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1. New Zealand bans buying cigarettes _ _



For the first time in the world, any government has taken such a drastic step against smoking. The New Zealand government has passed a law to completely end tobacco smoking by banning youth from buying cigarettes for life. New Zealand on Tuesday announced a unique and comprehensive plan to effectively ban cigarettes for new generations, taking into account recommendations from tobacco researchers and health policy advocates. The government passed a law to completely end tobacco smoking by imposing a lifetime ban on youth from buying cigarettes. According to the new law, tobacco cannot be sold in New Zealand to anyone born after January 1, 2009. The minimum age to buy cigarettes will go up in effect. People will need to show an ID that proves they are of eligible age from now on. According to the report, New Zealand plans to make the country smoke free by 2025. Around 8 per cent of New Zealand adults will smoke daily in 2022, according to figures released by Statistics New Zealand. This had fallen from 16 per cent ten years earlier. The population of smokers of the Māori tribe was comparatively higher by 20 per cent. The ban comes after several years of heavily taxing cigarettes and tobacco products. A tobacco ban would save billions of dollars and prevent smoking-related diseases such as cancer, heart attack, stroke.

The New Zealand health minister said the country is aiming for a generational change and better health for young people by ending smoking completely. The bill was passed into law by a vote of 43 out of 76. However, it was opposed by the Libertarian ACT Party,

2. India ranked 5th with 20 most valuable companies in the world in Hurun Global 500 list 2022



According to the recently released Hurun Global 500 list 2022, India with 20 most valuable companies in the world has moved up to the fifth position among the countries with top 500 firms in the world. Last year India was at 9th position with 8 companies. The list, released by the Hurun Research Institute, is a compilation of the world's 500 most valuable non-state-controlled companies. The companies were ranked based on their market capitalization (for listed companies) and valuation for unlisted companies. Reliance Industries Limited was the top ranked Indian company. It was ranked 34th in the world. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) was ranked second, and HDFC Bank stood third. For the first time, 4 companies of Adani Group have also made it to the list. These companies are; Adani Transmission, Adani Green Energy, Adani Enterprises and Adani Total Gas. Based in the US, Apple is the top-ranked company on the Hurun Global 500 list, followed by Microsoft,

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Alphabet (owner of Google), Amazon and Tesla. The United States tops the list with 260 companies, followed by China with 35 companies, 28 companies Along with Japan, the United Kingdom with 21 companies, India and Canada with 20 each were at the 5th position. Of the 20 Indian companies that featured in the list this year, 11 are based in Mumbai, four in Ahmedabad and one each in Noida, New Delhi, Bengaluru and Kolkata.

3. Bank notes printed by the United States for the first time with a female signature



Women from all over the world are planting flags in every field. Women are not dependent on anyone for their identity, rather women are writing their own future. In this episode, the signatures of two women of America were printed on the currency dollar of America, this has happened for the first time in American history. One of these two women is American Finance Minister Janet Yellen and Treasurer Marilyn Malerba. Janet Yellen and Marilyn Malerba's signature has been printed on another five dollar currency in America. These dollars with the signatures of both these women have been released on Thursday. After the release of the signature on the note, Finance Minister Janet Yellen said that it is a tradition under which the signature of the country's finance minister is on the US dollar.

However, this is happening for the first time in American history when a female finance minister has taken over. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen disclosed, Two of my colleagues who were finance ministers before me were Tim Gaither and Bad Signature that people used to make fun of him. Janet Yellen further said that Gaither had to change his signature to make it look valid. Janet said, I have practiced my signature a lot.

4. First India Global Forum being organized in Dubai _



Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar will participate in the "India Global Forum" to be held in Dubai on Tuesday. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology gave this information in a statement on Monday. According to this, Chandrashekhar will highlight India's progress and innovation in the field of technology in this conference that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is taking steps towards becoming a trillion dollar digital economy and the ecosystem of innovation in the country is constantly expanding. The ministry said Chandrashekhar will meet leading technology entrepreneurs during a ministerial roundtable on the theme of Globalizing India's technology and innovation talent at the "India Global Forum" and apprise them of the investment-friendly climate in

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India. Will get it done. India in this program, Leading technology leaders, ministers, CEOs and relevant stakeholders from UAE and UK will participate. Organized for entrepreneurs who aspire to expand their business globally, the objective of this event is to encourage them.

