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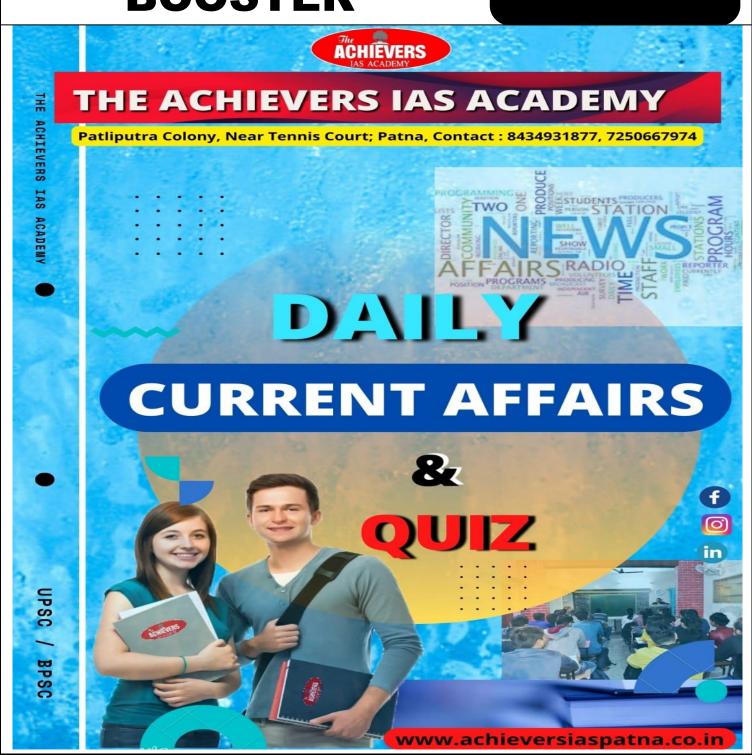
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1. Indian government unveils video of 10 extraordinary moments that will make a global impact in 2023



The Government of India recently unveiled a compelling video that showcases ten extraordinary moments when India made an indelible mark on the global stage in 2023. From unprecedented space exploration to economic progress, the video showcases the country's remarkable progress and contributions. Let's look at the key moments that have defined travel to India in 2023. One of the extraordinary moments shown in the video is the historic landing of Chandrayaan 3 on the south pole of the Moon. This monumental achievement not only showcases India's advanced space capabilities but also marks a major leap in lunar exploration. India has achieved one of the fastest 5G rollouts in the world, covering 738 districts and serving nearly 100 million users. This rapid deployment signals a significant milestone in India's technological advancements, promising transformative impacts across all sectors and positioning the country as a global leader in telecommunications. Swarved Mahamandir, the world's largest meditation center recently inaugurated by PM Modi in Uttar Pradesh, features in key moments of the video. This spiritual haven reflects India's cultural richness and commitment to promoting inner peace and spiritual well-being. PM Narendra Modi launches MV Ganga Vilas, the world's longest river cruise and India's first domestically built cruise ship. With three decks, 18 suites, 36 tourist facilities and modern amenities, it covers a distance of 3,200 km in about 51 days, ending at Dibrugarh in Assam via Bangladesh.

