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1. Pune creates Guinness World Record for largest reading activity



Pune has secured its place in the 'Guinness World Records' for hosting the largest collaborative reading event involving 3,066 participants, surpassing China's previous record and creating history. In a significant occasion for India, Pune has registered its name in the prestigious 'Guinness World Records' books by hosting the largest reading activity in collaboration, surpassing the previous record of China. On December 14, 2023, from 8-10 am, at SP College, a total of 3,066 parents gathered to read aloud to their children, creating a magical atmosphere and leaving an indelible mark in history. The previous record, held by China, was 2,884 simultaneous readers. Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) in collaboration with Government of Maharashtra, Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), National Book Trust (NBT) and Sir Parshurambhau (SP) College organized the event with the ambitious goal of setting a Guinness World Record. This extraordinary feat was organized by the National Book Trust as part of the Pune Book Festival, where parents engrossed themselves in reading aloud Kshipra Shahane's book "Nisargacha Nash Karu Naka" for three minutes. . Commissioner Vikram Kumar, Assistant Commissioner Vikas Dhakane, actress Prajakta Mali and many other eminent artists were present at the event. The Pune Book Festival, starting from 16th to 24th December at the Fergusson College Ground, promises to be a grand celebration of literature. The festival displays a wide collection of books in many languages including Marathi, Hindi, English, Gujarati, Kannada. Beyond literature, the festival includes sections for youth, talent shows and cultural performances. With over 500,000 visitors expected, it has 200 book stalls, offering diverse reading options. "The Pune Book Festival strives to

ignite a passion for reading, providing a platform for book lovers to immerse themselves in the rich tapestry of the written word."

2. Italy wins Admiral Cup 2023 held at Indian Naval Academy



The 12th edition of 'Admiral's Cup' Sailing Regatta concluded with a grand reception at the Ettikulam Beach of the Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala. The Italian team led by Midshipman Avalon Antonio and Midshipman Creati Carlo Leonardo captured the Admiral Cup 2023. The Indian team was the runner-up of this competition. Team India, represented by Midshipman PPK Reddy and Cadet GY Reddy, performed brilliantly. The British team was commanded by British Naval Officer Cadet Lucy Bell and Midshipman Aaron Middleton and the German team was led by Cadet Beckman Karl and Cadet Heinz Anton of Germany. Both these teams jointly secured third place. Russia's Seaman Gorkunov Petr won the first position in the men's individual event, followed by Italy's Midshipman Avalon Antonio at second and India's Midshipman PPK Reddy at third. Officer Cadet Lucy Bell of Britain stood first in the women's individual event, followed by Cadet Sangla Elma Salsdila of Indonesia at second position and Cadet Janhvi Singh of India at third position. Vice Admiral Puneet K Bahal, Commandant, Indian Naval Academy, as the Chief Guest, presented the 'Admiral's Cup', Runner-up Trophy and individual awards to the winners during the closing ceremony. The Admiral Cup featured competitive sailing races in laser radial boats on the days scheduled for competition from 05 to 08 December 2023. 43 participants, including 08 women participants, displayed their sailing skills in the Laser Radial in challenging wind and weather conditions, steering their boats out of every obstacle in the last four days of sailing. The event has become very

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popular since its launch in 2010. This edition of Admiral Cup Sailing Regatta 2023 saw participation from 20 countries and Indian teams from Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala and National Defense Academy, Khadakwasla.

3. SBI invests ₹49.99 crore in Canpac Trends



State Bank of India (SBI) recently made a strategic move into the paper packaging industry by investing ₹49.99 crore in Canpack Trends Pvt Ltd, an Ahmedabad-based company specializing in paper-based packaging solutions. In an exchange filing, SBI disclosed the execution of transaction documents to acquire 6.35% (3,70,644 shares) of Canpac Trends at ₹1,349 per share. The total investment amount is ₹49.99 crore. SBI's investment in Canpack Trends is driven by the objective of capital appreciation, emphasizing the potential growth and profitability of the paper packaging sector. The indicative period for completion of the acquisition has been set at three months from the date of execution of the transaction documents. Canpack Trends Private Limited, established in 2004, operates in the paper packaging industry. The company offers diverse paper-based packaging solutions, including folding cartons, corrugated cartons, flexible packaging, paper bags and luxury boxes.

4. Emmy-winning star Andre Braugher passes away, bids goodbye to the world at the age of 61



Andre Braugher, an Emmy-winning actor best known for his roles in the series 'Life on the Street' and 'Brooklyn 99', has died at the age of 61. Chicago-born actor Andre Braugher made his breakthrough role in 1989's 'Glory'. It starred Morgan Freeman and Denzel Washington, who won an Oscar for the film about an all-black Army regiment during the Civil War. Despite playing such a successful and popular role, he revealed in an interview in 2019 that he struggled to find work in Hollywood because there were very few roles for African American actors in the industry. In addition to the series, Andre Braugher has appeared in several other television roles, starring in the ABC drama "Gideon's Crossing" (2000–2001) and the TNT series "Men of a Certain Age" (2009–2011). He was also seen in many films. His recent appearances include the Paramount+ legal drama The Good Fight, and his final film role was in She Said, a drama retelling of the Harvey Weinstein investigation. Let us tell you that the actor has showcased his talent on stage, participating in Shakespeare's plays, earning an Obie Award for Henry V and acting in productions like The Whipping Man. Andre Braugher's impact on the entertainment industry extends far beyond accolades. His legacy as a talented and versatile artist, coupled with his contributions to the arts, ensures that he will be fondly remembered by audiences around the world.

