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1. Virat Kohli became the 10th cricketer to play 500 international matches



Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli has become the 10th cricketer in the world to play 500 international matches. He achieved this remarkable feat during India's second and final Test match against the West Indies at the Queen's Park Oval in Port of Spain. With this feat, Kohli joined an elite list of four Indian sportspeople, which includes the great Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and MS Dhoni. Kohli's extraordinary career comprising 274 ODIs, 115 T20Is and 111 Test matches reflects his immense contribution to Indian cricket. This historic achievement further cements Virat Kohli's status as one of the greatest players of the game. Tendulkar with 664 matches tops the list which is dominated by Asian batsmen. Sri Lankan great Mahela Jayawardene is the only other player to make more than 600 international appearances.

2. Professor Thalappil Pradeep honored with Annie Award



Thalappil Pradeep, Professor in the Department of Chemistry at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras, has been awarded the prestigious 'Annie Award', a highly respected global recognition for scientific research in the area of energy and environment. Established in 2007, this is the 15th edition of the Annie

Awards. The award is expected to be conferred on him by the President of Italy in the near future. Professor T Pradeep's extraordinary work revolves around developing cost-effective and clean water solutions through the use of advanced materials. His groundbreaking research led to the discovery of sustainable and cost-effective nanoscale materials that effectively remove toxic contaminants from water. These technologies have been successfully implemented as drinking water solutions, benefiting a remarkable 1.3 million people in India on a daily basis.

3. IDBI Bank launches Amrit Mahotsav FD scheme



Private sector lender IDBI Bank has announced revised interest rates for fixed deposits (FDs) of less than Rs 2 crore with effect from April 1, 2023. The bank has launched the "Amrit Mahotsav FD" scheme, which offers attractive returns for both senior citizens and general public. Under the "Amrit Mahotsav FD" scheme, IDBI Bank offers different interest rates for senior citizens and general public. Retail investors who fall in the senior citizen category can avail a higher interest rate of 7.65%. For the general public, the bank offers an interest rate of 7.15% on its Fixed Deposits. The bank guarantees interest rates on fixed deposits maturing in 7 days to 10 years. The revised interest rates for the general public range from 3.00% to 6.25%, while senior citizens can enjoy rates ranging from 3.50% to 6.75% on their deposits.

4. Gujarat will get the country's first 'Satellite Network Portal Site'

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To set up the 'Satellite Network Portal Site', Gujarat signed an MoU with London-based company, OneWeb Company and the Department of Science and Technology on July 19. OneWeb Company is setting up two 'Satellite Network Portal Sites' and one of them will be in Mehsana district of Gujarat. This satellite network portal site is going to start in Jotana Taluka of Mehsana district. It will provide high-speed, low-latency and affordable connectivity to government, businesses, consumers, schools and more. The satellite network portal to be set up at Katosan and Tejura in Jotana taluka of Mehsana district is to be commissioned in 2023 with an estimated cost of over Rs 100 crore for the first phase. This is expected to generate around 500 direct and indirect employment opportunities in the state. OneWeb is a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite company with 648 satellites. The company was founded by Greg Wyler in 2012 and is headquartered in London, England.

5. Indian Railways launches ₹ 20 economy meal menu for general class passengers



Indian Railways has made a big announcement for the passengers. Railway passengers will now be provided food and snacks at a cheaper rate. To expand its F&B service, Indian Railways will serve healthy and hygienic food at affordable prices to passengers in general

coaches. The menu of these economy meals and snacks/combo is specially designed for the passengers traveling in general coaches. Food and snacks will be provided through extended service counters located near general coaches on railway platforms. Economy meal will cost Rs 20 and breakfast will cost Rs 50. Indian Railways said in a statement that water services would also be made available at affordable rates. The food will be supplied from the kitchen units of IRCTC. The location of these counters is to be decided by the Zonal Railways, so that these counters are aligned with the location of general coaches on the platforms.

6. England fast bowler Stuart Broad became the second bowler to take 600 wickets in Test cricket



England fast bowler Stuart Broad has become the second bowler to take six hundred wickets in Test cricket. Stuart Broad achieved this feat by dismissing Travis Head at Old Trafford ground on the first day of the fourth cricket test match of the Ashes series. James Anderson had achieved this success before him. Stuart Broad is the fifth bowler to have taken six hundred wickets in Test cricket. Before him, spinners Muttiah Muralitharan, Shane Warne and Anil Kumble and fast bowler James Anderson have achieved this feat. The 37-year-old Broad is the highest wicket-taker in the ongoing Ashes series with 18 wickets and has been a consistent performer for England. Broad scored 27. Has taken 600 wickets at an average of 57 including 20 five wicket hauls and three 10 wicket hauls. He has the most wickets against Australia (149) in 39 matches. Australia currently lead the Ashes series 2-1 having won the first two Tests while England returned to Headingley to keep the series alive.

7. India backs UN on Black Sea grain initiative

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India has expressed support for the efforts of the United Nations in continuing the Black Sea Grain Initiative and expressed hope for an early resolution of the current impasse. A day earlier, Russia had announced that it was suspending the implementation of an agreement allowing the export of food and fertilizers from Ukrainian ports during the war. India is concerned about the recent developments in the region, which have not been conducive to achieving the larger objective of peace and stability, India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ruchira Kamboj said at the annual General Assembly debate on 'Situation in the Provisional Occupied Territories of Ukraine'. Kamboj said, India has supported the efforts of the UN Secretary-General in continuing the Black Sea Grain Initiative and looks forward to an early resolution of the current impasse. Kamboj said that India's approach to the conflict in Ukraine will remain people-centric. "We are providing humanitarian aid to Ukraine and economic assistance to some of our neighbors to the south at a time when they are dealing with rising costs of food, fuel and fertilizers amid economic crises that are a result of this conflict," he said.

