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1. Lahiru Thirimanne retires from international cricket



Sri Lankan batsman **Lahiru Thirimanne** has announced his retirement from international cricket after a career spanning 13 years. The 33-year-old top-order batsman made his international debut in 2010 and has represented Sri Lanka in 44 Tests, 127 ODIs and 26 T20Is. He said that he could not reveal the 'unforeseen reasons' due to which he decided to retire. But thanked his former teammates and members of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) in a post on his Facebook page. His last international match was the Test against India in Bengaluru in March 2022. The last of his three Test hundreds came against Bangladesh in 2021 when his 140 helped Sri Lanka win the match at Pallekele. He was particularly impressive in ODIs in 2015 when he scored 861 runs in 25 matches with one century and six half-centuries. Lahiru was part of Sri Lanka's ICC T20 World Cup winning team in 2014 and played in two more World Cups, he captained Sri Lanka in five ODIs and also played in two ODI World Cups.

2. Italy built memorial in memory of Indian sacrifices in World War II, memorial named after Naik Yashwant Ghadge



Commemorating the supreme sacrifice of Indian soldiers in World War II, Italian military historians have set up a memorial in Italy's Montone city, which was

inaugurated in the presence of Dr. Nina Malhotra, Ambassador of India. It is named 'VC Yashwant Ghadge Sundial Memorial' in memory of the Indian soldier Naik Yashwant Ghadge who died on the heights of the Upper Tiber Valley during the war. Indian troops played a central role in the Italian campaign during World War II, consisting of over 50,000 Indian Army soldiers from the 4th, 8th and 10th Divisions. Of the 20 Victoria Crosses awarded in Italy, six were won by Indian soldiers. 23,722 Indian soldiers became casualties during the war, of which 5,782 Indian soldiers made the supreme sacrifice. He is commemorated in 40 Commonwealth war cemeteries spread across Italy.

3. Indian Oil: An important step towards engineering, foreign collaboration and lucrative deals



State-owned Indian Oil has signed lucrative agreements worth billions with France's Total Energies and Abu Dhabi's Adnoc. Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Total Energies Gas and Power Limited (Total Energies) have signed a master agreement (HOA) to set up a long-term LNG sales and purchase agreement (SPA), according to the list of agreements released by the Ministry of External Affairs. Under the terms of the agreement, Adnoc will provide a supply of 1.2 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of LNG for a period of 14 years, while Total Energy will supply 0.8 MTPA from its global portfolio for 10 years, both starting in 2026. Additionally, a "Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement" with Abu Dhabi will enable shipments from Adnoc to become economical, as Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) will be exempted from paying 2.5% duty.

4. ADB retains India's growth forecast for the current fiscal at 6.4 percent

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The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has retained India's economic growth forecast for the current financial year (2023-24) at 6.4 percent. ADB in its latest July assessment on the Asian Development Outlook (ADO) said it has retained its growth forecast at 6.4 per cent on the back of a revival in rural and urban consumer demand, but a global slowdown is expected to slow down exports. In this case, this estimate may be affected. The Indian economy had grown at a rate of 7.2 percent in 2022-23. ADB has marginally reduced its inflation forecast for the current financial year to 4.9 per cent due to softening crude oil prices. In April, it had projected inflation at five per cent. ADB said that rural and urban consumer demand is expected to improve in India in the current financial year. consumer confidence, This is indicated by the figures of urban unemployment and motorbike sales. Investment growth remains strong. The figures of increase in bank credit and demand for houses show this. It has also got support from the small increase in the interest rate by the central bank. "However, the slowdown in the global economy has impacted trade in goods, which could eventually pose a risk to growth."

