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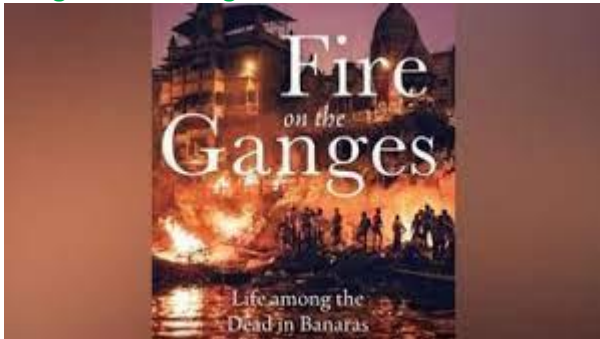


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1. Release of Radhika Iyengar 's book ' Fire on the Ganga : Life among the Dead in Banaras '



Radhika Iyengar is the author of 'Fire on the Ganga: Life Among the Dead in Banaras', published by HarperCollins. The book explores the city of Banaras (also known as Varanasi) in India, particularly its relationship with death and the afterlife. 'Fire on the Ganga' is the first attempt to document the everyday realities of Dom in Banaras. It delves into the historical past of Banaras, while narrowing its lens on some of the spirited characters of the Dom community. Through its stories of struggle and survival, loss and ambition, betrayal and love, it tells the heartbreaking, sometimes exhilarating story of a community struggling to find a place beyond that given by ancient tradition. Is. Radhika Iyengar Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, Is an award-winning journalist with a master's degree in journalism from New York. He won the Red Ink Award for Excellence in Indian Journalism (2018). In 2020, he was awarded the Charles Wallace India Trust Fellowship at the University of Kent, UK. She received the Bianca Pancott Patton Fellowship in 2019 and was the recipient of the Sanskriti-Prabha Dutt Fellowship (2016–17).

2. SPG officer who provided security to PM Modi passes away



Special Protection Group (SPG) chief Arun Kumar Sinha has passed away. Arun Sinha was fighting cancer for almost a year. He breathed his last at the age of 61. He was working as SPG director since 2016. He was responsible for the security of Prime Minister Modi. Arun Kumar Sinha did his studies from Jharkhand. He has held many big positions in his career. Sinha worked on various posts and ranks in Kerala itself. He worked as DCP Commissioner, Intelligence IG and Thiruvananthapuram IG of Kerala Police. Recently, he also got extension in his post from the Central Government. Arun Kumar Sinha had also solved the case of murder of the President of a country. Actually, he solved the case of murder of Maldives President Abdul Gayoom. Arun Sinha had arrested one of the main accused in the case in Delhi. At that time Sinha was on the post of law and order in-charge of Kerala. It was Arun Kumar Sinha who solved the case of threats received through emails to Prime Minister Modi and the President. Sinha had laid the foundation of the Crime Stopper system in the state. In view of his service and commendable work, he has received many medals and awards.

3. Women's fashion brand W chooses Anushka Sharma as its brand ambassador



Women's fashion brand W has roped in Anushka Sharma as its brand ambassador. With this partnership, the brand prepares to launch its high-decibel festive campaign that beautifully merges the warmth of celebration with the spirit of modernity. The campaign talks about every festival having a story that is synonymous with the story of women. It reflects the essence of women being the center of every celebration, urging women to cherish their individuality and 'celebrate their story'. The exclusively curated festive collection by W includes anarkalis, festive sets, dresses and more. It boasts of an exquisite array of

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fabrics, carefully selected to enhance the festive experience. From cotton lurex sets enlivened with metallic gota trims to velvety textures with matte sequins, The collection offers a tactile journey through the grandeur of the festive season. The inclusion of colorful zari work, mirror work, and intricate dori work with sequin highlights brings an inclusive texture and diverse palette of colorful and varied textures and embellishments. Anushka Sharma was born on 1 May 1988 in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. She completed her education in Bangalore and later moved to Mumbai to pursue a career in modeling. Her journey in the world of entertainment began when she was discovered by famous fashion designer Wendell Rodricks and later signed by Elite Model Management.

