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## 1. in Kochi Indian and US Navy conduct exercise 'SALVEX'



Indian and US navies conducted an 11-day military exercise in Kochi. The S exercise of Indian and US navies has been named 'Salvex'. The seventh edition of the Rescue and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) exercise came to an end. Both the navies have been participating in joint rescue and EOD exercises since 2005. The exercise saw deployment of frontline warships from both sides besides specialist diving and EOD teams. The Indian Navy informed that the diving teams from both the countries shared experiences on maritime rescue and trained together in various aspects of EOD operations on land as well as at sea. The navies of both the countries undertook rescue and training in various aspects of EOD operations on land as well as at sea during this joint exercise. Indo US Naval Joint Exercise 'Salvex' to mutually exchange best practices in maritime rescue and EOD operations

## 2. Haryana government started 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar Yojana'



“मेरा बिल मेरा अधिकार“

हरियाणा में की गई नई योजना शुरू

Scheme has been started in Haryana to encourage taxpayers. Mera Bill – Mera Adhikar scheme has been started in five states of the country. Under this scheme,

the consumers will have to take the bill at the time of purchase and upload the bill on the portal. Thereafter, prizes worth Rs 30 crore will be given to consumers through a draw from the corpus fund. Mera Bill – Mera Adhikar Yojana will develop a tendency among consumers to ask for bills from sellers while purchasing goods. Along with this, a strong feeling will also develop from the consumer to the government. That GST has proved to be an excellent system in simplifying the country's tax system and ending the Inspector Raj. That the GST implemented with the objective of one nation-one tax is today paving the way for making the country self-sufficient in the field of tax. GST has had a multiplier effect on the economy, helping exporters, small traders and entrepreneurs,

## 3. 7th India-Japan Maritime Exercise 'JIMEX-23' begins in Visakhapatnam



Indian Navy has started hosting the seventh edition of Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2023 (JIMEX 23) at Visakhapatnam. This edition marks the 11th anniversary of JIMEX since its inception in 2012. The upcoming JIMEX 23 exercise will see cooperation between units of the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) led by Commander Escort Flotilla One RADM Nishiyama Takahiro and Indian Navy ships led by Rear Admiral Gurcharan Singh, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet. The Indian Navy's participation in JIMEX 23 includes notable ships such as INS Delhi, the country's first indigenously built guided missile destroyer, INS Kamorta, an indigenous anti-submarine warfare corvette, fleet tanker INS Shakti, a submarine, as well as the maritime patrol aircraft P8I. dornier aircraft, Ship-

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borne helicopters and fighter aircraft. JIMEX 23 will run for six days and will consist of two phases. Will be held in Visakhapatnam and will include professional, sports and social contacts.

## 4. Bihar launches 'Gandak-Ganga River Link Scheme'



The Bihar government has decided to link Ganga and Gandak under the river linking scheme. To reduce the effect of flood of Gandak river, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has prepared a very ambitious plan to connect Gandak and Ganga river through Chhadi and Gandaki Mahi. After passing the proposal from the cabinet, on the instructions of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, the Water Resources Department has started working on this scheme. Under this, on the instructions of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Minister of Water Resources Department Sanjay Jha along with his departmental officers went to Hirapakad (Gopalganj) to inspect the origin of this river linking scheme and took feedback from the residents. That under the Gandak-Ganga river link scheme, a total of 170 km long link channel is to be constructed starting from Gandak river near Hirapakad (Gopalganj) to river Ganga near Haispur (Saran). There is immense joy among the residents of the area after getting the approval of this scheme.

## 5. India's first chatbot dedicated to mental health 'Tele-Manas' launched in J&K



In view of the increasing number of mental patients in Jammu and Kashmir, it is a good step to start Tele Manas Chat-Baat facility by the Department of Health and Medical Education. With this, any person will be able to get consultation from psychiatrists. Not only this, to overcome the shortage of psychiatrists, it has also set a milestone by signing an MoU with the National Institute of Mental Sciences. That there is a huge shortage of psychiatric specialists in Jammu and Kashmir. Except for the psychiatric hospitals in Jammu and Srinagar, there are hardly any specialists even in the district hospitals. Even before this, an attempt was made to train medical officers and post them on the posts of psychiatrists, but due to lack of seriousness in this, it could not be successful. Like other parts of the country, the way mental diseases have increased in Jammu and Kashmir, from youth to others.