5. Rajya Sabha Speaker nominates 4 women MPs in the panel of Vice President



The Rajya Sabha Chairman nominated four women MPs to the panel of Vice-Chairmen, giving women equal

representation on the panel for the first time in the history of the Rajya Sabha, while the Women's Reservation Bill, first introduced in 1996, is still pending . Mrs. S. Phangnon Konyak is the first woman to be elected as a Rajya Sabha member from Nagaland. In another notable development, the post of Rajya Sabha Speaker has gone completely digital. Article 118(1) of the Constitution empowers each House of Parliament to make rules for regulating its procedure and the conduct of its business. Under this provision of the Constitution, the Rajya Sabha adopted rules in the year 1964 to regulate its procedure and the conduct of its business. Under Rajya Sabha rules, the Chairman nominates a panel of Deputy Chairman from among the members who hold office until a new panel of Deputy Chairman is nominated. In the absence of the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker, any one of them may preside over the House. While presiding over the Rajya Sabha, the Deputy Chairman has the same powers as the Chairman. Could While presiding over the Rajya Sabha, the Deputy Chairman has the same powers as the Chairman. Could While presiding over the Rajya Sabha, the Deputy Chairman has the same powers as the Chairman.

6. Jyotiraditya inaugurates HeliShikhar Summit 2023 and Udaan 5.2 in Khajuraho



Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated Heli Summit 2023 in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh. He also launched RCS Udaan 5.2 and HeliSewa-App during the event. The 5th Helicopter and Small Aircraft Summit (Heli Summit 2023) was jointly organized by the Ministry of Civil Aviation in association with the Government of Madhya Pradesh, Pawan Hans Limited and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). The theme of the program was "Reaching the Last Mile: Regional

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Connectivity through Helicopters and Small Aircraft". UDAN scheme has recently completed five years. The scheme was launched in October 2016 with an aim to meet the aspirations of the common citizen with advanced aviation infrastructure and air connectivity in Tier II and Tier III cities. Government to develop 100 unserved and under-served airports by 2024,

7. Algeria has applied to join the BRICS group



Algeria wants to join the BRICS grouping to open up new economic opportunities, for which it has also applied. Algeria has also requested to become a shareholder member of the BRICS Bank with an amount of US\$ 1.5 billion for this. The North African country of Algeria is rich in oil and gas resources and is seeking to diversify its economy and strengthen its partnership with countries such as China. It is known that BRICS is a group of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa which accounts for more than 40 percent of the world's population and about 26 percent of the global economy. It may be noted that recently South Africa's top diplomat had said that more than 40 countries have expressed their interest to join the BRICS group of countries. Countries that have expressed interest include Argentina, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Cuba, Congo, Comoros, Gabon and Kazakhstan.

8. Twitter replaces iconic bird logo with 'X'



Twitter owner Elon Musk has launched a new Twitter 'X' logo, replacing the iconic bird logo. The "X" logo has been in the pipeline for some time because Musk wants an "everything app." Before buying Twitter for \$44 billion, Musk described the platform as "X, an adjunct to building everything apps" — something he plans to eventually launch. Elon Musk announced on July 23 that he had plans to change Twitter's logo and following his announcement he replaced the iconic bird logo with a white 'X' with a black background. The domain X.com is now redirecting to Twitter. Twitter's official account - @Twitter has also been rebranded and is now named 'X'. The mobile apps still feature the blue bird, though it's likely this will change after an update.

QUIZ

1. When has ' National Mango Day' been celebrated recently ?

- a. July 20
- b. July 22
- c. July 21
- d. July 23

National Mango Day is celebrated every year on 22 July . Mango is one of the most loved fruits , as well as , an integral part of Indian history . It is consumed all over the world . It can be eaten in various ways , for example For ice cream, mousse, smoothies, and more . The roots of the International Mango Festival can be traced back to 1987 when the National Horticulture Board of India had a bright idea to celebrate mangoes . Since then , it has become an annual tradition , celebrated by mangoes across the country .Eagerly awaited by the lovers . Bustling mango markets , vibrant mango exhibitions , and a plethora of fruit - rich delicacies await visitors during this mango - filled festival .

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2. Which country has won the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Men's Emerging Teams Asia Cup 2023 ?

