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1. Bhajan Lal Sharma, new CM of Rajasthan, Diya and Bairava became his deputies.



The name of Bhajan Lal Sharma as the new Chief Minister of Rajasthan has been announced on 12 December 2023. Bhajan Lal Sharma's name was approved unanimously in the Bharatiya Janata Party Legislative Party meeting. Also Diya Kumari and Prem Chand Bairwa have been made Deputy Chief Ministers of Rajasthan. Vasudev Devnani has been elected Speaker (Speaker) of Rajasthan Legislative Assembly. Bhajan Lal Sharma will be the 14th Chief Minister of Rajasthan in person. Earlier, Bharatiya Janata Party had sent Union Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, Saroj Pandey and Vinod Tawde to Jaipur as observers. Bhajan Lal Sharma has been elected MLA for the first time from Sanganer Assembly of Jaipur. BJP gave ticket to Bhajan Lal Sharma in place of then MLA Ashok Lauhati in the 2023 assembly elections. Bhajan Lal Sharma defeated Pushpendra Bhardwaj of Congress by 48081 votes. Rajasthan election notification was issued by the Election Commission on 30 October 2023. Assembly elections were held in Rajasthan on 25 November and counting of votes was done on 3 December 2023. In the elections held on 199 seats out of total 200 seats of Rajasthan Assembly, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) got 115 seats, Congress 69 seats, BSP 2 seats and others got 13 seats. A total of 13 Chief Ministers (in person) have taken oath in Rajasthan since 1949, starting from Hiralal Shastri. The person who has held the charge of Chief Minister for the longest period (more than 14 years) is Ashok Gehlot, who has been the Chief Minister of the state a total of three times. Whereas the second longest tenure is in the name of former Chief Minister Mohanlal

Sukhadia. He has become the Chief Minister of the state a total of four times for a short period. Vasundhara Raje Scindia of the Bharatiya Janata Party is the only woman Chief Minister of Rajasthan to remain in office for a full term of 5 years. She has been the Chief Minister of the state a total of two times.

2. Union Bank of India partners with Accenture for data-driven transformation



Union Bank of India, a leading public sector bank of India, is collaborating with Accenture (NYSE: ACN) to design and develop a scalable and secure enterprise data lake platform with advanced analytics and reporting capabilities. This program will boost the bank's operational efficiency and enhance its ability to provide customer-centric banking services and manage risk. Using predictive analytics, machine learning and artificial intelligence, the platform will leverage structured and unstructured data from within the bank as well as external sources to generate business-relevant insights. The program will enable the Bank to develop robust data visualization and reporting capabilities, including interactive dashboards and reports for business, operational and regulatory purposes. Employees will have access to business intelligence that can enhance customer service and operational agility across the bank's branches, contact centers and digital channels. As a result, the Bank will be able to make informed decisions and identify new data-based opportunities for value creation. These will impact its business portfolio including corporate, retail, and micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) banking, as well as functions such as risk management, treasury, customer service and operations. A Manimekhalai, Managing Director and CEO, Union Bank

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of India, said, "Leveraging advanced analytics and AI, we see the potential to unlock tremendous value from data – to build meaningful customer relationships, enhance employee productivity and achieve profitable growth. For. This collaboration with Accenture is an important step towards our goal of evolving into a data-driven and digitally forward bank that supports the next generation of banking services.

3. Uttar Pradesh delegation leaves for Davos for World Economic Forum



The echo of economic and industrial development in Uttar Pradesh will now be heard on the global stage. Uttar Pradesh has also been invited to participate in the World Economic Forum as an annual summit to be held in Davos (Switzerland) in January next year. The delegation aims to showcase the state's progress towards becoming a trillion-dollar economy. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has nominated a delegation to participate in the meeting to be held in Davos from January 15 to 19. The delegation includes Finance Minister Suresh Khanna and Industrial Development and Export Promotion Minister Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi, besides Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commissioner Manoj Kumar Singh and Secretary to Chief Minister Amit Singh. The ministers and officials going to attend the conference will present the model of fast pace of economic and industrial development of the state in about six and a half years on the global platform. Will give information about the new positive environment created for investment in UP so that investors from all over the world can be attracted towards Uttar Pradesh. The delegation will elaborate on the concrete efforts made to establish Lucknow as India's leading AI city. This underlines the state government's commitment to harnessing the potential of artificial intelligence to boost economic

growth and innovation. The decision to participate in the prestigious WEF meeting provides Uttar Pradesh a global platform to showcase its achievements. The delegation aims to highlight the transformational changes in the economic and industrial scenario witnessed in the state in the last six and a half years.

