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1. Sri Lanka shall hold the office of President of the Indian Ocean Rim Association



The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) is an intergovernmental organization of 23 member states and 11 dialogue partners from Africa, West Asia, South Asia, South-East Asia and Oceania. It was established in 1997 to promote regional cooperation and development. The IORA Council of Ministers meeting is the highest decision-making body of the Association. It is held annually to discuss and decide on IORA priorities. Ministerial and senior-level participation from the Foreign Ministers of India, Bangladesh, Mauritius, Iran, Malaysia and South Africa, as well as from other member and dialogue partner countries. Sri Lanka will hold the post of Chair of IORA for the next two years. India will share maritime information on vessels of interest with stakeholders India will share maritime information on vessels of interest with IORA member states and dialogue partners. This will help in enhancing maritime security and cooperation in the Indian Ocean region. China has been increasing its military and economic presence in the Indian Ocean region in recent years. This has increased concern in some countries of the region including India. The IORA meeting provides an opportunity for countries in the region to discuss their concerns and cooperate on maritime security and other issues. India and Sri Lanka are to launch the long-pending ferry service connecting Nagapattinam in Tamil Nadu with Kankesanthurai in the northern province of Sri Lanka. This will help in increasing contacts between the two countries and promoting trade and tourism.

2. Rohit Sharma made the world record of century in the World Cup



Rohit Sharma has made a world record at the Arun Jaitley Cricket Stadium in Delhi. Hitman has become the batsman who has scored the most centuries in the World Cup. Rohit has left Sachin Tendulkar behind in this matter. With this, Rohit has also become the batsman from India to score the fastest century in the World Cup. Hitman has completed his century against Afghanistan in just 63 balls. In the match being played against Afghanistan in the ICC World Cup 2023, Rohit Sharma was seen in excellent form from the very first ball and he hit a lot of fours and sixes. The Hitman completed his half-century in just 30 balls. After this the Hitman assumed his monstrous form and completed his century in 63 balls. With this century, Hitman has also become the batsman who has scored the most centuries in the ODI World Cup. Rohit has jointly topped the list of fastest players to reach the 1000-run mark in the World Cup. He became a Hazari in 19 innings. Australian opener David Warner also scored 1000 runs in as many innings. In this list, Sachin and former South African legend AB de Villiers are jointly at second place, who did this in 20 innings. He is followed by former West Indies legend Viv Richards (21) and former India captain Sourav Ganguly (21).

3. IMF increased India's growth rate estimate to 6.3%



The International Monetary Fund (IMF) raised India's GDP estimate to 6.3 percent, while reducing the global

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growth rate estimate to 3 percent. Growth in India is projected to remain strong at 6.3 per cent in both 2023 and 2024, with a rise of 0.2 percentage points for 2023, reflecting stronger-than-expected consumption from April to June, the IMF's World Economic Outlook said. However, the International Monetary Fund has reduced the global growth rate estimate to three percent. Also, China's growth rate estimate has been reduced by 0.2 percent for 2023 and 0.3 percent for 2024 to five percent and 4.2 percent respectively. In this way, India's economic growth rate is expected to be higher than China for the current financial year 2023-24. It is noteworthy that earlier in July, IMF had estimated India's economic growth rate to be 6.1 percent for the financial year 2023-24. However, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has estimated the GDP growth rate to be 6.5 percent. India's growth rate in 2022-23 was 7.2 percent. Last month, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) had slightly reduced India's growth forecast for the current financial year to 6.3 percent. The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in its latest report has raised the GDP growth forecast for India to 6.3 percent from the previous estimate of six percent.

4. Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal unveils System Based Automatic 'Status Holder' Certificate under Foreign Trade Policy 2023



Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, in a meeting with Export Promotion Councils, unveiled an important initiative of system based automated issuance of 'Status Holder' certificates under the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023. Now the exporter will not be required to apply to the office of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) for status certificate and export recognition by the IT system based on goods export electronic data and other risk criteria available

with the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS). Will be provided. This perspective is a paradigm shift to work from, as it not only reduces compliance burden and promotes ease of doing business, but also recognizes the need and importance of collaboration within government. At present, the exporter is required to file an online application for status certificate along with the export certificate from a chartered accountant. As per the prescribed timeline, DGFT regional offices will have to issue the certificate in 3 days. The new arrangement will lead to a simplified process, where no applications will be invited from exporters and certificates will be issued in August every year on the basis of annual export data available with the participating government agency i.e. DGCIS. Exporters who are eligible for higher status on the basis of additional export data relating to exports of services, deemed exports or double weightage to certain entities like MSMEs etc. and whose details are not being included in the separate forms at present, will be included in the subsequent You can also apply online for status certificate amendment in date.

