



# THE ACHIEVERS IAS ACADEMY

## 1. PM Modi presided over the meeting of the 43rd edition of Pragati



Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the meeting of the 43rd edition of PRAGATI with participation of central and state governments. Pragati is an ICT-based multi-modal platform for pro-active governance and timely implementation. He reviewed eight major projects spread across seven states, the cumulative cost of which is approximately Rs 31 thousand crore. Of these, four projects were related to water supply and irrigation, two projects were for expansion of national highways and connectivity, and two projects were related to rail and metro rail connectivity. These are Bihar, Jharkhand, Haryana, Odisha, West Bengal, Gujarat and Maharashtra. The Prime Minister has emphasized that the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan portal coupled with technologies like satellite imagery can help address various issues of implementation and planning related to location and land requirements for projects. He also directed that all stakeholders implementing projects in urban areas with high population density should appoint nodal officers and form teams for better coordination. For irrigation projects, the Prime Minister advised that stakeholder visits be organized where successful rehabilitation and reconstruction work has been carried out. Such projects can also be shown to have a transformative impact as it can motivate stakeholders for speedy execution of projects, he said. The Prime Minister also reviewed 'Mobile towers and 4G coverage under USOF projects'. Under Universal Service Obligation Fund, USOF, 33 thousand 573 villages with 24 thousand 149 mobile towers are to be covered for saturation of mobile connectivity. The Prime Minister asked to ensure installation of mobile towers in all untouched villages within this financial year with regular meetings with all stakeholders. This will ensure saturation of mobile coverage in remote areas. Under the Pragati meetings,

348 projects with a total cost of more than Rs 17 lakh crore have been reviewed so far.

## 2. West Bengal teacher receives Global Teacher Award



West Bengal teacher Deep Narayan Nayak was announced as the top 10 finalist out of 130 countries for the Global Teacher Prize 2023 worth US\$ 01 million. Deep Narayan of Tilka Manjhi Adivasi Free Primary School in Jamuria, Asansol, earned the title of "teacher of the streets" during the COVID-19 lockdown when he moved classes outside and bridged the digital divide for underprivileged children living below poverty. Helped to bridge. Deep Narayan Nayak set out to develop innovative teaching methods that have transformed the lives of underprivileged children facing educational and social challenges. Amid the pandemic, they converted mud walls into blackboards and streets into classrooms, bridging the digital divide for marginalized students. Her focus on educating parents, eradicating superstitions, and eliminating learning disabilities has empowered both children and communities. The award highlights the important role teachers play in shaping the future through the provision of quality education and promotion of lifelong learning. It serves as global recognition of their importance in society and their ability to transform education for the better. The Global Teacher Prize is to honor teachers who are actively teaching children in compulsory schooling or aged five to eighteen years. Eligible candidates must commit to a minimum of 10 hours of teaching per week and commit to remaining in the teaching profession for the next five years. The award welcomes teachers from a wide variety of school types and any country in the world, subject to local laws.

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### 3. RBI issued rules regarding credit bureau, penalty of Rs 100 per day if complaint is not resolved within 30 days.



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has informed lenders, financial institutions and credit bureaus that they will have to resolve complaints lodged by customers within 30 days or face a fine of ₹100 per day to ensure that Customers can get immediate resolution of their complaints related to their credit information. Additionally, RBI has directed CICs to compensate complainants if they fail to resolve complaints within 30 calendar days, despite receiving updated credit information from the CI within 21 calendar days. This compensation framework attempts to hold CIC accountable for delays in resolving issues related to credit information. To ensure effective implementation of the compensation framework, RBI has given a timeline of six months to CICs and CIs to put in place the necessary processes and mechanisms. Credit Information Companies (CICs) play a vital role in maintaining credit information of borrowers including individuals, corporates and small businesses. This information is used by banks and other lenders when making credit-related decisions. CICs aggregate data from various credit providers, such as banks, credit card companies, and non-bank financial institutions, making them central players in the credit ecosystem. The RBI's call for a compensation framework is not without precedent. In June, the RBI imposed a combined penalty of ₹1.01 crore on all four major CICs for inaccuracies, incomplete data and delay in updating credit information.

