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## 1. Tamil Nadu CM inaugurates registration camp for applicants to avail Rs 1,000 monthly assistance scheme



Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin has inaugurated a camp on July 24 to facilitate the registration of applicants to avail Rs 1,000 monthly assistance scheme. A camp has been inaugurated by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on July 24 with an aim to facilitate registration of applicants to avail Rs 1,000 monthly assistance scheme. Around 35,923 camps to be organized across the state for the registration process. The first phase of this registration camp for Dharmapuri district will be organized from July 24 to August 4, with an aim to cover 2,21,484 ration card holders.

## 2. Max Verstappen wins Hungarian GP to give Red Bull 12th consecutive victory



Red Bull's Max Verstappen wrapped up victory over Lando Norris and Sergio Pérez at the Hungarian Grand Prix with another dominant performance. With the win, the defending double world champion took his seventh consecutive victory and Red Bull's 12th in a row – breaking McLaren's long-standing record. With his astonishing score already surpassing the 11 McLaren achieved with Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost during the 1988 season, it ensures Red Bull will extend their perfect winning streak for the 2023 season and set a

new overall milestone in terms of consecutive race wins. Verstappen overtook Mercedes rival Lewis Hamilton at the start, then took the lead and confidently held off the chase group to take a lights-to-flag victory, This put more distance between him and teammate Pérez in the drivers' position. Verstappen easily passed Norris to the finish line, while Pérez – one of just two drivers along with George Russell to run for a long period of time on hard tires in the first stint – moved from ninth to third with another strong comeback. Norris was initially behind fellow McLaren driver Oscar Piastri, but recovered at the start of the pit stops.

## 3. Former Vice President Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled "As the Wheel Turns"



Former Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu released the book titled "As the Wheel Turns". This book is very useful for the young generation to know about the great people of India. History and greatness of India, rich ancient culture and religion are personal but culture is way of life. We have to follow our culture and pass it on to our young generation. 'As The Wheel Turns ' This compelling narrative titled hopes to inspire readers by sharing the personal experiences, hardships and triumphs of Ranjit Pratap. The book was released in the presence of former Vice President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu, prominent industrialists, officials and friends of the Royal Corporation, including several retired company employees. The release of this book marks an important milestone in the journey of Ranjit Pratap as he celebrates 50 years in the business.

## 4. Credit Guarantee Scheme: Empowerment of Rural Economy and Livestock Sector

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Government of India launched a pioneering "Credit Guarantee Scheme" for the livestock sector with an aim to revive the rural economy and empower the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).has started. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) has set up a Credit Guarantee Fund Trust of Rs 750 crore to provide credit guarantee coverage to eligible lending institutions, thereby enabling better access to finance for the disadvantaged livestock sector. The Credit Guarantee Scheme holds substantial significance for the livestock sector and the overall rural economy: The scheme focuses on supporting first generation entrepreneurs and the underprivileged sections of the society, who lack collateral security for their enterprises in the livestock sector. It provides them access to financial assistance and credit facilities. By providing credit guarantee coverage, the scheme encourages investment in dairy and meat processing, animal feed plants, breed improvement technology, waste management, and veterinary vaccine and drug manufacturing facilities.

## 5. World's most famous hacker Kevin Mitnick passed away at the age of 59



One of the most famous hackers-turned-cyber security consultant Kevin Mitnick passed away at the age of 59 in Las Vegas, United States on July 16. In the 1990s he went on a hacking spree that saw him break into the

country's cell network, break into government computer systems, and steal thousands of credit card numbers and data files. There is no evidence that he ever used any of the 20,000 credit card numbers. The government accused him of causing millions of dollars in damages to companies including Motorola, Novell, Nokia and Sun Microsystems by stealing software and altering computer code. Mitnick was first arrested for computer crimes at age 17 for walking into a Pacific Bell office and taking a handful of computer manuals and codes to a digital door lock. For this, He spent a year in a rehabilitation center, deemed a computer hacking addict by a federal judge. He is described by investigators as the "most wanted man in the world". was dubbed as the computer hacker .

