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1. Tiriyani block gets top position in NITI Aayog's first delta ranking



Tariyani block of Kumuram Bheem Asifabad district of Telangana has topped NITI Aayog's inaugural Delta Rankings, which was revealed at a virtual event organized by NITI Aayog. In a significant achievement for the Aspirational Block Program (ABP), Tiriyani block in Kumuram Bheem Asifabad district of Telangana has topped the first Delta ranking announced by NITI Aayog. The rankings, revealed during a virtual event at NITI Aayog, reflected the excellent performance and progress achieved by blocks across the country in the month of June 2023. The ranking was determined based on the performance of the blocks during the month and the progress achieved in key performance indicators (KPIs). This strategic approach is in line with the spirit of competitive and cooperative federalism, making it the first time that the ranking of the blocks has been calculated as part of the Aspirational Block Programme. Apart from ABP, the event also announced the Achievers of Development Program (ADP) rankings for October 2023. In this initiative, Raigarh of Odisha and Jamui of Bihar secured first and second position respectively. The top performing blocks and districts in thematic and overall categories were honoured, emphasizing the dual focus on both blocks and districts. A unique initiative was unveiled during the event, where top rankers from ABP and ADP will be displayed on the Wall of Fame at NITI Aayog. The Wall of Fame serves as a testament to the efforts and projects undertaken by the aspirational blocks and districts to improve their indicators and achieve remarkable progress. Hon'ble Vice Chairman along with Hon'ble Members of NITI Aayog inaugurated the Wall of Fame celebrating the achievements of the best performing Aspirational Blocks and Districts in the country.

2. The first AI programming language: Lisp (List Processing)



In the late 1950s, John McCarthy, an influential computer scientist, and his colleagues introduced the first AI programming language called Lisp (List Processing). Artificial Intelligence (AI) has changed the way we interact with technology, but its journey began with the development of the first AI programming language. In this article, we'll look at the basics of AI programming and trace the origins of the pioneering language that paved the way for the AI revolution. The quest to create intelligent machines dates back to the mid-20th century when computer scientists and researchers began imagining the possibility of machines that could mimic human intelligence. This led to the emergence of the first AI programming language, which is a significant achievement in the history of AI. In the late 1950s, John McCarthy, an influential computer scientist, and his colleagues introduced the first AI programming language called Lisp (List Processing). Lisp was specifically designed to facilitate research in AI and enable the development of intelligent systems. Its unique feature was the ability to manipulate symbolic expressions, making it suitable for AI tasks. Lisp is distinctive for its simplicity and flexibility. This allowed programmers to represent knowledge in a way that closely resembled human thought processes. This made it an ideal choice for beginning AI researchers who were exploring concepts like natural language processing, problem-solving, and machine learning. Lisp played an important role in the development of early AI applications. It became the language of choice for AI research projects and laid the foundation for later AI programming languages. The ability to handle symbolic

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logic and adaptability made Lisp a powerful tool for building intelligent systems.

3. 'Best person' award given to Prashant Agarwal of Udaipur. National Award, honored by the President



On World Disability Day, at the felicitation ceremony organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, Chief Guest President Draupadi Murmu presented the National Award to Prashant Agarwal, President of Narayan Seva Sansthan. This award was given to Agarwal in the 'Best Individual' category for his excellent work in the field of empowerment of disabled people. Prashant Aggarwal has been a pioneer in the distribution of residential schools, vocational rehabilitation centers and assistive devices to bring the disabled into the mainstream of society. The President honored him by presenting him a prize and certificate. In the auditorium when the President was felicitating him, the President honored Dr. Apte Subhash for the Best Rehabilitation Professional, Amazon India for the Best Employer for Disabled and Directorate of Social Justice and Disability Empowerment Madhya Pradesh for the implementation of Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan in various categories. Gave more than 30 awards. Institute Founder Chairman Kailash Manav expressed happiness and said that this award will continue to inspire us to serve more dutifully and humbly.