5. Manikant created a new national record in 100 meters, became India's fastest runner



Army's Manikant HH created a national record in men's 100m race on the first day of the National Open Athletics Championship here. 21-year-old Manikant topped the third heat (preliminary round) with a timing of 10.23 seconds and qualified for the final. He improved the record of 10.26 seconds set by Amiya Kumar Malik of Odisha in 2016. Manikanta's journey of breaking national records has been nothing short of extraordinary. At the Inter-State Championships in June, he clocked 10.93 seconds in the semi-finals, but failed to reach the final. However, he made a remarkable turnaround in the Services meet and won the gold medal with a timing of 10.31 seconds. Manikanta,

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originally from Udupi, currently trains with the Services team in Hyderabad. He joined the army in 2020 and his progress since then has been remarkable. Despite coming from a humble background and being brought up by his sister, Manikant's talent and determination have been recognized and nurtured by his mentors. Manikanta's record-breaking race also drew attention to the promising talent in Indian sprinting. Indian sprinter Amlan Borgohain had clocked an impressive 10.25 seconds at the Inter-Railway Athletics Championships last year. Although this time was not officially confirmed, it demonstrated the potential for a future record in Indian athletics. Notably, Amlan Borgohain's 10.34-second sprint at the National Open in Warangal in 2021 is considered to be the third best timing in men's 100m. There were other talented athletes on the men's 100m podium at the 62nd National Open Athletics Championships 2023. Ilakkiadasan K of Railways showcased his skills as a sprinter and finished second with a timing of 10.49 seconds. Saisiddharth R showcased his running ability to finish third on the podium with a timing of 10.55 seconds.

6. Approval of Rs 3000 crore for Assam Economic Corridor Project



Assam Tourism Minister Jayant Malla Barua said that the state cabinet on Monday approved a budget of Rs 3,000 crore for the project of a 1,000 km long economic corridor in the state. He said that the Cabinet has given in-principle approval to the project under the Asom Mala Scheme. The Cabinet also approved projects worth Rs 950 crore to improve infrastructure in rural areas. He informed that 90 rural roads and four rural bridges will be upgraded. A revised draft notification to declare a one km radius of the wildlife sanctuary in Tinsukia as eco-sensitive area, as per the Supreme Court direction, was also approved. In another important

development, the Cabinet has approved projects worth a total of Rs 950 crore aimed at enhancing rural infrastructure. Funds for these projects will be obtained through loans from NABARD. The funds will be used to upgrade 90 rural roads and four rural bridges managed by the Public Works Department. In a move to exercise financial prudence, the Cabinet has advised Deputy Commissioners to limit the expenditure for Cabinet meetings to Rs 5 lakh. This measure includes discouraging new repair works on circuit houses and inspection bungalows. It is noteworthy that the state cabinet convenes its meetings at various district headquarters. The Cabinet also decided to rotate the venues of its meetings. In the coming months, cabinet meetings in November and December will be held in Tinsukia and North Lakhimpur districts respectively, while in January next year the meeting will be held in Nagaon.

7. UP declares Ganga dolphin as state aquatic animal



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has declared the Ganga dolphin as the state aquatic animal. The number of dolphins in the rivers and ponds of the state has been estimated at around 2000. The Chief Minister said that it is important for both tourists and local residents to avoid using plastic as it is harmful for the rivers. In the country, dolphins are found in rivers like Ganga, Yamuna, Chambal, Ghaghra, Rapti and Gerua. CM stressed on the need to maintain the purity of ponds and rivers. Dolphins are found in rivers like Ganga, Yamuna, Chambal, Ghaghra, Rapti and Gerua. The estimated population of Ganga dolphin in Uttar Pradesh is estimated at around 2000. World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and forest department teams have recently been counting dolphins with the help of GPS in Garh Ganga in Hapur district of Uttar Pradesh. Regarding the ongoing dolphin census in Garh Ganga, DFO Sanjay Kumar Mall said, 'This is a campaign named