2. Sanjay Singh becomes the new head of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)



In the recently concluded Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) elections, Sanjay Singh, a key figure in former WFI chief Brij Bhushan's camp and currently vice-president of the UP Wrestling Association, won with a massive 40 votes as against Anita Sheoran's mere seven votes. of. The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), the governing body of wrestling in the country, is based in New Delhi. Sanjay Singh, associated with the Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and a native of Varanasi, previously held a position on the executive council of the WFI. Since 2019, he has served as the joint secretary of the national federation. Additionally, he holds the post of Vice President in Uttar Pradesh Wrestling Association. While Anita Sheoran's panel lost the race for the presidential post, she managed to secure the crucial post of General Secretary. Prem Chand Lochab, former RSPB secretary, emerged victorious by a 27-19 vote against Darshan Lal. Additionally, together with the opposing wrestlers, Devender Singh Kadian defeated ID Nanavati by a margin of 32-15 to claim the senior vicepresidential post. Born on 24 November 1984, Sheoran is a resident of Dhani Mhow village in Bhiwani district of Haryana. She won a gold medal in the women's freestyle 67 kg category at the 2010 Commonwealth Games. With multiple medals at the Asian Wrestling Championships and Commonwealth Wrestling Championships, he has consistently demonstrated excellence. Presently, Sheoran is working as Inspector in Haryana Police. The Brijbhushan camp showed its dominance by capturing all four vice-president posts. Jai Prakash (37), Asit Kumar Saha (42), Kartar Singh (44) and N Phoeni (38) picked up wins for Delhi, West Bengal, Punjab and Manipur respectively. Interestingly, the new Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Mohan Yadav got only five votes in the Vice President election,

which highlights the heavy influence of the Brij Bhushan faction.

3. Former chairperson of National Commission for Women, Dr. V Mohini Giri passes away



Padma Bhushan Dr V Mohini Giri, former chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW), passed away at the age of 86. For her efforts in the field of women's rights, she was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2007. Dr. Giri served as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Women from 1995-1998. She was also the President of the Guild of Service, a social service organization based in the Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi. She advocates for the rights of women and children to education, employment and financial security. She founded the War Widows Association in the year 1972. Dr. Mohini Giri, daughterin-law of former President Dr. VV Giri, is survived by a son and a daughter. Dr. Giri served as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW) from 1995 to 1998 and headed the Central Social Welfare Board. She was also the head of the Guild of Service, an organization in New Delhi that supports the rights of women and children, focusing on education. employment and financial security. Her commitment to women's rights earned her the prestigious Padma Bhushan award in 2007. The demise of Dr. V Mohini Giri has created a void in the field of women empowerment and social service. Her dedication towards the upliftment of women, especially war widows, has left an indelible mark on the society.

4. Announcement of SASTRA Ramanujan Awards 2022 and 2023



At a prestigious ceremony at the SASTRA campus in Kumbakonam, the SASTRA-Ramanujan Awards for 2022 and 2023 were presented to Yunging Tang and Ruixiang Zhang, mathematicians affiliated with the University of California at Berkeley. The award, established by SASTRA in 2005, honors individuals under the age of 32 who have made notable contributions to the field of mathematics. The SASTRA-Ramanujan Awards, carrying a commendable cash prize of US\$10,000 and a citation, are presented every year on the birthday of the renowned Indian mathematician, Srinivasa Ramanujan. This year, carrying forward the tradition of honoring genius on Ramanujan's special day, the recipients were honored for their outstanding work in mathematics. Awardees Yunqing Tang and Ruixiang Zhang delivered memorial lectures on Ramanujan Jayanti. Expressing his gratitude, he thanked SASTRA for recognizing his contribution in the areas influenced by Ramanujan. The mathematician was particularly thrilled to visit the Ramanujan house at Kumbakonam, which was carefully maintained by SATRA, and the Ramanujan Museum. During the award presentation, T. Ramaswamy, former Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, paid an emotional tribute to the genius of Srinivasa Ramanujan. He highlights the relevance of Ramanujan's contributions to the contemporary world, emphasizing the lasting impact of his mathematical legacy.

