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1. QS ranking on world 's best cities for students : Mumbai at 118th position



Mumbai has been ranked as the best Indian city for students in the QS Best Student Cities 2024 rankings . However , its global ranking dropped to 118 , indicating a decline from last year 's position . In QS Best Student Cities 2024 ranking No major Indian city made it to the top 100 global list . In addition , all major Indian cities experienced a drop in their global rankings as compared to the previous year 's standings . QS Best Student Cities Ranking compares 160 leading educational destinations , which includes 26 new entries . Cities must have a minimum population of 250,000 and at least two universities in the QS World University Rankings to be considered for the QS City Rank . The rankings take into account over 100,000 survey responses from students . Including their feedback , opinion , desirability and student voice indicators . Delhi has the largest number of higher education institutions among Indian cities listed in the World University Rankings . Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT - D), University of Delhi , Jawaharlal Nehru University and Home to other prestigious institutes , Delhi is ranked 132nd globally .

2. The central government appointed IPS officer Manoj Yadav as the Director General of Railway Security Force



Former Haryana Director General of Police Manoj Yadav will be the new Director General of Railway Protection Force (RPF) . The Railway Board had sent a proposal to the Central Government regarding his appointment , which has been approved by the Central Appointments Committee . Along with this , Manoj Yadav 's Haryana The speculations of a comeback have come to an end . Manoj Yadav will now serve on the same post till the day of his retirement i.e. 31 July 2025 . At present Sanjay Chander , an IPS officer of West Bengal cadre , is the Director General of Railway Protection Force who will retire on July 31 . their Manoj Yadav will take over this post after retirement . With the new appointment of Manoj Yadav at the Centre , he is now out of the running for the post of the new Director General of Police of Haryana . Yadav is one of Haryana 's most senior IPS officers , though he was previously the Director General of Haryana Police have expressed unwillingness to be appointed to the post . That is why the state government had not included his name in the panel of officers sent to the Union Public Service Commission .

3. Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated GST Bhavan in Tripura



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the GST Bhawan in Agartala, capital of Tripura. It has been constructed on 300 square meters i.e. 0.71 acres of

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land at a total cost of Rs 28 crore. The office of CGST Agartala Commissionerate will also be housed in the newly constructed GST Seva Kendra, where services will be provided to tax payers in a state-of-the-art manner. This building was approved by the Union Ministry of Finance in the year 2019, which was handed over to the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) in the year 2022. Central Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra, CBIC Chairman Vivek Johri, at the inauguration ceremony of this magnificent GST Bhavan on Mantribari Road, Agartala. Members of the Board and several senior officers of the State Government and CBIC were present. In her address on the occasion, Union Minister Sitharaman said that with the construction of Agartala GST Bhavan, the people here would get proper facilities. Earlier, the Union Finance Minister was received at the Maharaja Veer Vikram Airport in Agartala by Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha along with his senior officials.

4. Navi Mumbai teenager Anshuman sets world record as youngest by crossing North Channel



Open sea swimmer Anshuman Jhingan became the youngest person in the world to cross the North Channel. With this achievement, 18-year-old Anshuman has become eligible for a place in the Guinness World Records. He is only the 114th person to cross the Channel since 1947. The North Channel, located between Scotland and Northern Ireland, is considered one of the most difficult of the Ocean Seven swims due to its cold temperatures, the presence of many extremely dangerous Lion's Head jellyfish, and competitive tides and currents all the way up to the last few metres. Anshuman's successful completion of this difficult endeavor at such a young age is a testimony to his remarkable abilities and indomitable spirit. Son of Sandeep and Kiran Jhingan of Navi Mumbai, Anshuman is a Class 12 commerce student of Karamveer Bhaurao

Patil College, Vashi. He has been trained at Father Agnel Sports Center under Chhatrapati Award winning coach Gokul Kamath.

