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1. NHAI made 75 km long road in just 105 hours, record recorded in Guinness Book



The National Highways Authority of India (NHA) has set a new world record in its name on Tuesday. NHA has set a new record all over the world by building a 75 km long bituminous concrete road in just 105 hours. The record here has been completed in a record time of 105 hours 33 minutes on the route between Amravati and Akola in Maharashtra.

Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari shared this information by tweeting. Gadkari has also posted a certificate of seven Guinness World Records of his tweet. Apart from this, while releasing a video message, Nitin Gadkari wrote that it is a proud moment for the country.

What did Gadkari say in the video message?

Gadkari, via video message, congratulated all the engineers, contractors, consultants and workers of NHA and Raj Path Infracon Pvt Ltd for creating the world record, which has helped in achieving this world record successfully. He said that a record has been set for laying 75 km bituminous concrete in single lane in 105 hours 33 minutes on NH 53 between Amravati and Akola districts.

2. QS World University Rankings 2023: 41 Institutes of India in QS World Rankings



The three biggest central universities of the country have registered a decline in the QS World

University Rankings 2023. In fact, in the QS World University Rankings 2023, there has been a decline in the ranking of three major central universities of the country located in Delhi - Delhi University, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Jamia Millia Islamia. One of the main reasons for slipping in the rankings is the faculty-student ratio parameter. Due to which there is a decline in the ranking of all the three universities.

At the same time, the position of 12 universities has shown an improvement in the QS World University Rankings. In this, Indian Institute of Science Bangalore has received the title of best in the country and emerging institute in South Asia. While IIT Bombay is second and IIT Delhi is in third place. This year 7 new universities have been given a place in the list.

According to the list, Indian Institute of Science Bangalore is at number 155 among the top educational institutions of the world. The QS World University Rankings 2023 event was held at Chandigarh University.

After the ranking came, the institutes have been praised by President Ram Nath Kovind. He has said that it is very good that this year 41 Indian institutions have made place in the QS ranking.

Drop in ranking

There has been a decline in the rank of Delhi University this year. The university's ranking was earlier between 501-510. Which is now between 521 to 530. At the same time, the ranking of JNU was earlier between 561-570, but now it is in 601-650. On the other hand, Jamia Millia Islamia was between 751-800 last year, but it has now reached between 801-1000.

3. IAI appoints Satish Pai as its new chairman

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Recently, International Aluminum Institute (IAI) has decided to appoint Satish Pai as its new chairman. Let us inform the readers that Satish will replace "Ben Kahrs" Chief Innovation Officer of Alcoa Corporation in this position.

Presently Satish Pai is the Managing Director of Aditya Birla Group company Hindalco Industries Limited.

International Aluminum Institute - IAI represents a global primary aluminum industry. And its purpose - "Promote the sustainable development of the aluminum industry.

and to increase demand for aluminum products by raising awareness about their unique and valuable properties."

4. Announcement of the election program of the 16th President of the country



The Election Commission today announced the election schedule for the 16th President of the country. Announcing the election schedule in New Delhi, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said that the polling will be held on July 18. Counting of votes will take place on July 21. The notification for the election will be issued on June 15. Nomination forms can be filled till June 29. Scrutiny of nomination papers will be done on June 30. The term of President Ram Nath Kovind ends on July 24.

Mr. Kumar said that the President will be elected by secret ballot according to the system of proportional representation as per the Constitution. He said that the commission is taking all necessary measures to ensure free and fair elections.

The President is elected by the electoral college consisting of members of the Lok Sabha, the Rajya Sabha and the state legislatures.

The electoral college also includes members from the Delhi and Puducherry Legislative Assemblies.

The Chief Election Commissioner said that the Secretary General of the Rajya Sabha will be the presiding officer of the Presidential election. Four thousand eight hundred and nine electors including seven hundred 76 members of parliament and four thousand 33 members of the Legislative Assemblies will elect the President. Mr Kumar said that all the COVID guidelines will be followed on the day of polling and counting.

5. Jammu and Kashmir: Kheer Bhawani fair ends amid tight security, 18 thousand Kashmiri Pandits attend



The famous Kheer Bhawani fair has started in Jammu and Kashmir. Amidst the incidents of target killing, special arrangements have been made for security this time. Mata Kheer Bhavani is the Kuldevi of Kashmiri Pandits and a large number of Kashmiri Hindus come here in the fair. It is said that after Baba Barfani in Kashmir, the biggest fair is of Kheer Bhawani.

And whenever a fair is held, a large number of people come here. Although the fair has not been organized for two years due to Corona virus, but

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this year the fair has been organized with great pomp and special care has been taken for security.

6. Avani Lekhara wins gold medal with world record in Para World Cup



Tokyo Paralympic champion Avani Lekhara on Tuesday won a gold medal in the Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 event of the Para Shooting World Cup in Chateauroux, France with a world record of 250.6.

Twenty-year-old Avani broke her own world record of 249.6 to qualify for the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games.

Poland's Emilia Babska won the silver medal with a score of 247.6 while the bronze medal went to Sweden's Anna Norman, who scored 225.6.

In the SH1 category of rifle events, shooters who have deformities in the lower limbs take part. Avni was earlier on the verge of being ruled out of the tournament as her coach and assistant were initially denied visas.

