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1. President Murmu gives assent to CGST (Amendment) Bill and IGST (Amendment) Bill



President Draupadi Murmu has given his assent to the Central Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023 and the Integrated Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023. Both the Bills were recently passed by the Parliament. The Central Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023 seeks to amend the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 while the Integrated Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023 seeks to amend the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 . The Central Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2023 defines online gaming, online money gaming and virtual digital assets. As per the provisions of the Bill, online gaming means the offering of games over the Internet or electronic network and includes money gaming. Integrated Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill,

2. Former chief of defense research body VS Arunachalam passed away



V.S. Arunachalam passed away at the age of 87. He was known for his leadership roles in the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO), playing a key role in shaping India's defense capabilities. VS Arunachalam was a prominent scientist who played a key role in India's nuclear program and defense capabilities. He had held leadership positions in several prestigious institutions including Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC), National Aeronautical Laboratory and Defense Metallurgical Research Laboratory. In 1982, Arunachalam was appointed as the Scientific Adviser to the Defense Minister. He remained in this position till 1992. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award to Arunachalam, Has been honored with many prestigious awards including Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan. He was also the first Indian Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering (UK). In 2015, DRDO's Arunachalam was awarded Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contribution in the field of scientific research and technology.

3. Threat of Black Death looms in China 's Mongolia



China's northern region of Inner Mongolia is in a state of panic after two more cases of bubonic plague were found. According to the Chinese government, both these new cases have been found in the same family where the first case was found on August 7. Now they have been kept in isolation and are being constantly monitored. According to WHO, 'Bubonic plague is the most common form of plague, but it can turn into a very dangerous epidemic. The government has issued a statement in this regard. It has been said in the statement that all the suspects who came in contact with those found positive have also been isolated. According to the government, the first wife had the infection, After this, positive symptoms were also found in husband and daughter. However, so far no unusual symptoms have been shown in all the infected and suspected people who came in contact with them. In the first week of August, the Health Commission reported on its website that a case of bubonic plague had resulted in the death of a patient with multiple organ failure. This plague infection is spread by rats.

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Here, according to WHO, 'bubonic plague, it is caused by the bite of an infected flea.

4. NPCI launches UPI Chalega 3.0 to promote instant digital payments



National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched the third edition of its UPI security awareness campaign "UPI Chalega". Collaborating with key stakeholders in the payments ecosystem, the campaign aims to emphasize on the ease, security and speed of using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for transactions. The initiative seeks to educate users about several essential UPI features that enhance convenience and security. UPI, UPI Lite, UPI Autopay, UPI Interpolability, NPCI, UPI Chalega, Campaign, Fintech India, Digital Payments, Digital India, Quick Payments, Secure Payments, Secure Payments, Domestic Real-time PaymentsNational Payments, Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) Launched the third edition of UPI Security Awareness Campaign, "UPI Chalega". The objective of the campaign is to make UPI easy, To be promoted as a secure and instant mode of payment. It also educates users about various features such as UPI LITE, which enables faster low-value transactions; UPI Autopay, which allows for secure and convenient recurring payments using any UPI application; and UPI interoperability, which facilitates seamless money transfer between all UPI-enabled applications.

5. Launch of One District One Product Wall



One District One Product (ODOP) and Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY- NRLM) jointly launched the 'One District One Product Wall' (ODOP Wall). The One District One Product (ODOP) program has been carried out under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Launched ODOP Wall at Saras Aajeevika Store. The objective of the One District One Product (ODOP) program is to realize the Prime Minister's vision of making the country and countrymen self-reliant by promoting balanced regional development in all the districts of the country. Under this programme, one unique product from each district is to be selected and promoted by making it a brand. The ODOP Wall at Saras Aajeevika Store is a symbol of harmonious partnership between two important ministries. Saras Aajeevika, Deendayal Antyodaya (DAY- NRLM), Ministry of Rural Development, It is an initiative of the Government of India. Saras Aajeevika is a great supporter of women empowerment, with a special focus on the development and upliftment of women artisans and Self Help Groups (SHGs). Under this programme, one unique product from each district will be selected, branded and promoted, thus showcasing a diverse range of products across the country.

