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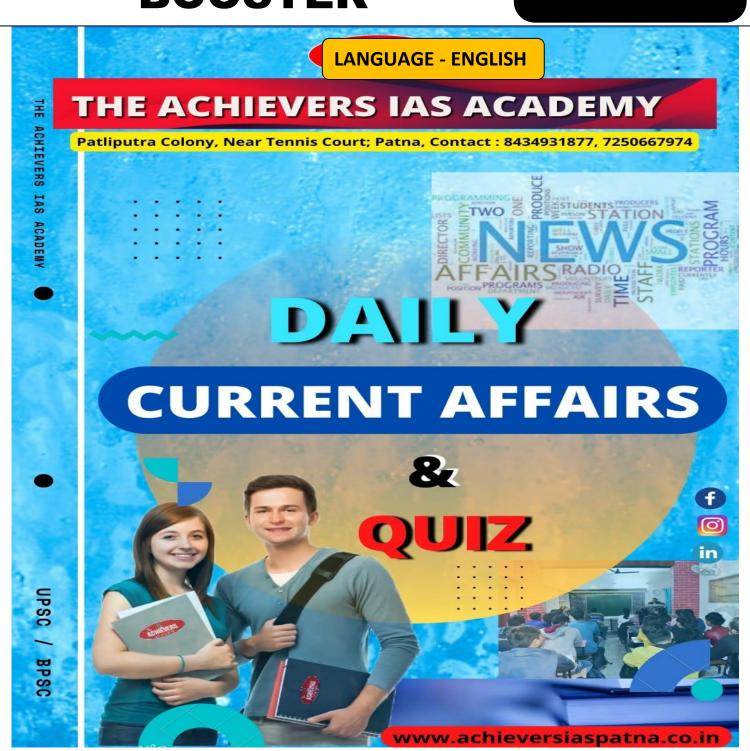
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THURSDAY



1. 75th Anniversary of Indo-Egyptian Diplomatic Relations



Egypt released a postage stamp to commemorate the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations with India. Diplomatic relations between India and Egypt began when Egypt recognized India's independence on 18 August 1947, three days after India's independence. The two countries became even closer in the 1950s, resulting in a historic friendship treaty in 1955.

Egypt is one of the largest investment destinations for India in the region with current Indian investments of \$3.15 billion. In addition, there are 50 Indian companies operating in Egypt, making a total investment of \$3.15 billion and creating 38,000 jobs. They are in the clothing, agriculture, chemical, energy, automotive and retail sectors.

India-Egypt bilateral trade reached a historic record high of US\$ 7.26 billion in FY 2021-22, a growth of 75% over FY 2020-21. Currently under the 5th India-Egypt Joint Business Council meeting, both sides have set an annual bilateral trade target of USD 12 billion to be achieved within 5 years.

2. The country's first education township to be built in Uttar Pradesh



Education township will be developed in UP on the lines of countries like America. The first such township in the country will open in UP. Education township means easy access to all types of education and skill development training at one place. CM Yogi Adityanath has directed to develop five such townships in the state. Soon this proposal will take shape on the ground. On the instructions of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, this proposal has also been presented to the Chief Secretary. The CM has also approved the proposal.

Education in the township will be open to the government and private sector. In this education township, reputed government and private universities of the country and the world will be able to open their campus in it. There will also be primary and secondary schools like Atal Residential Schools. Universities and colleges will be established for undergraduate and postgraduate studies. There will be studies and research of courses related to management, technology, law and medicine.

3. HPCL Launches Its First Biogas Project Compressed With Dung



HPCL, in an excellent step towards commitment to green energy and environment management, has taken up the Compressed Biogas Project from cow dung at Sanchore, Rajasthan. This will be HPCL's first project under the Waste to Energy portfolio. The plant is proposed to use 100 tonnes of cow dung every day to produce biogas, which can be used as automobile fuel. The project is proposed to be commissioned over a period of one year.

The foundation stone laying ceremony of this project took place at Shri Godham Mahatirth Pathmeda Lok Punyaarth Nyas located in Pathmeda village of Sanchore tehsil in Jalore district of Rajasthan. ED Bio-fuels and Renewable Energy Mr. Shuvendu Gupta and senior officials of HPCL were present at the function.

The project is being developed under the GOBAR-DHAN scheme of the Government of India, launched in April, 2018, as a part of the biologically degradable waste management component under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), thereby creating a positive impact on sanitation. impact and generate wealth and energy from cow dung and organic waste.

4. Kerala Rides: Country's first online taxi service owned by the state



Kerala has soft launched "Kerala Savari, the country's first online taxi service, owned by the state government, to ensure fair and decent service to passengers as well as fair remuneration to auto-taxi workers. driven by motor workers. The Welfare Board under the aegis of Labor

Department, Kerala Savari ensures safe travel for the public at 'Govt approved fares' without any 'surge pricing'. The 'Kerala Savari' app will soon be made available to the public on the online platform. It is now under investigation by Google.

The alleged unfair trade practices and violation of consumer rights by private app-based cab aggregators is a major concern for governments. Recently, the Central Government Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) had issued notices to cab aggregators Ola and Uber for unfair trade practices and violation of consumer rights. Ten complains about lack of services, including overcharging during peak hours, unprofessional behavior of drivers, lack of proper response from customer support, and unreasonable charges for cancellation CMs. App-based charges even if the cab driver refuses to accept the ride booked by the passenger etc.

