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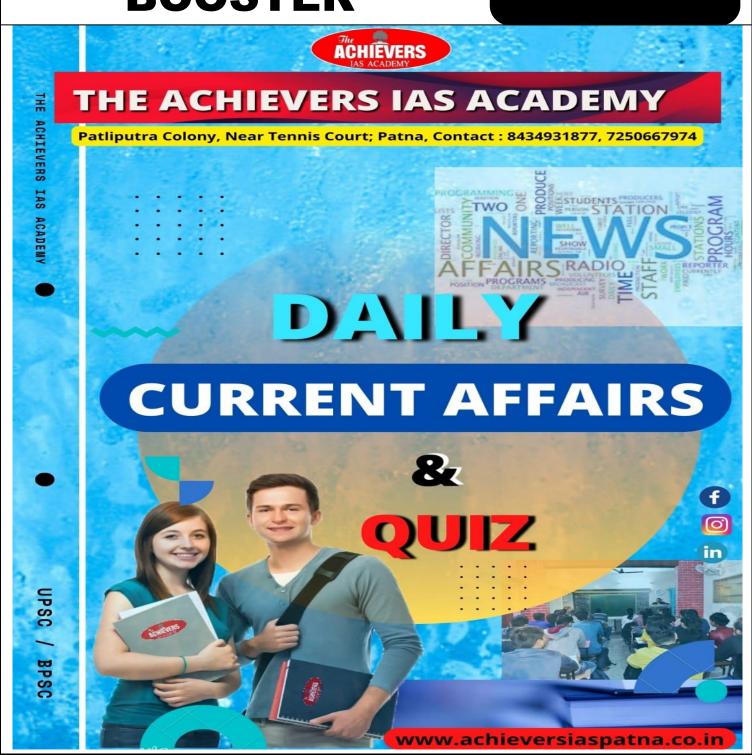
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1. Asian Games 2023 : Jyoti Surekha Vennam won gold in women 's individual compound archery



India's Jyothi Surekha Vennam won the gold medal in the women's individual compound archery event at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China on Saturday. Jyoti completed a hat-trick of gold medals by defeating South Korea's So Chewon 149-145 in the final, who has already won titles in the women's and mixed team events. Jyoti Surekha Vennam won her third gold medal at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, giving the archers a flying start on the final day of events at the Games on Saturday. Jyoti, who won gold medals in the mixed team and women's team events, defeated Chewon So of Korea 149-145 in the final. The start was a bit slow for Jyoti but she slowly made a comeback and scored 10 consecutive points and was leading 89-87 after three rounds. The last two ends were examples of Jyoti's outright dominance as she never allowed her Korean opponent to come back into the match and won the final with a four-point lead. This was India's 4th gold in archery at the Asian Games, including the mixed team, women's compound team and men's compound events, and 7th overall medal in the sport. Earlier, the day started with a bronze medal in archery when Aditi Gopichand Swamy defeated Ratih Jilijati of Indonesia 146-140. This added to India's impressive medal tally, which reached 97, including 23 gold medals. In other events, Ojas Praveen and Abhishek Verma will face each other in the all-India men's individual final in the compound event while the women's Kabaddi team will face Chinese Taipei in the final. Thus, the number 100 will be confirmed in a few minutes from now.

2. Three new districts will be formed in Rajasthan: Ashok Gehlot



It has been announced to create three more new districts in Raiasthan. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has announced this. Gehlot said, as per the demand of the public and the recommendation of the high level committee, three more new districts will be created in Rajasthan. These include the names of Malpura, Sujangarh, Kuchaman City. Now Rajasthan will be a state of 53 districts. In future also, problems like demarcation etc. will continue to be resolved as per the recommendations of the high level committee. Assembly elections are to be held in Rajasthan. Election dates are likely to be announced soon. Earlier, in the month of March this year, CM Ashok Gehlot had announced the creation of 19 new districts in the state. While 3 new divisions were created. Due to this, there were 50 districts and 10 divisions in Rajasthan. But now there will be a total of 53 districts in Rajasthan. These new districts have been announced just before the model code of conduct comes into force for the assembly elections to be held in December. This time is important because it reflects the government's response to the demands and needs of the public. The high-level committee led by former civil servant Ram Lubhya played an important role in recommending the creation of these districts. The tenure of the committee was extended for six months to ensure that people could provide their suggestions and opinions regarding district formation. The move was aimed at allaying concerns and protests from different parts of the state regarding the inclusion of specific areas or the demand for new districts.

