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1. Former US First Lady Rosalynn Carter dies at the age of 96



Rosalynn Carter, wife of former President Jimmy Carter and former First Lady of the United States, known as “Steel Magnolia,” has died at the age of 96. Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter were the longest-married presidential couple, having been married in 1946 when he was 21 and she was 18. After his single term ended in 1981, he enjoyed his later years in the White House more than any president before him, and he played a key role during those years, founding the nonprofits Carter Center and Habitat. Part of the For Humanity charity was also included. "The best thing I did was marry Rosalynn," Carter told the C-Span cable TV channel in 2015. "This is the pinnacle of my life." Before coming to Washington in 1977, she was seen as modest and quiet, but she developed into a brilliant speaker, campaigner and activist. Before Jimmy Carter was elected president in 1976, Roslyn was largely unknown outside Georgia, where her husband was a peanut farmer turned governor. A Democrat, he served one four-year term, losing his re-election bid in 1980 to Ronald Reagan, a Republican former California governor and Hollywood actor. In 2001, Rosalynn Carter had the honor of being inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, New York. This honor marked her as the third First Lady to be inducted into the Hall of Fame's esteemed ranks, joining Abigail Adams and Eleanor Roosevelt.

2. India helps Gaza amid Israel-Hamas conflict



India is delivering the second batch of aid, including 32 tonnes of essential supplies, to Gaza via Indian Air Force C17 aircraft amid the Israel-Hamas conflict. India has once again demonstrated its commitment to provide humanitarian assistance in the Gaza Strip amid the escalating conflict between Israeli forces and Hamas terrorists. The second batch of aid, carried by C17 aircraft of the Indian Air Force, includes 32 tonnes of essential supplies. The plane is destined for Egypt's El-Arish airport, about 45 km from the Rafah crossing, the only entry point for humanitarian aid into Gaza. The initiative follows India's earlier contribution on October 22, where the country sent the first batch of aid, which included 6.5 tonnes of medical aid and 32 tonnes of disaster relief materials. The assistance includes life-saving medicines, surgical supplies, tents, sleeping bags, tarpaulins, sanitation facilities and water purification tablets, addressing the immediate needs of Palestinians affected by the ongoing conflict. The impact of the conflict on Gaza has been particularly devastating, with Al-Shifa, the region's largest hospital, facing significant challenges in maintaining operations. The Hamas health ministry in Gaza reported several deaths in hospitals due to power cuts caused by fuel shortages. Israel's evacuation order further escalated tensions after the military claimed to uncover a Hamas tunnel shaft and a vehicle with weapons during a recent search of the hospital compound. The assessment conducted by a team led by the World Health Organization (WHO) and other UN officials described al-Shifa as a “death zone”. Despite efforts to evacuate many patients, a UN team revealed that approximately 291 patients, including 32 critically ill infants, remained in hospital.

3. Former RBI Governor S Venkataramanan passes away

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Former Governor of Reserve Bank of India S Venkataramanan passed away at the age of 92. Venkataramanan was a member of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and served as Finance Secretary and later advisor to the Government of Karnataka before assuming the role of Reserve Bank Governor. Venkataramanan worked in RBI between December 1990 and December 1992. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das praised him as an 'outstanding personality' and 'public servant' and remembered his immense contribution during the crisis. The Reserve Bank said that during his tenure the country had to face difficulties related to the external sector. His efficient management helped the country overcome the balance of payments crisis. Venkataramanan also worked as Finance Secretary in the Finance Ministry from 1985 to 1989. When Venkataramanan was made the governor, the Chandra Shekhar government was in power. He was aware of the Balance of Payment Transfer Crisis, which had almost depleted the country's foreign exchange reserves. For this reason he got the responsibility of Governor. He also served as Finance Secretary and Advisor to the Government of Karnataka. After assuming the post of Governor of RBI, he also remained the Governor. The biggest stock market scam also came to light during his tenure as RBI Governor. After retirement, he was the chairman of Ashok Leyland Investment Services, New Tripura Area Development Corporation and Ashok Leyland Finance. He was also a part of the boards of companies like Reliance Industries, SPIC, Piramal Healthcare, Tamil Nadu Water Investment Company and HDFC.

