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## 1. In basketball, Germany won the World Cup for the first time by defeating Serbia .



Germany defeated Serbia 83–77 to win the 2023 FIBA World Cup of Basketball. Germany went ahead 8–0. Remained undefeated in the tournament and became the fifth consecutive World Cup champion. Tournament Most Valuable Player Dennis Schröder led Germany with 28 points, well above his average of 17.9 points per game, and added two rebounds and two assists. Serbia lost 129-92 to the US in the 2014 final but were eliminated in the quarter-finals in 2019. Earlier, Canada achieved its first podium finish in the World Cup by defeating USA 127-118 in overtime in a record-setting bronze medal match. The 19th edition of FIBA's flagship event, co-hosted by the Philippines, Indonesia and Japan, Started on a high level. The 2023 FIBA Basketball World Cup was the 19th tournament of the FIBA Basketball World Cup for men's national basketball teams. The tournament was the second to feature 32 teams and was hosted by multiple countries – Philippines, Japan and Indonesia – for the first time in its history from 25 August to 10 September 2023.

## 2. India, Britain in favor of early conclusion of free trade agreement



India and Britain expressed their commitment for the early conclusion of a Free Trade Agreement (FTA)

between the two countries. India and the United Kingdom have jointly announced the launch of the Infrastructure Financing Bridge during the 12th Economic and Financial Dialogue (EFD). This collaborative initiative reflects the continued commitment of both countries to work together to unlock substantial infrastructure investment opportunities in India. The statement highlights that the UK has significant expertise in finance and project management, making it a valuable partner for India in infrastructure development. Recognizing India's position as an investment powerhouse in technology, fintech and green transition, The cooperation aims to leverage India's vital role in driving global economic growth. The formal launch of UKIIFB under the joint leadership of NITI Aayog (a policy think tank in India) and the City of London is the centerpiece of this collaboration. UKIIFB's primary objective is to unlock infrastructure investment opportunities and utilize the City of London's expertise in structuring and phasing major infrastructure projects. This partnership seeks to secure long-term investments for critical infrastructure sectors in India. UKIIFB stakeholders are committed to building a diversified investment and financing system characterized by sustainability and manageable risks. This historic collaboration places a strong emphasis on sustainable infrastructure development, giving priority to environmentally friendly projects that align with the core principles of the Sustainable Development Goals.

## 3. Vijayawada Railway Station gets 'Green Railway Station ' certificate from IGBC



Vijayawada Railway Station has been awarded the 'Green Railway Station' certification with the highest rating of Platinum by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) for its efforts in improving environmental

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standards and providing eco-friendly services to passengers. This is an upgrade to the station's ratings. This station was given gold rating in 2019 and platinum rating in 2023. The energy efficient and solid waste management measures taken by the station over the years have helped the station achieve a platinum rating. Some of these measures include use of star-rated electrical appliances, LED lights, installation of sewage treatment plants for recycling of waste water, This includes periodic testing to check smoke emissions etc. IGBC in collaboration with Environment Directorate of Indian Railways has developed Green Railway Station Rating System to adopt green concept and provide better passenger experience. The rating is based on six environmental categories defined by the IGBC. These are; Sustainable station facilities include health, hygiene and sanitation, energy efficiency, water efficiency, smart and green initiatives and innovation and development.

#### 4. Britain commits two billion US dollars to 'Green Climate Fund'



Britain said it will provide US\$2 billion for a Green Climate Fund (GCF) to help the world tackle climate change. The British High Commission in India said that British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has announced this financial contribution to help the vulnerable people of the world reduce and adapt to the effects of climate change. The Green Climate Fund (GCF), recognized as the largest fund of its kind in the world, was established within the framework of the United Nations climate change negotiations. Its primary objective is to facilitate the flow of financial resources needed to assist developing countries in their efforts to achieve various climate-related goals. These goals include reducing

carbon emissions, including promoting clean energy sources and adapting to the consequences of a warming planet. The UK has made a broad commitment to international climate finance, pledging a total of £11.6 billion (equivalent to \$14.46 billion) for the period 2021 to 2026. Notably, Prime Minister Sunak's latest announcement represents a significant 12.7% increase in comparison. The UK's previous contribution to the GCF, for the period 2020 to 2023, underlines the country's commitment to addressing climate change at a global level.

