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1. Subhash Runwal received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the RICS South Asia Awards



An eminent personality in the field of real estate and infrastructure development, Subhash Runwal was recently conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award by RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors). This prestigious honor was conferred on him in recognition of his invaluable contribution to the real estate sector and his exceptional leadership in promoting ethical practices and innovation in the industry. Subhash Runwal's journey from a budding entrepreneur to a visionary leader has changed the real estate landscape. Their dedication towards quality manufacturing, sustainable development and customer satisfaction has set new benchmarks in the industry. The journey of Subhash Runwal began in the late 1970s when he founded the Runwal Group. With a focus on quality, innovation and customer satisfaction, the group undertakes various residential and commercial projects over the past few years,

2. Recognition of PTE Academic Scores to Study in Canada: An Important Step in Language Proficiency Testing



In a significant development for international students who wish to study in Canada, the country's Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has officially

approved the use of Pearson's PTE Academic test as an English language proficiency assessment. Has given Students who have given PTE Academic Exam before 10th August are eligible to get benefited from this new instruction. As long as these scores are submitted within the deadline prescribed by IRCC, they can be used for Student Direct Stream (SDS) applications. Student Direct Stream (SDS) is a shortened study permit application process designed to expedite the visa application process for students arriving from selected countries. This efficient process is found in Antigua and Barbuda, Brazil, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, India, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Available to students from Senegal, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and Vietnam. Prior to the inclusion of the PTE Academic exam, IRCC accepted CELPIP and IELTS general training tests as proof of English proficiency, especially for candidates applying under the economic category.

3. DGCA forms panel to suggest ways to ensure gender equality



Civil aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has taken a big step towards gender equality. In fact, the DGCA has constituted a four-member committee to suggest ways to ensure equality between women and men in the aviation sector. DGCA had issued an order in this regard on 10 August 2023. According to the order, this committee will suggest to DGCA to bring gender equality in the aviation sector. The suggestions will be about the steps to be taken to bring gender equality. The committee shall submit its report or suggestion within six months from the date of constitution. In this, Director (Operations) Survita Saxena, Director (Training) RP Kashyap, Deputy Director (Administration) Pawan Malviya and Deputy Director (Directorate of Aircraft Engineering) Kavita Singh. The initiative has been taken in view of the commitment of

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the International Civil Aviation Organizations (ICAO). It aims to increase the participation of women in the aviation sector and achieve a 50-50 (female-male) ratio by 2030 in all professional and high-level employment globally. Aviation professionals, operators and stakeholders appreciated the constitution of the committee. They say the move will help create new opportunities for women in the sector.

4. NCERT constitutes 19-member panel for revision of textbooks



Renowned children's author and Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murthy, noted singer Shankar Mahadevan and Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) chairman Bibek Debroy are on the newly constituted 19-member committee of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). In an internal note circulated in the Ministry of Education, the high-powered committee has been named The National Syllabus and Teaching Learning Material Committee (NSTC). In a 'rationality' move, the NCERT removed the periodic table chapter from the Class X textbook. Mahesh Chandra Pant has been made the chairman of this 19-member committee. He is the Chancellor of the National Institute of Education and Planning in Administration. The co-chairmanship of the committee has been assigned to Professor Manjul Bhargava of Princeton University. Chamu Krishna Shastri is also included in the committee. The National Curriculum and Teaching Material Committee will be an autonomous committee. Its work is to prepare the syllabus for the students of class three to 12th. With a diverse range of expertise in mathematics, arts, economics, sports, policy and administration, the committee aims to create an educational framework that is responsive to contemporary needs while

embracing cultural and regional diversity. Each member contributes their valuable insights to bring about a change in the school education system of India.

5. India's first long-range revolver 'Prabal' to be launched on August 18



In a significant step towards indigenous manufacturing and innovation, the state-owned company Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AWEIL), headquartered in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, will soon launch 'PRABAL', India's first long-range Revolver, is all set to be unveiled. Its launch date is set as August 18, thereby ushering in a new dimension of personal defense expertise. Designed and manufactured by AWEIL, this lightweight 32 bore revolver boasts of an exceptional range, capable of accurately hitting targets up to 50 meters away. This remarkable range is more than double that of other revolvers currently in production, establishing the Preval as the leader in the field of long-range handguns. A unique feature that sets Prabal apart from its counterparts, That is the integration of the side swing cylinder. This innovative design element eliminates the need to fold the firearm to insert cartridges, simplifying the reloading process and promoting user comfort. Weighing only 700 grams (excluding cartridges), with a barrel length of 76 mm and an overall length of 177.6 mm, it is expertly designed to facilitate rough use. Its trigger pull can be operated without much effort, thereby enabling a variety of individuals including women to handle it confidently. Optimally designed to facilitate vigorous use. Its trigger pull can be operated without much effort, thereby enabling a variety of individuals including women to handle it confidently. Optimally designed to facilitate vigorous use. Its trigger pull can be operated without much effort, thereby enabling a

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variety of individuals including women to handle it confidently.

