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1. India welcomes 'Lisa', the first regional AI news anchor



In a significant milestone for the AI industry, Odisha TV, an Odia-based news station, has unveiled "Lisa", India's first regional AI news anchor. The introduction of Lisa marks an unprecedented moment in TV broadcasting and journalism, with the potential to revolutionize the industry. With Lisa emerging as India's first regional AI News anchor, pushing the boundaries of AI in the media industry thereby opening up new possibilities for engaging and dynamic news productions in different languages and regional contexts. In a video shared by OTV on Twitter, Lisa confidently introduces herself, expressing her excitement for this historic occasion. The news station reveals that she will soon host news updates, showcasing her abilities as an AI news anchor. Odia Near Lisa, Has remarkable ability to speak multiple languages including English and others. OTV took up the challenge of training Lisa in the Odia language and revealed that efforts are underway to further enhance her proficiency.

2. 4 Indian-origin women included in Forbes list of 100 richest women in 2023



Four Indian-origin women have managed to make it to Forbes' list of 100 richest self-made women. The assets of these four women of Indian origin are collectively \$ 4.06 billion. Indian-Americans Jayashree Ullal, Neerja

Sethi, Neha Narkhede and Indra Nooyi have been included in the Forbes list of 9th richest self-made women of 2023. Jayashree Ullal, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of computer networking firm Arista Networks, Neerja Sethi, co-founder of IT consulting and outsourcing firm Syntel, co-founder and former chief technology officer (CTO) of cloud company Confluent, in the Forbes list. Neha Narkhede and former PepsiCo chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi. The net worth of women entrepreneurs included in the Forbes 100 Richest Women list has increased by 12 per cent from a year ago to reach \$124 billion amid the ongoing rally in the stock markets. Ullal is ranked 15th on the list with a net worth of \$2.4 billion. She has been the President and CEO of publicly traded Arista Networks since 2008. Arista projects revenue of approximately \$4.4 billion in 2022.

3. Dell and Intel to set up 'AI Skills Lab' in Telangana, India



Dell Technologies and chip maker Intel announced their partnership to launch artificial intelligence (AI) labs in India. Dell and Intel's Digital Readiness team partner to enable Lord's Institute of Engineering and Technology, Telangana to 'deconstruct AI for the next generation' by integrating Intel's 'AI for Youth' program into its existing curriculum. Through this partnership, the institute aims to enable students to become industry-ready and bridge their digital skills gap. "AI Initiative for Youth by Intel Impressive AI pedagogy enabling teachers and students alike would help in bridging the skill gap by leveraging Innovation in technology and education is key to building the workforce of the future Indrajit Belgundi, Senior Director and General Manager, Client Solutions Group, India, Dell Technologies, said in a statement. The program will focus on building capabilities among selected teachers through training provided by Intel, as well as 170+ hours of AI curriculum

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aimed at coaching students through bootcamps, AI-thons, virtual showcases, etc. will also be included.

4. PNB introduces IVR-based UPI solution: UPI 123PAY



Public sector Punjab National Bank (PNB) has announced the launch of UPI 123PAY, an IVR based UPI solution. The offering is in line with the Digital Payments Vision 2025, which aims to move India towards a cashless and cardless society. Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has revolutionized the way transactions are done in India, providing customers with a seamless, secure and real-time payment experience. However, until now, UPI services were primarily accessible through smartphones or USSD, which depended on strong internet connectivity. PNB recognized that this limitation prevented users without smartphones or living in areas with low internet connectivity from accessing UPI services. To solve this problem, PNB has introduced UPI 123PAY, an IVR-based UPI solution. UPI 123PAY will be multilingual, which will provide service to customers in their preferred language. The feature aims to provide enhanced convenience and accessibility to a wider range of users.