4. Appointment of Rajiv Anand as Chairman of Max Life Insurance



The Board of Max Life Insurance approved the appointment of Rajeev Anand as the new Chairman, marking a significant moment in the leadership of the company. In a recent development, Max Life Insurance, a major player in the insurance sector and a subsidiary of Max Financial Services, saw a significant leadership change. Outgoing chairman Analjit Singh resigned from the chairmanship and membership of the board of directors. In response, the Board approved the appointment of Rajeev Anand as the new Chairman, marking a significant moment in the company's leadership. Max New York Life (MNYL) has the distinction of being the first private sector insurance company incorporated in India on 11 July 2000. Within a week of IRDAI allowing the incorporation of private sector insurance companies, MNYL was set up. Notably, on November 15, 2020, MNYL received certification of registration from IRDAI. The Board of Directors officially accepted the resignation of Analjit Singh. In a filing to the stock exchanges, Max Financial Services detailed the departure of Singh, who had played a key role in guiding the company. Singh explained in a letter that the timing of his retirement was linked to an understanding with Axis Bank regarding personal transition and succession planning as well as rotational appointment of chairman. The board unanimously approved the appointment of Rajiv Anand as the new chairman following the resignation of Analjit Singh. Anand, who was previously non-executive director of Max Life, was nominated for the role by Axis Bank Ltd. The move underlines the strategic collaboration between Max Life Insurance and Axis Bank.

5. 27th WAIPA World Investment Conference organized in New Delhi

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The 27th World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA) World Investment Conference was launched on 11 December 2023 in New Delhi. The four-day (11 to 14 December 2023) World Investment Conference (WIC) is being organized at the India International Convention & Expo Center – Yashobhoomi, New Delhi; This is the first time that the World Investment Conference is being organized in India. The theme of this year's conference is "Empowering Investors: Leading the IPA Future Growth" is. The National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency of the Government of India and the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) are organizing the conference. It is the largest world investment conference ever organized under the aegis of DPIIT. Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will address the conference on the theme 'Role of trade and investment in the Decade of Action' on December 13. On this occasion, Union Minister Piyush Goyal will also launch the 'Experience India Centre' (EIC). This Experience India Center will showcase the best of India's innovations. It will primarily perform services through various technologies including virtual reality, augmented reality, interactive touch screens and projection mapping. The World Investment Conference, WAIPA's flagship annual event, serves as a platform for global investment promotion and innovation stakeholders. WAIPA's World Investment Conference is being held in India for the first time. More than 1000 people, 50 Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs) and various multilateral agencies are participating in this conference. The World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies was founded in 1995 in Geneva as a non-governmental organization. Since 2015, WAIPA has been headquartered in Istanbul, Türkiye. WAIPA aims to develop economies through investment promotion agencies. WAIPA includes more than 120

agencies representing more than 100 countries as members.

6. Mohan Yadav has become the next CM of Madhya Pradesh.



Mohan Yadav has become the next CM of Madhya Pradesh. Mohan Yadav is MLA from Ujjain South. He has been the Education Minister in the former CM Shivraj Singh Chauhan government of the state. He has won the legislative elections for the third consecutive time. 163 BJP candidates have won on 230 member seats, while Congress is reduced to 66 seats. So one seat has gone to the account of Bharat Adivasi Party. The results of Madhya Pradesh Assembly elections were declared on December 3, but suspense remained regarding the post of CM. During this time, many candidates for the post of CM had also gone to Delhi and met Home Minister Amit Shah and National President of the party JP Nadda. But after about a week, Madhya Pradesh has got its new CM in the form of Mohan Yadav. Mohan Yadav is a big OBC face of BJP in Madhya Pradesh. His name has probably been announced keeping in view the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Mohan Yadav's educational qualification is PhD. 58-year-old Mohan Yadav's political career sort of started in 1984 when he joined the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad. He is also a member of RSS. He had contested elections from Ujjain South in 2013 and has been elected MLA from here for the third consecutive election. This time he defeated Congress candidate Chetan Prem Narayan Yadav by 12941 votes. Mohan Yadav got 95699 votes. The new Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Mohan Yadav, started his political career from Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, after which he stepped into Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha. Mohan Yadav, who was elected MLA from Ujjain thrice,

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led BJP to victory every time. Mohan Yadav, MLA from Ujjain South and Higher Education Minister in Shivraj government, has been made the Chief Minister. Mohan Yadav's life was full of struggle. He joined Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad at a time when NSUI was in power in Ujjain. In his student life, Mohan Yadav registered victory by defeating powerful student leaders of Congress. After this Mohan Yadav kept winning continuously.

