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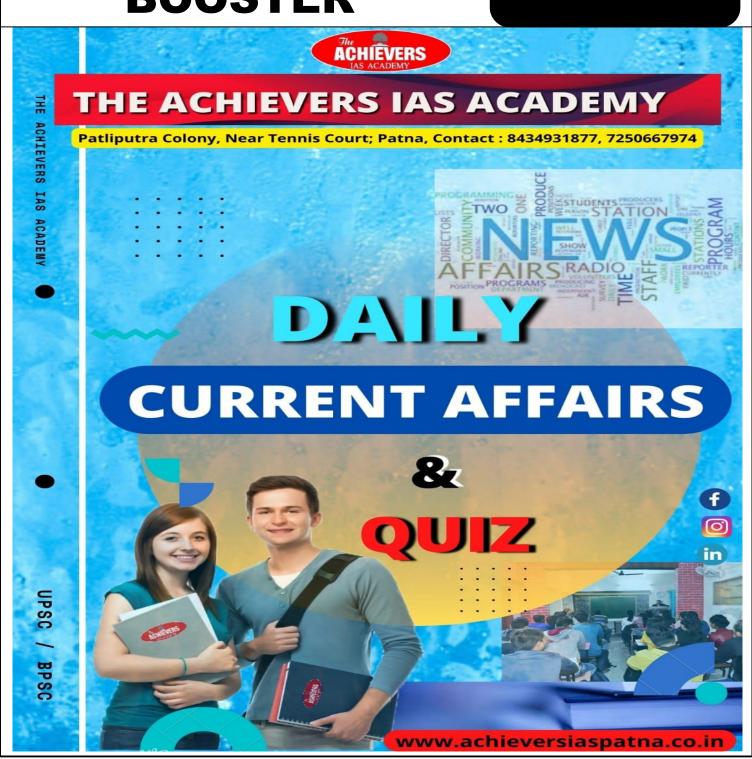
#### **ACHIEVERS IAS ACADEMY**

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# CURRENT AFFAIR BOOSTER

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**Thursday** 



#### 1. Kabir Bedi honored with 'The Order of Merit' of Italy



Kabir Bedi has spread his acting skills not only in Hindi cinema but all over the world. Kabir is also very famous in Italy. He has worked in many Italian films. Recently, the actor has been awarded 'The Order of the Merit', one of Italy's highest honours. Kabir Bedi's entire family was present in this award ceremony held at Gateway of Indian, Mumbai. Kabir shared pictures from the award ceremony on social media with granddaughter Alaya Furniturewala and daughter Pooja Bedi. He has also written a note expressing his happiness on receiving this award. The purpose of this order is to recognize and honor individuals who have distinguished themselves through outstanding achievements and contributions to Italian society and beyond. The order has five classes: Knight Grand Cross, Grand Officer, Commander, Officer and Knight. Recipients are awarded respective insignia depending on the degree of their contribution. Individuals are nominated for the Order of Merit by the President of the Italian Republic on the advice of ministers or other public authorities. The selection process is rigorous and considers the exceptional qualifications of the nominee. The order recognizes merit in various fields including arts, literature, science, economy, public service and social and humanitarian activities. The insignia of the order consists of a white enamel cross with a green border, symbolizing the Italian tricolor. The center of the cross bears the emblem of the Italian Republic.

2. Launch of 'Green Rising' initiative to empower youth in environmental initiatives



UNICEF's Generation Unlimited with India's Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change launches 'Green Rising' to engage youth in impactful grassroots environmental action. At COP-28, UNICEF's Generation Unlimited, in collaboration with India's Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, unveiled the "Green Rising" initiative. This ground-breaking initiative through India's Yuva Abhiyaan, taking inspiration from the Mission Life movement, places special emphasis on engaging youth in impactful environmental action at the grassroots level. The global "Green Rising" initiative includes UNICEF, Generation Unlimited and a diverse network of public, private and youth partners with the "Green Rising India Alliance". Expressing gratitude for the opportunity, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupendra Yadav stressed the importance of youth in achieving a sustainable world. The Minister recognized their sensitivity to climate change and stressed their valuable role in climate action. He highlighted the need to equip them with the right knowledge and skills while emphasizing on the fusion of technical skills and environmental consciousness. Union Minister Bhupendra Yaday underlined India's commitment under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to a sustainable world. They called for joint initiatives to build youth capacity as future climate leaders and stressed the importance of green jobs. The Minister outlined India's communication and outreach programs designed to reconcile traditional and modern climate-friendly values. India's National Mission for Strategic Knowledge on Climate Change under the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) was brought into focus with emphasis on creating awareness among students and youth. Minister Yadav appreciated the Green Skill Development Programme, which aims to create skilled workforce in

environment and forest sectors. COP-28 highlighted the Green Credit Initiative recently launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which encourages global cooperation for pro-planet actions. The minister urged businesses to support sustainable lifestyles.

