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1. British Indian schoolgirl wins PM Points of Light Award



Seven - year - old Indian - origin girl Moksha Roy has been honored with the British Prime Minister 's Points of Light Award for volunteering for several initiatives including raising funds for children since the age of three . British Deputy Prime Minister Oliver Dowden last week Moksha Roy , who received the award , began her journey by volunteering for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) initiative against microplastic pollution . The initiative was supported by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the United Nations Task Force . This gave Moksh three years of Has the distinction of being the world 's youngest sustainability lawyer at age Happened. The Point of Light Awards recognize outstanding individuals whose service is making a difference in their communities and whose stories can inspire others to find innovative solutions to social challenges in their communities and beyond. The British Prime Minister's Point of Light Award is a national honor given to outstanding volunteers who are making a difference in their communities. The award was created in 2010 by then Prime Minister David Cameron. The Point of Light Award recognizes people from all walks of life, from young children to senior citizens. The only requirement is that the nominee must have made a significant contribution to their community through volunteerism.

2. FIFA Women's World Cup 2023



The defending world champions America have been placed in Group E for the tournament. Their group includes the Netherlands, Portugal and Vietnam. The group is expected to be highly competitive, as the Netherlands have consistently performed well in women's football, and Portugal has been making significant progress in recent years. Vietnam will also bring its own unique style to the competition. Reigning European champions England have been placed in Group D. Their group includes China, Denmark and Haiti. The England team will look to showcase their talent and continue their strong form in international tournaments. China and Denmark have traditionally been strong teams in women's football, while Haiti will look to make an impact in their World Cup debut. The competition promises to be an exciting showcase of women's football, in which teams from all over the world compete for the coveted title. The Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand is set to begin with co-hosts New Zealand taking on Norway in their opening match on Thursday.

3. TN University 102-year-old Communist leader N. confers honorary doctorate on Shankaraiah



Madurai Kamaraj University 102-year-old Communist veteran N. Shankaraiah will be conferred with an honorary doctorate degree. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister

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M.K. Stalin, who was on a visit to Madurai, announced this on Saturday evening. Stalin said in a statement that Sankaraiah, who was a student of the American College in Madurai, was not able to appear for the examination as he had been arrested by the British government because of his communist activities. The Chief Minister said the Communist veteran was first arrested in 1941 when he was a final year student of the American College. He was released just 12 hours before the country became independent on August 15, 1947. He was the State Secretary of the Communist Party of Tamil Nadu and was elected to the State Legislative Assembly in the years 1967, 1977 and 1980. Tamil Nadu's highest award for veteran communist leader in 2021 The 'Thagaisal Tamil' award was conferred when he turned 100 years old. The award carries a citation and an amount of Rs 10 lakh. The veteran communist leader donated this amount to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

4. Rajai Kumar Sinha takes charge as the new MD & CEO of SBICAPS



Rajai Kumar Sinha has officially taken over as the Chief of SBI Capital Markets Limited (SBICAPS). Prior to taking up this role, he was responsible for overseeing treasury operations at State Bank of India (SBI), where he managed various aspects including the bank's investment portfolio, money markets, equity, private equity and foreign exchange operations. Sinha, who became a probationary officer in SBI in 1991, has now taken over as Chief at SBI Capital Markets Limited (SBICAPS) succeeding Amitav Chatterjee. Amitav Chatterjee has moved to SBI, Corporate Centre, where he will serve as Deputy Managing Director looking after the Commercial Clients group. Prior to his current role, Sinha was responsible for managing treasury

operations, investment portfolio, money markets, equities, Was responsible for handling functions related to Private Equity and Foreign Exchange operations. With his expertise in global markets, Sinha is expected to play a key role in strengthening SBICAPS' investment banking business both domestically and internationally. Backed by the talented team at SBICAPS, Sinha is eager to explore new opportunities and achieve greater success in the dynamic sector of Investment Banking. Since joining SBI in 1991 as a Probationary Officer, Sinha has gained wide experience in various banking sectors including Treasury, International Banking and Retail Banking. Sinha is looking forward to explore new opportunities and achieve greater success in the dynamic field of Investment Banking.