5. First 'The Purple Fest' for people with disabilities to be held in Goa



Goa will host a first-of-its-kind inclusive festival called 'The Purple Fest' in Panjim from January 6 to 8, 2023, in association with the State Commission for Persons with Social Welfare and Entertainment Society of Goa. Addressing a press conference, Social Welfare Minister Subhash Phal Desai said that 'The Purple Fest' will be a three-day inclusive event that aims to show how people can come together to support and celebrate everyone in our society. The event will include live performances, grand exhibitions, sporting events, immersive experience zones and an innovation fair. It will also include exciting competitions, accessible movie screenings, a mega car rally and discussions on important topics such as inclusive education, employment, tourism and independent living. Fal Desai said, The biggest obstacle for people with disabilities is how society perceives them as disabled. Persons with Disabilities (PwD) face challenges like discrimination, stigma and stereotypes on a

daily basis. To become an all-inclusive and accessible society, we need to change the way we look at disability and collaborate with the disability community to remove barriers." Phal Desai further added, "We need to change the way we view disability as a society-constructed behavior. , should be seen in the form of physical, systemic, communication and technical barriers. We do not deny the impact of an individual's impairment, but it is our responsibility as a society to accommodate people with disabilities, and not expect the individual to accommodate society. "Thus this festival is a great opportunity to make it clear that disability is not a barrier. Face challenges like stigma and stereotypes. To become an all-inclusive and accessible society, we need to change the way we look at disability and collaborate with the disability community to remove barriers." Phal Desai further added, "We need to change the way we view disability as a society-constructed behavior. , should be seen in the form of physical, systemic, communication and technical barriers.

6. Country 's first carbon neutral farm established in Kerala _



"Carbon neutral forms will be set up in all 140 assembly constituencies. Efforts have already been started in Kerala to make 13 farms carbon neutral." The Chief Minister said that the

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carbon neutral method would be implemented through women groups and such interventions would also be done in tribal areas. He said That 30 percent contribution of green gas emissions is from agriculture sector which can be stopped and climate change can be regulated by carbon neutral agriculture.

7. Launching Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission _



Tamil Nadu has become the first state in India to launch its own climate change mission. Launching the State Climate Change Mission on 9 December 2022 at the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Summit, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin said the state would achieve carbon neutrality much ahead of the national target of 2070. The Tamil Nadu Climate Summit was held on 8 and 9 December 2022 in Chennai. Carbon neutral refers to the removal of an amount of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere by various means equal to the amount of carbon dioxide being emitted so that the amount produced and removed is net zero. The state government in the 2021-2022 budget had announced the launch of the Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission with an outlay of Rs 500 crore to undertake climate change management and mitigation activities. The state government set up the Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company,

8. PM launches projects worth Rs 75,000 crore in Maharashtra



Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone and inaugurated various projects worth over Rs 75,000 crore in Maharashtra. This includes National Rail Projects worth more than 1500 crores, National Institute of One Health (NIO), Nagpur and Nag River Pollution Abatement Project, Nagpur. During the event, the Prime Minister dedicated the 'Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology (CIPET), Chandrapur' to the nation and inaugurated the 'Centre for Research, Management and Control of Hemoglobinopathies, Chandrapur'. According to the Prime Minister's Office, PM Modi inaugurated the first phase of the Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samridhi Mahamarg, which covers a distance of 520 km and connects Nagpur and Shirdi. The Prime Minister also dedicated to the nation AIIMS Nagpur, being developed at a cost of over Rs 1575 crore. It is a state-of-the-art hospital with 38 facilities including OPD, IPD, diagnostic services, operation theaters and departments covering all major specialties and super specialty disciplines of medical science. Earlier, the Prime Minister flagged off Vande from Nagpur to Bilaspur. Flagged off Bharat Express, dedicated 'Phase I of Nagpur Metro' to the nation and laid the foundation stone of 'Phase II of Nagpur