4. Bihar Governor approves bill to increase reservation from 50% to 65%



Bihar Governor, Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar approved the 'Bihar Reservation Amendment Bill'. This legislative development comes after the state government unanimously passed the bill during the winter session with the Chief Minister. The way for 65 percent reservation in Bihar has been cleared. Scope of reservation increased for SC-ST, OBC-EBC. In this context, the General Administration Department of Bihar will publish the gazette. After that it will come into effect. The bill was passed unanimously in the Assembly and Legislative Council in the winter session of the Bihar Legislature. There was a proposal to increase the scope of reservation from 50 to 65 percent. By adding 10 percent of EWS it will become 75 percent. Scheduled Castes will get 20 percent reservation, Scheduled Tribes will get 2 percent, Most Backward Castes will get 25 percent and Backward Classes will get 18 percent reservation. At the same time, the provision of 10 percent reservation for people belonging to economically weaker general category will remain applicable as before.

5. Javier Milei becomes the new President of Argentina



Argentina's right-wing leader Javier Milei has won the country's presidential election. The Argentine people have cast their vote on an outsider with radical ideas to

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fix an economy suffering from triple-digit inflation, a growing recession and growing poverty. In a surprising turn of events, Argentines have elected Javier Milei as their next president, a self-proclaimed anarcho-capitalist whose sensationalist rhetoric has been compared to that of former US President Donald Trump. With 55.8% of the vote, Milei's victory marked the largest margin since Argentina's return to democracy in 1983, defying all electoral forecasts. This article highlights key aspects of Milei's campaign, the economic challenges facing Argentina, and the implications of her victory. In the official results, Milei got about 56% of the votes while his rival Sergio Massa got a little more than 44% of the votes. The result once again surprised pollsters who had predicted a close contest. Argentina is currently facing an economic crisis. In this election, Javier has made many promises to relieve the people from economic problems, this also includes abolishing Argentina's central bank and implementing a new system. Argentina's new President, Javier Milei, is considered anti-China. Apart from China, he also criticizes Brazil a lot. Xavier has reiterated many times that he will not make any deal with any communist country. However, after winning the elections, Brazilian President Lula Silva congratulated him. Xavier Milei has also been very popular for his different style. He was often seen with a saw at rallies. His bringing the saw with him was considered a symbol of his promises to cut down. However, later he stopped carrying it with him.

6. India ranks third in global unicorn ranking with 72 unicorn companies



In the global unicorn ranking, India is ranked third with 72 unicorn companies, while the United States is at the top with 668 unicorn companies, and China is at the

second position with 172 unicorn companies. In the dynamic world of startups and unicorns, India has secured the third position globally with an impressive number of 72 unicorn companies. The cumulative valuation of these unicorns stands at a staggering \$195.75 billion, reflecting the country's growing strength in the international startup ecosystem. India's unicorns play a significant role in the global unicorn landscape, contributing a significant 5% to the total valuation of unicorn companies worldwide. The information comes from a comprehensive research study conducted by the journalistic organization, which sheds light on India's influence and position in the competitive startup sector. The first Indian company to make a mark on the global stage is BYJU's, which has secured the 36th position with a remarkable valuation of \$11.50 billion. Despite the average valuation per unicorn being \$2.72 billion, which is lower than some peers, India's unicorns show resilience and influence. This puts India at par with the UK, highlighting its importance and competitiveness in the international startup landscape. China ranks second in the number of unicorn companies, with a total of 172 and a total valuation of \$641.67 billion. The giant in this sector is TikTok's parent company ByteDance, which has a staggering valuation of more than \$225 billion. China's unicorn landscape continues to grow, contributing 17% of the total valuation of all unicorn companies globally. The United States leads the global unicorn race with a unique 668 unicorn companies, more than three times that of second-place China. The combined valuation of these companies exceeds \$2 trillion, which is 54% of the total valuation of unicorn companies globally.