5.Major General Praveen Chhabra appointed as Inspector General (Operations) in NSG



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Major General Praveen Chhabra was on Monday appointed as Inspector General (Operations) in the National Security Guard (NSG). The Personnel Ministry issued an order and informed about this. NSG is the country's counter-terrorism force.

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6. Inter-Services Aquatics Championship Begins in Visakhapatnam



The 71st Inter Service Aquatics Championship for the year 2022 is being held at Command Swimming Pool, Headquarters Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam. The event was declared 'Open' by Rear Admiral R Vijay Shekhar, NM, PD SBC (V) in an impressive opening ceremony on Monday 22 Aug 22. The annual championship is organized under the aegis of the Services Sports Control Board and aims to select service players for representation in national and then international aquatics events.

The Army is fielding four teams, two from the Army and one each from the Navy and Air Force. The championship will be held over the next five days and will witness individual and team events in swimming, water polo, springboard and high-board dive. More than 150 participants from all the three services are participating in the championship.

Four swimming events took place on the opening day of the championships, the 400 m freestyle, 200 m individual medley, 50 m breast stroke and 4 x 200 m freestyle relay. The Chief Guest, Rear Admiral R Vijay Shekhar felicitated the medal winners and wished all the teams all the best for the upcoming competitions.

7. Adani Group buys 29.18 per cent stake in NDTV



Adani Group's AMG Media Network Ltd has bought 29.18 per cent stake in NDTV. Adani Enterprises gave this information on Tuesday.

Adani Group's media company will indirectly buy 29.18 per cent stake in NDTV. In addition, it will also launch an open offer for another 26 per cent stake in this media house. Adani Group's media company AMG Media Networks Limited is going to do this deal.

Adani Group of companies New Delhi Television Ltd. (NDTV) has made an open offer to acquire 26 per cent stake. The company has made this offer after indirectly taking a 29.18 per cent stake in the media and news broadcasting company.

Three companies Vishwapradhan Commercial Private Limited. with AMG Media Networks and Adani Enterprises Ltd. has offered to buy 1,67,62,530 fully paid-up equity shares of NDTV from the public shareholders of face value of Rs.4 each at a price of Rs.294 per share. JM Financial Ltd. announced this.

The company is managing the offering on behalf of the acquiring entities. The offer price stated in the offer is higher than the price prescribed in accordance with Regulation 8(2) of SEBI (SAST) Rules. Shares of NDTV closed at Rs 366.20, up 2.61 per cent on the BSE on Tuesday. The company's income was Rs 230.91 crore in the financial year 2021-22.

8. PM Modi inaugurates Cancer Hospital in Mohali



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital in Mohali. During this, the Prime Minister said that to make India developed, it is equally important to develop its health services. He said that when the people of India will get modern hospitals for treatment, if they get modern facilities, then they will get well sooner and their energy will be channeled in the right direction. On the other hand, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, who was present on the stage, said that we welcome Prime Minister Modi to the holy land of Punjab. The cancer hospital that PM Modi has dedicated to the nation today is a big gift for us. Because Punjab has been suffering a lot from cancer. Did PM say anything? The Prime Minister said that the country is moving towards achieving new resolutions during the nectar of independence. Today's program is also a reflection of the improving health services of the country. Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Center is going to benefit the people of Punjab, Haryana as well as Himachal Pradesh. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that a good healthcare system does not mean just building four walls. Healthcare system of any country becomes strong only when it gives solutions in every way, supports it step by step. Therefore, holistic healthcare has been placed among the top priorities in the country in the last eight years. On how many fronts is the government working in the health sector? The Prime Minister said that today he is working to improve the health facilities of the country by working together on not one, not two, but six fronts. He said that his government's first front is to promote preventive healthcare. The second front is to open small and modern hospitals in every village. The third front is

to open medical colleges and big hospitals with medical research in the cities.

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The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with – National Health Authority (NHA) to provide a comprehensive medical package to transgender persons

Recently, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Asia's largest private hospital, Amrita Hospital - Faridabad (Haryana)

Recently, India Biotech's, Rotavirus oral vaccine, ROTAVAC, has been included in the national immunization program of which country- Nigeria

Who was honored with the prestigious Entrepreneur of the Year award at the 62nd National Summit of Atmanirbhar Bharat Vision of NewIndia event- Dr. Hridayesh Kumar Namdev

Former Indian football team captain who represented the country in 1956 Melbourne Olympics, who passed away recently- Samar 'Badru' Banerjee

Recently, the Indian men's cricket team has won the three ODI series 3-0 against which country-Zimbabwe

QUIZ

- 1. Who has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom (UK)?
- a) Akhilesh Mishra
- b) Vikram Doraiswamy
- c) Manoj Kumar Bharti
- d) Prashant Pise

- 2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Center in which state?
- a) Punjab
- b) Haryana
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Uttarakhand
- 3. Under which category Bangladesh-origin Fahmida Azim has won the Pulitzer Prize 2022?
- a) breaking news photography
- b) commentary
- c) Illustrated reporting and commentary
- d) editorial writing
- 4. The James Webb Space Telescope has recently captured new pictures of which planet?
- a) Mars
- b) Jupiter
- c) Saturn
- d) Venus
- 5. Which state has recently constituted the Anti-Narcotics Task Force to check illegal liquor, drug trade? b) Jharkhand AS ACADEM
- a) Gujarat
- c) Himachal Pradesh d) Uttar Pradesh
- 6. Which of the following country has become the fastest aging country in the European Union?
- a) France
- b) Italy
- c) Portugal
- d) Belgium
- 7. In which state India's first observatory to monitor space activity will be set up?
- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Manipur
- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Uttarakhand