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1. India created history , won gold medal in horse riding after **41** years



Indian players are performing very well in the Asian Games 2023. Today, on the third day, India has created history by winning the gold medal in the horse riding dressage event of the Asian Games 2023. India has won gold medal in horse riding after 41 years. Anush Agarwala, Hriday Vipul Cheda, Sudipti Hejla and Divyakirti Singh did wonders for India. Anush Aggarwala, Hridaya Vipul Cheda, Sudipti Hejla and Divyakirti Singh performed brilliantly for India. In the dressage event, the Indian pair scored 209.205 points and stood first. With this, India has won the gold medal in this event after the Asian Games 1982. No Indian was expected to win a medal in this event, but the players have created history by winning the gold medal with their hard work. This is India's third gold medal in the Asian Games 2023. Before this, India shot, Women's cricket team and horse riding dressage event have won gold medals. India has won 15 gold medals so far in the Asian Games 2023. Neha Thakur has won silver medal and Ibad Ali has won bronze medal in sailing for India. Indian players are performing very well in the Asian Games 2023. In the Asian Games 2023, the Indian hockey team defeated Singapore 16-1. This is India's second consecutive win in the group stage. Earlier, India had defeated Uzbekistan. Whereas, in shooting, Divyansh Singh Panwar and Ramita lost to Korea (18-20) in the bronze medal match of 10 meter air rifle mixed event and stood fourth.

2. Pramila Malik became the first woman Speaker of Odisha Assembly,



Odisha Assembly has got a woman Assembly Speaker for the first time. Pramila Malik has formally taken charge as the Speaker of the Assembly. Pramila Malik has been selected unopposed for the Speaker of the Assembly. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik proposed his name in the Assembly, which was supported by opposition party's chief whip Mohan Majhi and Congress Legislature Party leader Narsingh Mishra. Pramila Malik has been a six-time MLA from Binjharpur assembly seat in Jajpur district of Odisha. This seat is reserved for the Scheduled Caste community. She initially became an MLA in 1990 as a member of the Janata Dal and later joined the BJD party led by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. Before his role as Assembly Speaker, he held the post of Minister of Revenue and Disaster Management in the BJD government. Amrit Kaur was the first woman cabinet minister of India, who was elected on August 16, She was responsible for health in the Nehru government from 1947 to 1957. Sarojini Naidu was the first woman Governor of India, serving the United Provinces (now Uttar Pradesh) from August 15, 1947 to March 2, 1949. The first woman Chief Minister of India was Sucheta Kripalani, who led Uttar Pradesh from 1963 to 1967. Shanno Devi was the first woman Speaker of a state assembly in India, serving in Haryana from December 6, 1966 to March 17, 1967. In 1966, Indira Gandhi became the first female Prime Minister of India. Pratibha Patil Singh was the first female President of India, serving from 2007 to 2012. Meira Kumar was the first woman Speaker of the Lok Sabha, who held the post from 4 June 2009 to 5 June 2014.

3. The second largest temple in the world outside India built in America



The world's second largest temple outside India has been built in America, which is spread over 185 acres. The temple built in New Jersey, America is dedicated to Lord Swaminarayan. The construction of Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple in New Jersey, America started in the year 2015 which is now completed in 2023. This is the second largest temple in the world and it will be inaugurated on 8 October 2023. Let us tell you that this temple will be inaugurated by Mahant Swami Maharaj and this Swaminarayan Akshardham has been prepared by more than 12,500 volunteers. The second largest temple in the world is also in the news because the history of India has been carved in this temple. Along with Indian culture and art, religious beliefs will also be seen in it. Let us tell you that the design of this temple has been prepared in India itself and the stones used in it were sent from Europe and India. The biggest specialty of this temple is that about 10 thousand idols of gods and goddesses have been installed here. Four types of stones have been used to build this temple. Which includes lime stone, pink sandstone, marble and granite. These stones enhance the beauty of this temple. You will be surprised to know that there is also a Brahmakud in the premises of this temple built in New Jersey, America. In which there is water from the holy rivers of India as well as the rivers of America.