#### 3. Kannada actress Leelavati passes away



Kannada cinema's veteran actress Lilavati passed away yesterday at the age of 85. He breathed his last at a private hospital in Nelamangala, Karnataka. The actress was admitted to the hospital after having serious breathing problems. There has been a wave of mourning in the South Film Industry due to the demise of Lilavati. Many celebs and fans are mourning the demise of the actress on social media. Prime Minister Modi has also expressed grief over the demise of Lilavati. Lilavati worked in theater and films. Leelavati had worked in more than 600 films including Kannada, Tamil and Telugu. Many of her films were with Dr. Rajkumar. The actress was living in Nelamangala with her actor son Vinod Raj for the last several years. Let us tell you that Leelavati was known for her brilliant acting in Bhakta Kumbhara, Sant Tukaram, Bhakta Prahlad, Mangalya Yoga and Man Mechida Maddi.

4. Youth for advancement and development with AI at GPAI Summit 2023



YUVAi is a collaborative initiative of NeGD and Intel India to provide youth with essential AI skills, inspire innovation and create a future-ready workforce. YUVAi-Youth for advancement and development with Al." a collaborative initiative of National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India and Intel India, at the upcoming Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) summit. The conference is set to take center stage. This groundbreaking program, designed to provide youth with essential AI skills, is gaining recognition for its innovative approach and commitment to building a future-ready workforce. YUVAi is a transformative initiative that aims to promote a deeper understanding of Al among school students from classes 8 to 12 across the country. The primary goal of the program is to equip these students with essential AI skills, empowering them to become human-centered designers and users of artificial intelligence. YUVAi stands as a lighthouse, guiding the next generation towards responsible and impactful AI use to address societal challenges.

5. Country's daughter took command in Siachen Glacier, Fatima Wasim became the first medical officer.



The Fire and Fury Corps of the Indian Army gave this information in a post on the social media platform. According to the post, Captain Fatima Wasim has been deployed at an altitude of 15,200 feet after rigorous training at the Siachen Battle School. This reflects his indomitable spirit and high motivation. Army's Fire and Fury Corps has also uploaded a video giving information about this achievement of Captain Fatima Wasim. Siachen is the largest glacier in India and the second largest glacier in the world. It is said to be the highest battlefield on earth. Captain Geetika Kaul of the Snow Leopard Brigade also became the first woman medical officer of the Indian Army to be deployed to Siachen after successfully completing her induction training at the Siachen Battle School earlier this month. Earlier this month, after completing induction training at the Siachen Battle School, Captain Geetika Kaul of the Snow Leopard Brigade became the first woman medical officer of the Indian Army to be deployed in Siachen. Siachen is the largest glacier in India and the second largest glacier in the world. This is the highest battlefield on earth. His posting on one of the highest glaciers is a testament to his unwavering determination.