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Meri Ganga Meri Dolphin 2023 campaign. Under this, counting of dolphins is going on in the Ganga river from near Muzaffarpur Barrage to the entire Narora Barrage. The expedition uses a unique method to count dolphins. It involves two teams, each traveling at a speed of 10 kilometers per hour, with an interval of 10 minutes between them. This approach allows more accurate data collection and identification of individual dolphins. Based on historical data, the Ganges dolphin population has shown both growth and fluctuations. For example, in 2015, there were 22 dolphins, while in 2020, the count increased to 41 dolphins. These numbers show the importance of continued monitoring and conservation efforts. The designation of the Ganges dolphin as the state aquatic animal in Uttar Pradesh provides it with additional protection and recognition. The move underlines the importance of these creatures as important indicators of river health and environmental well-being.

8. Annual Joint HADR Exercise 2023-(Cyclone 2023)



The Annual Joint HADR Exercise (AJHE) is a result of the directive of the Hon'ble Prime Minister announced during the Joint Commanders' Conference-2015. The annual joint HADR exercise, Cyclone, since its first edition in 2015 has transformed itself into a multi-agency effort involving the three services, paramilitary forces as well as a number of disaster response organizations, NGOs, academic institutions and international organizations. Participation of organizations is included. The 2023 edition will further coordinate efforts at the national level among all stakeholders, as well as see the participation of eight countries in the Indian Ocean region. The exercise is conducted by the Indian Army, Indian Navy (IN) and Indian Air Force (IAF) on rotation basis since 2016. The last edition of the exercise was conducted by the IAF in

Agra. The 2023 edition of the exercise is being conducted by the Indian Navy at Goa from 09 to 11 Oct 23. Developing collective and coordinated effective response mechanisms to deal with humanitarian crises and natural disasters is one of the most visible elements of India's inclusive vision for the oceans – security and development for all in the ocean or region. Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations are a key component in the Indian Navy's militating role, as climate change has significantly increased the vulnerability of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) to natural disasters.

QUIZ

1. When was 'World Mental Health Day ' celebrated recently ?

A- 09 October

B- 12 October

C- 10 October

D- 11 October

Every year 10 October is celebrated as World Mental Health Day. Its aim is to make people aware on the importance of mental health and provide information about mental illnesses. Proper care of mental health helps a person to live a happy and prosperous life. Stress is a type of mental health disorder whose risk is seen increasing rapidly. Cases of this disorder are being reported in people of all ages, whether young or old. Health experts say that it is important for all people to take care of their mental health just like their physical health. Both the health are dependent on each other, that is, if you are a victim of mental problems like stress-anxiety, then its effect can affect the physical health also.

2. Recently, which Indian cricketer was awarded the Best Fielder of the Match in the dressing room ?

A- Virat Kohli

B- Rohit Sharma

C- Shikhar Dhawan

D - none

Virat Kohli, who was the best fielder in the India vs Australia match, was awarded the ' Best Fielder of the Match ' award in India 's dressing room . In this match, Kohli was not only batting but fielding the best, he caught the brilliant catch of Australian batsman Mitchell Marsh which was the most talked about in

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the whole match . Kohli was honored in the dressing room for this brilliant catch .

3. Recently the Chief Minister of which state has launched the Rozgar Prayag Portal?

- A- Haryana
- B-Uttarakhand**
- C- Madhya Pradesh
- D-none

The state government of Uttarakhand has taken an important step towards empowering its youth by launching ' Yuva Uttarakhand Mobile Application ' . The primary objective of this innovative app is to provide valuable information about self-employment opportunities to the unemployed youth of the state . Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama, while addressing the gathering of students going to complete higher education in the Youth Mahotsav organized at the Parade Ground, expressed his vision for self - reliant and empowered youth . During the programme, the Chief Minister also distributed appointment letters to 17 persons selected through employment fairs . Additionally, he took the opportunity to visit exhibitions organized by various government departments .

4. Recently, Kendrapara Rasabali of which state has got GI tag ?

- A- Tamil Nadu
- B- Odisha**
- C- West Bengal
- D - none

A famous sweet of Odisha has got a GI tag . This dessert is called rasbali . In order to get the GI tag of sweets, in the year 2021, Kendrapara Raspberry Makers Association and Rural Infrastructure Development and Employment had applied to get the GI tag of raspberry . This sweet originates from the old Baladevji temple located on the outskirts of Kendrapara city . This temple is 262 years old . It consists of deep fried flat red brown patties of paneer which are dipped in condensed milk . This dessert is a source of livelihood for the people of the district . Many people in the district earn their livelihood by selling raspberries .

