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1. India Alliance – Indian National Development Inclusive Alliance



Leaders of 26 opposition political parties from across India have united to form the Bharat Alliance, which stands for Indian National Development Inclusive Alliance. The main objective of this alliance is to challenge the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) led by the BJP in the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Earlier known as the United Progressive Alliance, the new name was formally proposed by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The Indian National Congress will lead the alliance. The meeting was attended by seven chief ministers representing different states such as West Bengal, Delhi, Punjab, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Bihar. Lalu Prasad Yadav, Sharad Pawar, Uddhav Thackeray, Mehbooba Mufti, Omar Abdullah and Akhilesh Yadav were also present. Besides him, former Congress President Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi along with other prominent leaders like Communist Party of India (CPI) General Secretary D. Raja and CPI(M) General Secretary Sitaram Yechury also attended the meeting. The alliance has decided to set up an 11-member coordination committee with an aim to reach a consensus on various issues facing the country under the NDA regime. The composition of the committee will be finalized during the upcoming opposition meeting in Mumbai. Additionally, the India Alliance plans to set up a common secretariat in New Delhi for campaign management, while forming separate committees to address specific issues.

2. ' Operation Trinetra - 2' continues to kill terrorists hiding in Poonch , Jammu and Kashmir



A joint search and cordon operation by the army and police to trace terrorists hiding in the border district of Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir continued for the second day on July 18. The officers provided this information. 'Operation Trinetra 2' was launched in the afternoon of 17th July at Sindarah and Maidana in Surankote tehsil and a fierce exchange of fire took place with the hiding terrorists during the operation. Officials said all escape routes have been sealed and operations are on. Meanwhile, a strict vigil was kept throughout the night. 'Operation Trinetra 2' was launched in the afternoon of July 17 at Sindarah and Maidana in Surankote tehsil. During the operation a fierce gun battle took place with the hiding terrorists. Defense spokesman said that the operation is going on. There is intermittent firing at regular intervals from the cordoned off area. Reinforcements were sent soon after the firing began. armed terrorists from across the border, Random searches of vehicles and surprise checks have been intensified in Poonch in view of attempts to smuggle arms and narcotics. Earlier, security forces had killed two terrorists and foiled a major infiltration bid along the LoC in Krishna Ghati sector of Poonch district on the intervening night of July 16 and 17.

3. Google remembers Eunice Newton Foote with a doodle on his 204th birthday



Tech giant Google keeps publishing various doodles on its platform. Often these doodles are associated with a particular person or event. Foote was born in 1819 in

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Connecticut. He made significant contributions to climate science by first discovering the greenhouse effect and its role in the warming of Earth's climate. Foote was born in Connecticut in 1819, and attended Troy Female Seminary, a school that encouraged students to attend science classes and chemistry laboratories for experiments. From that point on, science became Foote's lifelong passion. Foote conducted an experiment in 1856 that shaped the understanding of climate change today. The experiment involved placing different types of gases in cylinders and exposing them all to sunlight for observation.

4. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) celebrates 95th Foundation and Technology Day



Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) celebrated its 95th Foundation Day at National Agricultural Science Complex, Pusa, New Delhi. Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister and President of ICAR Society Narendra Singh Tomar was the chief guest of the programme. Union Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Parshottam Rupala and Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Kailash Choudhary were also present on the occasion. Tomar appreciated the historic journey of ICAR in the last 94 years and its overall achievements. The event showcased state-of-the-art technologies developed by various ICAR institutes, aimed at enhancing agricultural production, quality and farmers' income. It includes rice, wheat, maize, pulses, oilseeds, Eco-friendly technologies designed for a wide range of crops including millets (Sri Anna) and other commercially important crops were demonstrated. The event emphasized the importance of sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture, along with the importance of mechanization, precision farming and value-added

products. The visitors also got an opportunity to explore the robust extension system and educational innovations of ICAR which actively contribute in the successful promotion of agriculture.

