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## 1. HDFC Bank 's Jagadeesan gets 3 - year extension



HDFC Bank, the country's largest private sector lender, said the Reserve Bank has approved the reappointment of its Managing Director Shashidhar Jagadeesan for a period of three years with effect from October 27. Jagadeesan was appointed MD and CEO of the bank in 2020, replacing its founder CEO Aditya Puri. The RBI, through its communication dated September 18, 2023, has "approved the reappointment of Shashidhar Jagadeesan as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank for a period of 3 years from October 27, 2023 to October 26, 2026. It added that the bank's board will be convened at an appropriate time to give effect to the above appointment. Jagadeesan's expansion comes months after the merger of parent company HDFC Ltd with HDFC Bank, creating the second largest bank in the country after State Bank of India. HDFC Bank April 4, 2022 agreed to acquire its parent, the largest pure-play mortgage lender, in a US\$40 billion all-stock deal creating a financial services titan with combined assets of over Rs 18 lakh crore. After the merger, HDFC Bank became 100 percent owned by public shareholders. As a result of the merger, HDFC shareholders hold 41 percent of the bank as each HDFC shareholder got 42 shares of HDFC Bank for every 25 shares he held.

## 2. 'Gandhi Walk ' organized in Johannesburg after three years



The 35th edition of the annual 'Gandhi Walk' was organized in Lenasia suburb of Johannesburg city, South Africa. More than two thousand people took part in this six kilometer long march. In view of the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, about a month before the proposed 'Gandhi Walk' in the year 2020, the Gandhi Walk Committee had decided to postpone this walk indefinitely. In 2020, barely a month before the scheduled event, when the pandemic began its sustained global spread, the Gandhi Walk Committee took a difficult but wise decision to postpone the event indefinitely. This option was chosen after the committee had already incurred significant costs in planning for the expected 4,000 registered walkers. The traditional format catered to different fitness levels and interests, offering two distances – 15 km for serious athletes and 5 km for families, seniors and parents. This year's Gandhi Walk adopted a six kilometer format, prioritizing the enjoyment of the participants over the competitive aspect. The change in format was well received and allowed people to reconnect with the event in a new light, fostering a sense of togetherness that was much needed after the pandemic-induced isolation. Mahatma Gandhi's lookalike Harivardhan Pitambar was also present in this year's padyatra. Pitambar has been an integral part of the Gandhi Walk for many years, and his presence once again attracted a lot of attention. The participants waited anxiously to take selfies with him. Pitambar's participation adds an authentic touch and a deeper connection with Mahatma Gandhi, enhancing the experience for all participants. The resumption of community-based programs like the Gandhi Walk serves as a testament to the resilience and unity of communities in the face of adversity. These occasions not only provide an opportunity for people to come together, but also serve as a reminder of their shared heritage, values and commitment to social cohesion.

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## 3. Education scheme for medical device sector approved



The Government of India has taken an important step towards strengthening the country's medical device industry by approving a ₹480 crore scheme aimed at developing a skilled talent pool. This three-year initiative is set to provide necessary financial assistance to government institutions for the implementation of various courses related to medical devices, with the goal of upgrading these institutions at par with global standards. The approval of the scheme follows the recent launch of the National Medical Devices Policy, 2023, which envisages growing India's medical devices sector from the current \$11 billion to an impressive \$50 billion by the year 2030. A primary objective of the scheme is to ensure continuous supply of skilled professionals in the medical devices sector. To achieve this, the Department of Pharmaceuticals is ready to leverage the resources available within the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. This strategic move aims to facilitate upskilling, re-skilling and upgrading of individuals within the medical sector while meeting the growing needs of the industry. Under the new scheme, multidisciplinary courses dedicated to medical devices will be started in existing institutions. This initiative is designed to guarantee the availability of a highly skilled workforce capable of meeting the demands of future medical technologies, high-level manufacturing and cutting-edge research. By nurturing a talent pool proficient in electronics, metallurgy, electrical engineering, polymer science, rubber technology, chemical engineering, biomedical engineering and nanotechnology, India aims to establish itself as a strong contender in the global medical devices market.

