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## 1. Remains of the 'pre-urban' phase of the Harappan civilization found in Juna Khatiya village of Gujarat



A 16-hectare expanse of dry, arid soil on the outskirts of Khatiya village in Gujarat's Kutch district holds many wonders. A bangle of an oyster, pottery, stone blades, even the remains of a human skeleton. Since 2018, a multi-disciplinary international team of archaeologists has discovered 500 tombs and excavated 197 of them. After this many secrets are revealed from the deep site. That the cemetery, believed to be 5,000 years old, belonged to the 'pre-urban' phase of the Harappa Civilization. They are still looking for clues to see whether such a large burial ground could have served as a major human settlement in the vicinity that flourished along the Indus River from about 5,000 BCE to 1,000 BCE. Was swollen While 2 from 5,000 BC to 2,600 BC,

## 2. First Premier Handball League-2023 to be organized in Jaipur, Rajasthan



The Premier Handball League (PHL) announced the schedule for its inaugural season. The matches of this much-awaited league being organized for the first time in India will be played at the Sawai Mansingh Indoor Stadium in Jaipur. The six teams in the league will play against each other in a round-robin format consisting of

30 matches. This will be followed by three knockout matches to decide the champion of the first season. A total of 33 matches will be played during the entire tournament and it will take 18 days. Each team will have to play at least 10 matches. Each team will consist of 17 players. These will include 14 Indian and three foreign players. Rajasthan Patriots, Proud Gujarat, Maharashtra Ironmen, Golden Eagles Uttar Pradesh, Delhi Panzers and Telugu Talons. The tournament will begin with an interesting match between Rajasthan Patriots and Maharashtra Ironmen. Abhinav Banthia, Chairman, Blue Sport Entertainment Pvt Ltd said, "I can feel the excitement among the fans as the premier handball league is being talked about everywhere.

## 3. Second session of Inter-Governmental Negotiating Committee (INC-2) of United Nations Environment Program held in Paris, France



UN experts have expressed concern over rising plastic pollution, saying its "rising tide" is threatening the environment and human rights. That, "In recent decades the production of plastics has increased rapidly and today the world is generating an average of 400 million tons of plastic waste every year." In its life cycle, it is affecting human rights in different ways. According to him, we are in the midst of an extremely toxic wave. The life cycle of plastic is affecting the healthy environment, life, food, water and shelter in myriad ways, which are human rights of every human being. That plastic which is almost entirely dependent on fossil fuels. During its production their harmful substances are released. It contains toxic chemicals that are a threat to human health and the environment. At the same time,

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the waste thrown after their use is contaminating our planet.

#### 4. 'Posan Poya festival' dedicated to Buddhism was organized in Sri Lanka



Full moon has special significance in Buddhism. All the important events related to the life of Lord Buddha took place on the full moon. Sanghamitra, the daughter of Emperor Ashoka, planted a sapling of the Bodhi tree in Sri Lanka on this day. On the occasion of Jyestha Purnima, a special puja was performed at Buddha Ghat under the chairmanship of monk Bodyang Gautam. That Sanghamitra, the daughter of Emperor Ashoka, planted the Bodhi tree by taking it from Bodh Gaya to Anuradhapur in Sri Lanka on Jyeshtha Purnima itself. The Mahasamaya Sutta was preached by Lord Buddha during the 15th Varshavas at Kapilavastu. On this day Tapasu and Bhallik were initiated by Lord Buddha. That on Jyeshtha Shukla Trayodashi, the bone remains of Buddha were distributed in Kushinagar. Worship was also done on that occasion. Bhante Mulchand Nag, Bhante Meghanand, Bhante Sheelsagar, Bhante Sariputra, Bhante Sanghvansh, Dhammavansh, Harikrishna, Parag Gautam, Ramnath, Ram Bharos etc. were present. Thai Buddhist monk Khomsan aims to plant one crore saplings Dr. P. Khomsan, Monk Incharge of Thai Buddhist Monastery Shravasti, inspired by Lord Buddha's attachment to forests, has set a target of planting one crore saplings in his lifetime.