4. Travis Head becomes ICC Player of the Month



Australia's stormy opening batsman Travis Head, who played a century in the final of the ODI World Cup 2023 against India, won the title of ICC Player of the Month (November 2023). For this, Glenn Maxwell and Indian fast bowler Mohammed Shami were nominated along with Travis Head, but Head's performance in November overshadowed both these players and they achieved this honour. Although Shami and Maxwell also performed well in the month of November during the ODI World Cup 2023, but a single innings of Head ruined all their hard work. Travis Head was not available for the team in the initial matches of the ODI World Cup 2023 due to a finger injury, but when he returned, he made it memorable and played important innings for his team in the semi-finals and then the final, helping the team win. Played a big role. However, the Kangaroo team had shown so much trust in him that even after his injury, no other player was included in the team in his place. In the final match against India, Head had completely changed the game. The Kangaroo team had a target of 241 runs to win and the first 3 wickets of this team fell for 47 runs, but Head played an inning of 137 runs in 120 balls and gave the team victory by 6 wickets. Hit 4 sixes and 15 fours. Travis Head is only the second Australian men's player to be named the ICC 'Player of the Month'. Earlier, David Warner had won this award in November 2021. Travis Head scored 329 runs in 6

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World Cup matches at an average of 54.83 and strike rate of 127.51. Till now, he has scored 2393 runs in 64 ODI matches at an average of 42.73.

5. India ranks seventh in Climate Change Performance Index



India ranked seventh in the Climate Change Performance Index this year, up one place from last time, and was among the best performers. This information has been given here in a report released during the global climate summit COP28. The index states that India is the world's most populous country, but per capita emissions are relatively low. The Climate Change Performance Index tracked the climate mitigation efforts of 63 countries and the European Union, which account for more than 90 percent of greenhouse gas emissions worldwide. India has received a high ranking in the greenhouse gas emissions and energy use categories in the index, but a moderate ranking in climate policy and renewable energy, as in the previous year. Our data shows that in the per capita greenhouse gas category, the country is on track to meet the well below two degrees Celsius standard, the report said based on the index. Although there appears to be a slight positive trend in the share of renewable energy in India, the trend is moving at a very slow pace. Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) experts pointed out that India is trying to meet its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) with clear long-term policies to promote renewable energy and domestic manufacturing of renewable energy components. Focuses on providing financial assistance. Despite this, India's growing energy needs are still met by heavy dependence on oil and gas as well as coal, the report said. "This dependence is a major source of greenhouse

gas emissions and causes severe air pollution, especially in cities," according to the report.

6. Nikhil Dey named '2023 International Anti-Corruption Champion' by US government



Indian social activist Nikhil Dey has been honored by the US government as the International Anti-Corruption Champion for 2023. The honor highlights his decades-long commitment to empowering farmers and workers while exposing corruption in the delivery of government services. Dey is the co-founder of Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS), a Rajasthan-based organization at the forefront of transparency and anti-corruption movements in India. For the past 35 years, Nikhil Dey has been a staunch advocate of policy reforms aimed at empowering workers in India. The US State Department acknowledged his efforts in bringing to light official corruption, particularly examples such as underpayment of workers on official projects. Dey's work focuses on creating empowerment campaigns for farmers and workers and targeting corruption in the delivery of essential government services. One of Dey's notable contributions is introducing public audit through the MKSS. Local authorities now require communities to report on how and where resources are spent, allowing citizens to ask investigative questions. This practice, started by Day's organization, has spread across India, encouraging citizens to take a leading role in holding officials accountable. United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken praised Nikhil Dey for his work with underprivileged and marginalized populations, particularly in Rajasthan. Day and his organization have played a vital role in helping communities seeking access to essential services and rights, including education, health care, fair wages and better working

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conditions. The leadership of MKSS has been instrumental in starting the struggle for minimum wage and transparency in the state.

