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1. PM Hasina inaugurates the country 's longest rail link bridge , part of China 's BRI project



Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen, who attended the inauguration ceremony, said the Padma Bridge Rail Link is a landmark project under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), and is also the largest infrastructure project in Bangladesh using Chinese preferential loans. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the 82 km long rail link Padma Bridge, Which is the country's largest infrastructure project built under the China Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Hasina unveiled the Dhaka-Bhanga section of the rail route between Dhaka and Jashore via Padma Bridge from Mawa railway station in Munshiganj. The remaining part of the project connecting Jessore is expected to be launched in June next year, Dhaka Tribune quoted project officials as saying. Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen, who attended the inauguration ceremony, said the Padma Bridge Rail Link is a landmark project under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), and is also the largest infrastructure project in Bangladesh using Chinese preferential loans. He claimed that as one of the most important infrastructure projects in Bangladesh, it is expected to directly benefit 80 million people and boost economic growth by 1. It is estimated that there will be a boost of up to 5 percent. The estimated cost of the project is Tk 39,246.80 crore, of which Exim Bank of China has provided a loan of Tk 21,036.70 crore, the report said.

2. The country 's oldest think tank USI will organize the first Indian Military Heritage Festival .



The country's oldest think tank United Service Institution of India (USI) is all set to host the first Indian Military Heritage Festival (IMHF) on October 21 and 22. This historic event aims to fill a void in the national discourse and cultural calendar by highlighting India's rich military history, contemporary security concerns and the pursuit of self-reliance in military capabilities through Atmanirbhar Bharat programmes. IMHF seeks to deepen our understanding of India's vast military heritage and traditions. It will explore various aspects, such as Indian historical knowledge systems, India's role in world wars, post-independence challenges, and perspective on war and conflict. Through intelligent discussions, The festival aims to sensitize all individuals, no matter what walk of life, about the multifaceted aspects of India's military history. Despite the growing interest in military history among the Indian population, there remains a significant knowledge gap related to Indian military systems, customs and history. IMHF aims to bridge these gaps and increase our understanding of the complex relationships between war, armed forces and society. This coincides with Sena's Project Upadhyay, a collaborative effort with USI to uncover India's ancient governance and strategic knowledge found in historical texts. The main objective of IMHF is to promote India's strategic culture, military heritage, education, The aim is to educate "future thinkers" on broader national security dynamics with special emphasis on modernization of security forces and self-reliant India. Through panel sessions and discussions, the Mahotsav will highlight various topics including military history, contemporary security issues, welfare of armed forces personnel and the role of a self-reliant India in the defense sector.

3. Calvin Kiptam broke the marathon world record in Chicago

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Kelvin Kiptom, 23, of Kenya won the Chicago Marathon in a world-record time of two hours and 35 seconds. Nearly 49,000 professional and amateur runners from all U.S. states and more than 100 countries participated in the 45th edition of the annual Chicago Marathon. Sifan Hassan of the Netherlands won the women's race in 2:13:44, the second-fastest women's time in marathon history and a Chicago course record. First held in 1977, the Chicago Marathon has been the stage for five world records, numerous national records and countless personal bests. The race starts and ends in Grant Park, and winds through 29 neighborhoods across the city. While Kiptom's record-breaking run grabbed the headlines, in the women's category, Netherlands sensation Sifan Hassan grabbed everyone's attention. The 30-year-old Ethiopian-born runner won the Chicago Marathon women's title in an unofficial time of two hours, 13 minutes and 44 seconds. This remarkable performance not only secured his victory but also set a new course record. Sifan Hasan's win in Chicago is the latest chapter in his illustrious career. After making his marathon debut in London earlier this year, he added another feather to his cap by dominating in Chicago. Hasan, the Tokyo Olympic champion in the 5,000m and 10,000m, had recently won medals in the 1,500m and 5,000m at the World Athletics Championships. His versatility and extraordinary endurance make him one of the most formidable athletes in the world.

