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1. Madhya Pradesh's Para Swimmer Satendra Singh Lohia Becomes Asia's First Para Swimmer To Cross North Channel



A Lal of Chambal region, making a mark of his hard work and dedication, created such a history, which before this no one could create the country even in the whole of Asia. International Divyang Para Swimmer Satendra Singh Lohia has created history by crossing the North Channel in Ireland for the first time in Asia. He set a world record and became the first International Divyang Para Swimmer from Asia to do so.

Satendra Singh crossed the North Channel in North Ireland in the evening of 20 September 2022 with a distance of 36KM. The time he jumped into the water it was extremely cold with a temperature of 12°C. After spending 14 hours 39 minutes in this water, he found his destination and made history by crossing the channel. Satendra has told that he started swimming in the North Channel sea at 6:31 am North Ireland time and 11:00 Indian time. This North Channel is a 36 kilometer swimming distance between Dongdi in Northireland and Port Patriot Scotland. The specialty of this channel is that it is the coldest channel out of all the world's channels. Its temperature is about 12 degrees. It is told that this is the first team in Asia to cross the cold North Channel. The water of this North Channel is much colder than the English Channel.

It is also worth mentioning that International Para Swimmer Satyendra Singh Lohia crossed the English Channel in 12 hours 24 minutes on 24 June 2018, which was a relay event. His name has been recorded in the Asian Limca Book of Records for

this event. Later, on 18 August 2019 in the US, he crossed the Katrina Channel in 11 hours 34 minutes. With this, Satyendra became the first Asian Divyang swimmer to cross this channel in the team event. Satyendra Singh participated in 7 National Para Swimming Championships in the country. International Para Swimmer Lohia was awarded the Vikram Award, the highest sports honor from Madhya Pradesh in 2014. After this, on 3 December 2019, the Vice President also named him the National Award for Best First Disabled Sportsman. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also honored Satyendra Singh Lohia.

2. Braille version of Assamese dictionary 'Hemkosh' presented to PM



Jayant Barua presented a copy of the Braille version of the Assamese dictionary 'Hemkosh' to Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Wednesday. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal were also present on the occasion.

Prime Minister Modi tweeted, "Glad to receive a copy of the Braille version of 'Hemkosh'. It was one of the earliest Assamese dictionaries of the 19th century. I congratulate Jayant Barua and his team for their efforts in publishing the Braille version."

Assam Governor Jagdish Mukhi had recently released the Braille version of Hemkosh. The dictionary is published by the Day-to-Day Group. It is noteworthy that Hemkosh was first published by Hemchandra Barua in 1919.

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3. Special Tourist Train Will Run On Ambedkar Circuit



Union Tourism and Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy inaugurated the three-day conference of State Tourism Ministers in the Dharamsala program held on Sunday, 18 September 2022. From the stage in the Dharamsala program, he announced to run a special tourist train to cover the Ambedkar circuit and said that 3,000 special railway coaches have been reserved to promote the tourism circuit. Like Ramayana and Buddhist circuit, special train will also be run on Ambedkar circuit. Let us tell you that in the month of June, a special train was run on the Ramayana circuit, which included important places related to the life of Lord Rama, including Ayodhya and Janakpur in Nepal. On the other hand, officials say that it will become a regular facility.

In the Dharamsala program, Reddy said that the Ministry of Tourism has prepared an action plan for various circuits under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme. Proposed in 2016, the Ambedkar circuit covers Mhow in Madhya Pradesh, Ambedkar's birthplace, Nagpur, where he converted to Buddhism, his residence in Delhi where he lived during his last years, and Dadar in Maharashtra, where his body was buried. The rites were performed. The three-day tourism ministers' conference will discuss issues related to the tourism sector, including attracting foreign tourists, increasing domestic tourism, comprehensive development of tourist destinations and promoting indigenous activities in the domestic sector. Special focus will also be on eco-tourism, green tourism, medical tourism and wildlife tourism.

Reddy said the government was focusing on responsible and sustainable tourism and the National Tourism Policy would prepare a blueprint for these sectors. Will be out before the next budget session. According to the new policy, green tourism and digital tourism will be the major focus areas of the government in the next decade. The policy document also identified factors that hinder the growth of the tourism sector in the country, including "perceptions related to safety and security" and weak linkages between the Center and the states.

