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## 1. Maharashtra issued official notification on changing name of Aurangabad , Osmanabad



Maharashtra government has issued an official notification regarding changing the names of Aurangabad and Osmanabad districts to Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar and Dharashiv respectively. Suggestions and objections were sought several months ago, after which the decision to change these names has been finalized at various levels including sub-division, village, taluka and district. This notification has been issued by the state revenue department. The decision to rename 'Aurangabad' and 'Osmanabad' as 'Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar' and 'Dharashiv' respectively was initially taken during the last cabinet meeting of the previous Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government. The decision, taken on June 29, 2022, was presided over by then Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, just before he resigned from the post following the rebellion led by Eknath Shinde. Aurangabad, a historical city in Maharashtra, takes its name from the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb. Similarly, Osmanabad was named after the 20th century ruler of the princely state of Hyderabad. The decision to change the name of 'Aurangabad' to 'Sambhajnagar' has historical and cultural significance. Chhatrapati Sambhaji, the eldest son of the famous warrior king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, was the second ruler of the Maratha kingdom established by his father. His execution in 1689 on the orders of Aurangzeb remains an important chapter in Maratha history.

## 2. NTPC paid Rs 1487 crore to the Central Government



The country's largest power sector company NTPC has paid dividend to the central government. NTPC has released a dividend worth crores of rupees in the central government treasury. The company has paid Rs 1487 crore to the Central Government. Let us tell you that even before this, recently two PSU companies had paid dividend of Rs 2642 crore to the Central Government. These two companies were Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL). On September 15, DIPAM i.e. Department of Public Asset Management posted its X platform. While posting, DIPAM Secretary said that NTPC has made a dividend payout of Rs 1487 crore to the Central Government. NTPC is the country's largest power sector government company. The company has an installed capacity of 73824 MW. This also includes joint ventures. The company plans to become a 130 gigabyte company by 2032. This company was established in 1975. The company aims to become the world's largest power company. On September 11, the Central Government had received a dividend worth crores from two big PSU companies of the country. The Government of India received dividend income of Rs 2182 crore from IOCL and Rs 460 crore from BPCL. The Government of India has received a total dividend income of Rs 2642 crore from these two companies.

## 3. Infosys included in Time magazine's list of 'The World's Best Companies 2023'



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In a notable achievement, Bengaluru-headquartered IT services provider, Infosys has secured a coveted spot in Time magazine's 'The World's Best Companies 2023' list. Infosys is the only Indian company to make the top 100 ranking, coming in at 64th position with an impressive overall score of 88.38. Notably, the company has achieved 'very high' growth rates, which is a testament to its commitment to excellence. Infosys is ranked 135th in terms of sustainability and 103rd in terms of employee satisfaction. Founded in 1981 by four engineers including NR Narayana Murthy, Infosys has become India's second largest IT company in terms of revenue. The company's illustrious history is marked by its dedication to technical excellence and innovation. Notably, Infosys has a prominent connection to the political scene of the United Kingdom, as NR Narayana Murthy's son-in-law is Rishi Sunak, who serves as the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. TIME, in collaboration with Statista, conducted a comprehensive assessment of 750 firms from around the world to compile this prestigious list. The rankings were determined through a rigorous assessment that considered a number of key factors, including revenue growth, employee-satisfaction surveys and comprehensive analysis of environmental, social and corporate governance data. Infosys' remarkable performance in these dimensions has earned it its rightful place.

#### 4. Air India's 'Project Abhinandan ' : A new experience for passengers



Tata Group-owned Air India has launched 'Project Abhinandan' to give guests a better airport experience. It aims to provide an enhanced on-ground experience to Air India passengers at the airports. For this, Air India has deployed trained service assurance officers at 16 major Indian airports. Who will provide on-ground assistance to Air India passengers at airport touchpoints. These Air India executives have been trained to proactively engage with passenger guests, provide assistance or resolve any issues. These officers will be on hand to help passengers who have missed their flights or have delayed delivery of luggage, as well as to resolve other issues such as wrong connections at airports. Will provide full assistance to the passengers. Rajesh Dogra, Chief Customer Experience and Ground Handling Officer, Air India, said the airport experience can be challenging for many air travelers. No matter how often one travels. 'Project Abhinandan' is our endeavor to simplify the airport experience for our guests and bring about a meaningful change in their overall travel experience. Due to which passengers can fly easily. They should not have any problem.