4. SBI Card unveils additional features on its super-premium card 'AURUM'



SBI Cards, India's largest pure play credit card issuer, has launched its super premium card Aurum with new features targeted at C-suite executives and high net worth individuals. The card will now offer more benefits to its users including new annual spend based milestones and welcome benefits to additional international lounge benefits and golf privileges. This offering includes a range of benefits offered by Aurum which have been thoughtfully designed. With these additional facilities, Aurum card holders will be able to avail benefits up to Rs 2 lakh annually depending on their spend. This invitation-only credit card is designed with select exclusive features that provide attractive privileges to cardholders. Crafted with thoughtful craftsmanship, Aurum impresses with its metallic look, Looks with black finish along with the benefits that its card holders get. Be it travel, shopping, entertainment or leisure, this card provides an enjoyable experience catering to the diverse shopping and lifestyle needs of its holders.

5. Global Fintech Fest 2023: World's leading fintech conference unveiled



Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) is continuously striving to provide seamless services by leveraging the Aadhaar identification platform and helping residents avail multiple services at their fingertips. This year, UIDAI showcased its enhanced face authentication feature powered by completely indigenously developed AI (Artificial Intelligence) and ML engine under the theme "Reimagining Aadhaar #Authentication" at the Global Fintech Festival in Mumbai. Under the Guidelines 2022, UIDAI has made efforts to rapidly adopt technology and provide even better services to the residents. Industry and fintech partners are being encouraged to collaborate with UIDAI with the larger objective of finding better solutions. Under this policy, UIDAI has worked closely with Airtel Payments Bank over the last few months to improve facial authentication features. It was achieved through both teams working together to capture facial photographs in low light conditions while strengthening fraud detection and prevention mechanisms. For beneficiaries of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) Partner use-cases such as attendance system and customer acquisition process by banks were also demonstrated. As part of the GFF 2023, UIDAI has organized a collaboration under the theme "Reimagine Aadhaar #Together" with various fintech firms and relevant ecosystem authorities with the intention to collaborate, co-innovate and comprehensively explore opportunities for the adoption of Aadhaar. Industry meeting also organized.

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6. India France 21st edition of bilateral naval exercise 'Varun' -



The second phase of the 21st edition of the bilateral exercise between Indian and French navies, Varuna (Varun-23) was conducted in the Arabian Sea. Guided missile frigates, tankers, maritime patrol aircraft and joint helicopters from both sides participated in the exercise. The three-day exercise included joint operations, recon and various tactical manoeuvres. Units of both the navies have worked together to improve their combat capabilities, enhance mutual interoperability and maintain peace and security in the region. Seeks to demonstrate its ability to promote security and stability. The first phase of 'Varuna-2023' was held from 16 to 20 January off the west coast of India. Bilateral naval exercises between the Indian and French navies began in 1993. The exercise, organized under the name 'Varuna' in 2001, has since become a symbol of strong India-France bilateral relations. The exercise facilitates operational level communication between the two navies to promote mutual cooperation for good order at sea, underscoring the shared commitment to ensure the safety, security and independence of the global maritime commons.

7. India will open embassy in Timor-Leste



During the annual ASEAN-India Summit in Jakarta, Indonesia, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi made

an important announcement regarding India's diplomatic relations with Timor-Leste. India has decided to open an embassy in Timor-Leste, signaling its commitment to strengthening ties with the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) region. The announcement was made during the annual ASEAN-India Summit, where Prime Minister Modi met in Jakarta, Indonesia co-chaired the proceedings. Prime Minister Modi revealed India's plans to establish an official Indian embassy in Dili, the capital of Timor-Leste. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stressed that India's decision to open an embassy in Timor-Leste underlines the importance India places on its relations with both Timor-Leste and the ASEAN region. The Ministry of External Affairs said that Timor-Leste and ASEAN member countries warmly welcomed India's decision to open an embassy in Dili. Timor-Leste initially joined ASEAN as an observer in 2022. Subsequently, Timor-Leste became a full member of ASEAN, strengthening its position within this influential regional grouping. ASEAN is recognized as one of the most influential regional organizations in Southeast Asia. India, United States, China,

