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A K Pradhan appointed as Group Chief Risk Officer of PNB

After being hit by nearly Rs 12700 crore fraud, Punjab National Bank (PNB) has appointed its general manager A K Pradhan as the Group Chief Risk Officer. However, the bank did not disclose the functions and responsibilities of the Group Chief Risk Officer.

India's GDP growth rises to 7.2% in December quarter

The Indian economy grew at a five-quarter high of 7.2% in the October-December period reflecting overall recovery due to good show by agriculture, manufacturing, construction and certain services. The economy is expected to grow at 6.6% in the current fiscal ending March 31, as per the second advanced estimates of the Central Statistics Office (CSO). The earlier estimate was 6.5%. The growth for the second quarter (July-September) has been revised upwards to 6.5%, from 6.3% estimated earlier by the CSO. The previous high was recorded at 7.5% in the July-September quarter of 2016-17.

Dhanlaxmi Bank appoints Sajeev Krishnan as Director

The board of Thrissur-based Dhanlaxmi Bank has appointed Sajeev Krishnan as a director. In his 39 years of service, Krishnan has worked in various capacities including officiating Managing Director of State Bank of Mysore and State Bank of Travancore, CGM of SBT and Chief Vigilance Officer with Corporation Bank.

Pakistani mountaineer Samina Baig appointed UNDP goodwill ambassador

Samina Baig, the first Pakistani woman to have climbed Mount Everest, was appointed as the national goodwill ambassador by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Baig will lead efforts to build national awareness and partnerships around Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those related to climate change, environmental protection and women empowerment.

MoEFCC launches Mobile App "Dr Harsh Vardhan"

In an effort to transform environment protection into a peoples' movement, a digital mobile application was launched by the Union Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change. Earth Sciences and Science & Technology in New Delhi. The App, named "Dr Harsh Vardhan", focuses on his social & public activities and involvement of citizens in "Green Good Deeds" movement, which urges people to perform at least one Green Good Deed every day. Some of the 500 Green Good Deeds listed in the Mobile App include - planting trees, saving energy, conserving water, use of public transport and promoting carpool.