## 4. G77+China summit concludes with emphasis on empowering the Global South



The two-day G77+China summit recently concluded is an important moment for the Global South's aspirations in the international governance system. This summit brought together delegations from more than 100 countries, including more than 30 heads of state and government. The Group of 77 (G77), established in 1964, comprises more than 130 member states, with leadership rotating among member states in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Notably, the G77 member states collectively represent more than 80 percent of the world's population and include more than two-thirds of the United Nations member states. China, while not a member of the G77, is actively cooperating and supporting the group's objectives within the framework of "G77+China". At the opening of the summit, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres reaffirmed the enduring importance of the Group of 77+China within the UN system. This acceptance underlines the influential role of the group in global affairs. An important event at the summit was the declaration by developing countries of 16 September as the annual "Science, Technology and Innovation Day in the South". The initiative aims to mobilize support from the world, the United Nations system and global financial institutions to promote the efforts of Southern countries in advancing their national science and innovation systems. The summit statement also drew attention to global challenges, including the ongoing pandemic and inequities in vaccine distribution. Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel highlighted UN data revealing that 10 countries are responsible for 90 percent of copyrights and 70 percent of exports in digital production technologies. This underlines the need for a more equitable global distribution of technological and scientific resources.

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## 5. The old Parliament will be known as 'Constituent House'



With the commencement of the proceedings of the special session in the new Parliament House, a new chapter in the parliamentary history of India began. The old parliament building has now become history. Speaker Om Birla said that the old Parliament building will now be known as 'Samvidhan Sadan'. He also said that the functioning of Parliament has been shifted to the new building here. The Speaker also announced that the terms 'House', 'Lobby' and 'Gallery' used in Lok Sabha proceedings will now refer to the new building. Addressing a function in the Central Hall of the Old Parliament House, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had suggested that the Old Parliament House should be named 'Samvidhan Sadan'. The Lok Sabha Secretariat issued a statement saying, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha is happy to inform that the old Parliament House will now be known as the Constitution House. At a function organized to celebrate the legacy of the old Parliament House, Modi said, in the new Parliament House we are going to make a new beginning for a new future. The Prime Minister said that since 1952, 41 heads of state from across the world have addressed parliamentarians in the Central Chamber and in the last seven decades, Parliament has passed more than 4,000 bills. He said, today in the new Parliament House we all together are going to create Shri Ganesh of the new future. Today, we are moving towards the new building here with the intention of reiterating the resolve of a developed India, once again getting determined and working wholeheartedly to fulfill it.

## 6. P-7 Heavy Drop Parachute System: A game changer for India's armed forces



India's defense capabilities get a boost with the development of the P-7 Heavy Drop Parachute System, an indigenous marvel designed to enhance the paradropping capabilities of the country's armed forces. This innovative system, developed entirely within India, promises to revolutionize the way military stores are deployed on the battlefield. It has developed the P 7 Heavy Drop System which is capable of para-dropping military stores up to 7 tonne weight class from IL-76 aircraft. The system has been constructed from 100 percent indigenous ferrous/non-ferrous material. Engineering textiles for parachutes have been developed with the latest combination of fluorocarbon and silicone treatments to provide water/oil repellency and superior abrasion resistance. This system is completely indigenous and has been built under the Make in India programme. This system will prove to be a force multiplier for the armed forces and will enable rapid delivery of combat reserves to remote and inaccessible areas. The parachute guarantees safe delivery of heavy cargo even in challenging conditions. With a maximum load capacity of 8,500 kg and a permitted payload limit of 7,000 kg, the system operates at drop speeds of 260 to 400 km per hour, demonstrating its adaptability to various scenarios.