4. Indian Navy adopted first 360 degree appraisal system



The Indian Navy has implemented a 360 degree assessment system to evaluate the suitability of officers for promotion. The Defense Ministry said that this is a transformative initiative. This system has institutionalized a new transformative initiative of '360 Degree Appraisal System' for various promotion boards in the Indian Navy. 360 degree performance appraisal is an advanced medium of providing appraisal to the employees in the organization. It includes feedback taken from various relevant groups of the organization and from outside (customers). The group of people or reviewers may include managers, human resources, coworkers, etc. with whom they have worked. The '360 degree appraisal system' has inherent limitations as a 'top-down' approach which does not meet the current needs. Towards promoting their professional and personal development, the Indian Navy believes that an agile, adaptive and innovative human resource management is imperative. In this regard, the Indian Navy has institutionalized a new transformative initiative of '360 Degree Appraisal System' for various promotion boards. The present appraisal mechanism of periodic confidential reports by superiors has the inherent limitation of 'top-down' approach, as it does not cater to or determine the influence of a leader on subordinates. The Indian Navy's '360 Degree Appraisal System' aims to address this shortcoming by involving a comprehensive survey of suitably identified colleagues and subordinates for each officer being considered for promotion.

5. Animal Husbandry and Dairy Department unveils 'A - Help' program in Jharkhand

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Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India recently unveiled 'A-HELP' (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production) program in the state of Jharkhand. The launch event highlighted the vital role of women in the livestock sector of the state and the potential of this new initiative to transform the landscape of animal husbandry. Chief guest of the program, Minister Shri Badal Patralekh emphasized the important role of women in the overall development of livestock sector of Jharkhand. He highlighted the 'A-HELP' program as a ground-breaking initiative which aims to empower women by involving them as accredited agents who will significantly contribute to disease control, animal tagging and livestock insurance. This new scheme will increase access to veterinary services at the farmer's doorstep and empower Pashu Sakhis, which will mark significant integration of women power for socio-economic progress. Pashu Sakhis are women living in rural areas who undergo training to provide veterinary care, breeding assistance and medication to livestock within their local communities. They are selected on the basis of their fundamental literacy and communication abilities. In return for their services, these Sakhis collect a nominal fee from the cattle herders. Smt. Alka Upadhyay, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India: Smt. Alka Upadhyay, who participated virtually, emphasized the important role played by livestock and women in the comprehensive development of the livestock sector. He congratulated the State Government for its growing livestock sector and introduced the concept of Accredited Agents for Health and Extension of Livestock Production (A-HELP). These community-based workers aim to bridge the gap between local veterinary institutions and livestock owners by providing primary health services, serving as livestock resource persons and acting as primary service providers.

6. India's net direct tax collection increased by 21.8%



India has seen a significant increase in its net direct tax collections, with a substantial growth rate of 21.8% to ₹9.57 lakh crore as of October 9. This increase is more than half of the annual budget estimate. This growth is mainly attributed to a 32.5% increase in personal income tax revenues and a 12.4% increase in corporate taxes. Personal income tax collections have seen a significant growth of 32.5%. This highlights the strong contribution of individual taxpayers to the country's tax revenue. Corporate taxes have also played a significant role in this tax collection growth, witnessing a healthy growth of 12.4%. This shows the resilience of India's corporate sector. Tax refunds amounting to ₹1.5 lakh crore have been distributed to taxpayers. However, some refunds are being held up due to pending tax demands from the past. Taxpayers are being given an opportunity to resolve these pending issues. Around 35 lakh taxpayers are facing difficulties related to bank account verification. This problem arises due to incorrect bank branch codes provided by taxpayers, which increases challenges in the refund process. For refunds up to ₹5,000, the Income Tax (IT) department is not imposing restrictions. However, for amounts exceeding this limit, taxpayers are notified of any outstanding tax. Some tax demands are from 2010-11. These may be legacy issues of the transition period when the department moved from manual registers to an online system for recording assessment orders. Pending tax demands can be attributed to technical changes or errors made by tax authorities in updating the demands. Taxpayers are being encouraged to answer the questions. If they agree to the demand, it is adjusted into the refund. If objections are raised, further action is taken based on the data provided by

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the taxpayers to update the system. This procedural issue is responsible for blocking some tax refunds, emphasizing the need for a streamlined resolution process.