#### 5. Indore tops in Clean Air Survey 2023



Union Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupendra Yadav announced the results of the Clean Air Survey 2023 in Bhopal, in which Madhya Pradesh's Indore has claimed the top position among cities with a population of more than one million. This survey covered 130 identified cities under the National Clean Air Programme. Agra, Uttar Pradesh secured the second position, followed by Thane, Maharashtra at the third position. The awards were categorized based on the city's population as per the 2011 census. In the three to ten lakh population category, Amravati, Maharashtra took the top position. Among cities with population less than three lakh, Himachal Pradesh's Parwanoo and Kala Amb were leading, while Odisha's Angul stood third. With changes in the rankings compared to last year, Cities were rated on various factors related to air quality. Swachh Air Survekshan is an initiative to assess air quality in Indian cities. This is important because it promotes clean air and tracks improvements. Indore excelled in controlling several air pollutants, reducing emissions and raising public awareness, earning it the top spot. Urban local bodies submit self-assessment reports, are scrutinized by air quality monitoring committees and evaluated by CPCB

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## 6. North Korea launches new 'strategic nuclear attack submarine'



North Korea made headlines by launching its first operational "strategic nuclear attack submarine," named submarine No. 841 and named for former North Korean Navy commander Hero Kim Kun Ok. The launch ceremony took place in the presence of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, where he highlighted the importance of this new addition to their naval force. Analysts believe Submarine No. 841 is a modified version of the Soviet-era Romeo-class submarine, which North Korea acquired from China in the 1970s and later began producing domestically. Its design has 10 launch tube hatches, indicating that it is likely armed with ballistic missiles and cruise missiles. Nevertheless, its age, noise level, slow speed, and limited range raise concerns about the submarine's effectiveness in modern warfare. The designation of submarine No. 841 as a "strategic" submarine suggests that it cannot carry submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs) capable of reaching the US mainland. Instead, it is likely to have smaller, short-range SLBMs or submarine-launched cruise missiles (SLCMs) with the capability to attack regional targets such as South Korea and Japan. The submarine's extended rear part of the sail and installation of 10 vertical launch tubes, including both

large and small, indicate its capability to launch SLBMs and SLCMs.

## 7. Jammu and Kashmir LG inaugurates Bangas Valley Festival



In Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha visited Bangas Valley and inaugurated the Bangas Adventure Festival. This valley has emerged as a major offbeat destination. Jammu and Kashmir's many offbeat destinations like Bangas are ideal for travelers looking for relaxing adventures and captivating experiences. Jammu and Kashmir offers anything and everything to travelers from adventure, cuisine, pilgrimage, traditional handicrafts to serene mountains. The festival will highlight the rural and adventure tourism potential of Bangas Valley. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha also highlighted the incredible diversity of experiences that Jammu and Kashmir offers to travelers. The region is a paradise for adventure enthusiasts, food connoisseurs, pilgrims and lovers of traditional handicrafts. The state's serene mountains and stunning natural beauty further add to its attraction. Underscoring the state's commitment to becoming a global tourism hub, the Jammu and Kashmir administration has unveiled an ambitious plan to create 300 new tourist destinations. These destinations will offer a range of experiences from cultural festivals and breathtaking natural views to shopping opportunities and comfortable bed and breakfast homestays in charming villages. Recognizing the immense potential of the tourism sector, LG Manoj Sinha claimed that it is poised to become a driving force behind the economic development of Jammu and Kashmir. This strategic effort towards tourism development not only promises to boost the economy of the region but also open doors for domestic and international tourists to explore and appreciate the hidden gems of Jammu and Kashmir.

