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1 Meta launches 'Mixed Reality Fund' for Indian startups



Meta announced a new Mixed Reality (MR) program in India that includes grants of \$250,000 to domestic startups and developers to build apps and experiences. The fund seeks to foster innovation and create an ecosystem of XR technologies in the country. "Meta is committed to building the XR ecosystem in India. The Presence platform is an integral part of the Metaverse vision, which aims to make virtual experiences more tangible and accessible, providing Passthrough, Scene Understanding, Spatial Anchors, Shared Spatial Anchors to selected developers. The Presence Platform will need to be integrated into existing or new Meta Quest apps through features such as the Interaction SDK for Voice SDK, Text to Speech, Hand Tracking and Social Presence API.

2. GAIL gets the status of Authorized Economic Operator 'AEO T3'



GAIL India Limited, a leading natural gas company in India has been awarded the prestigious Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) T3 status by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, Ministry of Finance. Thereby positioning GAIL as a reliable and secure partner in international trade. The AEO program, administered by the World Customs Organization (WCO), aims to strengthen global supply chain security, streamline customs procedures and promote ease of doing business. By achieving AEO T3 status, GAIL India has joined the league of respected companies that adhere to the highest standards of customs compliance and international trade best practices. AEO T3 status brings many benefits to GAIL India, Thereby establishing the company as a reliable and preferred business partner in the global market. Certification streamlines customs procedures,

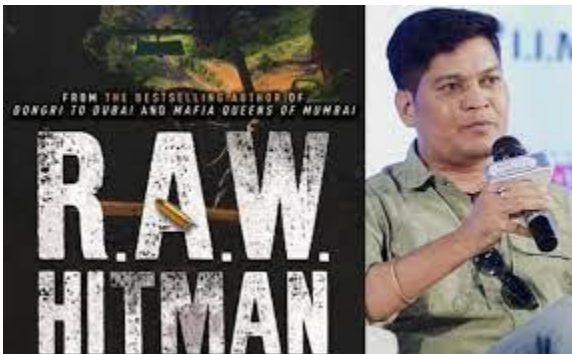
3. Ajay Banga is the only Indian in Carnegie Corporation of New York's 2023 list of Great Immigrants

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India-born Ajay Banga, President, World Bank and former CEO, Mastercard, has been announced on the Fourth of July honor list celebrating the exemplary contribution of immigrants to American life for 2023 by Carnegie Corporation of New York. Every Fourth of July since 2006, the philanthropic foundation invites Americans to celebrate these exemplary individuals by participating in its online public awareness campaign, Great Immigrants, Great Americans. who has promoted opportunities for others through his work as a teacher, mentor, philanthropist, job creator, public servant, storyteller and advocate In June 2023, Ajay Banga became the new President of the World Bank, which The first Indian to lead was an American. Banga began his career in India, spending 13 years at Nestlé India and two at PepsiCo. In 1996,

4. Writer S. Hussain Zaidi's book 'RAW Hitman' to be launched



The book 'RAW Hitman' has been written on the life of Lucky Bisht, an agent of the Indian

intelligence agency RAW. The country and the world will be exposed to the life of Lucky Bisht, a RAW agent and NSG commando. Recently the poster of this book has been launched. American publishers Simon & Schuster, who have published Sachin Tendulkar's autobiography, have published this book. Raw Hitman is a book based on the life of Agent Lima aka Lucky Bisht. That during his services, Lucky Bisht has been a security officer on many important occasions. From providing security to US President Barack Obama during his visit to India in November 2010, Lucky Bisht has also served as the personal security officer of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Famous Indian crime writer Hussain Zaidi has written this book on Lucky Bisht.

