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1. Tata will make iPhone in India , will acquire Wistron plant for about \$ 125 million



Tata Group has acquired the Wistron plant that assembles iPhones in India. From now on, iPhone will be produced and assembled in India by the Tata Group, Minister of State for Electronics and Technology Rajeev Chandrashekhar informed through social networking platform X on October 27. The value of Wistron's factory has been estimated at around \$125 million. Talks for this deal have been going on between Tata Group and Wistron for the last one year. This plant of Wistron is known for the production of iPhone-14 model. At present more than 10,000 workers work in this plant. Wistron entered the Indian market in 2008, when the company used to provide repair facilities for many devices. After this, in 2017, the company expanded its operations and started production of iPhone for Apple. Tata Group is involved in a variety of businesses from selling salt to providing technical services. In recent years, the group has embarked on a journey to enter the field of electronics manufacturing and e-commerce. The group currently produces iPhone chassis at its factory in Tamil Nadu state, which forms the metal body of the device. Additionally, Chairman N Chandrasekaran has previously expressed aspirations to get into the chipmaking business as well.

2. FATF removed Cayman Islands from its ' grey list '



The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) recently removed several countries from its 'grey list', including the Cayman Islands, Panama, Jordan and Albania, while adding Bulgaria to the list. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF), an inter-governmental body responsible for setting international standards to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and proliferation financing, recently removed several countries from its 'grey list'. Whereas adding one more country has made headlines. The FATF maintains a 'grey list', which includes jurisdictions that do not meet the organization's anti-money laundering (AML), counter-terrorism financing (CFT), and proliferation financing standards. The countries placed on this list will be subject to increased surveillance until the identified deficiencies in their regulatory framework are resolved. In a review published on October 27, 2023, FATF announced the removal of several countries from its 'grey list'. These countries include the Cayman Islands, Panama, Jordan and Albania. This development is testament to the significant progress these countries have made in enhancing their AML/CFT systems, and ultimately addressing the strategic deficiencies identified by FATF. While many countries celebrated their removal from the 'grey list', FATF also included Bulgaria in the list. The decision reflects the need for Bulgaria to strengthen its AML, CFT and proliferation financing systems and bring them in line with international standards. The Cayman Islands, a British Overseas Territory, found itself on the FATF 'grey list' in 2021. This situation was a result of strategic shortcomings in their AML/CFT regime, which raised concerns among the international community. The Cayman Islands' inclusion in the list was notable due to its prominence in global financial markets. In its October

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review, FATF highlighted the Cayman Islands' commendable efforts in strengthening the effectiveness of its AML/CFT regime to address identified deficiencies. This commitment and progress played an important role in removing the jurisdiction from the 'grey list'.

3. Amidst India's concerns, research on Chinese ship begins off the coast of Sri Lanka.



A Chinese ship has arrived at Colombo port in Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka's Foreign Ministry said that this Chinese ship has been given permission to conduct research in the sea along with monitoring the western coast of the island. India is concerned that it may be a spy ship. Despite this, Sri Lanka has given such permission. Despite India's espionage concerns, Sri Lanka allowed the ship to stop at Colombo port to replenish its supplies. India is suspicious of China's growing presence in the Indian Ocean and its influence in Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka is strategically located between major east-west international shipping routes. A Chinese ship tracking spacecraft had raised security concerns in India last year. Sri Lanka then stopped the ship from carrying out any research activities. Fonseca said local scientists will be present on Xi Yan-6 during the two-day research activity on the western coast of the island. He said, 'Apart from our scientists and researchers, the Sri Lankan Navy will also monitor this ship.' China's Xi Yan-6 ship is anchored at Colombo port. At this very place, a Chinese company operates a deep sea terminal. In 2014, a pair of Chinese submarines stopped here, which India protested against. After Sri Lanka's approval of Xi Yan-6 ship, the diplomatic missions of China or India have not yet made any comment. According to China's state TV CGTN, the Xi Yan-6 ship is a research vessel that tests oceanography, geology and marine ecology. There are 60 people on board.

