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1. After Pegasus, Hermit Spyware rings alarm bells



Pegasus has been in a lot of discussions in recent times. The effect of this dangerous spyware has also been seen in India. But according to the latest update, the discussion of a new spyware is gaining momentum. According to reports, a new spyware by the name of Hermit is spying on people. A cyber security company Lookout Threat Lab has disclosed this. This dangerous spyware can engulf both Android and iOS users. The governments of Kazakhstan, Syria and Italy are believed to have used Hermit spyware to spy on people. According to a TechCrunch report, Google and Lookout have admitted that Hermit spyware is a commercial spyware, which has been used by Kazakhstan, Syria and Italy for spying. It is being told that this spyware has been prepared by the Italian software company RCS Lab. However, the software company has denied all the allegations against it.

Hermit Spyware Infiltrate Through SMS

This spyware takes entry in users' Android phones through text SMS. This is such a dangerous spyware that even big manufacturers like Samsung and Oppo are not able to catch it. It can steal users' call

logs, photos, emails, messages as well as recording audio. Not only this, apart from mixing calls, this spyware can also tamper with the exact location of the device.

2. Yair Lapid becomes the new Prime Minister of Israel



Yair Lapid has officially become the 14th Prime Minister of Israel. According to The Times of Israel, Prime Minister Lapid's term may be shortened as he takes over as a caretaker government ahead of Israel's election on November 1. On Thursday afternoon, Lapid said at a handover ceremony with outgoing Prime Minister Naftali Bennett that we will do our best to have a Jewish, democratic state, good and strong and prosperous, because it is work and it is greater than all of us. Lapid's first agenda on his first day in office is a meeting with Ronen Barr, the head of the Shin Bet security agency, at the Kirya military headquarters in Tel Aviv. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday congratulated Yair Lapid on becoming the 14th Prime Minister of Israel. PM Modi tweeted that hearty congratulations to Yair Lapid for taking over as the Prime Minister of Israel. I look forward to taking our strategic partnership forward as we

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celebrate 30 years of full diplomatic relations. Meanwhile, PM Modi also thanked the outgoing PM Bennett for being a true friend of India. PM Modi tweeted that thank you Naftali Bennett for being a true friend of India. I cherish our fruitful conversation and wish you success in your new role.

3. 100th International Co-operative Day celebrated on 2nd July



International Cooperative Day :-

It is celebrated every year on the first Saturday of July. This year this day will be celebrated on 2nd July to highlight the contribution of the cooperative movement. The festival aims to spread awareness about cooperatives by highlighting the way the United Nations shares the same goals and objectives of the international cooperative movement.

International Co-operative Day marks the formation of international cooperative alliances and the work of cooperatives towards making the world a better place. International Cooperative Day is celebrated by organizing activities and discussions. This includes screening of short documentaries that showcase the work of various

cooperatives. The day also makes use of radio programmes, newspapers and various other mediums to highlight the achievements of the region.

4. T Raja Kumar appointed as FATF President



T Raja Kumar, who has over 35 years of leadership and operational experience in Singapore's home ministry and police force, began a two-year term as chairman of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on Friday.

Kumar, who last served as Senior Advisor on International Policy in the Ministry of Home Affairs of Singapore. Prior to this he served as Deputy Secretary (International) during 2015-2021 and helped build cooperative relations with counterparts in the security sector, including strategic partners such as Interpol and the United Nations.

5. Indian Army organizes "Suraksha Manthan" on Border Security and Coastal Security



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Indian Army's Desert Corps organized "Suraksha Manthan 2022" on aspects of border and coastal security in Jodhpur (Rajasthan). The brainstorming was jointly chaired by Director General Border Security Force (BSF) Shri Pankaj Kumar Singh (IPS), Director General of Indian Coast Guard VS Pathania and Lt Gen Rakesh Kapoor, General Officer Commanding, Desert Corps and in this brainstorming, the Army, Serving officers of BSF and Coast Guard participated.

During the discussion, aspects related to interoperability, operational coherence and logistics were discussed to enhance overall security in the International Border (IB) and coastal areas.

A joint training calendar was also prepared to achieve a higher level of interactivity and connectedness among the security forces. The current security threats and challenges and shared response to them were discussed and such situations will now be part of upcoming exercises.

It was also decided to create an efficient security environment and develop a concrete capacity development road map to achieve this.

6. Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and Chennai made place in QS ranking



As per the prestigious QS rankings, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai and Delhi have made it to the list of top 140 cities for international students. Mumbai has been ranked as the highest ranked city for students to live in in the country in the list of QS Best Student Cities Rankings released on Wednesday. Mumbai, ranked 103rd in the global rankings, scored higher on the affordability parameter, but struggled in the rankings on the parameters of student mix and desirability. However, among Indian cities after Mumbai, Bengaluru has made it to the 114th place in the world. Apart from this, Chennai has been ranked 125th and Delhi 129th globally.

7. By March 2027, e-bikes will hit the market, NITI Aayog estimates 100% penetration



NITI Aayog, a think tank of the Government of India, has been giving many suggestions for the promotion of electric vehicles for a long time. NITI Aayog and TIFAC have said in the report of Forecasting Penetration of Electric Two-Wheelers in India that by the financial year 2026-27, 100 percent electric two-wheelers will be available in the Indian market.

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Explain that TIFAC is an autonomous organization.

Which was established in the year 1988. This organization monitors the development of technology in the country. It also provides necessary facilities.

It is known for its innovative innovations. TIFAC assists in sectors such as infrastructure, manufacturing capability, policy and technology development. The report said that if through research and development, the range and power of electric vehicles are to grow by 5 per cent by FY 2025-26 and by 10 per cent by FY 2026-27. Then by the financial year 2021-32, the penetration of electric vehicles will be 72 percent.

At the same time, it has also been said that by the financial year 2028-29, the sales of electric two-wheelers in India can cross 220 lakh units.

8. CRISIL slashes GDP growth forecast for 2022-23 to 7.3 percent



Rating agency CRISIL has reduced India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimate for the financial year 2023. The rating agency has reduced the country's GDP growth rate estimate from 7.8 per cent to 7.3 per cent due to rise in crude oil prices, fall in exports and rising inflation. According to

Crisil, the inflation rate can be 6.8 percent in 2022-23. Decrease in domestic food production due to heat wave, increase in input cost and high international commodity prices are the main reasons for rising inflation in India.

Crisil says that the Indian economy is facing many negative aspects like jump in commodity prices, rise in freight rates, declining exports due to fall in global growth forecast and reduction in private consumption. The rating agency says that India alone is not facing these problems, but their impact is on the whole world.

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- Former diplomat Satinder Lamba, who led the backchannel talks between India and the country, died at the age of 81- **Pakistan**
- International Day of Cooperatives is celebrated on - **First Saturday of July**
- Recently, the state where huge deposits of uranium have been found in Rohil (Khandela tehsil) of Sikri district- **Rajasthan**
- Who has won the title of 'Miss India World 2022' - **Sini Shetty**
- Recently the state government which started "Nari Ko Naman" scheme for the women of the state- **Himachal Pradesh**
- The new chairman of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is- **T. Raja Kumar**

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- Recently the Speaker of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly has been appointed- **Rahul Narvekar**
- India's largest floating solar power plant has been fully commissioned by NTPC in which state- **Telangana**

QUIZ

1. Which state government recently launched "Nari Ko Naman" scheme for the women of the state?

- a. Himachal Pradesh b. Jharkhand
c. Tamil Nadu d. Assam

2. Who among the following is the new chairman of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)?

- a. Pramod Tripathi b. T. Raja Kumar
c. Vishal Agnihotri d. Manoj Sachdeva

3. Who among the following has been appointed as the Speaker of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly recently?

- a. Ramraje Nimblakar b. Ajit Pawar
c. **Rahul Narvekar** d. Devendra Pandavis

4. India's largest floating solar power plant has been fully commissioned by NTPC in which state?

- a. Karnataka b. A state in Eastern India
c. Punjab d. **Telangana**

5. Former diplomat Satinder Lamba, who led the backchannel talks between India and which country, passed away at the age of 81?

- a. Nepal b. **Pakistan**
c. China d. Russia

6. International Day of Cooperatives is celebrated on which of the following day?

- a. **first saturday of july**
b. first sunday of march
c. first monday of august
d. first tuesday of december

7. Recently huge deposits of uranium have been found in Rohil (Khandela tehsil) of Sikri district of which state?

- a. Bihar b. Punjab
c. **Rajasthan** d. Tamil Nadu

8. Who among the following has won the title of 'Miss India World 2022'?

- a. Shinata Chauhan b. Pragya Ayyagari
c. Gargi Nandi d. **Sini Shetty**