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## 1. Rural retail inflation has been ahead of urban inflation in 18 out of 22 months



According to the latest data from the National Statistics Office, rural retail inflation has outpaced its urban counterpart in 18 of the last 22 months, from January 2022 to October 2023. As the central government continues its efforts to tackle economic challenges, recent data from the National Statistical Office (NSO) reveals a worrying trend in India's inflation dynamics. Despite initiatives such as the extended free-food program and ongoing efforts to stimulate rural demand, rural inflation has consistently been higher than urban inflation in 18 of the last 22 months, from January 2022 to October 2023. Over the reported period, rural retail inflation has maintained a higher trajectory than its urban counterpart, pointing to a persistent economic divide between rural and urban areas. The most recent NSO data released last week shows that the consumer price index-based (CPI-based) rural retail inflation rate has exceeded the urban inflation rate for the fourth consecutive month in October 2023. While the rural-urban inflation gap persisted for most of the time frame, there was a brief respite between March and June 2023 when rural retail inflation temporarily fell below urban inflation. However, this relief appears to be short-lived. In October 2023, rural inflation stood at 5.12%, showing a sustained upward trend in rural price levels. In contrast, urban inflation during the same period was recorded at 4.62%, highlighting the continuing disparity in inflation rates between rural and urban areas. Persistently high rural inflation raises questions about the effectiveness of the free-food program, designed to ease economic stress in rural areas. Despite ongoing efforts to stimulate rural demand, persistently high inflation in rural areas indicates that challenges remain in achieving sustained economic growth and demand in these areas.

## 2. Maharashtra government will give Lata Mangeshkar Award to Suresh Wadkar.



Maharashtra government has honored veteran playback singer and National Award winner Suresh Ishwar Wadkar with the prestigious 'Ganasamragini Lata Mangeshkar Award' for 2023. It was announced by Cultural Affairs Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar. Wadkar, 68, a Sangeet Natak Akademi (2018) winner, will be presented with a cash prize, a citation and a memento as part of the award at a function later, an official said. Hailing from a simple family from Kolhapur, Wadkar was a wrestler in his younger days and then became a music teacher in Mumbai before winning a singing competition in 1976, which gave him his first playback singing opportunity with the late music director Ravindra Jain in 1977. Got a chance. His early hit numbers were "Sona Kare Jhilmil Jhilmil" (Film 'Paheli'), "Seene Mein Jalan" ('Gaman'), which caught the attention of Lata Mangeshkar and she recommended him to other top musicians of that time. Apart from teaching music to the next generation, he sang songs in many Indian languages and in different styles. Mungantiwar also announced other major award winners in various categories, including Pandit Ulhas Kashalkar, Pandit Shashikant S. Mulye, Suhasini Deshpande, Ashok Samel, Naina Apte-Joshi, Pandit Makrand Kundle and others.

## 3. India-Sri Lanka joint military exercise 'Mitra Shakti' begins

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The ninth edition of the joint military exercise between India and Sri Lanka began in Pune. During this exercise the focus will be on achieving high level coordination among the troops. The officers provided this information. Military exercise 'Mitra Shakti-2023' is being organized in Aundh, Pune from 16th to 29th November. The Indian contingent is being represented primarily by 120 soldiers from the Maratha Light Infantry Regiment, the Defense Ministry said. The Sri Lankan side is 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 Seven of the United Nations Charter. The scope of the exercise includes coordinating joint responses during counter-terrorism operations. Both sides will practice tactical operations like raids, search and destroy missions, heliborne operations etc. Apart from this, 'Army Martial Arts Routine (AMAR),' Combat Reflex Shooting and Yoga are also part of the exercise. Apart from helicopters, the military exercise 'Mitra Shakti-2023' will also include the use of drones and unmanned anti-aircraft systems. Securing helipads and casualty evacuation during counter-terrorism operations will also be jointly practiced by both sides. Both sides will focus on achieving enhanced levels of interoperability between troops and reducing risk to life and property while keeping the interests and agenda of the United Nations at the forefront during collective peacekeeping operations. Officials said sharing of best practices will further enhance the level of defense cooperation between the Indian Army and the Sri Lankan Army. This exercise will also promote stronger bilateral relations between the two neighboring countries.