5. UNESCO World Heritage Sites Exhibition "Banking on World Heritage" will be organized in New Delhi



Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts (IGNCA) is all set to host an extraordinary exhibition titled "Banking on World Heritage". Curated by Ms. Rukmini Dahanukar, an independent scholar and founder of 'Money Talks', this unique exhibition will showcase banknotes featuring UNESCO listed World Heritage Sites. The exhibition aims to provide a fresh perspective on these cultural treasures and will be held at IGNCA from June 30 to July 9, 2023. Because it is India's chairmanship of

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the G-20 summit, Aligned with the 75th year of India's independence and the 50th year of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention. The exhibition will be inaugurated by the Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi. High commissioners and ambassadors of G-20 countries will be present at the opening ceremony. The theme of the exhibition "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "One Earth One Family One Future" perfectly encapsulates the outstanding universal values of the World Heritage.

6. Chief Justice of India, Dr. D.Y. Chandrachud lays foundation stone for new complex of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court



Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud on Wednesday laid the foundation stone of the new complex of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court in Raika area of Jammu. , that as soon as I took over as the Chief Justice of India, I ordered the Ministry of Supreme Court to improve case listing through technology All our new cases will be given for hearing through automated listing Also called for more participation of women in the field. He said that since the introduction of online video conferencing in SC, the situation is improving. The participation of women in the field of law and justice is low, same is the case in Jammu and Kashmir. Since the establishment

of the High Court in the Union Territory, it has been very rare that a woman has become a High Court Judge or Chief Justice. That with the help of technical facilities we can get rid of social issues in Judiciary. The estimated cost of the newly inaugurated campus equipped with modern facilities is more than Rs 800 crore.

7. Ashes 2023: Australia's Steve Smith becomes the second fastest player to score 9000 Test runs



Steve Smith, one of the greatest Test batsmen of the modern era of cricket, has achieved another major achievement in his Test career. Smith setting a big record during the second Ashes 2023 Test being played at Lord's ground between Australia vs England (Aus vs Eng). Has got the second place in terms of making the fastest 9000 runs in the longest format of cricket. Smith had to play 174 innings to reach this milestone. Who has touched the fastest figure of 9000 runs in just 172 innings of Test cricket. Smith has played only two innings more than him to make it to the number two position. The name of the current head coach of the Indian team, Rahul Dravid, is at number three in this list, who completed 9000 Test runs in 176 Test innings. Two players sit jointly at number four,

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8. 8th edition of world's largest urban cleanliness survey begins



The regional evaluation of Swachh Survekshan 2023 is being started by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs from 1 July 2023. As a part of the Swachh Bharat Mission, the Urban Cleanliness Survey is based on the cleanliness of public places and toilets, feedback from residents and Swachh Survekshan 2023 – My City, My Identity is the 8th annual edition ranking released by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on the basis of cleanliness of cities. Originally designed as a competition monitoring tool, the Swachh Survekshan was launched in the year 2016 under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Which aims to help cities to achieve the goal of cleanliness and sustainable sanitation and waste management in an increasingly competitive manner. The Swachh Survekshan has encouraged a healthy spirit of competition among cities to improve urban cleanliness and ensure best service delivery to its citizens. The first three quarters of the evaluation to be conducted in four quarters have been successfully completed.

QUIZ

1 Who has been appointed as the new Director of Outer Space Affairs of the United Nations ?

- (a) Aarti Hola - Maini
- (b) Meenakshi Sinha
- (c) Naveen Kalra
- (d) Roma Rastogi

EXPLANATION -: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed Indian-origin satellite industry expert Aarti Hola-Maini as the Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) in Vienna. Hola-Manny from the United Kingdom will replace Simonetta Di Pippo from Italy. The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs is a UN office that promotes peaceful international cooperation in outer space.

2. What is India 's rank in the Energy Transition Index issued by the World Economic Forum ?

- (a) 67th
- (b) 68th
- (c) 69th
- (d) 70th

EXPLANATION -: The World Economic Forum has recently released the Energy Transition Index. India is at 67th position in this ranking. Sweden is at the top of this list. Top 5 countries include Denmark, Norway, Finland and Switzerland. This time a list of 120 countries has been issued. The World Economic Forum is an international non-governmental organization. It was established on 24 January 1971.

3. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Punjab ?

