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1. Hiralal Samaria became Chief Information Commissioner



Hiralal Samaria has become the new Chief Information Commissioner of the country. President Draupadi Murmu administered the oath to Samaria as the chief of the Central Information Commission (CIC). Samaria is a resident of Bharatpur, Rajasthan. Samaria has become the first Dalit Chief Information Commissioner of the country. Samaria is a 1985 batch IAS officer. Before this, he had also worked as Secretary of the Ministry of Labor and Employment. The post of Chief Information Commissioner was vacant since October 3, when Y. Of. Sinha's tenure was completed. Samaria was currently serving as Information Commissioner. Samaria was born on 14 September 1960 in a hill village in Bharatpur district of Rajasthan. He studied Civil (Hons) from Rajasthan University. After this he joined Civil Services in 1985. According to the information received from the Information Commission, he is Secretary and Additional in the Ministry of Labor and Employment. Have worked on the post of Secretary. He has also worked as Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers. Apart from this, he has also been Joint Secretary in Municipal Administration Secretariat, Hyderabad and Collector and DM in Karim Nagar. President Draupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to Samaria as Chief Information Commissioner during a ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan. After the appointment of Samaria as Chief Information Commissioner, eight posts of Information Commissioner are vacant. At present there are two Information Commissioners in the Commission. The Central Information Commission, the highest appellate authority for RTI matters, may have a Chief Information Commissioner and a maximum of 10 Information Commissioners. The Supreme Court had on October 30

directed the Central and State governments to take steps to fill the vacant posts in the Central Information Commission (CIC) and State Information Commissions (SIC), saying that failing which the Right to Information Act would be ineffective. ' Will be done.

2. Widespread displacement crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) .



A record 6.9 million people have been internally displaced due to the conflict in North Kivu, DRC. The M23 conflict, allegations against Rwanda and limited resources have led to a dire humanitarian situation. Fighting between M23 rebels and government-backed militias in North Kivu, DRC's eastern province, has worsened since October. The conflict is causing large-scale displacement, and the United Nations' International Organization for Migration (IOM) is deeply concerned about the humanitarian situation. By October 2023, the number of internally displaced people (IDPs) in the DRC is set to reach a record high of 6.9 million. It is the result of ongoing conflict and increasing violence, leading to one of the largest internal displacement crises globally. Most internally displaced people, approximately 5.6 million, are concentrated in the eastern provinces of North Kivu, South Kivu, Ituri and Tanganyika. The main cause of this displacement is conflict, with one million people forced to leave their homes in North Kivu due to the M23 conflict. The M23, which has been active since 2021, has been accused of receiving support from Rwanda by independent UN experts, the Congolese government, and Western countries such as the United States and France. Rwanda denies these allegations. The deteriorating security situation, particularly in North Kivu and Ituri, is causing more people to be displaced and their humanitarian needs increasing rapidly. The UN humanitarian agency, OCHA, reports that about 200,000 people have fled their homes since October 1 in the

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Rutshuru and Masisi areas, north of Goma. IOM emphasizes that the Congolese people have endured a series of crises for decades, but the recent escalation of conflict has displaced people at an unprecedented rate. The DRC faces challenges in providing humanitarian access due to security concerns. Additionally, more than two-thirds of internally displaced people are living with host families. IOM is managing 78 displacement sites hosting more than 280,000 people and providing mental health services for people experiencing psychological distress. However, they have received only \$37 million of the \$100 million needed for their operations in the DRC.

3. Hindu BusinessLine confers 'Changemaker of the Year' title on Reserve Bank of India



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under the leadership of its Governor Shaktikanta Das was recently honored with the 'Changemaker of the Year' award. The honor was part of the Hindu BusinessLine Changemaker Awards 2023, which was held at ITC Maurya in New Delhi on November 3. The awards ceremony, which was a resounding success, recognized and celebrated individuals and organizations who have made exceptional contributions to society, economy and the planet through his innovative ideas and tireless determination. The fifth edition of the prestigious BusinessLine Changemaker Awards highlights and rewards remarkable visionaries and achievers who have left a positive mark on society. These awards include various categories, which celebrate people who have contributed to the betterment of society, the economy and the planet. Specifically, the winners were celebrated in six categories – Changemaker of the Year, Iconic Changemaker of the Year, Changemaker – Social Transformation, Changemaker – Digital Transformation, Changemaker – Financial Transformation and Young Changemakers. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) received