### 4. Robert Fico becomes Prime Minister of Slovakia for the fourth time



Robert Fico has been appointed Prime Minister of Slovakia for the fourth time. His party Smer had won the September elections with 22.94 percent votes. Slovakian President Zuzana Caputova appointed the new government at the Primate's Palace in the country's capital Bratislava. Addressing the newly appointed Cabinet, Caputova highlighted current challenges such as high energy prices, health care access and economic recovery. The Smer Party won 42 seats in the 150-member House, short of the 75 seats. Earlier this month, the Smer Party, the Social Democracy (Halaš) Party and the Slovak National Party agreed to form a coalition government. Never before in Slovakia's modern history has the government faced such poor social and economic indicators, Fico said during his speech. Meanwhile, he promised a sovereign, professional government committed to giving Slovakia's population a better life. Analysts fear that Fico's poor rhetoric could impact LGBTQ+ rights, rule of law and public scrutiny within Slovakia. However, the government's small parliamentary majority and economic dependence on EU funding may limit extreme policies. During the upcoming EU summit, EU leaders are expected to discuss continued support for Ukraine and address challenges related to the bloc's immigration policies. FICO's stance could influence these discussions and affect EU unity on these important issues.

### 5. China sent its youngest crew into space

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China sent its youngest crew to its space station. The Shenzhou 17 spacecraft carrying the spacecraft lifted off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center on the edge of the Gobi Desert in northwestern China at 11:14 a.m. on a Long March 2-F rocket. The average age of this three-member crew is the lowest among the teams sent since the beginning of the space station construction mission. The average age of the space crew is 38 years. The three astronauts who left for the space station, Tang Hongbo, Tang Shengji and Jiang Xinlin, will replace the crew that has been on the station for six months. The three astronauts who left for the space station, Tang Hongbo, Tang Shengji and Jiang Xinlin, will replace the crew that has been on the station for six months. Of these, Tang is the more experienced and led the 2021 space mission for three months. Amidst competition from America to achieve new achievements in space, China is working on a plan to send astronauts to the Moon by the end of this decade. It reflects the competition between the world's two largest economies for increasing influence in the technology, military and diplomatic sectors. Tang is the more experienced of the three astronauts and led the 2021 space mission for three months. China had announced to send a new telescope into space to investigate the universe more deeply. China's efforts reflect ongoing competition with the United States in a variety of areas, including technology, military, and diplomacy. Both countries have planned lunar missions and landed rovers on Mars. The United States, in collaboration with private sector companies such as SpaceX and Blue Origin, aims to return astronauts to the Moon by 2025.

**6. The consecration of the idol will take place in Ayodhya's Ram temple on January 22, PM Modi will attend.**



The date of consecration of Ram temple in Ayodhya has been fixed. The consecration of Ram temple will take place on 22 January 2024. PM Narendra Modi will be present in the program as the chief guest. He has also accepted the invitation of Ram Mandir Teerth Kshetra for this. The delegation of Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 25. This delegation included Peetadhiswar Jagatguru Madhvacharya of Udupi, Karnataka, Swami Govinddev Giri and Nripendra Mishra. The delegation once again invited Prime Minister Modi to Ayodhya, which the Prime Minister has accepted. According to Champak Rai of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple Trust in Ayodhya, PM Narendra Modi will attend the Pran Pratishtha to be held in January. Apart from the PM, prominent sages, saints and well-known personalities from across the country will also be invited. Guests from various political parties will also be invited. The Trust plans to invite over 25,000 Hindu religious leaders from 136 Sanatan traditions for the ceremony. Champak Rai said that efforts will be made to keep the main program non-political. There will be no stage in the program, nor will there be any public meeting. The festival of Ram Lalla being seated in the grand temple will be celebrated throughout the country. For this, the Trust will appeal to the Ram devotees to organize a grand celebration of Ramlala's Pran Pratishtha Mahotsav in every Math and Temple of the country. More than 90% of the roofing work in Ramlala's temple has also been completed. After this, the construction work of the floor including carving of the idols on the pillars of the ground floor is going on. Final touch is being given to the temple under construction. Installation of doors and windows will start soon. Let us tell you that PM Modi had performed Bhoomi Pujan of Ram Temple on 5 August 2020.