4. CCI becomes member of International Competition Network Committee



The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has achieved an important milestone by becoming a part of the prestigious 18-member Steering Committee of the International Competition Network (ICN). This achievement is the result of the consistent efforts and dedication of the Indian regulator. The ICN, comprising 140 competition agencies from around the world, is a unique global body dedicated exclusively to competition law enforcement. Its primary objective is to provide an exclusive and informal forum for antitrust authorities to maintain regular contact and address practical competition concerns. The ICN facilitates cooperation and collaboration between competition authorities, by fostering a global network of knowledge and expertise. The Steering Committee is the supreme body of the ICN, responsible for guiding and overseeing its activities. The Committee plays a key role in shaping the ICN's agenda and priorities, ensuring that it remains relevant and effective in addressing emerging issues in competition law. It consists of 18 member agencies selected for their expertise and commitment to promoting fair and competitive markets. The inclusion of Competition Commission of India in the Steering Committee of ICN is a testament to the regulator's continued efforts in the area of competition law enforcement. India's commitment to promoting fair competition and its active participation in international dialogues has earned it a place among the select few competition authorities guiding ICN's global initiatives. Last month, India hosted the biennial conference of competition regulators of the BRICS grouping, which includes Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. This conference marked a significant event, bringing together

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competition authorities from all these emerging economies to deliberate on new dimensions of antitrust rules and related matters. During the BRICS summit, competition authorities discussed both existing and emerging issues in the area of anti-trust regulation.

5. Cricketer MS Dhoni made brand ambassador by SBI



State Bank of India has appointed cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni as its brand ambassador. He will perform many responsibilities in the public sector bank. The largest public sector bank has announced the appointment of Mahendra Singh Dhoni as its ambassador. As the brand ambassador of SBI, MS Dhoni will play the role of marketing and advertising. State Bank of India is the largest commercial bank in terms of assets, deposits, branches, customers and employees. It is also the largest lender in the country, which has so far fulfilled the home buying dreams of more than 30 lakh Indian families. The home loan portfolio of the bank is more than Rs 6.53 lakh crore. By June 2023, the bank's deposits are Rs 45.31 lakh crore and CASA ratio is 42.88 percent. SBI's market share in home loan and auto loan is 33.4 percent and 19.5 percent respectively. SBI has the largest network of 22,405 branches and 65,627 ATMs or ADWMs in India with 78,370 BC outlets. The number of customers using internet banking and mobile banking is 117 million and 64 million respectively. In the matter of giving digital loans, the country's public sector banks have approved Rs 5,428 crore through YONO. It has the highest number of followers on Facebook and Twitter among all banks during the first quarter of FY 2024.

6. Big decline in the number of active workers under MGNREGA



There has been a decline in the total number of active workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. According to Libtech India, the number of workers has reduced by 7.5 percent during April to September 2023. It was Rs 15.49 crore in this period of the last financial year, which has reduced to Rs 14.33 crore by 6 October 2023. Libtech has read the data for the financial years 2022-2023 and 2021-22 for the April to September quarter. This data has been provided by the Union Rural Development Ministry. 80 lakh workers are working under this scheme during the current financial year. The report notes that these figures indicate a significant decline in the MGNREGA workforce, stressing the need for comprehensive analysis to identify factors contributing to this decline and devising strategies to revive program participation. The workforce is decreasing, but the demand for work under the scheme is increasing. The report shows a 9 percent increase in person days compared to the previous financial year. In the financial year 2022-23, from April to September, the per capita day was Rs 172.24 crore. During the same period in this financial year, 188 crore days of work has been created. The report said that this has been seen after the decrease in the number of active job cards and workers. The report states that an increase has been recorded in 14 states, while there has been a decline in six states. There has been a decline of 99.5 percent in West Bengal. Here the central government has suspended the scheme alleging corruption.

7. India won 111 medals in the 4th Asian Para Games

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Indian para athletes created history as they ended their campaign at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games with 111 medals, the biggest achievement for the country in any major international multi-sport event. Para athletes won a total of 111 medals with 29 gold, 31 silver and 51 bronze. Indian para athletes won four more medals than the record of 107 medals won by India at the Hangzhou Asian Games held from September 23 to October 8. India had also made a record in the Asian Games by winning more than 100 medals. India had entered the Asian Games with the target of 'this time, cross 100' and had crossed it. Now India also created history in the Para Asian Games and won more than 100 medals. The previous record in the Para Asian Games was 72 medals. In the medal table, India is followed by China (521 medals: 214 gold, 167 silver, 140 bronze), Iran (44 gold, 46 silver, 41 bronze), Japan (42 gold, 49 silver, 59 bronze) and Korea (30 gold, 33 silver, 40 bronze), which is a remarkable achievement in itself. The first Para Asian Games was held in Guangzhou, China in 2010, where India finished 15th with 14 medals, including one gold. In the 2014 and 2018 editions, India finished 15th and ninth respectively. India won more than 100 (101) medals for the first time at the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games. "We have created history, our para athletes have made the country proud. We will win more medals in the Paris Paralympics than in Tokyo," Indian Paralympic Committee president Deepa Malik told PTI. Indian shuttlers made the second-highest contribution with 21 medals, including four gold. Chess and archery won eight and seven medals respectively, while shooting won six medals. On the last day on Saturday, India won 12 medals including four gold. Seven medals came from chess, four from athletics and one from rowing.

