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1. Uttarakhand will become the first state to adopt Uniform Civil Code (UCC).



Uttarakhand is set to become the first state in India to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), a historic step towards legal uniformity, gender equality and modernisation. Uttarakhand is on the verge of creating history as it prepares to become the first state in India to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC). In a move towards legal uniformity and gender equality, the state government is set to convene a special session after Diwali to approve the UCC Bill, a significant departure from the various personal laws that currently allow citizens to choose their religious affiliation. Control on the basis of. The impending UCC implementation in Uttarakhand places significant emphasis on gender equality and equal rights for daughters in ancestral properties. The move is part of a broader effort to create a legal framework that ensures fair treatment and opportunities for all citizens regardless of their gender, religion or sexual orientation. The five-member panel, led by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Desai, completed a draft report in June, which is expected to be submitted to the state government in the coming days. The report is likely to include strong recommendations on issues such as ban on live-in, polygamy and polyandry and emphasis on raising the marriageable age of girls. However, the suggestion to raise the marriageable age of women from 18 to 21 is notably absent. Uniform Civil Code comes under Article 44 of the Constitution, which advocates a uniform civil code throughout the country. However, as Article 37 makes clear, Directive Principles are guiding principles for government policies and cannot be enforced by courts. The UCC proposal is an important step towards legal modernization and is in line with the constitutional directive to work towards a Uniform Civil Code for all

citizens. As the UCC initiative gained momentum, it has faced resistance from conservative groups within various communities, including Hindu, Muslim, Sikh and other minority groups. These groups argue that their customs, which are often rooted in traditions dating back to the British rule, should remain untouched. Uttarakhand's bold step towards implementing the Uniform Civil Code is expected to set an example for other states. States like Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Assam are also gearing up to pass the code, reflecting a broader national trend toward legal reform. As of now, Goa is the only state with a civil code, which was introduced during Portuguese rule.

2. India will become the world's third largest economy by 2027



Sitharaman emphasized that the Indo-Pacific is undoubtedly the most economically dynamic region in the world. He said it includes 60 percent of global gross domestic product and about 50 percent of global merchandise trade. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has expressed hope that India can become the world's third largest economy by 2027, leaving behind Japan and Germany. Addressing the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue in New Delhi, Sitharaman said that despite global challenges, India's economic growth rate is estimated to be slightly less than seven percent during this year, which is the highest among major economies. He said that the Indian economy is on the right track and moving towards a bright future. Amid supply chain disruptions and economic turmoil caused by contemporary conflicts affecting the Indo-Pacific, whether in relatively distant Ukraine or relatively close Israel or Yemen, and tensions in the South and East China Seas, the Indian economy Standing in a bright place. "Even according to IMF's generally conservative

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projections, the Indian economy is set to emerge as the world's third largest economy by 2027, surpassing Japan and Germany, as its GDP crosses the five trillion dollar mark India wants to become a developed economy by 2047. Regarding India's 'Blue Economy', he said it is about four percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and there are massive opportunities here. 9 states on India's coasts and 4 union territories, with 12 major and 200+ non-major ports located along its coastline. India has a vast network of navigable waterways for international and domestic trade. According to UNCTAD, India was the world's most populous developing country in 2020. The Indo-Pacific is undoubtedly the world's most economically dynamic region. It accounts for 60 percent of global GDP and nearly 50 percent of global merchandise trade. On the other hand The Indo-Pacific is also a geopolitically disputed region, increasingly influenced by great power competition. As India accelerates its economic growth and uplifts its vast people, moving them from poverty to prosperity, it is enhancing its overall national strength as well as its international stature. Is.

3. Famous video chat app Omegle closed after 14 years



Popular video calling website, Omegle has announced to discontinue its services after 14 years. Platform founder Leif K-Brooks gave this information. The company was providing the service to users to do live video/text chat with strangers for 14 years. According to the report, Omegle has more than 23 million active users worldwide. At the same time, there are about 23 lakh daily active users in India only. Omegle founder Leif K-Brooks said in a statement that the website's operation was no longer economically or psychologically sustainable. He said that I thank all those who used it for positive purposes. It is believed that the company

has taken this decision after receiving complaints of online abuse. Let us tell you that during the Corona epidemic, the users of Omegle had increased significantly. Users of all age groups, from teenagers to adults, were connected on this platform. The company took the decision to shut down the platform at a time when regulators around the world were investigating it. Additionally, Omegle was accused of underage children posing as adults to talk to strangers on the website.

