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1. Netherlands : Prime Minister Mark Rutte 's coalition government falls , preparations for new elections begin



The coalition government of Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte has collapsed over "insurmountable" differences over its handling of migration. After several days of crisis talks, the four-party coalition failed to reach an agreement. Longest serving leader of the Netherlands Rutte announced the collapse at a news conference and submitted his written resignation to King. Dissent arises over Rutte's proposal to tighten restrictions on reuniting families of asylum seekers, aimed at overcrowded migration centres. After the related scam, the number has to be reduced. Coalition partners, including Rutte's centre-right VVD party, have very different views on travel policy. Rutte's fourth coalition government since assuming office in 2010, January 2022 after 271 days of long negotiations was only in power. Rutte has submitted his resignation and plans to lead a caretaker government until mid-November elections. During the interim period, the caretaker government would focus on tasks such as supporting Ukraine.

2. India's star badminton player Lakshya Sen qualifies for the final of Canada Open 2023



India's star badminton player Lakshya Sen has secured the ticket for the final of Canada Open 2023. In the semi-finals, Lakshya showed his best performance and defeated Japan's Nishimoto in straight sets 21-17, 21-14 to book the ticket for the title match. At the same time, PV Sindhu could not maintain her shadnar form in the semifinals as she lost 14-21, 15-21 against Akane Yamaguchi. Lakshya Sen looked in fine touch from the start of the match and did not give any chance to Nishimoto to dominate. Though Lakshya was trailing 0-4 in the first set, he came back strongly to level the match at 8-8. Nishimoto was leading against the target 11-10 at the break. But Lakshya took the set 21-17 on the basis of his smashes and brilliant returns. The beginning of the second set was also exciting and the score was tied at 9-9. However, after this, Lakshya appeared in his full form and hit the Japanese player with one smash after another. Lakshya sealed his seat in the final by winning the second set 21-14. In the title match, Lakshya will take on Li Shi Feng of China.

3. BJP President JP Nadda announced the members of the National Working Committee



Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President Jagat Prakash Nadda has appointed several members in the National Working Committee. These appointments are considered very important before the elections in many states and the general elections next year. The party said in the released information that these appointments are important for the party's operation and decision-making process. Apart from this, JP Nadda has also appointed the State Secretary for Kerala. Suresh Kashyap, Sanjay Jaiswal, Vishnudev Sai, Dharamlal Kaushik, Ashwini Sharma, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Somavir Raju, Deepak Prakash, Kirori Lal Meena and Satish Poonia are among the leaders appointed by

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the BJP in the National Working Committee. In this list, each leader has his own experience and way of working, which the party is looking at from an important perspective. BJP says that it will help in running the National Working Committee effectively. After the appointment of these 10 members, leaders coming from different regions and communities of the country have been given a chance in the BJP's National Working Committee. This decision is also considered important in view of the commitment of the BJP to strengthen its hold in every community and region. Especially when BJP is taking a big decision at the national level. Along with this, BJP has also appointed Subhash Kanoth as the General Secretary of Kerala State.

4. Netherlands men win second FIH Hockey Pro League title



Netherlands men's hockey team has emerged as the champions of the FIH Hockey Pro League 2022/23 season with a total of 35 points. The win was their second title in the men's competition, making them the first team to win the championship twice. They successfully defended their first title, which they had won the previous season. The FIH Hockey Pro League is an international field hockey competition for men and women. The league was launched in 2019 and is organized by the International Hockey Federation (FIH). The tournament is played between the top men's and women's national teams in the world. The FIH Hockey Pro League follows a round-robin format, with each team playing each other twice. Once at home and once outside. At the end of the season, the top four teams in each gender qualify for the FIH Hockey Pro League Finals. FIH Hockey Pro League is a big step forward for field hockey. This is the first time that there

has been a global league for the sport and has helped raise the prestige of field hockey around the world. The tournament has also helped improve the quality of field hockey, as teams are now playing more matches against top-level competition. FIH Hockey Pro League has been successful and is expected to grow in the years to come. The tournament is helping to make field hockey a more popular sport, and it is providing a platform for the best players in the world to compete against each other. Because teams are now playing more matches against top level competition.

