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1. India won the Asian Kabaddi Championship-2023 by defeating Iran



The Indian men's Kabaddi team won its 8th title by defeating Iran 42-32 in the final of the Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023 at the Seokdang Cultural Center in Busan, Republic of Korea's Dong-Eui Institute of Technology on Friday. Indian captain Pawan Sehrawat led from the front with a Super 10. The Indian men's kabaddi team lost to Iran in the first five minutes of the match. They picked up the pace, the Indian Kabaddi team quickly extended their advantage with an outstanding all-around performance. Iran got some easy bonus points against defending champions India, but in the 19th minute, India inflicted Iran's second all-out. India led 23-11 in the second half. Iran captain Mohammadreza Shadalui Chayaneh helped India inflict the first all-out with a two-point raid and a super raid in the 29th minute. With two minutes remaining, Iran cut the lead to 38–31, making the game tense,

2. Uttar Pradesh government will start 'One Tap One Tree' campaign



The Yogi government is going to start 'One Tap One Tree' campaign in the state from July 1. Under this campaign, lakhs of saplings will be planted from July 1 to 7. Under the Har Ghar Jal Yojana, the state government will gift the villagers with tap connections to make their future greener. Will gift a sapling to the villagers. Officers and employees of Namami Gange and Rural Water Supply Department will plant these saplings outside the house where tap connection is provided, in the premises of overhead tank, pump house and water treatment plant premises. In seven days, more than 5 lakh saplings will be planted in UP. During the campaign, units, officers of Namami Gange and Rural Water Supply Department, Employees will be involved. Principal Secretary of Namami Gange and Rural Water Supply Department, Anurag Srivastava has issued instructions to the departmental officers for plantation on a large scale between July 1 and 7. UP is providing tap connections to more than 40 to 42 thousand rural families every day besides becoming the state providing maximum tap connections to the villagers under Har Ghar Jal Yojana.

3. Indian-origin Aarti Hola became the director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs



Aarti Hola-Maini, a highly skilled expert in the satellite industry of Indian origin, has been selected by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as the Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) in Vienna. Also to promote the effective application of space science and technology to promote sustainable economic and social progress. With more than 25 years of professional experience in the space sector, including managerial and advocacy roles, Aarti Hola-Mani brings a wealth of knowledge to her new

position. Prior to his appointment as Director of UNOOSA, he served as Executive Vice President for Sustainability, Policy and Impact at Northstar Earth & Space. Prior to this, Hola-Manny held the position of Secretary General of the Global Satellite Operators Association for 18 years. Throughout his career, Aarti Hola-Maini has made significant contributions to the space industry. She served as a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Space and was a member of the Advisory Group for the Space École Sustainability Rating managed by the Polytechnique Federal de Lausanne (EPFL) Space Center.

4. Virgin Galactic completes its first commercial manned mission to space with 'Galactic 01'



Virgin Galactic achieved a significant milestone as it successfully conducted its first commercial suborbital flight, named Galactic 01. With a crew consisting of two Italian Air Force officers, an aerospace engineer, a Virgin Galactic instructor and two pilots, the VSS Unity spaceplane lifted off approximately 80 kilometers (50 mi) above the New Mexico desert. After a 75-minute journey, the spaceplane safely returned to Earth, landing at Spaceport America. Which propels the spacecraft into space at about three times the speed of sound (Mach 3). Following its suborbital trajectory, VSS Unity then returns to Earth for a controlled landing. crew members to collect valuable biometric data,

5. India to host the biggest ever multilateral air force exercise 'Tarang Shakti'



The Indian Air Force (IAF) is preparing to conduct an important multilateral exercise named Tarang Shakti. Which includes the participation of various countries and their military assets. Air forces of countries such as France, Australia, the US and the United Kingdom are expected to join the wave power. Six air forces will actively participate in the exercise, while the rest of the countries will participate as observers. The Indian Air Force has been actively involved in joint exercises with several countries since the beginning of this year. Exercise ORION conducted at Mont-de-Marsan airbase in France and INIOCHOS exercise conducted at Andravida Base in Greece, Additionally, the IAF and the United States Air Force (USAF) participated in a joint exercise titled Cope India-2023 at multiple bases in India. Which will demonstrate its commitment to international cooperation and interoperability.

