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1. India's GDP to grow at 7.2 percent in FY 2022-23



India remains one of the fastest growing economic countries in the world. Due to the better performance of agriculture, manufacturing, mining and construction sectors, the country's economic growth rate stood at 6.1 percent in the fourth quarter of the last financial year 2022-23. With this, the GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth rate during the entire fiscal reached 7.2 per cent, which is higher than the estimate. Asia's third-largest economy grew at 6.1 per cent in the January-March quarter, beating all estimates. This is higher than 4.5 per cent in the previous quarter. According to data from the National Statistical Office, the growth rate in the January-March quarter of the financial year 2022-23 stood at 6.1 percent. Whereas before this, it was 4.5 per cent in the October-December quarter and 6.5 per cent in the July-September quarter. was 2 percent. In the second advance estimate released by the National Statistics Office in February, the country's growth rate was expected to be seven percent. With this, India remains a country achieving the fastest economic growth rate. The growth rate in China was 4.5 per cent in the January-March quarter this year.

2. Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi of India won the Sharjah Masters International Chess Championship 2023



India's Grandmaster Arjun Arigasi has won the title of Sharjah Masters, which is considered to be the strongest tournament in the history. Arjun was the only player to win in the ninth round among the 8 players who were in the joint lead just before the final round, Arjun defeated Nodirbek Yakubboev of Uzbekistan in the final round by scoring 6.5 points, with this performance Arjun Your rating has once again crossed 2700 points. India's D Gukesh played brilliantly throughout the tournament and in the final round, he could have won the Sharjah Masters by winning a seemingly better match against Iran's Amin Tabatabai. Their match ended in a draw and Gukesh was ranked third, while Samuel Savian of USA finished second on the basis of better tiebreak by scoring 6 points after playing a draw against compatriot Oparin Grigoriy in the final round.

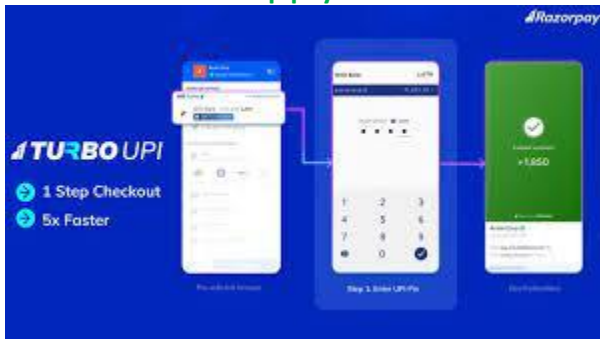
3. Etihad Airways wins 'Environmental Airline of the Year 2023' award



Etihad Airways has been named as the Environment Airline of the Year 2023 for the second year in a row at the Airline Ratings Awards. The Airline Rating Awards acknowledge the best of the aviation industry and rank airlines on their innovation, route network and safety scores against strict assessment criteria. The awards demonstrate Etihad's commitment to sustainable aviation through innovation and collaboration, and Abu Dhabi Recognized for the world's dedication to driving change and results. Etihad was crowned the environmental airline of the year as well as placed third in Airline Rating's "Top 10 Airlines" award, which critiques airlines on comfort, innovation, value and safety in economy, business and first class. Etihad's sustainability strategy to reduce emissions through in-sector measures,

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4. Fintech unicorn Razorpay launches 'Turbo UPI', India's fastest one-step payment solution



Razorpay, a leading fintech unicorn, has introduced 'Turbo UPI', a revolutionary one-step payment solution for the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) network. In association with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Axis Bank, Razorpay aims to streamline the payment process for users, allowing them to pay directly without being redirected to third-party UPI apps during checkout. Turbo UPI provides a seamless and hassle-free payment experience, eliminating the need for users to switch between multiple apps during the checkout process. Unlike traditional UPI transactions which involve multiple steps, and improves user convenience. Simplifying the payment journey, Razorpay aims to increase the success rate of UPI transactions for businesses by up to 10%. One of the standout features of Turbo UPI is its ability to provide merchants with valuable insights into end-users' drop-off patterns. This valuable data enables merchants to optimize their payment processes and enhance the overall payment experience for customers.

