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1. Odisha cabinet approves Mission Shakti scooter scheme



Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik approved the Mission Shakti Scooter scheme, which aims to provide interest subvention on bank loans up to Rs 1,00,000 to beneficiaries to buy scooters. The initiative provides affordable access to two-wheelers for Mission Shakti Federation Leaders and CSS (Community Support Staff). This will empower them to fulfill their responsibilities more efficiently, thus increasing their effectiveness and expanding their reach within the community. The scheme is expected to benefit around 75,000 community support staff members of SHGs (Self Help Groups) and around 1,25,000 federation leaders associated with SHGs. Over the next five years, the state government has allocated a budgetary provision of Rs 528.55 crore for the implementation of Mission Shakti Scooter Scheme, So that its wide reach can be ensured. The initiative seeks to empower a large number of community support workers and EC (Executive Committee) members across the state.

2. Naveen Patnaik becomes the second longest serving Chief Minister



Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik became the second longest serving chief minister in the country. Till now this record was in the name of former West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu. Former Sikkim Chief Minister

Pawan Kumar Chamling is still holding the first position. Van Kumar Chamling was the Chief Minister of the Himalayan state from December 12, 1994 to May 27, 2019 - for over 24 years. Patnaik, a five-time chief minister of Odisha, assumed office on March 5, 2000, and held the post for 23 years and 138 days. Basu served as the Chief Minister of West Bengal from 21 June 1977 to 5 November 2000, which was 23 years and 137 days. Patnaik is the third leader after Chamling and Basu to become the chief minister of a state for five consecutive terms. If the ruling BJD wins the 2024 election, Patnaik will become the longest-serving chief minister in India.

3. Former Australia wicketkeeper Brian Taber passed away at the age of 83



Former Australia and New South Wales wicketkeeper Brian Taber has passed away at the age of 83. Tabor, who played 16 Test matches for Australia between 1966 and 1970. He made his Test debut against South Africa at Johannesburg, where he took seven catches and a stumping. He would also face England, India and the West Indies during his career. His highest Test score was 48 against the West Indies at Sydney in 1969, which Australia won by 382 runs. In his domestic career, he played over 100 games for New South Wales and is a member of the state's Hall of Fame. After finishing the game, he held various roles within the game, including NSW coach and selector and manager of the Australian under-19 men's team. He was elected to the Cricket NSW Hall of Fame in 2021. and he had a reputation as one of Australian cricket's good guys. In 2014 a book was published about Teuber's life, in which former Test captain Brian Booth called him a "wonderful team man".

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4. Shah Rukh Khan becomes the brand ambassador of ICC World Cup 2023



Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan has been appointed as the brand ambassador of the ICC World Cup 2023. Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan in his iconic voiceover launched the World Cup 2023 campaign 'It Takes One Day'. The World Cup 2023 will be organized in India from 5 October to 19 November 2023. India will open their World Cup campaign against Australia on October 8 and the Rohit Sharma-led side will take on Pakistan on October 15 at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. ICC has released the schedule of World Cup 2023. The 2023 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup will be held in India from October 5 to November 19, 2023. A total of 10 teams will participate in the upcoming World Cup. India as the host country has hosted Afghanistan, Australia, England, Bangladesh, New Zealand, Has secured direct qualification along with Pakistan and South Africa. These teams earned their places in the 2020–2023 ICC Cricket World Cup Super League through their performances. The remaining two teams will be decided through the ongoing World Cup qualifiers in Zimbabwe.

5. Jaguar Land Rover appoints Adrian Mardell as CEO for three years



Tata Motors-owned Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) has appointed Adrian Mardell as chief executive officer for a three-year term. Tata Motors said in a notice sent to the stock markets that he was appointed as the interim CEO on November 16, 2022 and was a member of the board of directors of JLR three years ago. Mardell was appointed as the interim chief executive officer on November 16, 2022, having been the chief financial officer and member of the JLR board of directors three years ago. In addition, the appointment of Richard Molyneux as Chief Financial Officer of JLR was also announced. Molyneux was appointed Acting Chief Financial Officer on December 12, 2022, after six years as Director of Finance Operations at Jaguar Land Rover. Mardell joined Jaguar Land Rover in 1990, and held various financial positions until 2008.

6. RBI to detail SOP for banks to help accelerate rupee trading



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is expected to issue a standard operating procedure for banks to issue FIRC (Foreign Inward Remittance Certificate) and Electronic Bank Realization Certificate (e-BRC) expeditiously. This is being done to address the problems faced by exporters with the rupee-based trading system for foreign trade. FIRC is a document that acts as a testimonial for all inward remittances coming into India. Most statutory authorities accept this document as proof that a person or business, such as a limited company, partnership firm, Sole Proprietorship firm and others receiving payment in foreign currency from outside the country. Electronic Bank Realization Certificate (e-BRC) is an important digital certificate for export businesses. A bank issues e-BRC to confirm that the buyer has paid the exporter for the export of services or goods. Businesses seeking export benefits under the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) must submit a valid

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BRC. BRC is proof of realization of payment against exports.

7. Lokesh M takes charge as CEO of Noida



Lokesh M, the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Noida Authority, took charge and held a meeting with the officials. The CEO highlighted that industrial development and a better public hearing system would be his key priorities. Lokesh M, a 2005 batch IAS officer, has been appointed as the new CEO of the Noida Authority, as former CEO Ritu Maheshwari has been transferred as the Divisional Commissioner of Agra. After taking charge, the new CEO held a press conference where he said that his focus would be on creating a better public hearing system and addressing the issues of allottees, farmers and citizen grievances. Lokesh M, who was earlier the divisional commissioner of Kanpur, held a meeting with the authority's staff and laid out his plan to make Noida a "city beautiful" besides addressing the problems of the city's residents. After the meeting, He also briefed the media about his plans to provide better services to the citizens. Prior to posting in Kanpur, Lokesh M was posted as Divisional Commissioner in Saharanpur and was known for his initiative to open de-addiction centers in that district.