5. United Nations declared the year 2024 as the International Year of Camelids



The United Nations has declared the year 2024 as the International Year of the Camels to highlight the importance of camelids in the lives of people around the world. The International Year of Camelids 2024 aims to raise awareness of the untapped potential of camelids and strive to increase investment in the camelids sector through research, capacity development and the use of innovative practices and technologies. These camels are found in more than 90 countries of the world. These are ruminant herbivores, their body structure consists of thin neck, long legs and sharp and pointed teeth. They do not have hooves but instead have two toes with nails and soft pads called tylopoda in Greek, meaning "padded foot". Afro-Asian camel species have developed extensive adaptations to life in harsh and waterless environments. Wild species of Bactrian camel are also capable of drinking salt water. Camelids are found in the highlands of the Andes mountain range, arid and semi-arid regions of Africa and Asia. Camelids play an important role in meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) envisioned by the United Nations. These organisms contribute to food security, nutrition and economic development for local communities. These creatures are a major source of milk and meat which helps in food security of the people. These organisms also provide fiber which is used for clothing and shelter. People also use them as a means of transportation. These organisms also provide organic fertilizers which are used in agriculture. The United Nations was established on 24 October 1945 with the signing of the United Nations Charter by 50 countries. At present the number of member states included in it is 193. The structure of this organization includes the General Assembly, Security Council,

Economic and Social Council, Secretariat, International Court of Justice and United Nations Trust Council.

6. Bihar Police will launch Mission Investigation@75 from January 1, now investigation of cases will be completed in 60 to 75 days.



For the new year, DGP RS Bhatti has assigned 10 missions to Bihar Police, which will start from January 1 with Mission Investigation @ 75 days. Under this, the police will have to complete the investigation in any case within 75 days of the FIR being registered in the police stations. Bihar Police says that currently it takes an average of 261 days to investigate the case. District and police station wise ranking will be made on the basis of research performance. CID has been given the responsibility of monitoring it. Bihar Police ADG Headquarters Jitendra Singh Gangwar gave this information in the regular briefing. From January 1, all police stations will have to complete the investigation of incidents within a maximum of 75 days. If the case is registered under serious sections like crime against women, SC-ST or POCSO, then the time limit will be 60 days. The police will have to tell within the stipulated time limit whether the accused are guilty in the case or not. In the investigation of scandals, attention will have to be paid to both quantity and quality. Instructions have been given to make maximum use of Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) in police research and pay attention to legal understanding and quality of evidence. After new police appointments, training and executive higher charges, the shortage of Research Officers (IOs) has been filled to a great extent. About 27 thousand 500 IOs were required in the police stations of the state, but only 9200 IOs were available till January 2023. After being given higher charge from Havildar to Inspector rank, the number of IOs has now increased to

15 thousand. Five thousand more police officers who have passed the Police Training Course (PTC) will be recruited in January, after which the total number will become 20 thousand. Research work will be completed by preparing a priority list of old pending cases in police stations.

7. Gujarat's GIFT City exempted from liquor ban, 'Wine-and-Dine' allowed



In an effort to provide a "global business ecosystem" in the Gujarat International Finance Tech-City (GIFT City), the Government of Gujarat lifted the ban on liquor in the area, and exempted it from the prohibition imposed across the state. Being the state where Mahatma Gandhi was born, the manufacture, storage, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages has been banned in Gujarat since its formation. Such relaxation had never been given before in any area of the state. "GIFT City has emerged as a global financial and technological hub bustling with economic activity. There is a call to change the rules to allow 'Wine and Dine' facilities in the GIFT City area to provide a global business ecosystem. The important decision has been taken. Global investors, technology experts and national and international companies," the state prohibition department said in a statement. It added, "Under the new system, hotels, restaurants and clubs (existing and Those who open) will be given permits for wine and food facilities." However, such establishments will not be allowed to sell liquor bottles to the public. The statement further said, "People working officially in the GIFT City area and Their official guests will be able to visit such hotels, restaurants and clubs for wine and dining facilities." Owners and employees of companies in GIFT City will be given liquor access permits and their visitors will be

given temporary permits who wish to consume alcohol. Can go to hotels and restaurants. The state prohibition and excise department will regulate the import, storage and sale of liquor in the city.