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## 7. China is building the world's largest ghost particle detector 'Trident'



China is building a giant telescope in the western Pacific Ocean. Its job is to detect 'Ghost Particles'. These are also called 'ghost particles' or 'neutrinos'. In an article published earlier this month in Nature magazine, scientists have claimed that this Chinese telescope will be the largest telescope of its kind in the world. This telescope is expected to be ready by the year 2030. China is installing this telescope 11,500 feet (3,500 meters) below the sea surface in the western Pacific Ocean. This telescope has 24,000 optical sensors, which have been installed on more than 1200 strings. According to the report, Trident's detector will be 2.5 miles (4 kilometers) in diameter. It will be so powerful that it will scan 'ghost particles' up to 1.7 cubic miles (7.5 cubic kilometers). According to Chinese media, testing of this detector will start under the pilot project in the year 2026. However, full detectors will be operational only by 2030. According to scientists, ghost particles or neutrons are a type of electron. But their weight is negligible and there is no charge. Ghost particles are called the most elusive particles in the universe. These are so fine that it is very difficult to see them. This can be understood with an example. According to scientists, at least 10 trillion 'ghost particles' pass through our body every second. Their speed is equal to the speed of light. Ghost particles usually do not interact with other particles, but this does not mean that it never happens. These particles many times come in contact with water molecules. That is why China is installing a ghost molecule telescope under the sea. Till now, the world's most powerful ghost particle detector was in Antarctica, which can detect particles up to about 0.25 cubic miles (about 1 cubic kilometer).

## 8. Reliance Jio and Plum partner to provide AI-enhanced in-home services



Reliance Jio, India's leading telecom operator, has entered into a strategic partnership with Plum, a California-based company specializing in cloud-based AI-powered services, to enhance the digital lives of its nearly 200 million customers. This partnership introduces a series of innovative offerings under the names "HomePass" and "WorkPass". These services, enabled by Plum's cutting-edge platform, include Encompass Whole Home Adaptive WiFi, device and application performance optimization, cyberthreat protection, parental controls, WiFi motion sensing, and more. HomePass is designed to provide a seamless and adaptive WiFi experience throughout the home. With Plum's AI algorithms, it can dynamically optimize the performance of connected devices and applications, ensuring a smooth and seamless internet experience. HomePass also provides robust cyber threat protection for all connected devices, empowering users to surf the web securely. Additionally, advanced parental controls allow families to manage Internet usage, and WiFi motion sensing adds an extra layer of convenience and security to homes. WorkPass is designed to meet the needs of small businesses while leveraging the same cloud-based platform. It expands Plum's AI capabilities to create high-performance network environments for small enterprises. With features like device customization and enhanced security, WorkPass enables businesses to streamline their operations and provide a more secure environment for their employees and customers. Apart from enhancing the consumer experience, the partnership will also benefit Jio's support and operations teams. They will have access to Plum's 'Haystack' support and operations suite, a

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powerful tool designed to accelerate problem identification and resolution.

## QUIZ

**1. When is the World Audiovisual Heritage Day 2023 observed?**

- (a) 27 October
- (b) 25 October
- (c) 23 October
- (d) 26 October

World Day for Audiovisual Heritage is celebrated every year on 27 October. World Day for Audiovisual Heritage is an important initiative by both UNESCO and the Coordinating Council of Audiovisual Archives Associations (CCAAA) to honor audiovisual preservation professionals and institutions that have contributed to the preservation of the cultural heritage of the world for future generations. Protect our heritage. The day was chosen to raise awareness of the importance and preservation risks of recorded sound and audiovisual documents.