8. India bans export of non-basmati white rice



India, the world's top rice exporter, has banned all exports of "non-basmati white rice" to stabilize domestic prices. However, the government will allow the export of white rice to other countries upon request, subject to meeting their food safety requirements and the formal approval of their government. The government said the reason for the export ban was to "guarantee adequate availability of non-basmati white rice in the Indian market and to reduce the increase in prices within the country". The rice production of the country has been adversely affected by two main factors. First, the war in Ukraine has had a significant impact on global food prices. Second, rice production is also affected by unpredictable weather conditions, These include heavy monsoon rains in the rice-growing states in the north and inadequate rainfall in other regions of the country. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) is an agency under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, headquartered in New Delhi. Its primary role is to oversee and enforce laws relating to foreign trade. DGFT is also tasked with the development and execution of the Foreign Trade Policy, which aims to promote India's export activities.

QUIZ

1. According to the information given in the Parliament on July 20 , 2023 , the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti has implemented the Ground Water Act in how many states .

- (a) 21 states
- (b) 22 states
- (c) 23 states
- (d) 20 states

The Union Ministry of Jal Shakti informed the Parliament on 20 July 2023 that 21 states and union territories have implemented the Ground Water Act . This law includes the provision of rain water harvesting . In the ' World Water Development Report ' , UNESCO in 2018 , India The country was said to be the largest user of ground water in the world .

2. Who has been named as the first woman Chief of the US Navy?

- (a) J.S. Howard
- (b) Ann Bradford
- (c) Laura Cobb

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(d) Lisa Francetti

US President Joe Biden has nominated Admiral Lisa Franchetti as the head of the US Navy. With this, she has become the first woman to become the Chief of the Navy and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Currently the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Franchetti has 38 years of experience in the US Navy.

3. Who has become the second longest serving Chief Minister in India?

- (a) Nitish Kumar
- (b) Yogi Adityanath
- (c) Mamta Banerjee
- (d) Naveen Patnaik

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has become the second longest serving Chief Minister in the country. He has left behind former West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu in this matter. Naveen Patnaik has been on the post of Chief Minister of Odisha for 23 years and 138 days. The record of being the Chief Minister for the longest time in India is recorded in the name of Pawan Kumar Chamling, former Chief Minister of Sikkim.

4. India has handed over the Corvette 'INS Kirpan' to which country?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Vietnam
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) Maldives

India has recently handed over the Indian Navy's Corvette INS Kirpan to the Vietnam People's Navy (VPN). INS Kirpan served in the Indian Navy for 32 years, which has now been decommissioned. India is also helping Vietnam in building defense technical capabilities for which a grant of \$5 million has also been given. Vietnam is a Southeast Asian country, its capital is Hanoi.

5. In which state 'Mission Shakti Scooter Yojana' has been approved?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Chhattisgarh
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Bihar

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interest subvention will be provided to the beneficiaries on bank loans up to Rs 1,00,000, so that they can buy scooters. This initiative ensures affordable access to two-wheelers for Mission Shakti Federation Leaders and CSS. For this scheme from the government side, Rs 528.55 crore has been allocated in the next five years.

6. 'Semicon India 2023' will be organized in which state of India?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Assam
- (d) Odisha

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate 'Semicon India 2023' in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on 28th of this month. Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel will inaugurate a special exhibition for the public tomorrow. In this exhibition, information will be given about the manufacturing process of semiconductors and the progress made in this field. This exhibition will remain open till 30th of this month.

7. Where is the third G-20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group meeting being organized?

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Varanasi
- (d) Patna

The third G20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group meeting is being organized in Chennai under the chairmanship of India. Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, addressed the meeting. The UN Special Representative also discussed the Climate Crisis National Financial Plan.

8. Which minister has launched the CRCS - Sahara Refund Portal to help Sahara depositors get refunds.

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

Sahara Refund Portal has been launched for refund of deposits in co-operatives of Sahara Group (Sahara India). The portal was launched by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah. Five lakh investors

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have registered themselves on the portal within four days of its launch. Cooperative Minister Amit Shah informed about this. He said that the process of refunding the money of the investors who have registered on the portal has started. The 'CRCS-Sahara Refund Portal ' was launched on July 18 to refund stranded investors' money in four co-operative societies of the Sahara group.

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Which minister has recently inaugurated the GST building in Agartala - **Nirmala Sitharaman**

Which country has recently launched the Hwasong- 18 intercontinental ballistic missile - **North Korea**

Which state government has announced financial assistance of Rs 56 crore for Tendupatta workers - **State government of Odisha**

DPIIT and which state government have jointly launched ' One District One Product ' wall - **State Government of Gujarat**

An MoU has been signed between the Ministry of Culture and which bank to facilitate provision of financial assistance to experienced artistes – **Canara Bank**

Who has approved the plan to resume flights of Go First Airline - **DGCA**

Which ministry has won the best participation award for procurement through GeM portal – **Ministry of Coal**

Which day is celebrated all over India on 23 July 2023 - **National Broadcasting Day**

Which IIT has signed MoU with Indian Council of World Affairs – **IIT Guwahati**

Which state will host the 69th edition of Filmfare Awards - **Gujarat state**