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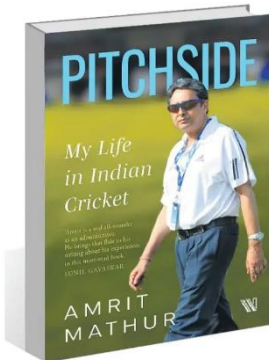
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## 1. Amrit Mathur 's autobiography ' Pitchside : My Life in Indian Cricket '



The book "Pitchside: My Life in Indian Cricket" is written by Amrit Mathur, a cricket administrator with wide experience. In the book, Mathur presents a first-person perspective on notable moments in Indian cricket history. Through insightful anecdotes, Mathur presents a unique insider's perspective on some of Indian cricket's most memorable events. Citing his close association with the game and its players for over three decades, Mathur shared his experiences. Mathur managed the Indian cricket team during the historic 1992 tour of South Africa. He also played a role in PILCOM, the organizing committee of the 1996 Cricket World Cup. Mathur served as the Chief Operating Officer of Delhi Daredevils and General Manager of BCCI. During many tours and cricket seasons in India and abroad, Mathur maintained a diary and detailed notes of the day's play as well as off-the-pitch conversations and events. They build on these to show us what happened behind the scenes, allowing us to experience dressing room conversations, team meetings and discussions alongside the excitement of playing on the field.

## 2. President Murmu launches 'My Bengal, Addiction Free Bengal' campaign in Kolkata



President Draupadi Murmu expressed concern over the rampant drug use among the youth and said that the time has come to find solutions to eradicate this problem. Speaking at an event at the Raj Bhavan, where he launched the 'My Bengal, Addiction-free Bengal' campaign organized by the Brahma Kumaris, Murmu said the central and state governments are working hard on various aspects to curb the problem. Drug abuse is a matter of concern for the society and the country. Due to these addictions, the youth are not able to choose the right direction in their life. Murmu said, 'This is very worrying and there is a need to work on all fronts in this matter.' spiritual awakening, medicine, The situation can be improved through social solidarity and political will. 'Any kind of addiction develops due to mental stress and peer pressure. Addiction is injurious to health. Many other disorders also arise from intoxication. He said, "The family and friends of drug addicts also face a lot of trouble."

## 3. Adobe co-founder Dr. John Warnock passed away at the age of 82



Adobe co-founder Dr. John Warnock has passed away. Warnock was 82. He co-founded tech giant Adobe in 1982 with his partner, the late Dr. Charles Geschke. He served as the company's CEO in 2000 and was chairman



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of the board, a position he shared with Geschke until 2017. Adobe's most popular products to date have been Adobe Acrobat and Adobe Photoshop, but the tech major maintains an impressively broad portfolio of well-known staple applications across multiple industries. A report in The Verge states that during Warnock's tenure, the company built top-notch software for business, graphic design, photography, video editing, audio recording and more. Warnock made history and left behind a legacy that shaped the global design industry. During his tenure, Adobe Photoshop designers, Emerged as a preferred software for photographers and digital artists. Photoshop software became a unique design software in the creative industry. Adobe recently launched a new AI feature called Generative Expand that allows users to expand images beyond their original aspect ratio. This tool is powered by firefly-based technology like Generative Fill.

#### 4. BHEL manufactures India's first Catalyst set



Public sector engineering company Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has successfully completed the manufacturing of the first set of indigenous 'Selective Catalyst Reactor' (SCR). This will help the company limit NOx emissions from thermal power plants. This system helps in emission control. According to the statement issued by BHEL, These Selective Catalyst Reactors (SCR) are still being imported. This is an important milestone under the 'Make in India' initiative of the government. BHEL's Director (Industrial Systems & Products) Renuka Gera flagged off the first set of indigenous SCR catalysts from the company's solar business division in Bengaluru for the five x 800 MW Yadadri thermal power station in Telangana, the statement said. BHEL has set up SCR Catalyst manufacturing facility at SBD unit. Coal combustion

converts nitrogen into products such as nitric oxide (NO), nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O). These products are collectively called nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>). They spread pollution. Converts into products such as nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O).

#### 5. RBI's big announcement, now up to Rs 500 can be done offline digital payment



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had started the facility of minimum offline transactions for the countrymen in 2022 last year. The limit for offline digital payment has been increased from Rs 200 to Rs 500. According to the notification issued by RBI, this instruction will be implemented with immediate effect. It also shows that all instructions related to small value digital payments have been kept as before. Offline digital payment is a transaction that does not require internet connectivity. According to RBI, the UPI Lite transaction limit in offline mode has been increased from Rs 200 to Rs 500. Its wallet limit is Rs 2,000 as before. After this change, users will be able to pay up to Rs 500 without internet. Now small value digital payments can be made in offline mode through National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) and UPI Lite. The decision to increase the transaction limit was taken by the RBI while addressing the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) on 10 August 2023. In which it was clearly told that the per transaction limit is being increased to Rs.500. Also, the limit of Rs 2,000 has been retained to protect customers from the risks associated with the two-confirmation discount.