3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate Vibrant Gujarat 'conference on January 10



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 10th edition of the global 'Vibrant Gujarat' summit on January 10. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 10th edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Summit on January 10, 2024. The event is significant as it aligns with the Prime Minister's vision of "Develop India @2047" emphasizing on India's growth and development. Pitching Gujarat as the most favorable investment destination at an event in the national capital, the Chief Minister invited global businessmen to participate in the summit. This summit will be inaugurated by our Prime Minister on January 10, 2024. Held on the theme of 'Gateway to the Future', the summit will take forward the Prime Minister's vision of 'Developed India 2047'. The summit will provide a 'golden opportunity' to investors who want to engage with global counterparts to harness Gujarat's 'immense growth potential'. 'Due to the proactive policy-based approach, ease of doing business, investor-friendly attitude and strong industrial infrastructure, Gujarat has been the most preferred destination for investment for the last two decades.' Tenth 'Vibrant Gujarat' Summit 10-12 January, will be held in 2024 at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar.

4. Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) reached its highest level in 13 years



In September, the services sector in India experienced significant growth in both domestic and international demand, reaching a 13-year high, according to a surveybased index from S&P Global Market Intelligence. This index, known as Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), increased from 60.1 in August to 61. Despite this growth, employment creation was moderate. The number of business activity and new jobs in the services sector was not seen in 13 years. Both domestic and international sales in Asia, Europe and North America contributed to this growth. The service sector accounts for 54% of the gross value added (GVA) in the Indian economy. Employment creation in this sector remained moderate but sustained. Firms hired additional staff to handle current workload and prepare for future growth. Business optimism about the future was high, driven by strong demand conditions. Input cost inflation was relatively low in September, close to its long-term average. Some expenses increased for items such as chicken, rice, vegetables and transportation. Companies either increased selling prices or kept them unchanged to manage cost increases. Overall inflation was solid but the softest in six months. Companies are optimistic about the future, with survey participants expecting strong market dynamics and continued high demand in the coming year. Confidence in the outlook reached its highest level in nine years.

5. Asian Games 2023: Ojas Deotale wins gold in archery men's individual compound final



Ojas Devtale of Nagpur has achieved golden success in the 19th Asian Games going on in China by winning the gold medal in the compound mixed event of archery. Ojas performed brilliantly along with fellow archer Jyothi Vennam. Ojas and Jyoti won the gold medal by defeating South Korea's So Chaewan and Joo Jaehoon in the final. In the match, the Indian pair scored 159, while the Korean pair scored 158. With winning this medal,

India has made a big record in the Asian Games. Earlier, Indian archers Jyoti and Ojas had entered the gold medal match by defeating Kazakhstan's pair of Adel Zheshenbinova and Andre Tyutyun 159-154 in the semifinals. The Indian pair had defeated Malaysian pair of Mohammad Juwaidi bin Mazuki and Fatin Noorfattah Mate Saleh in the quarter-finals. Ojas Deotale has won gold in the men's individual compound archery event by defeating Abhishek Verma in the all-India final at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China. Reigning world champion Deotale won the gold medal match against 2014 silver medalist Verma with a score of 149-147. Deotale has already completed a hat-trick of gold medals by winning titles in the men's and compound team events. India won all five golds in compound archery. Ojas holds the record of scoring 150 points in the Asian Championship. The training of Satara coach Praveen Samant was important in improving his technique. However, in the initial days, Satyajit Yerne and Jishan Mohammed trained Ojas. The 21-year-old Devtale from Nagpur, Maharashtra, who won the World Championship in Berlin earlier this year, scored his only score of nine in the final on the second arrow of the fourth round. In contrast, Verma faced a nine on the third arrow in the second round and then an eight on the second arrow of the third, thus leaving him three points behind Devtale.

6. Women Entrepreneurship Forum – NITI Aayog State Workshop on Women Led Development : A Great Success in Goa



The inaugural edition of Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) – NITI Aayog's State Workshop Series on Enabling Women-led Growth through Entrepreneurship was held at CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) Auditorium, Goa. This workshop was organized in collaboration with the Government of Goa, focusing on the western region of the country. More than 500

participants including women entrepreneurs, local Self Help Groups (SHGs) and clusters, government officials, industry representatives, incubators/accelerators, financial institutions, philanthropic foundations participated in this workshop. The primary focus was to deliberate on a hub-and-spoke model aimed at taking women-led development to the grassroots level by covering the last mile. Honorable Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Sawant, Member of NITI Aayog Dr. V.K. Saraswat and CEO of NITI Aayog, Shri B.V.R. Eminent dignitaries including Subramaniam graced this historic workshop. Honorable Chief Minister Government, Dr. Pramod Sawant said that Goa State Vision 2047 will be prepared with the help of NITI Aayog. Celebrating the completion of three years of the 'Swayampurna Goa' initiative, Dr. Sawant stressed on the focus on skill development and deployment of "Swayampurna Gramin Mitras" in every block and panchayat to deliver government services at doorsteps. Gave. Also announcing the self-contained e-market during Dussehra, the Chief Minister reiterated the role of women in socio-economic progress. The selfcontained e-market aims to expand market access through shared service centres.