5. India-America will jointly make a long-range gun



India and America are working together on making long range weapons. These will be used on LAC to counter China. This information has been given by Eli Ratner, the top official of the Pentagon, the US Ministry of Defense. During a meeting being held in the US Parliament regarding China, Assistant Secretary of Indo-Pacific Security Affairs Ratner termed this decision of America as unprecedented. The draft to make long-range guns and armored vehicles between India and America was prepared before PM Modi's visit to America. Ratner said that during PM Modi's visit to America, we had made a deal to make jet engines together. While we are also working with India on a proposal to make long-range cannons and armored vehicles. Those who will work to fulfill the needs of India on the China border. In fact, India's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and America's Jack Sullivan launched the ICET (Initiative on Critical and Emerging

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Technologies) earlier this year. This initiative has been started on the instructions of US President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. After their meeting in Tokyo in May 2022, the governments of both the countries had announced to enhance defense industrial partnership and technology sharing between industries and academic institutions.

6. Chachin Charai Festival celebrated in Arunachal Pradesh



Local herders of Tawang region near Bumla Pass in Arunachal Pradesh celebrated Chachin Charai festival on July 14-15. Shepherds from all over the Tawang region enthusiastically participated in the two-day program organized at Chachin. About 100 herdsman and their herds of yaks, which numbered more than 400, participated in the event. A medical camp was organized at the festival to assist the local shepherds who often live in remote places without the medical facilities prevalent in urban areas. A veterinary camp was also organized to provide similar medical aid to the animals – yaks of the local herders – along with a lecture on animal health that would facilitate the herders in ensuring better care of their livestock. Chachin, along with other traditional grazing areas near Bumla Pass, has long been an integral part of the local Monpa way of life, which depend heavily on nomadic pastoralism as a primitive form of subsistence farming. The event not only highlighted the importance of these grazing grounds to the local Monpa community, but also showcased the passion and enthusiasm displayed by the local herders.

7. North Korea launches Hwasong-18 intercontinental ballistic missile



North Korea recently conducted a missile test unveiling its latest weapon, the Hwasong-18. This intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) is significant because it is the first North Korean missile to use solid propellant. ICBMs are long-range ballistic missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads. With a range of over 5,500 km, they are designed for intercontinental missions. North Korea, Russia, America, France, United Kingdom, China, Eight countries, including India and Israel, have land-based ICBMs. North Korea's latest ICBM test is aimed at bolstering its self-defense capabilities and deterring potential military threats. The country's state media stressed the need to safeguard regional peace and defend against hostile forces. The test is seen as a strategic move to strengthen North Korea's position amid rising tensions.

8. Now Indians will be able to pay through UPI in France, know everything



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while addressing the Indians in the French capital Paris, said that very soon Indian tourists will be able to make UPI payments even at the Eiffel Tower. He said that an agreement has been reached in France to make payments through Indian UPI. It will start from the Eiffel Tower and Indians will be able to pay in rupees here through UPI. PM Modi said that this agreement will open up a huge new market for

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Indian innovation. The partnership marks a significant milestone as it brings the popular mobile-based payment system UPI to Europe for the first time following its successful implementation in Singapore. The move is set to revolutionize the payment experience for Indian tourists in France, Formulated to eliminate the need to carry foreign currency and offer convenience and flexibility. In 2022, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the leading organization providing UPI services, has launched France's fast and secure online payment system 'Lyra'. Lyra had signed an MoU. Subsequently in the year 2023, UPI and PayNow of Singapore signed an agreement, allowing users of both the countries to conduct cross-border transactions. UAE, Bhutan and Nepal have already adopted the UPI payment system. NPCI International is in talks to expand UPI services to the US, European countries and West Asia.

QUIZ

1. When is International Chess Day celebrated every year?

- (a) 19th July
- (b) 20 July
- (c) 21 July
- (d) 22 July

Under the initiative of the International Chess Federation (FIDE), International Chess Day is celebrated annually on 20 July across the world. It was started in the year 1966. FIDE was recognized by the International Olympic Committee in 1999. No official announcement has been made regarding the theme of World Chess Day 2023.

