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1. Inauguration ceremony of International Year of Millets -2023 held in Rome , Italy



Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India will go ahead with the celebration of the International Year of Millets 2023 and organize a campaign to promote the cultivation and consumption of the nutritious grain. Prime Minister Modi's message was read out at the inaugural ceremony of the International Year of Millets (IYM) - 2023, organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, in Rome, Italy, according to an official statement. It is the vision and initiative of the Prime Minister that has led to the United Nations General Assembly declaring the year 2023 as the "International Year of Millets" with the support of more than 70 countries across the globe. declared. It will help create worldwide awareness of the important role of millet in sustainable agriculture and its benefits as a smart and superfood. An Indian delegation led by Minister of State for Agriculture Shobha Karandlaje was present at the opening ceremony. The formal message to India by Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conveyed by Shobha Karandlaje during the event. Modi said, "India will lead IYM 2023 celebrations across the world and organize campaigns to promote cultivation and consumption of millets." Karandlaje congratulated the United Nations on behalf of the Prime Minister for declaring the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets. Through his message, the Prime Minister thanked the global community for supporting India's proposal to celebrate the International Year of Millets. Pointing out that

millet is one of the earliest crops cultivated by man and has been an important source of nutrients, the Prime Minister stressed on making it a food option for the future. Highlighting the challenges of food security, the Prime Minister referred to the once-in-a-century pandemics and the conflicts arising across the globe. He also explained how climate change is affecting food availability. The Prime Minister referred to the once-in-a-century pandemic and the conflicts arising across the globe. He also explained how climate change is affecting food availability. The Prime Minister referred to the once-in-a-century pandemic and the conflicts arising across the globe. He also explained how climate change is affecting food availability. The Prime Minister referred to the once-in-a-century pandemic and the conflicts arising across the globe. He also explained how climate change is affecting food availability.

2. Passport Index 2022 published by Orton Capital ranked 1st



The list of the world's most powerful passports has been released by various countries. In this, India has made it to the 69th position, while the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been in the first place. The Passport Index 2022 published by Arton Capital releases a ranking of the strongest and weakest passports in the world and tells you how many countries you can enter without a visa. Let us know which country has made it to which position in this

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list and in how many countries the people of UAE who have made it to the first place can roam without visa. Travelers with a UAE passport can enter 180 countries without any hassle. At the same time, 121 countries are visa free with visa on arrival facility for 59 countries. Travelers here only require a visa for 89 countries. 10 European countries ie Germany, Italy, France Spain, Luxembourg and South Korea finished second. It has visa power to travel to 126 countries and requires a visa on arrival to 47 countries. It is ranked third for visa-free travel to 116 countries with a US passport. At the same time, London is at the fourth position. Talking about India, it is at 69th position. Indians can travel visa free to only 24 countries. Whereas, Visa on Arrival is required for 48 other countries and Visa is required for 126 countries. India shares the same ranking with countries like Gambia, Ghana, Uzbekistan and Tanzania. London is on the fourth position. Talking about India, it is at 69th position. Indians can travel visa free to only 24 countries. Whereas, Visa on Arrival is required for 48 other countries and Visa is required for 126 countries. India shares the same ranking with countries like Gambia, Ghana, Uzbekistan and Tanzania. London is on the fourth position. Talking about India, it is at 69th position. Indians can travel visa free to only 24 countries. Whereas, Visa on Arrival is required for 48 other countries and Visa is required for 126 countries. India shares the same ranking with countries like Gambia, Ghana, Uzbekistan and Tanzania.

