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Brahmavar: Yakshagana artiste B Narayana Kunder passes away

- B Narayana Kunder (68), a resident of Brahmavara Bykadi, passed away at his residence.
- He was an employee of Syndicate Bank. He had retired from bank service after working in Barkur and Brahmavar branches.
- Kunder had formed an amateur Yakshagana troupe locally and had excelled in playing the role of Mahishasura as a Yakshagana artiste besides being a patron of the art form.
- He was the former president of Baikadiamogaweera Grama Sabha. Kunder was also the former member of Baikadi Yuvakamandal. He had engaged himself in deity activities of the local Baikadi temple.

Q. Recently, B Narayan Kunder (68), resident of Brahmavara Bykadi, died at his residence. He was a _____ . **Yakshagana artist**



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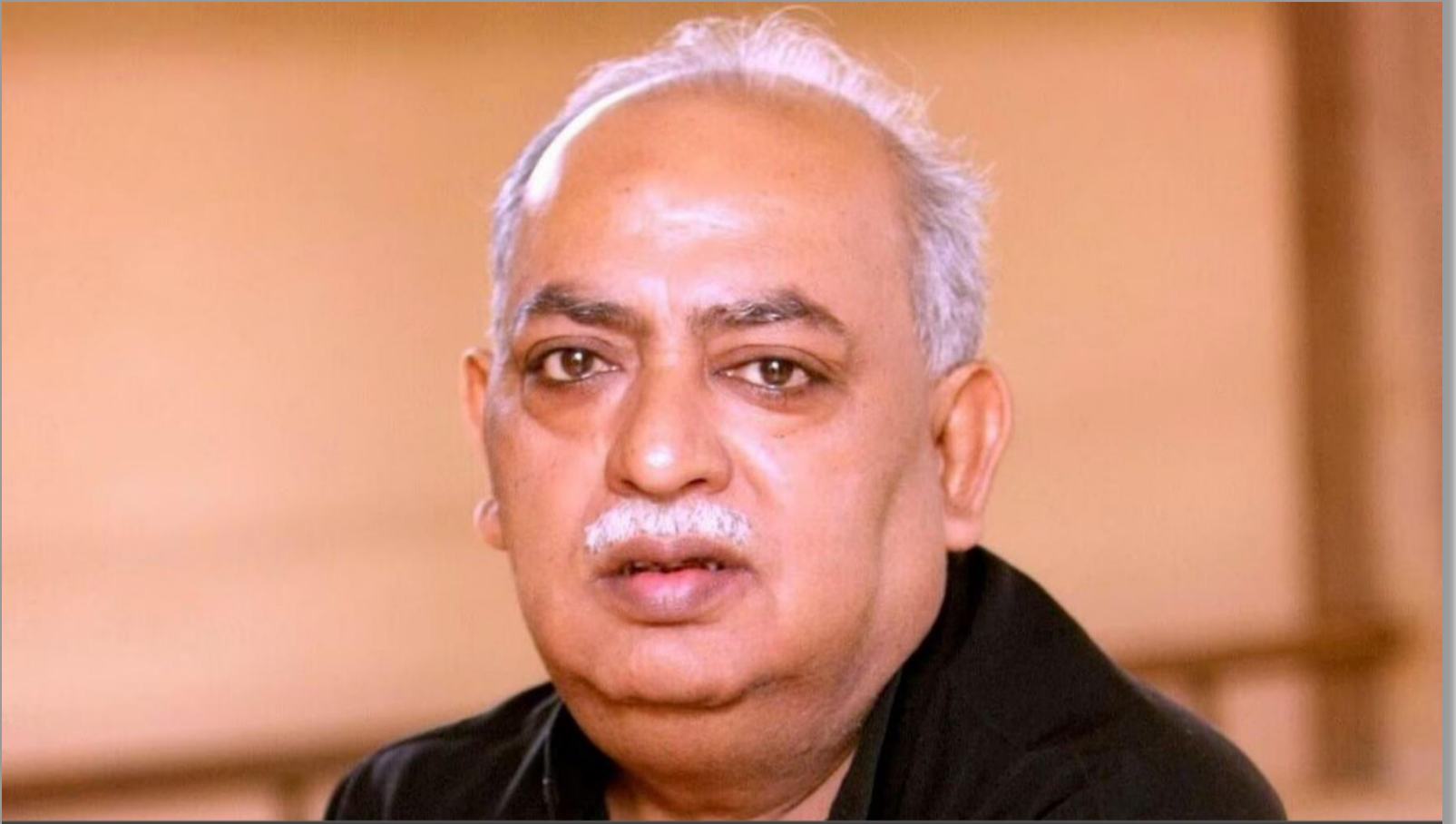
Taiwan Elects Pro-Sovereignty William Lai in Historic Election