2. Which Indian Grandmaster won the Super GM Chess tournament in Hungary?

- (a) Nihal Sarin
- (b) Adhiban Bhaskaran
- (c) Parimarjan Negi
- (d) R. Praggnananda

Young Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa has won the title of V Geza Hetenyi Memorial Super GM Chess Tournament 2023 in Hungary. 17-year-old Praggnanandha scored 6.5 points to finish first in the 10-player event. He remained one point ahead of M Amin Tabatabaei (Iran) and Sanan Sajugirov of Russia in this tournament.

3. When is World Brain Day celebrated?

- (a) 19th July
- (b) 20 July
- (c) 21 July
- (d) 22 July

World Brain Day, also known as International Brain Day, is a worldwide healthcare event that occurs annually on 22 July. In 2023, the theme for World Brain Day will be "Brain Health And Disability: Leave No One Behind." Is. The World Federation of Neurology (WFN) was established on July 22, 1957. The idea of celebrating 22 July as "World Brain Day" originated from a proposal put forward by the Public Awareness and Advocacy Committee.

4. America has handed over how many ancient artefacts to India

- (a) 105
- (b) 108
- (c) 104
- (d) 102

A total of 105 antiquities dating back to 2nd-3rd century AD to 18th-19th century AD are being sent back to India by the US authorities, days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to the US in June. Capital of America – Washington DC.

5. In which state of India the annual 'Bonalu Festival' is organized?

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

The annual Bonalu festival was organized in Telangana capital Hyderabad, especially in parts of the old city. The festival is dedicated to Goddess Mahakali, who is believed to be an incarnation of Goddess Durga. The word 'Bonam' in Telugu means 'food' or 'feast'. Bonalu festival is an annual festival celebrated in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad and other parts of Telangana.

6. Which country has blocked the Ukraine grain export agreement?

- (a) Russia
- (b) Britain

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- (c) Myanmar
(d) America

Russia has announced that it will not participate in a deal to export Ukraine's grain through the Black Sea. Its spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that some of the points of the Black Sea Agreement related to Russia have not yet been implemented, so its effect has ended. He said that after Russia's demands are met, it can again become a participant in the agreement. The announcement comes just hours after an explosion on Russia's bridge to Crimea. Russia called this attack an attack of Ukraine's maritime drone. Meanwhile, the Kremlin has said there is no link between the attack and its decision to freeze the grain deal.

7. Reserve Bank of India has canceled the license of which co-operative bank?

- (a) Abhyudaya Co-operative Bank
(b) United India Co-operative Bank
(c) Bharat Co-operative Bank
(d) Janata Sahakari Bank Limited

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has canceled the license of United India Co-operative Bank, a bank in Uttar Pradesh. RBI said that this bank has failed to comply with the relevant sections of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. Customers can withdraw up to Rs 5,00,000 from the Deposit and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DIGCS) under depositor rules.

8. Who has been appointed as the 25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard?

- (a) Ajay Sinha
(b) Ranvijay Singh
(c) Mahesh Sharma
(d) Rakesh Pal

The Ministry of Defense has appointed Rakesh Pal, an alumnus of the Indian Naval Academy, as the 25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard. Rakesh had joined the Indian Coast Guard in January 1989. Significantly, in February 2023, Rakesh was given the additional charge of the post of Director General of the Indian Coast Guard. The Indian Coast Guard was established on 1 February 1977.

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Who has recently inaugurated the preview ceremony of the Global Maritime India Summit, 2023 - **Sarbananda Sonowal**

From which portal Sahara investors will get their stuck money - **Sahara Refund Portal**

Which digital currency has been launched by SBI and HDFC Bank - **Digital Currency Pilot**

Recently won the first prize of Swachhata Pakhwada Awards 2023 - **SJVN**

Who has recently broken the Guinness World Record for the fastest performance in Badminton - **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy**

Which player has won his first Wimbledon title - **Carlos Alcaraz**

Which new drug for Alzheimer's disease has positive results with an optimistic step - **Donomab**

ISRO and who has tied up to develop nuclear engines for rockets - **BARC**

Which state government has started 'Gajah Kotha' campaign - **Assam state government**

Which player has won his first Wimbledon title - **Carlos Alcaraz**

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