6. Srinagar's Tulip Garden Enters Record Book With 1.5 Million Flowers: Know Full News



Nestled amidst the picturesque foothills of the Jabarwan Range, the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden has entered the annals of the World Book of Records as the largest and most spectacular park of its kind in Asia . The garden, adorned with an exotic variety of 1.5 million blooming flowers , stands as a living testimony to the beauty and diversity of nature.Santosh Shukla, President & CEO, World Book awarded the Certificate of Honor to Fayaz Shaikh, Secretary, Floriculture, Horticulture and Parks. With a fascinating collection of 68 distinctive tulip varieties, the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden is a captivating tapestry of colors and shapes. Each tulip variety presents a unique personality, painting the landscape with colors that range from the most delicate pastels to the most vibrant and striking hues. The garden's carefully curated collection reflects the tireless efforts of gardeners and botanists in cultivating a breathtaking array of nature's wonders. The story of the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden is intertwined with the visionary aspirations of Ghulam Nabi Azad, former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir.

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



Civil aviation regulator DGCA has constituted a fourmember committee to suggest ways to achieve gender parity in the aviation sector in India. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) issued an order on August 10, 2023 stating that the objective of this committee is to suggest the steps DGCA should take to bring gender equality in the aviation sector. The four senior officers appointed as members of the committee are Survita Saxena, Director (Operations); RP Kashyap, Director (Training); Pawan Malviya, Deputy Director (Administration); and Kavita Singh, Deputy Director (Directorate of Aircraft Engineering). They are expected to prepare norms and submit them to DGCA, which the regulator will circulate among aviation stakeholders for adoption and practice for gender equality. This initiative is in line with the commitment of the International Civil Aviation Organizations (ICAO),

8. India 's first 3D printed post office inaugurated in Bengaluru



Bengaluru, often referred to as the tech capital of India, has welcomed the country's first 3D-printed post office. Located in Cambridge Layout near Ulsoor, this post office has set a new benchmark for efficiency, sustainability and design. Inaugurating the post office, Minister Union for Railways, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnav appreciated the innovative spirit of Bengaluru. Spread over an area of 1,021 sq ft, the post office was swiftly completed in just 43 days. Employing quicksetting materials and a specially engineered robotic arm extruder, a technique known as contour crafting was used to fabricate the building's intricate design. This method allowed for precise layering, resulting in a unique and visually captivating structure. This architectural marvel was designed by Larsen & Toubro, Brought to life through collaboration with a leading manufacturing company and technical guidance from

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the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras. Originally to be completed in September last year, the project is slated for completion in May 2023 at a cost of Rs 23 lakh.

QUIZ

1. When was ' World Photography Day' celebrated recently ?

- A- 17 August
- B- 18 August
- C-16 August

D-19 August

Photos are very important in our life . It brings back old memories . With the help of photographs , we also live the past moment for some time . With the aim of explaining the importance of photographs , World Photography Day is celebrated every year on 19th August .The day is celebrated every year on 19th August .The day is celebrated . This day is celebrated to appreciate the invaluable contributions in the field of photography . Celebrating this day started in the year 1837 from France . French Louis Daguerre and Joseph Nicephore decided to celebrate World Photography Day on August 19.Had started . Since then every year this day is celebrated as World Photography Day all over the world . On this special occasion , you can wish your friends and relatives on World Photography Day through these messages .

2. Which state government recently announced the implementation of ' Bhagwan Birsa Munda Road Scheme '?

- A- Odisha
- **B- Chhattisgarh**
- C- Maharashtra
- D- all

The state cabinet has approved the implementation of the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Jod Raste Yojana to connect all the tribal settlements (Wade and Pade) in 17 districts of the state with the main road . About 5 thousand crore rupees will be spent on this project . 6838 km long road from thiswill be constructed . An independent committee of the Tribal Development Department will be formed for these routes . While the Public Works Department (PWD) will construct the roads . Under this scheme , connecting all tribal settlements with all - weather main road , all eight-The roads will be made perennial . All the primary health centers and ashramshalas in the tribal sub-plan area will be connected with main roads .

