has built a GenAI-enabled knowledge management platform for its staff called 'GyanSahay.AI'. Additionally, the GenAI enabled knowledge management platform is an endeavour to empower the bank's large customer facing workforce with the right information on products, policies and processes so that there is improved service delivery.



Jordan's King Appoints New Prime Minister :-

Jordan's King Abdullah has appointed top palace aide Jafar Hassan as prime minister following the resignation of the government on September 15, according to the royal court, just days after the Islamist opposition made some gains in the US-allied kingdom's parliamentary election. Hassan, the current head of King Abdullah's office and a former planning minister, succeeds Bisher Khasawneh, a seasoned diplomat and former palace adviser who was appointed nearly four years ago, according to a royal court announcement. Khasawneh will stay on in a caretaker capacity until the formation of a new cabinet, the statement said.



J&K Launches 'Vote Ka Tyohar' Theme Song :-

To encourage voter participation in the 2018 Assembly Elections in Jammu and Kashmir, the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) J&K launched the theme song 'Vote Ka Tyohar'. The song, issued by CEO P. K Pole, aims to motivate voters across the UT to vote in the three phases of the Assembly Elections, which began on September 18, 2024, in seven districts spanning both the Jammu and Kashmir divisions. The theme song was produced by Rangyug, a renowned performing arts organization committed to promoting social change and self-realization.



PM Modi Launches Namo Bharat Rapid Rail And New Vande Bharat Trains :-

PM Narendra Modi launched Indian Railways' first Vande Metro train service. The Vande Metro was formally christened Namo Bharat Rapid Rail by the Ministry of Railways prior to its inaugural run. The new train from Indian Railways is a new option for short-distance premium travel for the general public and unreserved passengers on non-suburban parts. The first Vande Metro all-air-conditioned train service of Indian Railways would run from Ahmedabad to Bhuj in Gujarat. However, unlike Vande Bharat which is a semi-high speed 160 kmph train set, the Vande Metro trains will have a maximum speed limit of 130 kmph.



Angkor Wat Named Most Photogenic UNESCO World Heritage Site In Asia :-

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet stated that Times Travel rated Angkor Wat the most photogenic UNESCO World Heritage site in Asia. According to Xinhua, the Prime Minister made the announcement in a text message broadcast on his official Telegram channel, along with a Times Travel list of Asia's ten most photogenic UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The list showed that Angkor Wat was ranked top. Otherworld heritage sites on the list included India's Taj Mahal, China's Great Wall, Myanmar's Bagan, Indonesia's Borobudur, Vietnam's Halong Bay.



Nirmala Sitharaman introduces NPS Vatsalya:-

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the Centre's NPS (National Pension System) Vatsalya Scheme on September 18 at a Delhi event. The NPS Vatsalya Scheme is regarded as a watershed moment in the pension system. According to sources, this new system has been launched to ensure the financial future of children. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority will oversee this system. This scheme will allow parents and guardians to secure their child's future by investing in a pension account.



PM Modi Launches Odisha's Flagship Scheme Subhadra :-

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 'Subhadra', the Odisha government's flagship program. The project intends to help more than one crore women in the state. According to the scheme's provisions, every qualified women beneficiaries aged 21 to 60 will get Rs. 50,000 over five years. The beneficiary would get a total of Rs 10,000 per year, which will be deposited immediately into a bank account connected to both Aadhaar and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). The amount will be disbursed in two equal portions throughout the year.



LIC Appoints Infosys For NextGen Digital Platform :-

The state-owned Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has struck an agreement with IT giant Infosys to create a next-generation digital platform that would serve as the foundation for new high-value business applications such as customer and sales super apps, portals, and digital branches. The deal's financial specifics have not been published. LIC has previously gotten IT support from industry leaders such as Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Tech Mahindra. The new digital platform will be an integrated end-to-end insurance solution.



Indian Men's Hockey Team Won Asian Champions Trophy 2024:-

The Indian men's hockey team successfully defended their Asian Champions Trophy title, defeating host China 1-0 in the final at the Moqi Hockey Training Base in Hulunbuir, China. Jugraj Singh's key strike in the 51st minute won the victory, giving India the most successful team in tournament history, with a record-breaking five trophies. India retained the trophy for the second consecutive edition after its triumph in 2023. India had previously achieved back-to-back titles in 2016 and 2018.



India Hosted The Formal Meetings Of The COP9'S Fund Approval Committee :-

On September 17-18, 2024, India held the second formal meeting of the COP9 Bureau and the third formal meeting of the Fund Approval Committee under the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport in New Delhi. As Vice-Chairperson of the COP9 Bureau, India has taken the initiative in organizing these high-level conferences, which have brought together key decision-makers and dignitaries from around the world. Senior officials from the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport were also present, contributing to the discussions in a hybrid format.