3. Sushmita Shukla of Indian origin became the first Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank in New York



Indian-origin Sushmita Shukla has been appointed as the First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Federal Reserve Bank in New York. Now she has become the second highest officer of this prestigious central bank. The New York-based central bank said in a statement that Shukla's appointment has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve System. Shukla has been appointed by the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, effective March 2023. Central Bank President and CEO John Williams said Shukla was full of energy, Inspirational and very impressive who brings her vast experience to the Bank. Williams said Shukla has a deep knowledge of technology and innovation methods and is passionate about creating a diverse and inclusive culture. Shukla's resume on the central bank's website states that she has nearly 20 years of experience in the insurance industry. and has held various leadership roles. Along with the Bank's President and CEO, Shukla will establish, communicate and execute the strategic direction of the organization. She will also serve as an alternate voting member of the Federal Open Market Committee. communication and execution. She will also serve as an alternate voting member of the Federal Open Market Committee.

4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Mopa International Airport in Goa

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The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Mopa International Airport in Goa. The foundation stone of this airport was laid by the Prime Minister in November 2016. Built at a cost of approximately Rs 2,870 crore, the airport is built on the theme of sustainable infrastructure and has a solar power plant, eco-friendly buildings, LED lights on the runway, state-of-the-art sewage treatment plant with rainwater harvesting and recycling facilities. Other facilities like etc. are included. Initially, Phase-I of the airport will cater to the needs of about 4.4 million passengers per annum (MPPA), which can be scaled up to a saturation capacity of 33 MPPA. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister inaugurated the greenfield airport at Mopa. Congratulations to all the citizens of Goa and the country for the inauguration. Reminiscing on my visits to Goa over the last eight years, The Prime Minister said that the love and blessings shown to him by the people of Goa will be repaid with interest in the form of development. "This state-of-the-art airport terminal is an attempt to return the same affection", he added. He expressed happiness that the airport has been named after late Manohar Parrikar. Commenting on the approach of previous governments towards infrastructure development, the Prime Minister said that instead of the needs of the citizens, their vote bank was the first priority. The Prime Minister pointed out that thousands of crores of rupees were spent on projects that were not needed. As a result, places in dire need of infrastructure development remained neglected. "The Goa International Airport is a clear example of this," he

said. He said that initially this plan of the airport was made during the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government, But after that government was out of power, not much was done in this direction and this project remained languishing for many years. The Prime Minister said that after the coming of the double engine government in 2014, the airport work got a new momentum and he laid the foundation stone 6 years ago. He said that despite all the legal hurdles and the pandemic, this airport is ready to function today. The airport has the facility to handle around 40 lakh passengers per annum which can be increased to 35 million in future. The presence of two airports in Goa has created new opportunities for the state as a cargo hub apart from tourism benefits.

5. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of National Institute for One Health



Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of the National Institute for One Health and inaugurate the Center for Research, Management and Control of Hemoglobinopathies in Nagpur tomorrow. These new institutes of medical excellence add to the country's efforts in scaling up health research to serve our underserved populations. Will speed it up. Foundation stone of National Institute for One Health at Nagpur and ICMR-Hemoglobinopathies Research, Management and Control Center at Chandrapur inaugurated by Prime Minister Dr. Bharti Praveen Pawar, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,

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Government of India Secretary and Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research Dr. Rajeev Behl in presence. Human health can no longer be seen in isolation due to increasing interactions between humans and animals - domestic and wild and being affected by climate change. More than half of all infections in humans can be spread by animals. In this context, the Nagpur-based National Institute for One Health is an important infrastructural achievement for India. The institute will focus on enhancing preparedness and laboratory capabilities for identification of new and unknown zoonotic agents. This dedicated institute will be equipped with Bio Safety Level (BSL-IV) laboratory. This will help in investigating outbreaks of emerging zoonotic agents of public health concern and in developing better control strategies. The prevalence of sickle cell disease is high in the Vidarbha region of central India, especially in the tribal population and expected carriers in some tribal groups. The frequency is as high as 35 percent. In view of this issue and the outbreak of similar diseases in the country, ICMR – Center for Research, Management and Control of Hemoglobinopathies has been established which will play a leading role in research on Hemoglobinopathies and similar diseases in the country. The center is equipped with state-of-the-art clinical and research facilities including bio-banking and proteomics facilities, which will enable India to conduct transformative research on this disease. This center of medical excellence is dedicated to hemoglobinopathies, among others. This center will do strategic work through community control programs and transnational research, which will benefit the patients of Chandrapur and nearby areas.

