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### **1.** Virat Kohli becomes player of the tournament in World Cup 2023



Indian star batsman Virat Kohli has been awarded the title of 'Player of the Tournament' in the ICC World Cup 2023 for his brilliant performance. Kohli has the highest score of 765 runs in the tournament, including three centuries. In the World Cup final played at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Australia ended India's unbeaten streak in the tournament and won the title by 6 wickets. This is the sixth time that Australia has won this title. The International Cricket Council (ICC) has named Virat Kohli as the ICC Men's ODI World Cup 2023 Player of the Tournament, as the Indian batsman has scored the most runs (765) by any player in the history of the tournament. In the final match against the victorious Australian team at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, Kohli scored 54 runs in 63 balls in challenging conditions. However, he had an excellent tournament overall, with three centuries and six halfcenturies at an average of 101.57 and a strike rate of 90.69. Virat Kohli won the Player of the Tournament award. Kohli's performance with the bat in the World Cup 2023 was excellent. King Kohli batted brilliantly and scored 765 runs in 11 matches. Virat played a century against New Zealand in the semi-final match, while in the final match also, Virat scored a half-century.

#### 2. India Vs Australia ICC World Cup Final 2023: Australia becomes World Cup champion, wins the title for the sixth time



India and Australia faced each other again in the ICC World Cup final after 2003, in which the Kangaroos once again won. Australia won the cup for the sixth time by defeating India by 6 wickets. India lived the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 as a celebration. With a brilliant start to the World Cup, India rode its victory chariot rapidly throughout the tournament. India played 11 matches during this period, in which India registered a resounding victory in 10 matches. However, the final match against Australia healed the wounds of 2003. After winning the toss in the final match, Australia invited India to bat first. The Indian team led by captain Rohit Sharma got a good start, but India got the first blow in the form of Shubman Gill (4) on 30 runs. After some time, Rohit Sharma (47) fell victim to Glenn Maxwell's ball at the score of 76 runs. Meanwhile, Shreyas Iyer (4) also became the victim of Pat Cummins on the second ball of the 11th over. The effect of 3 wickets in the first 11 overs was clearly visible on the Indian batting. After this, the pace of runs started slowing down and the Indian team struggled and barely reached the score of 240 runs, losing all 10 wickets, in which KL Rahul (66) and Virat Kohli (54) made the biggest contribution. Australia's start to chase the target of 241 runs was also not special. Three Australian players were out in the first 10 overs. After this, openers Travis Head and Marnus Labuschagne took charge of Australia's innings and made a partnership of 192 runs. Travis Head (137) was out on the fifth ball of the 43rd over, but by then the game had slipped out of India's hands. Maxwell completed the formalities by scoring 2 runs and Australia won the World Cup for the 6th time.

3. RBI imposed a fine of Rs 90.92 lakh on Axis Bank



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), taking major action on the country's largest private sector bank, Axis Bank, has imposed a fine of Rs 90.92 lakh on it. The central bank gave this information in a press release. The central bank said that this action has been taken on Axis Bank due to non-compliance of the rules made by RBI. According to the information given by the Reserve Bank of India, this action has been taken on Axis Bank because the bank did not follow the Know Your Customer (KYC) rules. The bank has failed to maintain records relating to identity and address details of some customers. After this, RBI imposed a fine of Rs 90.92 lakh on the bank for not following the 2016 guidelines related to KYC. Along with sharing the information about imposing penalty on Axis Bank, RBI has also made it clear that this action has been taken on the basis of deficiencies in regulatory compliance. The purpose of this action of the Central Bank is not at all to affect the validity of any transactions or agreements made by the bank with its customers (Axis Bank Customers).

#### 4. International Conference on Plant Health Management 2023 to be held in Hyderabad



The International Conference on Plant Health Management (ICPHM) 2023 is scheduled to take place in Hyderabad, India from 15 to 18 November. This important event is organized by the Plant Protection Association of India (PPAI), an organization with a rich heritage of 50 years in advancing plant protection at the national and international level. The objective of the conference is to provide a platform for global collaboration in promoting innovation and sustainability in the field of plant health management. The primary objective of ICPHM 2023 is to explore and capitalize on global opportunities in innovation and sustainability in the field of research and entrepreneurship related to plant health management. The objective of the conference is to bring together experts, researchers and stakeholders from around the world to discuss and deliberate on important issues and potential solutions in the field. Plant Protection Association of India (PPAI), established in 1972, has played an important role in the field of plant protection. As the organization celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2022, ICPHM 2023 stands as a testament to its enduring commitment to the advancement of plant health management on both the national and international fronts. The event featured key speakers including Dr. Sarada Jayalakshmi Devi, Vice Chancellor, ANGRAU, who highlighted the need to identify resistance genes to various pests and diseases. Dr. Devi stressed the importance of developing highyielding varieties by focusing on bio-control agents, natural enemies and eco-friendly applications. These insights provide a roadmap for agricultural innovation and resilience. Government view on plant protection and biosecurity Dr. S.C. Dubey, ADG Plant Protection and Biosecurity, ICAR, Government of India, New Delhi. His insights into policy ideas and regulatory frameworks added an important government perspective to the discussions. Dhanuka Group Chairman RC Agarwal also stressed the role of the industry in supporting sustainable farming practices.