6. India's national men's football team reaches
100th spot in FIFA world rankings



The Indian men's football team has moved up one place to be ranked 100th in the latest FIFA rankings. A few days ago India won the Hero Intercontinental Cup and

are now doing well in the SAFF Championship. This has benefited the team in its ranking. Indian team's total 1204. There are 9 points. The team had won the Intercontinental Cup by defeating Lebanon two weeks earlier. In 1992, when FIFA released the rankings for the first time, India was at number 143. In the year 1993, the team reached the top 100 for the first time. India's ranking has not moved out of 110 since 2018 but fans want to see the team in top 90 soon. Hopefully the team will reach this milestone soon. Talking about the overall ranking, the world champion Argentina team is currently in the first place, while the runner-up in the World Cup 2022, France's team is at number two. England's team has moved up one place to fourth while Belgium is at number five.

7. India's largest natural arch discovered in Odisha by GSI



The state unit of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has discovered a spectacular "Natural Arch" located in the Kanika Range of Sundergarh Forest Division. That this geological wonder originated during the Jurassic period. It will become the largest natural arch in the country to get the Geo Heritage tag. The base length of this ovalshaped arch is 30 meters and the height is 12 meters. The maximum height and width of the natural arch are 7 meters and 15 meters respectively. These features indicate a high-energy aqueous environment during the sedimentation process. The formation of this natural arch can be attributed to faulting activities and the unique nature of the lithotype, which has facilitated sub-aerial weather over extended periods. Geo-heritage sites like Sundergarh Natural Arch need special attention and protection to ensure their preservation for future generations. GSI takes the initiative to declare and protect these sites by designating them as National Geological Monuments.

8. Olympian Neeraj Chopra wins Lausanne Diamond League 2023



After recovering from muscle strain, Neeraj Chopra has once again created a record by lifting the javelin in his hand. He has won the men's javelin throw event in the Lausanne stage of the prestigious Diamond League series. Neeraj topped the event with a throw of 87.66m. At the same time, Germany's Julian Weber is in second place with 87.03m. Jakub Vadlejche of Czech Republic finished third with a throw of 86.13m. This is the second gold for Indian Javelin star Neeraj this year. He was also a gold medalist in the Doha Diamond League. Neeraj Chopra started off with a foul in the first round. At the same time, Germany's Julian Weber took the lead with a throw of 86.20 metres. At the end of the first round, Neeraj was not even in the top three athletes. Julian was still in the lead at the end of the second round. Despite this, Neerai's ranking improved and he reached number three. In the third attempt, Neeraj scored 85. Scored 02 meters. With this throw, he reached number two. In the fifth attempt, Neeraj's 'Golden Arm' worked its magic and achieved a throw of 87.66 metres. With this he reached the first place. In the sixth and final attempt, Neeraj achieved a throw of 84.15 metres.

#### R QUIZ R

 In which state the 'One-Tap-One-Tree' campaign has been launched?
(a) Uttar Pradesh
(b) Madhya Pradesh

#### (c) Himachal Pradesh

(d) Arunachal Pradesh

ANSWER -: The state government of Uttar Pradesh is going to start the 'One-Tap-One-Tree' campaign in the state from July 1. Under this campaign, free saplings will be distributed with each new tap connection in the rural areas of the state. More than 5 lakh saplings will be distributed within a week of the launch of this campaign. The objective of this campaign is to promote green cover while ensuring potable tap water in rural areas.

