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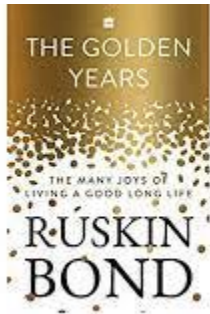


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1. A new book titled 'The Golden Years' by Ruskin Bond



Indian author Ruskin Bond wrote a book titled "The Golden Years: The Many Joys of Living a Good Long Life". The Golden Years book is published by HarperCollins India and released on 19 May 2023, Bond's 89th birthday. "The Golden Years" focuses on Bond's experiences during the 60s, 70s and 80s. He was born on 19 May 1934 in Kasauli, Punjab States Agency, British India. His first book, "The Room on the Roof", was written when he was 17 and featured the semi-autobiographical character Rusty. In 1992, Bond received the SahityaAkademi Award for his work "Our Tree Still Grows in Dehra". He was awarded the Padma Shri in 1999 and the Padma Bhushan in 2014 for his contribution to literature and education.

2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the G-7 summit held in Hiroshima, Japan



Prime Minister Narendra Modi (PM Modi) reached the conference venue to participate in the G7 Summit 2023. During this, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida warmly welcomed him. Before reaching the conference venue, PM Modi

also held a meeting with his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida. After this he also unveiled the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Hiroshima. Amid China's military expansion in the South China Sea and East China Sea, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India is committed to safeguarding its sovereignty and integrity by promoting peaceful resolution of maritime disputes on the basis of international law. In an interview with the Japanese newspaper Yomiuri Shimbun, PM Modi during his visit to Hiroshima to attend the G7 summit said that the G7 and G20 summits are important platforms for global cooperation.

3. Chile's 5,000-year-old tree recognized as world's oldest tree



A 5,000-year-old tree in Chile has been officially recognized as the oldest tree in the world. The tree, a Patagonian cypress, is located in Alerce Costero National Park and has been nicknamed "Great Grandfather". It is estimated to be between 5,000 and 6,500 years old, making it the oldest living organism on Earth. The great-grandfather's tree is a massive specimen, growing to 28 m tall and 4 m (13 ft) in diameter. It is believed to have survived several major climate changes over the centuries, including the Little Ice Age. The tree is also a popular tourist destination, in which thousands of visitors come to see it every year. The discovery of Great Grandfather's tree is a reminder of the importance of protecting our forests. These ancient trees are a valuable part of our planet's natural heritage and they play an important role in the environment. We must do everything we can to ensure that they are preserved for future generations.

4. Unveiling of Mahatma Gandhi's statue in Hiroshima



Unveiling a life-size statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Hiroshima, Japan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Gandhian ideals of peace resonate across the world and give strength to millions. Modi said in a tweet, unveiled the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Hiroshima. This statue in Hiroshima gives a very important message. Gandhian ideals of peace and harmony resonate globally and give strength to millions. He also attached a photograph of himself praying in front of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi. Earlier in the day, the Prime Minister also held a meeting with his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida.

5. New Chief Minister of Karnataka Siddaramaiah takes oath as Chief Minister



Veteran Congress leader Siddaramaiah took oath as the 30th Chief Minister of Karnataka. Apart from this, DK Shivakumar took oath as the Deputy Chief Minister in the new government. Eight other MLAs found place in the Siddaramaiah cabinet. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi reached the

program. At the same time, many CMs of non-BJP ruled states also reached the function on this occasion. After presiding over the first cabinet meeting after taking oath as Chief Minister, the newly elected Chief Minister of Karnataka, Siddaramaiah said that his government is committed to fulfilling the promises made by the party before the elections. Will issue orders for He also said that his government would give an administration as per the expectations of the people of Karnataka. Several notable leaders have been invited to the swearing-in ceremony, including Mamata Banerjee and Nitish Kumar. And elaborate security measures will be taken for the event. Siddaramaiah has also been appointed as the new leader of the Congress Legislature Party and has met the Karnataka government to stake claim to form the government.

6. Profits of PSU banks at a record high of Rs 1 lakh crore in FY23



PSU BANKS

The profit of public sector banks has crossed the figure of one lakh crore in the financial year 2022-23. More than half of this contribution came from the country's largest public sector bank State Bank of India. Analyzing the results released by the bank, it was found that in the financial year 2017-18, a loss of Rs 85,390 crore has been registered by the government bank, while in the financial year 2022-23 this figure will reach Rs 1,04,649 crore. Has gone. A jump of 57 percent has been registered in the financial year 2022-23 in the profits of 12 banks of the country. In 2021-22, banks have registered a profit of Rs 66,539.98 crore. In percentage terms, Bank of Maharashtra's

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profit has increased the most by 126 percent to Rs 2,602 crore in 2022-23. After this, UCO Bank's profit increased by 100 percent to Rs 1,862 crore and Bank of Baroda's profit increased by 94 percent to Rs 14,110 crore. There itself,

7. India sent arms worth ₹422 crore to Myanmar government: UN



According to a UN report, since the February 2021 coup, India has sent weapons and related material worth \$51 million (₹422 crore) to the military in Myanmar. According to the experts of the United Nations, this purchase has been done by the Myanmar army despite the restrictions imposed on it. The UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, Tom Andrews, said that apart from India, Russia, China, Singapore and Thailand have also provided military assistance to the Myanmar junta. Although India's aid was smaller than that of Russia, China and Singapore, it was higher than that of Thailand. Russia is at the forefront of giving weapons to Myanmar's army. In 2 years, Russia has given weapons worth 4 thousand crore rupees to Myanmar. At the same time, they have received weapons worth 2 thousand crores from China. The report claimed that Russia, in supplying arms and materials to Myanmar, Government companies of China and India are also involved. The UN special envoy said the Myanmar military and its arms dealers have figured out how to manipulate the system. Andrews said this is because sanctions are not being adequately

enforced and that arms dealers linked to the junta have been able to set up shell companies.

8. Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of National Academy of Coastal Policing campus in Dwarka, Gujarat



Home Minister Amit Shah attended a BSF event in Gujarat's Dwarka. He laid the foundation stone for the permanent campus of the National Academy of Coastal Policing (NACP) at Okha. This campus is being built at a cost of Rs 470 crore. Amit Shah also virtually inaugurated five posts of BSF in Kutch district in this programme. These are among the 18 coastal outposts built at a cost of Rs 164 crore. BSF Gujarat Frontier said that 9 states along the sea border, NACP was established to strengthen the maritime borders of the 5 Union Territories. The central government has also sanctioned Rs 441 crore for this. On a two-day tour, Amit Shah will also visit Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar after Dwarka. He will inaugurate a national convention of the Modi community in Ahmedabad. Apart from this, Shah will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of various development projects of Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation. He will also participate in the cricket competition program organized at Gandhinagar North assembly seat. At the same time, 320 buses of the State Road Transport Corporation will also be commissioned.

ONE LINER

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In which state the species of 'flying lizard' has been found - **Mizoram**

Recently RBI has announced withdrawal of 'How many notes' - **2000**

Which award has been conferred on 'Salman Rushdie' recently - **Centenary Courage Award**

Recently India and Bangladesh have launched a Kiss program to promote cooperation and partnership between the entrepreneurial communities of both the countries - **'Start-up Exchange Program'**

Which state has won the '13th Hockey India' Sub-Junior Women's National Championship - **Haryana**

Which state has reached second place in the list of 'getting maximum GI Tags' - **Uttar Pradesh**

Recently who has been appointed as the new Chief Financial Officer of Vedanta - **SonalSrivastava**

Interior designer Gauri Khan has launched her new book - **My Life in Design**

Which has emerged as an important initiative by the Odisha government to revive the cultivation of millets and support the farmers - **Odisha Millet Mission**

Recently Amy Pope has been elected as the next Director General of – **International Organization for Migration (IOM)**

Who has been sworn in as the chairman of the 'Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)' - **ManojSoni**

QUIZ

1. Where did Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar preside over the meeting of Agriculture Ministers of SCO recently?

- a. Kolkata
- b. New Delhi
- c. Hyderabad
- d. Srinagar

Ans. On May 12, 2023, in the country's capital Delhi, the 8th meeting of Agriculture Ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member countries was held through video conferencing under the chairmanship of Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar.

2. Recently who will roll out its Generative AI chatbot 'Bard' in more than 180 countries including India?

- a. Chat GPT
- b. Google
- c. Zoom
- d. amazon

Ans. Google has launched its artificial intelligence based chatbot Bard AI in more than 180 countries including India. Earlier it was launched in America and Britain. In addition to English, Bard is now also available in Japanese and Korean. The company said that it is preparing to support 40 languages soon.

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3. Recently the Chief Minister of which state has launched 'GeetaKarmikulaBimaYojana'?

- a. Assam
- b. Gujarat
- c. Telangana
- d. Madhya Pradesh

Ans. Telangana government has announced a new insurance scheme for Toddy Tappers called 'GeethaKarmikulaBheema'. The scheme is similar to the 'RythuBheema' program for farmers and aims to provide financial assistance to families of toddy growers who die due to accidents while collecting toddy from palm trees in the fields.

4. Where has India hosted the physical Shanghai Cooperation Organization Startup Forum for the first time recently?

- a. New Delhi
- b. Nagpur
- c. Ranchi
- d. Hyderabad

Ans. India Hosts Physical Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Startup Forum for the First Time in New Delhi Organized edition.

5. Recently UK has given long range cruise missiles to which country?

- a. Russia
- b. Ukraine
- c. Australia
- d. Japan

Ans. According to British Defense Minister Ben Wallace, Britain is 'donating' 'Storm Shadow' missiles to Ukraine. The 'Storm

Shadow' has the capability to hit targets at long ranges and has a strike range of more than 250 kms.

6. In which state the species of 'flying lizard' has been found?

- a. Assam
- b. Mizoram
- c. Hyderabad
- d. Srinagar

Ans. A new species of 'Flying Gecko' has been discovered in Mizoram, India, named GekkoMizoramensis after the state. This lizard has been discovered by researchers from Mizoram University and Max Planck Institute for Biology in Tübingen, Germany.

7. In which state's 'Tuljabhavani Temple' the dress code has been implemented for the devotees?

- a. Tamil Nadu
- b. Rajasthan
- c. West Bengal
- d. Maharashtra

Ans. Dress code has been implemented for devotees in 'Tuljabhavani Temple' of Maharashtra. The move is aimed at ensuring that the sanctity of the shrine is maintained. The temple authorities have put up boards at the entrance asking devotees not to enter the premises in Bermudas, half pants or any open clothing. The board, addressing devotees in Marathi, read: "Indecent dress, indecent clothing and display of body parts, half pants and Bermuda (shorts) will not be allowed in the temple". It read, "Please keep Indian culture in mind."

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8. The book "Guts an Amidst Bloodbath: The AnshumanGaekwad Narrative" authored by whom has been released?

- a. AdityaBhushan
- b. Indira Goswami
- c. RadhikaJha
- d. VishwanathGhosh

Ans. AdityaBhushan's book "Guts an Amidst Bloodbath: The AnshumanGaekwad Narrative" released Former Indian Test cricketer AnshumanGaikwad released his semi-autobiographical book "Guts an Amidst Bloodbath" at the Cricket Club of India (CCI).