4. Virat Kohli created a new history in ODI cricket, broke Sachin Tendulkar's great record.



Cricket News Desk. In the semi-finals of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023, once again Virat Kohli's formidable form was seen and he broke Sachin's record. Kohli scored the 50th ODI century of his career at the Wankhede Stadium and broke Sachin's record of 49 ODI centuries. Kohli achieved this feat in the 279th innings of the 291st ODI match. Sachin played more than 400 matches to score 49 centuries but Virat Kohli broke his record in less than 300 ODI matches. Kohli has now become the batsman with the most centuries in ODI cricket history. When Virat Kohli came to bat in this match, Team India captain Rohit Sharma had prepared the stage for him. He put pressure on New Zealand's spinners by taking Team India beyond 70 in the 9th over. Even against Trent Boult and Tim Southee, Rohit batted as if there was something special among the bowlers on this pitch. Kohli came and batted a little cautiously in the beginning and later Kohli returned to form and scored his 50th ODI century. Virat Kohli faced 106 balls and crossed the 100 mark with the help of 8 fours and 1 six. In this match, Kohli broke another record of Sachin. He also became the highest run-scorer in a single World Cup edition. Sachin had scored 673

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runs in the 2003 ODI World Cup. Rohit Sharma definitely came close to Sachin's record with 5 centuries in the 2019 World Cup, but remained a few runs away. Virat Kohli has scored 711 runs in this World Cup. The Indian team's excellent form continues in the World Cup 2023. Kohli has scored three centuries and 5 half-centuries in this World Cup. The Indian team played 9 matches in the league in which Virat Kohli failed to score 50 plus only twice. Apart from this, Kohli has scored more than 50 runs in all the matches. In this World Cup, Kohli has scored runs at an average of 101 and his strike rate has been 90. He has hit 64 fours and 9 sixes.

5. India and ADB sign \$400 million agreement for urban infrastructure development



India has signed a \$400 million policy-based loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the development of high-quality urban infrastructure within the country. India has taken an important step towards developing high-quality urban infrastructure by signing a \$400 million policy-based loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The agreement, aimed at improving service delivery and promoting efficient governance systems, underlines the country's commitment to promote planned and sustainable urbanization. The first sub-programme, approved in 2021 with financing of \$350 million, laid the foundation for national-level policies and guidelines. These policies are designed to enhance urban services by addressing important aspects of urban planning and service delivery. The current emphasis is on creating a framework that supports systemic reforms for better urban living. The latest sub-programme, supported by a \$400 million loan agreement, focuses on investment planning and reform actions at the state and urban local body (ULB) levels. The agreement for this sub-program

was recently signed between Juhi Mukherjee, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, and Takeo Konishi, Country Director, India Resident Mission of ADB. The program is in line with the government's urban sector strategy, which emphasizes reforms that aim to make cities livable and hubs of economic growth. The focus is on developing inclusive, resilient and sustainable infrastructure that transforms urban areas into vibrant economic centres. Sub-Programme 2 actively supports the initiatives of States and ULBs in operationalizing the national flagship programme, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0. The program aims to achieve universal access to water supplies and sanitation, critical to ensuring the well-being of urban populations. The sub-programme emphasizes urban water security through measures such as reducing water wastage, recycling treated sewage for non-domestic use, rejuvenating water bodies and maintaining sustainable groundwater levels. These actions contribute to the broader goal of sustainable and resilient urban development.

6. Sixth high-level meeting of India-OPEC energy dialogue was held



The sixth high-level meeting of the Energy Dialogue between India and the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) was held on 9 November 2023 at the OPEC Secretariat in Vienna, Austria. The meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Haitham Al Ghais, Secretary General of OPEC and H.E. Honorable Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri. The open and candid discussions at the meeting focused on key issues related to the oil and energy markets, with particular emphasis on ensuring availability, affordability and stability, which are essential to ensure the stability of energy markets. Both sides discussed the short, medium