#### 5. Ashok Leyland signs MoU with UP government to set up bus plant

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Ashok Leyland, the flagship company of Hinduja Group, announced plans to invest ₹1,000 crore as a significant step towards promoting clean transportation and strengthening the commercial vehicle industry. This significant investment is aimed at setting up an innovative bus manufacturing facility, marking the company's first such effort in Uttar Pradesh. To kick-start the development of this facility, Ashok Leyland is allocating an initial investment of ₹200 crore. This initial phase will lay the core investment base for the larger project, which is expected to see an investment of ₹1,000 crore over the coming five years. The proposed manufacturing facility is set to be located near Lucknow, which will position it strategically within the state. This hub will serve as a beacon for clean and eco-friendly mobility solutions in line with Ashok Leyland's mission to address environmental concerns and embrace sustainability. With initial operationalization of the office, the manufacturing facility will have an initial capacity to manufacture 2,500 buses per annum. However, MahaMobility is the company's key target for expansion. Over the coming decade, Ashok Leyland plans to gradually increase this capacity to keep pace with the strong growth in demand for electric and other eco-friendly buses in the coming years. Ashok Leyland currently ranks as India's second largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, with Tata Motors leading the industry. Ashok Leyland's substantial investment in a clean mobility-focused manufacturing facility in Uttar Pradesh is set to play a key role in steering India's commercial vehicle industry towards a greener and more sustainable future. Over the next few years, Ashok Leyland plans to invest up to ₹1,000 crore in this new

facility, which aligns with the company's goal of achieving net zero emissions by 2048. This new manufacturing plant in Uttar Pradesh will become Ashok Leyland's seventh vehicle plant in India.

## 6. Shivraj Singh Chauhan will inaugurate the 108 feet tall statue of Adi Shankaracharya in Omkareshwar.



The work of the 108 feet high statue of Jagatguru Adi Shankaracharya "Statue of Oneness" in the pilgrimage city Omkareshwar is in the final stage. Omkareshwar, the fourth Jyotirlinga of the country on the banks of Narmada, is the initiation place of Shankaracharya, where he met his Guru Govind Bhagwatpad and studied education here for 4 years. At the age of 12, he left from Omkareshwar to spread Vedanta in united India. Therefore, the statue of 12 year old Acharya Shankar is being established on the Mandhata mountain of Omkareshwar. This will be the tallest statue of Shankaracharya in the whole world, which will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh on September 18. An ambitious religious and spiritual plan of Madhya Pradesh worth about Rs 2,000 crore is taking shape in the pilgrimage site Omkareshwar in Khandwa district. In which Advaita Vedanta Peeth and a grand 108 feet high statue of Adi Shankaracharya is being established in 28 acres on Omkar Mountain. In the first phase of this scheme, the 108 feet high statue of Adi Shankaracharya "Statue of Oneness" has been ready, while the Bhoomi Pujan of the remaining works is to be done. Omkareshwar is being developed as a global center of Advaita Vedanta by the Madhya Pradesh government with the aim of popularizing the life and philosophy of 'Acharya Shankar', the reviver of Sanatan

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Dharma, the angel of cultural unity and a strong spokesperson of Advaita Vedanta philosophy.