5. Chamanlal became the first Lord Mayor of Indian origin in Birmingham, UK



Coming from the Ravidasia community of British Sikhs, Chamanlal was born in Pakhowal village of Hoshiarpur before moving to Britain. where he served as a local councilor for many years. As a Labor Party politician, he was first elected councilor in 1994. Was re-elected councilor for the Soho and Jewellery Quarter wards in the most recent local elections. Chaman Lal said in his speech at a function last week – It is a proud moment for me and our family to be elected Lord Mayor as the son of an army officer born in India. I was adopted by this city and never thought that one day I would be the Lord Mayor of this city. Chaman Lal's father Sardar Harnam Singh Banga was a British Indian Army officer. He served in the Italian campaign during World War II. Chamanlal's father came to England in 1954 and served and employed with British Steel for many years.

6. FAO issues early warning report on food security 'Hunger Hotspots: Acute Food Insecurity'



India's neighboring countries, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Myanmar, are among the world's hunger hotspots, a new UN early warning report has found, warning of growing acute food insecurity in many parts of the world. Deepening economic shocks continue to push low- and middle-income countries into crisis, and a possible El Niño climate event is raising fears of climate extremes in vulnerable countries around the world, saving lives and livelihoods in hotspots and increasing hunger. And urgent humanitarian action is needed to prevent death where there is a high risk of worsening acute hunger. Many hotspots are facing a growing hunger crisis, the report said, highlighting the worrying multiplier effect that simultaneous and overlapping shocks are having on acute food insecurity. Conflict, extreme climate and economic shocks are putting more and more communities at risk.

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7. Shashi Tharoor released a book titled "Ringside" written by Dr. Vijay Darda



Noted author and Congress MP Dr. Shashi Tharoor released the book "Ringside" written by Lokmat Media Group Editorial Board Chairman and former MP Dr. Vijay Darda. This book is a delectable compilation of Darda's weekly articles, which were published between 2011 and 2016 in Lokmat Media Group's newspapers and other leading national and regional dailies in the country. As a follow-up to his previous book "Straight Thoughts", which included articles from 2004 to 2011, this latest work delves into a diverse range of topics beyond political developments and events, bringing "Ringside" readers to science, the environment, the economy, Security, Social Development, Sports, Art, Culture, Will take you on an intellectual journey of foreign policy and national and international affairs. Noted author and former advisor to the then Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, Dr. Sanjay Baru was also part of the occasion which was held at the Speaker's Hall of the Constitution Club of India, Rafi Marg in New Delhi.

8. Ashwani Kumar appointed as MD of UCO Bank



The government has appointed Ashwani Kumar as the Managing Director of UCO Bank in place of Soma Shankar Prasad. Kumar is currently the Executive Director of Indian Bank and before that, he served as the Chief General Manager of Punjab National Bank. That the Central Government appoints Ashwani Kumar as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer in UCO Bank for three years. The appointment will be effective from the date of assumption of charge on or after June 1, 2023 or until further orders. Kumar, a chartered accountant, is working in various offices of five public sector banks, Bank of Baroda, Corporation Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce, Punjab National Bank and Indian Bank. His work experience includes working in the Wholesale Banking Division and as Head of several Branches (including Industrial Finance Branches). As General Manager,

QUIZ

1. Which country's King Norodom Sihamoni is on his first state visit to India?

- (a) Bhutan
- (b) Indonesia
- (c) Cambodia
- (d) Qatar

EXPLANATION -: King Norodom Sihamoni of Cambodia is on his first state visit to India. This is the first visit of the King of Cambodia to India since the present King's father King Norodom Sihanouk came to India in 1963. The Cambodian King also held bilateral meetings with the President and the Prime Minister. India has announced a grant of USD 1.5 million for the acquisition of mining equipment in Cambodia.