#### 5. Denis Francis, Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago, to preside over the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly



Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago Denis Francis has been elected as the next President of the 193-member General Assembly of the United Nations. Francis, the Caribbean country's longest-serving ambassador, will preside over the 78th session of the General Assembly starting in September, which will be attended by world leaders. Francis is elected amid thunderous applause. He will succeed Ksaba Korosi of Hungary, who has been a diplomat for nearly 40 years. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres praised Corosi, saying, "I will miss his advice and guidance." Unlike the resolutions of the Security Council of the United Nations, the resolutions of the General Assembly are not legally binding, but they are important as representing world opinion. He has declared peace, prosperity, progress and sustainability as his priorities.

#### 6. Kavach for Rail Safety in India: Indigenous Automatic Train Protection System



A significant step towards improving train operation safety in India has been taken by the Ministry of Railways with the development of Kavach, an indigenous Automatic Train Protection System. The Research Designs and Standards Organization (RDSO) collaborated with three Indian vendors to make the armour, which helps locomotive pilots avoid Signal Passing at Danger (SPAD) and drive at high speed while

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facing adverse conditions like thick fog. Also assists in train operations during inclement weather conditions. By applying brakes automatically when necessary, Kavach ensures better control of train speed and prevents potential accidents. Kavach is a cost-effective solution certified with Security Integrity Level 4 (SIL-4), an incredibly low margin of error (10, Ensures high safety standards with 1 error in 000 years). Its implementation is part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, with plans to expand it to a network spread over 2,000 km by 2022-23.

## 7. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj: A wonderful warrior, self- ruler and a symbol of inspiration



According to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chhatrapati Shivaji set an example of bravery, courage and self-governance, which serves as an inspiration to many. In his recent video message to mark the 350th anniversary of Shivaji Maharaj's coronation ceremony, Modi lauded Shivaji's coronation, emphasizing his role in ending the age-old mindset of subjugation among the people of India. Reiterating his dedication to the values of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat', Modi underlined the paramount importance given to unity and integrity by Shivaji Maharaj when he ruled. Modi praised Shivaji Maharaj's visionary approach towards maritime expansion and management, which is displayed through the many forts built by him that stand proudly even today.

## 8. India 's first deluxe train : Deccan Queen completes 93 years of service



Deccan Queen, the first deluxe train of Indian Railways between Mumbai and Pune, has completed 93 years of service. To be a major milestone in the history of Great Indian Peninsula Railway. Deccan Queen was the first deluxe train service of the Indian Railways which was introduced to run between Mumbai and Pune. It was aptly named "Queen of Deccan". The Deccan Queen was featured with seven coaches with only first and second class bandwagons. However, the third class was introduced in the year 1955. The First Class was abolished on January 1, 1949 and the Second Class was upgraded as First Class and the Third Class was later redesignated as Second Class in April 1974. In 1966, The coaches of the Deccan Queen were replaced with anti-telescopic and steel-bodied integral bogies. Improved design of bogies was incorporated along with improvements in interior furnishings to provide better comfort to rail passengers.

### QUIZ

**1. Who has become the first woman NCC cadet to complete the mountaineering course?**

- (A) Shalini Singh
- (B) Priyanka Singh
- (C) Jigyasa Yadav
- (D) Preeti Kumari

**EXPLANATION - :** Shalini Singh created history by becoming the country 's first woman NCC cadet to complete a mountaineering course in the Himalayan region of Uttarakhand . Lucknow 's 20 - year-old NCC Cadet Shalini Singh has become the first woman cadet in India to complete the Advanced Mountaineering Course .Have gone He climbed a 15,400 ft peak in Dring Valley in

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Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand as part of the course .

**2. Who has launched the '100 Days 100 Pay ' campaign for settlement of unclaimed deposits ?**

- (A) State Bank of India
- (B) Punjab National Bank
- (C) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- (D) Reserve Bank of India

**EXPLANATION - :** The Reserve Bank of India ( RBI) has recently launched '100 Days 100 Pay ' campaign , which aims to trace and settle the top 100 unclaimed deposits of every bank in every district within a period of 100 days . This campaign in the banking system of RBI is part of an ongoing effort to reduce the amount of unclaimed deposits and ensure their correct return to owners or claimants .

**3. According to the Forbes report , who has become the most valuable football club in the world ?**

- (A) Manchester City
- (B) Manchester United
- (C) Real Madrid
- (D) Barcelona

**EXPLANATION -:** According to Forbes , Real Madrid Football Club has been listed as the world 's most valuable football club for the second time in a row , overtaking English club Manchester United . Spanish club, Real Madrid , second consecutive year with a value of USD 6.07 billion year tops the list . The club last topped the table in 2019 . According to Real Madrid 's official website , “ This prestigious publication reports that our club achieved a 19 percent increase in value compared to the previous year .