However, the matter was resolved after the intervention of the Sports Authority of India and the Sports Ministry.

Avni tweeted, "Proud of securing a gold medal in the R2 10m Air Rifle SH1 event of Chateauroux 2022 with a world record time and India's first ever Paris2024 quota. My first international competition since the Paralympics. Thank you to everyone who supported me."

Shooting Para Sports tweeted, "Avni Lekhara, new world record holder in R2 Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1. The Indian shooter broke the previous record (249.6) in the Chateauroux 2022 World Cup with a score of 250.6."

Avani had won the gold medal in the 10m air rifle standings event in the SH1 category at the Tokyo Paralympics in August last year. She also won a bronze medal in the women's 50m Rifle Three Position SH1 event and became the first Indian woman to win more than one medal at the Paralympics.

7. Doordarshan DG Mayank Kumar Agarwal gets additional charge of Prasar Bharati



Mayank Kumar Agarwal, Director General of Doordarshan and Doordarshan Samachar has been given additional charge as Chief Executive Officer of Prasar Bharati. Agarwal succeeded Shashi Shekhar Vempati who completed his five-year tenure as the CEO of the public broadcaster. "It has been a rich experience working with seven ministers in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in these past years. Late Arun Jaitley to M Venkaiah Naidu, Smriti Irani, Rajyavardhan Rathore, Prakash Javadekar, Anurag Thakur, Dr L Murugan. They all guide, guide and support every step of the way.

It was a leap of faith on Modi's part, Vempati said, to hand over the responsibility (of the state broadcaster) from the private sector to an outsider. "His commendable initiative of bringing lateral professionals into the government needs to be strengthened and institutionalized for sustained impact. I would also like to thank several Secretaries and Additional Secretaries of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting who have been fellow board members and Joint Secretaries, IIS officers who have been great partners in this transformational journey."

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8. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan: Abu Dhabi's stalwart leader who is now the President of the UAE



Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has been elected as the new President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the official WAM news agency of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) reported on Saturday.

The Federal Supreme Council convened today to elect the president, who will hold office for a five-year term before being eligible for re-election. According to the Khaleej Times report, the new chairman was chosen from among the members of the Federal Supreme Council.

9. European Parliament passes resolution to ban sale of new petrol and diesel cars from 2035



The European Parliament has voted to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars until 2035. This move will lead to rapid development of electric vehicles and will help in tackling climate change.

Lawmakers rejected an amendment proposal to allow some emissions from new vehicles after 2035.

By the middle of the next decade, automakers will have to cut carbon dioxide emissions by 100 percent. The decision would ban the sale of gasoline or diesel powered vehicles in 27 EU countries.

Members of the European Parliament are yet to negotiate the last passed legislation with ministers from the governments of the 27 member states.

10. Tamil Nadu CM launches logo and mascot of 44th Chess Olympiad



Chennai, May 14 (PTI) Initiating preparations for the 44th Chess Olympiad in Mahabalipuram, the Tamil Nadu government constituted 18 working committees and signed a tie-up with the All India Chess Federation (AICF), the central governing body of the game in India.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Tamil Nadu Government and AICF for organizing the tournament to be held at Mahabalipuram from July 28 to August 10 was signed in the presence of Chief Minister MK Stalin.

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Capital of United Arab Emirates: **Abu Dhabi**;
United Arab Emirates Currency: **United Arab Emirates Dirham**;

Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates: **Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum**

Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu: **M.K. Stalin**

President of All India Chess Federation: **Sanjay Kapoor**

European Parliament Headquarters: **Strasbourg, France**;

European Parliament established: **19 March 1958**

QUIZ

1. Which state government has recently launched 'eh Vigil pp' for holistic management of beaches?

- (a) Goa (b) Karnataka
(c) Kerala (d) Tamil Nadu

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2. Recently which country has released a new geological map of the moon?

- (a) Russia (b) Nepal
(c) China (d) Pakistan

3. How many crore followers have been reached on Virat Kohli's Instagram (Virt Kohli Instgrm Followers)?

- (a) 0 crore (b) 30 crore
(c) 40 crore (d) 20 crore

4. Which automobile company has recently set up a 20 MW solar carport at its Manesar Haryana site?

- (a) Maruti Suzuki
(b) Tata Motors
(c) Mahindra Group
(d) None of these

5. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has increased the per project amount from Rs 0 crore to how much of the following under the Technology Development Fund of the Defense Ministry?

- (a) Rs 0 crore (b) Rs 20 crore
(c) Rs 30 crore (d) Rs 50 crore

6. Which Indian female player has recently announced retirement from all forms of cricket?

- (a) Jhulan Goswami
(b) Mithali Raj
(c) Smriti Mandhana
(d) Shefali Verma

7. World Accreditation Day (World Accreditation Day) is observed on which of the following day?

- (a) 10 January (b) 2 March
(c) 9th June (d) 8th August

8. Defense Acquisition Council (DAC) approved the purchase of military equipment platform worth Rs.

- (a) Rs 26,390 crore
(b) Rs 6,990 crore
(c) Rs 2,390 crore
(d) Rs 76,390 crore