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ONE LINER

Which automobile company has recently launched India 's first mass segment flex fuel prototype car - **Maruti Suzuki India**

Who has been selected as the ' ICC Men's Player of the Month ' for the month of November - **Jos Buttler (England)**

Who has been appointed as the next Chief Scientist of the World Health Organization - **Sir Jeremy Farrar**

Which country has recently passed the world 's first Tobacco Law for Next Generation - **New Zealand**

The player Sidra Amin , who won the ' ICC Women's Player of the Month ' award for the month of November , belongs to which country - **Pakistan**

The eighth ' India International Science Festival ' will be organized in which city next month - **Bhopal**

India signed a joint declaration on migration and mobility with which country – **Finland**

QUIZ

1. India's first mass-segment flex-fuel car has been launched by which company?

- (a) Kia Motors
- (b) **Maruti Suzuki**
- (c) Tata Motors
- (d) Hyundai

Explanation :- Maruti Suzuki India Limited (Maruti Suzuki) announced on 12 December that it has launched the Wagon R flex fuel prototype vehicle in Delhi. India's first mass segment flex fuel prototype automobile was unveiled in the presence of Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari.

2. What is the Consumer Price Index (CPI) based retail inflation for November 2022 in India?

- (a) **5.88%**
- (b) 5.44%
- (c) 5.22%
- (d) 5.48%

Explanation :- In November 2022, retail inflation in India, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), fell to an 11-month low of 5.88% on an annual basis. The inflation rate in October 2022 was 6.77%. Substantial growth has been driven by falling global commodity prices and rising lending rates. For the first time this

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year, inflation fell below the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) tolerance level of 2-6%.

3. Which cricketer has broken Chris Gayle's record of becoming the fastest to score 200 runs in an ODI?

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) K L Rahul
- (c) Rohit Sharma
- (d) Ishan Kishan

Explanation -: Young Indian player Ishan Kishan set many records in the third and last ODI of the series against Bangladesh. He became the sixth batsman in history and the fourth Indian after Sachin Tendulkar, Rohit Sharma and Virender Sehwag to score a double century in One Day Internationals. He scored a double century in 126 balls. He has become the eighth player in the world to achieve the feat. Ishan also broke Chris Gayle's record of fastest ODI score to 200 runs.

4. In which state did the Prime Minister inaugurate the All India Institute of Ayurveda on December 11, 2022?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Goa
- (d) Maharashtra

Explanation -: The Prime Minister virtually inaugurated the All India Institute of Ayurveda in Goa, the National Institute of Unani Medicine in Ghaziabad and the National Institute of Homeopathy in Delhi. He spoke at the 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) and Arogya Expo. Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said that the All India Institute of Ayurveda in

Dhargal will have 50% reservation for Goans.

5. Which player has been awarded the ICC Men's Player of the Month for November 2022?

- (a) Adil Rashid
- (b) Jos Buttler
- (c) Shaheen Shah Afridi
- (d) Virat Kohli

Explanation -: England's T20 World Cup-winning captain Jos Buttler has been awarded the ICC Men's Player of the Month for the first time, following his stellar performance in November. One of the most feared batsmen in the world, Butler beat Adil Rashid and Shaheen Shah Afridi to win the award. He has been adjudged the ICC Player of the Month for his stellar performance in the crucial semi-final match against India.

6. Which country has passed the tobacco law to ban smoking for the next generation?

- (a) United States of America
- (b) Japan
- (c) China
- (d) New Zealand

Explanation -: The Government of New Zealand has brought a new Tobacco Law in its country with the aim of preventing smoking in the new generation. It is being considered as the world's first tobacco law for the next generation. This new law will be implemented in 2023. Under this, any person born after January 1, 2009 would be bound to buy cigarettes.

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7. With which country India has signed Joint Declaration on Migration and Mobility?

- (a) Finland**
- (b) Denmark
- (c) Ireland
- (d) Sweden

Explanation -: India and Finland have signed a Joint Statement on Migration and Mobility to reach a mutually beneficial agreement on migration and mobility. Union Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan and Finland's Minister for Employment Ms. Tuula Hytanen signed the proclamation.