7. The world 's second largest Hindu temple outside India was inaugurated in America .



In a historic moment for devotees of Hinduism and lovers of art and culture, the Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple in Robbinsville Township, New Jersey was inaugurated on 8 October 2023 under the guidance of its spiritual head Mahant Swami Maharaj. It is one of the largest Hindu temples in the world built outside India. The BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple in small Robbinsville Township, New Jersey, about 90 km south of New York's Times Square or about

289 km north of Washington DC, was built by a volunteer force of more than 12,500. This monumental temple, built outside India, is poised to become the second largest Hindu temple in the world after the majestic Angkor Wat in Cambodia. With its intricate design, spiritual significance and commitment to sustainability, Swaminarayan Akshardham stands as a testament to human dedication, tradition and artistry. The construction of this Grand Temple started in 2015. The design of the temple is a true testament to ancient wisdom, incorporating elements taken from Hindu scriptures and culture. Its awe-inspiring features include 10,000 statues and sculptures, intricate carvings of Indian musical instruments and dance forms and much more. This architectural masterpiece is a reflection of the rich heritage that it represents. Measuring an impressive 255 feet x 345 feet x 191 feet, the New Jersey Akshardham Temple is possibly the second largest temple globally, surpassed only by Cambodia's Angkor Wat. The temple complex consists of a main temple, 12 sub-temples, nine shikharas (spire-like structures) and nine pyramidal pinnacles, with the largest elliptical dome ever built in traditional stone architecture.

8. YES Bank launches 'ONDC Network Gift Card '



YES Bank, a leading financial institution in India, has taken a significant step forward in the digital commerce space by introducing ONDC Network Gift Card. The move makes Yes Bank the first bank in the country to issue such a card. In partnership with Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), this initiative aims to transform the shopping experience for Indian consumers. ONDC Network Gift Cards is at the forefront of democratizing digital commerce. Unlike traditional gift cards that restrict use to a specific brand or store, this concept empowers customers to use gift cards to

purchase products from any brand and any vendor. This includes food, fashion, handicrafts, electronics, home essentials, health and wellness. This groundbreaking approach eliminates the limitations that have traditionally been associated with gift cards and offers consumers unparalleled freedom of choice. One of the most exciting aspects of the ONDC Network Gift Card is its openness to sponsorship and use by both corporate and individual customers. This flexibility allows businesses to extend thoughtful gestures to their customers and employees, while individuals can use the cards to gift their loved ones. Whether it's a special occasion or a token of appreciation, this card offers a versatile and meaningful way to express goodwill and gratitude. ONDC Network Gift Card leverages the RuPay network, which is a domestic payment system in India. RuPay has gained popularity for its reliability and affordability, making it a preferred choice for digital transactions. By using RuPay, Yes Bank ensures that the ONDC Network Gift Card is accessible to a wide range of users across the country.

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1. When has ' Indian Air Force Day ' been celebrated recently?

A- 7th October

B-8th October

C- 6th October

D- 10 October

On the occasion of Indian Air Force Day , Prayagraj , the confluence city of Uttar Pradesh , will witness a spectacular sight of the " Air Warriors " of the Indian Air Force . Our country celebrates 8th October as Indian Air Force Day every year goes . This year India is celebrating its 91st Air Force Day . The Indian Air Force was established on 8 October 1932 , after which this day is celebrated every year on this date . The theme of the Indian Air Force Day program is Bar ... IAF — Airpower Beyond Boundaries i.e. Indian Air Force - Airpower beyond boundaries has been determined .

2. Who has recently been promoted as the global CEO of PayU GPO?

- A- Rakesh Sharma
- **B- Raghu Srinivasan**
- C- Manish Jain
- D- Anirban Mukherjee

Anirban Mukherjee , chief executive officer of PayU India , was appointed as the global CEO of PayU , a move within PayU to focus on its Indian operations and adapt to the rapidly evolving digital payments landscape in the country . Signals a strategic change . Current Global CEO Laurent Le Moal Global CEO Laurent Le Moal will transition to an advisory role within the company . The appointment of Anirban Mukherjee as global CEO reflects Payu 's commitment to a more India - centric strategy . from india The digital payments sector is experiencing unprecedented growth and innovation driven by progressive regulatory reforms . PayU 's goal with this shift is to take advantage of the abundant opportunities presented by this dynamic landscape .