7. Kohli's wax statue will be installed in Jaipur Wax Museum



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To commemorate Virat Kohli's extraordinary feat of scoring 50 centuries in ODI cricket, a wax statue immortalizing the star cricketer will join the prestigious group at the Wax Museum in Jaipur. To commemorate India's semi-final victory in the Cricket World Cup and Virat Kohli's extraordinary feat of scoring 50 centuries in ODI cricket, a wax statue immortalising the star cricketer has joined the prestigious ensemble at the Wax Museum within the Nahargarh Fort in Jaipur. Ready to happen. The first glimpse of this honor for Virat Kohli has come through a clay model, which depicts the essence of his cricketing personality. Over the course of the next month, skilled artisans will carefully craft the complete wax statue, ensuring an accurate and lifelike representation. Kohli's aggressive image on the cricket field has been carefully incorporated into the design of the statue. Anoop Srivastava, the visionary founder director of Jaipur Wax Museum, shared that the decision to create a wax statue of Virat Kohli was taken due to frequent requests from tourists. Kohli's stature as a cricket icon and his influence on the game have made him a highly sought-after addition to the museum's prestigious collection. Mahendra Singh Dhoni, popularly known as 'Captain Cool' of cricket, is already gracing the Jaipur Wax Museum with his wax image. The addition of the Virat Kohli statue further strengthens the museum's commitment to preserving the legacy of India's cricket greats. The museum's diverse collection also includes a recently installed wax statue paying tribute to Swami Vivekananda. Virat Kohli statue is going to be added soon, Jaipur Wax Museum proudly has a total of 43 wax statues. Each figure represents a specific aspect of India's cultural and historical tapestry, creating a unique destination for visitors wishing to see vibrant representations of prominent personalities. Virat Kohli's wax statue is set to take its place among illustrious figures at the Wax Museum of Nahargarh Fort, representing not only a cricket legend but also stands as a testament to the nation's collective pride and admiration for the game. it occurs. Tourists can look forward to an enriching experience by immersing themselves in the captivating narratives woven by the vibrant sculptures within the cultural boundaries of the historic fort of Jaipur.

8. USI hosts UN Forum on Humanitarian Law and Peacekeeping 2023



USI to host UN Forum on Humanitarian Law and Peacekeeping 2023 United Service Institution of India (USI) is hosting the annual UN Forum 2023 in New Delhi with the theme 'International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Peacekeeping'. The United Service Institution of India (USI), established in 1870 as the country's premier think-tank for national security and military affairs, is hosting the annual UN Forum 2023 in New Delhi on 21-22 November. In collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross and the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations Centre, the Forum will focus on the important theme of 'International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Peacekeeping'. This timely discussion addresses the challenges posed by contemporary conflicts and the imperative of upholding IHL principles in UN peacekeeping operations. With UN peacekeeping missions increasingly deployed in unstable environments marked by asymmetric warfare, the application of IHL has become important. The complexity of modern conflicts, the involvement of non-state actors, and the blurred lines between combatants and civilians in urban battlefields present unique challenges. The purpose of the Forum is to promote an interactive, multi-stakeholder discussion on the applicability and limitations of applying the IHL framework in UN peacekeeping operations. It will discuss contemporary issues such as protection of civilians, accountability for crimes against peacekeepers, the role of women in peacekeeping operations and integration of technology for more effective operations.

QUIZ

1. Recently, Xavier Miley has been elected the President of which country?

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A- Argentina

B-Malaysia

C- Japan

D- Brazil

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2. Recently, Daisaku Ikeda, former head of Soka Gakkai, the largest religious Buddhist organization of which country, has passed away?

A- China

B-Japan

C- Sri Lanka

D-all

Daisaku Ikeda, former head of 'Soka Gakkai', the largest religious Buddhist organization in Japan, has passed away. He was 95 years old. Ikeda had a relationship with the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) for several decades and became a government ally. Ikeda popularized this organization in the world based on the teachings of Nichiren, a 13th century Japanese Buddhist monk. Soka Gakkai is a global community-based Buddhist organization with approximately 12 million members. This organization promotes peace and harmony in the world. Famous people of the world have connections with this organization. Hollywood actor Orlando Bloom, former Italian football player Roberto Baggio and American jazz musician Herbie Hancock are among his followers.