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and long term outlook for the energy industry and acknowledged India's important role in global economic growth and energy demand. Both sides paid special attention to the Global Oil Outlook 2023, which projects that India will be the fastest growing major developing economy with an average long-term growth of 6.1 per cent over the period between 2022-2045 and an incremental This will account for more than 28 percent of global energy demand. Both sides also noted the need for continued cooperation and dialogue in the interest of both producers and consumers while exploring more areas for future cooperation. HE Haitham Al Ghais said that the excellent state of the OPEC-India talks also extends to the development of positive relations between OPEC, its Member States and major Indian oil companies. He said that OPEC's relations with India are continuously becoming stronger. He praised India's balanced, realistic and pragmatic approach towards energy issues. HE Haitham Al Ghais also praised India's G-20 presidency, the landmark Chandrayaan mission, and highlighted its leadership role in addressing global issues of great importance. The Secretary-General said that India's leadership at the G-20 was impressive, with India's capable leadership successfully delivering this year's G-20 discussions, including on key energy issues. The meeting took note of the significant progress achieved so far in the framework of the negotiations, including at the technical and research levels. Last month, experts from both India and OPEC met under the 5th Technical Meeting of the India-OPEC Energy Dialogue on 27 October 2023 through video conferencing. The sixth high-level meeting of the India-OPEC Energy Dialogue concluded with both sides underlining the importance of promoting further cooperation between India and OPEC. The next high-level meeting of the India-OPEC Energy Dialogue will be held in India during 2024. It was agreed to organize.

7. Salman Rushdie received the first 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award'



Salman Rushdie received the 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award' by the Vaclav Havel Center on November 14, 2023. The author was present at the event to receive the award, but his presence was kept a secret until he stood up to receive it. Apparently, Rushdie's presence was kept a secret from the mob, as he had been attacked in New York the previous year, causing loss of vision in his right eye and problems with one arm. Threats to Rushdie's life primarily began after the release of his book 'Satanic Verses', which was followed by a fatwa against him, threats and ultimately a stabbing in August 2022, after which he remained in hiding for most of the year. The Havel Centre, formerly the Vaclav Havel Library Foundation, pays tribute to the Czech playwright and president who emerged after the fall of the communist regime in the late 1980s. Established in 2012, the centre's main objective is to perpetuate Havel's legacy of advocating human rights and free expression. It serves as a testament to his commitment to these values by promoting his ideals and principles, even after his death in 2011. In his speech, the author mentioned his friendship with Havel and how Havel supported Rushdie and his art during his time in hiding. Only last month, Rushdie had announced the release of his new book 'Knife: Meditations after an Attempted Murder'.

8. Rohit Sharma created history, became the batsman to hit most sixes in the World Cup

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Indian captain Rohit Sharma has completed half-century of sixes in the World Cup. Rohit made this record in the semi-final match of the World Cup 2023 being played against New Zealand at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. With his 50th six, Rohit Sharma has broken the record of legendary West Indies batsman and famous six-hitter Chris Gayle. Gayle had hit 49 sixes in the tournament. Now Indian captain and hitman Rohit Sharma has made this record in his name. The Indian captain scored 47 runs in 29 balls at a strike rate of 162.07, which included 4 fours and 4 sixes, in the semi-final against New Zealand. With these 4 sixes, Rohit Sharma has crossed the mark of 50 sixes in the World Cup and reached 51. Chris Gayle had hit 49 sixes in 34 innings of 35 matches. Whereas Rohit Sharma has hit 51 sixes in 27 innings of just 27 matches. Apart from hitting sixes, Rohit Sharma is also ahead of Chris Gayle in terms of scoring runs. Rohit Sharma has scored 1528 runs in 27 innings at an average of 61.12. Whereas Chris Gayle has scored 1186 runs in 34 innings at a strike rate of 35.93. Rohit is the fifth highest scorer in World Cup history. The leading run-scorer in the World Cup is Indian legend Sachin Tendulkar (2,278 runs in 44 innings, with six centuries and 15 fifties).

QUIZ

1. When is 'World Philosophy Day' 2023 being celebrated this year?

- (a) 15 November
- (b) 16 November
- (c) 17 November
- (d) 18 November

World Philosophy Day or World Philosophy Day is celebrated every year on the third Thursday of November, this time it is being celebrated on 16 November. In 2005, UNESCO established World Philosophy Day to recognize the important contribution of philosophy in shaping the future

society. This year's theme is "Philosophical Reflection in a Multicultural World".

