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### **1.** Shubman Gill became the fastest batsman to score 2000 runs in ODI



India's fast opening batsman Shubman Gill has left a significant mark in the world of One Day International (ODI) cricket by becoming the fastest player to reach 2000 runs in this format. This feat has seen him surpass the previous record held by South African great Hashim Amla, further enhancing his reputation as a rising star in the world of cricket. Shubman Gill achieved this remarkable feat during India's World Cup match against New Zealand. He reached the milestone of 2000 runs in just 38 innings and created a new world record. This feat overtook the previous record of Hashim Amla, who had played 40 innings to achieve the feat. Gill needed 14 runs to reach the 2000-run mark. He achieved this feat in India's seventh over, when he sent the ball of Trent Boult to the boundary and displayed his impeccable batting skills.

### 2. MS Dhoni again becomes the brand ambassador of 'Lays'



Lay's has again announced cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni as its new brand ambassador. PepsiCo India, the company that owns the Lay's brand, announced here that enhancing the joy of cricket that unites the entire nation, Lay's has once again roped in the best and most loved cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni as its brand ambassador. Added as. Starting his second innings as brand ambassador, Dhoni has been seen in Lay's new campaign 'No Lay's, No Game'. He said that under this partnership, Lay's brings its internationally popular campaign to the Indian audience. It has gained immense popularity internationally thanks to its partnership with sports tournaments. Combined with Dhoni's popularity and appeal, the campaign attractively highlights the fact that for true fans, it is difficult to even imagine a match without the ledge.

**3.** Former Indian captain Bishan Singh Bedi passes away, breathed his last at the age of **77** 



Former Team India captain and legendary spinner Bishan Singh Bedi passed away. He was 77 years old. This great spinner played 67 Tests for India between 1967 and 1979 and took 266 wickets. He also took seven wickets in 10 One Day Internationals. Bedi was part of India's famous spin quartet which also included Erapalli Prasanna, BS Chandrasekhar and S Venkataraghavan. He played an important role in India's first ODI win. His excellent bowling figures of 12-8-6-1 restricted East Africa to 120 in the 1975 World Cup match. Bishan Singh Bedi played his first match for India on 31 December 1966 at the historic stadium Eden Gardens in Kolkata. He played his first test against West Indies. He started his ODI career in 1974 against England. Bishan Singh Bedi was born in Amritsar in 1946. He proved his mettle while playing for Delhi in the domestic circuit. With 1,560 wickets in 370 matches, he was the leading wicket-taker for India in first-class cricket.

India's leadership: In 1976, Bedi was appointed captain of the Indian cricket team, succeeding Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi. He achieved a historic win against the formidable West Indies in Port-of-Spain and his

captaincy laid the foundation of India's dominance in international cricket.

Spin bowling revolution: Bedi beats Erapalli Prasanna, BS Chandrasekhar and S. Along with Venkataraghavan, he played an important role in India's spin bowling revolution. Their collective efforts enhanced India's cricketing power to a great extent.

Success in County Cricket: Bedi's influence extended beyond international cricket. His tenure in county cricket was successful, playing 102 first-class matches for Northamptonshire and taking 434 wickets from 1972 to 1977.

#### 4. RBL Bank introduces Go Savings Account



RBL Bank has introduced Go Savings Account, a transformative subscription-based digital banking model offering interest rates as high as 7.5% per annum. RBL Bank, a leading bank in the Indian banking sector, has announced the launch of its state-of-the-art digital banking product, Go Savings Account. The account offers an innovative subscription-based model, combining simplicity and high-value benefits for seeking modern banking customers solutions. Customers will be able to avail high-interest rates of up to 7.5% per annum. The account comes with the facility of zero-balance requirement, ensuring accessibility to a wide range of customers. Go account holders receive a premium debit card, enhancing their payment and transaction capabilities. Subscribers get access to vouchers worth Rs 1,500 for leading brands, making their spend more rewarding. The account includes comprehensive cyber insurance cover, accident insurance and travel insurance, providing valuable protection and peace of mind. Coverage is extended up to Rs 1 crore. Customers receive a free CIBIL report, which enables them to monitor and improve their

creditworthiness. Go Savings Account offers a range of premium banking services, simplifying financial management and transactions. This innovative account follows a subscription-based model, with the first year's subscription fee being Rs 1999 + taxes. Annual renewals thereafter are available at a fee of Rs 599 + taxes. The account opening process has been streamlined to allow customers to open an account within minutes. Only PAN and Aadhaar details are required to reduce hassles Go account holders benefit from fee-free transactions, making everyday banking more cost-effective.