7. Supreme Court upheld the abrogation of Article 370



The Central Government's decision to remove Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir will remain intact. The Constitution bench of 5 judges of the Supreme Court said on Monday – Article 370 was a temporary provision. It is clear from Articles 1 and 370 of the Constitution that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India. All the provisions of the Indian Constitution can be applied there. The Center had removed Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir on 5 August 2019. In its decision that came 4 years, 4 months and 6 days later, the court said, 'We consider the President's order issued to abrogate Article 370 as valid. We also maintain the validity of the decision to make Ladakh a Union Territory.' Along with this, the Supreme Court ordered to hold assembly elections in the state by 30 September 2024. The Modi government, in its second term, had abolished Article 370 on 5 August 2019. Also, the state was divided into two parts, Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh. A total of 23 petitions were filed against this in the Supreme Court. A bench of 5 judges heard all the petitions together. The Constitution bench included Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, Justice BR Gavai, Justice Surya Kant, Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Justice Sanjiv Khanna. The hearing before the bench, which lasted for 16 consecutive days, ended on September 5. After this the Supreme Court had reserved the decision. The

Supreme Court gave its verdict on the case after 96 days of hearing. CJI said that every decision taken by the Center cannot be challenged in the court. Doing this will spread anarchy. If the Centre's decision is creating any kind of difficulty, then only it can be challenged. The Supreme Court rejected the argument of the petitioners that during the President's rule, the Center cannot take any decision which cannot be changed.

8. Appointment of Damodar Rajanarasimha as Health Minister of Telangana



Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy appointed engineering graduate Damodar Rajanarasimha Silarapu as the state health minister. Given the traditional expectation of having a medical professional in charge of the health portfolio, this decision has sparked discussion and debate. Damodar Rajanarasimha, a veteran politician associated with the Indian National Congress (INC), started his political career in 1989. He secured a seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) from Andole constituency. Despite early setbacks, he demonstrated resilience and won elections in 2004 and 2009. Rajanarasimha's political rise reached new heights when he became a member of the cabinet of Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy in 2004. He initially served as the Minister of Primary Education and later took over as the Minister of Marketing and Warehousing in 2009. In 2011, he assumed the role of Deputy Chief Minister of united Andhra Pradesh and held this post till April 2014. In the recently concluded 2023 Telangana Assembly elections, Rajanarasimha won a significant victory in Andole constituency. He secured 1,14,147 votes (53.65%) and won by a huge margin of 28,193 votes. This electoral success strengthened his position and paved the way for his appointment as Health Minister. Despite his lack of medical background,

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Rajnarasimha brings a wealth of experience and political acumen to his new role. Having obtained a Bachelor of Engineering degree from the College of Engineering, Osmania University in 1982, he is adept at solving complex issues and policy matters.

QUIZ

1. When has Human Rights Day been celebrated recently?

- (a) 10 December
- (b) 8th December
- (c) 9 December
- (d) 11 December

Human Rights Day (Human Rights Day in Hindi) is celebrated every year on 10 December by the international community. It commemorates the day when the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. Human Rights Day (Human Rights Day in Hindi) formally dates back to 1950, when the General Assembly passed Resolution 423 (V), inviting all states and interested organizations to adopt 10 December each year as Human Rights Day.

2. With which country has India recently signed a cooperation agreement in the field of education?

- (a) Kenya
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) all

Kenyan President Ruto's visit to India focused on strengthening diplomatic ties and cooperation in rural development, agriculture and technology. Kenyan President William Samia Ruto recently began a three-day state visit to India, emphasizing the enduring friendship between the two countries dating back to 1948. The objective of the visit is to strengthen diplomatic relations and explore opportunities for cooperation in various fields. During a press conference, President Ruto lauded India's digital progress and expressed Kenya's intention to sign agreements in the digital sector. He highlighted the visit of Kenya's Minister of Information and Communications Technology to India to learn about digital IDs and government service digitization, and

praised India's effective use of technology in governance.