3. Sea buckthorn fruit of which state has recently got GI tag?

A- Uttarakhand

B-Ladakh

C- Jammu and Kashmir

D-all

Seabuckthorn fruit found in Ladakh will now get a unique identity not only in the country but also in foreign countries. Because Seabuckthorn fruit has got GI tag (Geographical Indication). Let us inform that the Ministry of Industry and Commerce has authorized Ladakh Industry and Commerce Department as the registered owner for Ladakh Seabuckthorn fruit under Category 31. This will be the fourth GI tag for Ladakh. Earlier, Ladakh's pashmina, apricot (Raktse carpo species) and Ladakhi wood carvings have also been given GI tag. The second fruit of Ladakh to get special distinction in the form of GI tag is Seabuckthorn. By eating this fruit a person gets relief from diseases like diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol etc. Not only this, potassium, calcium, magnesium, iron and phosphorus are found in seabuckthorn fruit. Apart from this, Vitamin B1, B2, B6, C and Vitamin E are found in it.

4. Who has recently been made the new interim CEO of OpenAI?

A-Ryan Reynolds

B-Tejaswini Shankar

C- Meera Murati

D-none

Open AI has announced the dismissal of its CEO and co-founder Sam Altman and has appointed Mira Muratti as the company's interim chief executive officer (CEO). Murati was working as Chief Technology Officer (CTO) in the company. In an official statement issued by the board of Open AI, it has been said that Sam Altman has been dismissed from the post because his communication with the board was not good. The board no longer has confidence in his ability to continue leading Open AI. Now Meera Murati will work as the interim CEO of the company. Open AI is a company established in 2015, which researches and works on projects related to Artificial Intelligence.

5. When is World Television Day celebrated every year?

A- 21 November

B- 22 November

C- 23 November

D- 24 November

World Television Day is celebrated globally every year on 21 November. In 1996, the United Nations

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organized the first World Television Forum, which declared November 21 every year as World Television Day. National broadcasting in India began in 1982, coinciding with the introduction of color television. The first and longest running Indian television programme, 'Krishi Darshan' started in 1967.

6. Joint military exercise 'Austrahind-2023' is being organized between India and which country?

A- Austria

B- USA

C- Ireland

D- Australia

Joint military exercise 'Austrahind-2023' is being conducted between the armed forces of India and Australia. The second edition of 'Austrahind-2023' is being organized in Perth, Australia from 22 November to 06 December 2023. The joint military exercise 'Austrahind' was started in the year 2022. Its first edition was held in Mahajan, Rajasthan.

7. With which country has India recently started e-Visa services again?

A- France

B- Canada

C- Argentina

D- Italy

India has again started e-Visa services for Canadian citizens after almost two months. India had suspended visa services on September 21 following Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's baseless allegations of a "possible" Indian link in the killing of Khalistani supporter Hardeep Singh Nijjar. The services have been resumed on the day when Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the G20 summit under India's chairmanship. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has confirmed his participation in the virtual summit. The resumption of e-visa services comes a month after New Delhi restarted visas under the four categories of business, medical and conference visas along with standard entry visas.

8. Whose name has been recently announced as the "Brand Ambassador of Bengal"?

A- Amitabh Bachchan

B- Sourav Ganguly

C- Mimi Chakraborty

D- Amitav Ghosh

Mamata Banerjee appointed Sourav Ganguly as the 'Brand Ambassador of Bengal' as she unveiled a set of ambitious policies to reshape the state's economic outlook at The Bengal Global Business Summit in Kolkata. The Bengal Global Business Summit, an annual event held in Kolkata, marked an important moment this year. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has appointed former cricketer and former Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president Sourav Ganguly as the "brand ambassador of Bengal". Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in her inaugural speech at the Bengal Global Business Summit 2023 unveiled a series of ambitious policies aimed at transforming the economic landscape of the state. These policies include doubling the state's exports, upgrading logistics infrastructure and promoting manufacturing and renewable energy.

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Who has recently been appointed SPG Director - **Alok Sharma**

Where is the Ministry of Tourism hosting the 11th edition of International Tourism Mart recently? - **Meghalaya**

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