5. Gujarat government doubles insurance cover



The Gujarat government has doubled the amount of insurance cover under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. Now the beneficiaries of this scheme will get an insurance cover of Rs 10 lakh instead of Rs 5 lakh. This decision will come into effect from July 11, 2023. The state health minister said that this decision of the government will benefit about one crore 78 lakh Ayushman Bharat card holders of the state. Under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Yojana, the beneficiaries will get the facility of free medical treatment in two thousand government hospitals and 795 private hospitals in the state. This wide network of health facilities will play a vital role in providing timely and quality health services to the insured population. The inclusion of private hospitals in the scheme expands the options available to the beneficiaries. This ensures that they can access treatment from a comprehensive range of healthcare providers. Gujarat ranks fifth in settling claims made by beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat card holders. Also, Gujarat has secured the second position in terms of the number of claims accepted under PMJAY. This achievement reflects the

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effectiveness of the state government's efforts in streamlining the insurance claim process, allowing beneficiaries to access their entitled benefits faster.

6. These two viruses are behind the rising prices of tomatoes - ToMV and CMV



Tomato farmers in Maharashtra and Karnataka have blamed two different viruses for the decline in their yield earlier this year. Maharashtra farmers reported that their tomato crops were adversely affected by cucumber mosaic virus (CMV), while growers in Karnataka and other south Indian states attributed their losses to tomato mosaic virus (ToMV). Over the past three years, tomato farmers have observed an increase in the spread of these two viruses, resulting in varying degrees of crop damage. The two plant pathogens, despite having similar names and causing similar crop damage, actually belong to different viral families and have different modes of transmission. Tomato mosaic virus (ToMV) is a member of the Virgaviridae family and shares a close relationship with tobacco mosaic virus (ToMV). It is tomato, tobacco, Affects a variety of plants, including peppers and some ornamental plants. On the other hand, cucumber mosaic virus (CMV) has a wide range of host plants. It can infect cucumber, melon, eggplant, tomato, carrot, lettuce, celery, cucurbits (such as squash, pumpkin, zucchini and some gourds), as well as some ornamental plants. "CMVThe name originated from its identification in 1934 in the cucumber. It is worth noting that CMV has a wider host pool than TOMV.

7. RBI issues draft circular on credit card network portability



Reserve Bank of India can change the rules related to Credit Card. Under this rule, credit card, debit card and prepaid card users will be able to choose the card network of their choice (eg Visa, Master, Rupay). That is, like mobile number, now customers will be able to port debit and credit cards as well. Regarding this, RBI has issued a draft circular and has sought suggestions from banks and customers by 4 August 2023. The Reserve Bank believes that customers should be given the facility to choose their preferred credit card network. RBI said in the circular, 'Financial institutions should not issue credit cards, debit cards and pre-paid cards for any particular card network. They have to give people the option to choose the network of their choice. Presently there are 5 card network companies in India which are Visa, Mastercard, Rupay, American Express and Diners Club are included. Banks and financial institutions tie up with these companies to issue credit cards. For this reason, the bank gives the card to the customer, he has to use that network.

8. Taiwan announces opening of third diplomatic office in Mumbai



Taiwan, which is facing the threat of invasion from China, has made a big announcement regarding

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India. Taiwan has announced the opening of its third diplomatic office in India. This office named Taipei Economic and Cultural Center (TECC) will be opened in Mumbai. Taiwanese diplomatic offices are already operational in New Delhi and Chennai. Taiwan is not recognized as a country. In such a situation, their diplomatic offices are known as economic and cultural centers, however, all the work here is similar to that of an embassy. There is every possibility of provoking China with this announcement of Taiwan. China has been telling Taiwan its share from the beginning and opposes its relations with any country. The trade between India and Taiwan was \$2 billion in the year 2006, which has increased to \$8.9 billion by the year 2021. Taiwan has announced that it will open a new office in Mumbai and this will be Taiwan's third office in India after Delhi and Chennai. Taiwan's decision is being seen as a strategic move, as its 'China-plus-one' strategy is to continuously operate outside China's sphere of influence in order to keep the businesses alive in the home country. Although India does not yet have formal diplomatic relations with Taiwan, as India still follows the One-China policy, Taiwan has established economic and cultural centers in India to trade with India.

QUIZ

1. When has International Plastic Bag Free Day been celebrated recently?

A- 01 July

B. July 03

C. 02 July

D. 04 July

Ans. To spread awareness about these harmful effects, International Plastic Bag Free Day is celebrated every year on 3rd July. In the year 2009, the celebration of International Plastic Bag Free Day was started.

2. Who has been appointed by Russia's giant oil company Rosneft on its board?

A- **G K Satish**

B. Pawan Sharma

C. R.K.Sharma

D. Naveen Kumar

Ans. Russian oil giant Rosneft has appointed GK Satish, a former director of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), to its board. It has indicated to strengthen business relations with India by appointing former IOC director GK Satish on its board of directors. In a statement, Rosneft informed about the inclusion of Satish in its 11-member board of directors. Two other directors have also been appointed along with him.