5. 13.5 crore people out of poverty in last 5 years in India



The number of multidimensional poor in India has decreased significantly by 9.89 percentage points. It was 24.85 per cent in 2015-16 and came down to 14.96 per cent in 2019-21. "The number of poor has decreased the most in rural areas. The number of poor in rural areas has come down from 32.59 percent to 19.28 percent. At the same time, the number of poor in urban areas has decreased from 8.65 percent to 5.27 percent. "A record 135 million people have moved out of poverty between 2015-16 and 2019-21." National MPI (Multidimensional Poverty Index) Health, Measures deprivation in three equally weighted dimensions of education and living standards. These are represented by indicators linked to the 12 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). According to NITI Aayog, all 12 parameters have improved. According to the latest Global MPI data released by the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (PHI) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), 415 million people in India moved out of poverty in just 15 years from 2005-06 to 2019-21.

6. World's largest office building built in India leaving behind Pentagon

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Leaving the Pentagon behind, India will now have the world's largest office building. This is going to happen in Surat. The building includes over 7.1 million square feet of floor space. Until now, the world's largest office building was the Pentagon. For 80 years, this title was with the Pentagon Office, but now it will be in the name of India. According to a CNN report, this title has now been taken by a building in Surat, Gujarat, which will house the Diamond Trading Centre. In fact, Surat is known as the Gem Capital of the world where 90 percent of the world's diamonds are cut. According to a CNN report, the newly formed Surat Diamond Bourse will be a "one-stop destination" for over 65,000 diamond professionals including cutters, polishers and traders. This 15-storey building is spread over 35 acres of land and has nine rectangular structures.

7. Chandigarh DRDO technical office will open in Paris Embassy



The Indo-French joint statement pointed out that France is one of India's most important partners in building a self-reliant defense industrial and technological foundation. India is setting up a technical office of DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) at its embassy in Paris. This is very important in the midst of increasing cooperation in the defense sector between India and France. The Indo-French joint statement pointed out that France is one of

India's most important partners in building a self-reliant defense industrial and technological foundation. India and France will co-develop and co-produce state-of-the-art defense technologies for the benefit of third countries. For this, both the countries are also working towards adopting a roadmap on defense industrial cooperation.

8. Ms. Nivruti Rai appointed as MD & CEO of Invest India



Ms. Nivruti Rai joined Invest India as Managing Director and CEO. He takes over from Ms. Manmeet K Nanda, Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), who held the additional charge of MD & CEO in the interim in March 2023. Ms. Rai is a recipient of the prestigious Nari Shakti Puraskar for her outstanding contribution in the field of technology. Ms. Nivruti Rai joins Invest India after an illustrious 29 years as a global business and technology leader at Intel. He led Intel India as Country Head for the last seven years and drove Intel's growth and investments in India. During his tenure at Intel India, he worked on indigenous technology development, start-up ecosystem, Contributed significantly towards the electronics manufacturing ecosystem and policy making especially in the areas of critical and emerging technologies. She has been part of the leadership team at various industry bodies and government committees and brings a wealth of experience in working closely with industry associations, business leaders and government leaders.

QUIZ

1. Which medal has Ajit Singh won in javelin throw at the Para Athletics Championship in Paris ?

- (a) Gold Medal
- (b) Silver Medal
- (c) Bronze medal

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(d) none

India's Ajit Singh has won the gold medal in the men's javelin throw event at the Para Athletics Championships in Paris. Ajit secured the first position in the final by throwing the javelin up to 65.4-1 meter. He threw 61.8-9 meters. Broke the championship record with. Ajit Singh hails from: Uttar Pradesh, India. Total medals won by India in 2023 World Para Athletics Championships: 10.

2. Which minister has recently inaugurated the new terminal building of Port Blair Airport?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Shri Rajnath Singh
- (c) Amit Shah
- (d) Arjun Munda

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new terminal building of Veer Savarkar International Airport in Port Blair on 18 July 2023 through video conferencing. This new terminal building has been constructed at a cost of Rs 710 crore. It is said that the center Connectivity will get speed in the union territory. The current daily capacity of the terminal is to handle 4,000 tourists. At the same time, after the commissioning of the new terminal, the capacity will be to handle 11,000 tourists per day.

3. Who has been appointed as a member on the board of the International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA)?