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## 8. Re-appointment of Sandeep Bakshi as MD and CEO of ICICI Bank gets RBI approval



ICICI Bank, the country's second largest private sector bank, has announced that it has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to reappoint Sandeep Bakshi as the managing director and chief executive officer (MD and CEO) of the bank. Has been found. The RBI has approved the reappointment of Sandeep Bakshi as MD and CEO of ICICI Bank with effect from October 4, 2023, extending his tenure till October 3, 2026, according to an exchange filing made on September 11. This three-year extension reflects the confidence of both the Board of Directors and the RBI in the leadership and vision of Shri Bakshi. Sandeep Bakshi has taken charge at the headquarters of ICICI Bank from 15 October 2018, before which he held the position of Whole-time Director and Chief Operating Officer (COO). With an impressive tenure of 36 years at ICICI Group, Bakshi brings a wealth of experience to his role. He has made significant contributions to various aspects of the ICICI Group, which includes ICICI Limited, ICICI Lombard General Insurance, ICICI Bank and ICICI Prudential Life Insurance. This re-appointment not only ensures continuity in leadership, but also underlines Sandeep Bakshi's deep association with ICICI Group and his ability to effectively navigate the dynamic banking landscape.

### QUIZ

1. When has National Forest Martyrs Day been celebrated recently?

- A- 9 September
- B- 10 September
- C- 11 September
- D- 12 September

National Forest Martyrs' Day is celebrated on 11 September in India. The day is an occasion to

remember the heroes who risked their lives to protect forests and wildlife, which are vital to the well-being of our planet. National Forest Martyrs' Day is important to remember the sacrifices made by forest officials and employees in protecting our forests and wildlife. It is also a day to reaffirm our commitment to conserve these precious natural resources.

2. Where is the world's highest fighter airfield being developed?

- A-Srinagar
- B-Baku
- C-Kathmandu
- D-Ladakh

India is building the world's highest fighter airfield at Nyoma in Ladakh, this is being seen as a strong message against China. This was announced shortly after the G20 summit ended. Border Roads Organization (BRO) is building this fighter airfield in Nyoma area of Ladakh. The foundation stone of this project was laid by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh from Devak Bridge in Jammu. The construction of the world's highest fighter airfield at Nyoma, Ladakh, is a significant milestone in India's infrastructure development, reflecting the country's determination to strengthen its strategic presence on its northern borders.

3. Who has recently won the US OPEN 2023 men's singles title?

- A- Daniil Medvedev
- B-Rafael Nadal
- C- Novak Djokovic
- D-none

Serbia's star tennis player Novak Djokovic has won the men's singles title in the US Open 2023. In the final match held at Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York, second seed Djokovic defeated third seed Daniil Medvedev of Russia 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-3 in straight sets. This was Novak Djokovic's 24th Grand Slam title. Now Djokovic has become the player to win the most Grand Slam singles titles in the Open Era. 36-year-old Djokovic overtook America's Serena Williams, who had won 23 Grand Slam singles titles in the Opener era. Australia's Margaret Court also won 24 Grand Slam singles titles, but 13 of these titles came before the

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Open Era. The Open Era in tennis started in the year 1968.

**4. Which country has recently unveiled a new visa policy to attract foreign investors?**

- A- Pakistan
- B- Indonesia
- C- Bangladesh
- D- Pakistan

Pakistan has introduced a new visa policy to attract business communities from around the world to invest in the cash-strapped country, in an effort to revive its sagging economy. The decision was taken at a two-day consultation meeting held under the Special Investment Facility Council (SIFC), a civil-military hybrid body set up by the previous Shehbaz Sharif government to deal with the country's economic problems. For foreign industrialists wishing to visit Pakistan, easy visas will be issued on the basis of a single document from their country or international trade organizations.