the 'Changemaker of the Year' award for the vital role it played in handling the Indian economy during the pandemic. Das helped keep inflation under control and support economic growth. Over the past three years, India's economy and financial system faced significant challenges, including the pandemic and the war in Ukraine. Amidst these challenges, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) stood shining like a lighthouse in support of the economy. The RBI responded swiftly to the pandemic by reducing the repo rate to a historic low of 4%, ensuring liquidity and credit access when needed. As conditions improved, the RBI efficiently withdrew these measures while maintaining close supervision over banks and NBFCs.

4. Reserve Bank appointed Manoranjan Mishra as new executive director



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Manoranjan Mishra as its new Executive Director (ED). The bank gave this information. As Executive Director, Mishra will look after the work related to the Enforcement Department, Risk Monitoring Department and External Investment and Operations Department. Manoranjan Mishra was earlier working as Chief General Manager in the Regulation Department. Mishra has more than three decades of experience working in RBI. Mishra is a Post Graduate in Economics and MBA (Banking and Finance). He also holds a Master's degree in Finance and Financial Regulation from Aston Business School, UK. He is also an alumnus of Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha. In this role, Mishra will be responsible for ensuring that financial institutions adhere to the regulatory framework and maintain the highest standards of compliance. The enforcement department plays an important role in protecting the integrity of the financial system. Managing and reducing risks is the main function of any central bank. Mishra's responsibilities will include monitoring and analyzing

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various risks in the financial sector, providing early warning signals and formulating strategies to maintain stability and resilience in the banking and financial system. This department oversees RBI's external investments and operations, including its foreign exchange reserves. Mishra's role in this department will contribute to the effective management of India's foreign exchange reserves and investments abroad.

5. Chile becomes 95th member of International Solar Alliance



Now Chile has also joined India's International Solar Alliance. ISA equipment and documents were handed over to Angulo during the meeting. Now Chile has become the 95th member of this alliance. Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar spoke on artificial intelligence on Monday. He said that technology is at the peak of revolution. He said that AI will change the way we live, work and interact. AI is an opportunity as well as a challenge. Vice President Dhankhar reached IIT Bombay on Samovar. Here he talked to the students. The Vice President called upon them to engage in research and innovation. Urged them to use technology for social causes. Earthquake tremors have once again been felt in the Bay of Bengal. The European Union (EU) has deployed a military attaché to its mission in India, further strengthening the growing defense and strategic cooperation between the two sides. An official related to this gave this information on Monday. An attaché is a military officer who works in an embassy or mission. Let us tell you that this is the first time that the EU has appointed a military attache to India. The overall strategic relationship between India and the 27-nation EU has been growing steadily over the years. 623 children were rescued this year in the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) region. Also 16 smugglers were arrested. An official statement said that the Railway

Protection Force (RPF) conducted checking operations from January to October and rescued a total of 623 children, including 196 girls, and helped them reunite with their families.

6. Veteran West Indies player Sunil Narine retired from international cricket .



Cricketer Sunil Narine, who played cricket for West Indies for years, has retired from international cricket. He had not played cricket for West Indies for a long time. This 35-year-old West Indies cricketer played his last international match against India in 2019, which was a T20 match. Apart from him, he played his last match in ODI format against Pakistan in 2016, whereas it has been almost ten years since Sunil Narine played his last Test match. He played the last Test match of his career against New Zealand in December 2013. Therefore, Sunil Narine has not played a single international match for the last four years, and now he has finally said goodbye to his international career. However, Sunil Narine is quite popular in India, because he has been playing IPL for the last many years, and Sunil Narine is a big name in IPL. He is a key player of Kolkata Knight Riders, who contributes a lot with the ball, and sometimes plays explosive innings with the bat as well. Sunil is known for his dangerous and wicket-to-wicket bowling in IPL. Sunil Narine has also made a special record against Mahendra Singh Dhoni. Actually, Dhoni has hit many long sixes to many bowlers from all over the world in his international and IPL career, but Dhoni's bat becomes quiet against this West Indies bowler. Dhoni has not hit even a single six against Sunil Narine in IPL till date. Talking about fours, in the IPL matches played so far, Dhoni had hit only one four against this bowler, and that too came on a free hit. Dhoni has played 15 innings against Sunil in IPL, in which he has scored only 39 runs.