6. Announcement of Vyas Samman for Pushpa Bharti for her memoir 'Yaadein, Yaaadein Aur Yaaadein'



Noted writer Pushpa Bharti has been announced to be given the Vyas Samman for 2023 for her memoir 'Yaadein, Yaadein aur Yaadein'. This honor given by KK Birla Foundation carries a prize money of Rs 4 lakh along with a citation and a memento. The Foundation said in a statement that renowned scholar of Hindi literature, Prof. A selection committee headed by Ramji Tiwari selected the writer's work. Other members of the committee include Dr. Shyam Sundar Pandey, Aruna Gupta, Prof. Anil Rai, Dr. Vijaya Sati and Dr. Suresh Rituparn, Director of KK Birla Foundation. In her memoir 'Yaadein, Yaadein aur Yaadein', Bharti has highlighted the unforgettable memoirs of various litterateurs, especially the top litterateurs of Hindi, which include Makhanlal Chaturvedi, Agyeya, Mahadevi Verma, Nirala, Rahi Masoom Raza, Kamleshwar and many others. Are. This book was published in 2016. The Vyas Samman is awarded to an outstanding literary work in Hindi by any Indian citizen published in the 10 years immediately preceding the selection year. Vyas Samman was started in 1991. Born on June 11, 1935 in Moradabad city of Uttar Pradesh, Bharti's books like 'Shubhagata', 'Dhai Aakhar Prem Ke', 'Saras Samvad', 'Safar Suhane' and many other books have become very popular among the readers. The writer has been honored with other honors including Maharashtra State Hindi Sahitya Academy Award 2008, Hindi Seva Samman-Kalidas Academy, Ujjain and Sahitya Bhushan of Uttar Pradesh Hindi Institute. Before now, this honor has been given to various litterateurs including Dr. Ramvilas Sharma, Dr. Shivprasad Singh, Girija Kumar Mathur, Dr. Dharamveer Bharti, Chitra Mudgal, Mridula Garg, Mannu Bhandari and Dr. Gyan Chaturvedi.

# 7. Inflation rate in 9 states is higher than the national average



In the month of November, the inflation rate in 9 states was higher than the national average. While the cost of living of the average Indian consumer has increased by 5.55 percent in November compared to the same period last year, it has increased by 7.65 percent in Odisha, 6.99 percent in Rajasthan, 6.78 percent in Haryana. In Bihar, Karnataka, Punjab, Telangana, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh, inflation rate has also been higher than the national average and the price rise in these states has been between 5.56 percent and 6.54 percent. India's overall inflation rate is higher than all developed countries. In October, the inflation rate in Britain was 4.6 percent, in America it was 3.2 percent, while in Japan it was 3.3 percent. Prices rose 2.3 percent in Germany and 3.8 percent in France. Inflation rates have declined in October in all other developed countries except Japan. The share of food items in the consumer price index is about 50 percent. Inflation of spices increased by 21.55 percent on annual basis. Apart from this, the inflation of pulses and its products increased by 20.23 percent, that of vegetables by 17.7 percent and that of fruits by 10.95 percent. Inflation of grains and its products stood at 10.27 percent on an annual basis. However, retail prices of oils and fats fell by 15 percent. According to NSO data, inflation in rural areas stood at 5.85 percent, while in urban centers it stood at 5.26 percent. Due to this, the national average of inflation was 5.55 percent. The Reserve Bank of India primarily looks at retail inflation while considering monetary policy. He has the responsibility of keeping it at four percent with a variation of two percent.

8. IND vs SA 2nd T201: Suryakumar Yadav equaled Virat Kohli after scoring 15 runs



Team India captain Suryakumar Yadav has made a big achievement in his name during the South Africa tour.

Suryakumar Yadav completed 2000 T20 runs in his career after scoring 15 runs in the second T20 match. Suryakumar Yadav has become the fastest Indian batsman to jointly score 2000 runs in T20 International. He has equaled Virat Kohli. SKY achieved this feat in the 56th innings of its 59th match. Kohli had also completed 2000 T20 runs in 56 innings. However, Suryakumar Yadav has become the fastest batsman to complete 2000 runs with the ball. Pakistan captain Babar Azam tops the list of players who have completed the fastest 2000 runs in T20 International, Both Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan had achieved this feat in 52-52 innings. KL Rahul is at third place in this list. KL had completed 2000 T20 International runs in 58 innings. Rohit Sharma had scored 2000 runs in 77 innings of T-20 International. Suryakumar Yadav has completed half century in the second T20 against South Africa. This is his fourth fifty in the fifth innings against South Africa. Survakumar Yaday completed this half century in 29 balls. India did not have a good start in this match and both the openers returned to the pavilion at the score of 6. After that Surva took over the Indian innings. Till the time of writing the news, Rinku Singh and Surya are at the crease and there is a partnership of 63 runs between the two.

#### OUIZ

1. Kannada cinema's veteran actress Lilavati passed away. How old was she?

(a) 85 years

- (b) 80 years
- (c) 79 years
- (d) 81 years

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#### 2. Who has recently been selected for Vyas Samman, 2023?

