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## 1. Diego Godin announces his retirement from professional football



Former Uruguay defender Diego Godin has retired from professional soccer, ending a 20-year career at the age of 37. Godin played in four World Cups and spent most of his club career in Spain, notably at Atlético Madrid from 2010 to 2019. This season, he played in Argentina for Vélez Sarsfield. Godin announced his retirement a day after his last appearance for Vélez in a 1–0 loss against Huracan. Godin played in over 600 professional matches and scored 38 goals in his career. He won 10 titles, which included two Europa League titles. He played for Uruguay in the last four World Cups. Godin won the UEFA Europa League twice with Atlético and the UEFA Europa Super Cup three times - eventually lifting it as club captain in 2018. He also won the Copa del Rey against Real Madrid in 2013 and scored on loan for Atlético in the UEFA Europa Champions League final in 2014, although a successful European Cup victory did not end Godin's Atlético career.

## 2. Severe reduction in sea ice of Antarctica : will have a profound impact on the climate



Antarctica's sea ice extent has been recorded at around 14.2 million square kilometres, which is well below normal for this time. In normal condition, it is 16.7 million square kilometers. Antarctica's sea ice size on July 25 was about 14.2 million square kilometers, while the normal sea ice size for this year should be closer to about 16.7 million square kilometers. Antarctica lost about 2.6 million square kilometers of sea ice over the long-term average observed during the satellite era.

There has been a significant decline in winter sea ice extent since 2015 compared to record highs seen in 2012 to 2014. Higher temperatures in the Northern Hemisphere: Due to the effects of Northern Hemisphere warming, the climate in Antarctica is resulting in a reduction in sea ice cover. Warm air from the north:

## 3. SBI posts highest ever quarterly profit of ₹ 16,884 crore



State Bank of India (SBI) reported its highest-ever quarterly profit of Rs 16,884 crore in the April-June quarter of 2023-24 - nearly three times more than Rs 6,068 crore in the year-ago period. Buoyed by a sharp decline in bad loans and higher interest income. On a consolidated basis, the bank's net income grew more than two-fold to ₹18,537 crore in the year-ago quarter from ₹7,325 crore a year ago. The total income during this period stood at ₹ 1,32,333 crore, as against ₹ 94,524 crore in the April-June quarter of 2022-23. On a sequential basis, some key figures such as margin and net interest income saw a marginal decline, while loan loss provisions more than doubled, leading SBI shares to fall nearly 3 per cent. Annoyed by this, Chairman Dinesh Khare opened his earnings address by wondering why markets and analysts only focus on sequential numbers.

## 4. Kerala will set up India 's first fisheries Atal Incubation Centre



After receiving a grant of ₹10 crore from NITI Aayog, the Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) will set up India's first Atal Incubation Center

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(AIC) in fisheries. NITI Aayog, as the premier policy think tank of the Government of India, provided a grant to KUFOS to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in the fisheries sector. The AIC initiative is part of the Atal Innovation Mission, The objective of which is to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in various industries of the country. Fisheries Atal Incubation Center will act as a focal point to foster innovation and inspire young individuals to create advanced technologies and solutions that will address challenges faced by our marine ecosystem and fishing communities . Its primary objective is to promote progress in the fisheries industry by providing a supportive and encouraging environment for startups and innovative initiatives within the sector. The center will play a key role in creating employment opportunities, creating a conducive environment for startups and entrepreneurs to flourish and succeed.

## 5. Mark Margolis, famous actor of 'Breaking Bad' passed away



Actor Mark Margolis, best known for Scarface and Breaking Bad, has died at the age of 83. At that time the actor's wife and son were with him. The actor was best known among Breaking Bad fans for playing Hector Teo Salamanca on the hit series and spin-off Better Call Saul. In 2016, he reprised that role as the character's youth. He guest-starred in the second to sixth seasons of AMC's multi-award nominated show, Better Call Saul, from 2022. Mark was also famous for his break-out role of Alberto the Shadow in Scarface. Born in Philadelphia in 1939, Mark moved to New York City at a young age to pursue a career in acting. He started focusing on theater work, where he played in the Broadway production of Infidel Caesar, based on William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. He founded a touring theater company called Blue Dome.