4. JP Morgan to add India to emerging markets benchmark index



JPMorgan Chase & Co will add Indian government bonds to its emerging markets benchmark index. This is a curious decision which was awaited for a long time. This decision could increase foreign inflows of billions into the country's debt market. This long-awaited move is expected to attract substantial foreign investment into India's debt market. The decision is the latest sign of India's growing appeal to international investors as the country's economic growth outpaces competitors. Its geopolitical influence is growing and global companies including Apple are looking for alternatives to China. Although foreigners play a small role in the Indian bond market, flows have been increasing in recent years and the country's assets have proven resilient to the financial turmoil that has troubled other developing countries. Index Provider June 28, From 2024, JPMorgan will add Indian securities to the Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets. The South Asian nation will have a maximum weighting of 10% in the index, according to a statement. The inclusion of Indian government bonds in the JPMorgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets Index can be seen as another sign of India's growing appeal to global investors as it continues to be one of the fastest growing major economies. Has happened. This development is particularly significant as various global manufacturing giants are looking towards India to set up business as part of their China+1 diversification strategy in the post-pandemic world order.

5. Despite risks, GDP growth estimated at 6.5 percent in the current financial year



The Finance Ministry expressed confidence that the country will achieve 6.5 percent growth rate in the current financial year despite risks of rising crude oil prices and lack of monsoon. The main reason for this is the improvement in profitability of companies, private capital formation and bank credit growth. The Finance Ministry's monthly economic review for August said that strong domestic demand, consumption and investment were the main reasons behind the growth rate of 7.8 percent in the April-June guarter. Various high-frequency indicators like GST collections, power consumption, freight movement etc. also recorded growth. The monthly review also mentioned some risks like continuous increase in crude oil prices in the global market, impact of lack of monsoon in August on Kharif and Rabi crops. Accordingly, there is a need to assess these risks. However, the rain in September has compensated for the lack of rain in August to a great extent. According to the report, Due to the decline in the global stock markets, there is now a risk of decline in the domestic stock market as well. These risks are being offset by corporate profitability, private sector capital formation, bank credit growth and activities in the construction sector. "Overall, we remain comfortable with these risks assuming real GDP growth at 6.5 per cent for FY 2023-24," the Finance Ministry's monthly review says. According to the report, the strength of domestic investment is a result of the government's continued emphasis capital on expenditure.

6. Zagorochoria, located on Mount Pindos in Epirus, added to UNESCO World Heritage List



A group of traditional, picturesque villages on Mount Pindos in Epirus, known as Zagorochoria (or Villages of Zagori), was recently added to the UNESCO World Heritage List. This important decision was taken during the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, marking an important milestone in Greece's cultural heritage conservation efforts. "This is the first time that a cultural area of Greece that includes an outstanding example of our modern cultural heritage has been listed," Culture Minister Lina Mendoni was delighted. This recognition is a historic achievement for Greece as it differs from the typical Ancient Greek and Byzantine focus of previous listings on the World Heritage List. UNESCO recognized the remarkable worldwide value of Zagori architecture, Which displays an exemplary fusion of Byzantine and Ottoman architectural influences. Furthermore, UNESCO accepted the authenticity and integrity of the area as essential criteria for its prestigious inclusion in the World Heritage List. The Minister of Culture stressed that this list serves as both an invitation and a serious obligation for Greece to protect and preserve the cultural heritage of Zagorochoria. Located in the remote rural landscape of north-western Greece, Zagorochoria consists of small stone villages spread along the western slopes of the northern part of the Pindus mountain range. These traditional villages are generally organized around a central square, These contain ancient plane trees and are surrounded by sacred forests carefully maintained by local communities. What makes these villages truly remarkable is their architecture, which is perfectly adapted to the rugged hilly topography.

