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## 1. I. I. T. Delhi 's campus will be set up in Abu Dhabi , UAE



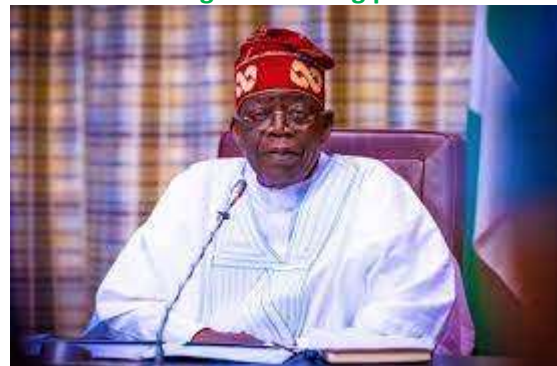
A Memorandum of Understanding ( MoU ) has been signed between the Ministry of Education and Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge ( ADEK ) and Indian Institute of Technology Delhi ( IIT Delhi ) to set up the first campus of IIT Delhi in Abu Dhabi . This Memorandum of Understanding It was signed in the presence of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan , President of the United Arab Emirates and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi . The MoU was signed by HE Mubarak Hamad Al Mhairi , Under-Secretary of ADEK , Mr. Sanjay Sudhir , Ambassador of India to UAE And signed by Professor Rangan Banerjee , Director , Indian Institute of Technology Delhi . Complementing the ongoing United Arab Emirates - India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement ( CEPA ) , this MoU promotes academic excellence , innovation , knowledge sharing and human capital . reflects the shared vision of both countries to prioritize investment in as the basis for future prosperity and enablers of long - term economic growth and sustainable development .

## 2. Manoj Ahuja launched a new campaign called BHARAT for banks under Agri Infra Fund



Agriculture Secretary , Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare , Manoj Ahuja launched a new campaign for banks under Agri Infra Fund named Bharat ( Banks Heralding Accelerated Rural and Agricultural Transformation ) . The campaign will end on July 15 with a target of raising Rs 7,200 crore . From 2023 to 15 August 2023 will last for one month . The launch event took place through a video conferencing , which was attended by over 100 participants including Managing Directors / Chairmen , EDs , Regional Rural Banks , Small Finance Banks , NBFCs and selected public and private sector co - operative banks . More banking officers participated . Samuel Praveen Kumar , Joint Secretary , Agriculture Infrastructure Fund ( AIF ) highlighted the progress made under the Agri - Infra Fund scheme , which has created over 31,850 agriculture infrastructure in the country with a loan amount of Rs 24,750 crore . The framework is done by projects . The total outlay of this scheme is Rs 42,000 . Bank officials made several suggestions to take AIF to new heights . Manoj Ahuja top performers in various categories to contribute to this scheme Congratulated the banks for their commendable effort and appealed to all the banks to achieve the targets considering the huge potential of agri - infrastructure projects in the country . The ministry also advised the banks to ensure that the schemes created under the scheme at the grassroots level Measure the impact of projects .

## 3. Nigeria 's President declares state of emergency to curb food shortages and rising prices



Nigerian President Tinubu Balljari has declared a state of emergency due to the food crisis . The country had declared a state of emergency due to rising food prices and shortages . This state of emergency will allow the government to work towards improving food security and supply . By declaring a state of emergency , Nigeria



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would work towards clearing farmland to reduce food inflation and forests to increase agricultural production . The President also announced that the money that would be used by removing the fuel subsidy would be used for farmers . Will be done in providing fertilizers and grains . When President Tinubu took office in May 2023 , he removed fuel subsidies , which increased prices by 200 percent . However , the Tinubu administration has defended the move and called it " essential " . The poor population of the country is also being given \$ 10 every month for six months . A United Nations report in January said that 25 million people in Nigeria were at risk of food insecurity this year . According to a Nigerian website, more than 350 farmers were abducted or killed in the country in the year up to June 2022.

#### 4. India's forex reserves cross \$596.280 billion: RBI data analysis



According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, India's foreign exchange reserves have increased by \$ 1.229 billion to total \$ 596.280 billion. This marked a near two-month high and a second consecutive weekly increase in stockpiles. The increase in foreign exchange reserves was mainly driven by an increase in foreign currency assets (FCAs) and gold reserves, while special drawing rights (SDRs) saw a marginal decline. According to the Reserve Bank of India data, the foreign exchange reserves increased by \$ 1.229 billion to \$ 596.280 billion in the week ended July 7, 2023. Earlier it had increased by \$ 1.853 billion. Foreign currency assets (FCAs), the largest component of foreign exchange reserves, witnessed a significant increase of \$989 million to reach \$528.968 billion. Gold reserves also increased by \$ 228 million to \$ 44.060 billion, While the reserve position in the International Monetary Fund (SDRs) rose by \$15

million to \$5.017 billion. In contrast, Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) declined marginally by \$4 million to \$18.235 billion in the week ended July 7, 2023.