8. Norway's support to "India's Hunger Project" in Uttarakhand



Norway will allocate ₹44.7 million over three years till September 2026 to strengthen food security and environmental protection in Uttarakhand through India's 'Hunger Project'. Norway has launched an important initiative to support India's 'Hunger Project' in Uttarakhand. The project aims to empower women leaders, increase food security and protect the environment, especially in the ecologically sensitive region of Uttarakhand. With a budget of ₹44.7 million and a three-year period till September 2026, the effort holds great promise for marginalized families in the state. The Hunger Project primarily focuses on capacity building of elected women representatives (EWRs) and federations. These women play a vital role in strengthening local governance and, in turn, improving food security and livelihood opportunities for marginalized families. The project's emphasis on strengthening forest panchayats, or forest councils, is important to achieve these objectives. One of the main goals of the program is to increase the leadership of women in Gram Panchayats, local self-governance bodies. Empowered women leaders can play an important role in conserving forests and natural resources as well as promoting sustainable living and food security. Collaboration with forest panchayats and the broader community, especially women, is a key strategy in this effort. This project will be implemented in three districts, nine blocks, 172 gram panchayats and 145 forest panchayats of Uttarakhand. This broad reach includes 900 EWRs that will act to protect standing forests and nourish the immediate environment, which is critical to community livelihoods and food security. The project also aims to raise awareness in local communities through 334 Jagrat Manchhas (awareness forums). This increased awareness will enable communities to collectively tackle the threats of climate change and make informed decisions for their well-being. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on

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Climate Change (IPCC), Uttarakhand is particularly vulnerable to climate change. More than 70% of the state's geographical area is covered by forests, and its predominantly rural population depends on the natural ecosystem for their livelihood. The drying up of natural springs and increasing natural disasters have already affected the region. The Hunger Project aims to address these issues and increase community resilience.

QUIZ

1. When is National Unity Day celebrated every year?

- (a) 29 October
- (b) 30 October
- (c) 31 October
- (d) 01 November



National Unity Day is celebrated every year in India on 31 October on the birth anniversary of Sardar Patel. PM Modi participated in the National Unity Day celebrations in Kevadiya, Gujarat. In the year 2014, the Government of India had declared the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as National Unity Day. Sardar Patel was the first Deputy Prime Minister of independent India. National Unity Day provides an opportunity to reaffirm the inherent strength and resilience of our nation towards maintaining the unity, integrity and security of our country. In honor of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Government of India built the world's tallest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel near the Narmada River in Gujarat, symbolizing the strength of unity in India.

2. Who has been appointed by State Bank of India as its new brand ambassador?

- (a) Sachin Tendulkar
- (b) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- (c) Rohit Sharma

(d) Virat Kohli



State Bank of India (SBI) has appointed cricket legend Mahendra Singh Dhoni as the official brand ambassador of the bank. As a brand ambassador, Dhoni will play a key role in various promotional campaigns of the bank. State Bank of India is a public sector bank, its headquarters is in Mumbai, Maharashtra. State Bank of India is the largest commercial bank in terms of assets, deposits, branches, customers and employees. It is also the largest lender in the country, which has so far fulfilled the home buying dreams of more than 30 lakh Indian families. The home loan portfolio of the bank is more than Rs 6.53 lakh crore.

3. Which country has the Financial Action Task Force recently removed from its 'grey list'?

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) Malaysia
- (c) Myanmar
- (d) Albania



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countries that do not meet standards such as anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing (CFT). The FATF maintains a 'grey list', which includes jurisdictions that do not meet the organization's anti-money laundering (AML), counter-terrorism financing (CFT), and proliferation financing standards. The countries placed on this list will be subject to increased surveillance until the identified deficiencies in their regulatory framework are resolved.