7. 'Peaky Blinders' actor Benjamin Zephaniah dies of brain tumor at age 65



Peaky Blinders' actor and poet Benjamin Zephaniah has died at the age of 65. He played the role of Jeremiah Jesus on the popular show. Benjamin was a true pioneer and innovator, he gave so much to the world. Through an amazing career encompassing a vast collection of poems, literature, music, television and radio, Benjamin has left us a delightful and brilliant legacy. Born and raised in Birmingham, England, Zephaniah's journey into the literary world began when he moved to London. At the age of 22, he made a significant mark with the publication of his first book of poetry titled "Pain Rhythm" in 1980. This marked the beginning of an illustrious career that spanned several decades. Over the years, Benjamin Zephaniah contributed greatly to the literary scene. He wrote a total of 14 poetry books, including notable works such as "The Dread Affair" in 1985, where he critically examined the British legal system. His keen observations extended to global affairs, as evidenced by his thoughts on a trip to Palestine captured in "Rasta Time in Palestine" (1990). Beyond poetry, Zephaniah ventured into novels and plays, demonstrating his versatility as a storyteller. In 2018, he wrote his autobiography, "The Life and Rhymes of Benjamin Zephaniah," giving readers a glimpse into his extraordinary life. Benjamin Zephaniah's influence was not limited to the written word; He also left an indelible mark on the television industry. His most prominent role was that of preacher Jeremiah Jesus in the widely acclaimed series "Peaky

Blinders," where he appeared in 14 episodes over the show's six seasons. In addition to this iconic role, Zephaniah graced other television productions including "EastEnders," "The Bill," and "Zen Motoring."

8. Indian Navy conducts bi-annual 'Prasthan' exercise off Mumbai coast



The Indian Navy in collaboration with various defence, state and civilian agencies recently conducted an extensive two-phase exercise named 'Prasthan' in the Offshore Development Area off the Mumbai coast. This exercise, conducted every six months, is important in validating and refining the measures and procedures aimed at addressing various contingencies that may arise in oil production platforms. The first phase of the exercise focused on simulating security emergencies including potential terrorist attacks and bomb threats involving improvised explosive devices (IEDs). Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)'s R12A (Ratna) platform, located approximately 83 km off Mumbai port, serves as the setting for these simulations. On receiving the fake threats, the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, Mumbai and Commander-in-Chief (Coastal Defence), West activated necessary contingency plans. The Crisis Management Committee (CMC), comprising senior officials from various defence, state and civilian agencies, convened at the Indian Navy's operations center to facilitate a coordinated response to the emergency. The CMC assessed various aspects of the emergency and initiated coordinated action by concerned agencies following established standard operating procedures. The Indian Navy, in collaboration with the Indian Air Force, deployed anti-sabotage teams to neutralize the security threats at the affected oil

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platform. The first phase also addressed contingencies such as terrorist infiltration, bomb threats, man overboard, medical evacuation of platform crew and oil spills. The second phase of the exercise focused on responding to contingencies such as a fire on an oil platform and assisting a disabled vessel in the offshore development zone. Multiple assets including ships and helicopters from the Indian Navy, Indian Air Force, Indian Coast Guard, ONGC, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Director General of Shipping were deployed for this phase.

QUIZ

1. Who has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Rajasthan?

- (a) Vasundhara Raje
- (b) Rajnath Singh
- (c) Balak Nath
- (d) Bhajan Lal Sharma

The name of Bhajan Lal Sharma has been announced as the new Chief Minister of Rajasthan. He was also the state general secretary of Bharatiya Janata Party four times. 56-year-old Sharma has become MLA for the first time from Sanganer Assembly of Jaipur. He defeated Pushpendra Bhardwaj of Congress. Bhajan Lal Sharma will be the 14th Chief Minister of Rajasthan in person. Earlier, Bharatiya Janata Party had sent Union Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, Saroj Pandey and Vinod Tawde to Jaipur as observers. Bhajan Lal Sharma has been elected MLA for the first time from Sanganer Assembly of Jaipur. BJP gave ticket to Bhajan Lal Sharma in place of then MLA Ashok Lauhati in the 2023 assembly elections.