**5. Which player has completed the fastest 13000 runs in One Day International cricket?**

- A- Babar Azam
- B- Steve Smith
- C- Virat Kohli
- D- David Warner

India's star batsman Virat Kohli has become the fastest batsman to complete 13000 runs in One Day International cricket. Kohli achieved this milestone in just 267 innings. Kohli has become the fifth batsman in the world to score 13,000 ODI runs. Along with this, Virat Kohli also scored his 47th ODI century. Kohli is just two centuries away from equaling Sachin's record of ODI centuries. Before this, Sachin Tendulkar, Ricky Ponting, Sanath Jayasuriya and Mahela Jayawardene have achieved this position.

**6. Where has the Indian Coast Guard recently participated in the 19th meeting of the heads of Asian Coast Guard agencies?**

- A- New Delhi
- B- Istanbul
- C- Beijing
- D- all

Indian Coast Guard participated in the 19th Meeting of Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies (HACGAM) at Istanbul, Turkey on 05-08 September 2023. A four-member ICG delegation led by Shri Rakesh Pal, Director General, Indian Coast Guard, participated in the annual event of the independent forum consisting of 23 members from Coast Guard agencies and 2 associate members in the form of RECAP and UNODC. Chiefs of Coast Guards from all member countries participated in this three-day high-level meeting. During the meeting, several important issues including maritime law enforcement, protection and conservation of marine life, marine environment protection, and smuggling of drugs, weapons, and human beings through sea routes were discussed and ways were explored to formulate an agenda. The meeting resolved to further strengthen maritime cooperation between Asian coast guards.

**7. Which player won the men's singles title at Indonesia Masters 2023?**

- A- Kiran George
- B- Sen
- C- Ku Takahashi
- D- Priyanshu Rawat

Indian badminton player Kiran George won the men's singles title at the Indonesia Masters 2023 badminton tournament. The match was played at the GOR PBSI Tennis Court in Medan, North Sumatra. Kiran George, who is ranked 50th in the badminton rankings, won her second title in the BWF World Tour Super 100 badminton tournament by winning 21-19, 22-20 against world number 82 player Koo Takahashi of Japan in a match that lasted 56 minutes. Won the title. Earlier, he had won the title by defeating compatriot Priyanshu Rajawat in the final of Odisha Open 2022.

**8. Recently, which IIT has done the first national level mapping of soil erosion?**

- A- IIT Mumbai
- B- IIT Delhi
- C- IIT Kanpur
- D- none

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi, claim to have done the country's first national-level mapping of soil erosion. According to IIT Delhi officials, earlier, assessment of soil erodibility was

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done in specific areas or catchment areas, but assessment of soil erosibility at the national level was necessary. The purpose of mapping soil erosion at a national level is to highlight specific areas where the risk of soil erosion is highest.

## ONE LINER

NTPC Green Energy Limited has signed agreement with whom for Green Hydrogen Project – **Nayara Energy**

In which academic field has Lifetime Achievement Award been awarded - **Najma Akhtar**

Who will represent India in the Eastern Economic Forum - **Sarvanand Sonowal**

Where 'Bangas Valley Festival has been organized recently - **Jammu and Kashmir**

Who has won the title of Indonesia Badminton Masters - **Kiran George**

NABARD has tied up with whom to promote data-driven innovation - **UNDP India**

Who has become the third spinner of England to take 100 wickets in ODI cricket - **Moeen Ali**

Which medal has recently been won by Indian compound archer Prathamesh Jawarkar in the Archery World Cup – **Silver Medal**

Who has been awarded the Dr. AM Gokhale Award - **Sanjay Mishra**

Recently, the cabinet of which state has approved 'Mob Lynching Victim Muacha Scheme ' - **Madhya Pradesh**

Who has been elected President of 'Karnataka Table Tennis Association ' - **Raksha Ramaiah**