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1. PM Modi Launches Torch Relay For 44th Chess Olympiad



Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the historic torch relay for the 44th Chess Olympiad at the Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi. This year, for the first time, the International Chess Federation, FIDE, has established the Chess Olympiad torch, as part of the Olympic tradition. India is the first country to have the Chess Olympiad torch relay.

FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovic handed over the torch to the Prime Minister, then he handed it over to Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand. The torch will be carried to 75 cities over a period of 40 days before its final finale at Mahabalipuram near Chennai. Chess masters of the state will get torch at every place. The 44th Chess Olympiad will be held from 28 July to 10 August 2022 in Chennai.

2. Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra won gold medal at Kuortten Games in Finland



Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra defeated reigning world champion Andersen Peters of Granada to claim his first top podium of the season by winning the javelin throw event at the Kuortten Games in Finland. The 24-year-old Chopra's opening throw of 86.69 meters proved to be the winning distance. 2012 Olympic champion Keshorn Walcott of Trinidad and Tobago was second with a first-round throw of 86.64m. Peters was third with a best throw of 84.75m, which also came in the first round.

Earlier this week, in her first competitive event since winning the historic gold in Tokyo, Chopra set a new national record of 89.30m while participating in the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland. He bettered his previous record of 88.07m, set in Patiala last year.

3. Equitas Small Finance Bank to Launch "ENJOI" Kids Savings Account



Equitas Small Finance Bank is all set to launch the Children's Savings Account ENJOI on Father's Day. The SFB announced that the account will introduce "young children" to the financial world, encouraging them to develop the habit of saving. It added that an ENJOI account will also help children

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take the first step towards a new age and technology-oriented banking experience.

Features of ENJOI Savings Account:

- ENJOI will allow 0-18 year olds to open savings accounts under the supervision of their parents. Minors aged 10 years and above will also get the option of a personal debit card.
- To promote higher growth in savings, the account will offer 7 per cent interest for savings balance between Rs 5 lakh and Rs 2 crore. Minors of the age of 10 years and above can also avail self-operating accounts with limited transaction limits, with the written consent of the parents.

Account Benefits:

- Financial or another, ENJOI account holders will have access to exclusive deals from ed-tech and online learning providers, focusing on the theme of education and literacy.
- ENJOI account will provide flexibility to choose the mode of savings, either in the form of savings account with balance less than Rs 1,000, RD (recurring deposit) for Rs 500 monthly; OR FD (Fixed Deposit) for Rs.10,000.

4.Gujarat: PM Inaugurates Renovated Shri Kalika Mata Temple



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the renovated Shri Kalika Mata Temple at Pavagadh Hill in Panchmahal district of Gujarat. They also performed puja in the temple with traditional rituals. A 'Dhwaja' was erected at full mast above the temple by Shri Modi. The sanctum sanctorum of this majestic Mahakali temple is made of gold. It is one of the oldest temples in the region and is visited by a large number of pilgrims.

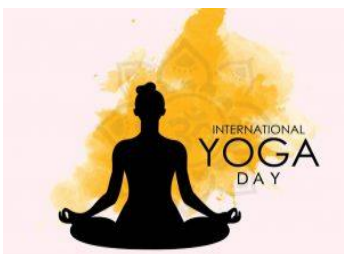
key points:

- The Prime Minister told the people that this temple also represents Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas.
- The Prime Minister thanked God for being able to visit the temple.
- He emphasized the importance of the event, when the holy flag, after five centuries and even after 75 years of independence, was hoisted on the temple. He also explained that this 'peak flag', symbolizes the fact that centuries pass, eras pass, yet religion persists.
- Shri Modi said that 'Garvi Gujarat' is synonymous with India's pride and prestige, and Pavagadh has been a center of worldwide harmony with India's historical diversity. According to Shri Modi, this Shikhar Flag not only symbolizes our faith and spirituality, but also indicates that the pinnacle of faith is eternal in the centuries of change.