8. Mukesh Ambani in preparation to buy this brand of Alia Bhatt



Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Retail Ventures Reliance Brands is preparing to buy Bollywood actress Alia Bhatt's child wear brand Add A Mamma. Both the

parties are talking about this deal and this deal can be done for around 300-350 crores. The talks between Reliance and Alia Bhatt's brand Add A Mamma are in the final stages and the deal could be finalized in the next few days. With this acquisition, Reliance will strengthen its hold in the children's clothing segment. The value of the Add a Mamma brand is being estimated at around Rs 150 crore and it mainly sells clothes online. This brand was started in the year 2020 and later, increasing the variety of its products, the brand started selling clothes for teenage and pregnant women as well. Add a Mamma is currently available on e-commerce platforms such as Myntra, Ezio, Firstcry, Amazon, Available for sale in Tata Cilic. Also this brand has its own webstore. Add A Mamma brand clothing is also available at showrooms of brands like Lifestyle, Shoppers Stop. The specialty of this brand is that it sells eco-designed and sustainable clothing.

QUIZ

1. Sashakt Mahila Loan Yojana has been started to provide loans to the women of which state ?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Himachal Pradesh

The Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh announced the launch of a collateral - free loan scheme named Sashakt Mahila Loan Yojana to empower women financially . Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has launched a 20- year plan to empower women financially .Started a new scheme on July .

2. India has signed an agreement with which country for helicopter cooperation for the armed forces ?

- (a) Argentina
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) Bhutan

The Defense Minister of Argentina visited Bengaluru , where he signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited to promote cooperation between the two sides for the acquisition of light and medium utility helicopters for the Argentine Armed Forces . signed on . Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Chairman and Managing Director:

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CB Ananthkrishnan I Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
Headquarters : Bangalore , Karnataka

3. Who has become the 10th cricketer in history to play 500 international matches .

- (a) Yashswi Jaiswal
- (b) Rohit Sharma
- (c) Virat Kohli
- (d) Mukesh Kumar

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4. Recently the Chief Minister of which state has announced the launch of a new rural housing scheme named Gramin Awas Nyay Yojana .

- (a) Assam
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Chhattisgarh

CM Bhupesh Baghel announced the launch of a new rural housing scheme named Gramin Awas Nyay Yojana on July 19 to provide free housing facilities to the poor . Government of Chhattisgarh with the aim of providing free housing facility to the poor in the state , CM BhupeshA new housing scheme called Gramin Awas Nyay Yojana has been launched by Baghel .

5. Recently RBI has canceled the license of United India Co - operative Bank located in which state ?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Chhattisgarh

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has canceled the license of a bank in Uttar Pradesh . The central bank has taken this decision keeping in mind the safety of the customers . United India Co - operative Bank Ltd. , Bijnor , Nagina , Uttar Pradesh , U.P. Banking license has been cancelled . It is a co-operative bank of UP .

6. Which Union Minister has recently inaugurated the Global Food Regulators Summit 2023 ?

- a) Amit Shah
- b) Rajnath Singh
- (c) Mansukh Mandaviya
- d) Narendra Singh Tomar

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated the Global Food Regulators Summit 2023 in New Delhi . Mansukh Mandaviya has called for a global platform for food security . Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar also participated in this conference . The summit was organized by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India .

7. Recently who has been elected as the new Deputy Speaker of the ' Rajya Sabha ' , the upper house of the Indian Parliament ?

- a) J. P. Nadda
- b) Sudhanshu Trivedi
- c) Dharmendra Pradhan
- (d) S Phangnon Cognac

S Phangnon Konyak , the lone MP from Nagaland in the upper house of the Indian Parliament, has been elected as a deputy chairman of the Rajya Sabha . Under the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Rajya Sabha , Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar nominated Phangnon to the panel of Deputy Chairmen .Nominated to Phangnon hails from Oting village in Mon district of Nagaland .

8. Recently which state government has introduced a bill to guarantee minimum income ?

- a) Gujarat
- (b) Rajasthan
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Uttar Pradesh

The Rajasthan Minimum Guaranteed Income Bill , 2023 has been introduced by the Rajasthan government in the Legislative Assembly to guarantee minimum income . The Rajasthan Minimum Guaranteed Income Bill covers three areas :- Right to Guaranteed Minimum Income , Right to Guaranteed Employment and Guaranteed Social Security Pension .The right of This bill is part of the initiative launched by the state government to provide relief from inflation .

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Pi Approximation Day 2023: **July 22**

' One District One Product ' wall launched jointly by DPIIT and Government of Gujarat at Garvi Gujarat Bhavan - **on 20 July**

Who will command the Indian Air Force contingent at the Bastille Day Parade in Paris – **Sindhu Reddy**

Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of Life Insurance Corporation - **Satpal Bhanu**

Who has been appointed as the 25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard – **Rakesh Pal**

How much percent GST has been done by the GST council on online gaming – **28 percent GST tax**

Outbreak of Guillain - Barre syndrome declares health emergency – **Peru**

Sashakt Mahila Loan Yojana has been started to provide loans to the women of which state – **Himachal Pradesh**

In Gujarat Ayushman card limit increased from 5 lakh to - **10 lakh**

Who has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer by Tata Motors - owned Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) – **Adrian Mardell**

Who has won the recently held Duleep Trophy Championship 2023 – **South Zone**

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