## 7. Udhampur Railway Station renamed as Shaheed Captain Tushar Mahajan Railway Station



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Union Minister Jitendra Singh said that Udhampur railway station located in Jammu and Kashmir will be named Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan Railway Station. The Government of India has approved to name Udhampur Railway Station as 'Shaheed Captain Tushar Mahajan Railway Station'. A letter to this effect has been sent to the Government of Jammu and Kashmir for formally issuing the necessary Gazette Notification. The journey of Captain Tushar Mahajan begins with his birth on May 25, 1987 in Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir. This section explores his upbringing, family, and the values that shaped his character. A look at the remarkable military career of Captain Tushar Mahajan, with a special focus on his role in the 9 Para Special Forces Unit, popularly known as "9 Parachute Commando". Their training, dedication and commitment to serve the nation comes first. This section highlights the defining moment of Captain Tushar Mahajan's career, the anti-terrorist operation in Pampore, Jammu and Kashmir in February 2016. It describes the circumstances of the operation, his extraordinary bravery and leadership skills that came to the fore while confronting terrorists holed up in a government building. The ultimate sacrifice of Captain Tushar Mahajan during the Pampore operation highlights the cost of valor.

## 8. T20 World Cup 2024 matches will be held in New York, Dallas and Florida



The International Cricket Council (ICC) has officially named three prestigious venues in the United States to host the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024. The ICC has confirmed three cities in the USA (Dallas, Florida and New York). Here, T-20 World Cup matches will be organized. The United States is set to host the T20 World Cup for the first time, with Grand Prairie in Dallas, Broward County in Florida and Nassau County in

New York selected for the grand event. West Indies and the United States were awarded the hosting rights of the tournament by the ICC Board in November 2021. Now the ICC has selected the US venues after a detailed and comprehensive assessment of multiple options. Several other possible venues have been selected for pre-event matches and training. These include George Mason University in Washington, which is home to the Major League Cricket (MLC) team Washington Freedom. The United States and the West Indies were selected as co-hosts for the global tournament in November 2021. The ICC had granted them the hosting rights. The locations were selected after extensive evaluation of several options. It is noteworthy that the last T20 World Cup 2022 was played in the hosting of Australia. England won the final by defeating Pakistan. India's journey came to an end in the semi-finals. England defeated India by 10 wickets in the semi-finals. The mega match between India and Pakistan in the T20 World Cup 2024 can be organized in a stadium 30 miles away from New York City. This is the 34,000 capacity Eisenhower Park. The 20 teams playing in this T20 World Cup will be divided into 4 groups of 5 each. After this, the top-2 teams of each group will qualify for Super-8, which will be divided into 2 groups of 4 each. From here, the top-2 teams from their respective groups will make it to the semi-finals.

## QUIZ

1. When is International Peace Day celebrated every year?

A-19 September

B- 20th September

C- 21 September

D- 22 September

International Day of Peace is celebrated across the world every year on 21 September. This day has been established by the United Nations General Assembly. Its objective is to strengthen the ideals of peace and promote the culture of non-violence and ceasefire throughout the world. The theme of International Day of Peace 2023 is "Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals". The day was first established in 1981 and first celebrated in September 1982 and is celebrated by many countries, political groups, military groups and people.

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**2. Who has been chosen by the Board of Control for Cricket in India as the official partner for the domestic and international seasons?**

- A- Airtel India
- B- Tata Power
- C- Tech Mahindra
- D- SBI Life

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced SBI Life as one of the official partners of BCCI for the domestic and international seasons 2023-2026. SBI Life has signed a 3-year agreement with BCCI and their partnership will begin with the three-match ODI series against Australia starting on September 22. SBI Life's commitment to excellence aligns perfectly with BCCI's approach to cricket. This deal will go a long way in spreading awareness about the importance of insurance and taking forward the national agenda of 'Insurance for All' by 2047. ,

**3. Who has been recently appointed as the CEO of Penguin Random House?**

- A- Prerna Singh
- B- Nihar Malviya
- C- Payal Chhabra
- D- none

Nihar Malviya has been named as the permanent CEO of Penguin Random House, nine months after being appointed interim chief executive. Malviya replaces Marcus Dohle, who stepped down weeks after a federal judge rejected Penguin Random House's attempted merger with Simon & Schuster. Penguin Random House, the world's largest trade publisher, is undergoing a company-wide restructuring in 2023, with several senior editors either fired or leaving as part of a voluntary retirement plan. Bertelsmann, the German media conglomerate, has owned Random House since 1998. Random House and Penguin merged in 2013.

