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1. India vs South Africa in ODI World Cup



There has been a history of exciting clashes between India and South Africa in the ICC Cricket World Cup. According to historical data, South Africa has a slight edge, with three wins against India's two wins. However, it is important to note that India won the most recent encounters in 2015 and 2019, and they did so by huge margins. The last time these two teams met was in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019, where India won. This sets the stage for an exciting contest in the upcoming 2023 World Cup. India are on an impressive unbeaten run in the 2023 World Cup, winning their first seven matches. South Africa, on the other hand, have shown their dominance in the tournament by breaking several records including the highest score, second fastest century and most centuries. As of now, India has already qualified for the semi-finals. South Africa is on the verge of making it to the semi-finals with its strong performance. However, the result of their match against India will play a crucial role in determining their fate. If South Africa manages to defeat India, it will secure its place in the semi-finals. However, if South Africa loses to India and also faces defeat in its last league game, it could open the way for other teams like Pakistan, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Netherlands to reach the semi-finals. The race for the semi-final spots remains intense and unpredictable in this edition of the ICC Cricket World Cup.

2. India and Italy sign Mobility and Migration Partnership Agreement



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3. Launch of 'Water for Women, Women for Water' campaign under AMRUT

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Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is going to launch a progressive initiative “Water for Women, Women for Water Campaign” under its flagship scheme – Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT). The National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) of the Ministry is also participating in this scheme. Also, Odisha Urban Academy is the 'knowledge partner' of this campaign. The campaign aims to provide a platform to involve women in the water management system. The campaign aims to address gender equality issues by promoting inclusivity and diversity in fields traditionally dominated by men. Women will be provided first-hand information about water treatment processes through visits to Water Treatment Plants (WTP) in their respective cities. The plant visits will give them the opportunity to see first-hand the critical processes used to deliver clean and safe drinking water to homes. Additionally, women will have access to information about water quality testing protocols that ensure that citizens have access to water of the required quality. The broad objective of this campaign is to develop a sense of ownership and belongingness among women towards water infrastructure. More than 3,000 water treatment plants exist in India, with constructed water treatment capacity of more than 65,000 MLD and operational capacity of more than 55,000 MLD. During this campaign, women self-help groups (SHGs) will visit more than 550 water treatment plants, whose combined operational capacity is more than 20,000 MLD (more than 35 percent of the total capacity of the country). Women play an important role in domestic water management. By empowering women by providing them information about water treatment and infrastructure, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs aims to enhance their knowledge and

capacity to ensure availability of safe and clean drinking water to their households.

4. IIT-Kanpur takes aim at Delhi-NCR air pollution crisis with artificial rainfall solution



To tackle the ongoing air pollution crisis in Delhi and its neighboring areas, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur has launched an initiative involving "artificial rain" through cloud seeding. This innovative approach aims to reduce the severe levels of pollutants and dust prevalent in the national capital. A dedicated team at IIT Kanpur has worked diligently on creating ideal conditions for artificial rain for over five years. According to the report, their efforts resulted in successful tests in July. The researchers have also secured necessary permission from regulatory bodies, including the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), to proceed with cloud seeding. However, the success of artificial rain requires specific meteorological conditions, which require the presence of moisture-laden clouds and favorable winds. This method is far from an exact science, and its efficacy during the months before winter or on a large scale remains uncertain. Moreover, the initiative involves navigating the maze of approvals from authorities such as the DGCA, the Home Ministry and the special security group responsible for the protection of the Prime Minister, as flying aircraft over the pollution-plagued capital requires careful coordination. . Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai has expressed the city government's intention to explore cloud seeding as part of its winter action plan to tackle air pollution. “Experts from IIT-Kanpur also gave a presentation on how artificial rain can be generated.

5. Rajnath Singh inaugurates 'India Manufacturing Show' in Bengaluru

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Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the three-day 'India Manufacturing Show' in Bengaluru. The show is jointly organized by Laghu Udyog Bharti and IMS Foundation and supported by the Department of Defense Production under the Ministry of Defence. The central theme of the event is 'Make in India, Make for the World'. The 6th edition of the 'India Manufacturing Show' will provide a platform for exhibitors to showcase their technologies, equipment and R&D in various fields such as aerospace and defense engineering, automation, robotics and drones to the participants. Addressing the industry stalwarts and young entrepreneurs present at the inauguration ceremony, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh described small scale industries as the backbone of India's economy which contribute a lot to the development of the country. "Small scale industries are the motor of the Indian economy. The faster the motor runs, the faster the economy moves," he said, also crediting small industries for maintaining stability in the economy. Rajnath Singh highlighted the important contribution of these industries in the socio-economic development of the country. "Compared to the investments made, small industries create more employment opportunities than large industries. They also ensure a more equal spread of wealth in society. Many MSMEs are doing well in exports and becoming part of the global supply chains of the world's largest companies. Heavy industries also play a big role in the development of the country, but the country cannot progress completely by ignoring small industries.