- (a) Yashpal
- (b) Pushpa Bharti
- (c) Nirad Chandra Chaudhary
- (d) Aarti Goswami

Noted Hindi writer Pushpa Bharti's 2016 memoir, 'Yaadein, Yaadein aur Yaadein', has been selected for the 33rd Vyas Samman, 2023. This information has been given by KK Birla Foundation in an official statement. Vyas Samman is a literary award which was first given in 1991. In her memoir 'Yaadein, Yaadein aur Yaadein', Bharti has highlighted the unforgettable memoirs of various litterateurs, especially the top litterateurs of Hindi, which include Makhanlal Chaturvedi, Agyeya, Mahadevi Verma, Nirala, Rahi Masoom Raza, Kamleshwar and many others. Are.

## 3. Which actor has recently been honored with Italy's prestigious civilian honour?

- (a) Amitabh Bachchan
- (b) Kabir Bedi
- (c) R Madhavan
- (d) Manoj Bajpayee

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# 4. Which country's NGO has been honored with the 'International Gender Equality Award' 2023?

- (a) Syria
- (b) Israel
- (c) Afghanistan
- (d) Brazil

Finland has honored an Afghan NGO with the 'International Gender Equality Award' 2023. This NGO works to promote and protect women's rights in Afghanistan. Prime Minister of Finland Petteri Orpo

also presented 300,000 euros along with the award. In 2021, the award was presented to the We Will Stop Femicide Platform, an organization that does groundbreaking work to combat violence against women in Turkey and whose work has global relevance. In 2019, the award went to Equality Now, a global non-profit organization that protects women's rights and has succeeded in changing discriminatory laws and stereotypical practices in various countries.

# 5. Who has been awarded the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for November 2023?

- (a) Harmanpreet Kaur
- (b) Nahida Akhtar
- (c) Annabel Sutherland
- (d) Deepti Sharma

Bangladesh's left-arm spinner Nahida Akhtar has been awarded the ICC Women's Player of the Month Award for the month of November. She has become the first Bangladeshi female player to win the award. Australia's World Cup-winning star Travis Head has been named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for November 2023. The 23-year-old player defeated Fargana Haq and Pakistan spinner Sadia Iqbal to win the title.

# 6. Who has become the fastest batsman to score 2,000 runs in T20I in terms of ball?

- (a) Survakumar Yadav
- (b) Glenn Maxwell
- (c) Virat Kohli
- (d) David Miller

Indian T20 captain Suryakumar Yadav created a new record on the South African tour, becoming the fastest batsman to score 2000 runs in T20 International with the ball. Also, Surya jointly achieved this milestone with star batsman Virat Kohli in 56 innings. Team India captain Suryakumar Yadav has made a big achievement in his name during the South Africa tour. Kohli had also completed 2000 T20 runs in 56 innings. However, Suryakumar Yadav has become the fastest batsman to complete 2000 runs with the ball.

# 7. How many million US dollars will IMF provide to Sri Lanka to improve its economy?

- (a) 100 million
- (b) 248 million

#### (c) 337 million

#### (d) 510 million

Sri Lanka will get 337 million US dollars assistance from IMF to stabilize the economy. The IMF Executive Board has completed the first review under the 48-month Extended Fund Facility with Sri Lanka. China holds 52 percent of Sri Lanka's total debt. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is a major financial agency of the United Nations. Peter Breuer, Sri Lanka's senior mission chief, said the debt restructuring deal with China was carried out on a highly confidential basis to conclude the first review of the IMF's \$2.9 billion release.

8. Who has become the first woman medical officer to be posted at the 'operational post' of Siachen Glacier?

- (a) Fatima Wasim
- (b) Shiva Chauhan
- (c) Geetika Kaur
- (d) Avani Chaturvedi

Captain Fatima Wasim has become the first woman medical officer to be posted at the operational post of Siachen Glacier. Fatima has been trained in Siachen Battle School. Fatima Wasim has been posted at a post at an altitude of 15200 feet. Recently, Captain Geetika Kaul of Snow Leopard Brigade had become the first woman medical officer to be deployed in Siachen. It is the largest glacier in India and the second largest in the world. It is said to be the highest battlefield on earth. Captain Geetika Kaul of the Snow Leopard Brigade also became the first woman medical officer of the Indian Army to be deployed to Siachen after successfully completing her induction training at the Siachen Battle School earlier this month.

#### ONE LINER

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Which actor has recently been honored with the prestigious civilian honor of Italy- Kabir Bedi

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Where was the World Investment Conference of the World Association of Investment Promotion Agency held recently - New Delhi

Who has recently become the highest paid CEO in India - Thierry Delaporte

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