## 7. India launches UPag : A revolutionary unified portal for agricultural statistics \_



In a significant development for India's agriculture sector, the government has unveiled **UPag ( Unified Portal for Agricultural Statistics )** . This unprecedented initiative aims to tackle the complex governance challenges that currently plague the country's agriculture industry. The Agriculture Ministry lauded **UPag** as an innovative platform carefully designed to streamline and enhance data management within the agriculture sector. This represents an important step towards establishing a more efficient and responsive agricultural policy framework. NITI Aayog member **Ramesh Chand** expressed his enthusiasm after inaugurating the portal. He stressed that such an initiative was long overdue and envisioned that it could develop into a substantial resource for the agriculture sector. Chand urged the agriculture ministry, which oversees the portal, to prioritize data reliability, as objective data reduces the need for subjective judgment in policy making. This, in turn, promotes sustainability, transparency and informed decision making. The UPag portal promises to empower stakeholders by providing real-time, reliable and standardized information. This new access to data is expected to pave the way for more responsive and efficient agricultural policies. **Ruchika Gupta**, advisor in the ministry highlighted the role of UPag portal in

addressing the governance challenges related to agricultural data. These challenges include the absence of standardized and verified data. UPA's comprehensive approach to data integration and analysis is set to transform the data landscape.

## 8. Ferrari's Carlos Sainz wins Singapore Grand Prix 2023



Ferrari's Carlos Sainz won the Singapore Grand Prix, breaking Formula One leader Max Verstappen's record of 10 consecutive wins and ending Red Bull's dream of going undefeated throughout the season. McLaren's Lando Norris finished second and Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton finished third, giving Red Bull its first podium finish since the Brazilian Grand Prix in November last year. The 2023 Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix attracted a higher-than-expected 264,108 spectators over the race weekend. Last year, the event attracted a record 302,000 spectators, surpassing the figure of 268,000 for the 2019 edition. The Singapore Grand Prix was canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Behind Sainz, George Russell finished second in his Mercedes, 0.069 seconds behind the Spaniard, with McLaren's Lando Norris finishing the session in third to ensure that the first four positions were filled by four different teams.

### QUIZ

1. When was 'World Patient Safety Day ' celebrated recently ?

A- 12 September

B- 13 September



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C- 14 September

D- 17 September

World Patient Safety Day, observed every year on 17 September, serves as a global platform to emphasize the importance of patient safety in health care systems around the world. The day aims to create awareness and motivate countries to make patient safety a top priority, ultimately striving to eliminate avoidable errors and negative practices within health care settings. The theme of World Patient Safety Day 2023 is "Engaging patients for patient safety." Is. This theme highlights the important role that patients, their families and caregivers play in ensuring safe health care practices. This underlines the importance of involving patients in their care and decision-making processes.

**2. Which Indian site has recently been included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site list?**

A- Bharat Mandapam

B- Shantiniketan

C- Jim Corbett National Park

D- Statue of Unity

Another historical site of India has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site list. Shantiniketan (West Bengal) has been declared as a World Heritage Site. It was established in 1901. In 1921, a 'World University' was established in Shantiniketan, which was later recognized as 'Visva Bharati'. With this the number of World Heritage Sites in India has increased to 41. The expanded 45th session of the World Heritage Committee is being held in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) from 10 to 25 September.

**3. Which airline has recently launched Project Abhinandan at 16 airports?**

A- IndiGo

B- Air India

C- SpiceJet

D- none

Air India, one of India's leading airlines, has launched 'Project Abhinandan', which aims to provide a personalized and hassle-free experience to passengers, especially in managing baggage issues and dealing with missed flights. Under this initiative, Air India has deployed specially trained Service Assurance Officers (SAOs) at 16 major airports across the country to provide ground assistance and support to passengers. The airports where these Service Assurance Officers have been deployed are covering Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Calicut, Chennai, Delhi, Goa, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kochi, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Pune, Varanasi and Visakhapatnam. Cover a wide geographical expanse. These officers are strategically positioned to assist Air India passengers at various important points during their journey, including at the check-in area, lounge, near the boarding gate, during transit or in the arrival hall.

**4. 'Yashobhoomi' India International Convention and Expo Center was inaugurated in which state/UT?**

A- Ladakh

B- Assam

C- Bihar

D- Delhi

PM Modi inaugurated the first phase of India International Convention and Expo Center called 'Yashobhoomi' in Dwarka, Delhi. It is one of the largest convention centers in the world. About Rs 5400 crore has been spent in preparing it. It is spread over an area of 8.9 lakh square meters. Yashobhoomi is much bigger than the Bharat Mandapam Convention Center which was built in view of the recently held G20 Summit.