5. Kuwait's Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah passed away at the age of 86.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed condolences on the demise of Kuwait's ruler Emir Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Sabah. PM Modi said that he was deeply saddened to know about the unfortunate demise of Sheikh Nawaf. We express our deepest condolences to the royal family and the people of Kuwait. Along with this, the government has announced one day state mourning. During this period the national flag will remain at half mast. Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah passed away at the age of 86. Kuwait's government television gave this information. He was recently admitted to the hospital due to shortness of breath. Sheikh took power in September 2020. During his rule, he emphasized on improving Kuwait's relations with India. 40 days of mourning has been announced in Kuwait on Sheikh's death. According to KUNA news agency, Sheikh Nawaf was also admitted to the hospital in emergency last month. However, no information regarding his illness was revealed at that time. Sheikh Nawaf was first made the governor of Hawalli province. Sheikh remained the governor here till 1978. After this he became the Home Minister of Kuwait and then the Defense Minister. At the age of 83, he became the rich of the country.

6. Nathan Lyon completed 500 wickets in Test cricket, became the third Australian to do so



Australian cricket team's veteran spinner Nathan Lyon has achieved this feat in the Perth Test against Pakistan cricket team. Actually, he has completed 500 wickets in his Test career. He has become only the third player from Australia to reach this figure. He achieved this feat as soon as he took his first wicket in Pakistan's second innings. In Australia, before Lyon, only Shane Warne (708) and Glenn McGrath (563) have taken 500 Test wickets. He has become the 8th bowler in world cricket, who has taken 500 wickets in his name in the longest format of the game. Muttiah Muralitharan (800), James Anderson (690), Anil Kumble (619), Stuart Broad (604), and Courtney Walsh (519) are the other players to achieve this feat. Earlier this year, Lyon became the first specialist bowler to play 100 consecutive Tests. Overall, he became the third Australian to do so after Allan Border (153 Tests) and Mark Waugh (107). In this list, the former captain of the England cricket team Alastair Cook (159) is at number one. After playing 100 consecutive Tests, Lyon was out of the Ashes series after the second Test due to a calf injury. Lyon is among the 20 bowlers who have taken 100 or more wickets in an Ashes series. He has taken 110 wickets in 30 matches at an average of 29.41 in this prestigious series. Meanwhile, he also managed to take 5 wicket hauls twice. Among the active bowlers, only Stuart Broad (153) and James Anderson (117) have more Ashes wickets than him. Among the current Australian players, Mitchell Starc (97) is behind him.

7. Reuven Azar will be Israel's new ambassador to India

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Israel's new ambassador to India will be Reuven Azar. The Israeli government has approved the appointment of Reuven Azar as the new Ambassador to India. Apart from India, Azar is also scheduled to serve as non-resident ambassador to Sri Lanka and Bhutan. Foreign Minister Eli Cohen, while informing about the appointment of Reuven Azar as Ambassador to India, said that he will represent Israeli citizens in these countries. Let us tell you that Azar is currently working as Israel's Ambassador to Romania. From 2014 to 2018, Azar was the Deputy Ambassador to the Israeli Embassy in the US. Azar, who has been working in various positions in Israel for the last three decades, has also done a lot of work on the issue of Palestine. Let us tell you that Azar was born in Argentina. He came to Israel with his family at the age of 13. He has a bachelor's degree in international relations from the Hebrew University. Azar has been extensively involved in Middle East affairs, including various aspects of cooperation and negotiations with the Palestinian Authority. His roles included leading the Iran sanctions team and directing Middle East economic research during nearly three decades of diplomatic service.

8. PM Modi inaugurated projects worth Rs 19 thousand crore in Varanasi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various development projects worth about Rs 19,150 crore for the development of his parliamentary constituency Varanasi and surrounding areas. Along with this, PM Modi also flagged off another Vande Bharat train on the Varanasi-New Delhi route. The second saffron colored New Delhi-Varanasi Vande Bharat train is equipped with all new features. Along with this, PM Modi inaugurated the world's largest meditation center 'Swarveda Mahamandir' in Varanasi on Monday. After the inauguration of Swarveda Mahamandir, PM Modi visited this center along with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Here more than 20,000 people can sit together and meditate. Swarveda Mahamandir built in Varanasi is a mixture of ancient philosophy, spirituality and modern architecture. After the inauguration of the temple, PM Modi said that in the company of saints, the people of Kashi have together created many new records of development and innovation. Government, society and saints are all working together for the rejuvenation of Kashi. Today, the completion of Swarveda temple is an example of this divine inspiration. This great temple is a symbol of the teachings and teachings of Maharishi Sadaphal Dev Ji. As much as the divinity of this temple attracts us, its grandeur also astonishes us.