6. India's young cricketer Ishaan Kishan is the first cricketer in the world to score the fastest double century in ODIs



Ishaan Kishan scored his first double century in ODI career against Bangladesh on Saturday (December 10). This is also the first century of his career. Kishan broke several records during his innings in Chittagong. He became the fastest player to score a double century in ODIs. In this case, he broke the record of former West Indies explosive batsman Chris Gayle. Kishan was dismissed after scoring 210 runs off 131 balls. He hit 24 fours and 10 sixes in his innings. There itself, Experienced Virat Kohli played an innings of 113 runs. India won the last match of the three ODI series against Bangladesh by 227 runs. This is the biggest win of Team India in ODIs against Bangladesh. He had earlier won against him on 11 April 2003 by 200 runs in Dhaka. In the match, Bangladesh won the toss and decided to bowl first. India scored 409 runs for eight wickets in 50 overs. In response, the Bangladeshi team was reduced to 182 runs in 34 overs. Kishan scored his double century off 126 balls. Talking about Chris Gayle, he played an inning of 215 against Zimbabwe in the 2015 World Cup. Gayle scored a double century off 138 balls in Canberra, Australia. Kishan became the fourth batsman for India to score a double century in ODIs. Sachin Tendulkar before him, Virender Sehwag and Rohit Sharma had scored double centuries. Talking about the overall record, he is the seventh batsman in the world to score a double century. This is the ninth double century in ODIs. Rohit Sharma is the only batsman to score more than one double century. He has done this three times.

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7. PT Usha becomes the first woman president of the Indian Olympic Association in its 95-year history



India's great athlete PT Usha created history on Saturday (December 10). She became the first woman President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). He was elected president unopposed in the election. For the first time since 1960, a sportsperson has become the President of IOA. Maharaja Yadwinder Singh (1938–1960) was the last president who had been a sportsman. The elections were conducted under the supervision of Nageswara Rao, a former judge appointed by the Supreme Court. The election of PT Usha as the President also ended the crisis caused by factional politics in the IOA. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) had earlier this month threatened to suspend the IOA if it did not hold elections. PT Usha after becoming the president said, "Except for 13 years, I have given my entire time to sports. whether an athlete, Be it as a coach or administration. I never thought that I would become IOA chief or Member of Parliament. Members of the Athletes' Commission encouraged me to file my nomination. We will make collective efforts for the betterment of sports, so that our tricolor remains high on the international stage. We will work with national federations, athletes and coaches to bring more medals for the country. IOC member Nita Ambani expressed happiness over PT Usha's selection. "It is heartening to see so many women representatives in the Executive Council of the Indian Olympic Association," she

said. The IOA elections were to be held only in December last year. Several factions in the IOA would be disbanded after the selection of PT Usha. International Olympic Committee (IOC) warned the IOA of possible suspension if the elections were not held this month. Usha was nominated to the Rajya Sabha by the Bharatiya Janata Party in July this year. The IOA elections were to be held in December last year itself. After the selection of PT Usha, many factions of the IOA will end. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) had earlier this month warned the IOA of a possible suspension if the elections were not held. Usha was nominated to the Rajya Sabha by the Bharatiya Janata Party in July this year.