3. With which bank has Flipkart recently partnered to facilitate personal loans?

A- IDFC First Bank

B- Axis Bank

C- Bank of Baroda

D- Yes Bank

Answer- One of India's largest online shopping platforms Flipkart has joined hands with Axis Bank to enhance the convenience of its customers. Through which Up Flipkart will also offer Personal Loan to its customers. Under this, Flipkart customers will be offered loans up to Rs 5 lakh. Which customers will be able to repay in 6 months to 36 months. Explain that Flipkart has taken this step in order to provide a flexible option of personal loan to its customers.

4. Recently which country's government will ban mobile phones in classrooms?

A- Blazium

B- Afghanistan

C- Pakistan

D- Netherlands

Answer- The Netherlands has taken a commendable step for education reforms. The Netherlands has decided to ban carrying mobile phones in schools across the country from next year. Its purpose is that children can do their studies without any hindrance. The Dutch government has said that mobiles, tablets and smartwatches are hindering students' learning and they will not be allowed in the classroom from next year. The Netherlands government also said, 'There is increasing evidence that mobile phones have a harmful effect during school studies. Students are

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less able to concentrate which affects their performance. For this reason, from January 1, 2024, mobile phones, as well as tablets and smartwatches, will not be allowed to be carried in the classrooms.

5. Recently the Chief Minister of which state has launched the 'Ama Pokhari' project?

- A-Gujarat
- B-Assam
- C- West Bengal
- D-Odisha**

Answer- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the 'Ama Pokhari' scheme to revive around 2,000 large water bodies in all 115 urban local bodies of the state. About `120 crore will be spent on the implementation of this initiative. Launching the project, the Chief Minister said that the project would be implemented using natural and organic methods to improve the climate of the surrounding areas. Water bodies will also be developed for the entertainment of the citizens and their surroundings will get an aesthetic facelift. Renovation and maintenance of water bodies will be done with the cooperation of the members of Mission Shakti. "This will help develop healthy public spaces for recreation and strengthen the ecological framework of cities."

6. When will 'Chandrayaan 3' be launched by the Indian Council of Research (ISRO)?

- A- 14th July**
- B- 15th July
- C- 16th July
- D- 17th July

Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has announced the launch date of its much awaited project Chandrayaan-3. Chandrayaan-3 will be launched on July 14 at 2:35 pm. It will be launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota. Earlier, ISRO had announced its launch from July 12 to 19. ISRO Chairman S Somnath informed that Chandrayaan-3 will attempt a 'soft landing' on the lunar surface on August 23 or 24. This

mission will add India to the list of countries that have made a soft landing on the Moon.

7. Which country has recently destroyed its last declared chemical weapons?

- A- China
- B-Russia
- C- America**
- D-none

The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) has confirmed that the last of the declared stockpiles has been destroyed by all signatories to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC). It is noteworthy that US President Joe Biden announced on July 7 that the United States had completely destroyed its decades-old stockpile of chemical weapons, marking the elimination of all known stockpiles of agents of mass destruction worldwide. Completion is a milestone.

8. Recently where has Taiwan announced to open third diplomatic office in India?

- A-Chennai
- B- Mumbai**
- C- Kolkata
- D- Raipur

Answer- The Taiwan government on Wednesday said that it will set up Taipei Economic and Cultural Center (TECC) in Mumbai as part of the broader objective of further deepening cooperation with India. Currently, Taiwan has TECCs in Delhi and Chennai. Taiwan's decision to set up TECC in India's financial capital comes at a time when major Taiwanese companies are looking to shift their production units from China to India, the US and countries in Europe and North America.

ONE LINER

Who has recently been appointed as the new Executive Director by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) - **P Vasudevan**

Who has been launched by Union Defense Minister Rajnath Singh – **Single Window NCC Cadets**

Recently in which country more than 2200 earthquakes have been recorded - **Iceland**

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India's first IIT campus will be set up in which city of Tanzania - **Zanzibar**

Recently what has been released by the 'World Meteorological Organization (WMO) - '**Ozone UV Bulletin**'

Who has launched 'Euclid Space Telescope ' - **European Space Agency (ESA)**

Indian film director has won the Best Director award at the British National Awards - **Shekhar Kapur**

Where is the 7th edition of the bilateral Indo-Japan maritime exercise 'JIMEX ' being organized by the Indian Navy recently - **Visakhapatnam**

Who has taken over as the chairperson of the Research Advisory Committee of ICAR - **Neerja Prabhakar**

Recently which scheme has been launched by the state of Odisha - '**Mo Jangal Jami Yojana** '