## 6. 67th convention of Travel Agent Association of India begins in Colombo



The Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) on Thursday announced that its long-awaited convention in Sri Lanka has finally been conceptualized and will take place in Colombo from July 6-9, 2023. Making the

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announcement at a virtual press conference, the travel trade association also revealed the theme of its flagship event. 'Crossing Boundaries - Changing Lives.' Focusing on promoting regional tourism between India and Sri Lanka. The Travel Trade Association, which was to host its conference in Sri Lanka last year and later postponed it due to political unrest, is expecting to take around 500 delegates to the island nation. TAAI's 67th convention is being organized in association with the Sri Lanka Association of Inbound Tour Operators (SLAITO) and in collaboration with the Sri Lankan Tourism Promotion Board (SLTPB).

## 7. Odisha CM launches 'Ekamra Project' for redevelopment of 11th century Lingaraj Temple



As part of his government's effort to develop ancient temples, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Wednesday laid the foundation stone of the Rs 280-crore Ekamra project for the development of areas around the 11th-century Lingaraj temple in Bhubaneswar. Under the Ekamra Kshetra (ancient name for Bhubaneswar) Amenities and Monuments Renovation Action (EKAMRA) scheme launched in 2019, the Naveen Patnaik government plans to develop around 80 acres of land around the ancient temple of Lord Shiva. The plan includes conservation of various other ancient temples, sacred ponds and water bodies associated with the 11th-century temple, and creating facilities for pilgrims visiting the temple. In the first phase, the focus is on creating a 12-metre wide mixed traffic lane to restore architectural and archaeological heritage sites and improve vehicular movement. parking facilities,

## 8. Bangladesh captain Tamim Iqbal announces retirement



Bangladesh's ODI captain Tamim Iqbal has announced his sudden retirement from international cricket three months before the team's ODI World Cup campaign begins in India. The 34-year-old was in tears as he announced his decision to end his 16-year international career. He played 70 Test matches for Bangladesh and scored 5134 runs at an average of 38.89, including 10 centuries. He last played in this format against Ireland in April. As far as ODIs are concerned, he played 241 matches and scored 36. Scored 8313 runs at an average of 62 with 14 centuries and 56 fifties. Tamim also finished his career as the highest run-scorer for Bangladesh in ODIs. Tamim was also a part of the Bangladesh team that defeated India in the 2007 World Cup. The left-handed batsman scored a match-winning half-century while chasing the target. The experienced left-hander scored 5,134 runs in 134 innings of 70 Tests, including 10 hundreds. He has retired from Twenty20 International in 2022.

### QUIZ

1. Which pair won the junior mixed team compound gold medal at the World Archery Youth Championships 2023?

- (a) Priyansh and Avneet Kaur
- (b) Tarundeep and Deepika Kumari
- (c) Atanu Das and Dola Banerjee
- (d) Tarundeep and Avneet Kaur

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**EXPLANATION -:** Indian pair Priyansh and Avneet Kaur won the gold medal in the junior mixed team compound event at the World Archery Youth Championships 2023 in Ireland. They defeated the Israeli team in the final with a close score of 146–144. India's Manav Jadhav and Aishwarya Sharma also won the bronze medal in the cadet mixed compound event by defeating Mexico. The World Archery Youth Championships event is being held in Ireland from 3rd to 9th July.

**2. Who won the gold medal in the men's 800m freestyle event at the National Swimming Championships?**

- (a) Mahesh Kohli
- (b) Mridul Sinha
- (c) Ravi Nayak
- (d) Aryan Nehra

**EXPLANATION -:** India's swimmer Aryan Nehra has won the gold medal in the men's 800m freestyle event at the National Swimming Championships. Along with this, he has also created a new national record. Karnataka's Harshika Ramachandra and Maharashtra's swimmer Ananya Nayak also created new national records in the women's 200m medley and 100m freestyle events, respectively.