## 4. 'Amini' Indian Navy launches fourth anti-submarine warfare craft



Indian Navy launches Amini, its most sophisticated and state-of-the-art shallow water craft for anti-submarine warfare. The fourth of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) projects was named "Amini" It is said. It was started in Kattupalli, Tamil Nadu. Chief of Material Vice Admiral Sandeep Naithani conducted the launch ceremony. INS Amini, the fourth of the eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) being built for the Indian Navy by Defense PSU Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), was launched. Amini was built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Constructions for the Indian Navy. 'Amini' The name reflects the strategic maritime importance of Amini Island in Lakshadweep, located about 400 km west of Kochi. This, 77 meters long and displacement of 900 tonnes ASW SWC ships, has a maximum speed of 25 knots and an endurance of approximately 1800 nautical miles. CSL commenced the construction work of the project with steel-cutting of the first ASW-SWC vessel, Mahe (BY 523) at Kochi on December 1, 2020. GRSE began construction of two more boats under its contract with respective steel-cutting ceremonies in July 2021. On December 1, 2021, CSL began steel-cutting of the fourth and fifth boats of the series. Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) Corvette is a type of Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) vessel being developed for the Indian Navy. They were intended to replace the Indian Navy's aging Abhay-class corvettes. They are also intended to perform other functions such as minelaying, search and rescue, and defense against unauthorized aircraft (SAR). They will also conduct anti-submarine operations in coastal waters as well as LIMO and mine laying missions.

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## 5. Indian American Shakuntala Bhaya, appointed to the Administrative Conference of America



President of the United States Joe Biden has appointed Shakuntala L. Bhaya, an accomplished and dedicated legal professional, as a member of the Administrative Conference of the United States Council. US President Joe Biden has recently announced several key appointments, including the notable selection of Indian American Shakuntala L Bhaya to a key role. According to the White House, Bhaya has been appointed as a member of the Council of Administrative Conference of the United States of America. Shakuntala L. Bhaya, co-owner of the Law Offices of Doroshow, Pasquale, Kravitz & Bhaya, a statewide Delaware law firm, brings a wealth of legal experience to her new role. His legal practice is dedicated to representing individuals who have suffered serious injuries due to unsafe decisions made by businesses and individuals. Bhaya's commitment to justice and advocacy is reflected in his work over the years, earning him a reputation as a dedicated and accomplished legal professional. Apart from her legal career, Bhaya has been actively engaged in the politics of Delaware (a US state) for many years. Currently serving as a member of the State Executive Committee of the Delaware Democratic Party, Bhaya plays a key role in shaping the political landscape in the state. His involvement extends to his seven-year term as a member of Governor Carney's Judicial Nominating Commission, reflecting his commitment to public service and governance. As former President of the Delaware Trial Lawyers Association, Bhaya is steadfast in his commitment to protecting the rights of consumers. She actively advocates for the 7th Amendment right to jury trials and access to the courts, and emphasizes the importance of ensuring justice for individuals who have been harmed by the actions of

other individuals. She is also a champion of diversity, equality and inclusion. As the first South Asian Indian to be admitted to the Delaware Bar Association, Bhaya has paved the way for all others to follow. His ongoing efforts to promote diversity in the legal profession and politics align with his broader commitment to creating a more inclusive society.

## 6. Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2022 awarded to COVID-19 warriors



The Indira Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2022 was jointly awarded to the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and the Trained Nurses Association of India on November 19. The prestigious Indira Gandhi Award for Peace, Disarmament and Development for the year 2022 was jointly awarded to the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and the Indian Trained Nurses Association. The award ceremony took place on 19 November, where former Vice President Hamid Ansari was presented by Dr Sharad Kumar Agarwal, President, IMA and Professor (Dr) Roy K, President, Indian Trained Nurses Association. This honor was given to George. This award is a mark of respect for the tireless efforts of the COVID-19 warriors in India. Congress Parliamentary Party President Sonia Gandhi, who heads the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust, emphasized that this recognition is a tribute to every doctor, nurse, paramedic and assistant for their selfless service, dedication and perseverance in the face of unprecedented challenges posed by the pandemic. extends to employees. As Chairperson of the Trust, Sonia Gandhi highlighted the significance of the award named after one of the most remarkable leaders of the 20th century. He said the objective of the Indira Gandhi Award is to honor individuals and institutions that have