- a. China
- b. Algeria
- c. Argentina
- d. Pakistan

Pakistan A cricket team won the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Men's Emerging Teams Asia Cup 2023 by defeating India A in the final at R Premadasa Stadium, Colombo, Sri Lanka. This is Pakistan's second consecutive win in the tournament, before that it won against Bangladesh in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Won the cup in the 2019 final against.

3. In the financial year 2022-23, how many laborers' cards have been canceled under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) ?

- a. 5 crores
- b. 6 crores
- c. 7 crores
- d. 8 crores

In the financial year 2022-23, more than five crore job cards were canceled under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA), which is 247 percent more than in 2021-22.

4. Recently which union territory has established its first women police station ?

- a. Andhra Pradesh
- b. Goa
- c. Arunachal Pradesh
- d. Ladakh

The Union Territory of Ladakh has marked a momentous occasion with the establishment of its first all-women police station. Inauguration of police station in Kargil under the supervision of Additional Director General of Police SD Singh Jamwal, to address crimes against women shows commitment.

5. Who is Leon Marchand ?

- a. Swimmer
 - b. Author
 - c. Journalist
 - d. Singer
- In a thrilling development at the World Swimming Championships in Japan, 21-year-old Leon

Marchand pulled off a remarkable feat by breaking legendary American swimmer Michael Phelps' final individual world record in the 400m individual medley. Key to Michael Phelps' illustrious career under the guidance of role-playing coach Bob Bowman, Leon Marchand clocked 4 minutes and 2.50 seconds in the 400 m individual medley to set a new world record.

6. Amit Shah inaugurates Centralized Security Control Center for 66 airports under CISF cover

- a. Yogi Adityanath
- b. Rajnath Singh
- c. Anurag Thakur
- d. Amit Shah

Amit Shah inaugurates Centralized Security Control Center for 66 airports under CISF cover.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah officially inaugurated a Centralized Aviation Security Control Center (ASCC) set up by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in New Delhi. The primary objective behind this initiative is to effectively address the current security challenges. Presently under the security coverage of CISF will be responsible for monitoring all possible threats and social media activity related to 66 civil airports.

7. Which country handed over the warship INS Kirpan to Vietnam ?

- a. China
- b. India
- c. Argentina
- d. France

In a boost to defense cooperation with Vietnam, India handed over its missile-equipped warship 'INS Kirpan' as a gift to Vietnam on 22 July 2023. However, China may object to this because Vietnam is in the South China Sea region. There is a territorial dispute with China. Even after this, India has taken this step without worrying about China. Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar, who was present at the handing over of the warship, said that the Vietnam People's Navy (VPN) is serving indigenously built. The transfer of the missile warship reflects India's commitment to assist like-minded partners in enhancing their capabilities.

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8. Which day is celebrated all over India on Kargil Vijay Diwas?

- a. July 20
- b. July 22
- c. July 26
- d. July 23

Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated every year on 26 July. This is the date when India defeated the Pakistani army in Kargil, Jammu and Kashmir. Indian soldiers had sacrificed their last drop of blood in this war to protect the country.

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Which day is celebrated all over India on 26 July 2023 - **Kargil Vijay Diwas**

Which country has applied to join the BRICS group - **Algeria**

Which state's cabinet has approved the introduction of interest-free crop loans up to Rs 1 lakh - **Odisha cabinet**

Which state government has unveiled the Semiconductor Policy (2022-2027) - **Gujarat State Government**

By whom the National Geoscience Awards-2022 have been awarded - **by President Draupadi Murmu**

Who has won the 110th edition of Tour de France held recently - **Jonas Vingård**

How many laborers' cards have been canceled under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) in the financial year 2022-23 - **5 crore**

Who has been appointed as the governor of China's central bank - **Pan Gongsheng**

Heli Summit 2023 has been organized at - **Khajuraho of Madhya Pradesh**

India and which country have agreed to exchange young researchers and startups in the field of biotechnology and agriculture - **Argentina**