## 6. Sukhu launches 'Empowered Women's Loan Scheme'



Chief Minister Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu launched the Sashakt Mahila Loan Scheme of the Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Sukhu said that by providing this loan facility, the bank has empowered the women of the state and freed them from the fear of losing their property in case of failure to repay in difficult times. Under this scheme, women who are permanent residents of Himachal Pradesh will be provided collateral-free loans to set up their own enterprises, start livelihood activities, meet everyday needs and uplift their families. Consumable security free loan is the unique feature of this scheme and under this eligible women applying for the loan do not need property as collateral for the loan amount. She said that by removing the condition of consumable security, women, especially those who do not have valuable assets as collateral for taking loans,

## 7. HCLTech MeitY joins XR startup program with Meta

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HCL Tech, a multinational IT company, has joined the XR Startup Programme, a collaborative effort between Meta and MeitY Startup Hub to promote and accelerate Extended Reality (XR) technology startups in India. As part of this collaboration, HCL Tech will be instrumental in setting up a thriving ecosystem for Indian startups, enabling them to lead and innovate in critical sectors such as education, healthcare and agri-tech. HCL Tech's team of experts will provide tailored guidance to startups, conduct thought leadership sessions and share invaluable business and industry insights. As the program progresses, startups will be able to access HCLTech's global infrastructure, to develop, test and validate their use cases.

## 8. Karthik Aryan will get the Rising Global Superstar Award of Indian Cinema



The 14th Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) will honor actor Kartik Aryan with the Rising Global Superstar of Indian Cinema award. According to the organizers of the festival, the 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' star will receive the awards at the annual gala night on August 11, the first day of the festival. In recognition of Karthik's remarkable achievements and his significant impact on the world of Indian cinema, the award will be presented by the Governor of Victoria. IFFM, which will go on till August 20, promises to be a grand celebration of Indian cinema and culture, presenting over 100 films

in 20 languages, discussions and events for film enthusiasts and the wider community. Festival director Mitu Bhowmik Lange said Karthik has a huge fan following in Australia and they are thrilled to honor him.

## QUIZ

1. When is the World Drowning Prevention Day celebrated?

- a. July 25
- b. July 26
- c. July 27
- d. July 28

The day was declared through the United Nations General Assembly Resolution "Prevention of Global Drowning". Means, this is the day to stop the deaths due to drowning in disaster, rivers, ponds and wells. It also aims to provide life-saving solutions to prevent such disasters. UN data estimates that 2,36,000 people drown every year. 90 percent of these people drown in middle income countries.

2. In which state will the 69th edition of the Filmfare Awards be organized in the year 2024?

- a. Gujarat
- b. Maharashtra
- c. Goa
- d. Rajasthan

The state government's Tourism Corporation has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Worldwide Media on July 19, 2023. Gujarat will host the Filmfare Awards for the first time. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Bhai Patel said hosting such a prestigious award in the state would attract a large number of celebrities, filmmakers and industry professionals to Gujarat. The Filmfare Awards is an annual award ceremony, first held in 1954.

3. Which government has planned to implement Mukhyamantri Khet Suraksha Yojana across the state to protect crops from stray animals?

- a. Rajasthan
- b. Uttar Pradesh
- c. Madhya Pradesh
- d. Maharashtra

Through this scheme, crops will be saved from damage by stray animals. The government will provide a grant of ₹1.43 lakh per hectare to small and marginal

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farmers. A solar fence with only 12 V current flow will be installed to protect the crops from animals. The state government has also proposed to increase the budget for the scheme from ₹75 crore to ₹350 crore. The solar fence will give a mild shock to the animals, which will not harm them, but will keep them away from the crops. As soon as an animal touches the fence, a siren will sound, giving the animal a mild shock. This will prevent animals from damaging the crops standing in the fields.

4. For the first time in the country, the Legislative Assembly of which state has passed the Minimum Guaranteed Income Bill, in which there is a provision of guaranteeing 125 days of employment for the people of villages and cities?