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displayed exemplary work in the service of humanity and the planet. Gandhi acknowledged the outstanding contribution of these COVID-19 warriors and their dedication to the principles that Indira Gandhi championed during her illustrious career. Reflecting on the life of Indira Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi underlined the former Prime Minister's ability to overcome challenges. From challenging orthodoxy in politics to introducing pro-poor policies and fighting hunger on the international stage, Gandhi highlighted India's role as a brave warrior for the interests of the people. He also credited Indira Gandhi for her leadership in the enactment and implementation of the National Health Policy in 1983, which laid the foundation for a more comprehensive and accessible health system in India.

## 7. 'Dhoom' Director Sanjay Gadhvi passes away at the age of 56



"dhoom" Famous series director Sanjay Gadhvi passed away at the age of 56. Sanjay was known for films like Dhoom and Dhoom 2. The film director and writer died a few days before turning 57. He reportedly had no prior health issues. The filmmaker rose to fame with his third directorial venture, Dhoom, a stylish action thriller that gave rise to the motorbiking trend among Indian youth in the early 2000s. The success of Dhoom led to the creation of a film series. Gadhvi directed the blockbuster sequel, Dhoom 2, in 2006, starring Bachchan, Chopra, Hrithik Roshan, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and Bipasha Basu. However, the third installment was released in 2013, directed by Vijay Krishna Acharya, starring Bachchan, Chopra, Aamir Khan and Katrina Kaif. Gadhvi's directorial portfolio includes Kidnap (2008), Ajab Gazab Love (2012), and Operation Parindey, his last directorial release in 2020. Gadhvi made his directorial debut in 2000 with the film 'Tere Liye', after which he made 'Mere Yaar Ki Shaadi Hai' in 2002, which was his first film with Yash Raj Films.

## 8. India may continue to enforce the ban on rice exports further



India, a major global exporter of rice, is likely to extend the ban on foreign sales until next year. The decision is set to keep rice prices near their highest levels since the 2008 food crisis. The impact of the ongoing ban on rice exports will put further pressure on prices in the global market. Anyway, after the ban on rice export last month, prices have reached the highest level in 15 years. Low prices and ample reserves have helped India become a top shipper of rice globally over the past decade. India alone currently exports about 40 per cent of total global exports. African countries Benin and Senegal top the list of largest rice buyers from India. The PM Modi-led government is likely to continue to tighten restrictions on rice exports to curb rising domestic prices and provide relief to Indian consumers. The restrictions are likely to remain in place as long as domestic rice prices continue to face upward pressure. The ban pushed rice prices to a 15-year high in August, as buyers in the most vulnerable importing countries halted purchases and some sought rebates. Rice prices in October were also 24% ahead of a year earlier, the UN report said. The arrival of El Nino destroys crops throughout Asia. This could further tighten the global rice market at a time when world reserves are headed for a third consecutive annual decline. The Thai government has said that due to dry weather, paddy production in the number-2 exporting country is likely to decline by 6 percent in 2023-24. In such a situation, after India, Thailand can also cut exports, due to which huge pressure can be seen on the prices of rice in the global market.

### QUIZ

1. When was 'Naturopathy Day' celebrated recently?  
(a) 16 November

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(b) 17 November

(c) 18 November

(d) 10 November

Naturopathy Day is celebrated every year on 18 November to promote naturopathy in the country. On 18 November itself, Mahatma Gandhi became a life member of the Nature Cure Foundation Trust and signed the deed. Gandhiji is considered to be the founding figure of naturopathy in India, because it was due to his efforts that this treatment system became popular in India. The fifth edition of Naturopathy Day is being celebrated in the year 2023. This day was started in the year 2018. The main program of this day was organized at the National Institute of Naturopathy in Pune. The theme of this day of the year 2023 has been kept 'Naturopathy: An Integrative Medicine'.