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7. Apart from the World Cup, high scoring final in Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, Punjab became champion by defeating Vadodara.



Punjab has won the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2023. In the final match, Punjab defeated Vadodara by 20 runs and won the title of T20 trophy of the domestic tournament. Batting first, Punjab put 223/4 runs on the board. In response to which Vadodara could reach only 203/7. These days, cricket lovers are busy with the Cricket World Cup 2023 being hosted by India. Punjab hoisted its flag in domestic cricket amid the World Cup. Anmolpreet Singh and Arshdeep Singh became heroes in the title match for Punjab. Anmol played an inning of 113 runs at a strike rate of 185.25, which included 10 fours and 6 sixes. Whereas in bowling, Arshdeep Singh took 4 wickets after spending only 23 runs in 4 overs. Apart from this, Nihal Vadhera scored unbeaten 61 runs. In the match, Vadodara won the toss and decided to bowl, which was completely wrong by the Punjab batsmen by batting first. The title match was played in Mohali. Vadodara team, which came to chase the huge target of 224, got its first blow in the very second over. Opener Jyotsnil Singh returned to the pavilion after scoring only 4 runs. However, fellow opener Ninad Rathwa played an inning of 47 runs in 22 balls with the help of 5 fours and 3 sixes. But he also returned to the pavilion in the 8th over. After this the team's third wicket fell at 164 runs in 16.4 overs. Abhimanyu Singh, who was batting at number three, became the victim of Arshdeep Singh after scoring 61 runs in 42 balls with the help of 3 fours and 4 sixes. After this, captain Krunal Pandya, who was batting at number four, was out for 45 runs (32 balls) on the first ball of the 19th over. The captain hit 3 fours and 1 six in his innings.

8. APEDA and Lulu Hypermarket partner to promote Indian agro-products exports



Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority has signed an MoU with global retail giant, Lulu Hypermarket LLC with an aim to promote Brand India globally. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with renowned global retail giant, Lulu Hypermarket LLC. The MoU, which focuses on promoting Brand India globally, was officially signed at the World India Food (WIF) 2023 event in New Delhi on November 3, 2023. The primary objective of this MoU is to promote exports of Indian agricultural products including millets to the Gulf Cooperation Countries (GCC). Lulu Group International (LLC), the partner in this endeavor, boasts a strong presence with a network of 247 Lulu stores and 24 shopping malls across the GCC, Egypt, India and the Far East. Lulu Group has earned a reputation as the fastest growing retail chain in the Middle East and Asia, making it an ideal partner for APEDA's mission. The MOU also outlines the plan of promotional activities for APEDA's scheduled products within the wider retail chain of Lulu Hypermarket. Under the terms of the agreement, Lulu Group has committed to actively promote and showcase a wide range of APEDA's agricultural and processed food products in its retail outlets. To ensure maximum visibility and impact, a dedicated shelf space, special sections or aisles will be allocated within Lulu Group stores to prominently display Apeda's products. APEDA and Lulu Group plan to engage with consumers through a series of activities to inform and educate consumers about the benefits of ethnic, unique and geographical indication (GI) tagged agricultural products. The activities include interactive events, sampling/tasting campaigns, season-specific promotions for fruits and

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vegetables, new product launches, and promotion of products originating from the Himalayan and North Eastern states, organic products and more.

QUIZ

1. National Cancer Awareness Day 2023 has been observed?

- (a) 7 November
- (b) 9 November
- (c) 8 November
- (d) 6 November

National Cancer Awareness Day is celebrated every year on 7 November in India to raise public awareness about early detection, prevention and treatment of cancer. According to data presented at the inauguration of the Indian Congress (ICC), currently 1.4 million (14 lakh) new cancer cases are reported every year in the country, scientists estimate that this will increase to 2 million (20 lakh) by 2040. Data shows that the highest number of cancer cases in India are being reported from the North-Eastern states. On this day people are made aware about cancer. The most serious types of cancer include breast cancer. According to a report by the Indian Council of Medical Research, 105.4 out of every 1 lakh women in India are undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Breast Cancer Awareness Month is celebrated in the month of October to prevent this serious cancer.

