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1 PM Modi inaugurates 'Sai Hira Global Convention Centre' in Andhra Pradesh



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated the newly built Sai Hira Global Convention Center at Prasanthi Nilayam in Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh. This convention center will emerge as a center of coming together for people from different regions of the world. Also, it is going to prove to be very helpful for the younger generation. That today the country has joined the top five economies of the world and we are competing with big countries in areas like digital technology and 5-G. Today, on the one hand, spiritual centers are being revived in the country, and at the same time, India is also leading in economy and technology. Philanthropist Ryuko Hira has built this center with a vision to promote cultural exchange, spirituality and global harmony. That this center will act as a major center for spiritual conferences and educational programs.

2. Union Home Minister Amit Shah launches 'Akshar River Cruise' in Gujarat



Union Home Minister Amit Shah virtually inaugurated the Akshar River Cruise at the Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad. That this floating restaurant cruise is equipped with very modern facilities. On this cruise people will get experiences like Mumbai and Goa. Its aim is to provide the best facilities to the people. On this, 125 to 150 people can enjoy the facilities at a time. Which helped in increasing the number of tourists in the state. Amit Shah said that when he moved to Ahmedabad in 1978, he never went to see the Sabarmati river until the riverfront was built. That as the then Chief Minister of Gujarat, Prime Minister Modi first envisioned a riverfront and planned for it. It was constructed during his tenure (as CM). The riverfront became known not only in Ahmedabad but also within the country and abroad and became a center of tourism.

3. Ministry of Rural Development launches 'eSaras' mobile app to sell products of women SHGs



The Government of India has introduced a mobile application to make the products made

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by Self Help Groups of women accessible to more and more people. The 'e-Saras' app has been released for online sale of products made by women associated with self-help groups under the Deendayal Upadhyaya Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission. The e-Saras app has been conceptualized for the marketing of excellent and original handicrafts and handloom products. According to the PTI-language report, Rural Development Secretary Shailesh Kumar Singh released this app. Along with this, he also inaugurated the E-Saras Fulfillment Center built in the Ministry's office located in Janakpuri, Delhi.

4. Triveni Continental Kings became the champion of the first Global Chess League



Triveni Continental Kings were crowned champions of the inaugural Global Chess League after Danish Grandmaster Jonas Bjerre defeated Javokhir Sindarov of Upgrade Mumba Masters in a sudden-death match. The winner was decided through three stages of tie-break. After two rounds ended in a rapid draw, two more rounds of blitz were played, but still ended in a draw. The eventual champion was decided over a series of sudden-death blitz games, with the deciding result coming in the fourth game. One of the most inexperienced players in the tournament and having lost most of his games, he led his team to important

victories when it was needed. After suffering four consecutive losses to Sindarov in a draw-even endgame, the 17-year-old Uzbek talent decided to force.

5. India's external debt at the end of March 2023 reached \$ 624.7 billion



India's external debt has seen a marginal increase at the end of March 2023, reaching USD 624.7 billion, according to data released by the Reserve Bank. The debt-GDP ratio declined during the same period. The US dollar's strength against major currencies including the Indian rupee, yen, SDR and euro resulted in a valuation gain of \$20.6 billion. India's external debt increased by USD 5.6 billion over the previous year, when it stood at USD 619.1 billion by March 2022. That the debt-GDP ratio declines from 20 per cent in March 2022 to 18.9 per cent in March 2023. The appreciation of the US dollar against major currencies resulted in a valuation gain of \$20.6 billion. If the valuation effect is removed, the external debt would have increased to \$26.2 billion from March 2022 to March 2023 instead of \$5.6 billion. By March 2023, long-term debt (with original maturity of more than one year) 496.

6. Shreyanka Patil becomes first Indian woman cricketer to be part of Caribbean Women's Premier League

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Young spin bowler Shreyanka Patil has created history by becoming the first Indian cricketer to be signed for the Women's Caribbean Premier League (WCPL). Patil is also the first Indian player to be offered a contract in a foreign league before making his international debut. Shreyanka Patil made a name for herself when she was picked for Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) in the inaugural edition of WCPL. In the 7 matches he played for RCB, the all-rounder picked up 6 wickets and scored 62 runs. Which will be held from 31 August to 10 September. BCCI has allowed Indian women cricketers to play in foreign cricket leagues and Harmanpreet Kaur, Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, Shefali Verma, Senior players like Deepti Sharma and Richa Ghosh have played in the WBBL or The Hundred. Also won the 'Player of the Tournament' award at the Women's Emerging Asia Cup held in Hong Kong. He displayed exceptional bowling prowess in the event and took nine wickets in only two complete games.

7. 23rd Shanghai Summit chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi



India hosted the 23rd meeting of the Council of Heads of States (CHS) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). India tried to secure its interests in this. It emphasized the need to fight cross-border terrorism which was a strong message to Pakistan. Representatives of other member states including Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif participated in it. This conference is being organized at a time when India's relations with its two neighboring countries Pakistan and China are going on tense. Meanwhile, Russia is trying to recover from the short-lived rebellion of its private army, Wagner. SCO was founded by Russia, China, Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, It was signed at a summit in Shanghai in 2001 by the Presidents of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. India was made an observer of SCO in 2005. India then participated in the ministerial level meetings of the group.