5. AT-1 Bonds: Most Excellent Option for Banks to Raise Capital



Additional Tier-1 (AT-1) bonds worth Rs 10,000 crore were issued recently by the State Bank of India (SBI) at a coupon rate of 8.1%. But the issue did not get a good response from the subscribers as bonds worth only Rs 3,100 crore were subscribed. Additional Tier-1 (AT-1) bonds are a type of debt instrument issued by banks to raise capital. It is also called a perpetual bond because it does not have a fixed maturity date and can be redeemed only at the discretion of the issuer. AT-1 bonds are considered riskier for investors because they carry higher interest rates than regular bonds. Since they carry the characteristics of both equity and debt, they are considered as hybrid securities. unsecured AT-1 bonds issued by banks to raise capital, Perpetual is a type of bond. AT-1 bonds are like other bonds, but pay a higher interest rate than others. These bonds are also listed and traded on exchanges, so AT-1 bondholders can sell these bonds in the secondary market.

6. New drug donemab for Alzheimer's disease: An optimistic step with positive results



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A new drug, donemab, for Alzheimer's disease has shown positive results in clinical trials, according to a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine. The drug donemab has been tested on 257 participants with early stage Alzheimer's, Those were randomly assigned to receive donemumab or a placebo by intravenous infusion every four weeks for 76 weeks. The researchers measured changes in a cognitive and functional score called the Integrated Alzheimer's Disease Rating Scale (IADRS) that ranges from 0-144. The researchers also measured changes in amyloid-beta levels in the brain using emission tomography (PET) scans. Donemab is an antibody therapy from US drug company Eli Lilly that targets abnormal clumps of a protein called amyloid-beta that can build up in the brain. Donemab is given as an intravenous infusion once every four weeks. Patients require regular brain scans to monitor for side effects of the drug, including brain swelling and bleeding.

7. Indian-origin doctor is new president of International Myeloma Foundation



Renowned scientist, physician and researcher, S Vincent Rajkumar has been appointed as the Chairman-elect of the Board of Directors of the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF). Dr. Rajkumar succeeds current president Brian GM Dury, who is not seeking re-election to the position. Dr. Dury, co-founder and chairman of the board of directors for 33 years, has said he will not seek re-election as chairman when his current term expires in spring 2024. However, he will continue to be a member of the Board, hold the position of Chairman Emeritus and continue with his current activities. Dr. Rajkumar has also served as the principal investigator of several clinical trials for the treatment of myeloma, including pivotal trials, That led to regulatory approval for thalidomide in the US to treat the disease. He has published over 480

peer-reviewed papers, primarily in the area of multiple myeloma and related plasma cell disorders.

8. Ashok Leyland bags huge order worth Rs 800 crore from Indian Army



Ashok Leyland, the commercial vehicle manufacturer, recently disclosed defense contracts worth Rs 800 crore. These contracts include the supply of specialized 4x4 field, artillery tractors and 6x6 gun towing vehicles to the Indian Army within the next 12 months. The vehicles are designated for use by artillery battalions of the Indian Army to efficiently transport light and medium guns. Ashok Leyland has made significant investments in manufacturing a wide range of mobility platforms from 4x4, 6x6, 8x8, 10x10 to 12x12 configurations, meeting the unique requirements and operational demands of the Indian Armed Forces. These platforms are completely homegrown, as Ashok Leyland takes pride in designing, developing and manufacturing them indigenously. Ashok Leyland's reliable mobility solutions have consistently proven to be a formidable asset within the defense sector, which meet the diverse requirements of personnel and logistics in the Armed Forces. Since the Kargil conflict in 1999, Ashok Leyland vehicles have served as a vital backbone of the Indian Army's logistics supply chain. These vehicles are purpose-built for military applications, ensuring their effectiveness and reliability in the field.

QUIZ

1. On which date Income Tax Day is celebrated?

- a) on 24th July
- b) on 23rd July
- c) On 26th July
- d) on 21st July

Income Tax Day is celebrated every year on 24 July in India. This year the 163rd anniversary of Income Tax Day is being celebrated. Income tax was introduced in

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India by Sir James Wilson on July 24, 1860, to compensate for the losses incurred during the First War of Independence. For the first time in India 'Income Tax Day' was celebrated on 24 July 2010.

2. Who has been chosen as the brand ambassador of the ICC World Cup 2023?

- a) Ajay Devgan
- b) Akshay Kumar
- c) Saif Ali Khan
- d) Shah Rukh Khan

Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan has been appointed as the brand ambassador of the ICC World Cup 2023. The World Cup 2023 campaign 'It Takes One Day' has also been launched with the voice of Shah Rukh Khan. The World Cup will be organized in India from 5 October to 19 November 2023. India's first match in this World Cup will be played against Australia on 8 October.