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- According to Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, the Gujarat government has built many ancient and historical temples to increase pilgrimage tourism in the state.
- Surendra Patel, president of Pavagadh Temple Trust, estimates that about two crore people visit the temple every year. The temple was rebuilt at a cost of Rs 125 crore.
- During the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the Prime Minister said that Gujarat has contributed significantly to the country's freedom struggle as well as development.
- They claim that 'Garvi Gujarat' is associated with India's pride and greatness. He said that in the great tradition of Somnath temple, Panchmahal and Pavagadh have been fighting continuously for the glory of our history.

5. International Yoga Day: 21 June



International Day of Yoga is being celebrated across the world on 21st June since 2015. This year, the 8th edition of International Day of Yoga will be celebrated. Yoga is an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice that originated in India. The word 'yoga' is derived from Sanskrit and means to unite

or unite, symbolizing the union of body and consciousness. Today it is practiced in various forms across the world and its popularity is increasing continuously.

India is celebrating Yoga Day:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, along with others, reached the Mysore Palace Ground on the 8th International Day of Yoga and performed yoga there. India is celebrating Yoga Day physically after a gap of two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There are 15,000 participants along with Modi in this program.

International Yoga Day 2022: Theme

International Day of Yoga is being celebrated with great enthusiasm all over the world on 21st June 2022 with the theme 'Yoga for Humanity'. As the pandemic COVID-19 continues this year too, yoga is helping people stay energetic and have a strong immune system.

What is Yoga and why do we celebrate it?

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The importance of Yoga Day can be seen in the light of spreading awareness on the issue of mental and physical wellness. The aim of International Day of Yoga is to inculcate the habit of meditation for the peace of mind and self-awareness which is essential to survive in a stress free environment.

International Yoga Day: History

The United Nations General Assembly, with the support of 177 countries, declared 21 June as the International Day of Yoga in 2014 at the initiative of India. The idea of International Day of Yoga was first proposed by the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his speech at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 27 September 2014.

6. Use of ICT in School Education in India Gets UNESCO Recognition



The Department of School Education, Union Ministry of Education has received UNESCO recognition for using Information and Communication Technology (ICT) under a comprehensive initiative called PM eVIDYA. The model of school education witnessed a paradigm shift during the unprecedented times of COVID-19.

Technological interventions have helped in building crisis-resilient learning systems.

The Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET), a constituent unit of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) under the Department of School Education and Literacy (DOSEL), Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India has been awarded UNESCO's ICT in Education for the year 2021. King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa Award for the use of

About PM eVidya:

The spread of COVID-19, which led to the nationwide lockdown, has also taken a major toll on the education sector. With the closure of schools, the government re-imagined the model of school education and the ways of imparting education to the students without any interruption. Hence, PM e-VIDYA, a unique and comprehensive initiative launched by the Ministry of Education in May 2020, aims to unify all efforts to enable multi-mode access to education. Under the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan', the initiative aims to benefit 25 crore school children with its wide reach.

One of the major initiatives of PM eVidya is 12 eVidya TV channels, based on the 'One Class-One Channel' line for classes 1 to 12, which telecasts educational content related to the respective classes. 12 e-Vidya DTH channels are especially

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useful for the learners from remote areas where stable internet is not available. These channels telecast curriculum-based educational material developed by NCERT and other agencies like CBSE, KVS, NIOS, Rotary, etc.

Models of PM eVIDYA Program

- Digital infrastructure for knowledge sharing
- Swayam Portal
- E-content exclusively for children with special needs

7. ICICI, HDFC, NPCI's IT Resources Declared

'Critical Information Infrastructure'



Ministry of Electronics &
Information Technology,
Government of India

The Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has declared the information technology resources of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and NPCI, the organization that manages UPI, as 'critical information infrastructure', implying that damaging them will have national security implications. And if any person tampers with or accesses them unauthorizedly, he can be jailed for up to 10 years. IT resources under CII include Core Banking Solution, Real Time Gross Settlement and National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT), which includes Structured Financial Messaging Server.

key points:

- Access to IT resources of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and NPCI by designated employees, team members of tender based service providers, third party vendors as permitted, with consultants as and when required, by regulators, government officials, auditors and organizations received by other stakeholders.
- This decision to put its IT resources under CII has been taken due to cyber attacks which have raised the need for a secure system by all banks and financial institutions.