#### 5. Adani Transmission wins 'Golden Peacock' Environment Management Award 2023



Adani Transmission Limited, the largest listed private sector transmission and distribution company in the country and part of the Adani portfolio, has won the 'Golden Peacock Environment Management Award' from the 'Institute of Directors' in the 'Power Transmission Sector'. This year, an evaluation group comprising environment, health and safety, energy and climate change experts evaluated more than 520 applications. Thereafter, these applications were reviewed by Justice M.N. The review was done by an eminent jury committee headed by Venkatachaliah. 'Golden Peacock Environment Management Award' Zero waste in landfills, single-use plastic free, water-positive operations, ATL has a strong dedication to reducing its ecological footprint through programs such as the promotion of renewable energy integration and the implementation of best-in-class environmental management strategies. This award reflects ATL's commitment to excellence in environmental management and can be seen as evidence of its leadership in the industry. This recognition not only reflects ATL's dedication towards system compliance but also highlights its role as a responsible corporate citizen.

#### 6. Google Doodle honors Sudanese oud player and composer Asma Hamza

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Google honored Asma Hamza, a prominent Sudanese composer and musician, through a doodle. On this day in 1997, Hamza achieved a remarkable feat by becoming one of the winners at the prestigious Lailat Alkadr Alkubra Music Competition held in Sudan. Asma Hamza is the first female musician in Sudan and the Arab world. Born in 1932, she grew up in a family that looked like a bubble-laden fruit tree. For almost 70 years this instrument has become an integral part of his life. Many prominent singers rendered his tunes. She is seen as the best ambassador for Sudanese women in the region.

## 7. President Draupadi Murmu will confer the Bhoomi Samman 2023 award



President Draupadi Murmu will confer "Bhoomi Samman" 2023 to 9 State Secretaries and 68 District Collectors along with their teams on July 18, 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. He has excelled in achieving completion for key components of the Digital India Land Records Modernization Program (DILRMP) – the core of governance. Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Giriraj Singh said that the event is very important for the state's revenue and registration officials, who will receive "Bhoomi Samman" for the first time in the last 75 years for their outstanding performance. This will be a historic year for institutionalizing "Bhoomi Samman". He further said

that "Bhoomi Samman" The scheme is a good example of Centre-State cooperative federalism based on trust and partnership, as the ranking system in computerization and digitization of land records is primarily based on reports and inputs from States/UTs.

## 8. Delhi's IGIA becomes India's first airport with four runways



Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) achieved a significant milestone as it became the first airport in India to have four runways. Civil Aviation Minister, Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated the airport's fourth runway, increasing its throughput capacity from about 1400-1500 air traffic movements per day to about 2000 air traffic movements per day. The addition of a fourth runway will allow the airport to serve more than 109 million passengers annually. Scindia indicated to open the new terminal of the airport by October this year. The opening of the fourth terminal is expected to further enhance the airport's capacity to handle the growing number of passengers. With new runway and terminal, The Delhi airport will be well equipped to meet the growing demand and is set to become a major international hub. The inauguration of the fourth runway and the first Eastern Cross Taxiway (ECT) marks a landmark day for Indian civil aviation. The ECT connects the northern and southern parts of the airfield, reducing the taxi time for aircraft and allowing passengers to disembark within 12 minutes of landing. This operational efficiency will contribute to the reduction of approximately 55,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions annually.

## QUIZ

1. Recently in which state "Gajahkotha" campaign has been started.

(a) Assam

(b) Jharkhand



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- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Himachal Pradesh

In an effort to reduce the growing human-elephant conflict (HEC) issue, Assam has launched the "Gajahkotha" campaign, involving over 1,200 individuals and promoting coexistence. The campaign focuses on HEC-affected villages in eastern Assam, where it aims to educate residents about the behaviour, ecology and cultural significance of elephants in the region, emphasizing the importance of conservation. Led by Aaranyak, a leading wildlife NGO based in Guwahati, in collaboration with the British Asian Trust and the Assam Forest Department and supported by the Darwin Initiative, this initiative reflects their dedication to promoting harmonious coexistence between humans and elephants.

## 2. Which state is hosting the third meeting of Sherpa G20.

- a) Bihar
- b) Hampi (Karnataka)
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Himachal Pradesh

Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Karnataka, is hosting the third meeting of Sherpas as part of India's G-20 Presidency, chaired by Amitabh Kant. The summit, organized by the Ministry of Culture and External Affairs, is expected to see the participation of over 200 individuals representing 43 countries. Hampi was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in: 1986

## 3. Recently, for the first time in the history of which country, the first female bank governor has been appointed in the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA).