### **5.** Air Marshal Sadhna Saxena Nair becomes Director General of Hospital Services



Air Marshal Sadhna Saxena Nair takes over as Director General Hospital Services (Armed Forces) on promotion to the rank of Air Marshal. She was previously the Principal Medical Officer at the Training Command of the Indian Air Force (IAF), based in Bengaluru. She is effectively only the second woman officer who has served in the Indian Air Force to be promoted to the rank of Air Marshal; The first woman officer to achieve this feat was Air Marshal Padma Bandopadhyay (Retd). The Air Force said the first woman officer to achieve the feat of reaching the rank of Air Marshal was Air Marshal Padma Bandopadhyay (retd). On the appointment of Air Marshal Sadhna, the Air Force said, Nair took charge as Director General Hospital Services (Armed Forces) today. It is noteworthy that Director General of Hospital Services (Armed Forces) is considered a very prestigious post. It is part of the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS). Air Marshal Sadhna is the wife of Air Marshal KP Nair (retd). The Nairs are also the first and only Air Marshal couple of the Indian Air Force. Air Marshal Sadhna graduated from the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune. Joined the Indian Air Force in December, 1985. Sadhna has a postgraduate degree in Family Medicine. He has also completed a two-year training

program in Medical Informatics at AIIMS, New Delhi. Air Marshal Sadhna underwent training abroad in CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) warfare and military medical ethics. She was the first and only woman Principal Medical Officer of the Western Air Command and Training Command. Air Marshal Sadhna has also been awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal. He has also received appreciation from the Chief of the Air Staff and the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief.

### 6. Mid Planning Conference for Multilateral Naval Exercise (MILAN)-24



Indian Navy is all set to host the mid-planning conference for MILAN 24 (Multilateral Naval Exercise-2024) at Visakhapatnam from 19 February to 27 February 2024. Indian Navy is all set to host the midplanning conference for MILAN 24 (Multilateral Naval Exercise- 2024) at Visakhapatnam from 19 February to 27 February 2024. The event follows India's longstanding tradition of hosting the MILAN exercise, demonstrating India's commitment to promoting international maritime cooperation. MILAN, a biennial multilateral naval exercise, was initiated by the Indian Navy in 1995. Initially, it was linked with India's 'Look East Policy'. However, as India's international engagement evolved with the 'Act East Policy' and 'Security and Development' under the Initiative for All in the Region (SAGAR) of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, MILAN became part of the Friendly Foreign Countries (FFC) Opened its doors for participation. In 2022, MILAN 22 was held in and out of Visakhapatnam from 25 February to 4 March. This iteration saw participation from a remarkable 39 countries, demonstrating the growing international appeal of the exercise. The upcoming MILAN 24 will include both a port stage and a sea stage. During the port phase, a variety of events and activities have been planned,

including International Maritime Seminar, City Parade at RK Beach, Swavalamban Exhibition, Subject Matter Expert Exchange and Young Officers' Meet. Indian Naval units along with ships from friendly foreign countries, maritime patrol aircraft and submarines will participate in the sea phase. The sea phase of MILAN 24 will see active participation of Indian Naval units as well as naval assets of friendly foreign countries. This phase will include large-foreign maneuvers, advanced air defense operations, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare operations.

### **7.** Japan's Electromagnetic Railgun Success: Changes in Naval Warfare



Japan became the first country to launch an electromagnetic railgun from an offshore vessel. Japan, known for its technological innovations and progress, has achieved another remarkable achievement in the world of defense technology. In an unprecedented development, Japan has become the first country to successfully launch an electromagnetic railgun from an offshore ship. This achievement is a significant milestone in the field of naval weapons and has farreaching implications for both national defense and international maritime strategies. Japan's successful launch of an electromagnetic railgun from an offshore ship is extremely significant for several reasons. First, it demonstrates Japan's strength in cutting-edge military technology, demonstrating its ability to remain at the forefront of global defense innovation. The successful deployment of the railgun underlines Japan's commitment maintaining а strong and to advanced defense force. The technologically development and deployment of electromagnetic railguns has the potential to revolutionize naval warfare. Conventional naval gunnery relies on explosive propellants, which come with a number of limitations. In contrast, electromagnetic railguns use

electromagnetic fields to launch projectiles at hypersonic speeds, allowing increased accuracy and range. This innovation has the potential to reshape the dynamics of naval battles, giving Japan a significant strategic advantage. To understand the significance of Japan's successful launch of the electromagnetic railgun, it is necessary to delve deeper into the historical context of railgun technology. The concept of the railgun has been around for decades, with its roots in the early 20th century. Initially, railguns were largely experimental and faced many technical challenges. However, over the years, advances in materials, power generation, and electromagnetic technology have made railguns increasingly viable for military applications.