5. According to the UNESCAP report, India is the top nation in the effort to facilitate digital trade worldwide



The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific (UNESCAP) has recently released the

“Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation 2023”. India has performed better in the survey. India is now the best performing country among all the countries in the South Asia region. The overall score of India has been higher than many developed countries like Canada, France, UK, Germany. The year 2023 survey covers over 140 economies and evaluates 60 trade facilitation measures. In the year 2023, India has achieved a score of 93.55 percent which is higher than the score of 90.32 percent in 2021. The 2023 survey recognized India's exceptional progress in various sub-indicators, in which the country scored in four key areas: transparency, formalities, institutional arrangements and cooperation, and has achieved an excellent score of 100% in Paperless Business. These notable points are aimed at streamlining trade processes, increasing transparency and facilitating collaboration among stakeholders through initiatives such as prompt customs, single window interface for trade facilitation (SWIFT), pre-arrival data processing, e-aggregate, coordinated border management. India's efforts in promoting India has achieved a score of 77.8 per cent in 2023 as compared to 66.7 per cent in 2021 in the score for the “women in trade facilitation” component.

6. India's three armies participating in France's Bastille Day Parade



Prime Minister Narendra Modi is about to go on a tour of France, on which the whole world is eyeing. A contingent from all the three services will take part in the Bastille Day celebrations in France on July 14, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be the chief guest. Official sources said Modi's visit is taking place at a time when the Indo-French strategic partnership has entered its 25th year. Emphasizing the importance of the Indian Prime Minister's presence at the event, the sources said it is not common for foreign leaders to be

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invited as guests of honor on Bastille Day. According to him, the last time this was done was in 2017 when the then US President was invited. Regarding this visit of PM Modi, an official said that this also rarely happens when foreign contingents and foreign aircraft participate in this ceremony. It's France's National Day Also known as Bastille Day. It is celebrated every year on 14th July. The Bastille Day Parade is the highlight of the celebrations. Sources said Modi's itinerary also underlines his warm personal rapport with French President Emmanuel Macron as the French leader will hold several meetings with the prime minister, including a private dinner and a joint meeting with CEOs on Bastille Day. But it includes a state banquet at the prestigious Louvre Museum.

7. Joint campaign against objectionable and unauthorized drugs: Operation Broder Sword



India and the United States recently joined hands in Operation Broader Sword, a multi-agency operation aimed at preventing illegal shipments of pharmaceuticals, devices and precursor chemicals through the International Mail System (IMS). This operation, conducted in June 2023, resulted in the prevention of over 500 shipments of illegal and unapproved prescription drugs to US consumers. Under Operation Broader Sword, India's Revenue Retail Investigation (DRI) and United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Land and Border Protection (CBP), Homeland Security Investigation (HSI), Drug Export and Production (DEA) , and legal organizations such as the United States Postal Investigation Service (USPIS) have teamed up to target and prevent the trafficking of dangerous and unauthorized pharmaceuticals, combination medical devices, and synthetic drug precursors through International Mail Facilities (IMF). during operation, Investigators examined more than 1,500 shipments originating in India, taking action

on nearly 500 products, including illegal drugs designed to treat serious diseases. Opioids and other controlled substances were found in several shipments. The operation focused on packages entering the United States from India through the New York (JFK International Airport) and Chicago (ORD International Airport) International Mail Facilities (IMF) between June 12 and June 23.

8. National Law University Delhi launches 'Eklavya'



National Law University (NLU), Delhi has recently launched a pioneering educational initiative named 'Eklavya'. This innovative scheme aims to strengthen NLU Delhi's commitment to collaboration and draw upon the expertise and diverse perspectives of individuals without traditional law degrees. By actively seeking partnerships outside the University, NLU Delhi intends to develop high quality legal scholarship that includes a wide range of experiences and knowledge. Must have at least three years of direct experience working on issues having a significant interface with the law. Completion of a bachelor's degree at least three years prior to application. Full-time or part-time employees require approval from their current organization or institution. Self-employed individuals, freelancers,

QUIZ

1. When is International Malala Day celebrated?

- (a) 13th July
- (b) 14th July
- (c) 15th July
- (d) 12th July

International Malala Day is observed on 12 July every year to honor the bravery and activism of Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani advocate for girls' education and the youngest person to receive the Nobel Prize. International Malala Day 2023 will mark the

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10th anniversary of the Malala Yousafzai programme. This special day was first observed in 2013, marking the one year anniversary of the attack on Malala by the Taliban.