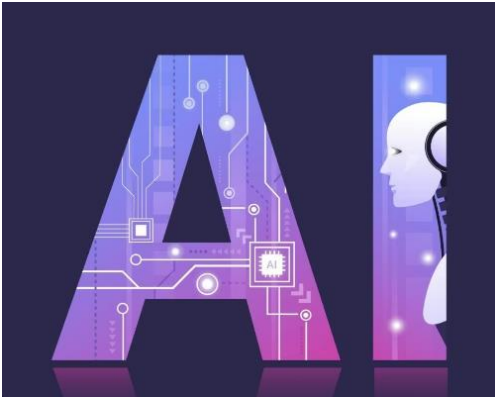
6. Wins the first US National Gatka Championship, New York



The first US National Gatka Championship was recently concluded at the Sikh Center of New York Inc., attended by hundreds of spectators. It was organized by Gatka Federation USA. The first US National Gatka Championship was recently concluded at the Sikh Center of New York Inc., attended by hundreds of spectators. Organized by Gatka Federation USA, this championship aims to manage, standardize, promote, and popularize the Sikh martial art Gatka in the United States. The event, organized under the aegis of the World Gatka Federation, witnessed intense competition, with the Kansas Gatka Association securing the runner-up position and the NJ Gatka Association securing the third position. The championship was attended by over 100 enthusiastic participants, both boys and girls, representing various state Gatka associations and akharas of the United States. The event was jointly organized by Gatka Federation USA in collaboration with the host state, New York Gatka Chapter, known as New York Gatka Association. On the final day of the championship, prominent personalities including Gurinder Singh Khalsa, President Kalvinder Singh, Fresno, California, General Secretary Dr. Deep Singh and Dr. Tinna presented the trophies to the deserving winners. Gatka Federation USA officials expressed gratitude to all the volunteers for successfully organizing the National Level Gatka Championship in New York and congratulated all the winners.

7. "AI" becomes Collins Dictionary's Word of the Year 2023

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Collins Dictionary has declared “AI” as its Word of the Year for 2023, reflecting the increasing prominence of Artificial Intelligence in our daily lives. AI has been a central point of discussion this year, with its use quadrupling according to Alex Beecroft, managing director of Collins. The recognition comes as UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak hosted a summit to explore the potential benefits of AI while addressing the associated risks. Notably, AI has also played a role in music, with The Beatles using it to retrieve John Lennon's vocals from an old cassette to create his "Last Song", soon to be released Will go. Word of the Year selections by Collins Dictionary traditionally reflect the major engagements and discussions of a given year. In 2022, it was “permacrisis”, reflecting continued turmoil in British politics. A year ago, “NFTs” (non-fungible tokens) reached a peak of buzz, while 2020 was dominated by the word “lockdown” in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Each of these contenders reflects the diverse topics and trends that have shaped the public discussion during the year. The selection of “AI” as the word of the year underlines the growing importance of artificial intelligence in various aspects of our lives, from technology and industry to entertainment and beyond. The selection of “AI” as the Word of the Year is a testament to the growing ubiquity of Artificial Intelligence. From virtual assistants and smart devices to autonomous vehicles and health care applications, AI has become deeply integrated into modern life. Its impact is felt across all industries, and discussion over the potential of AI and its ethical and social implications has intensified.

8. Indigenous missile destroyer 'Surat' unveiled



Indian Navy's latest indigenous missile destroyer 'Surat' will be unveiled in Surat by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar will also attend the ceremony. The construction of this warship equipped with indigenous and guided destroyer missiles was started by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh in March last year. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh launched it on March 17, 2022 in Mumbai. It is the first warship to be named after any city in Gujarat. Four next generation stealth guided missile destroyers have been built under the latest frontline warship projects under construction. This is the fourth and last vessel. This warship is currently under construction at Mazagon Docks Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai. At the time of independence, the country's Navy was small, but at present the Indian Navy has become a very capable, war-ready, united, reliable and future capable force. Surat city has been the most important trading center for India and many other countries. The city has also been a prosperous center for shipbuilding operations. This is the first time that a warship is being unveiled in the same city after which it is named. Among the latest advance warship projects under construction, 'Project 15B' is the construction of the fourth Next Generation Stealth Guided Missile Destroyer of this programme, of which 'Surat' is the fourth and final ship. The warship is currently under construction at Mazagon Docks Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai. The construction of this warship is dedicated to the nation's pursuit of indigenous state-of-the-art warship building technology and strategic military advancements. At the time of independence, the country's navy was small but at present the Indian Navy has become a very capable, war-ready, united, reliable and capable force for the future.

QUIZ

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1. Where was the Vibrant Gujarat International Road Show organized recently?