4. Which Indian shooter secured the 11th Paris Olympic quota for India in the Asian Shooting Championship?

- (a) Saurabh Chaudhary
- (b) Anjali Bhagwat
- (c) Jeetu Rai
- (d) Manu Bhakar



Indian female shooter Manu Bhakar secured the 11th Paris Olympic quota for India in the Asian Shooting Championship. She finished fifth in the women's 25 meter sports pistol event at the Asian Championships in Changwon, Korea. Arjun Babuta in the men's 10 meter air rifle event and Sarabjot Singh in the men's 10 meter air pistol event have also secured Paris 2024 quota.

5. When is World Stroke Day 2023 observed?

- (a) 29 October
- (b) 30 October
- (c) 31 October
- (d) 01 November



World Stroke Day 2023: World Stroke Day is celebrated every year on 29 October. Stroke Day is celebrated every year with the aim of increasing awareness about the prevention and treatment of increasing risks of stroke and to ensure better care to stroke victims. According to World Health Organization data, every year more than 1.5 crore people become victims of stroke and about 50 lakh people die. Stroke Day is celebrated every year to raise awareness about the increased risks of stroke, prevention and treatment, and to ensure better care for stroke victims. Every year there is a special theme to celebrate this day. People all over the world are made aware of stroke and also become conscious about their health.

6. Who has become the fifth Indian batsman to complete 18,000 runs in international cricket?

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) Rohit Sharma
- (c) K L Rahul
- (d) Hardik Pandya



Indian captain Rohit Sharma has touched the figure of 18 thousand runs in international cricket. Rohit Sharma achieved this milestone after scoring his 48th run against England. Rohit Sharma has become the fifth batsman to score 18 thousand runs for India. Sachin Tendulkar was the first to do this feat. After this, Rahul Dravid, Sourav Ganguly and Virat Kohli

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touched the figure of 18 thousand runs. At the same time, now Rohit Sharma has made his place in this special list. Rohit Sharma achieved the feat of scoring 18 thousand runs in 477 innings. Rohit Sharma has scored 10470 runs in ODI format. Apart from this, Rohit Sharma's names are 3677 and 3853 in Test and T20 formats respectively. Apart from this, Rohit Sharma has scored 45 centuries in his international career. Whereas the fifty runs mark has been crossed 98 times.

7. Who has been awarded the prestigious Ballon d'Or Award for the year 2023?

- (a) Emiliano Martinez
- (b) Lionel Messi
- (c) Erling Holland
- (d) Vinicius Junior



Football legend Lionel Messi has been honored with the prestigious Ballon d'Or award for the year 2023. Messi has won the Ballon d'Or award for a record eighth time. The 67th Ballon d'Or Awards was held at the Theater du Châtelet in Paris, France. The Ballon d'Or is an annual award presented by the French magazine France Football.

8. Who created a new national record in women's 20 km race walk at the 37th National Games in Goa?

- (a) Priyanka Goswami
- (b) Aditi Sinha
- (c) Akanksha Singh
- (d) Rupali Shah



In the 37th National Games going on in Goa, Maharashtra's Tejas Ashok Shirse has achieved an unprecedented achievement by setting a new national record in the men's 110 meter hurdles. Priyanka Goswami of Uttar Pradesh has created a new national record in women's 20 km race walk at the 37th National Games in Goa. He completed the race in 1 hour 36 minutes 35 seconds. Maharashtra's Tejas Ashok Shirse set a new national sports record by completing the men's 110m hurdles in 13.80 seconds.

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When is National Unity Day celebrated every year - **31 October**

Who has been honored with the prestigious Women's Ballon d'Or Award for the year 2023- **Aitana Bonamati**
Gujarat's first heritage train has been run between which two cities - Kevadiya - **Ahmedabad.**

At what age did former Chinese Prime Minister Li Keqiang die of a heart attack - **68 years**

Who flagged off Gujarat's first heritage train - **Narendra Modi**

Who created a new national record in women's 20 km race walk in the 37th National Games in Goa - **Priyanka Goswami**

Who has been awarded the prestigious Ballon d'Or Award for the year 2023- **Lionel Messi**

Who was awarded the Copa Trophy (Best Male Under-21 Player) under the prestigious Ballon d'Or Award for the year 2023 - **Jude Bellingham**

Who has become the fifth Indian batsman to complete 18,000 runs in international cricket - **Rohit Sharma**

Which athlete created a new national sports record by completing the men's 110 meter hurdles in 13.80 seconds - **Tejas Ashok Shirse (Maharashtra)**