- (a) Bhutan
- (b) Indonesia
- (c) Russia
- (d) Australia

Australia has appointed its first female governor of its central bank, ousting the current governor and promoting her deputy to a high-profile position. Australian Treasurer Jim Chalmers and Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced that Michelle Bullock will lead the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) for the next seven years, having opted not to reappoint Governor Philip Lowe for a second term.

## 4. Recently Ravindra Mahajani has passed away at the age of 77, he is related to which field?

- (a) Marathi actor
- (b) Gujarati actor
- (c) Tamil actors
- (d) Bengali actor

Marathi actor Ravindra Mahajani has passed away at the age of 77, best known for his remarkable contribution to Marathi cinema, established himself as a respected actor and director. The actor's body was found at his residence in Talegaon-Dabhade, Pune. Ravindra Mahajani was living in Talegaon Dabhade for the last few days. The Marathi film industry is expressing grief over the actor's demise. Ravindra Mahajani was living in a rented flat in Ambi village of Pune.

## 5. According to the United Nations report, Global Public Debt is set to reach a record of how many trillion dollars in 2022?

- (a) 90 trillion dollars
- (b) 91 trillion dollars
- (c) 92 trillion dollars
- (d) 93 trillion dollars

At present, another difficulty has arisen in front of the troubled global economy. United Nations (UN) General Secretary Antonio Guterres recently presented a report - "A World of Debt. A Growing Burden to Global Prosperity". Citing this report, Guterres has issued a serious warning. Because the global public debt has reached an all-time record level of \$92 trillion in 2022.

## 6. Which medal has been won by Tejinderpal Singh Toor in the shotput event of the Asian Athletics Championship 2023?

- (a) Gold Medal
- (b) Silver Medal
- (c) Bronze medal
- (d) none

Indian athletes won three medals on Friday, the third day of the ongoing 25th Asian Athletics Championships 2023 in Thailand. Tajinderpal Singh Toor and Parul Chowdhary won gold medals. While Shelly won the silver medal. The first gold for India on the third day was won by Tajinderpal Singh Toor in men's shot put. He finished first with a throw of 20.23 metres. Iran's Mehdi Sabri finished second with a

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throw of 19.98m while Kazakhstan's Ivan Ivanov finished third with a throw of 19.87m.

## 7. Who won bronze medal in ISSF Shotgun World Cup?

- (a) Prithviraj Tondaiman
- (b) Saurabh Chowdhary
- (c) Vijay Kumar
- (d) Manu Bhaker

Indian shooter Prithviraj Tondaiman won the bronze medal in the men's trap event at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup Lonato 2023 in Italy. Prithviraj Tondaiman's bronze was India's only medal at the Lonato shooting meet. It was her second individual ISSF World Cup medal after winning a bronze in Doha in March. Prithviraj Tondaiman finished third in the final with 34 points. Britain's Nathan Hales won the gold medal with 49 points while Qi Ying of the Republic of China took the silver medal with 48 points. A total of six shooters qualified for the men's trap final.

## 8. Who has recently released the 'National Multidimensional Poverty Index' ?

- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (b) NITI Aayog
- (c) Ministry of Finance
- (d) Ministry of Agriculture

NITI Aayog has recently released the National Multidimensional Poverty Index. According to its data, between 2015-16 and 2019-21, the number of persons living in multidimensional poverty in the country has dropped from 24.85 per cent to 14.96 per cent. Uttar Pradesh has registered the highest decline in the number of poor with 3.43 crore people, followed by Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.

### ONE LINER

Which union minister has inaugurated the curtain raiser of IMC-2023 on July 12 - **Ashwini Vaishnav**

India will establish Indian Institute of Technology-IIT Campus in which city of UAE – **Abu Dhabi**

Which bank has inaugurated IFSC Banking Unit at GIFT City, Gandhinagar – **Bank of India**

In which state's 'Tuljabhavani Temple ' the dress code has been implemented for the devotees - **Maharashtra**

In which city of Uttar Pradesh 'Nath Corridor ' will be developed recently - **Bareilly**

Who has recently been honored with the Arjuna Award - **Anjum Moudgil**

Which medal has been won by Shubham Todkar in Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2023 in Men's 61 kg category - **Gold medal**

The world's largest International Temple Conference and Expo will be organized in which city - **Varanasi**

India's third moon mission Chandrayaan-3 has been successfully launched from which space center - **Satish Dhawan Space Center Sriharikota**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been awarded the highest civilian and military honor of France - **Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor**