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## 1. GST Day celebrated on 1st July



1st July is observed as GST (Goods and Services Tax) Day. This year marks the anniversary of the implementation of the landmark tax reform of the Goods and Services Tax.

The first GST Day was celebrated on 1 July 2018 to mark the first anniversary of the new indirect tax regime i.e. Goods and Services Tax (GST). GST was implemented in the intervening night of 30 June and 1 July 2017 in a function held in the Central Hall of Parliament.

Goods and Services Tax is an indirect tax that is levied on the supply of goods and services and it has replaced many indirect taxes which were earlier present in India. On 29 March 2017, the Goods and Services Tax Act was passed in the Parliament and the Act came into force on 1 July 2017.

It is an indirect tax for the entire country and is a multi-level, comprehensive, destination-based tax that is levied on every value addition.

Under the GST regime, tax is levied at every point of sale. In case of intra-state sales, Central GST

(CGST) and State GST (SGST) are charged and inter-state sales are chargeable to Integrated GST (IGST). GST has transformed India into 'One Nation, One Tax' by breaking barriers of interstate trade and commerce.

## 2. The world famous Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath begins in Odisha



The world famous Jagannath Rath Yatra of Jagannath Temple located in Puri, Odisha has started. Jagannath is seated in the form of Lord Krishna in the Jagannath temple. Every year after the new moon in the month of Ashadh, his Rath Yatra is taken out, in which devotees from all corners of the country reach Puri, one of the four holy places, to attend. Along with Lord Jagannath, his brother Balabhadra (Balram) and sister Subhadra are also seated in the temple. These idols of all three are made of wood. These idols are not worshipped, they are kept only for the devotees. It is believed that these idols keep changing form. Jagannath Rath Yatra will run from 1st July to 12th July. Let us know 10 interesting things about the Jagannath temple located in Puri and throw light on the 1100 year old kitchen here.



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Important things related to Jagannath Temple

1. The chariots for Jagannath Rath Yatra are made from the sacred neem wood. This wood is called Daru. No nails, thorns and metals are used in the making of chariots.
2. This temple was built by King Indradyum in Satyug. This temple is being renovated from time to time. The first evidence of this temple is found in the forest festival of Mahabharata. The present temple was built in the 7th century. In 1174 AD, Anang Bhimdev, the ruler of Odisha, renovated this temple. About 30 small and big temples are established near the main temple.
3. The red flag installed above the Shri Jagannath temple always flutters in the opposite direction of the wind. Every day in the evening the flag installed above the temple is changed by a human by climbing it upside down.
4. Jagannath Temple is spread over an area of 4 lakh square feet. Its height is about 214 feet. The shadow of this dome is not formed. Standing near the temple, you will not be able to see the dome of the temple.
5. You will not be able to hear any sound of the sea only after entering the first step in the Singhdwara of Jagannath Temple. But if you step outside the temple, you will start hearing this sound.

**3. National Games to be held in Gujarat in September-October**



Rajeev Mehta announced that the National Games 2022 will be held in several cities of Gujarat in September-October this year.

Earlier the event was postponed several times due to various reasons, finally, the IOA decided to organize the event in the state of Gujarat after the Gujarat Olympic Association and the state government jointly expressed their interest to host the National Games. Is. Mehta said the top officials of the IOA took the decision to prevent further delay in the tournament and stage the "National Games 2022" at the earliest. The top officials have the power to take decisions and later can get approval from the general house of the IOA.

**4. Ferdinand Marcos Jr. sworn in as President of the Philippines**



Ferdinand Marcos Jr., son of late leader Ferdinand Marcos, was sworn in as the 17th President of the

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Philippines on Thursday at the National Museum in Manila. Marcos Jr. replaced Rodrigo Duterte, who completed his six-year term. The term of the President in the Philippine Constitution is six years. Over 15,000 police and security personnel were deployed in the capital for the oath ceremony. Foreign dignitaries, diplomats and three former presidents Fidel Ramos, Joseph Estrada and Gloria Macapagal Arroyo took part.

Ahead of his swearing-in, outgoing leader Rodrigo Duterte received Marcos at the Malkanang Rashtrapati Bhavan. Marcos Jr. won the presidential election in May with 60 percent of the vote over rival Maria Leonor Robredo. People expect from the Marcos administration that now many problems of the Philippines will be solved. Such as unemployment, inflation, a high debt-to-service ratio to gross domestic product (GDP), rising gas and oil prices, etc. will be addressed. Marcos said he would temporarily serve as agriculture secretary after taking office, as the country's food supply problem is serious. Marcos also promised to lower the poverty line. According to government figures, 23.7 percent of the country's 110 million population live in poverty.

## 5. Karnataka government launched 'Kashi Yatra' scheme



The Karnataka government on Monday gave its nod to the 'Kashi Yatra' project, in which cash assistance of Rs 5,000 each will be offered to 30,000 pilgrims willing to undertake the pilgrimage to the Kashi Vishwanath temple in Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi.

In its order, the government authorized the commissioner of religious endowments department to utilize the sanctioned Rs seven crore for the 'Kashi Yatra'. In a statement, Minister of Religious Endowments, Haj and Waqf, Sasikala Jole said that those who are interested in availing the benefits of the scheme should be a domicile of Karnataka and have proof of their domicile in Karnataka- Voter ID card, Aadhar card or Ration card etc - have to be presented.

The minister said that applicants must be above 18 years of age and have to submit their age proof. He said that those who had undertaken pilgrimage from April 1 to June 30 and want to take advantage of the 'Kashi Yatra' scheme, would have to produce proofs like their darshan ticket or waiting list, 'puja receipt' that they visited Kashi Vishwanath temple. and it has to be submitted in the prescribed format

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to the Commissioner of Religious Endowments Department.

Jole said that the pilgrims would be able to avail the benefits of the government-sponsored 'Kashi Yatra' only once in a lifetime.

## 6. America started the world's largest naval exercise, India showed strength, China on target



The US has started the world's largest naval exercise RIMPAC in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of California, amid China's growing cynicism. 26 countries are participating in this exercise. In this exercise, all countries including America are showcasing their warships and weapons of great destruction. The Indian Navy is also displaying its mighty strength in this exercise. India has sent a stealth frigate INS Satpura and 1 state-of-the-art Submarine Killer Surveillance Aircraft P-8I.

This great exercise will start from 29th June and will continue till 4th August. During this exercise, America is also going to showcase its unmanned warships, which are being called wonders in the world of technology. Several drills will be conducted during the naval exercise, which will include search and destroy submarines hidden in

the sea, air security exercises and anti-smuggling operations at sea. The exercise will be conducted in the Indo-Pacific region around the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California. This is the same area in which America has a lot of tension with China.

## 7. Haryana in the top achievers category of Ease of Doing Business



For Haryana, Thursday was a day full of gifts in the industrial sector. For the remarkable work done in the field of MSME by the Government of India, where the state has been ranked third at the national level. At the same time, Haryana was announced to be in the top achievers category in the fifth edition of 'State Ease of Doing Business' released by the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry. On Thursday, the fifth edition of State Ease of Doing Business was released in New Delhi by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the presence of Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal. In this category, apart from Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Telangana are included in the top achievers category. Several steps have been taken to improve the business environment in

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the country. All the states and union territories are ranked on the basis of the implementation and feedback of these remedial steps. He said that the action plan for the year 2020 included 301 improvement points in 15 areas. Haryana has achieved a score of 99+ percentile in the implementation of these reforms. He also informed that in addition to this, the state has got the first position in the Export Preparedness Index (Land Closed Category)-2021 and second in the 'Logistics is Across Different Status Survey'-2021. Under the leadership and guidance of Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, several major steps were taken to improve the investment climate in the state. In which the new industrial policy 'Haryana Enterprise and Employment Policy 2020' was special. The objective of these policy is to create 5 lakh jobs in the state, attract investment of more than 1 lakh crore and double the exports to 2 lakh crore.

## 8. DRDO Successfully Tested Country's First Pilotless Fighter Aircraft



India has got a major breakthrough in the development of unmanned fighter aircraft. DRDO

successfully test-fired the first aircraft of the Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator on Friday. The specialty of this aircraft is that it can fly without a pilot. The entire work from takeoff to landing can be done without any help.

DRDO said in a statement that this test was successfully carried out on Friday at the Aeronautical Test Range in Chitradurga, Karnataka. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) is also known as Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator.

At the same time, the Ministry of Defense said that the aircraft operated in a completely autonomous mode. The aircraft made a successful flight which included take off, way point navigation and smooth touchdown. This aircraft is a milestone in the development of pilotless aircraft of the future. It is also an important step towards self-reliance.

DRDO said that the aircraft took off successfully. Carry out this test myself. This is a significant step towards self-reliance in strategic defense technologies. The aircraft has been designed and developed by the Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) based in Bangalore. ADE is a premier Research Laboratory under DRDO. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has also congratulated DRDO for this successful test.



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## 9. World's Largest Innovation Campus Launched in India



Telangana's state-run innovation ecosystem T-Hub on Tuesday announced the opening of the 'world's largest innovation complex' in Hyderabad. The press release issued by T-Hub claims that under this complex, T-Hub will provide access to 6M (Mentors, Market, Motivation, Manpower, Money and Methodologies) and 2Ps (Partnership and Policy Advisory) to over 2000 startups. will support them.

T-Hub's new Innovation Campus which is T-shaped, and built over an area of 5,82,689 sq ft, aims to impact at least 20,000 startups through its various program interventions over the next five years. The new campus was inaugurated by Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao observed; Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce (I&C) and Information Technology (IT), Government of Telangana; Vani Kola, managing director at Kalari; Varun Thamba, Director, Data and Analytics CoE: Indian Subcontinent, SAP; MSR, CEO, T-Hub; among others.

The inaugural event focused on the theme of 'Trailblazing Telangana' with engaging and interactive sessions, such as T-Hub Talks – a TEDx format session, fireside chats, masterclasses, panel discussions, etc. The program will begin with the keynote address. Popular Tollywood actor turned investor and entrepreneur – Rana Daggubati. During the launch, Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao said, “T-Hub has grown over the past six years from a startup incubator to an innovation hub in India and beyond. It has emerged as a strong organization focused on results-driven initiatives, and is well positioned to support the global aspirations and ambitions of our entrepreneurs.

## 10. Defense Ministry Launches Centralized Pay System For Indian Coast Guard



The Defense Ministry on Monday signed a deal worth Rs 473 crore with Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) to manufacture eight Fast Patrol Vessels for the Indian Coast Guard. The contract was signed by Joint Secretary (Marine & Systems) Dinesh Kumar

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and Chairman & MD. , GSL Commodore BB Nagpal (Retd) at New Delhi.

These surface platforms will be indigenously designed, developed and manufactured by GSL under the "Buy Indian" category. These eight high-speed vessels with the capability to operate in shallow waters and enhance the security net along the vast coastline will be placed off the coast of India.

The deal seeks to boost indigenous shipbuilding capability and increase employment opportunities in the sector under the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' scheme. The agreement aims to boost the government's resolve to make India a defense manufacturing hub that not only meets domestic needs but also the export market.

## ONE LINER

In the recently released World Press Freedom Index 2022 (World Press Freedom Index 2022), which place India has been - **150th**

Indian men's football team ranked in the recently released FIFA world rankings - **104th**

Drone startup Garuda Aerospace has tied up with Hilsa Global (Hilsay Drones) to set up its first aerospace plant in the country- **Malaysia**

The day on which International MSME Day is celebrated- **27 June**

The player who created history by becoming the first Indian captain to take a wicket in T20I cricket on 26 June 2022 - **Hardik Pandya**

Madhya Pradesh has won this title for the first time by defeating 41-time champions Mumbai team in the final of Ranji Trophy 2021/22 in Bengaluru by 6 wickets.

Recently who has been appointed as the Acting President of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) – **Anil Khanna**

## QUIZ

1. In which city the Ministry of Dairy and Animal Husbandry has launched the 'One Health' pilot project on 28 June 2022?

- a. Bangalore
- b. Patna
- c. Delhi
- d. Ranchi

2. DRDO and Indian Army successfully test-fired Anti Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) in which state?

- a. Tamil Nadu
- b. Maharashtra
- c. Karnataka
- d. Jharkhand

3. What has been renamed as Aurangabad district of Maharashtra?

- a. Dawood Nagar
- b. Sambhaji Nagar
- c. Mohan Nagar
- d. Kamal Nagar

4. International Asteroid Day is celebrated on which of the following days?

- a. 10 January
- b. March 12
- c. 22 May
- d. 30 June



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5. According to QS Best Student Cities 2023, which is the highest ranked city in India to live in for students from all over the world?

- a. Delhi
- b. Patna
- c. Lucknow
- d. Mumbai

6. Which medal has Deepak Punia won at the Under-23 Asian Wrestling Championship in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan?

- a. Silver medal
- b. gold medal
- c. Bronze medal
- d. none of these

7. According to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, till which date has it been decided to extend the scheme of giving free ration?

- a. 30 September
- b. 12 July
- c. 20 December
- d. Nov 15

8. Which IPS officer has been appointed as the new Police Commissioner of Mumbai by the Government of Maharashtra?

- a. Rahul Sachdeva
- b. Vivek Phansalkar
- c. Anil Agnihotri
- d. Vishal Malhotra