3. When is World Mosquito Day made?

- A-20 August
- B-18 August
- C-19th August
- D- 15 August

Every year, World Mosquito Day is observed on 20 August . It aims to commemorate the contribution of British doctor Sir Ronald Ross , who first discovered the connection between malaria and female anopheline mosquitoes . Every year, World Mosquito Day is organized to fight mosquitoesIt is done to create awareness about the dangers , ways in which we can protect ourselves from these diseases , and rise together to combat these pests .

4. Crisil has estimated what percent GDP growth for India in FY2024 .

- A-3% B-6%
- D- 0 %
- C-5%
- D-7%

Leading rating agency CRISIL estimates that India 's gross domestic product (GDP) growth will reach 6 % in fiscal year 2024. This estimate is lower than the 7% projected by the National Statistical Organization (NSO) for fiscal year 2023. Crisil an optimist for the Indian economyOffers a medium term outlook. The agency estimates that the economy will maintain an average growth rate of 6.8% over the next five fiscal years. This estimate is driven by factors such as increased capital investment and increased productivity.

5. Recently Reliance Jio has completed the work related to connecting which country with high speed optical fiber cable ?

- **A- Maldives**
- **B- New Zealand**
- C- Bangladesh
- D- none

Reliance Jio has completed the work related to connecting Maldives with high-speed optic fiber cable. A ceremony was held at Hulhumale in Maldives on Friday to mark the unveiling of the Ocean Connect

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Maldives-India Asia Express (OCM-IAX) submarine cable system. The IAX cable system starts in Mumbai and connects Singapore to India, Malaysia and Thailand.

6. 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 is in association with Digital University Kerala, Ministry of Electronics & IT and Government of Keralahas been launched . 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 .

7. Which app has been launched by the Central Government to provide ' real time ' information on the flood situation in the affected areas ?

- A- 'Floodwatch '
- B- Sahaj Portal
- C- Help Portal
- **D- Vishvas Portal**

The central government launched an app to provide ' real time' information on the flood situation in the affected areas. The ' Floodwatch' app will collect data from 338 stations in 23 states and union territories to send flood -related updates in ' real time'. CentralLaunching ' Floodwatch ', Water Commission (CWC) chairman Kushwinder Vohra said the app aims to use mobile phones to disseminate flood - related information. It will provide a forecast of up to seven days.

8. Recently who has planted 4 croreth sapling at CRPF Group Center in Greater Noida ?

- A- Narendra Modi
- **B- Amit Shah**
- C- Rajnath Singh
- D- Nirmala Sitharaman

Union Home Minister Amit Shah reached the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Group Center in Greater Noida on 18 August . Home Minister Amit Shah planted the four croreth sapling here . This plantation was done under ' All India Tree Plantation Campaign' . All India Tree Plantation Campaign July 12 , 2020 Homewas launched by the Minister . Under this campaign , this plantation program was done at CRPF Group Center today . After this, Shah inaugurated 15 newly constructed buildings in 8 campuses of CRPF .

ONE LINER

Who has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of South Indian Bank – PR Seshadri

Which app has been launched by the Central Government to provide 'real time ' information on the flood situation in the affected areas - 'Floodwatch '

Which state government has decided to provide free 'Onam Kits ' - Kerala state government

The Chief Minister of which state has announced "Abua Awas Yojana " - Chief Minister of Jharkhand

Who has recently launched a centralized web portal named UDGAM (Unclaimed Deposits - Gateway to Access Information) - Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Recently which bank has partnered with RBI to launch Kisan Credit Card – Axis Bank

Who has been appointed as the CMD of Power Finance Corporation (PFC) – Parminder Chopra

According to the recent report, the total number of Jan Dhan accounts has crossed - 50 crores.

In the financial year 2022-23, the percentage of increase in the consumption of petroleum products as compared to the previous financial year - 10 percent

How many Indian youths have been nominated for "International Young Eco-Hero Award 2023" – 5 Indian youths

Which medal has Priya Malik won in the Under 20 World Wrestling Championship in the country of Jordan - Gold medal



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