3. 'World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies' Where is the World Investment Conference being held?

- (a) Dhaka
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Chennai

World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies' The 27th World Investment Conference of WAIPA is being organized in New Delhi. It is being organized at India International Convention and Expo Center – Yashobhoomi. This is the largest ever world investment conference under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade. WAIPA's World Investment Conference is being organized in India for the first time.

4. What is India's rank in Climate Change Performance Index 2023?

- (a) 4th
- (b) 5th
- (c) 6th
- (d) 7th

According to the report released in Dubai during the global climate talks COP28, India is ranked 7th in the Climate Change Performance Index 2023. Last year, India was at 8th place in this index. India has received high rankings in greenhouse gas emissions and energy use categories. 63 countries and the European Union cover more than 90 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions.

5. Which city has topped the recently released global pollution ranking?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Lahore
- (d) Dhaka

Lahore, Pakistan's second largest city, suffers from a severe smog crisis that poses a significant threat to the health and well-being of its residents. Lahore recently held the dubious distinction of having the worst air quality in the world, with a hazardous air quality index (AQI) of 400 in the morning, according to IQAir, a

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global air quality tracking organization. This worrying revelation underlines the urgent need to address the underlying causes of the city's deteriorating air quality. AQI serves as an important metric to assess the level of pollution in the air.

6. Who has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh?

- (a) Mohan Yadav
- (b) Jyotiraditya Scindia
- (c) Digvijay Singh
- (d) Shivraj Singh Chauhan

Mohan Yadav has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh. In the outgoing government, Higher Education Minister Shri Yadav was elected from Ujjain South seat. Mohan Yadav became MLA for the first time in 2013. After this he was re-elected in the 2018 Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly elections. He will replace Shivraj Singh Chouhan as the new Chief Minister. Mohan Yadav has become the next CM of Madhya Pradesh. Mohan Yadav is MLA from Ujjain South. He has been the Education Minister in the former CM Shivraj Singh Chauhan government of the state. He has won the legislative elections for the third consecutive time.

7. 'Developed India 2047: Voice of Youth' Who has started the initiative?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Rajnath Singh
- (d) Anurag Thakur

PM Narendra Modi launches 'Developed India 2047: Voice of Youth' (Viksit Bharat 2047: Voice of Youth) initiative has been launched. On this occasion, PM Modi said that this is the right time for India and the youth should use this Amrit Kaal for a developed India. The aim of this initiative is to integrate the youth of the country to build a developed India.

8. Who has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh?

- (a) Vishnudev Sai
- (b) Raman Singh
- (c) Shatrughan Sinha
- (d) Balaknath

Former Chhattisgarh BJP president Vishnu Deo Sai will be the new Chief Minister of the state. Vishnudev Sai will be the first tribal Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh. Vishnudev was the state president of BJP between 2020 and 2022. He was the Union Minister of State for Steel in the first term of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He was also a Lok Sabha member from Raipur constituency of Chhattisgarh.

ONE LINER

Recently, among the winners of the second edition of the Dettol Hygiene Olympiad, who has been declared the national winner - **Avreet Kaur**

Who has been given the 'Best Individual' National Award - **Prashant Aggarwal of Udaipur**

When has Human Rights Day been celebrated recently – **10 December**

With which country has India recently signed a cooperation agreement in the field of education – **Kenya**

'World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies' Where is the World Investment Conference being held – **New Delhi**

What is India's rank in Climate Change Performance Index 2023 - **7th**

Which city is on top in the recently released global pollution ranking - **Lahore**

Who has been selected as the new Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh - **Mohan Yadav**

Vikas Bharat 2047: Voice of Youth' Who has started the initiative – **Narendra Modi**

Who has been selected as the new Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh - **Vishnudev Sai**