**4. Which company has topped global brand consultancy Interbrand 's ' Best Indian Brands ' - 2023 list**

(A) Tata Consultancy Services

(B) Reliance Industries

(C) Adani Group

(D) HDFC Bank

**EXPLANATION - :** Interbrand , a renowned global brand consultancy , has announced that Headquartered technology giant TCS and India 's most valuable company Reliance Industries have topped the list of most valuable brands in India . Brands worth Rs 1.09 lakh crore by value , TCS tops the list for 2023 , followed by billionaire Mukesh Ambani - led Reliance Industries with a brand value of Rs 65,320 crore . Jio , the telecom and digital unit of Reliance Industries , ranked 5th with a brand value of Rs 49,027 crores.

**5. Which state government has approved “ Aai ” a gender - inclusive tourism policy to promote women in tourism ?**

- (A) Madhya Pradesh
- (B) Maharashtra
- (C) Uttar Pradesh
- (D) Rajasthan

**EXPLANATION - :** The Maharashtra state cabinet approved the implementation of a gender - inclusive tourism policy named "Aai" in an effort to empower women in the tourism industry . This policy will be implemented through Directorate of Tourism ( DOT) and Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation ( MTDC) . Policy To support this , a Women Tourism Policy Cell will be set up within DoT . In addition, bike- taxi services for women will be started at specific tourist places .

**6. In which state of India the world 's first 3D printed temple will be built ?**

- (A) Maharashtra
- (B) Telangana
- (C) Jharkhand

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(D) Chhattisgarh

**EXPLANATION - :** The world 's first 3D printed Hindu temple is being built in Telangana . Located within Charavitha Meadows , a gated villa community at Burugupalli in Siddipet , the 3D printed temple is a three - part project being built over an area of 3,800 sq ft by city- based Apsuja Infratech .is the structure . Apsuja Infratech has tied up with 3D printed construction company Simpliforge Creations for the project . The concept and design were developed and evaluated by Professor KV L Subramaniam and his research group , Department of Civil Engineering , IIT HyderabadWas gone

**7. Which state 's Women and Child Development Department has received the Gold Skoch Award for ' Mukhyamantri Doodh Uphaar Yojana' ?**

(A) Chhattisgarh

(B) Tamil Nadu

(C) Haryana

(D) Rajasthan

**EXPLANATION- :** Haryana Women and Child Development Department received the Gold Skoch Award for ' Mukhyamantri Dudh Uphaar Yojana ' . An award function to be organized by the Scotch Group for the National Award winners on 27th May 2023 at Nalanda Hall , Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New DelhiOrganized . \_ The award is selected on the basis of evaluation of the works by a panel of experts .

**8. Which ministry has recently organized 'National Conclave on SupportTech ' ?**

(A) Sports Ministry

(B) Ministry of Defense

(C) Ministry of Textiles

(D ) none

**EXPLANATION -:** The 'National Conclave on SupportTech' was organized by the Ministry of Textiles. This conclave was organized to promote technology and technical support in the textile industry. The event witnessed mutual exchange of knowledge about new and latest related technologies, products and services of the Indian textile industry.

## ONE LINER

Which medal has Tanjim Fayaz won recently in the All India Inter University Judo Championship – **Silver** .

Recently , to what extent the Integrated Command and Control Central has been set up under the Smart City Mission ? **Srinagar** .

Which ministry has recently organized the National Conclave on SportTech – **Ministry of Textiles** .

Who has been appointed as the member of UPSC recently – **Vidyut Vihari Swain** .

Recently , US and which country have signed a trade agreement amid China 's protest - **Taiwan** .

Which union minister has recently inaugurated the National Logistics Portal ( Marine ) - **Sarbananda Sonwal** .

Who has recently become the first Chief Minister to visit former Maoist bastion “ Budha Pahar ” – **Hemant Soren ( Jharkhand )** .

Who has recently won the " Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup" by defeating England by 7 wickets - **India** .

The recently extinct swallowtail butterfly has been spotted for the first time in India in which state \_ **Arunachal Pradesh** .

Recently which country 's captain Hugo Lloris has retired from international football ? - **France** .