8. Bhupendra Patel will be the Chief Minister of Gujarat



Bhupendra Patel will become the Chief Minister of Gujarat for the second time. He has been unanimously elected as the leader of the newly elected Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLAs in Gujarat's state headquarters 'Kamalam' on Saturday. The BJP has won the recently concluded assembly elections in Gujarat with a thumping majority. The party registered a historic victory by securing 156 seats in the 182-member assembly. Bhupendra Patel (60) had resigned as Chief Minister on Friday along with his entire cabinet to pave the way for the formation of a new government in the state. As BJP's central observers, senior leaders Rajnath Singh, B.S. Yeddyurappa and Arjun Munda were present in the meeting. The BJP has announced that the swearing-in of the new government will take place on December 12 in

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which the Chief Ministers of BJP-ruled states will be present along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The swearing-in ceremony of the new government will be held on Monday at the helipad ground in Gandhinagar. Let us tell you that the meeting for the election of the new leader was just a formality, as the party had already announced that for the second time in a row, 1. Bhupendra Patel, who won by 92 lakh votes, will remain the Chief Minister. Patel had succeeded Vijay Rupani as the Chief Minister of Gujarat on September 7 last. Bhupendra Patel, who was in front of the media after being elected the leader of the Legislature Party, was asked whether the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) would be taken up in the first cabinet meeting of the new government or not? On this Bhupendra Patel Bhupendra Patel said that the committee has been formed, work will be done on the basis of their recommendation.

ONE LINER

Who has won the men's singles title at US Open 2022 - **Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)**

Man- made Textiles Research Association (MANTRA) , affiliated to the Union Ministry of Textiles , has inaugurated the first of its kind face mask and PPE kit testing laboratory at – **Surat (Gujarat)**

Inga Swiatek , who won the US Open Tennis 2022 women's singles title , is a player from which country - **Poland**

Recently , who has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee of Food Corporation of India (FCI) - **Abhishek Mishra**

Recently , a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between India and which country for training of diplomats - **Madagascar**

Who has won the bronze medal in the ' Skill of Prototype Modeling World Daskill Competition 2022 ' (WUSC 2022) - **Likith YP**

What is the name of the fifth stealth frigate (P17A) of the Indian Navy , which has been launched recently - **Taragiri**

In cricket , recently Sri Lanka won the title of Asia Cup 2022 by defeating which country - **Pakistan** _

QUIZ

1. Recently , under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework , the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has signed a currency swap agreement with the monetary authority of which country ? _

- a) Seychelles
- b) Maldives
- c) Mauritius
- d) Thailand

Explanation - : Under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework , the Reserve Bank of India has signed a currency swap agreement with the Maldives Monetary Authority . With this agreement , the Maldivian Monetary Authority can withdraw up to a maximum of \$ 200 million from the RBI in tranches . The agreement will provide swap support as a backstop line of funding for short - term foreign exchange liquidity requirements . The RBI had signed a similar agreement in 2020 to provide a \$ 400 million currency swap facility to Sri Lanka .

2 . Who among the following has been selected as the World Athlete of the Year 2022 ?

- a) Sydney McLaughlin
- b) Stephen Curry
- c) Phil Mickelson
- d) Neeraj Chopra

Explanation - : Sydney McLaughlin and Armand Duplantis have been named as the World Athletes of the Year 2022. America's Sydney McLaughlin and Armand Duplantis of Sweden have been named the World Athletes of the Year 2022. Sydney McLaughlin is an Olympic gold medallist . He participated in the 4×400 meter relay Helped

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the US win the gold . Duplantis is the first pole vaulter to win gold at the Olympics , World Championships , World Indoor Championships , World Junior Championships , etc. He threw a record distance of 6.21 m (20.37 ft) to win the gold medal in Eugene . Of. World The World Athlete of the Year award is given to athletes participating in athletics events organized by Athletics . _ _ The first edition of the awards was presented in 1997 .

3. Recently National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) has signed an MoU with whom to provide benefits to various MSMEs who will participate in the ' Vrdhi ' programme ? _

- a) Flipkart
- b) Amazon
- c) Blinkit
- d) Wal - Mart

Explanation - : On 6th December Walmart Global Sourcing India Private Limited and National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) signed an important MoU . Shri Gaurang Dixit , CMD , NSIC and Ms. Pramila Malaiya , Director & Hub Head , Walmart signed the MoU _ Signed . NSIC will be able to give benefits of various schemes and other services of NSIC to those MSMEs who will participate in various growth program . Apart from this , various opportunities like working capital , bulk purchase assistance etc. are available to MSMEs under various opportunities offered by NSIC. Will get a chance to avail the benefits . This agreement will play an important role in taking MSMEs to the export target of \$ 2 trillion by the year 2030 . MSMEs who are actually part of the NSIC ecosystem will also be linked to the enhancement program in the respective clusters .