- Taiwanese voters have chosen pro-sovereignty candidate William Lai as their president in a historic election.
- Beijing's communist government reviles Mr Lai's pro-sovereignty Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) which has governed Taiwan for eight years.
- Lai, the current vice president, secured an unprecedented third consecutive term for the DPP by defeating his conservative rival, Hou Yu-ih of the Kuomintang (KMT), by over 900,000 votes.
- Mr Lai's 40% of the vote put him comfortably ahead of Hou Yu-ih from the main opposition Kuomintang (KMT) party.
- Since 2000, Taiwan has alternated between the DPP and the KMT which is friendlier to Beijing.

Taiwan:

- Capital: Taipei City
- Currency: New Taiwan dollar

Q. Whom have the voters of Taiwan elected as their President in a historic election? **William Lai**



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Renowned urdu poet Munawwar Rana passes away aged 71

- Renowned Urdu poet Munawwar Rana passed away at Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, after a cardiac arrest.
- He was 71 years old.
- Munawwar Rana was born in Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh, He was widely recognised for his contribution to Urdu literature and poetry.
- His most popular poem was 'Maa,' which celebrated the virtues of a mother in traditional ghazal form.
- He received several honours for his work in the form of literature including the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award in 2014 for his poetry book 'Shahdaba'.

Other awards are the:

- Ameer Khusro Award, Ghalib Award, Dr Zakir Hussain Award, Mir Taqi Mir Award and The Saraswati Samaj Award.

Q. Famous Urdu poet Munawwar Rana has passed away at the age of 71. He was given the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award in 2014 for his poetry book '_____'. **Shahdaba**



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Tamil Nadu adopts Bill to make Tamil paper compulsory for State government jobs.

- Tamil Nadu Assembly passed a bill , making the Tamil paper compulsory for candidates to pass competitive exams for posts in the state government.
- The bill was tabled to amend the Tamil Nadu Government Servants Act 2016.
- As per the changes, even if a candidate was qualified and acquired the job, he or she should pass in Tamil paper within two years of acquiring the job.
- The Statement of Objects and Reasons of the Bill to amend The Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act, 2016 said that as per Section 21 of this Act no person shall be eligible for appointment to any service by direct recruitment unless he has an adequate knowledge of the official language of the State.
- Tamil as the mother tongue would help students understand their lessons better and will help them in attaining higher education and conducting further research in their subject.
- Tamil is one of the oldest languages in the world.

Q. Tamil Nadu adopts bill making which paper mandatory for state government jobs? **Tamil**



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Denmark's King Frederik X takes the throne after queen steps down

- Denmark's King Frederik X has ascended the throne, succeeding his mother, Queen Margrethe II, who has formally abdicated after 52 years as monarch.
- Margrethe, 83, stunned the nation on New Year's Eve when she announced she became the first Danish monarch in nearly 900 years to voluntarily relinquish the throne.
- The succession was formalised the moment she signed the declaration of her abdication during a meeting of the Council of State at Parliament.
- Denmark, one of the oldest monarchies in the world, does not have a coronation.
- The meeting was attended by government representatives, Margrethe, Frederik, 55, his Australian-born wife Mary, 51, who is now queen, and their oldest son Christian, 18, who is the new heir to the throne.
- After the signing, Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen proclaimed Frederik king on the balcony of Christiansborg Palace in Copenhagen.

Q. Who took over as King of Denmark after the Queen abdicated? **Frederick X**



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India ranked 35th for leveraging future possibilities; UK on top

- India has been ranked 35th on a global index of countries best placed for leveraging future possibilities while the UK topped the list released.
- The Future Possibilities Index (FPI), a flagship global future trends study released by Newsweek Vantage and Horizon Group on sidelines of the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, has Denmark, the US, the Netherlands and Germany in the top five after the UK.
- Among large emerging markets, China is placed highest at 19th this year, followed by Brazil at 30th, India (35th) and South Africa (50th).
- The study compared the factors that will help governments, investors and other private sector stakeholders leverage six global, transformational trends for growth and wellbeing across 70 countries.
- These six global transformational trends are Exabyte Economy (advanced digital technologies), Wellbeing Economy (health prevention and wellness), Net Zero Economy (reduction of carbon emissions), Circular Economy (recycling and reuse), BioGrowth Economy (food and agriculture innovations), and Experience Economy (consumption of experiences instead of physical goods).

