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## 1. Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu were declared as the first Union Territories in the country to be certified as 'Har Ghar Jal'



Goa has become the first state in the country to have Har Ghar water certified. Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu have also become the first Union Territories in the country to have certified water for Har Ghar. All the villages in this state and union territory have declared themselves as Har Ghar Jal Gram through a resolution passed by the Gram Sabha. All two lakh 63 thousand rural households of Goa and more than 85 thousand families of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu are now getting clean and safe drinking water through taps.

The Ministry of Jalshakti said in a statement that the Har Ghar Jal campaign has been successful due to the tireless efforts of Panchayat representatives, water committees, district and state and union territories, despite the many challenges and hurdles of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Drinking water is available through taps in all schools, Anganwadi centres, Gram Panchayat buildings, health centres, community centers and other government offices. Jal Jeevan Mission is the flagship scheme of the Central Government, in which the target has been kept to supply water through taps to all rural households of the country by 2024.

## 2. Simon Steele appointed new UN climate chief



Grenada's former climate resilience minister Simon Steele will become the new UN climate chief, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres announced on Monday.

Steele will take over as acting secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, three months ahead of the latest round of climate talks at COP27 in Egypt. He will replace Mexican diplomat Patricia Espinosa. Steele served for five years as Grenada's Minister of Climate Resilience and Environment until June 2022, and previously served as Minister of Education and Human Resource Development. In a statement, the United Nations called Steele "a true champion in formulating a constructive approach to our collective global response to the climate crisis".

Steele has been a key figure in UN climate talks, often calling on the world's biggest polluters to set more ambitious climate targets and provide promised finance to vulnerable countries, including small island nations. This funding is important to prepare for future climate impacts, including extreme temperatures, rising sea levels, more frequent storms and droughts.

Steele told Reuters in an interview last year that the G20 grouping of the world's most powerful countries "generates 80% of global emissions and 85% of global GDP. They have the money and technology to function."

## 3. Assam Launches Vidya Rath School on Wheels Project



The Chief Minister of Assam – Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched the project 'Vidya Rath-School on Wheels' in an effort to provide elementary education to the economically challenged children of the society. It was launched by Chief Justice of



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India Himanta Biswa Sarma along with Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court Justice RM Chhaya during a function held in the premises of Gauhati High Court.

Speaking at the event organized at Gauhati High Court, Sarma said that "Vidya Rath- School on Wheels project will help economically challenged youth to become academically empowered."

"There can be no more ideal occasion to start this noble cause than the occasion of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', when we are celebrating 75 years of our independence.

I sincerely hope that this effort will be of immense benefit to those who have been left out of the purview of formal schooling." He highlighted the significant achievements made by India since independence. Excellent progress has been made in medical science, mission and other areas. Describing India as one of the fastest growing economies globally, the CM said that "without the upliftment of socio-economically disadvantaged areas, India of our ambitions cannot be realized. Hence, the recently launched Gaya 'Vidya Rath: School on Wheels' will make a significant contribution in providing education to the economically weaker children and supporting their academic empowerment."

#### 4. Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla gets one more year extension



Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla was on Friday given a one-year extension till August 22, 2023. This has been said in an order of the Ministry of Personnel. He has been given extension for the third time in this post. Bhalla is a 1984-batch Assam-Meghalaya cadre officer of the Indian

Administrative Service (IAS). He was appointed as the Union Home Secretary in August 2019.

He was due to retire in November 2020 when he turns 60. For the first time, he was given an extension from 17 October 2020 to 22 August 2021. On August 12 last year, Bhalla's term was extended for one more year which was to end on Monday.

According to the order of the Ministry, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the extension of service of Bhalla as Home Secretary in the Union Home Ministry for a period of one year from August 22, 2022 up to August 22, 2023.

#### 5. Dahi Handi festival celebrated after two years in Maharashtra, got adventure sport status



After two years in Maharashtra, Dahi Handi festival will be celebrated with full fanfare on Friday. This could not happen for the last two years due to the Kovid-19 epidemic. Dahi Handi is a part of Janmashtami festival. During this, a pot filled with curd hangs in the middle with the help of ropes, which is broken by making a human pyramid. This festival is celebrated on a large scale in the Mumbai metropolitan areas.

The Maharashtra government had last month announced that there would be no restrictions on celebrating religious festivals including Dahi Handi and Ganesh Chaturthi this year.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Thursday announced in the Assembly that his government has decided to accord adventure sport status to the popular festival Dahi Handi. He said that the participants or their families would be compensated in case of any sportsperson's casualties while building the human pyramid.

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He said that in case of unfortunate death of a participant while constructing the human pyramid, his family would get an ex-gratia amount of Rs.10 lakh. He said that a player would be given Rs 7 lakh for serious injuries and Rs 5 lakh for minor injuries.

## 6. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Launches 'Make India No. 1' Mission



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has launched 'Make India No 1' mission. Along with this, he gave five mantras to make the country great and number-1 again. He also appealed that we do not have to fight, but move forward together. Inaugurating this campaign, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convener said at the Talkatora Stadium in Delhi – We have to make India number-1 again. The first thing we have to do is to provide free and quality education to every child of this country. The second measure we have to take is to provide free and best medical treatment as well as free medicines and testing facilities to every citizen of the country. Third, we have to give employment to every youth which is possible with right intention and management. Fourth, every woman should be given respect, equal rights and protection. Fifth, we have to ensure that farmers get a fair price and respect for their produce so that children can proudly say that they too want to be farmers.

## 7. 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023 will be held in Indore



Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that all the preparations for Pravasi Bharatiya Divas to be held in Indore should be completed on time. Organize the conference well. This is a good opportunity to brand the achievements of Madhya Pradesh. Indore should be kept fully decorated. Indore is number-1 in cleanliness. Put its image in front of the guests.

Chief Minister Chouhan was reviewing the preparations for the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention at Mantralaya on Thursday. On this occasion, Secretary to the Government of India, Additional Secretary, Chief Secretary Iqbal Singh Bains, Additional Chief Secretary Health Mohammad Suleman, Principal Secretary Culture and Tourism Shiv Shekhar Shukla and senior officers were present.

It was informed in the meeting that the first Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was celebrated in the year 2003. So far there have been 16 Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. This 17th Indian Day conference is proposed to be held in Indore from 8 to 10 January 2023. Pravasi Bharatiya Samman will be given by the President at the closing ceremony.

The Chief Minister took information about the arrangements from Indore Collector Manish Singh through video conferencing. He said that it should be ensured that maximum number of NRIs come to the program. The Chief Minister said that a grand event should be organized for the Pravasi Bharatiya Sammelan. In the meeting, the MoU related to the event was signed and exchanged. He said that make the conference wonderful and memorable.

## 8. Vistara Overtakes SpiceJet To Become India's Second Largest Domestic Airline



The airline, Vistara has achieved a major milestone as per the recently released India air traffic data by

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DGCA for the month of July 2022. As per DGCA data, Vistara has become the second largest domestic airline in India. In terms of market share, SpiceJet surpasses older, more established low-cost air carriers including GoAir, Air India.

For the first time since its launch, Vistara has breached 10 per cent market share in India's domestic market. This is also the first time that Vistara has climbed to the No. 2 position in the domestic segment, surpassing established low-cost carriers including SpiceJet, Go Air.

As per the data, India's full-service airline Vistara has now become the country's second largest domestic carrier with a market share of 10.4% in July 2022, establishing itself as a leading brand in the domestic market. The airline previously reported a market share of 9.4% in June and 8.6% in May, and began the year 2022 with a 7.5% share.

## 9. India's first portal for drug traffickers launched



A first-of-its-kind portal has been launched for various central and state agencies tasked with enforcing anti-drug laws in the country. Officials said that through this portal, any agency can get the history, personal information of the offender, fingerprints and details of court cases related to drug smuggling from any part of the country. 'NIDAN' or 'National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-Offenders' has been developed by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB). This is part of the Narcotics Coordination Mechanism (NCORD) portal which was launched by Home Minister Amit Shah in Chandigarh on July 30. A senior official said that the diagnostics data is taken from ICJS (Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System) and 'e-Prison'

register and it plans to link it to the Crime and Criminal Monitoring Network System or CCTNS. ICJS, an e-committee initiative of the Supreme Court, has been created to facilitate seamless exchange of data and information between various pillars of the criminal justice system such as courts, police, prisons and forensic science laboratories. NCB Director General S. N. Pradhan told PTI-Bhusha, "Nidanaan provides data related to all drug traffickers on a single platform and it will help agencies as an effective tool while investigating drug related cases." will do.

## 10. India to buy six Tu-160 long-range bombers from Russia



India is planning to buy Tu-160 bomber from Russia to increase its strategic power. This bomber is so dangerous that America was upset with its first flight. The top speed of Tupolev Tu-160 is 2220 kmph. This aircraft is capable of flying with a total weight of 110000 kg.

Its wingspan is 56 meters. The first flight of the Tu-160 was conducted on 16 December 1981. The Russian army currently has 17 Tu-160 strategic bombers, which are being upgraded. Russia removed this bomber from active service in 1995. The reason given at that time was that the operating cost of this bomber is very high, which Russia cannot afford.

However, in 2015, the Tu-160 was upgraded and put into service again in view of the dwindling fleet of Russian strategic bombers. Russia's Tu-160 is a strategic bomber. This means that this bomber can attack enemy territory by flying thousands of kilometers away from its base. Strategic bombers are adept at firing nuclear warheads as well as long-range cruise missiles.



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Their main task is to give their country a strategic edge by destroying the enemy's hideout at a long distance. They usually do not even need aerial refueling to do this work. In such a situation, the tanker aircraft also does not have to engage in the mission with this aircraft.

## ONE LINER

Amitabh Choudhary, the former secretary of which organization passed away recently - **BCCI**  
Which state government has recently announced a 3% increase in the dearness allowance payable - **Maharashtra**

Who was recently appointed as the brand ambassador of Mastercard – **Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Tankireddy Chirag Shetty**

All-rounder Kevin O'Brien retired from international cricket, this is the player of which country – **Ireland**

Which system did Defense Minister Rajnath Singh handed over to the Indian Army – **Nipun, F-INSAS**  
Recently, the Karnataka state government announced the percentage of reservation to the players – **2%**

Who started the "Make India No 1" mission - **Arvind Kejriwal**

Where was the military exercise "Vostok-2022" organized between India and China recently – **Russia**

Which scheme was launched by the Chief Minister of Sikkim on Independence Day – **Amma Yojana, Vatsalya Yojana**

In which state was the successful launch of drug delivery from the sky by drone in August 2022 - **Arunachal Pradesh**

## QUIZ

1. Who has been appointed to the United Nations Panel of Eminent Experts on Internet Governance?

- (a) Divya Mittal
- (b) **Alkesh Kumar Sharma**
- (c) Girish Kumar Mishra

(d) Gaurav Kumar Singh

2. The Chief Minister of which state has announced to provide two percent reservation to the players of the state in all the state departments?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) **Karnataka**
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Meghalaya

3. Which state government has launched the first flight of drone service – 'Medicine from the Sky'?

- (a) **Arunachal Pradesh**
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Uttarakhand

4. When is World Photography Day celebrated every year around the world?

- (a) 17 August
- (b) 18 August
- (c) **19 August**
- (d) 20 August

5. Recently the Delhi High Court directed the formation of a committee of administrators of how many members to handle the affairs of the Indian Olympic Association?

- (a) 2 members
- (b) **3 members**
- (c) 4 members
- (d) 5 members

6. Which state government has recently launched 'Amma Yojana' and 'Vatsalya Yojana' for the welfare of women of the state?

- (a) Manipur
- (b) **Sikkim**
- (c) Mizoram
- (d) Assam

7. Which company has signed an agreement with global petroleum giant ExxonMobil for deep sea exploration in India?

- (a) **ONGC**
- (b) HPCL
- (c) BPCL
- (d) IOCL

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8. Who paid Rs 8312.4 crore to DoT for spectrum received in the recently concluded 5G auction?

- (a) Vodafone-Idea
- (b) Reliance Jio
- (c) Bharti Airtel
- (d) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