7. Katrina Kaif becomes the brand ambassador of Uniqlo India



Katrina Kaif is now the first Indian brand ambassador of fashion giant, UNIQLO. This Japanese global announcement is an important moment in the history of Indian representation on the global stage. Katrina Kaif perfectly embodies the company's unwavering commitment towards quality, affordability and sustainability, which are values consistently celebrated by the brand. Katrina Kaif's global icon status highlights UNIQLO's strategic decision to take advantage of India's expanding fashion market and youth demographic who admire her style and charitable efforts. Along with her role as UNIQLO ambassador, Katrina also serves as the brand ambassador for Etihad Airways. Katrina Kaif, a prominent figure in the Indian film industry, has been chosen as the face of Uniglo's marketing efforts in India. The 40-year-old actress will be seen in campaign films, Uniglo's fashion offerings will be showcased across various media channels including digital and offline platforms. Katrina Kaif joins the ranks of other global brand ambassadors for Uniqlo, such as tennis legend Roger Federer, who has been representing the brand since 2018. This diverse selection of ambassadors aligns with Uniglo's commitment to global appeal. The collaboration between Uniqlo and Katrina Kaif is set to last for a year, focused on promoting the brand's Fall-Winter 2023 collection. The campaign will span across multiple mediums including print, digital, outdoor advertising and in-store promotions. Uniglo made its debut in the Indian market in 2019 and has continuously expanded its footprint. Currently, it operates ten stores in the country. Most of these stores are located in the Delhi-NCR region, including Lucknow, There are additional outlets in Chandigarh and Zirakpur in Punjab. Uniqlo's upcoming expansion plans include opening stores in Mumbai.

8. Mithun of North-East got the tag of 'food animal '



The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has recently recognized the mithun as a 'food animal', opening the doors for its commercial use. Recognition of the mithun as a 'food animal' and efforts to promote its meat as a commercial product could indeed have significant economic and cultural implications for the region. Mithun is a captivating and culturally important bovine species found in North-East India. Its role in the livelihood of indigenous communities, ecological balance and local traditions make it a species of utmost importance that requires conservation and sustainable management efforts. Mithun holds deep cultural and ritual significance in the north-eastern states of India, And it is considered the state animal of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland. Its role in traditional practices and ceremonies reflects its importance in the cultural heritage of the region. The mithun is traditionally semi-domesticated and thrives in a free-range forest ecosystem, requiring minimal human intervention. This approach aligns with sustainable and eco-friendly farming practices. The recognition of Mithun as a 'Food Animal' by FSSAI has opened up opportunities for farmers and tribal communities to benefit economically from the sale and processing of Mithun meat. Its low fat content makes it a potential premium meat product, catering to health-conscious consumers. Marketing efforts for various Gemini products, such as vacuum-packed dry meat, pickles, soups, wafers and instant biryani,

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 For how many years has the Central Government extended the tenure of RBI Deputy Governor M Rajeshwar Rao?
(a) 02 years
(b) 03 years

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(c) 01 year

(d) 04 years

The central government has extended the tenure of RBI Deputy Governor M Rajeshwar Rao by one year. Rajeshwar Rao's next term will start from October 9 this year. Before this he was the Executive Director of RBI. Rao has been associated with RBI since 1984. Rao has completed his graduation in Economics and post graduation in Business Administration from Cochin University. Rao, who is a graduate in Economics and post-graduate in Business Administration from Cochin University, has been associated with the central bank since 1984. It is known that as a central banker, he has experience in many aspects of the functioning of RBI. M Rajeshwar Rao has also worked as the Banking Ombudsman in New Delhi and in the regional offices of the Reserve Bank in Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Chennai and the national capital.

2. Who will lead a delegation of Parliament to the 9th BRICS Parliamentary Forum?

- (a) Shashi Tharoor
- (b) Rajnath Singh
- (c) Om Birla
- (d) Harivansh Narayan Singh

Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh will lead a delegation of Parliament to the 9th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in Johannesburg from 27-29 September. Its main focus is to use parliamentary diplomacy to enhance BRICS and African partnerships. The first BRICS Parliamentary Forum was held under the chairmanship of Russia in Moscow on 8 June 2015. South Africa assumed the BRICS Chairmanship in January 2023, based on the governance principle of chairmanship rotation. About 250 parliamentary representatives from BRICS member states - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa - are expected to attend the event, to be held at the Emperor's Palace in Kempton Park.