QUIZ

1. When is International Migrants Day celebrated every year?

- (a) 16 December
- (b) 17 December
- (c) 18 December
- (d) 19 December

International Migrants Day is celebrated every year on 18 December. This day is celebrated to appreciate the

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important contribution made in solving the challenges faced by the migrants. The theme of International Migrants Day 2023 is "Promoting Safe Migration". Its celebration was started in the year 2000.

2. At what age did Emmy-winning star Andre Braugher pass away?

- (a) 59 years
- (b) 67 years
- (c) 61 years
- (d) 68 years

Andre Braugher, an Emmy-winning actor best known for his roles in the series 'Life on the Street' and 'Brooklyn 99', has died at the age of 61. Chicago-born actor Andre Braugher made his breakthrough role in 1989's 'Glory'. It starred Morgan Freeman and Denzel Washington, who won an Oscar for the film about an all-black Army regiment during the Civil War. Despite playing such a successful and popular role, he revealed in an interview in 2019 that he struggled to find work in Hollywood because there were very few roles for African American actors in the industry.

3. Who has become the 8th bowler in the world to take 500 or more wickets in Test cricket?

- (a) Nathan Lyon
- (b) Ravindra Jadeja
- (c) Adam Zampa
- (d) Ravichandran Ashwin

Australia's experienced spinner Nathan Lyon has become the 8th bowler in the world to take 500 or more wickets in Test cricket. He achieved this feat in the Perth Test against Pakistan. He has become the third bowler from Australia to take 500 or more wickets. From Australia, only Shane Warne (708) and Glenn McGrath (563) are ahead of him.

4. Recently, after the death of the ruler of which country, the Government of India had announced one day state mourning?

- (a) Qatar
- (b) Egypt
- (c) Bahrain
- (d) Kuwait

After the demise of Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Indian Government had announced one-day state mourning on Sunday

(December 17). Amir died on Saturday at the age of 86. The Union Home Ministry had sent a message regarding this to all the states. Kuwait is a Gulf country, its capital is 'Kuwait City'. Sheikh Nawaf was first made the governor of Hawalli province. Sheikh remained the governor here till 1978. After this he became the Home Minister of Kuwait and then the Defense Minister. At the age of 83, he became the rich of the country.

5. Who has been appointed by the Israeli government as the new Ambassador to India?

- (a) Ron Malka
- (b) Nor Gillon
- (c) Reuven Azar
- (d) none of these

The Israeli government recently approved the appointment of Reuven Azar as the new Ambassador to India. The Israeli Foreign Ministry also said in a statement that Reuven will also serve as non-resident ambassador to Sri Lanka and Bhutan. Azar currently serves as Israel's Ambassador to Romania. He will replace Naor Gillon, who has been serving as Israel's Ambassador to India since 2021. Azar has been extensively involved in Middle East affairs, including various aspects of cooperation and negotiations with the Palestinian Authority. His roles included leading the Iran sanctions team and directing Middle East economic research during nearly three decades of diplomatic service.

6. Which Indian recently successfully climbed Antarctica's highest peak 'Mount Vinson'?

- (a) Arunima Sinha
- (b) Luv Raj Singh Dharamshaktu
- (c) Sheikh Hasan Khan
- (d) Anshu Jamsenpa

Kerala government employee Sheikh Hasan Khan has conquered Antarctica's highest peak 'Mount Vinson'. This is the fifth highest peak conquered by him. Mount Vinson is 4,892 meters (16,050 ft) above sea level. Apart from Mount Vinson, Khan has conquered four other high peaks, Mount Everest in Asia, Mount Denali in North America, Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa and Mount Elbrus in Europe.

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7. Who has been appointed as the new captain by IPL team Mumbai Indians?

- (a) Suryakumar Yadav
- (b) Jasprit Bumrah
- (c) Ishan Kishan
- (d) Hardik Pandya

Mumbai franchise of IPL has appointed all-rounder Hardik Pandya as its new captain. Experienced opener Rohit Sharma, who was removed from the captaincy, was the captain of Mumbai since 2013. In between, he had won five IPL trophies for Mumbai Indians. It is noteworthy that recently Mumbai had made a trade deal with Gujarat team for Hardik Pandya.

8. In which city did PM Modi inaugurate the world's largest meditation center?

- (a) Patna
- (b) Varanasi
- (c) Lucknow
- (d) Ahmedabad

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several beneficial projects in his parliamentary constituency Varanasi. In this series, PM Modi also inaugurated the world's largest meditation center Swarved Mahamandir. It is a 7-storey meditation center which is the largest in the world. The newly constructed Swaraveda Mahamandir is spread over 3 lakh square feet. In this centre, 20 thousand people can participate in yoga sessions simultaneously. Swarveda Mahamandir built in Varanasi is a mixture of ancient philosophy, spirituality and modern architecture. After the inauguration of the temple, PM Modi said that in the company of saints, the people of Kashi have together created many new records of development and innovation.

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