5. Famous novelist A. S. Bayat dies at the age of 87



Acclaimed British novelist Antonia Susan Byatt, widely known as A.S. Known as. Byatt died at the age of 87.

With a literary career spanning nearly six decades, Bayat left an indelible mark on the literary world. Her notable work, "Position: A Romance," won her the prestigious Booker Prize in 1990. Byatt, sister of the novelist Margaret Drabble, drew parallels with the Brontës, and established herself as one of the most important writers and critics of her time. Born on August 24, 1936 in Sheffield, England, Byatt received her education at the Quaker School in York. He pursued further studies at Cambridge and Oxford, eventually teaching English and American literature in London from 1972. Byatt's literary journey began in 1964 with the publication of her first novel, "Shadow of a Sun". The work is based on the story of a young girl living under the shadow of an influential father. Despite further work thereafter, it was not until 1983 that Byatt made the momentous decision to leave teaching and devote himself fully to writing. In 1990, A. S. Byatt scored a breakthrough with "Position: A Romance," a novel that quickly became a bestseller and won the prestigious Booker Prize for fiction that same year. The story of an academic treasure hunt, pitting an American biographer against a beleaguered English scholar, marks a departure from Byatt's prior style, adopting a more commercially oriented approach. Byatt's contributions to literature led to numerous awards and titles, including CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) and DBE (Dame of the British Empire). Her literary prowess extended to the silver screen with the adaptation of "Positions" into a feature film starring Gwyneth Paltrow. Another of his works, "Angels and Insects" also took the path of cinematic adaptation.

#### 6. India granted record 41,010 patents so far in 2023-24



Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has said that the Indian Patent Office has granted 41,010 patents in this financial year till November 15, 2023, which is the highest. Regarding this, Goyal wrote on internet media platform X, 'This is a record. Highest number of patents granted in 2023-24. The Indian Patent Office has granted 41,010 patents till 15 November 2023, which has become a record. On this, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that this is a 'remarkable achievement'. This is a milestone in India's journey towards an innovation-driven knowledge economy. He said, 'The youth of India will greatly benefit from such progress.' Recently the Prime Minister had said that the increase in patent applications in India reflects the growing innovative enthusiasm of the youth here. This is a very positive thing for the future. There is a signal. According to the World Intellectual Property Organization report, there was a 31.6 percent increase in patent applications by Indians in 2022.

7. CDB unveils 'Hello Coconut' call center



Coconut Development Board (CDB) has recently launched "Hello Nariyal" Friends of Coconut Trees (FOCT) call center facility. In an important step to support coconut farmers and enhance coconut farming practices, Coconut Development Board (CDB) has recently launched "Hello Coconut" Friends of Coconut Trees (FOCT) call center facility. The objective of this initiative is to provide valuable assistance to farmers in various aspects of coconut harvesting and plant management operations. In the program of unveiling C.F. Joseph, Advisor, Horticulture, Priya Ranjan, Joint Secretary (Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture) and Prabhat Kumar, Horticulture Commissioner and CEO of CDB were present. The primary objective of the "Hello Coconut" initiative is to create a dedicated platform to cater to the needs of coconut growers, providing expert guidance and service related to coconut cultivation. This initiative is expected

to benefit farmers not only in Kerala but also in traditional coconut growing states like Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka through the respective unit offices of the Coconut Development Board. The "Hello Coconut" call center operates from the CDB headquarters in Kochi, acting as a central hub to provide assistance and information to coconut farmers. The call center is equipped with a team of experts ready to address queries and concerns related to coconut farming. The services extend to 1,924 registered Friends of Coconut Trees, ensuring wider reach.

