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## 1. India 's Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam to start second hydropower project 'Arun 4' in Nepal



Nepal has given permission to India's Sutlej Jal Vidyut Nigam – SJVN to start the second hydroelectric project in Nepal. SJVN is currently developing the 900 MW Arun-3 Hydroelectric Project on the Arun River in eastern Nepal. It is likely to be completed in the year 2024. That the Nepal Investment Board meeting chaired by Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda approved the draft project development agreement. The agreement will be signed with Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam of India to develop the 669 MW Lower Arun Hydroelectric Project in Eastern Nepal. The project will need the approval of the Council of Ministers of Nepal before it can be implemented. In an earlier meeting of the Nepal Investment Board, an investment of 92 billion 68 crore rupees was approved for this project.

## 2. Maharashtra government approves gender inclusive tourism policy 'I'



In a bid to empower women in the tourism sector, the Maharashtra cabinet approved the implementation of a 'Gender Inclusive Tourism Policy' named 'I' under the 'Amrit Mahotsav of Independence'. The policy will be implemented through Directorate of Tourism and Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation in

coordination with various schemes of all concerned departments. That in this policy women entrepreneurship development, infrastructure for women, priority to safety of women tourists, for women tourists Five principles of customized products, discounts and travel and tourism development will be adopted. To provide business and employment opportunities to women in the field of tourism and to provide women tourists with the benefit of safe tourism, Various measures will be taken for this. 10 women owned and operated tourism businesses registered with the Directorate of Tourism in each taluka of the state will be assisted to set up tourism business.

## 3. Angshumali Rastogi becomes India's representative in the International Civil Aviation Organization



Senior bureaucrat Angshumali Rastogi has been appointed India's representative on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal, Canada. This information was given by the Ministry of Personnel. Rastogi, a 1995 batch officer of the Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineers (IRSME), has been appointed in place of Shefali Juneja for three years. Hemang Jani, Secretary, Capacity Building Commission, has been named Senior Advisor to the Executive Director of the World Bank, Washington DC for three years Sai Venkata Ramana Anil Das will be the Advisor to the Executive Director of the World Bank, Washington DC for three years. He will replace Suresh Yadav. That the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved 12 appointments to fill up various overseas posts. ,

## 4. Sachin Tendulkar named 'Smile Ambassador' for oral hygiene campaign in Maharashtra



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Legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar was made the 'Smile Ambassador' of the Clean Mouth Campaign of Maharashtra. This is a campaign related to promoting oral hygiene. Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Tendulkar. Sachin Tendulkar will be the 'brand ambassador' of the campaign for the next five years. Swachh Mukh Abhiyan is a national campaign launched by the 'Indian Dental Association' to improve oral hygiene and educate people about its importance. Brushing teeth, washing mouth, eating clean food, avoiding cigarette smoking and visiting the dentist at least twice a year are among the five key messages promoted under the campaign.

## 5. India won the NSC-CAVA Women's Volleyball Challenge Cup 2023 title



In a historic performance, the Indian women's team has won the KAVA (Central Asian Volleyball Association) Volleyball Challenge Cup title held in Kathmandu. The Indian women's team defeated Kazakhstan in straight sets 3-0 (25-15, 25-22, 25-18) in the final played on . Indian team captain Nirmal Tanwar, Prerna, Surya and K.S. Genie did a great job. Inspirational coaching by head coach Pritam Singh Chauhan and assistant coach Vaishali Fadtare also played a key role in this victory. Pro. (Dr.) Achyut Samant (Member of Parliament and President of Volleyball Federation of India) and all the

office bearers of Volleyball Federation of India congratulated all the players and coaching staff for this wonderful victory.

## 6. Justice Mamidanna Satya Ratna Sri Ramachandra Rao became the 28th Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh



Justice Mamidanna Satya Ratna Sri Ramachandra Rao has officially become the 28th Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court. Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla administered the oath of office to Justice Rao at a function held at the Raj Bhavan. Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu was also present in the programme. The proceedings of the swearing-in ceremony were conducted by Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena Justice MS Ramachandra Rao was born on August 7, 1966 in Hyderabad. He completed BSc (Hons) in Mathematics from Bhavan's New Science College, Osmania in 1989 and LLB from University College of Law, Osmania University Hyderabad. His father is former Supreme Court judge, Justice M. Jagannath Rao, who served as the chairman of the Law Commission of India. Justice Rao started his legal career as an advocate in September 1989 and later graduated from Cambridge University in 1991. ,

## 7. Ajay Yadav takes charge as MD of SECI



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Ajay Yadav has taken over as the Managing Director of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI). SECI is the nodal agency of the Central Government for the auction of renewable energy projects. SECI, established in 2011, is a Miniratna Category-I Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE), functioning as the primary implementing agency for renewable energy schemes and projects under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India. With over 58 GW of renewable energy (RE) project capacities, SECI has played a significant role in driving the growth of India's renewable energy sector. The corporation has been playing an important role in promoting and facilitating investments in solar power projects, making a significant contribution to the country's sustainable energy goals. Notable achievements of SECI include trading of over 35 billion units (BU) of renewable energy (RE) electricity during the financial year 2022-23,

## 8. Indian Economy: Magnificent Growth in GDP in 2022-23



India's economy demonstrated significant growth with a GDP growth rate of 6.1% in the January-March quarter of 2022-23. This growth, mainly driven by better performance in the agriculture, manufacturing, mining and construction sectors, contributed to an annual growth rate of 7.2%. The strong growth propelled the Indian economy to reach \$3.3 trillion and set the stage for achieving the ambitious target of \$5 trillion in the coming years. 2022-23 GDP growth: **The March 2023 quarter GDP growth rate was recorded at 6.1%, showing a steady expansion from the previous quarters.** The growth rates for October-December 2022 and July-September 2022 stood at 4.5% and 6.2%, respectively. Taking into account the cumulative growth in the entire financial year, the economy is projected to grow by 7.2% in 2022-23. This is 9.0 percent of the previous financial year 2021-22. A little less than 1%

growth rate. Comparative growth with China: In the first three months of 2023, China recorded an economic growth rate of 4.5%, highlighting India's relatively high growth trajectory.

### QUIZ

1. Who has been nominated as the 'Smile Ambassador' by the Government of Maharashtra ?

- (a) Sachin Tendulkar
- (b) Sunil Gavaskar
- (c) M S Dhoni
- (d) Virat Kohli

**EXPLANATION** :-Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with former Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar. Under which he has been named as 'Smile Ambassador'. He will be the brand ambassador of the campaign for the next five years.

2. When will the Shanghai Cooperation Summit (SCO) be organized in the hosting of India ?

- (a) 02 July
- (b) 03 July
- (c) 04 July
- (d) 05 July

**EXPLANATION** - : The Shanghai Cooperation Summit (SCO) summit will be organized in virtual format on 4 July 2023, hosted by India. This conference was to be organized in Delhi, but now it will be organized in virtual form. \_SCO Foreign Minister The meeting was held in Goa earlier this month. \_PM Narendra Modi will preside over the 22nd SCO summit on July 4.

3. Where will the 14th Clean Energy Meeting with the G20 Energy Transition Ministerial be held ?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Goa
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Himachal Pradesh

**EXPLANATION** - : India will host the 14th Clean Energy Ministerial and 8th Mission Innovation Meeting along with G20 Energy Transition Ministerial in Goa. This meeting will be held in Goa from July 19 to July 22, 2023. This year's theme is "Clean Energy \_ Based on the theme "Advancing Clean Energy Together". Recently Union Ministers R.K.Singh and Dr.Jitendra Singh unveiled the website and logo for the 14th Clean

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Energy Ministerial and 8th Mission Innovation Meeting Was

**4. Who has been appointed as the new acting DGP of Uttar Pradesh ?**

- (a) Vijay Kumar
- (b) Ajay Sinha
- (c) Vinod Chauhan
- (d) Mukul Goyal

**EXPLANATION-** : The Yogi government of Uttar Pradesh appointed 1988 batch IPS officer Vijay Kumar as the new caretaker DGP of the state. The tenure of the current DGP RK Vishwakarma ends on May 31. IPS Vijay Kumar will replace RK Vishwakarma. Vijay Kumar currently also holds the charge of DG CB-CID and DG Vigilance. The Yogi government of the state has appointed acting DGP for the third time in a row instead of permanent DGP.

**5. When is World No Tobacco Day celebrated every year ?**

- (a) May 29
- (b) 30 May
- (c) 31st May
- (d) June 01

**EXPLANATION-**World No Tobacco Day is celebrated every year on 31st May all over the world. Its purpose is to create awareness among people about the harmful effects of tobacco consumption. The theme of this year's World No Tobacco Day is "We need food, not tobacco" . The member countries of the World Health Organization established World No Tobacco Day in the year 1987.

**6. Which state government has launched the Nammo Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana?**

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Haryana

**EXPLANATION** - : Maharashtra government has approved a new financial scheme under which Rs 6,000 will be paid annually to over one crore farmers in the state. The 'Nammo Shetkari Mahasanman Yojana' was approved in a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde in Mumbai on 30 May. Chief Minister Shinde said that this amount is in addition to

the Rs 6,000 being given to farmers by the Center under the PM Kisan Yojana.

**7. In which city the 8th International Convention of Spic Macay has been inaugurated?**

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Patna
- (d) Nagpur

**EXPLANATION** -: In Nagpur, the 8th International Convention of the Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music among Youth- SPIC MACAY was inaugurated at Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology-VNIT in Nagpur. The main objective of this conference is to make the new generation aware of Indian culture and traditions and to provide Gurukul Ashram-like environment to music learners.

**8. Which state has recently achieved 100% coverage under 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana' ?**

- (a) Chhattisgarh
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Kerala

**EXPLANATION** - : Telangana state has achieved a significant milestone in financial inclusion by achieving 100% coverage of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY). Since the launch of this National Mission, the State has made remarkable progress in extending banking services to all sections of the population. PMJDY is a national mission for financial inclusion that aims to provide affordable access to financial services such as banking, savings and deposit accounts, remittances, credit, insurance and pension.

## ONE LINER

India and which country have agreed to create opportunities for lifelong learning – **Singapore** .

According to the SBI report , what is the estimated GDP growth rate of India in FY 2023 – **7.1 %**

Which company has developed ethanol blending to reduce carbon emissions – **BPCL**

When was the International Day of UN Peacekeepers 2023 celebrated recently – **29 May** .

Tayyab Erdogan has been re - elected as the President of which country – **Turkey**



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Which Indian shuttler has won Malaysia Masters 2023 title recently – **HS Prannoy**

GH Nayak recently passed away , what field did he belong to – **writing**

When has World No Tobacco Day been observed recently - **31st May**

Which airways has recently been named the Greenest Airline of 2023 – **Etihad Airways**

Recently in which country the first IIT will open - **Tanzania**