8. World's largest high grade phosphate reserves found in Norway

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Huge reserves of high grade phosphate have been found in Norway. That much phosphate can meet the needs of the world for the next 100 years. Phosphates are used in solar panels and electric car batteries. This treasure found in Norway is big enough to meet the demand of the world. Phosphate is an essential element used in the production of phosphorus for the fertilizer industry. This was included in the European Commission's March proposal for a much-needed Raw Materials Act. The reserves found in Norway have been estimated to be at least 70 billion tonnes. In the year 2021, an estimate was made by the US Geological Survey, in which it was said to have a reserve of 71 billion tonnes. By far the largest phosphate rock reserve in the world i.e. 50 billion tonnes is located in the Western Sahara region of Morocco. The next largest reserves are China 3.2 billion tonnes, Egypt 2.8 billion tonnes and Algeria 2.2 billion tonnes,

QUIZ

1 Who has resigned from the post of chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes?

- (a) Murli Manohar Singh
- (b) Ajay Kumar
- (c) Ravi Suman
- (d) Harsh Chauhan

EXPLANATION -: Harsh Chauhan has resigned from the post of chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST), eight months before the completion of his term. The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes is an Indian constitutional body that was established through the Constitution Act, 2003.

2 Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has launched the Rs 5600 crore National Highway Project in which state?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Assam

EXPLANATION -: Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 11 National Highway projects worth Rs 5600 crore in Pratapgarh, Rajasthan. Four National Highway projects with a total length of 219 km and a cost of Rs 3,775 crore were inaugurated in Rajasthan. Along with this, the construction work of a bridge being built on the Chambal river in Mandrayal also started.

3. Who has taken over as the new Chairman and MD of Coal India?

- (a) Jitin Prasad
- (b) Ajay Sinha
- (c) Rahul Anand
- (d) PM Prasad

EXPLANATION -: PM Prasad has taken over as the new Chairman and MD of Coal India. Prior to his new role, Prasad was heading CCL, a subsidiary of Coal India based in Jharkhand. Prasad has more than 30 years of experience in the coal mining sector. He

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holds a post graduate degree in Mining Engineering from the Indian School of Mines, IIT Dhanbad.

4. Under whose chairmanship is the 23rd summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation?

- (a) India
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) China
- (d) Russia

EXPLANATION -: This year the 23rd summit of Shanghai Cooperation Organization is being organized under the chairmanship of India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will preside over the 23rd Summit of the Heads of State of the SCO Council. Iran, Belarus and Mongolia have been invited as observers. The theme of this summit is SCO-SECURE, which is derived from the acronym given by the Prime Minister at the 2018 SCO Qingdao Summit.

5. Who is the first player from Assam to make it to the Indian women's team?

- (a) Jintimoni Kalita
- (b) Uma Chhetri
- (c) Sneha Rana
- (d) Anusha Baredy

EXPLANATION -: Uma Chhetri has become the first woman cricketer from Assam to be selected in the Indian women's team. The BCCI Women's selection committee has announced the Indian squad for the three-match T20I and ODI series against Bangladesh, starting on 9th July respectively. Uma Chhetri hails from Bokakhat, Assam and she is a talented wicket-keeper batsman. Harmanpreet Kaur

will lead the Indian team for the upcoming Bangladesh tour.

6. Which swimmer has created a new national record in the backstroke event at the National Swimming Championships?

- (a) Chahat Arora
- (b) Mana Patel
- (c) Purva Shetty
- (d) Anita Sood

EXPLANATION -: Olympian Mana Patel has created a new national record in the National Swimming Championship held in Hyderabad. Mana Patel created a new national record in the women's 100m backstroke event. At the same time, Linisha AK also created a new record in the women's 200 meter breaststroke event. Patel set a new record in the women's 100m backstroke event with 1:03.48. Neena Venkatesh also bettered her own national record in the women's 50m butterfly event.

7. In which city Akshar River Cruise was inaugurated recently?

- (a) Surat
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Ahmedabad

EXPLANATION -: Union Home Minister Amit Shah virtually inaugurated 'Akshar River Cruise' at Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Akshar River Cruise is a floating restaurant and has been a joint venture of Akshar Travels, Amdavad Municipal Corporation (AMC) and Sabarmati Riverfront Development Corporation. The 162-capacity cruise will take passengers on a one-and-a-half-hour journey with meals. The floating restaurant has a sprinkler

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system to prevent fire, a lifeboat, life jackets and other safety features.

8. State Bank of India has appointed whom among the following as its Chief Financial Officer (CFO)?

- (A) Kameshwar Rao Kodavanti
- (B) Surendra Singh Shekhawat
- (C) Kapil Bhargava
- (D) Jatin Patel

EXPLANATION -: State Bank of India announced the appointment of Kameswara Rao Kodavanti, who has been associated with the bank since 1991, as its Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Kodavanti replaces Charanjit Surinder Singh Attra who has resigned from the post. He is working with State Bank of India since August 1991 and has experience in the field of Banking, Foreign Exchange, Finance and Accounting.

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The 23rd summit of SCO is being organized under whose chairmanship - : **India**

Recently which state government has increased the retirement age for professors to 65 years -: **Jammu and Kashmir**

In which state more than 205 species of birds have been found in the bird census- : **Bihar**

In which state the Pattuparthi Mensai Heera Global Convention Center has been inaugurated? - **Andhra Pradesh**

In which state the foundation stone of the country's first co-operative Sainik School has been laid- **Gujarat**

Who has been re-elected as the Director General of FAO -: **Qu Dongyu**

Who has topped the ongoing ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings- : **C. Atapattu**

Recently, which swimmer has set a new record in the backstroke event in the National Swimming Championship- **Mana Patel**

Recently in which city dedicated monkey forest runs have been made -: **Lucknow**

Which country will host the next meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of State in 2024? - **Kazakhstan**