**2. 54th 'International Film Festival of India' In which state is it being organized? Being organized?**

(a) Maharashtra

(b) Uttar Pradesh

(c) Rajasthan

(d) Goa

The 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) is being organized in Goa. It was inaugurated at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Bambolim. Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the 9-day program in which 270 films will be shown. Thakur also inaugurated the Film Bazaar which is organized every year along with IFFI.

**3. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank?**

(a) Ashok Vaswani

(b) Rajeev Awasthi

(c) Vivek Sinha

(d) Ashwani Narayan

The Board of Kotak Mahindra Bank approved the appointment of Ashok Vaswani as Director, Managing Director and CEO of the bank. Last month, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had approved the appointment of Vaswani as the MD and CEO of the bank for a period of three years. Vaswani has been the Chief Executive Officer of Britain's Barclays Bank.

**4. Brijinder Nath Goswami passed away recently, he was a famous \_\_\_\_\_.**

(a) a politician

(b) Journalist

(c) Historian

(d) scientist

Famous historian and critic Brijinder Nath Goswami passed away. He was 90 years old He wrote 27 books on art, his last book being "The Indian Cat: Stories, Paintings, Poetry, and Proverbs". He was also awarded the Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri. Born on August 15, 1933, in Sargodha in undivided Punjab, Goswami completed most of his education in Hoshiarpur, where his father was posted as a judge. After coming to Punjab University, he went to Chandigarh as a professor of history.

**5. Who has been awarded the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize?**

(a) NITI Aayog

(b) Indian Medical Association

(c) Indian Trained Nurses Association

(d) Both B and C

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**6. 72nd Miss Universe Shanice Palacios is from which country?**

(a) Nicaragua

(b) Thailand

(c) Japan

(d) El Salvador

Miss Nicaragua Shennis Palacios was crowned the 72nd Miss Universe. Antonia Porsild of Thailand and

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Moraya Wilson of Australia were the first and second runners-up respectively. Shanice Palacios also represented Nicaragua at the Miss World 2021 pageant. It was organized in El Salvador. "Miss Universe 2023 is Shennis Palacios," Miss Universe 2023 posted on her Instagram page. A total of 84 contestants participated in this competition. 20 contestants were selected in the semi-final round. Indian model Shweta Sharda was also included in these 20 contestants. Shweta Sharda is a resident of Chandigarh. India's hopes were dashed as soon as they reached the semi-finals. He was not selected in the top 10 in the final round. Shennis Palacios of Nicaragua won the final round.

**7. "Dhoom" At what age did the famous series director Sanjay Gadhvi die?**

- (a) 56 years
- (b) 48 years
- (c) 50 years
- (d) 65 years

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**8. Which state has recently got the first position in inland fish farming (plain area)?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) all

Uttar Pradesh has secured the first position in the entire country in inland fisheries-plains sector. The Cabinet Minister of Uttar Pradesh told that last year the fishery production in the state was eight point zero nine lakh metric tons, whereas this year till now the department has produced nine point one five lakh metric tons. Similarly, while the fish seed production

last year was 27 thousand 128 lakh metric tons, this time till now it is 36 thousand 187 lakh metric tons.

## ONE LINER

When has 'World Toilet Day' been celebrated recently - **19 November**

In which state is the 54th 'International Film Festival of India' being organized – **Goa**

72nd Miss Universe Shennis Palacios is from which country - **Nicaragua**

Dhoom" At what age did the famous series director Sanjay Gadhvi die - **56 years**

Which state has recently got the first position in inland fish farming (plain area) – **Uttar Pradesh**

Who has been awarded the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize- **Indian Medical Association and Indian Trained Nurses Association**

Which team won the title of ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023- **Australia**

Who was named Player of the Match in the final of ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 - **Travis Head**

Brijinder Nath Goswami passed away recently, he was a famous - **historian**

When has 'Naturopathy Day' been celebrated recently - **18 November**

Where will All India Football Federation FIFA Academy be launched - **Bhubaneswar**