2. How many Indian women have been included in Forbes 2023 list of America's 100 most successful women.

- (a) 4 women
- (b) 5 women
- (c) 6 women
- (d) 7 women

The Forbes 2023 list of America's 100 Most Successful Women has been released. Four Indian-origin women Jayashree Ullal, Indira Nooyi, Neha Narkhede and Neerja Sethi have made it to the prestigious list of America's 100 Richest Self-Made Women.

3. Which organization has recently released 'Ozone UV Bulletin'?

- (a) WHO
- (b) routers
- (c) WMO
- (d) NASA

After a gap of seven years, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) reintroduced the Ozone-UV Bulletin, indicating a steady recovery of the ozone layer. The Annual Bulletin will provide the latest details regarding global stratospheric ozone levels and ultraviolet radiation.

4. Dell Technologies and Intel have joined hands to set up an Artificial Intelligence (AI) lab at?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Kerala

Dell Technologies and Intel have joined hands to set up an artificial intelligence (AI) lab at the Telangana Institute. The partnership aims to bridge the digital skills gap and empower students at Lord's Institute of Engineering and Technology in Telangana by integrating Intel's 'AI for Youth' program into their curriculum.

5. Who won the gold medal in the 40 kg category of the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship?

- (a) Jyotsna Sabar
- (b) Identity
- (c) gentle fog
- (d) Aarti Sinha

India has so far won three gold medals in the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship, which started at Gautam Budh University in Greater Noida. Athlete Jyotsna Sabar has won gold medal in 40 kg youth category, Asmita in 45 kg youth and junior category and Komal Kohar in 45 kg senior category. In this five-day tournament, 253 weightlifters including 52 Indians are participating in senior, junior and youth categories.

6. What percentage of GST has been fixed on 'Online Gaming' in the 50th meeting of the GST Council?

- (a) 05%
- (b) 15%
- (c) 18%
- (d) 28%

The 50th meeting of the GST Council was held under the chairmanship of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Many important decisions were taken in this meeting. The formation of GST Tribunal has also been approved in the GST Council meeting. The GST Council has approved the imposition of 28 per cent GST on the full value of online gaming, casino and horse racing.

7. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and CEO of SBI Card?

- (a) Abhijit Chakraborty
- (b) Ram Mohan Rao Amara
- (c) Rajiv Sinha
- (d) Vijay Arora

State Bank of India (SBI) has selected Abhijit Chakraborty as the new Managing Director and CEO of 'SBI Card'. He will replace Ram Mohan Rao Amara, who will hold the post till August 11. Chakraborty's appointment will be effective from August 12 for a period of two years. SBI Card was launched in October 1998 by State Bank of India and GE Capital.

8. When is Utkarsh Small Finance Bank releasing its Initial Public Offering (IPO).

- (a) 12th July

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(b) 13th July

(c) 14th July

(d) 15th July

Utkarsh Small Finance Bank is coming up with its Initial Public Offering (IPO) on 12th July. Investors will be able to invest in it from 12 to 14 July. MD & CEO of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank: Mr. Govind Singh; Headquarters of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank: Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh; Establishment of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank: 2015.

ONE LINER

Recently in which state the National Sickle Cell Anemia Eradication Mission (NSCAEM) 2047 has been inaugurated – **Madhya Pradesh**

Which bank has recently announced the launch of IVR based UPI solution UPI 123PAY – **Punjab National Bank**

Which Indian actor's film Vulture has been qualified for the short film category of Oscar - **Sanjay Mishra**

Which state's police has started a new scheme for women traveling alone at night - **Tamil Nadu**

National Law University (NLU), Delhi has recently launched a pioneering educational initiative - 'Eklavya'.

How many women from India have been included in Forbes 2023 list of America's 100 most successful women - **Four women**

Who has been appointed as the President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) - **Sheikh Talal Fahad Al Sabah**

In which state the first 'Sahiwal calf' has been born through surrogacy - **Andhra Pradesh**

Which state government has announced 50% fee waiver for EWS students – **Maharashtra**

Which day is celebrated all over the world on 11 July 2023 - **World Population Day**