Q. India has been ranked _____ in a global index of the best countries to take advantage of future opportunities, while the UK has topped the released list. **35th**



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Nadda launched 'Namō NavMatdatta' portal for first-time voters

- J P Nadda, the President of BJP, inaugurates the Namō NavMatdatta registration portal in New Delhi.
- The portal aims to engage and register first-time voters as Viksit Bharat Ambassadors.
- As part of the initiative, five thousand conferences will be organized on 25th January to strengthen the party's youth outreach and democratic connect.
- The portal will serve as a platform to register all Nav Matdatas as Viksit Bharat Ambassadors.
- J.P. Nadda personally interacted with enthusiastic first-time voters and dedicated Karyakartas, emphasizing the leadership's commitment to direct grassroots engagement. The live interaction provided an opportunity for Mandal Karyakartas across the nation to share insights, fostering unity within the organization.

Q. Nadda launches '_____' portal for first-time voters. **Namō Navmatadat**



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Rohit Sharma first men's player with 150 T20I appearances, and 100 win

- India's captain, Rohit Sharma, added another glittering achievement to his illustrious career by becoming the first men's player to participate in 150 T20 Internationals (T20Is).
- Rohit reached this remarkable feat during the second T20I match against Afghanistan at the Holkar Cricket Stadium.
- During the match, Rohit set a by becoming the first player to win 100 T20Is. In terms of appearances in the shortest format of the game, the Indian opener is followed by Paul Stirling of Ireland.
- Stirling has played 134 matches in his career. His Ireland colleague, George Dockrell, is third on the list, having played 128 matches.
- Rohit is one of the top run scorers in the T20Is. He has scored 3853 runs in 149 games, with a strike rate of about 140. He has also scored four hundreds in T20Is, tying Glenn Maxwell and Suryakumar Yadav for the most.

Q. India captain Rohit Sharma has become the first male player to participate in how many T20 International matches and register 100 wins? **150**



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Prime Minister Modi flags off world's longest river cruise from Varanasi to Dibrugarh

- Prime minister Narendra Modi flagged off world's longest river cruise MI Ganga Vilas from Varanasi to Dibrugarh which would traverse through three rivers, including the one in Bangladesh, before reaching its destination in 51 days.
- The vessel would cover 3200 kilometres during its 51-day journey and pass through 27 river systems besides touching around 50 tourist spots and cities, including Patna, Kolkata, Dhaka and Guwahati.
- The cruise, which had five star facilities and had a capacity to house 36 tourists, began its first journey with 32 tourists from Switzerland.
- Ten tourists would get down at Kolkata while the same number would board the cruise from there for its onward journey, the officials associated with the cruise said in Varanasi.
- MI Ganga Vilas had three decks, 18 suites and a gym, restaurant, salon and other amenities.
- The cost of travelling on the cruise per day was Rs 25 thousand while a 51-day cruise would cost Rs 20 lakh per passenger. The vessel would be traversing through the Sundarbans and Kaziranga National Park.
- The officials said that the vessel had an RO plant and STP to make sure that there was no pollution in the river. Besides, plastic would not be used in the voyage.

Q. Prime Minister Modi flagged off the world's longest river journey from Varanasi to _____. **Dibrugarh**



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Malayalam film industry's first techno-musician KJ Joy passes away

- Malayalam film industry's first techno-musician K. J. Joy passed away in Chennai.
- He has worked in nearly 200 films, including 12 Hindi films.
- The tag of techno-musician came to Joy as he began the trend of using technology, including the use of key board in South Indian cinema for the first time.
- 77-year-old Joy, hailing from Thrissur, began his music career as an accordion artiste under his guru M. S. Viswanathan, who launched him as a full time music director in the 1975 Malayalam film 'Love Letter'.
- He also composed many eternal youth songs, including the very hit song 'En Swaram Poovittum Ganame'.
- Some of the over two hundred films he composed music for are: Ivan Ende Priyaputran, Chandanachola, Aradhana, Snehayamuna, Mukkuvane Snehicha Bhootham, Lisa Madalasa, Sayujyam, Itha Oru Theeram, Anupallavi, Sarpam, Shakti, Hridyam Padunnu, Chandrahasam, Manushya Mrigam and Karimpucha.
- He had also worked as an assistant in more than 500 films for various music directors.

Q. The first techno-composer of the Malayalam film industry, K.J. Joy died in Chennai. Who launched him as a full-time music director in the 1975 Malayalam film '_____'. **'Love Letter'**



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