8. Salem Sago gets GI tag



Salem district in the state of Tamil Nadu has gained praise for its sago production, which is widely recognized as sago. Salem Sago, locally known as Jawwarisi, is obtained from wet starch powder extracted from tapioca roots. Indian tapioca roots have a starch content of about 30-35%. Sago production has been a cornerstone of Salem's economic development since 1967. Currently, more than 80% of sago production in India is produced in the Salem region, with a significant portion marketed through Sagoserve. The request for Geographical Indication (GI) tag for Salem Sago (Javavarisi) was filed by Salem Starch and Sago Manufacturers Service Industrial Co-operative

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Society Limited, commonly known as SagoServe. GI tag for farmers in Salem area and Salem, Erode, This could provide a significant boost to business for over 400 sago and starch units in areas like Nammakal and Dharmapuri. There is a long tradition of sago production in these areas. Salem district uses about 35,000 hectares of land for tapioca cultivation, with an average yield of between 25–30 tonnes per hectare. Sago has a low calorific value (310 kcal/100 g) and ranges from 2 to 4.5 mm in size. Remarkably, one kilogram of tapioca sago can be produced from five kilograms of tapioca tubers. In which the average yield per hectare is between 25-30 tonnes.

QUIZ

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

- A- 6th September
- B- 5th September
- C- 8th September**
- D- 7th September

World Physiotherapy Day or World Physiotherapy Day 2023 is celebrated every year on 8 September. It recognizes and celebrates the important contribution of physical therapy and physiotherapists in promoting health and well-being. "Prevention and Management of Osteoarthritis" is the theme of World Physiotherapy Day 2023. Rheumatoid arthritis and axial spondyloarthritis are two types of inflammatory arthritis that will be highlighted on this day. The theme of last year's World Physiotherapy Day was "Osteoarthritis and the Role of Physiotherapists". The World Confederation for Physical Therapy established World Physical Therapy Day, commonly known as World PT Day, more than two decades ago in 1996. September 8 has been chosen as the anniversary because it was on that day in 1951 that the World Confederation was first established. This group is now known as World Physiotherapy.

2. The world's first rapid-response disaster hospital has recently been unveiled by scientists of which country?

- A-India**
- B- Canada
- C- Japan
- D-America

The world's first rapid-response disaster hospital was unveiled by Indian scientists. Which can be fully operational in just 8 minutes and provide immediate medical care to patients in need. The hospital, named 'Arogya Maitri', not only has an operating theater but also a mini-intensive care unit (ICU) to treat critically injured patients. The basic objective of 'Arogya Maitri Hospital' is to provide services in remote and underserved areas, where resources are scarce or access to medical aid is challenging.

3. Which state government has recently approved a cyber security project worth Rs 837 crore?

- A- Haryana
- B-Maharashtra**
- C-Rajasthan
- D-none

The decision to implement a cyber security project worth Rs 837 crore in the state was taken in the cabinet meeting to take immediate steps against cyber crimes. The meeting was presided over by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. Due to this project, citizens will now be able to register complaints through a phone at a call center that is open 24 hours a week. The complaint will be investigated with the help of advanced cyber technology, so that the root of the crime can be reached, the crime can be exposed and the punishment can be increased after proving the crime. Cyber crime has emerged as the biggest organized crime in the world and there is a need to tackle this problem using cutting-edge technology.

4. Salem Sago of which state has recently got GI tag?

- A-Andhra Pradesh
- B-Assam
- C- Kerala
- D-Tamil Nadu**

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could significantly boost business for farmers in the Salem region and more than 400 sago and starch units in areas like Salem, Erode, Namakkal and Dharmapuri.