#### 6. CCI imposes fine on Bharti Airtel

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The Competition Commission of India has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on Bharti Airtel in a non-compliance case with reference to the conditions specified in Section 6(2) of the Competition Act, 2002. The case pertains to Bharti Airtel's acquisition of Lion Meadow's stake in Bharti Telemedia. As per the CCI order, a penalty of Rs one crore has been imposed under section 43A of the Competition Act, 2002. Indian telecom major Bharti Airtel acknowledged the CCI action in a regulatory filing dated August 23, 2023. The incident highlights the importance of compliance with competition laws and regulations, Outlines the obligations that companies must maintain when pursuing acquisitions and business transactions. The situation behind the fine dates back to March 2021 when Bharti Airtel bought a 20% stake in Bharti Telemedia, its direct-to-home (DTH) subsidiary. The transaction was valued at Rs 3,126 crore, and was a strategic move by Bharti Airtel aimed at consolidating the ownership structure of its various customer-centric products, services, and businesses. Bharti Airtel intends to provide integrated and exclusive solutions to its customers by acquiring full control of Bharti Telemedia, which is in line with its "One Home" strategy.

## 7. Reliance Retail launches 'Usta' fashion store



Reliance Retail, the retail arm of Reliance Industries led by Indian millionaire Mukesh Ambani, has launched its new brand, Yousta, focusing on youth fashion. The brand started with the opening of its flagship store at Sarath City Mall in Hyderabad. The move is set to revolutionize the retail market by catering to the fashion needs of the youth. Yusta is positioned as a youth-centric fashion retail format that embraces contemporary trends and presents them at affordable prices. The brand recognizes the buying power and preferences of young consumers, aiming to provide them with high fashion options that won't burn their pockets. In this direction, Yusta has all the price range of products under Rs.999, And most of these products are available for less than Rs.499. Eusta brand is dedicated to continuously involve ourselves with the youth of India, understanding their changing fashion desires. The brand is committed to empowering and giving a voice to young individuals, giving them the freedom to openly express their uniqueness. Usta's retail outlets are designed to seamlessly merge fashion with technology. The store includes various tech-touch points that enhance the shopping experience. Thereby giving them the freedom to openly express their uniqueness. Usta's retail outlets are designed to seamlessly merge fashion with technology. The store includes various tech-touch points that enhance the shopping experience.

## 8. Kolkata City Adopts Air Quality Early Warning System (AQS)



Taking a significant step, the city of Kolkata has adopted the Air Quality Early Warning System (AQS) developed by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorological (IITM), Pune. The system provides both air pollution data and forecasts in real time, aiming to spur measures to deal with the city's ever-increasing air pollution levels and boost its ability to stay safe. The AQS in Kolkata is

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equipped with a complex sensor network to monitor the Air Quality Index (AQI). The AQI is a standardized measurement used to evaluate the level of air pollution in a specific area, with values ranging from 0 to 500. Higher AQI indicates more polluted air and increased health problems. Accuse provides this data by analyzing the density of pollutants, such as PM2.5 (2.5 micrometers or smaller in size), which has been identified as a major cause of health problems due to its ability to penetrate deep into the lungs. The city of Kolkata is facing severe level of air pollution due to the main pollutant PM2.5 etc. According to the Air Quality Early Warning System (AQS), the city recorded an AQI of 74 in the most recent measurements, and it is forecast to exceed 170 by 30 August. Such forecasts highlight the readiness to address air pollution in Kolkata as a problem and the role of information systems in guiding effective interventions.

## QUIZ

**1. Recently the Chief Minister of which state has launched the Extended Breakfast Scheme for schools?**

- A-Tamil Nadu
- B-Kerala
- C-Karnataka
- D- none

The Tamil Nadu government has issued an order to implement the first phase of 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme ' in 1,545 government primary schools to benefit over 1.14 lakh children in class IV across the state during 2022-23. Chief Minister Stalin told the students that since they were coming to school leaving breakfast in the morning, the government has decided to provide breakfast in government schools. Under this, as far as possible, breakfast made of millets available in the area may be made available to the students for at least two days a week. Each student will be provided with 150-500 grams of cooked breakfast along with vegetable sambar.