**2. Where is the 7th edition of 'India Mobile Congress' being organised?**

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Lucknow
- (d) Jaipur

Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the 7th edition of India Mobile Congress at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Jio launches Space Fiber and PM presents awards to 100 '5G Use Case Labs'. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 7th edition of India Mobile Congress at Bharat Mandap, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. This prestigious event brought together leaders from the telecom industry to showcase cutting-edge technologies, discuss important issues and foster innovation. During the event, Akash Ambani launched Reliance Jio's groundbreaking initiative Space Fiber, India's first satellite-based Giga Fiber service capable of delivering internet speeds of up to 1 Gbps.

**3. Who has been elected as the next King of Malaysia?**

- (a) Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar
- (b) Al-Sultan Abdullah
- (c) Al-Sultan Ibrahim
- (d) none of these

Malaysia's royal families have elected Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar, the powerful and outspoken Sultan of the southern state of Johor, as the country's next king. The king plays a largely ceremonial role in Malaysia, but the monarchy has become more influential in recent years due to prolonged political instability, which has led the outgoing king to rarely use discretionary powers. Malaysia has a unique system in which the heads of its nine royal families become kings on a rotating basis for a five-year term. The Southeast Asian country is a parliamentary democracy, with the king serving as head of state.

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**5. Union Cabinet has approved Jamrani Dam Project, it belongs to which state?**

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Rajasthan

The Union Cabinet has given its approval to the Jamrani Dam project, which is important for Uttarakhand. Jamrani Dam Project is to be constructed on Gola River, 10 km upstream from Kathgodam in Nainital. The project will provide irrigation facilities to 1.5 lakh hectares of land. With this, 42 MCM drinking

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water can be provided to Haldwani city throughout the year. The project will produce 63 million units. On June 10, 2022, in-principle approval of Rs 2584.10 crore was given by the Ministry of Jal Shakti for the Jamrani Dam Project under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana. The state will have to contribute 10 percent and the central government will spend 90 percent of the money.

**6. Politician 'Li Keqiang' has passed away, he was the former Prime Minister of which country?**

- (a) Bhutan
- (b) Thailand
- (c) China
- (d) Japan

Li Keqiang, former Prime Minister of India's neighboring country China, died at the age of 68. According to media reports, Li Keqiang was holidaying in Shanghai for some time where he died of a heart attack. Keqiang served as the Prime Minister of China from 2013 to 2023. He was the leader of the ruling Communist Party of China. Li was born in 1955 in Hefei, Anhui province. Li, who studied at China's prestigious Peking University, was at one time seen as a contender for party leadership.

**7. Which Indian player won the gold medal in the 50m Rifles SH-1 event at the Asian Para Games?**

- (a) Ajay Sinha
- (b) Rahul Kumar
- (c) Siddharth Babu
- (d) Amit Anand

Siddharth Babu won gold medal in 50 meter rifles SH-1 event in Asian Para Games. Indian Para athletes created history by winning the most number of medals in the Asian Para Games on October 26, taking the country's medal tally to 82, including 18 gold. India had earlier won 72 medals in the 2018 Asian Para Games.

**8. In which state did Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launch 124 PM-Shri schools?**

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Assam
- (d) Punjab

Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan, along

with Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, launched 124 PM-Shri schools in the state. The schools have been designed with smart classrooms and information and communication technology (ICT) laboratories. Shri Pradhan and Shri Khattar also launched the Accreditation of School App and Mobile Application for NIPUN, books and learning materials for Balvatika-3. The event featured presentations on PM-Shri Schools, e-learning and MIS platforms, online transfer policy and Foundational Literacy and Numeracy – Nipun Haryana Mission.

## ONE LINER

When is World Audiovisual Heritage Day 2023 celebrated – **27 October**

Where is the 7th edition of 'India Mobile Congress' being organized - **New Delhi**

Who inaugurated the two-day conference of Indian Air Force Commanders- **Rajnath Singh**

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Who has been selected as the next King of Malaysia- **Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar**

Who inaugurated the 7th edition of 'India Mobile Congress'- **PM Narendra Modi**

In which country have 8 officers of the Indian Navy been sentenced to death - **Qatar**

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