5. Recently, for which country has America announced new security assistance of \$ 600 million?

A-Bhutan

B- Sri Lanka

C-Ukraine

D-none

Just a day after US Secretary of State Antony Blinken's visit to Ukraine, the Pentagon has announced a new aid package of \$ 600 million as long-term assistance for Ukraine. The Foreign Minister also promised one billion dollars for new military and humanitarian aid during the visit. The Defense Ministry said the new package will be delivered through the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative. This assistance includes equipment to maintain and integrate Ukraine's air defense systems, ammunition for High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS), electronic warfare and countermeasures, and mine-clearing. Training and maintenance etc. are included with the equipment.

6. Recently, the SPG officer who provided security to Prime Minister Modi passed away?

A- Adeb Ahmed

B- Arun Kumar Sinha

C- Shyam Sundar Gupta

D- all

Special Protection Group (SPG) Director Arun Kumar Sinha died on 6 September 2023 in a hospital in Gurugram. He was 61 years old. Sinha, a 1987 batch Kerala cadre IPS officer, was recently given a one-year extension as SPG director. Arun Kumar Sinha's career was not limited to his role in SPG. He had earlier served in various posts in the Border Security Force (BSF) in his cadre state, Kerala and the Centre. His diverse experiences and dedication towards his profession made him a well-rounded and respected officer.

7. Recently, in which state will PepsiCo invest Rs 778 crore to set up a new plant?

A-Maharashtra

B-Rajasthan

C-Assam

D-none

PepsiCo, a giant in the production of food and cold drinks, is going to set up a food-focused manufacturing plant in Nalbari, Assam. The company will spend a total of Rs 778 crore in setting up this plant. This food plant of PepsiCo will be spread over 44.2 acres. The operational work of this proposed food park will start in the year 2025. With the establishment of this plant, 500 people of Assam can get direct and indirect employment. The company has set a target of purchasing 50,000 tonnes of potatoes from the state to produce its iconic brand Lay's. Apart from this, the company has said that this proposed plant will also create demand for 60,000 tonnes of cold storage capacity in the next few years. PepsiCo mainly sells food and cold drink products such as Pepsi, 7Up, Mountain Dew, Slice, Tropicana, Mirinda, Lay's, Kurkure, Uncle Chipps and Quaker Oats.

8. Who has recently rejoined the European Union's Horizon Research Programme?

A- France

B- Britain

C- Germany

D- all

After two years of post-Brexit impasse regarding science funding, the United Kingdom has decided to rejoin the European Union's Horizon science research programme. The move is seen as a significant development in bilateral relations between Britain and the EU following the resolution of the trade dispute seven months ago. The UK's decision to rejoin the Horizon science research program is a positive step in its relationship with the EU. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's office announced that it has successfully negotiated "improved financial terms of cooperation" with the Horizon project, a major EU initiative for funding scientific research.

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Salem Sago of which state has got GI tag – **Tamil Nadu**
The author of 'Fire on the Ganga: Life Among the Dead in Banaras', published by HarperCollins - **Radhika Iyengar.**

Advait Jind has been honored with which award - **Lakshmi Kumari Chundawat Children's Literature Award.**

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Book written by Bhavana Roy and Amish Tripathi to be published - 'IDOLS'

Recently State Bank of India (SBI) has launched 'Card' - Nation First Transit

Recently, America has announced new security assistance of 600 million dollars for which country - Ukraine

Recently, the SPG officer who provided security to Prime Minister Modi has passed away - Arun Kumar Singh.

Who has been awarded 'Lakshmi Kumari Chudawat Children's Literature Award' - Advait Jind

Who has recently been appointed the Chairman of the Central Center for Himalayan Studies in Delhi University - Vindhyavasini Pandey

Udhampur Railway Station will be renamed as - 'Shaheed Captain Tushar Mahajan Railway Station'

Who has recently launched UPI ATM facility - Bank of Baroda