6. Wholesale inflation declined by 1.36% on an annual basis in July



The country's wholesale inflation (WPI) declined to -1.36 per cent on an annual basis in July. Whereas, in June it was at -4.12 percent. According to the data released on Monday, the WPI index stood at 1.95 per cent on a monthly basis. The Commerce Ministry issued a statement saying, "The decline in inflation rate in July, 2023 is mainly due to decline in prices of mineral oils, basic metals, chemicals and chemical products, textiles and food products." Food index-based inflation rose to 7.75 per cent on an annual basis after a decline of 1.24 per cent in June. On a monthly basis, the food index inflation rose to 7.13 per cent in July, registering a decline of 0.63 per cent in May and 1.33 per cent in June. Inflation in the fuel and power segment stood at (-) 12.79 per cent in July as against (-) 12.63 per cent in June. The rate of inflation in manufactured products in May was (-) 2.51 percent remained. It was (-) 2.71 per cent in June. The RBI has raised the inflation forecast for the current financial year 2023-24 from 5.1 per cent to 5.4 per cent, citing the pressure generated due to food prices. Inflation is estimated to be 6.2 per cent in the July-September quarter, which is higher than the earlier estimate of 5.2 per cent.

7. India observes Partition Horrors Remembrance Day to remember victims of 1947 violence



Hindus and Sikhs' families migrating from Bannu to India - 1947

India observes 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' to remember the horrors of Partition, commemorating the victims of the violence that took place during the partition of the country. The day was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2021, commemorating the displacement of lakhs of people and the loss of their near and dear ones during Partition. This day was celebrated with many programs in India. A candle light vigil was organized at the India Gate War Memorial in New Delhi. In Punjab, a special exhibition was organized to showcase the stories of Partition evacuees and in Kolkata, a blood donation camp was organized to mark the day. On Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, victims of the 1947 violence share their stories of pain and loss. They reported that they were forced to leave their homes,

8. New Amravati Railway Station becomes the first 'Pink Station' of Bhusaval Division



Central Railway's New Amravati Station has etched its place in history as the first station in Bhusaval Division and the third station of Central Railway to be named a "Pink Station" - a station managed entirely by women staff. is done. New Amravati station has a team of 12 skilled women employees, each of whom plays a vital role in ensuring smooth operation of the station. These

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skilled persons include 4 Deputy Station Superintendents, 4 Pointwomen, 3 Railway Security Personnel and 1 Station Ticket Booking Agent. their collective efforts efficient management of the station, result in fostering an environment of competence and inclusion. Central Railway has consistently been at the forefront of ensuring equal opportunities for its women workforce. It proudly has the distinction of being the inaugural zone within the Indian Railways to have an all-women managed station, with Matunga station on the Mumbai division being the first, followed by Ajni station on the Nagpur division. Headquartered at the iconic Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus in Mumbai, the Central Railway also boasts of the historic achievement of operating India's first passenger railway line, which was inaugurated on 16 April 1853, connecting Mumbai to Thane.

QUIZ

1. Recently 'Graphene-Aurora Program' has been launched in collaboration with which ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Agriculture
- (b) Ministry of Electronics and IT
- (c) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (d) Ministry of Education

Alkesh Kumar Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, launched the 'Graphene-Aurora Program' at a function held at Maker Village, Kochi, Kerala. This program has been launched in collaboration with Digital University Kerala, Ministry of Electronics & IT and Government of Kerala. A budget of Rs 94.85 crore has been kept for this programme. With its help, the emerging graphene technology and innovation ecosystem will be promoted.

2. Union Minister Parshottam Rupala launched the 'A-Help' program in which state?

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

Union Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Parshottam Rupala launched the 'A-HELP' (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production) program along with infertility camps in the

state of Gujarat. The Union Ministry has started this initiative as part of the 'Pashudhan Jagruti Abhiyan'.