## 6. Pradeep Singh Vaghela of Bharatiya Janata Party resigned from the post of Gujarat General Secretary



Pradeep Singh Vaghela of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has resigned from the post of Gujarat General Secretary. After which there has been a stir in the politics of the state. Pradeep is the second powerful leader in the state after state president CR Patil. Pradeep Singh Vaghela was appointed as the General Secretary of the State BJP on 10 August 2016. This announcement has come just a year before the Lok Sabha elections. With elections in mind, the Gujarat BJP recently launched a 'Maha Jansampark Abhiyan' or mass contact programme, in which it organized gatherings of intellectuals and conferences of various business communities, among other things. After resigning, Pradeepsinh Vaghela said, 'Yes, I have resigned from my post. Pradeepsinh Vaghela has given personal reasons for his resignation.

## 7. Reliance ranks 88th in Fortune Global 500 list



Industrialist Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries rose to the 88th rank among Indian companies in the latest Fortune Global 500 list. This is his highest ranking. Reliance got 104th ranking in the year 2022 list which has gone up to 88 in this year's list. In this way, the country's most valuable company Reliance has been able to jump 16 places in a year. At the same time, in the last two years, Reliance has improved a total of 67 places in the list of Fortune Global. The company was ranked 155th in the year 2021 list. Companies on the Fortune Global 500 list are selected based on their total revenue during the fiscal year ending March. A total of

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eight Indian companies including Reliance have been given a place in the latest list. The second Indian company in this list is Indian Oil Corporation, which has jumped 48 places to rank 94. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) this time nine places slipping down to 107th ranking. Other public sector companies - ONGC, BPCL and SBI have also made it to the list. ONGC is ranked 158th in the list, BPCL is ranked 233rd and SBI is ranked 235th.

## 8. Fitch downgrades US credit rating , know everything



American rating agency Fitch has downgraded America's credit rating. Fitch has downgraded the US credit rating from AAA to AA+, which is worrying for the US. Seeing this, President Biden is shocked because it will have an impact on the global economy. The US currently has a Triple-A rating from Moody's. S&P stripped the US of its AAA in 2011. After this, Fitch has also removed the Triple A rating from America. The AAA or Triple-A rating is the highest rating an agency can give to a country or institution based on its ability to repay debt. This rating indirectly shows how the economic condition of the country or company is. The purpose of rating is to show the economic or financial condition of the borrower. When a rating is decided for a country, the agencies look at economic growth, tax revenue, government spending, Looks at deficit and debt levels. When an investor invests in a country or company, they do this rating analysis. Countries that have a triple A rating are believed to have strong economic conditions. Currently Australia, Denmark, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Singapore and Switzerland have Triple-A ratings from all three major rating agencies in the world.

## QUIZ

1. When was the "Library Festival 2023" inaugurated by President Draupadi Murmu at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi?

- a) on 2nd August
- b) on 3rd August
- c) on 4th August
- d) on 5th August

The "Library Festival 2023" was inaugurated by President Draupadi Murmu at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on 5 August. It is organized by the Ministry of Culture and will be held on 5-6 August 2023. The two-day festival will feature exhibits from renowned libraries across the world. The event is in line with the Prime Minister's vision to promote the development and digitization of libraries and promote the reading culture in the country. The program will also introduce a special ranking system of libraries across the country and this will encourage excellence and innovation in the field of libraries.

2. The Digital Health Incentive Scheme ( DHIS ) has been extended to Rs .

- a) 31 December 2023
- b) 25 December 2023
- c) 15 December 2023
- d) 1 December 2023

The expansion of the Digital Health Incentive Scheme ( DHIS ) has been announced by the National Health Authority ( NHA ) under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission . digital health solution providers such as hospitals and diagnostic laboratories and health management information systems through DHIS are encouraged to adopt and implement transformative digitization . The Digital Health Promotion Scheme was launched on January 1 , 2023 as part of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission .

3. Renowned art director Nitin Chandrakant Desai died at what age ?

- a) 47 years
- b) 57 years
- c) 37 years
- d) 50 years

On 2 August , he was found dead in the premises of his film studio in Karjat , Raigad district of Maharashtra . The four - time National Award winner for art direction

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also designed the sets for Slumdog Millionaire and Kaun Banega Crorepati Ke . Some of the most notable Bollywood movies In which he worked , they were Lagaan , Jodhaa Akbar , Munnabhai M. B. B. S , aur lage raho munna bhai hai . Desai won the National Film Award for Best Art Direction four times and the Filmfare Award for Best Art Direction three times . Was.