2. Which West Indies player has recently announced his retirement from international cricket?

- (a) Shai Hope
- (b) Nicholas Pooran
- (c) Sunil Narine
- (d) Jason Holder

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3. Which team won the title of Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Baroda

Punjab cricket team has won the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy title for the first time by defeating Baroda team. Anmolpreet Singh performed brilliantly for Punjab. Anmolpreet Singh has become the first cricketer to score a century in the final of Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy is a domestic T-20 cricket championship in India, which is organized by BCCI. Anmolpreet Singh and Arshdeep Singh became heroes in the title match for Punjab. Anmol played an inning of 113 runs at a strike rate of 185.25, which included 10 fours and 6 sixes. Whereas in bowling, Arshdeep Singh took 4 wickets after spending only 23 runs in 4 overs. Apart from this, Nihal Vadhera scored unbeaten 61 runs.

4. Who has become the first cricketer in the world cricket history to be timed out?

- (a) David Warner
- (b) Shakib Al Hasan
- (c) Babar Azam
- (d) Angelo Mathews

Sri Lankan middle-order batsman Angelo Mathews has become the first cricketer in the world to be timed out in the history of international cricket. He was given time out against Bangladesh in the ODI World Cup 2023. In the rules, 'time out' is also considered a type of out. According to ICC 40.1.1, the batsman has to come to play the next ball within 3 minutes after the fall of the wicket. It is noteworthy that in this World Cup this time has been fixed at 2 minutes.

5. Where is the second 'World Local Production Forum' being organised?

- (a) London
- (b) Hague
- (c) New York
- (d) New Delhi

Recently, the Indian delegation led by the Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers is participating in the 2nd 'World Local Production Forum' in The Hague. This is an initiative of the World

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Health Organization. The first World Local Production Forum was organized in the year 2021. It is being organized from 6th to 8th of this month.

6. With whom has APEDA signed an agreement to promote the export of Indian agricultural products?

- (a) Porter
- (b) Flipkart
- (c) Lulu Hypermarket
- (d) Amazon

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7. Who inaugurated the 'Children's Science Festival'?

- (a) Dr. Jitendra Singh
- (b) Rajnath Singh
- (c) Anurag Thakur
- (d) Amit Shah

Union Minister of State for Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Children Science Festival. Dr. Jitendra Singh also visited the stalls in the exhibition organized on this occasion. It was organized by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Indian Institute of Combined Medicine. Inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of New India and the social responsibility of the scientific community and institutions. Jigyasa is a student-scientist connect program implemented by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in collaboration with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS).

8. Which country has become the new member of the International Solar Alliance?

- (a) Canada
- (b) Kenya
- (c) South Africa

(d) Chile

Chile has become the 95th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA). The ISA endorsement document was handed over during the meeting of Chilean Ambassador Juan Angulo with Abhishek Singh, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, in New Delhi. During a meeting in New Delhi, Chilean Ambassador Juan Angulo handed over the Instrument of ISA Ratification to Abhishek Singh, Joint Secretary (Economic Diplomacy) in the Ministry of External Affairs, reinforcing the country's commitment to solar energy cooperation.

ONE LINER

National Cancer Awareness Day 2023 is observed on – **7th November**

Which country has become the new member of the International Solar Alliance – **Chile**

Who inaugurated 'Children's Science Festival'- **Dr. Jitendra Singh**

The first Australia-India Education and Skills Council (AIESC) meeting was held where – **Gandhinagar (Gujarat)**

Which team won the title of Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy- **Punjab**

Which West Indies player has recently announced his retirement from international cricket - **Sunil Narine**

Which award was the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently honored with under the leadership of its Governor Shaktikanta Das - **'Changemaker of the Year'**

With whom has APEDA signed an agreement to promote the export of Indian agricultural products- **Lulu Hypermarket**

Where is the second 'World Local Production Forum' being organized - **The Hague**

Who has become the first cricketer in the world cricket history to get time out – **Angelo Mathews**