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1. Mangarh hill to be declared a monument of national importance



A report has been prepared on declaring Mangarh hill in Rajasthan as a monument of national importance in memory of the sacrifice of 1500 Bhil tribal freedom fighters. This report has been prepared by the National Monuments Authority. National Monuments Authority Chairman Tarun Vijay has recently submitted the report to Arjun Ram Meghwal, who is the Minister of State for Culture of India.

Significantly, on 17 November 1913, the British army brutally killed 1500 Bhil tribal freedom fighters. In order to pay tribute to such freedom fighters, the Central Government has talked about positively taking forward the report related to declaring the National Memorial on the occasion of Amrit Mahotsav of Independence. Mangarh, a hill in Banswara district of Rajasthan, was visited by Prime Minister Narendra Modi when he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat.

2. Hariyali Mahotsav-2022 organized in New Delhi



The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change organized a tree festival 'Hariyali Mahotsav' - in New Delhi today. As part of the 75th year of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', this festival has been organized to increase awareness about the importance of trees and green areas in air pollution and climate change and environmental protection.

Under this, saplings will be planted in 75 city forests, 75 km of roads around 75 police establishments, 75 schools in Delhi and 75 undeveloped places in the country.

On this occasion, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupendra Yadav called upon the youth to make the country free from single-use plastic. He also asked for tree plantation to protect the biodiversity and ecological balance in the country. He said that climate change is having an adverse effect all over the world, so there is a need to conduct tree plantation campaigns across the country to meet this challenge.

Trees and forests provide oxygen as well as improve air quality, conserve water and soil, and provide a healthy environment for wildlife. Our correspondent reports that a large number of school children participated in the festival. Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment Ashwini Kumar Choubey was also present on the occasion.

3. Ons Jebur becomes first Arab woman to reach Wimbledon semi-finals



Tunisia's Ons Jabeur has become the first woman player from Arab countries to reach the semi-finals of a Grand Slam tennis tournament by making it to the last four of Wimbledon 2022. Third seed Tunisia, who reached last year's Wimbledon quarter-finals, went a step ahead with a 3-6, 6-1, 6-1 victory over Mary Bojkova on center court on Tuesday.

In the semi-finals, Jabeur will face Tatyana Maria of Germany, her first-ever Grand Slam semi-finalist. The world number two player said, "It means a lot. I was hoping for a long time that I would be able to reach here. I used to talk to (former Moroccan player) Hicham Arazi and he used to tell me that players from Arab countries always lose in the quarter finals and we are fed up with that. Please break this sequence. I said friend, I will try to do so.

The 34-year-old from Germany took two breaks from tennis due to the birth of her children and became the oldest player in the Open era to make it to the last four of a Grand Slam tournament for the first time.

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Maria took part in a Grand Slam tournament for the 35th time defeating 22-year-old Jule Niemeyer 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

4. The term of the Justice Rohini Commission extended for the 13th time



The tenure of the Justice Rohini Commission, set up to look into the issues related to sub-categorization within OBCs, has again extended by six months. The term has been extended for the 13th time to present the report of the commission.

Its term is till 31 January 2023. The extension has been given to the commission at a time when, a month ago, Secretary in the Ministry of Social Justice R Subramaniam had told that the commission has not sought any further extension and will submit its report by the end of July.

The four-member commission headed by Justice Rohini was constituted by the Central Government under Article 340 of the Constitution on October 2, 2017. The commission assumed office on October 11, 2017. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment had told this to the Lok Sabha on March 13, 2018, in response to a question.

The ministry had said that the commission would determine the sub-categories of OBCs. It said, to what extent there is disparity between castes and communities in reaching the benefits of reservation, it will be ascertained. The commission will decide the manner and scale of determining the sub-categories of OBC castes. The commission was to submit its report by March 27, 2018, but it was given extension several times.

There are many sub-castes under one caste in the country. In the list of the center itself, 2,633 castes have been included in OBC. The commission had suggested to the government this year that by dividing them into four categories, 2, 6, 9 and 10 percent reservation should be given respectively. In this way, the fixed 27

percent reservation for OBCs will be divided into four categories of sub-castes.