What does CII mean?

- This means that any damage to this infrastructure could have an impact on national security and any unauthorized person with access to these resources could be jailed for up to 10 years, and also fined.
- The Central Government, under the IT Act, 2000, has the power to declare as CII any data, database, IT network or communication infrastructure for the protection of that digital asset.
- The National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Center (NCIIPC), established in 2014, is the nodal agency for taking all measures to protect India's CII.
- NCIIPC will monitor and forecast national level threats to CII for policy guidance, expertise sharing and situational awareness for early warning or alerts.

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8. DBS Bank India buys 9.9% stake in Swakarma

Finance



DBS Bank India Limited has acquired a 9.9% stake in Swakarma Finance, a non-banking financial company that provides contextual financial solutions to micro businesses through a combination of direct lending and co-lending. DBS Bank India's expanded franchise plan envisages significant growth in SMEs and consumer companies with over 300 sites and 500 branches. It is stated that DBS will continue to identify opportunities for lending in a cost-efficient manner to micro enterprises through its own extended franchise as well as partners. Swakarma is expanding its network across the country. It is currently active in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

About Swakarma Finance:

Swakarma Finance is a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) that aims to help Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) and bring about long-term socio-economic change in the lives of their customers. They are headquartered in Mumbai and have offices in Maharashtra, Gujarat

and Tamil Nadu. Their mission is to provide cash and money to empower businesses.

ONE LINER

- Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd. Established: **2016;**
- Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited
Headquarters: **Chennai, Tamil Nadu;**
- MD & CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd.: **Vasudevan Pathani Narasimhan.**
- Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd. Tagline: **It's Fun Banking.**
- Recently who has won gold medal in Under-15 Asian Junior Squash Championship - **Anahat Singh**
- Recently the city in which India has approved the establishment of BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Center- **Colombo, Sri Lanka**
- The player who has recently become the oldest Indian player to score T20 half-century - **Dinesh Karthik**
- Recently the country on whose coast the world's largest plant has been discovered- **Australia**
- Recently the country whose fast bowler Katherine Brunt has announced retirement from Test cricket - **England**
- World Refugee Day is celebrated on **20 June**
- The Union Home Ministry announced that the percentage of vacancies in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Assam Rifles to be reserved for 'Agniveers' - **10 percent**

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- The country which has been retained in the 'Grey List' of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)- **Pakistan**

QUIZ

1. Which short-range ballistic missile was successfully launched recently from the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, Odisha?

- a. Prithvi-II
- b. Agni-II
- c. Trishul-II
- d. Prahar-II

2. Who has been conferred with Honorary Doctor of Literature by HSNL University, Maharashtra recently?

- a. Mukesh Ambani
- b. Ratan Tata
- c. Gautam Adani
- d. Anil Ambani

3. Which Indian-American has been nominated by US President Joe Biden to a top Pentagon post?

- a. Radha Iyengar Plumb
- b. Shanti Sethi
- c. Mahindra Tuck
- d. Pramila Jayapal

4. In which of the following cities will the 47th meeting of the GST Council be held?

- a. Ranchi
- b. Delhi
- c. Srinagar
- d. Lucknow

5. Which scheme has been recently launched by the central government for army recruitment?

- a. Courage Recruitment Scheme
- b. Agneepath Recruitment Scheme
- c. Patience Recruitment Scheme
- d. youth recruitment scheme

6. Which state government has recently launched Suraksha-Mitra Project?

- a. Bihar
- b. Punjab
- c. Kerala
- d. Tamil Nadu

7. Khurda inflation based on Consumer Price Index has come down in May to what percentage of the following?

- a. 8.04 percent
- b. 7.04%
- c. 9.04 percent
- d. 5.04 per cent

8. RBI has increased the limit of auto debit mandate made through cards and UPI from Rs 5000 to which of the following?

- a. 10,000 rupees
- b. 12,000 rupees
- c. Rs 18,000
- d. 15,000 rupees