At the same time, officials of the Ministry of Tourism say that concrete steps will be taken to solve these issues. Along with this, discussions were also held on how the tourism sector has been affected due to the Kovid-19 pandemic and what steps need to be taken to return to the pre-pandemic level. The Himalayan states are doing well after the pandemic in terms of domestic tourism.

4. REC got the status of 'Maharatna' company



REC has been accorded the status of a 'Maharatna' Central Public Sector Enterprise. Thus, RECs have been granted greater autonomy in operational and financial matters. An order to this effect was issued yesterday by the Department of Public Enterprises under the Ministry of Finance. Established in the year 1969, REC is a non-banking financial company (NBFC) focused on financing and development of the power sector across the country.

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The grant of 'Maharatna' status to REC will give enhanced powers to the company's board while making financial decisions. The board of a 'Maharatna' Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) can make equity investments to start financial joint ventures and wholly owned subsidiaries and conduct mergers and acquisitions in India and abroad. The extent of this merger and acquisition is limited to 15 per cent of the net worth of the concerned CPSE and Rs 5,000 crore in a single project. The Board may also design and implement schemes relating to personnel and human resource management and training. With this 'Maharatna' status, REC can, among other things, enter into technology-based joint ventures or other strategic alliances.

Shri Vivek Kumar Devangan, CMD, REC said that REC has achieved this feat due to its adaptability, flexibility and consistent performance even during the global COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Devangan said, "In FY 2022, REC, due to its economical resource management and sound financial policies, made its all-time high net profit of Rs 10,046 crore and net worth of Rs 50,986 crore . REC has been instrumental in the success of flagship schemes of the Government of India like DDUGJY and Saubhagya and contributed towards achieving the goal of rural and household electrification in the country. REC is presently playing the role of nodal agency for Revised Distribution Area Scheme (RDSS) to improve the distribution sector by addressing financial and operational issues. We thank all our stakeholders who have reposed their trust in this company. Especially our employees who have given their unwavering support to our more than five decades of operation. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the Ministry of Power whose guidance and support has been extremely instrumental in making this achievement possible."

5. Supreme Court entrusts the responsibility of amending the constitution of IOA and conducting elections to former judge Justice L Nageswara Rao



The Supreme Court on Thursday appointed former apex court judge Justice L Nageswara Rao to amend the Indian Olympic Association's (IOA) constitution and create an electoral college. A bench headed by Justice DY Chandrachud said Rao, a former apex court judge, would ensure a fair and developmental approach to the future of the Olympics in the country. The court asked Justice Rao to prepare a blueprint for amending the Constitution and holding elections by December 15, 2022.

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On September 8, the IOC issued a final warning to the IOA asking it to resolve its governance issues and conclude the elections by December. Failing these, the world body will impose sanctions on India. In the meeting of the IOC's executive board in Lausanne, Switzerland, it was also decided not to recognize any caretaker or interim president after Narinder Batra stepped down as IOA president. He had said that he would contact Secretary General Rajeev Mehta to discuss any matter.

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6. India and US Coast Guard conduct joint exercise off Chennai coast



The Coast Guards of India and the US on Monday conducted a joint exercise off the coast of the southern Indian city of Chennai. The effort aims to familiarize Coast Guards with each other's capabilities and enhance interoperability in the areas of maritime search and rescue, boarding operations and other maritime law enforcement duties.

The exercise saw various fleet maneuvers, simulated scenarios of a hijacking of a ship, and the subsequent rescue of its crew in a coordinated anti-piracy joint operation. The interception of pirate ships, coordinated joint boarding operations, SAR demonstrations, and outdoor fire fighting to rescue burning ships were other highlights of the exercise.

The joint exercise 'Exercise-01/22' marked the culmination of a four-day goodwill visit of US Coast Guard Ship Midget to Chennai. During the visit, the ship's crew had professional exchanges with their counterparts in the Indian Coast Guard.