2. Which player has made the record of scoring most runs in a single World Cup edition?

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) David Warner
- (c) Glenn Maxwell
- (d) Rohit Sharma

The ICC Men's ODI Cricket World Cup 2023 is being held in India. India's star batsman Virat Kohli has made the record of scoring most runs in a single World Cup. Kohli is currently the highest run-scorer in the Cricket World Cup 2023. With 711 runs in 10 matches, Kohli has overtaken Sachin Tendulkar's record of most runs in a single edition.

3. Where will the 'India International Science Festival' 2023 be organised?

- (a) Guwahati
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Faridabad
- (d) Lucknow

The 9th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2023 will be held in Faridabad, Haryana from January 17 to 20, 2024. The theme this time is "Science and Technology Public Outreach in the Age of Amrit". IISF is an initiative of the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Earth Sciences in collaboration with Vigyan Bharati.

4. When is National Press Day celebrated every year?

- (a) 14 November
- (b) 15 November
- (c) 17 November
- (d) 16 November

National Press Day is celebrated every year on 16 November in India. This day was started by the Press Council of India. On this day the importance of free press in democracy is talked about. Various events are organized across the country on this day to highlight the challenges faced by the media and the need for ethical journalism. It was started in the year 1977. The theme of National Press Day 2023 is "Media in the Era of Artificial Intelligence".

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5. Joint military exercise 'Exercise Mitra Shakti-2023' is being organized with India and which country?

- (a) USA
- (b) France
- (c) Germany
- (d) Sri Lanka

The 9th edition of the joint military exercise "Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023" is being organized in Pune, India. It will be organized from 16 to 29 November 2023. In this, India is being represented mainly by the soldiers of Maratha Light Infantry Regiment. The Sri Lankan side is being represented by soldiers of 53 Infantry Division. 15 soldiers of the Indian Air Force and five soldiers of the Sri Lankan Air Force are also participating in the exercise. The objective of the exercise is to jointly rehearse sub-conventional operations under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter. The scope of the exercise includes coordination of joint responses during counter-terrorism operations.

6. Which country will host the second edition of 'Voice of Global South Summit'?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) India
- (c) Thailand
- (d) Malaysia

The second edition of 'Voice of Global South Summit' will be hosted by India. The summit will focus on sharing the decisions taken at the G20 meetings during India's presidency with the countries of the global south. The first edition of the Voice of Global South Summit was hosted by India in virtual format in January this year.

7. With whose collaboration, Indian Railways is going to start 'Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train'?

- (a) Policy Commission
- (b) Ministry of Tourism
- (c) IRCTC
- (d) make my trip

Indian Railways is going to start 'Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train' in collaboration with IRCTC. It is being launched to promote 'Dekho Apna Desh' and 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiatives. Departing from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, the circular route will cover iconic destinations like Mumbai, Pune,

Solapur, Guntakal, Renigunta, Rameshwaram, Madurai, Kanyakumari, Kochuveli.

8. Who will be honored with the 19th 'Artist Award' recently?

- (a) Sanjay Jain
- (b) Rajesh Dhankhar
- (c) Apollinaris D'Souza
- (d) all

The 19th edition of the prestigious 'Artist Awards', organized by the Carvalho family of Kundapura in association with Mand Shobhan, Mangaluru, was awarded to prominent Konkani singer, lyricist and composer Apollinaris D'Souza. The award ceremony took place during a public event held on 5 November 2023 at Kalagan, Mangaluru. Born in 1953, Apollinaris D'Souza began his journey towards artistic excellence at a young age. After completing his education at St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, he moved to Oman in search of better opportunities. His passion for Konkani music, coupled with his dedication and creativity, paved the way for a remarkable career. Apollinaris's contribution to Konkani music has left an indelible mark both in Oman and his hometown, Mangalore.

ONE LINER

Where has the sixth meeting of India OPEC energy talks been held recently – **Austria**

Which country has recently signed a \$400 million agreement with ADB for the development of urban infrastructure - **India**

When is 'World Philosophy Day' 2023 being celebrated this year - **16 November**

When is National Press Day celebrated every year – **16 November**

Which player has made the record of scoring most runs in a single World Cup edition - **Virat Kohli**

Where will 'India International Science Festival' 2023 be organized – **Faridabad**

Indian Railways is going to start 'Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train' in collaboration with - **IRCTC**

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Joint military exercise 'Exercise Mitra Shakti-2023' is being organized with India and which country - **Sri Lanka**

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