- a. Uttar Pradesh
- b. Rajasthan
- c. Haryana
- d. Tamil Nadu

Name of the Bill: Rajasthan Minimum Guaranteed Income Bill 2023 (Rajasthan Minimum Guaranteed Income Bill, 2023) This bill was passed in July 2023. In this, people of 18 years or more in villages and cities have been guaranteed employment for 125 days in a year. Till now, under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA), there was a provision from the Central Government to provide 100 days of employment only in villages. MNREGA was started in the year 2006 across the country. Now in July 2023, the Rajasthan government has increased the employment by 25 days. Under this bill, elderly, women, disabled, widow and single women will get Rs 1,000 as pension.

5. Name the scheme for 125 days employment guarantee by Rajasthan government for urban areas as well?

- a. Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme
- b. Mahatma Gandhi City Employment Guarantee Scheme
- c. Jawaharlal Nehru Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme
- d. Ambedkar Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme

This bill guarantees minimum income to every adult for 125 days in a year. Every adult citizen will get

minimum income through Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme in urban areas and MNREGA in rural areas. The state will ensure additional 25 days of employment to the 100 days of MNREGA for rural areas. After the completion of work in urban and rural employment schemes, the government will pay the minimum wages weekly or fortnightly. The officials will ensure that the workplace is within five kilometers of the registered job card address.

6. Which minister has recently inaugurated the two-day Regional Community Radio Sammelan (North) at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication in New Delhi.

- a. Yogi Adityanath
- b. Rajnath Singh
- c. Anurag Thakur
- d. Amit Shah

Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur inaugurated the two-day Regional Community Radio Sammelan (North) at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication in New Delhi on 23 July. During this he presented the 8th and 9th National Community Radio Awards.

First Prize: Radio Mind Tree, Ambala, Haryana; Program Name: Way to Live Hope  
Second Prize: Radio Hirakhand, Sambalpur, Odisha; Program Name: Basis o Nutrition Science  
Third Prize: Green Radio, Sabour, Bihar; Program Name: Nutrition Series

7. Recently which country has banned the export of non-basmati white rice.

- a. Vietnam
- b. India
- c. China
- d. Russia

India, the world's top rice exporter, has banned all exports of "non-basmati white rice" to stabilize domestic prices. However, the government will allow the export of white rice to other countries upon request, subject to meeting their food safety requirements and the formal approval of their government.

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8. Who has been appointed as the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Noida Authority.

- a. Ravindra Banstu
- b. Moksha Roy
- c. Amit Thakur
- d. Lokesh M

Lokesh M, the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Noida Authority, took charge and held a meeting with the officials. The CEO highlighted that industrial development and a better public hearing system would be his key priorities. Lokesh M, a 2005 batch IAS officer, has been appointed as the new CEO of the Noida Authority, as former CEO Ritu Maheshwari has been transferred as the Divisional Commissioner of Agra. After taking charge, the new CEO held a press conference where he said that his focus would be on creating a better public hearing system and addressing the issues of allottees, farmers and citizen grievances.

## ONE LINER

Who has won the British Prime Minister's Point of Light Award - **Moksha Roy**

Which day is celebrated all over India on 24 July 2023 - **National Thermal Engineer Day**

Who is appointed as the Chief Justice of Telangana High Court - **Justice Alok Aradhe**

Which bill has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on July 20 with the objective of combating and protecting piracy of film material - **The Cinematograph Amendment Bill, 2023**

In which city the mascot of the Hockey Asian Championship Trophy 2023 Bomman has been unveiled - **Chennai**

Which Union Minister has inaugurated the Centralized Aviation Security Control Station of the Central Industrial Security Force in New Delhi to deal with the current security challenges - **Home Minister Amit Shah**

Who has been appointed as the new coach of the Indian women's volleyball team - **Ravindra Banstu**

Which state government has launched a portal for processing EV subsidy claims - **Uttar Pradesh state government**

Former wicketkeeper Brian Taber has passed away at the age of 83, he belongs to which country - **Australia**