### 8. Jimmy Kimmel becomes host of Academy Awards for the fourth time



The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences has announced that Jimmy Kimmel will return as host of the 96th Academy Awards in 2024, his second consecutive year and fourth overall. The decision follows Kimmel's successful tenure in 2023, where the ceremony garnered 18.7 million viewers, the most since the prepandemic broadcast in 2020. After the 2022 Oscars were marred by the controversial incident of Will Smith's slap directed at Chris Rock, Kimmel took charge of the 2023 ceremony. His approach was cautious, which contributed to stabilizing the Academy Awards after years of turmoil. This shows how Kimmel's hosting style played an important role in restoring the reputation of the Oscars. Jimmy Kimmel, known for his wit and humor, previously hosted the Oscars in 2017 and 2018. With the upcoming 96th Academy Awards, Kimmel is moving into the record books, having expressed his dream of hosting the Oscars exactly four times. However, he still has a long way to go to surpass the record set by Bob Hope, who hosted the Oscars 19 times, either alone or as a co-host. Billy Crystal also holds an important place in the history of Oscar hosting,

having hosted nine shows between 1990 and 2012. Jimmy Kimmel's return as host joins him in the esteemed company of those who have hosted the Oscars four times. This exclusive club includes names like Whoopi Goldberg and the late Jack Lemmon. While only a handful have achieved this milestone, Kimmel's repeated appearances reaffirm his ability to engage and entertain audiences on Hollywood's grandest night.

#### QUIZ

- 1. Recently, RBI has imposed a fine of Rs 90.92 lakh on which bank? A- Axis Bank
- B- Yes Bank
- **C-HDFC Bank**
- D- all

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### 2. Who has been recently appointed the captain of Pakistan T20 team?

- A- Shaheen Afridi B- Mohammad Siraj
- C- Shaheen Shah
- D- all

After Pakistan's shameful performance in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023, there have been a lot of changes in the team. Pakistan's regular captain Babar Azam had resigned from the captaincy of all three formats after the World Cup. Just hours after Babar Azam stepped down from the captaincy, the name of the new Test and T20 captain of the Pakistan cricket team was announced. On one hand, Shan Masood has been given the captaincy in the test. At the same time, fast bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi will take charge of

Pakistan's T20. On the other hand, former Pakistan captain Mohammad Hafeez has been given the new responsibility of team director. Apart from this, Pakistan Cricket Board has also changed the portfolio of Pakistan coaching staff. All coaches will continue to work at the National Cricket Academy.

### **3.** Recently, which country has got a record 41010 patents in 2023-24?

A- China B-America

#### C- India

#### D-all

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### 4. Where has Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri recently launched CITIIS 2.0?

#### A-Mumbai

- **B- Faridabad**
- C- New Delhi

#### D-all

Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has launched the CITIIS (Cities Investment to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain) 2.0 Challenge. All 100 smart cities under the Smart City Mission will be able to apply for this scheme. In the month of May this year, the Central Government had approved a big plan to convert 18 cities into green cities and these cities will be selected on the basis of this competition. In this plan to make cities green and clean, special attention will be given to integrated waste management projects in the city. The Housing Ministry will also help the cities in this campaign to take forward the campaign of clean and beautiful cities.

### 5. Who has recently completed the world's first ship to ship LNG transfer?

A- BHEL

B-ONGC C- GAIL

### D-all

Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has successfully executed the world's first ship-to-ship Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) transfer to reduce shipping costs and significantly cut emissions. In an unprecedented move, the country's leading gas company, Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has successfully executed the world's first ship-to-ship liquefied natural gas (LNG) transfer. This innovative approach aims to reduce shipping costs and significantly cut emissions, which comes at a crucial moment for GAIL as it is exploring unconventional ways to scale up its business operations. GAIL has won a contract for 5.8 million tonnes per annum of LNG from the United States. Traditionally, this quantity is delivered to India through LNG ships, which cover a huge distance of approximately 19,554 nautical miles for a round trip. The journey, which includes passing through the Suez Canal and Gibraltar, takes about 54 days and emits about 15,600 tonnes of CO2.

### 6. Where has a new gecko species been discovered recently?

- A- Manipur
- **B- Mizoram**

C-Assam

**D- Nagaland** 

A new species of lizard has recently been discovered in the northeastern state of Mizoram. Scientists have named it 'Gecko Mizoramensis'. This gecko lizard has been discovered by researchers from Mizoram University and Max Planck Institute for Biology. This lizard is a new species like other flying geckos which is about 20 centimeters long. It is nocturnal and glides from one tree to another. It is one of the 14 species of gecko that can glide in the air. Geckos are found in almost all continents except Antarctica. These colorful lizards have adapted to live in everything from rainforests to deserts and cold mountain slopes. Of the 335 lizard species in the world, 42 species are found in India.

### 7. Who has become the Player of the Tournament in World Cup 2023?

A- Virat Kohli

- B- Rohit Sharma
- C-Shubman Gill
- D-Ravindra Jadeja

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8. Acclaimed British novelist Antonia Susan Byatt, widely known as A.S. At what age did the person known as, died?

A- 80 years

- B-83 years
- C-82 years

#### D-87 years

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#### **ONE LINER**

Cyclone 'Midhili', which recently originated in the Bay of Bengal, will hit which country – Bangladesh

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