**4. Which portal has been launched recently to monitor child care institutions across the country ?**

- a) Kavach Portal
- b) Vatsalya Portal
- c) Masi Portal
- d) none

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights ( NCPCR ) has developed 'MASI ' application for real time monitoring of Child Care Institutions ( CCIs ) and their inspection process across the country . The primary drive behind the development of the Monitoring App for Seamless Inspection (MASI) The objective is to ensure effective and efficient monitoring mechanism for Child Care Institutions ( CCIs) provided under the Juvenile Justice Act , 2015 . The purpose of the app is to help Child Welfare Committees ( CWCs ), State Inspection Committees , District Inspection Committees , Juvenile Justice Boards ( JJBs ) and to synchronize monitoring of the system by various authorities including State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights ( SCPCR ) .

**5. Recently which country has approved the security agreement with America ?**

- A-: Nepal
- B- Sri Lanka
- C- Pakistan
- D- none

This agreement between Pakistan and America is also important for India because now Pakistan can easily buy military hardware and lethal weapons from America . According to a report in Pakistani news paper The Express Tribune , Pakistan 's cabinet has approved the signing of the Communication Interperbility and Security Memorandum of Agreement between Pakistan and the United States . The agreement between the two countries is called the CIS - MOA . However , the agreements between

the two countries No official announcement has been made from either side i.e. neither Pakistan nor America .

**6. Who has recently been appointed interim head of DERC ?**

- A- Ravi Soin
- B- Jayant Nath
- C- Sameer Saxena
- D- all

The Supreme Court appointed former Delhi High Court judge Justice Jayant Nath as the interim chairman of the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC). The order was passed by a bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, who was told by senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for the Delhi government, that the apex court can choose anyone for the post.

**7. Where have the researchers recorded the captive breeding of the Himalayan vulture recently ?**

- A- Assam
- B- Madhya Pradesh
- C- Uttar Pradesh
- D- none

For the first time in India , the record of captive birth of a Himalayan vulture was recently recorded at the Assam State Zoo . The details of this successful breeding have recently been published in a paper titled 'Breeding of Himalayan Vulture Gyps himalayaensis Hume, 1869 in the Assam State Zoo , Guwahati , Assam ' . near crisis ' The species , which has an estimated population of 66,000 , has seen a significant moment in its conservation journey . Assam state zoo records ground - breaking captive breeding of Himalayan vultures on March 14 , 2022 is an important achievement for . These vultures , native to the high Himalayas , were rescued from various poisoning and accident incidents in 2011-2012 .

**8. Recently India will participate in the Ukraine peace talks organized by which country ?**

- A- Russia
- B- Japan
- C- America
- D- Saudi Arabia

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Saudi Arabia is going to host two - day peace talks to resolve the Ukraine crisis . India will also take part in this peace talks . Many western countries including India have been invited to participate in this conference . solving the ukraine crisis For this international step is being considered very important . It is hoped that this will help in bringing peace in Ukraine . An invitation has also been sent to India to participate in the peace talks hosted by Saudi Arabia . India has It has also been confirmed . The Saudi announcement is seen as crucial towards garnering support from the Global South .

## ONE LINER

Recently which country has approved the security agreement with America – **Pakistan**

Actor Mark Margolis , best known for Scarface and Breaking Bad , has passed away at the age of - **83** .

To head FBI field office in Salt Lake City - **Shohini Sinha**  
Which High Court has allowed ASI to conduct survey in Gyanvapi Masjid premises in Varanasi - **Allahabad High Court** .

Maharashtra government 's first ' Udyog Ratna ' award - **Industrialist Ratan Tata**

How much percent has been increased by increasing the Goods and Services Tax on casino and online gaming - **28 percent**

Recently SBI has raised how many crores through infra bonds - **₹ 10000 crores**

Recently which bank has registered 178 % net profit in the first quarter of the current financial year - **State Bank of India**

Recently the tenure of Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba has been extended for how many years - **One year**

Recently , McDonald 's unveiled India 's first airport drive - **thru restaurant in Mumbai**