**5. What is the minimum age prescribed for applying for PM Vishwakarma Yojana?**

A- 18 years

B- 21 years

C- 25 years

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D- 30 years

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has started Vishwakarma Yojana. PM Modi launched this scheme on the occasion of Vishwakarma Jayanti and his 73rd birthday. The Cabinet had recently approved a budget of Rs 13,000 crore for this scheme for five years. People applying for Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana should be 18 years or older. For more information related to this scheme, you can visit the official website [pmvishwakarma.gov.in](http://pmvishwakarma.gov.in).

**6. Which country has recently decided to buy 12 Sukhoi SU-30MKI?**

A- India

B- Pakistan

C- Sri Lanka

D- America

Modi government has approved defense procurement proposal of Rs 45000 crore. This purchase proposal has been given the green signal by the Defense Acquisition Council (DAC). Under this, Indian Air Force will buy 12 Sukhoi Su-30MKI aircraft. This purchase will be made from Hindustan Aeronautics. It is believed that this deal will be worth around Rs 11000 crore. HAL has confirmed this in the information sent to the stock market. This week the shares of Hindustan Aeronautics closed at Rs 3947 (Hindustan Aeronautics Share Price). The Defense Acquisition Council has approved 9 procurement proposals worth a total of Rs 45,000 crore. This mainly includes Light Armored Multi Purpose Vehicle, Integrated Surveillance and Targeting System and Next Generation Survey Vessels. The Defense Ministry is serious about indigenization. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh said that our focus is on minimum 60-65% indigenously produced content.

**7. Recently, which IIT of India has partnered with ICICI Bank to promote the startup eco system?**

A- IIT Kanpur

B- IIT Madras

C- IIT Mumbai

D- none

With IIT Director Prof. Abhay Karandikar appointed as the Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology, the institute established many records in five years. Veteran scientists from various fields were associated with the institute for teaching. More than 65 educational agreements were signed to provide support to teachers and researchers from foreign educational institutions and international universities for research. Created an environment of startups and innovation in which more than 100 new startups joined with an economic structure of Rs. 3000 crores. Prof. Karandikar, who received B.Tech from IIT Kanpur, made many achievements in the institute's kitty in the form of Gurudakshina during his tenure as Director.

**8. Which team won the title of Cricket Asia Cup 2023?**

A- Pakistan

B- Sri Lanka

C- Bangladesh

D- India

India has won the title of Cricket Asia Cup 2023 by defeating Sri Lanka. The 16th edition of the tournament was co-hosted by Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Teams from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, India and Nepal participated in it. The Indian team has dominated this tournament. India has won the Asia Cup title a record 8 times. The Sri Lankan team has won this title 6 times. Pakistan has won the Asia Cup twice.

## ONE LINER

In which state has 'NaMo 11 Point Programme' been started - **Maharashtra**

In which state 'Mukhyamantri Laadli Brahm Awas Yojana' has been started - **Madhya Pradesh**

Recently, where has Prime Minister Modi dedicated 'Yashobhoomi' to the people of the country - **Dwarka**  
'Yashobhoomi' India International Convention and Expo Center was inaugurated in which state/UT - **Delhi**

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The number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India has increased to- **41**

Record number of times India has won the Cricket Asia Cup title – **8**

What percentage has Fitch Ratings estimated India's growth rate to be in the financial year 2024 - **6.3%**

How many artists have been awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Puraskar - **84**

Recently in which country 'TATA STEEL' will invest 1.25 billion euros - **Britain**

Who has recently been elected Chairman of Circulation Audit Bureau - **SK Swamy**

Which place of India has recently been included in the list of UNESCO World Heritage Site – **Shantiniketan**

Which team won the title of Cricket Asia Cup 2023- **India**

What is the minimum age prescribed for applying for PM Vishwakarma Yojana – **18 years**