3. Who was Prayagraj who passed away recently?

- (a) singer
- (b) writer
- (c) Journalist
- (d) all

Famous writer, director and actor Prayag Raj has passed away. Prayag Raj not only wrote films but also

acted. He was also a director who worked with superstars from Amitabh Bachchan to Rajinikanth. Apart from writing and directing, he also had the experience of writing and composing songs in his career. Prayag Raj started his career with the 1963 film 'Phool Bane Angare'. His last film was 'Jamaanat' released two years ago. He also made Rajesh Khanna's 'Sachcha Jhooth' and this was the first superhit film of his career.

4. Where will the world's largest Hindu temple outside India be inaugurated recently?

- (a) New Jersey
- (b) Abu Dhabi
- (c) Dubai
- (d) all

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5. In which city will the IBSA Blind Football Intercontinental Cup 2023 be organized?

- (a) Panaji
- (b) Kochi
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Hyderabad

The Indian Blind Football Federation (IBFF) said that the 'IBSA Blind Football Intercontinental Cup 2023' will be organized at the United Sports Center in Kakkanad in Kochi. This tournament will be held between 26 September and 2 October. Teams from Costa Rica, Chile, Poland, Romania, Greece, Egypt, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea and India will participate in it.

6. Who inaugurated the 'India Energy Summit 2023'?

- (a) Anurag Thakur
- (b) Smriti Irani
- (c) RK Singh
- (d) Jyotiraditya Scindia

Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy RK Singh inaugurated the 'India Energy Summit 2023' at FICCI Federation House in New Delhi. The two-day summit aims to focus on the development of an efficient green hydrogen ecosystem in the country. Policy makers and high-level dignitaries, senior government functionaries, financial institutions, project developers, manufacturers, user industries, technology companies, start-ups, foundations, academicians and think tanks, research and training institutes are participating in the summit.

7. Who has recently won the 'Indian Grand Prix 2023'?

(a) Michael Boltas

(b) Marco Bezenchi

(c) George Martin

(d) none

In a thrilling race at the Buddh International Circuit, Italian rider Marco Bezzecchi, representing the Mooney VR46 Racing Team, took victory in the inaugural Indian Grand Prix for the 2023 MotoGP season. This marked Bezzecchi's third win of the season, cementing his position as a top contender in the championship. The race started with Prima Pramac's Jorge Martin taking the lead at Turn 1, followed by Francesco Bagnaia and Marco Bezzecchi. secured third place.

8. Who will be honored with the Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award?

- (a) line
- (b) Jaya Bachchan
- (c) Waheeda Rehman
- (d) Dharmendra

Actress Waheeda Rehman, who left an indelible mark in Hindi cinema with her acting, has been selected for cinema's biggest award, Dadasaheb Phalke. Waheeda Rehman is one of the veteran actresses of Hindi cinema. He has shown his acting prowess in films ranging from black and white to color. Waheeda Rehman has ruled cinema for a long time with her acting. He worked on screen with many big actors of Hindi cinema including Dev Anand, Raj Kapoor, Rajkumar, Manoj Kumar and Sunil Dutt. Waheeda Rehman was born on 3 February 1938 in Chennai and entered the Telugu industry in 1955. After this, he got his first break in Hindi cinema in 1956 from the film CID.

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Which team has made the record of hitting 3000 sixes in ODI cricket history - India

Where is India Smart City Conclave being organized recently – Indore

Recently France will withdraw its ambassador and soldiers from which country - Niger

Who has recently been appointed as MD & CEO by ICICI Lombard - Sanjeev Mantri

Where has the India Energy Summit 2023 been inaugurated – New Delhi

In which state has the border gate at Sanchu Post on the India-Pakistan border been inaugurated -Rajasthan

Prayagraj passed away recently. Who was he? - Writer Where will the world's largest Hindu temple outside India be inaugurated - New Jersey

In which state 'Karma Puja ' festival has been celebrated recently - Jharkhand

In which sport India won its third gold in Asian Games 2023 - Horse riding

Where has Defense Minister Rajnath Singh recently inaugurated the India Drone Shakti 2023 Exhibition – Ghaziabad

Who has recently won the 'Indian Grand Prix 2023' -Marco Bezenchi

Recently what percentage of villages in India have been declared ODF Plus - 75%

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