7. Celebrity chef Michael Chiarello passes away



Celebrity chef and former Food Network star Michael Chiarello has died at the age of 61. For a decade, Chiarello hosted shows on PBS, Food Network, Fine Living and the Cooking Channel. He also appeared as a guest chef on the 'Today' Show and 'The View'. His Emmy-winning cooking show 'Easy Entertaining with Michael Chiarello' ran for 10 seasons on the Food Network. Born on January 26, 1962, in Red Bluff, California, Chiarello opened his first restaurant, Tra Vigne, in Napa Valley in 1987, and later opened restaurants such as Bottega, Ottimo, and Coquette. He ventured into winemaking in 1999 by creating Chiarello Family Vineyards. Chiarello was named Chef of the Year by Food & Wine magazine in 1985, and later received the CIA's Chef of the Year award in 1995, according to Variety. Michael Chiarello's impact on the culinary world was profound and lasting. His journey in the food industry touched the lives of countless individuals, from aspiring chefs to avid home cooks. His culinary talent, boundless creativity and unwavering commitment to his family were at the core of his existence. His legacy will always live on in the love he put into every dish to taste the flavor of life. In addition to his hosting duties, Chiarello served as a judge on Bravo's "Top Chef" and "Top Chef Masters." His culinary skills and keen tastes have made him a respected voice in the world of competitive cooking. In 2011, he took on the challenge of Food Network's "Next Iron Chef" competition, further demonstrating his dedication to his craft.

8. Bridgestone partnered with Tata Power to install EV chargers for four - wheelers



Tire manufacturer Bridgestone India has announced a significant collaboration with Tata Power to promote electric mobility in the country. Under this partnership, Tata Power will install high-capacity DC fast chargers at Bridgestone dealerships across India, making it easier for electric vehicle (EV) owners to recharge their vehicles quickly and easily. This initiative is a major step towards supporting the growing EV ecosystem in India. Tata Power will deploy DC fast chargers of 25/30 kW capacity, which are capable of charging a four-wheeler within an hour. This fast charging capability allows efficient use of these chargers, which have the capacity to service 20-24 vehicles in a single day. The chargers will operate 24x7, ensuring round-the-clock availability for EV owners. A notable feature of this initiative is that the chargers will be accessible not only to Bridgestone customers but also to all EV owners. This inclusivity is essential in promoting the adoption of electric vehicles, as it provides more charging options and convenience to a wider range of users. To ensure a seamless charging experience, Tata Power will provide installation and charging assistance along with maintenance support for the charger. Additionally, they will offer remote vehicle charging monitoring and e-payment services through the EZ Charge mobile application. This comprehensive support system aims to make charging EVs easy, efficient and user-friendly.

QUIZ

1. When was ' International Girl Child Day 2023 ' celebrated recently ?

- (a) 11 October
- (b) 12 October
- (c) 10 October
- (d) 9 October

International Girl Child Day is celebrated every year on 11 October . Every year a different theme is set for International Girl Child Day . The theme of the year

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2023 is ' Invest In Girls Right : Our Leadership , Our Well- being ' . Has been done . The purpose of celebrating this day is to explain the importance of daughters . The main objective of International Girl Child Day is to create awareness about the challenges faced by women and the protection of their rights . Apart from this, women should come forward on the occasion of Girl's Day . To create awareness about the challenges and protection of their rights . This day is also important because it eliminates gender - based challenges . that girls face around the world , including child marriage , discrimination and violence Is. This day celebrates the importance , strength and potential of girls all over the world .

2. The Union Cabinet has approved the creation of which new autonomous body?

- (a) Mera bharat mera desh
- (b) Mera yuva bharat
- (c) Mera gav mera desh
- (d) Yuva bharat

The Union Cabinet today approved the establishment of ' Mera Yuva Bharat ' (MY Bharat) , an autonomous body for youth development and youth - led development . This institute will help the youth realize their dreams and build a developed India . It will be started and dedicated to the nation on 31st October , the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel . My Youth India will benefit youth in the age group of 15-29 under the definition of ' youth ' in the National Youth Policy . In the case of programs specifically designed for teenagers The beneficiaries will be in the age group of 10-19 years . According to the Union Minister , there are about 400 million youth aged 15 to 19 years . We will dedicate it to the nation on October 31st .

