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STATE

Kerala will host the fifth edition of South India Writers Ensemble (SIWE)

Kerala will be hosting the fifth edition of South India Writers Ensemble (SIWE) at Chengannur, a town in Kerala's coastal Alappuzha district from 24 July 2017. The core theme of the festival this year is 'tolerance'. So creative writers, journalists, theatre and film personalities from across the industry will be seen deliberating on the theme at a time when the country as a whole is witnessing raging debates over intolerance.

Pro Tip:

State – Kerala

Capital – Thiruvananthapuram

CM – Pinarayi Vijayan

Governor – P.Sathasivam

Governor - Kalyan Singh

INTERNATIONAL

U.K. gets its first woman president of top court

The U.K. government on Friday appointed Baroness Brenda Marjorie Hale, 72, as the first woman president of the Supreme Court, the senior-most judge in the country. She will take charge in September.

Pro Tip:

Country – United Kingdom

Capital – London

Currency – Pound Sterling

Sean Spicer resigns as White House Press Secretary

White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer resigned on Friday, ending a difficult tenure during which the conventional Republican sought to defend and explain President Donald Trump, with limited success. Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Mr. Spicer's deputy, will succeed him.

Pro Tip:

New White House Press Secretary - Sarah Huckabee Sanders

Country – United States of America

Currency – US Dollar

President – Donald Trump

BANKING & ECONOMY

Arun Jaitley launches Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana pension scheme

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley formally launched Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY), a pension scheme exclusively for senior citizens with 8% fixed rate of interest on their savings. Under this scheme, there will be an assured return of 8 per cent over a tenure of 10 years. It can be purchased offline as well as online through Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India which has been given the sole privilege to operate this scheme.

Pro Tip:

Union Finance Minister of India – Arun Jaitley
Constituency – Gujarat, Rajya Sabha
LIC - Life Insurance Corporation
HQ – Mumbai
Chairman of LIC - V K Sharma

AGREEMENT

Bank of Baroda has entered into an agreement with Directorate General of Supplies & Disposal (DGS&D)

Bank of Baroda has entered into an agreement with Directorate General of Supplies & Disposal (DGS&D) for extending various banking services to Government e-Marketplace (GeM). DGS&D has been mandated to set up GeM, an initiative intended to bring greater transparency and efficiency in public procurements.

Pro Tip:

BOB - Bank of Baroda
HQ – Vadodara
Tagline – India's International Bank
CEO - P. S. Jayakumar

APPOINTMENT

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Gopal Baglay appointed as Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office

Senior diplomat and External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Gopal Baglay appointed as Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office. Baglay, a 1992 batch Indian Foreign Service Officer. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved Baglay's appointment to the post for three years.

Pro Tip:

Gopal Baglay has been appointed in place of Vinay Mohan Kwatra, who has been already named as India's Ambassador to France

Sanjay Kothari has been appointed as the Secretary to new President

Sanjay Kothari, Chairman of Public Enterprises Selection Board, has been appointed as Secretary to President-elect Ram Nath Kovind. Senior journalist Ashok Malik has been named as Press Secretary to Kovind, by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT). Senior Gujarat-cadre forest service officer Bharat Lal will be Joint Secretary to Kovind.

Pro Tip:

1st President of India – Dr. Rajendra Prasad

1st Vice President of India – Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

1st Women President of India - Pratibha Patil

14th President of India – Ram Nath Kovind

SPORT

Karamjyoti Dalal has won bronze medal at the World Para Athletics Championships 2017

India's Karamjyoti Dalal has won bronze medal at the World Para Athletics Championships 2017 in the discus-throw. In the women's F55 category of discus-throw, she managed a throw of 19.02 m. Earlier, Sundar Singh Gurjar had opened India's account at the 2017 World Para Athletics Championships by winning gold medal in the men's javelin throw event. Later, Amit Saroha won silver medal in the club throw event in the F-51 category.

Pro Tip:

World Para Athletics Championships 2017 – London

The first IPC Athletics World Championships were held in Berlin, Germany in 1994.