5. When will ' World Sight Day ' 2023 be celebrated ?

- A- 11 October
- B- 12 October**
- C- 13 October
- D- 14 October

' World Sight Day ' is celebrated every year on the second Thursday of October . This time it will be celebrated all over the world on 12th October . Actually, the reason behind celebrating it is to spread awareness among the people about eye related diseases . This year 's theme is " Love Your Eyes at Work ", the real objective of which is to promote eye care . The reason behind celebrating this day is to prevent blindness and to immediately detect eye related diseases . Information from the international agency shows that approximately 285 million people worldwide suffer from low vision and blindness, of which 39 million are experiencing complete blindness .

6. Who has taken charge as the National President of Indo - American Chamber of Commerce ?

- A- Anil Sinha
- B- Pankaj Bohra**
- C- Rajeev Awasthi
- D- Deepak Kumar

Pankaj Bohra has taken over as the national president of industry body Indo - American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) . IACC is a 55- year - old industry body with 14 offices in India and 27 partner organizations in the US . Its objective is to promote bilateral trade and investment between India and the US . Bohra, 69, a chartered accountant, said, " Today bilateral trade between India and America is growing rapidly and America is emerging as India 's largest trading partner . Relations between the two countries are stronger than ever and are set to enter a new height .

7. In which state, 7 bridge projects worth Rs 118.50 crore have been approved under the Setu Bandhan Scheme ?

- A- Uttar Pradesh
- B- Bihar
- C- Arunachal Pradesh**
- D- Uttarakhand

Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has approved seven bridge projects in Arunachal Pradesh under the Setu Bandhan scheme . Gadkari

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said that these projects with a cumulative cost of Rs 118.50 crore have been approved for the financial year 2023-24 . He said that among the bridges approved for construction under the scheme is the RCC bridge over Pacha river in Lachang, which will connect Laimoya, Nereva and Sorova villages of East Kameng district . An RCC bridge will be constructed from Goang to Donigaon village over Pacha river at Goang in East Kameng district . Similarly, 3 bridges will be built on National Highway 313 which will connect New Chidu village to Roing - Anini Road via NHPC Colony located in Lower Dibang district .

8. Which state has declared the gangetic dolphin as a state aquatic animal ?

- A- Madhya Pradesh
- B- Rajasthan
- C- West Bengal
- D- Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has declared the Gangetic Dolphin as the state aquatic animal. Its scientific name is Platanista gangetica. Ganga dolphin has been placed in the Endangered category in the IUCN Red List. In 2009, the Ganga dolphin was recognized as the National Aquatic Animal by the Government of India. CM stressed on the need to maintain the purity of ponds and rivers. Dolphins are found in rivers like Ganga, Yamuna, Chambal, Ghaghra, Rapti and Gerua. The estimated population of Ganga dolphin in Uttar Pradesh is estimated at around 2000.

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When is 'World Sight Day' 2023 being celebrated - **12 October**

Which state government will give pink scooties to 1100 women beat constables - **Uttar Pradesh**

Who has recently become the new chairman of AMFI (Association of Mutual Funds in India) - **Navneet Munot.**

By what percentage has India's net direct tax collection increased recently - **21.8%**

Where will G20 Parliament Speakers Summit (P20) be organized – **New Delhi**

Which state has recently declared Gangetic Dolphin as the state aquatic animal- **Uttar Pradesh**

Which player has made the new record of hitting most sixes in international cricket - **Rohit Sharma**

Who inaugurated the Intelligent Grievance Monitoring System (IGMS) 2.0 public grievance portal – **Jitendra Singh**

Who has taken charge as the National President of Indo-American Chamber of Commerce- **Pankaj Bohra**

Who inaugurated the 8th BRICS Competition Conference 2023 – **Ashok Bhushan**

In which state, 7 bridge projects worth Rs 118.50 crore have been approved under the Setu Bandhan Scheme – **Arunachal Pradesh.**

Recently the International Monitoring Fund has estimated India's growth rate to be what percent in the current year - **6.3%.**

In which state's Industry Department has organized Investors Summit in Bengaluru - **Bihar**

Recently India and which country have signed an agreement to promote defense relations - **Italy**

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