3. In which state will the 37th National Games be organized?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Assam
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Goa

This time the 37th National Games is being organized in Goa . Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Sawant said that the state is fully prepared to organize it . This time , competitions in 43 sports will be organized in the

37th National Games . It will be organized from 26 October to 9 November . The last National Games was organized in Gujarat in which 33 sports were included . Players from all 28 states and 8 union territories of India will participate in it . In the 37th National Games Several new sports will be introduced at the medal level , including beach football , roll ball , golf , sepaktakraw , square martial arts , kaliyarapattu and pencak silat .

4. Why did celebrity chef and former Food Network star Michael Chiarello pass away at such an early age ?

- (a) 49 years
- (b) 60 years
- (c) 61 years
- (d) 58 years

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5. India and Tanzania have prepared a roadmap for how many years for defense cooperation?

- (a) 2 years
- (b) 3 years
- (c) 4 years
- (d) 5 years

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan and reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral relations . India and Tanzania have prepared a 5-year roadmap for defense cooperation. This decision was taken during talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan in New Delhi. This is Suluhu's first visit to India after assuming the post of President. This is the first visit of a President from Tanzania to India in the last 8 years. Tanzania is an East African country. The two countries signed six

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agreements to provide cooperation in the fields of digital payments, culture, sports, maritime industry and sharing of prior information on movement and identification of commercial civilian merchant vessels.

6. With whom has car manufacturer Maruti Suzuki India signed an agreement for financial solutions related to dealers?

- (a) Axis Bank
- (b) State Bank of India
- (c) IDBI Bank
- (d) Punjab National Bank

The country's largest car manufacturer Maruti Suzuki India has signed an agreement with IDBI Bank for financial solutions related to dealers. Maruti Suzuki India said in a statement that this deal will benefit more than 4,000 Maruti Suzuki sales outlets across the country. IDBI Bank Limited is a financial bank owned by LIC and Government of India, it was established in 1964.

7. Which team has made the record of the biggest run chase in the history of ODI World Cup?

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) India
- (c) Australia
- (d) Sri Lanka

In the 8th match of the World Cup 2023 being held in India, Pakistan has defeated Sri Lanka by 6 wickets. With this, Pakistan also made the record of highest run chase in the World Cup. Sri Lanka made a huge score of 344/9 in 50 overs. In response to which Pakistan achieved this huge target by losing 4 wickets. Ireland holds the record for the second most successful run chase in the World Cup. A total of nine matches have been played between Pakistan and Sri Lanka since the 1975 World Cup.

8. In which district did UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath unveil the statue of freedom fighter Raja Rao?

- (a) Kanpur
- (b) Varanasi
- (c) Moradabad
- (d) Unnao

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of

development projects worth Rs 804 crore and unveiled the equestrian statue of freedom fighter Raja Rao Rambaksh Singh. A UP CM mentioned that as per Sanatan Dharma tradition, the period of 'Pitrapaksha' is dedicated to expressing gratitude towards our ancestors and it is a matter of great pride that during this period we are unveiling their statue. Renowned freedom fighter, Raja Rambaksh Singh, whose heroic efforts lit the flame of freedom.

ONE LINER

Recently when 'International Girl Child Day 2023' has been celebrated - **11 October**

Which Indian men's doubles pair has secured the first position in the BWF rankings - **Satwik Sairaj and Chirag Shetty**

Who inaugurated the 82 km long rail link Padma Bridge, the country's largest infrastructure project built under the China Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) - **Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina**

Which tire manufacturer has announced a significant collaboration with Tata Power to promote electric mobility in the country - **Bridgestone India**

Who has implemented 360 degree assessment system to evaluate the suitability of officers for promotion - **Indian Navy**

The Union Cabinet has approved the creation of which new autonomous body - **'Mera Yuva Bharat'**

In which state will the 37th National Games be organized - **Goa**

Celebrity chef and former Food Network star Michael Chiarello has died at the age of - **61**

India and Tanzania have prepared a roadmap for how many years for defense cooperation - **5 years**

Car manufacturer Maruti Suzuki India has signed an agreement with whom for financial solutions related to dealers - **IDBI Bank**

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