A-Dubai

B- Paris

C- London

D- all

Gujarat Government organized Vibrant Gujarat International Roadshow in Dubai. This event was organized in connection with the preparations for the 10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit in January next year. This road show is an opportunity for industry representatives from Gujarat and UAE to interact, network and explore possibilities of collaboration. During the road show, an audio-visual presentation was given on Gujarat's cultural richness, natural beauty and investment potential. Industry representatives shared their experiences and expertise in the investment landscape of Gujarat.

2. Who has recently amended the guidelines for the appointment of Director General of Police of the state?

A- Home Ministry

B-Ministry of Defense

C- UPSC

D- all

Recently, the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has issued revised guidelines laying emphasis on specific criteria for appointment of Director Generals of State Police (DGP). The amendments introduced by UPSC aim to bring transparency to the already contained norms governing the selection process of state Director Generals of Police (DGP). These guidelines now clearly include norms to prevent bias and unfair appointments. The guidelines state that only officers with minimum six months of remaining service before retirement will be considered for the post of DGP of the state. The move is aimed at discouraging the practice of extending tenure by appointing "preferred officers" near the stage of retirement, thereby promoting fair selection.

3. Recently India and which country have signed Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement?

A- France

B-America

C- Italy

D- all

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4. Where will the Indian Navy Sailing Championship 2023 be held recently?

A-Mumbai

B- New Delhi

C-Kolkata

D- all

The most awaited and biggest regatta of the Indian Navy, the Yachting Championship (INSC) will be held in Mumbai. The Indian Naval Watermanship Training Center (INWTC), Mumbai, equipped with the finest sailing facilities in the country, is set to host over 100 Pan-Navy participants. The institute will test the sailing skills of the participants in five different classes of boats in three different formats of the regatta. INSC is an annual event organized under the aegis of the Indian Naval Yachting Association (INSA) at Naval Headquarters to encourage participation of Naval personnel in competitive sailing.

5. Which country has recently become the first country in the world to sterilize all its stray dogs?

A- Myanmar

B-Bhutan

C- China

D- all

Bhutan is a small country in South Asia. It is situated as a 'buffer state' between India and China. Recently Bhutan has become the first country in the world to sterilize stray dogs. Bhutan has been running a dog sterilization campaign for 14 years to control the

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population of stray dogs. Humane Society International was helped in this campaign. Bhutan's Prime Minister Lotay Tshering announced the completion of the National Dog Population Management and Rabies Control Project. This project was started in the year 2009. The capital of Bhutan is Thimphu.

6. Recently, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana has been extended by how many years?

A- 3 years

B- 4 years

C- 5 years

D- 6 years

80 crore poor people of the country will continue to get free ration for five years. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced this at an election rally in Chhattisgarh. In a rally, PM Modi announced that the government will extend the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) for five more years. This scheme was to end in December. But now it will be extended till 2028. Food Corporation of India (FCI) looks after the storage of grains in India. Till October 2023, there is 461.82 lakh metric tonnes of grain stock in FCI warehouses. It contains 221.67 lakh metric tonnes of rice and 239.95 lakh metric tonnes of wheat.

7. Where was the art exhibition 'Silent Conversation: From Margins to the Centre' inaugurated recently?

A- Jaipur

B- Indore

C- Kolkata

D- New Delhi

The President of India, Smt. Draupadi Murmu inaugurated an art exhibition titled Silent Conversations from Margins to the Center in New Delhi. The exhibition was organized by the National Tiger Conservation Authority and Sankala Foundation. This exhibition was organized on the occasion of completion of 50 years of Project Tiger of the Government of India. Project Tiger was started to create awareness about the status of tigers in the country and the world and the balance of nature with them.

8. Which software has been developed by the Election Commission recently for candidates and election management?

A- Pledge

B- Incore

C- E-Election

D- all

Election Commission has developed Incore App for candidates and election management. This will facilitate the election officers in the process of nomination, its verification, affidavit, voter number, counting of votes, election results and data management. This will help in preparing the final list of candidates and allocating election symbols. The Election Commission also has an online portal for filling nomination and affidavit. Information about financial sources, assets and liabilities of the candidates will be available through the affidavit portal. Through the Incore Nodal App, departments like Fire, Education, Police, Environment and Public Works will also issue No Objection Certificates on permission requests received from political parties or candidates for organizing rallies, road-shows and meetings.

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Recently, where will the Indian Navy Sailing Championship 2023 be held - **Mumbai**

Which country has become the first country in the world to sterilize all its stray dogs - **Bhutan**

Recently for how many years has the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana been extended - **5 years**

Where was the art exhibition 'Silent Conversations: From Margins to Center' inaugurated - **New Delhi**

Recently the 12th Foreign Office Consultations has been organized by India and which country - **Finland**

Which software has been recently developed by the Election Commission for candidates and election management - **Incore**

Justice SR Chaudhary has been appointed permanent judge of which High Court - **Calcutta High Court**

Where was Vibrant Gujarat International Road Show held recently - **Dubai**

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