3. Recently with whom the Atal Innovation Mission and NITI Aayog have launched the National Space Innovation Challenge 2023?

- (a) ISRO
- (b) BARC
- (c) HAL
- (d) DRDO

Atal Innovation Mission and NITI Aayog in collaboration with ISRO have launched the National Space Innovation Challenge (NSIC) 2023 for school students. This NSIC is a national level campaign to support the next generation of space enthusiasts. The main objective of the National Space Innovation Challenge is to encourage students towards the growing Indian space economy. The National Space Innovation Challenge will give them an opportunity to showcase their innovation and enable them to solve modern space technology problems.

4. When has 'Partition Vibhishika Memorial Day' been celebrated recently ?

- (a) 12th August
- (b) 13 August
- (c) 14 August
- (d) 15th August

Partition Vibhishika Memorial Day was celebrated today i.e. on 14th August under the Amrit Mahotsav programs of Independence. This day is celebrated in the memory of the people who suffered the pain of displacement during the partition of the country on 14 August 1947. On this occasion, PM Modi tweeted that Partition Vibhishika Memorial Day is an opportunity to reverently remember those Indians whose lives were sacrificed in the partition of the country. The day also serves as a reminder of the suffering and struggle of those who were forced to bear the brunt of displacement. I salute all such people.

5. Recently scientists of which institute of India have discovered a new star?

- (a) Indian Institute of Astrophysics
- (b) C-DAC
- (c) Indian Astrobiology Research Center
- (d) none of these

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Scientists at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) in Bengaluru have discovered a new star. Scientists have named this star HE 1005-1439. Scientists have classified this new star as Carbon-Enhanced-Metal-Poor (CEMP). The spectrograph (HDS) attached to the SUBARU telescope was used to analyze the star's chemical composition.

6. What has been renamed as Nehru Memorial Museum and Library?

- (a) PM Museum and Library
- (b) Gandhi Memorial Museum and Library
- (c) Patel Museum and Library
- (d) none of these

Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) has been officially renamed as Prime Minister's Museum and Library Society. The Nehru Memorial Museum was established in 1964 on the 75th birth anniversary of Nehru. The decision was taken in a special meeting of the NMML Society chaired by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh.

7. Which England player has recently announced his retirement from all forms of cricket?

- (a) Moeen Ali
- (b) Ben Stroh
- (c) James Anderson
- (d) Steven Finn

England fast bowler Steven Finn has recently retired from all formats of cricket. He was away from cricket for a long time due to knee injury. He has played 36 Tests, 69 One Day Internationals and 21 T20 Internationals for England. He took 14 wickets during the 2010–11 Ashes series, which his team won 3–1 in Australia.

8. Who has recently won the Canadian Open title?

- (a) D. Medvedev
- (b) Alex de Minaur
- (c) Janika Sinner
- (d) Carlos Alcaraz

Janika Sinner broke new ground in Toronto when he won his first ATP Masters 1000 title at the Canadian Open, defeating Alex de Minaur in the summit clash. The Italian produced a stunning performance to seal a 6-4, 6-1 victory against Alex de Minaur in a match that lasted an hour and 30 minutes in Toronto. Sinner had

previously lost his two Masters 1000 title bouts in Miami in 2021 and 2023, but made sure he would not suffer the final loss against De Minaur again. He broke the Australian's serve five times to become only the second Italian Masters 1000 champion since the series' inception in 1990, joining Fabio Fognini (Monte-Carlo 2019).

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Recently WHO and Ministry of AYUSH will host the first summit on traditional medicine – **Gandhinagar Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra (PMBJKendra)** initiative has been started by which ministry – **Ministry of Railways**

In which city the Youth-20 summit will be organized - **Varanasi**

Which state is second in terms of overall financial health scorecard - **Chhattisgarh**

The Chief Minister of which state has released the mobile app and WhatsApp helpline number for "Chief Minister's Medical Assistance Fund " - **Maharashtra State**

Which day is celebrated all over the world on 16 August 2023 - **Bennington War Day**

How many gallantry awards have been approved by the President on the occasion of 77th Independence Day - **76**

Where has the 'Bharat Utsav ' , a three-day event celebrating Indian art and heritage, started - **Dubai**

The Chief Minister of which state has launched the 'Meri Mati, Mera Desh ' campaign at August Kranti Maidan in Mumbai - **Eknath Shinde, Chief Minister of Maharashtra**

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Lifetime Achievement Award at RICS South Asia Awards - **Subhash Runwal**

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