2. Who will be honored with the Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award?

- (a) Amitabh Bachchan
- (b) Javed Akhtar
- (c) Asha Bhosle
- (d) Rajinikanth

Veteran lyricist and writer Javed Akhtar will be honored with the Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award at the Ajanta-Ellora Film Festival. He is being given this award for his contribution to the Indian film industry. He is the co-writer of classic Hindi cinema films like "Zanjeer", "Deewar", "Sholay", "Don", "Kala Patthar" and "Mr. India". Ajanta-Ellora Film Festival

was earlier known as Aurangabad International Film Festival.

3. Who has been named as the International Anti Corruption Champion?

- (a) Nikhil Dey
- (b) Preeti Desai
- (c) Indira Nui
- (d) Vikram Sinha

Nikhil Dey has been named as International Anti-Corruption Champion by USA. The United States Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs gave this honor to Indian social activist Nikhil Dey. Nikhil is also the co-founder of 'Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan' in India.

4. In which state is the annual 'Shar Amartala Torgya' festival celebrated every year?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Meghalaya
- (d) Manipur

Shar Amartala Torgya Festival is an annual festival celebrated in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu participated in the festival organized in West Kameng district. Amartala (Balemu) of the state is a place of utmost religious importance.

5. Where is the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence summit being organized?

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

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) summit at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. GPAI is a multidisciplinary initiative aimed at promoting cutting-edge research on AI-related priorities. The world's top Artificial Intelligence gamechangers including Intel, Reliance Jio, Google, Meta, Paytm and Microsoft are participating in it.

6. Who has been elected as the Prime Minister of Poland?

- (a) Beta Szydło

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(b) Donald Tusk

(c) Andrzej Duda

(d) none of these

The Parliament of Poland has elected Donald Tusk as Prime Minister. Tusk came to power after the coalition's victory in the elections held two months ago. 248 parliamentary votes were cast in support of Tusk in the 460-seat lower house of parliament. Poland is a Central European country, its capital is Warsaw.

7. Joint military exercise "Winbax-2023" is being organized between India and which country?

(a) France

(b) Vietnam

(c) Malaysia

(d) Mongolia

Indian Armed Forces contingent has reached Hanoi for the joint military exercise 'VINBAX-2023'. The fourth edition of WinBEX is being organized in Hanoi, Vietnam. Winbax exercise is conducted between India and Vietnam. This time this exercise is being organized from 11 to 21 December 2023. The practice 'Winbax' was started in the year 2018.

8. Who has recently been announced by Mumbai City FC as the new head coach of the club?

(a) Andrew Kratky

(b) Amit Kretki

(c) Petr Kratky

(d) all

Mumbai City appointed Czech Republic's Petr Kratky as the club's new head coach ahead of the upcoming season of the Indian Super League. Kratky has continued his journey within the City Football Group as he arrives from sister club Melbourne City. The 42-year-old will join Mumbai City in his new role until the end of the 2024-25 season. Kratky enjoyed a 15-year playing career as a right back and represented some of the biggest Czech clubs, including Mlada Boleslav and Slovan Liberec, before finishing his career with Heidelberg United in Australia. He then joined A-League team Melbourne City as an academy coach and took charge of the club's developmental squad in the NPL2, before coaching them in the NPL Seniors.

Who has recently been announced by Mumbai City FC as the new head coach of the club - Petr Kratky

Which country has recently launched a new remote sensing satellite into space – China

Who has been selected as the new Chief Minister of Rajasthan- Bhajan Lal Sharma

Who are the two new Deputy Chief Ministers of Rajasthan - Diya Kumari and Prem Chand Bairwa

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