### 8. MeitY urges RBI to design more detailed KYC to ensure traceability



Illegal instant loan apps have become a significant problem in India, leading to financial scams and even driving some victims to commit suicide. These apps provide quick money but compromise the privacy and security of the users. To address this, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in India has proposed a solution. Quick loan apps lure people with guick money, but they lack security and often lead to financial troubles. These apps access personal data, raising privacy concerns. They have engaged in harassment and threats, leading some victims to commit suicide. MeitY discussed the issue with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Department of Financial Services (DFS) to find a solution. MeitY suggested creating a detailed KYC (Know Your Customer) process for companies called KYDFA (Know Your Digital Finance App). This is similar to the KYC process for bank accounts. KYDFA ensures that only legitimate financial apps that comply with the law can access the Indian banking system. It helps in detecting illegal apps and taking legal action against them. App stores like Google and Apple have removed thousands of such apps that violate their policies. The Finance Ministry suggested a whitelist of approved apps, but the problem persisted. Despite previous efforts, complaints against these apps doubled in FY23, indicating the need for a more robust solution.

#### QUIZ

1. When has 'International Stuttering Awareness Day ' been celebrated recently ?

- (a) 22 October
- (b) 20 October
- (c) 21 October
- (d) 24 October

International Stuttering Awareness Day is celebrated every year on 22 October to make people aware of stuttering. 1.5% people worldwide are victims of stammering. Due to this problem people have to face embarrassment. Due to which people can also become victims of many types of mental problems. Keeping this challenge in mind, celebration of this day was started so that people can be made aware and people struggling with the problem of stuttering can be helped. Every year this day is celebrated with a theme. This time its theme is- 'One Size Does Not Fit All'.

2. Which Indian shooter has won the gold medal in the ISSF World Championship 2023?

- (a) Vijay Kumar
- (b) Saurabh Chaudhary
- (c) Amanpreet Singh
- (d) Rajdeep Singh

Indian shooter Amanpreet Singh has won the gold medal in the men's 25m standard pistol shooting event at the ISSF World Championship 2023 in Baku, Azerbaijan. India's total medal tally has reached nine, which includes five gold and four bronze medals. The Indian shooter topped the list among 50 shooters with 577 points. On the other hand, Gunhyok Lee of Republic of Korea won the silver medal with 574 (17X), while Kevin Chapon of France won the bronze medal with 574 (11X).

3. Who is the project director of Chandrayaan-3 mission launched by ISRO?

- (a) S. Somnath
- (b) S. Unnikrishnan Nair

#### (c) M Shankaran

#### (d) P Veeramuthuvel

The project director of Chandrayaan-3 mission is P Veeramuthuvel, he took over as the project director of Chandrayaan-3 in the year 2019. Before this, he had served as Deputy Director in the Space Infrastructure Program Office of ISRO. P Veeramuthuvel had earlier played an important role in Chandrayaan-2 mission. He hails from Villupuram, Tamil Nadu and studied at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M).

4. Which country's wrestling association has been recently suspended by United World Wrestling?

(a) India

(b) Pakistan

(c) China

(d) Iran

United World Wrestling has suspended the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) for not conducting the wrestling association elections on time. Due to which Indian wrestlers will not be allowed to compete in the upcoming World Championships under the Indian flag. The IOA had appointed a panel on April 27 and the committee was to conduct elections within 45 days.

5. How many new countries has BRICS recently invited to join the group?

(a) 4

(b) 5

(c) 6

(d) 7

The BRICS group of countries has invited six new countries to join the group. These new countries include Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates. It is noteworthy that this time the BRICS Summit has been hosted by South Africa. The new membership will be effective from January 1, 2024. BRICS currently includes India, Brazil, South Africa, China and Russia.

6. Recently Professor Kalyampudi Radhakrishna Rao passed away, he was associated with which field?

(a) medical

- (b) space
- (c) Statistics
- (d) Journalism

Professor Kalyampudi Radhakrishna Rao, one of the eminent statisticians, has passed away. He was also known as CR Rao. CR Rao was 102 years old and lived in America. The Government of India honored CR Rao with the Padma Bhushan in 1968 and the Padma Vibhushan, India's second highest civilian award, in 2001.

7. Which country has become the first country in the world to reach the south pole of the Moon?

- (a) Russia
- (b) India
- (c) USA
- (d) China

India has created history by becoming the first country in the world to land a lander on the South Pole of the Moon. Recently Vikram Lander has landed near the south pole of the Moon. With the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3, India has become the fourth country in the world to make a soft landing on the Moon. America, China and the former Soviet Union (now Russia) have been successful in making a soft landing on the moon. Now India has also joined this list.

8. Who has recently launched National Cooperative for Export Limited?

- (a) Narendra Modi (b) Rachna Singh
- (c) Amit Shah

(d) none

Union Home Minister and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has launched the logo, website and brochure of National Cooperative for Export Limited (NCEL). Along with this, the Union Minister has also distributed membership certificates to the members of NCEL. On this occasion, Union Minister Piyush Goyal was also present in the program. Addressing the National Seminar on Cooperative Exports organized by NCEL, the Union Cooperation Minister said that National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL) has been formed to facilitate export opportunities to cooperative societies.

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