3. Who has become the new President of International Myeloma Foundation?

- a) Mohan Kumar
- b) Narayana Murthy
- c) Pawan Sharma
- d) S.Vincent Rajkumar

Indian-origin doctor S Vincent Rajkumar has been appointed as the chairman-elect of the board of directors of the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF). Prior to Dr. Rajkumar, Brian GM Dury was working on this post. Dr. Dury, who has been co-founder and chairman of the board of directors for 33 years, did not run for office this year.

4. Which state released a vision document to achieve net-zero target by 2070?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Chhattisgarh

Jharkhand is one of the climate sensitive states. The Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department of Jharkhand has released this vision document. The government has prepared a vision document based on eight thematic areas including coal transition to achieve net-zero target by 2070. Jharkhand government has also formed a task force on 'Sustainable Just Transition'. The main objective of the vision document is to

prepare a roadmap for promoting economic growth, inclusiveness and social progress in the state. According to the vision document, there is a need for a 'centre of excellence' on sustainable transition to reduce the use of non-renewable resources.

5. Which Indian won the first gold in the 100 meter hurdles of the Asian Athletics Championships?

- (a) Sonam Singh
- (b) Aarti Sharma
- (c) Jyoti Yajaji
- (d) Poonam Mehta

India's Jyoti Yajaji won the silver medal in the women's 200m race at the Asian Athletics Championships 2023. Jyoti completed the race in 23.13 seconds. This is his second medal. Earlier, Jyoti Yajaji had won gold medal in 100 hurdles. She became the first Indian woman sprinter to win a gold medal in the 100m race at the Asian Championships. Indian runners continue to dominate the ongoing 25th Asian Athletics Championships 2023 in Thailand. Top Indian long distance runner Parul Chowdhary won her second medal at the championships with a silver in the 5000m. At the same time, in the final of the women's 200 meters race, Jyoti Yajaji captured the silver medal by finishing second. Jyoti completed her race in the final in 23.13 seconds.

6. Which state government launched a mega tree plantation drive

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Chhattisgarh

The Uttar Pradesh government has set a target of planting more than 35 crore saplings. Out of 35 crore, 30 crore saplings have been planted on 22nd July. The theme of the mega tree plantation drive is 'Plant trees, save trees'. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath started the campaign by planting saplings at Vidur Kuti Ashram in Bijnor. Governor Anandiben Patel participated in this campaign in Mathura.

7. Admiral Lisa Franchetti became the first woman to lead which Navy?

- (a) American
- (b) Canada

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(c) Mexico

(d) Russia

She has become the first woman in history to serve as the Chief of Naval Operations and as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He was commissioned in 1985 and is currently serving as the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations. He has served as the Commander of the US Naval Forces Korea. She is the second woman to hold the rank of four-star admiral in the United States Navy.

8. Which state's government will ban the use of single-use plastic from October 2?

(a) Assam

(b) Jharkhand

(c) Haryana

(d) Chhattisgarh

The Assam government has decided to ban single-use plastic and polyethylene terephthalate (PET) water bottles of less than 1 liter in the state from October 2 this year. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that from October 2 next year, PET water bottles of less than 2 liters will also be banned.

ONE LINER

Recently which state has approved the proposal to start Teacher Interface for Excellence program – **Rajasthan**
India's 36th Flying Training Organization has started where - **Tamil Nadu**

Recently the Prime Minister of which country has announced his retirement from politics – **Thailand**

When was World Paper Bag Day celebrated - **12 July**

Who has recently been appointed as the MD & CEO of SBI Card - **Abhijeet Chakraborty**

Which state government has approved two thermal power projects of 800 MW - **Uttar Pradesh**

Where has India's first Vedic theme park been opened recently - **Noida**

With which country India has started bilateral trade in rupees - **Bangladesh**

Who received the ICC Player of the Month Award (Male) for the month of June - **Wanindu Hasaranga**

Which state has topped the recently released Grievance Redressal Index - **Sikkim**