2. Which railway zone has named train engines after martyrs?

- (a) Northern Railway
- (b) Central Railway
- (c) North Central Railway
- (d) Southern Railway

EXPLANATION -: The 'Northern Railway' zone of the Indian Railways has named its diesel locomotives after the martyrs as a tribute to the martyrs. Ministry of Railways has given information about this by sharing video and

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picture through a tweet. It was written in the tweet that 'Indian Railways salutes the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the country'. The name of Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan, who was martyred in the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, is written on one of them.

3. Who has been appointed by the Central Government as the MD and CEO of UCO Bank ?

- (a) Ajay Bhalla
- (b) Ashwani Kumar
- (c) Discretionary
- (d) Ajay Sinha

EXPLANATION -: The central government has appointed Ashwani Kumar as the MD and CEO of UCO Bank. Prior to this, Ashwani was the Executive Director of Indian Bank. Ashwani Kumar will replace Soma Shankar Prasad as MD and CEO. Ashwani has served as the Chief General Manager of Punjab National Bank. As General Manager, he was heading the Mid Corporate and Large Corporate verticals and was also the Chief Financial Officer. The appointment will be effective from the date of assumption of charge on or after June 1, 2023 or until further orders.

4. Where was the National Training Center of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India inaugurated ?

- (a) Ghaziabad
- (b) Lucknow
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Guwahati

EXPLANATION -: Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the state-of-the-art National Training Center for the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. An e-learning app- Food Safety and Certification (FoSTaC) was also launched on the occasion. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India is a statutory body under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

5. Which state's Ahmednagar is named after Ahilyabai Holkar?

- (a) Jharkhand
- (b) Chhattisgarh
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Tamil Nadu

EXPLANATION -: Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde has announced to change the name of Ahmednagar district, now this district will be named after Ahilya Bai Holkar. Announced on Wednesday, it should be noted that Ahilyabai Holkar's birth anniversary is on May 31, on this occasion, CM Shinde announced to change the name of the district. Keep in mind that the demand to change the name of the district was continuously being made, on which the Shinde government has implemented.

6. Which state cabinet has recently approved the gender inclusive tourism policy?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Haryana

EXPLANATION -: To empower women in the tourism sector, the Maharashtra cabinet has approved a gender - inclusive tourism policy under the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence. Similarly permission has also been given to start women bike taxi service from some tourist places in the state. This policy will be implemented through the Directorate of Tourism and Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation in coordination with various schemes of all concerned departments. __

7. In which university Hindi course has been started recently?

- (a) Oxford University
- (b) Stanford University
- (c) Columbia University
- (d) University of Edinburgh

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EXPLANATION -: The University of Edinburgh and the Indian Consulate in the UK collaborated to create the first open access course in the Hindi language . Developed with the help of translators and in partnership with the Edinburgh Climate Change Institute and the Government of India , a course called “ Climate Solutions ” Went. Professor Dave Ray , Executive Director of the Edinburgh Climate Change Institute , and other climate change experts collaborated to design and deliver the course .

8. Which payment gateway has launched ' Turbo UPI ' service ?

- (a) Paytm
- (b) Google Pay
- (c) on the phone
- (d) Razorpay

EXPLANATION -: Payment gateway Razorpay has launched 'Turbo UPI' service to enable online merchant customers to make UPI payments directly without redirecting them to third party UPI apps during checkout . According to the company, the new feature further simplifies the payment process. Razorpay is an India-based, fintech company founded in 2013 providing payment gateway services to sellers, merchants and ecommerce platforms.

ONE LINER

When is World Dairy Day celebrated – **01 June .**
Who has been appointed as the new MD of UCO Bank – **Ashwani Kumar.**
Canada has become the first country in the world to put health warnings on individual cigarettes . - **Canada**
Which is the most valuable football club according to Forbes magazine – **Real Madrid .**
Namo Shetkari Mahasamman Yojana has been started by which state government – **Maharashtra**
.

Which country 's company will make 100 Vande Bharat trains by Alstom – **France .**

Sachin Tendulkar has recently been named the Smile Ambassador for the Oral Hygiene Campaign in **Maharashtra .**

Which country has recently been removed from the USA led maritime alliance – **UAE**

Which country has recently emerged as the top source of FDI in Dubai – **India .**

Recently successfully tested drug delivery through drone – **Dubai .**