At 418 feet long and 54 feet wide, the Midget is the largest and most technologically advanced of the US Coast Guard's newest classes of ships. During the visit, Midget sailed through the waters of the region, interacted with counterparts in the Philippines, Singapore and also participated in bilateral exercises.

7. India Wins United Nations Award for National Health Mission



India has achieved a significant achievement and recognition for the efforts made against hypertension. The country has won the United Nations Award for its "India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI)". It is an initiative taken under the National Health Mission to control high blood pressure on a large scale. IHCI has been recognized for its exceptional work within India's existing primary health system.

The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya appreciated this initiative related to health care. "IHCI reinforces Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mission of ensuring health and wellness for all," he said in a tweet. The Health Minister further said, "We are committed to building a healthy and fit India."

As a collaborative initiative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), State Governments and World Health Organization-India, IHCI organized an event organized by the United Nations General Assembly in New York, USA on September 21, 2022. Won the '2022 UN Interagency Task Force and WHO Special Program Award on Primary Health Care'. The award recognizes India's outstanding commitment and action in the field of (i) preventing and controlling non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and (ii) providing integrated people-centred primary care. The United Nations Task Force has identified an organization that has a multi-sectoral approach in the prevention and control of NCDs. In addition, there is a multi-sectoral action for prevention and control of NCDs

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with outcomes demonstrated in primary care and related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

8. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurates Lok Manthan



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has said that debate and discussion are the soul of good governance and free thought is needed to maintain social harmony. He said this while inaugurating the third Lok Manthan program in Guwahati today.

The Vice President has said that in the current situation it has become common to be intolerant towards the views of others. Freedom of expression cannot be compromised and it is the responsibility of the people of the enlightened society to protect the views of the oppressed, downtrodden. Shri Dhankhar said that activities like Lok Manthan program are a symbol of the culture and values of the country. He said that this dialogue being held in the North-Eastern states will take our traditional knowledge and heritage to other parts of India. Assam Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi and Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma also expressed their views on the occasion. The theme of this year's Lok Manthan program was Lok Tradition. The program will conclude on Saturday, with Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan as the chief guest.

ONE LINER

In which state the National Conference of Environment Ministers will be held on 23-24 September - **Gujarat**

Elvis Ali Hazarika has become the oldest Indian swimmer to cross the North Channel

In which of the following city 'Global Fintech Summit-2022' was organized - **Mumbai**

In which city India, United Arab Emirates and France have organized their first tripartite foreign ministers meeting - **New York**

Which Indian ship has been retired from the Navy after 32 years of illustrious service - **INS Ajay**

The cloning of which animal 'Maya' is in discussion - **Wild arctic wolf**

Where has the 'Kargil International Marathon' inaugurated by Army Chief Manoj Pandey - **Ladakh**

Which state has launched the community policing initiative 'We Care' - **New Delhi**

Astana has been declared as the new capital of which country - **Kazakhstan**

QUIZ

1. Where has ISRO successfully tested the hybrid motor?

A- Gujarat B- Tamil Nadu

C- Uttarakhand D- Odisha

2. Which country has won the United Nations Prize for Hypertension Control Initiative?

A- China B- Japan

C- India D- none of the above

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3. Recently Defense Ministry has signed MoU with Bank of Baroda and which bank?

A- SBI B- PNB

C- HDFC Bank D- None

4. Where has the first floating photo exhibition been inaugurated recently?

A- New Delhi B- Imphal

C- Dharamsala D- Kerala

5. Recently the Indian Army will train the commandos of which state's police Indians?

A- Haryana B- Assam

C- Jammu and Kashmir D- All

6. Who has topped the ICC T20I batting rankings recently?

A- Aiden Markram

B- Mohammad Rizwan

C- Surya Kumar Yadav

D- none

7. Where has India's first 'Dugong Conservation Reserve' been notified?

A- Assam B- Tamil Nadu

C- Maharashtra D- Odisha

8. 'Valery Polyakov' has passed away Who was he?

A- Astronaut B- Cricketer

C- journalist D- none

9. Which state government has extended the casual leave of its police?

A- Odisha B- Maharashtra

C- Uttarakhand

D- none