**2. Who has recently been elected the President of the Indian Pump Manufacturers Association?**

- A- Atul Karwal
- B- Neelkanth Mishra
- C-K. V. Karthik

D- none

Mr. KV Karthik, Managing Director of Deccan Industries, one of India's leading pump manufacturing companies, headquartered in Coimbatore, has been elected as the President of the Indian Pump Manufacturers Association (IPMA), the country's association representing the US. Major organization. Shri Karthik is the 39th President of IPMA. He was elected at the 72nd Annual General Meeting of IPMA held in Coimbatore recently, which was attended by Mr. R.R. Kumaravelu and was attended by IPMA members from across the country including Pune, Ahmedabad and Rajkot.

**3. Recently which state's Pelma mine will become SECL's first opencast mine to produce coal?**

- A-Bihar
- B- Jharkhand
- C- Chhattisgarh
- D- none

The Pelma mine of South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) will be operated on Mine Developer and Operator (MDO) mode. This will be the first opencast mine of Chhattisgarh, which will produce coal on MDO mode. For this, SECL signed an agreement with Pelma Collieries, an Adani group company. Pelma Collieries will operate SECL's Pelma opencast mine located in Raigarh area for the next 20 years as per the agreement. Under this, Pelma Collieries will be responsible for all activities related to designing, financing, procurement, construction, operation and maintenance of the project. A total of more than 2190 lakh tonnes of coal is proposed to be extracted from the mine during the period of 20 years. A target has been set to extract maximum 150 lakh tonnes of coal in a year. High quality G-12 grade coal will be extracted from the mine. The agreement was signed in a simple ceremony.

**4. Who has recently launched new fashion store Usta?**

- A- Tata
- B- Aditya Birla
- C- Reliance Retail
- D- none of these

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**5. Which country has created a new Asian record in the men's 4x400m relay team event at the World Athletics Championships?**

- A- India
- B- China
- C- Japan
- D- Bangladesh

The Indian men's 4x400m relay team produced a stellar performance at the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary, setting a new Asian record and also qualifying for the final in the event. The Indian quartet of Mohd Anas Yahiya, Amoj Jacob, Mohd Ajmal Variathodi and Rajesh Ramesh finished second behind USA in the event. The Indian team completed the race in 2 minutes 59.05 seconds, before this record was in the name of Japan.

**6. Which day has been announced to be celebrated as National Space Day?**

- A- 22 August
- B- 23 August
- C- 24 August
- D- 25 August

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced to celebrate August 23 as 'National Space Day'. Chandrayaan-3 made a successful soft landing on the South Pole of the Moon on 23 August. To make this day historic, it has been declared as National Space Day. Along with this, the point (surface) of Chandrayaan-3 mission's Vikram Lander on the south pole of the Moon was named as 'Shiv Shakti Point'. The point at which the hard landing of Chandrayaan-2 took place in 2019 has been named as 'Tiranga' point.

**7. Who has become the first Indian to win gold medal in World Athletics Championship?**

- A- Neeraj Chopra
- B- DP Manu
- C- Kishore Jena
- D- Rohit Yadav

India's star javelin thrower and golden boy Neeraj Chopra has won the gold medal in the World Athletics Championship 2023 by performing brilliantly. With this, Neeraj Chopra has become the first Indian athlete to win a gold medal in the World Athletics Championships. The World Athletics Championship was organized in Budapest, Hungary. Neeraj has also become the first Indian to win more than one medal in the Athletics Championships. He won this medal with a throw of 88.17 meters.

**8. Who has acquired the title sponsorship rights for the domestic matches of the Indian cricket team?**

- (a) Master Card
- (b) Star Sports
- (c) IDFC First Bank
- (d) Paytm

IDFC First Bank has bagged the title sponsorship rights for all the domestic matches of the Indian cricket team. Under this, the bank will have to pay an amount of ₹ 4.2 crore for each international match. BCCI said that this contract will be for a long period of three years which will start with the India-Australia ODI series.

## ONE LINER

Recently which state government has issued a notification to ban plastic water bottles - **Assam**  
Recently what percentage of export duty has been imposed by the government on parboiled rice - **20%**  
Which state's cabinet has approved 18 Atal residential schools - **Uttar Pradesh**  
Which country will increase natural gas production by 60% - **Israel**  
Where has the 26th National Conference on E-Governance started - **New Delhi**  
Recently which country's Wagner chief Yevgeny Prigozhin has passed away - **Russia**  
Who has recently been elected as the President of the Indian Pump Manufacturers Association - **K. V. Karthik**  
Recently which state's Pelma mine will become SECL's first opencast mine to produce coal - **Chhattisgarh**

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Which country will become the third country to provide F-16 fighter aircraft to Ukraine - **Norway**

Which player has qualified for the Paris Olympics in the World Athletics Championship - **Neeraj Chopra**

Hindustan Shipyard signed contract with Ministry of Defense worth - **Rs 19,000 crore**