3. Who has inaugurated the 'Rabi - Campaign for sowing of Rabi crops 'in Baramulla?

A- Amit Shah

B- Manoj Sinha

C- Rajasthan Lion

D - none

Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory Jammu and Kashmir , Manoj Sinha inaugurated the 'Rabi Campaign - Sowing of Rabi Crops 'during the Sankalp Week in Aspirational Block Singhpora of Baramulla district . He appealed to the administration to bring about radical changes in the cultivation of Rabi crops . Shared efforts . During the last Rabi season , Yellow Revolution was witnessed for the first time in Kashmir division and 1.4 lakh hectare area was brought under mustard cultivation . By Rabi 2020-21 , about 70 percent of cultivable land would remain fallow in the Rabi season . Rabi crop intensity has increased rapidly in Kashmir division . Farmers harvested 2027 metric tonnes of Rabi crops in 2022-23 , generating an estimated revenue of Rs 5000 crore .

4. Where has the foundation stone of India 's largest pumped storage project been laid recently?

A- Haryana

B- Rajasthan

C- Madhya Pradesh

D - none

India's largest pumped storage project has been launched in Madhya Pradesh. This project is being set up in Neemuch district of Madhya Pradesh. The project

was inaugurated by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. The project is being developed by Greenco Group. The project has a capacity of 1440 MW with a storage capacity of 7.5 hours. Its capacity can be expanded to 1920 MW with 6 hours of storage.

5. When is World Post Day celebrated every year?

A- 06 October

B-07 October

C-08 October

D-09 October

World Post Day is celebrated every year on 9 October. Every year more than 150 countries celebrate World Post Day in different ways. World Post Day is celebrated as a holiday in some countries. Postal service in India provided employment opportunities to many people and this service also contributed to social and economic development. National Postal Week is celebrated every year from 9 October to 15 October in India. Many types of programs are organized on this day. The main objective of celebrating this day is to make people aware about the importance of postal service. It is important to tell people how the Postal Department has made an important contribution to every development in the country and the world.

6. Where has the All India Police Science Congress been organized recently?

A- Mumbai

B- Jaipur

C- Dehradun

D - none

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed the 49th All India Police Science Congress as the chief guest in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. This 49th All India Police Science Congress is very important because this conference is the first Police Science Congress being held in Amritkal. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has named the period between 75 to 100 years of independence as Amrit Kaal. This journey of Amrit Kaal is very important for every citizen of India because the Prime Minister has kept this period in front of all of us as a time to resolve and prove it.

7. In which state 18 rare ' pygmy hogs ' have been reintroduced to their historical home?

A- Assam

B- Jammu and Kashmir

C- Himachal Pradesh

D - none

Eighteen captive-bred pygmy hogs were released into Manas National Park in Assam, marking the fourth time the critically endangered species has been reintroduced into the park since 2020. The release is part of the Pygmy Hog Conservation Program (PHCP), a collaboration between Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, IUCN/SSC Wild Pig Specialist Group, Assam Forest Department, Ministry of Environment and Forests and Aaranyak. PHCP has so far successfully bred and reintroduced 170 pigs in Assam, and the latest release takes the total number of pygmy pigs in Manas National Park to 54. This means PHCP is on track to meet its goal of releasing 60 pigs. Park by 2025.

8. Which bank has launched customer- oriented digital banking app "INDIE"?

A- IndusInd Bank

B- Indian Bank

C-HDFC Bank

D - none

IndusInd Bank has launched a hyper-personalized financial super-app named 'INDIE'. INDIE is a new mobile banking app from IndusInd Bank that offers a completely different experience to customers who are digitally savvy and looking for an excellent digital experience. Speaking on the announcement, Sumant Kathpalia, Managing Director and CEO, IndusInd Bank, said, "INDIE is another step towards accelerating Bank's Digital Strategy 2.0 which aims to deliver an intuitive and intelligent banking experience to meet the growing needs of modern consumers. Enables banking experience. INDIE is not just an app; It is a financial companion that helps our customers complete their financial journey with ease, intelligence and security.

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When is World Post Day celebrated every year - 09 October

When has 'Indian Air Force Day ' been celebrated recently - 8 October

After how many years has the Indian men's hockey team won gold medals in the Asian Games - after 09 years

Who has won the book for the second time in the National Physically Handicapped T-20 Cricket Championship - Jammu and Kashmir

Who has recently been promoted as the global CEO of PayU GPO – Anirban Mukherjee

Who has inaugurated 'Rabi-campaign sowing of Rabi crops' in Baramulla - Manoj Sinha

Where has Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the review meeting on Left Wing Extremism - New Delhi Which bank has launched customer oriented digital banking app "INDIE" - IndusInd Bank

Where has the foundation stone of India's largest pumped storage project been laid - Madhya Pradesh At which airport has Air India established a storage facility for spare parts - Delhi Airport

Who has started preparations for unmanned flight testing for Gaganyaan mission – ISRO

Where has All India Police Science Congress been organized - Dehradun

Recently in which state 18 rare 'pygmy hogs ' have been brought back to their historical home - Assam Who has been appointed Chairman of Grappling Committee of Rajasthan - Vinod Swami