**4. Who has taken charge as Director (Power) of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited?**

- A- Vishal Sinha
- B- Ajay Mehta
- C- Tajinder Gupta
- D- Arindam Bagchi

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) said that Tajinder Gupta has taken charge as Director (Power).

Tajinder Gupta has studied Instrumentation and Control Engineering from Birla Institute of Technology and Sciences Pilani. Tajinder Gupta was the Chief General Manager at NTPC Limited before joining BHEL. According to the official website of BHEL, BHEL is India's largest engineering and manufacturing enterprise in the energy and infrastructure sectors. Established in 1964, BHEL is a leading power equipment manufacturer globally and one of the earliest and foremost contributors towards building a self-reliant India.

**5. Who has been recently appointed as Deputy Inspector General of CBI?**

- A- Kuldeep Dwivedi
- B- Aman Sinha
- C- Vijay Kohli
- D. ALL OF THE ABOVE

Recently, Shri Kuldeep Dwivedi, a 2005 batch IPS officer of Jharkhand cadre, has been appointed as the new Deputy Inspector General of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). At present Dwivedi is holding the post of Deputy DIG in Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). Whom the Ministry of Personnel has approved to remove from the post of Deputy Inspector General of ITBP and transfer him to the post of Deputy Inspector General in CBI for five years till 17 January 2026. And here Mukesh Singh has been appointed Inspector General in ITBP on deputation basis.

**6. In how many categories has the National Science Award been announced?**

- A- 03
- B- 04
- C- 05
- D- 06

The Government of India has prepared a new set of national awards in the field of science, technology and innovation on the lines of Padma Awards, which has been named Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar. These awards will be given to scientists under four categories Vigyan Ratna, Vigyan Shri, Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar and Vigyan Team. National Science Awards will be given every year for significant contributions in 13 fields. The objective of the National Science Awards is to recognize the remarkable contributions of

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scientists, technologists in various fields of science, technology and technology-led innovation.

**7. The Government of India has recently suspended the visa service for the citizens of which country?**

- A- Pakistan
- B- Turkey
- C-Ukraine
- D- Canada**

The Indian government has suspended the visa service for Canadian citizens 'until further notice'. The government has taken this big decision amid the ongoing tension between India and Canada. BLS International, an online visa application center in Canada, has issued a notice in this regard on its website. India has suspended visa services for Canadians in view of the current dispute. India has escalated its diplomatic standoff with Canada by suspending its visa services from its missions in Ottawa, Vancouver and Toronto until further notice.

**8. SIMBEX Exercise is being organized between the Navy of India and which country?**

- A-Singapore**
- B-Sri Lanka
- C-France
- D- Russia

Indian Naval ships Ranvijay, Kavaratti and submarine INS Sindhukesari have arrived in Singapore to participate in the 30th edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX). It is an annual bilateral naval exercise between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN). This exercise is being conducted since 1994. SIMBEX also has the distinction of being the longest continuous naval exercise conducted by the Indian Navy with any other country. SIMBEX-2023 is being held in two phases – the harbor phase in Singapore from 21 to 24 September 2023, followed by the sea phase. Apart from Ranvijay, Kavaratti and Sindhukesari, long range maritime patrol aircraft P8I is also participating in the exercise.

## ONE LINER

By what name will the old Parliament now be known -  
'Samvidhan Sadan'

Who inaugurated the first International Trade Show of Uttar Pradesh - **Draupadi Murmu**

Recently the Indian Government has expelled the senior diplomat of which country - **Canada**

Who has recently been included in the 42nd UNESCO World Heritage Site – **Hoysala Temple**

Where has Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated Udaan Bhawan - **Delhi**

Who created the e-book titled People's G-20 on India's G-20 Chairmanship - **Apoorva Chandra**

Where have the 'Hoysala Temples' recently been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List - **Belur**.

Recently America and which country have exchanged 5 prisoners - **Iran**

Who has taken charge as Director (Power) of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited- **Tajinder Gupta**

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What is the theme of International Day of Peace 2023-  
"Action for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals"

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