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Sanjiv Gupta Appointed President And MD Of GM India

- ❖ Sanjiv Gupta has been appointed as the President and Managing Director (MD) of General Motors (GM) India. He will replace Kaheer Kazem. Now, Kazem has been appointed as the President and CEO of General Motors Korea. In May 2016, Gupta joined General Motors India as the Chief Financial Officer. General Motors Company (GM) is an American multinational corporation headquartered in Detroit, Michigan. GM designs, manufactures, markets, and distributes vehicles and vehicle parts, and sells financial services.

Putin Appoints Nikolay Kudashev As Russia's New Ambassador To India

- ❖ Russian President 'Vladimir Putin' has appointed career diplomat 'Nikolay Kudashev' as Russia's new ambassador to India. Currently, Nikolay Kudashev is the Deputy Director-General Secretariat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia. Kudashev's appointment comes nearly seven months after the death of Russia's previous ambassador to India Alexander Kadakin..

RBI To Shortly Issue New Rs. 50 Currency Note

- ❖ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will issue new banknotes of Rs. 50 denominations in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series. The base colour of the new notes will be fluorescent blue and its dimension will be 66 mm x 135 mm. It will have a motif of Hampi with Chariot on the reverse, depicting the country's cultural heritage along with the Swachh Bharat logo, year of printing, numeral 50 in Devnagiri and the language panel. The banknote will bear the signature of RBI Governor Dr. Urjit R. Patel on the front side along with the guarantee and promise clause and the RBI emblem. It will have Mahatma Gandhi's portrait at the Centre and a see through register with denominational numeral 50. Micro letters 'RBI', 'भारत', 'INDIA' and '50' and Ashoka Pillar emblem on the right will also feature on the front side. The security thread will have inscriptions 'भारत' and RBI. The number panel will have numerals growing from small to big on the top left side and bottom right side.

Virat Kohli Continues To Top ICC ODI Rankings For Batsmen

- ❖ India captain Virat Kohli continued to be the world's top-ranked One-day International (ODI) batsman in the latest ICC ODI rankings. Other Indian batsmen in the top-15 are former skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni (12th), Shikhar Dhawan (13th) and vice-captain Rohit Sharma (14th). Pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar 13th is the lone Indian in top 15. As for the ICC ODI Team Rankings, India team are currently at number three.

China Launches First Cyber Court In E-Commerce Hub

- ❖ China has launched its first cyber court (first of its kind in China) specializing in handling Internet-related cases in the e-commerce hub of Hangzhou. The Hangzhou Internet Court in Hangzhou will handle cases such as online trade disputes and copyright lawsuits. The cases handled by the court will be tried online. Hangzhou is home to many Internet companies, including e-commerce giant Alibaba. According to China Internet Network Information Center, China had about 751 million netizens and 724 million mobile Internet users as of the end of June.

India Sees Over 15% Growth In Foreign Tourist Arrivals

- ❖ India has registered a growth of over 15% in foreign tourist arrivals from January to July this year. The highest number of tourists arrived from Bangladesh (20.12%), followed by the US (16.26%), the UK (10.88%) and France (3.01%).

Nepal And China Has Signed Three Pacts To Boost Their Ties In Power And Energy Sectors

- ❖ **Nepal and China** has signed three pacts to boost their ties in power and energy sectors and undertake a feasibility study to excavate natural gas and petroleum in the Himalayan country, including in the southern Terai plains. The **agreements have covered** economic and technological cooperation, oil and gas resources exploration, and promotion of investment.

Sadbhavana Diwas Or Harmony Day – August 20th

- ❖ **The Sadbhavana Diwas** or Harmony Day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary (August 20) of Rajiv Gandhi. On this day national integration, peace, love, affection and communal harmony among all Indians is encouraged. Shri Rajiv Gandhi was born on August 20, 1944, in Bombay. At 40, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi was the **youngest Prime Minister of India**.