- (a) Neeraj Kumar
- (b) Pramod Rao
- (c) Amit Singh
- (d) Arjun Rai

The Finance Ministry has appointed SEBI Executive Director Pramod Rao as a member on the board of the International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA). Rao replaces Sujit Prasad, Executive Director, SEBI, who was appointed as Member (representing SEBI) in IFSCA in July 2020. Rao had taken charge as the Executive Director of SEBI on July 15, 2022. Prior to this assignment at SEBI, Rao, an alumnus of National Law School of India University, held the position of Group General Counsel at ICICI Bank. Handled and provided strategic oversight for legal work for ICICI Group.

4. By which year India can become a developed country with an average annual GDP growth rate of 7.6 percent.

- (a) Year 2046
- (b) Year 2047
- (c) Year 2048
- (d) Year 2040

India's growth rate was 7.2 percent in 2022-23. It is estimated to be 6.5 percent during the current financial year. It was also said in the article that India needs to strengthen its industrial sector, so that the economic structure can be balanced. Gross for its share in domestic product will have to be increased to 35 per cent by 2047-48, which is currently 25.6 per cent.

5. Who has been appointed as the President of the Cement Manufacturers Association.

- (a) Neeraj Sharma
- (b) Karan Kumar Verma
- (c) Pawan Gupta
- (d) Neeraj Akhori

The Cement Manufacturers Association (CMA), the apex body of India's major cement manufacturers, unanimously elected Neeraj Akhori, MD, Shree Cement, as the President and Parth Jindal, MD, JSW Cement, as the Vice-President. The election took place at its Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held on 14 July 2023. Akhori replaces KC Jhanwar, Managing Director, UltraTech Cement Limited. The members unanimously supported the election of the CMA President and Vice President, expressing full confidence in the newly elected leadership team.

6. Mukurthi National Park has been in discussion recently, in which state is it

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

Recently, the Tamil Nadu Forest Department has stepped up its efforts to stop poaching in and around Mukurthi National Park (MNP) in Nilgiris district in an effort to protect the park's wildlife. Mukurthi National Park in Tamil Nadu is situated in the western corner of the Nilgiri Plateau. It covers an area of 7,846 hectares. Initially it was an IBA (Important

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Bird Area) , but was later declared as a Wildlife Sanctuary in 1980 , and further a National Park in 1990 . This UNESCO The World Heritage Site, formerly known as the Nilgiri Tahr National Park , was established with the primary objective of conserving its keystone species , the Nilgiri tahr . The park is also famous for its diverse flora and fauna , including the majestic Mukurthi peaks included .

7. Recently the book ' Prism: The Ancestral Abode of Rainbow' written by whom has been released ?

- (a) Meghna Ahlawat
- (b) Vinod Mankara
- (c) Sudha Desai
- (d) Murali Karthik

The release of the book “ Prism: The Ancestral Abode of Rainbow ” is instrumental in enhancing the knowledge of the students about space exploration . Space Mission Areas There is a need to stay updated with the latest developments in . This news enables him to broaden his understanding about the Chandrayaan 3 mission .

8. What is the rank of Indian passport as per Henley Passport Index 2023 ?

- (a) 80th
- (b) 81st
- (c) 82nd
- (d) 83rd

According to the new report of Henley Passport Index, Singapore's passport has become the most powerful passport in the world. In this case, Singapore has left behind the number one ranked Japan. Japan is at the third place in this ranking. India is at 80th place in this ranking Indian citizens can visit only 57 countries without visa. In this list, China is at 63rd, Bhutan 84th, Myanmar 89th, Sri Lanka 95th, Bangladesh 96th, Nepal 98th and Pakistan 100th.

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Recently who has become the first Indian bowler in cricket history to dismiss father and son - **Ravichandran Ashwin**

Who has been appointed as the President of Cement Manufacturers Association - **Neeraj Akhouri**

Which country has launched the world 's first methane - powered rocket - **China**

Who has become the new Prime Minister of Uzbekistan - **Shaukat Mirziyov**

According to whose report more than 13 crore people have been freed from poverty in five years between 2015-16 to 2019-20 - **According to NITI Aayog**

Which state government has announced an incentive package for industrial promotion - **State Government of Chhattisgarh**

By whom will the Bhoomi Samman 2023 award be given - **by President Draupadi Murmu**

Prithviraj Tondaiman has won which medal in Trap in Shotgun World Cup - **Bronze medal**

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