8. WHO: More than 1 million Afghan children facing severe malnutrition crisis



WHO reports more than 1 million Afghan children are facing severe malnutrition and urges international assistance and funding to tackle the growing crisis. The World Health Organization (WHO) has issued a warning, revealing that more than one million children in Afghanistan are currently suffering from severe malnutrition. The dire situation has prompted urgent calls for international assistance and funding, as the country attempts to deal with the growing crisis. Tolo News, an Afghan news channel based in Kabul, reports on the seriousness of the issue, highlighting the urgent need for resources to meet the critical health needs of Afghanistan's vulnerable population. WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has stressed the seriousness of the situation, saying Afghanistan urgently needs \$185 million to effectively tackle malnutrition. In a statement, I noted that 30 percent of the entire Afghan population currently faces acute food insecurity. The grim figures million include approximately one malnourished children and 2.3 million children suffering from moderately acute malnutrition. Even the Talibanappointed public health ministry in Afghanistan has acknowledged the worsening situation. They noted a slight increase in the number of malnourished mothers and children compared to previous years, highlighting the urgent need for intervention. Health care professionals at Indira Gandhi Children's Hospital have

noticed a significant increase in malnourished children compared to previous years, especially during the winter months. Nurse Fatima Azimi revealed that 15 to 20 malnourished children are referred to the hospital for treatment every day.

QUIZ

- 1. When has National Farmers Day been celebrated recently?
- A- 21st December
- **B-22 December**
- C- 23 December
- D- 25th December

Kisan Diwas or National Farmers' Day is celebrated across the country on 23 December to commemorate the birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh, the fifth Prime Minister of India. He brought farmer friendly policies and worked towards the welfare of farmers. He was the fifth Prime Minister of India and served the country as Prime Minister from 28 July 1979 to 14 January 1980. Being from a farmer family himself, he was well aware of the problems and condition of the farmers, hence he did many reform works for the farmers.

2. Which year has been declared by the United Nations as the International Year of Camelids?

A-2024

B-2025

C-2026

D-2027

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A-Karnataka

B- Kerala

C- Bihar

D-all

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A- Surat

B- Ahmedabad

C- Gift City

D-all

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5. At what age did Padma Bhushan Dr. V. Mohini Giri, former chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW), pass away?

A- 90 years

B-79 years

C-82 years

D-86 years

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6. Which bank has launched the Udyog Pratham program for the diamond industry?

A- ICICI Bank

B- HDFC Bank

C-Bank of Baroda

D- IndusInd Bank

IndusInd Bank has recently launched 'Indus Solitaire Programme', an innovative community banking initiative specifically designed to meet the unique needs of the diamond industry. This comprehensive program is set to offer a range of exclusive benefits and features, strengthening the Bank's commitment to serve the Diamond community. The program will be accessible through IndusInd Bank's flagship branches strategically located in key cities, with a special focus on Mumbai and Surat.

7. Who has recently been crowned Miss Continental International 2023?

A-Aastha Rawal

B- Sini Shetty

C- Khushi Patel

D- Rijul Maini

In an unprecedented moment for beauty pageants, the fifth season of Miss Continental International 2023 took center stage in India for the first time, breaking the tradition of the Philippines or Malaysia hosting the

event. The historic occasion culminated when talented actress Aastha Rawal was crowned Miss Continental International 2023. The journey to the coveted title was a challenging feat, as the contestants had to go through a rigorous selection process. Aastha Rawal, along with another talented representative of India, emerged victorious among contestants from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Bhutan and many other Asian countries.

8. Recently, the Chief Minister of which state has gifted tractors to the farmers?

A- Haryana

B-Maharashtra

C-Uttar Pradesh

D- Madhya Pradesh

A draw was conducted in the program under the Chief Minister Kisan Uphaar Yojana organized in Moradabad. In which he was given a tractor as the first prize in the draw conducted by the Mandi Committee Commissioner. He was presented Sonalika-35 tractor in the organized program. There was a lot of enthusiasm among the farmers when they got a tractor in the village. Told that two such farmers have been awarded in the district.

ONE LINER

Where has Rajiv Gandhi Self-Employment Scheme been started recently – Himachal Pradesh

Bandhan Bank has got the right to receive revenue from 'e-GRAS' portal from which state – Assam

Who has recently become the first Indian to join ITTF Governing Board member - Vita Dani

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