5. Gita Gopinath becomes first woman to be featured on IMF's 'Former Chief Economists' Wall'



India-born Gita Gopinath became the first woman and second Indian to be featured on the 'Former Chief Economists' Wall' of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The first Indian to receive the honor was Raghuram Rajan, who was the IMF's chief economist and director of research between 2003 and 2006.

Gopinath was appointed as the Chief Economist of the IMF in October 2018 and was later promoted to the IMF's first Deputy Managing Director in December last year.

"Breaking this trend, I join the wall of former IMF chief economists," she said in a tweet.

Gopinath had served as the Washington-based global lender's first female chief economist for three years.

Gopinath's research has been published in many top economics journals. Economist prior to his appointment as IMF chief, he was the John Zwanstra Professor of International Studies and Economics at Harvard University's Department of Economics. Before joining the faculty of Harvard University in 2005, she was an assistant professor of economics at the Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago.

6. India elected to UNESCO's Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of Intangible Cultural Heritage



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India has been elected as a member of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of Intangible Cultural Heritage. On Thursday, Union Minister for Culture, Tourism and Donor G.K. Reddy informed that the year 2022-26 i.e. for four years has been elected as a member of the Intergovernmental Committee of the 2003 Convention of UNESCO. Elections to the Intergovernmental Committee were held at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris from 5 to 7 July during the 9th General Assembly of the 2003 Conference. Against the four seats to be vacant for Asia, six countries, India, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia and Thailand, submitted their candidatures. India got 110 votes from 155 state parties.

With 14 inscriptions on the list of intangible cultural heritage, India ranks high. Submitted nominations for Garba of Gujarat in the year 2023 after Durga Puja in 2021.

It is noteworthy that the Intergovernmental Committee on UNESCO's 2003 Convention consists of 24 members and is elected to the General Assembly of the Convention according to the principles of equal geographical representation and rotation.

The member states of the Committee are elected for a term of four years. Some of the main functions of the Intergovernmental Committee include promoting the objectives of the Convention, providing guidance on best practices, and making recommendations on measures to protect the intangible cultural heritage. The Committee also examines requests submitted by States Parties for the inscription of intangible heritage on lists as well as proposals for programs and projects.

India has been a member twice before

India has completed two terms as a member of the Inter-Governmental Committee of this Convention. One from 2006 to 2010 and the other from 2014 to 2018.

For its 2022-2026 term, India has formulated a clear vision for the protection and promotion of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

The priority areas India will focus on include promoting community participation, strengthening international cooperation through intangible heritage, promoting academic research on intangible cultural heritage and working with the Convention on the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations is included.

7. R Dinesh appointed as the new President of Confederation of Indian Industry



R Dinesh, Executive Vice President, TVS Supply Chain Solutions, has been named as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2022-2023. He previously served as the Chairman of National Committees on Logistics, CII Family Business Network India Chapter Council, CII Tamil Nadu State Council and CII Institute of Logistics Advisory Council. From 2018 to 2019, he served as the President of CII Southern Region. ITC Chairman and Managing Director Sanjeev Puri was elected as the Vice-Chairman of CII in the CII National Council meeting held in Delhi. For 2022-2023, Sanjiv Bajaj, Chairman and Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv Limited, will continue to serve as the Chairman of CII.

About Confederation of Indian Industry (CII):

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), an advocacy and trade association with its head office in New Delhi, India, was founded in 1895. CII works with business, government, intellectual and other leaders of society to influence global, regional and industrial agendas. The organization is based on membership.

8. India's First Mobile Telematics-Based Auto Insurance Introduced by Edelweiss



As per the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (Irdai) sandbox programme, Edelweiss General Insurance has introduced Switch, a comprehensive motor insurance product. Motor Insurance Policy Switch is completely digital and telematics-based. According to a statement from the

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insurer, customers will find the app convenient and hassle-free as it activates the insurance immediately when the car is in motion and senses the speed. SWITCH customers can save money by driving safely. This usage-based model assesses the quantity and quality of driving and determines premiums based on those findings.

Customers receive a driving grade based on several factors, including speeding, distracted driving, and sudden stops, among others.