- (a) Ajay Kumar
- (b) Abhishek Awasthi
- (c) Rajesh Agarwal
- (d) Anurag Verma

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EXPLANATION-: The state government of Punjab has appointed 1993 batch IAS officer Anurag Verma as the new chief secretary of the state. He will be the 42nd Chief Secretary of Punjab State. Presently he is working as Additional Chief Secretary of Home and Justice Department. He will succeed Vijay Kumar Janjua, a 1989-batch IAS officer, who retires on June 30.

4. Which insurance company has started WhatsApp and UPI payment facility for premium ?

- (a) LIC
- (b) Tata AIA
- (c) Bajaj Allianz
- (d) Indian AXA

EXPLANATION - : Tata Group - backed insurance company Tata AIA has launched digital payments through WhatsApp and Unified Payments Interface . . . This is a first of its kind initiative in the insurance industry . Through this new facility , the policyholder can pay the premium digitally . . can and also receive receiving of premium payment .

5. Who has become the first bowler to play 100 consecutive Tests in world cricket ?

- (a) Pat Cummins
- (b) Rashid Khan
- (c) Ravichandran Ashwin
- (d) Nathan Lyon

EXPLANATION -: Australia's spinner Nathan Lyon has become the first bowler in the world to play 100 consecutive Tests for the national team. He achieved this feat with his inclusion in the playing 11 of the second Ashes Test against England. Talking about the bowlers, till now no player had managed

to play 100 Tests continuously. Talking about the players who have played most Tests continuously, former England captain Alastair Cook is on top with 159 matches.

6. FIFA Club World Cup 2023 will be organized in which city ?

- (a) Dubai
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Jeddah
- (d) Tehran

EXPLANATION-: FIFA Club World Cup 2023 will be organized in Jeddah city of Saudi Arabia. The tournament will be played at King Abdullah Sport City Stadium and Prince Abdullah Al Faisal Stadium. In February, FIFA selected Saudi Arabia for the Club World Cup 2023. Saudi Arabia will host the Asian Cup in the year 2027.

7. Who has been selected for the Indian Medical Association (IMA) Award 2023 ?

- (A) K. Venugopal
- (B) Ajay Sinha
- (C) Vivek Kasana
- (D) G. Venugopal

EXPLANATION -: The Indian Medical Association has selected Dr. Dr. Chief Consultant in Respiratory Medicine at General Hospital , Alappuzha (city in Kerala) for the Indian Medical Association (IMA) Awards under the category of Community Service . K. _ Venugopal has been selected . She will be new on July 1 , 2023. He will receive the award at a function held at IMA headquarters in Delhi . National Doctors Day is celebrated on 01 July every year in India for the last 32 years .

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8. Became the first Indian pair to win the women 's doubles category title in the World Table Tennis Contenders tournament ?

- (A) Manika Batra and Neha Agarwal
- (B) Sutirtha Mukherjee and Ayhika Mukherjee
- (C) Paulomi Ghatak and Mouma Das
- (D) Ankita Das and Bhavina Patel

EXPLANATION - : India has won the title of ' Women 's Doubles Category ' of the ' World Table Tennis Contender Tournament ' being played in Tunisia . The pair of Sutirtha Mukherjee and Ayahika Mukherjee defeated Japan 's Miyu Kihara and Miwa Harimoto 3-1 to end the year The first contender has been named after him . With this, they have become the first Indian pair to win the women's doubles category title .

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When is National Statistics Day celebrated recently - : 29 June

Who has recently won the Senior Women's National Football Championship-: Tamil Nadu

Where will the Divya Kala Mela be organized recently-: Jaipur

The World Bank has approved US \$ 300 million to help expand and improve the quality of education in the government schools of which state - Chhattisgarh

Which person of Indian origin has been named in the list of ' Great Immigrants ' for the year 2023 by Carnegie Corporation of New York - Ajay Banga

Who has been announced as the new Under - Secretary- General and Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) - Xu Haoliang

Where is the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) being built - Lothal , Gujarat

" Vitasta " program was organized to spread the rich arts , culture , literature , crafts and cuisine of which State / Union State to the entire country - Jammu and Kashmir

How many gold medals India has won in Special Olympics Summer Games 2023 held in Berlin – 76

Ambubachi fair is organized in which state - Assam