**3. With which country did the Indian Navy conduct an 11-day military exercise in Kochi?**

- (a) USA
- (b) Japan
- (c) France
- (d) Germany

**EXPLANATION -:** The navies of India and the US conducted an 11-day military exercise in Kochi, which focused on boosting operational coordination. Both the navies have been

participating in joint rescue and EOD exercises since 2005. This was the seventh edition of this event.

**4. Who has been appointed as the President of Basketball Federation of India?**

- (a) Riya Singh
- (b) Arjun Mohanty
- (c) Adhav Arjun
- (d) Ajay Sinha

**EXPLANATION -:** Tamil Nadu Basketball Association (TNBA) President Adhav Arjun has been elected as the President of Basketball Federation of India. Adhav won 38 votes out of 39, defeating the current president K Govindaraj. BFI is the governing body of the game of basketball in India. It was established in 1950. It is affiliated with FIBA Asia and the Indian Olympic Association

**5. In which country will the first IIT campus outside India be set up?**

- (a) Kenya
- (b) South Africa
- (c) Egypt
- (d) Tanzania

**EXPLANATION -:** India and Tanzania have signed an MoU for setting up a new campus of IIT Madras. It is the first IIT campus to be established outside India. Union Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has described this decision as historic. Tanzania is an East African country, its capital is Dodoma.

**6. What is the rank of India in the 2023 Global Peace Index released by the Institute for Economics and Peace?**

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(A) 139th

(B) 126th

(C) 144th

(D) 145th

EXPLANATION -: The 2023 Global Peace Index, released by the Institute for Economics and Peace, provides a comprehensive ranking of the world's most peaceful countries. According to the 17th edition of Global Peace Index 2023 released by International think-tank, Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), India has moved up nine places from 2022 to rank 126. Iceland tops the list. Since 2008, Iceland has remained at number one in the World Peace Index.

**7. Which state has become the largest micro-borrower in India?**

(A) Jharkhand

(B) Tamil Nadu

(C) Rajasthan

(D) Bihar

EXPLANATION -: As per the report, Bihar is set to overtake Tamil Nadu to become the highest micro-borrowing state in India by March 2023. The report published by Crif High Mark, a credit information company, highlights Bihar's impressive growth with a 13.5 per cent increase in gross loan portfolio during the March quarter as compared to the previous quarter. As of March 2023, Bihar's microfinance (MFI) lending stood at Rs 48,900 crore, which was 14.5 per cent of the total portfolio.

**8. World Chocolate Day is celebrated on?**

(A) 04 July

(B) 05 July

(C) 06 July

(D) July 07

EXPLANATION -: This day is celebrated every year on 7th July. Celebrating it was started in the year 2009. It is believed that on this day in the year 1550, chocolate arrived in Europe for the first time. However, in countries like Ghana and America, Chocolate Day is celebrated on 28 October. Chocolate is a symbol of joy and celebration, which brings together people across borders. At the same time, it adds sweetness to our life and gives a pleasant feeling.

## ONE LINER

According to the recently released 'Global Peace Index 2022', which has become the world's most peaceful order - : **Iceland**

Who has recently been elected as the President of the Basketball Federation of India -: **Adhav Arjun**

Which organization has recently released 'Ozone UV Bulletin' -: **WMO**

Who has recently been appointed as India Policy Head by Google -: **Srinivasa Reddy**

Recently India has handed over the torch of Startup 20 to which country?- **Brazil**

Where has Piramal Finance opened its first all-women branch recently? - **Kochi**

Who has recently launched a new social media platform called Threads -: **Meta**

Which state has achieved 100% Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus status? - **Sikkim**

Recently who has started the first chatbot for people suffering from mental crisis - **Jammu and Kashmir**

Recently the Vice President of which country has inaugurated the Dharamshala built with Indian assistance- : **Sri Lanka**

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