You can buy the Switch online. Customers can download the SWITCH app from Google Play Store and iOS App Store after making a purchase to view their policy.

From the point of purchase through claim notification, claim settlement, customer support, etc., the entire product life cycle is digitized, resulting in a seamless customer experience.

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9. PM Modi inaugurates Akshaya Patra's mid-day meal kitchen in Varanasi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Akshaya Patra mid-day meal kitchen during his first visit to Varanasi district after the BJP's victory in the Uttar Pradesh assembly elections. During his visit, Modi will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for development projects worth Rs 1,774 crore aimed at enhancing the country's infrastructure and quality of life.

The kitchen of LT College has the capacity to prepare lunch for 1 lakh students.

Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav, while replying to the inauguration, said that all the 11 places suggested during the SP administration should start using the kitchen.

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), based in Bangalore, operates the Akshaya Patra Foundation as a non-profit trust.

In India, it administers the Mid-Day Meal Scheme, a program for school lunches. Akshaya Patra is the biggest partner of the central government in implementing the mid-day meal program in government schools in India. Public-private cooperation is the foundation of the project.

10. Railways Opens Longest Skywalk Connecting Bandra Terminus to Khar Station



Western Railway (WR) has recently opened its longest skywalk providing a comfortable experience to the commuters. The 314 m long and 4.4 m wide skywalk connecting Bandra Terminus with Khar station will enable passengers to reach Bandra (T) directly by getting down at Khar station and taking South FOB.

About Skywalk:

This skywalk has made travel very convenient as earlier commuters traveling by suburban trains had to get down at Bandra or Khar railway station on foot to reach Bandra Terminus.

The new skywalk has been built at an estimated cost of Rs 14 crore. About 510 metric tons of structural steel, 20 metric tons of reinforcement steel and 240 cubic meters of concrete were used for the construction. This skywalk will connect all the foot over bridges at Bandra Terminus.

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Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi: **Shri Manish Sisodia**

Chief Minister of Delhi: **Shri Arvind Kejriwal**

Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh: **Yogi Adityanath**

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Chief Minister of Tripura: **Dr. Manik Saha**;
Tripura Governor: **Satyadev Narayan Arya**
Chief Minister of Gujarat: **Shri Bhupendra Patel**
Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture of Gujarat: **Shri Harsh Sanghvi**
Executive Director and CEO of Edelweiss General Insurance: **Shanai Ghosh**

QUIZ

1. UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize gives recognition to works done in which of the following fields?

- [A] Literature
- [B] Biological Sciences
- [C] Environment Protection
- [D] Information and Communication Technology

2. The world's largest fresh water fish named "Boramy" was found in__?

- [A] Thailand
- [B] Vietnam
- [C] Cambodia
- [D] Indonesia

3. Which of the following is a tri-state protected area?

- [A] Bandhavgarh National Park
- [B] National Chambal Sanctuary
- [C] Blackbuck National Park
- [D] Achanakmar-Amarkantak Biosphere Reserve

4. A floating city named Oceanix City is going to be set up in which country?

- [A] Maldives
- [B] Malaysia
- [C] South Korea
- [D] Singapore

5. Which country given is not part of G7 grouping?

- [A] Canada
- [B] New Zealand
- [C] Germany
- [D] Italy

6. Who recently became India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations?

- [A] T S Tirumurti
- [B] Ruchira Kamboj
- [C] Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- [D] Pooja Kapur

7. Charon is the natural satellite of __?

- [A] Neptune
- [B] Jupiter
- [C] Pluto
- [D] Uranus

8. Why is Windrush Day celebrated in Britain?

- [A] Successful invasion of West Indies
- [B] Defeat of Irish Republican Army
- [C] Coronation of British Monarch
- [D] Arrival of immigrants to the British shores

9. Varada River, which was mentioned in news recently, is the tributary of which river?

- [A] Krishna River
- [B] Cauvery River
- [C] Kali River
- [D] Tungabhadra River

10. Central Bureau of Communication was earlier known as__?

- [A] Department of Telecommunication
- [B] C-DOT
- [C] Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity
- [D] Bureau of Outreach and Communication