2. Which has become the first Indian airline to achieve market capitalization of Rs 1 lakh crore?

- (a) Spice Jet
- (b) Air India
- (c) Vistara

#### (d) Indigo Airline

ANSWER -: IndiGo's parent company InterGlobe Aviation has become the first airline in India to cross the market capitalization of Rs 1 lakh crore. Indigo ranks 10th in terms of market capitalization among the world's top 10 listed airlines. The company's share price climbed 4% to a record high of ₹2,634.25/share on the BSE on Wednesday. InterGlobe Aviation Limited is a low cost airline headquartered in Gurugram, Haryana.

3. How many million US dollars has been provided by the World Bank to Sri Lanka facing economic crisis?

- (a) 700 million
- (b) 800 million
- (c) 900 million
- (d) 1000 million

ANSWER -: The World Bank has provided an aid amount of US \$ 700 million to Sri Lanka to overcome the current economic crisis and provide relief to the poor and vulnerable. This is the biggest funding tranche after the IMF agreement in March. Sri Lanka is currently facing the biggest economic crisis in its history. Of this amount, US\$ 500 million has been allocated for budgetary support and US\$ 200 million for social security.

### 4. Which country won the title of Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023?

- (a) India
- (b) Iran
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Pakistan

ANSWER -: India has won the Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023 title by defeating Iran 42-32 in the final. The Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023 was organized in Busan, South Korea. This was India's eighth title in the last nine editions. The next target of the Indian Kabaddi team is to win a medal in the Asian Games to be held in Hangzhou, China.

### 5. Which state won the title of Senior National Women's Football Champion?

- (a<mark>)</mark> Haryana
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Kerala

ANSWER -: The women's football team of Tamil Nadu defeated Haryana and won the title of Senior National Women's Football Champion. Tamil Nadu won the title by defeating Haryana 2-1 in the final at the Guru Nanak Stadium in Amritsar. Tamil Nadu last won this title in 2018.

6. What is the rank of the Indian men's football team in the recently released FIFA rankings?

- (a) 99th
- (b) 100th
- (c) 102nd
- (d) 103rd

ANSWER -: The Indian men's football team has climbed one place to reach the 100th position in the latest FIFA rankings. This is the first time in the last five years that India has managed to make it to the top 100. This improvement in India's ranking has come in view of the

recent performance of the team. In the Intercontinental Cup and South Asian Football Federation Championship in June, India won a total of 5 matches and drew two matches.

7. Where has India's first police drone unit been started recently?

A Mumbai

B New Delhi

C Kolkata

#### D Chennai

ANSWER -: For the first time in India, 'Drone Police Unit' has been started in Tamil Nadu on Thursday. In Tamil Nadu, the 'Drone Police Unit' has been started by the Greater Chennai Police. That the 'Drone Police Unit' in Chennai will facilitate identification of criminals and suspects, surveillance of large gatherings and real-time checking of vehicle registration data, etc. About Rs 3.6 crore has been spent on this project of Chennai Police.

8. Where has the trial run of water taxi started in river Ganga recently?

(A) Haridwar(B) Varanasi

(C) Prayagraj

(D) none

Ans :- The opening date will be decided on the basis of the report of Varanasi City Transport Services Limited (VCTSL). This water taxi will operate from Rajghat, Lalita Ghat (Kashi Vishwanath Dham), Dashashwamedh Ghat and Assi Ghat. After the operation of water tax, devotees of Baba will directly reach Baba's court using water taxi. In such a situation, devotees will not have to face problems and their time will also be saved.

#### R ONE LINER R

Where has India's first police drone unit been launched -: Chennai

Recently, where has the trial of water taxi started in the river Ganga –: Varanasi

Recently, where the 588th coronation day of Gajapati Kapilendra Dev has been celebrated-: Odisha

Which country has won the Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023 -: India

Who has recently taken over as Deputy Director General of NCC -: VM Reddy

Recently in which state 7 handicraft products have got GI tag-: Uttar Pradesh

When is National Medical Day being celebrated-: July 1  $% \left( 1-\frac{1}{2}\right) =0$ 

Who has inaugurated smart city Arkadag costing 5 billion-: Turkmenistan

Where has the Chikhal Kalo festival been celebrated recently-: Goa

Where Google will block local news due to media law -: Canada