4 . Which Indian startup has recently been awarded the Earth Shot Award 2022 ? _

- a) farming
- b) collision
- c) Food Waste Hubs
- d) Clean Our Air

Explanation - : India 's greenhouse - in - a - box , ' Kheti ' was among the five winners announced by Prince of Wales , Prince William in Boston , United States in December 2022 . Greenhouse - in - a - box aims to reduce costs and increase yields _ This will help in protecting the livelihood of these farmers . _ _ This was the second edition of the Earth Shot Award which has also been called the ' Eco Oscar ' .

5 . What is the rank of India in the ' World 's Strongest Passport List ' released by Arton Capital recently ? _

- a) 80th
- b) 85th
- c) 87th
- d) 90th

Explanation - : India is ranked 87th in the world 's strongest passport list released by Arton Capital on 07 December 2022 . _ UAE ranked first , followed by Germany , Sweden , Finland , Luxembourg , Spain and France . _ _ _ While Afghanistan last _ But Pakistan ranked 94th . _ _ _ Emirati passport holders can enter 121 countries without a visa and obtain a visa on arrival in 59 states .

6 . Which Indian woman has topped the recently released Forbes annual list of ' World 's 100 Most Powerful Women in 2022 ' ?

- a) Falguni Nair
- b) Madhabi Puri Buch
- c) Roshni Nadar
- d) Nirmala Sitharaman

Forbes ' annual list of ' The World 's 100 Most Powerful Women in 2022 ' has been released on 07 December 2022 . Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is ranked 36 , followed by Roshni Nadar (53), SEBI chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch (54) and SAI chairperson Soma Mondal (67) . Biocon executive chairperson Kiran Mazumdar Shaw and Nykaa founder Falguni Nair are ranked 72 and 89 respectively

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7 . According to the recent report released by Oxfam India , what is the percentage of women in India having a mobile phone in 2021 ?

- a) 25 percent
- b) 31 percent
- c) 35 percent
- d) 40 percent**

Explanation - : Oxfam India released ' India Inequality Report 2022 : Digital Divide ' in December 2022. According to the report , in 2021, 61 % men and 31% women have mobile phones . Women make up just one - third of internet users in India . _ compared to men 15 % fewer women in the U.S. own a mobile phone , and 33 % fewer use mobile Internet services . In the Asia - Pacific region , India has the largest gender gap in internet access . _

8 . The World Meteorological Organization has released its first annual Global Water Resources Report 2021 in December 2022 . _ Who is the Secretary General of WMO ?

- a) Petery talus**
- b) Ban Ki- moon
- c) Gerhard Adrian
- d) Audrey Azoulay

Explanation - : The World Meteorological Organization has released its first annual Global Water Resources Report 2021 in December 2022 . Currently 3.6 billion people face inadequate access to water and this is expected to increase to more than 5 billion by 2050 . _ _ _ _ _ Report The first version looked at the amount of water flowing through a river channel . _ _ _ _

9 . National Stock Exchange 's subsidiary NSE Index has announced the launch of another index under the Nifty India Bond Index Series in December 2022 . In which city is the headquarters of NSE located ?

- a) Pune**
- b) Surat
- c) Mumbai
- d) New Delhi

Explanation - : NSE Indices, a subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange , has announced the launch of another index under the Nifty Bharat Bond Index series in December 2022 . The Bharat Bond Index Series follows a targeted maturity date structure , with each index in the series _ _ Measures the performance of a portfolio of 'AAA ' rated bonds issued by government - owned entities maturing in a specific year .

10 . When is the International Anti- Corruption Day celebrated every year ?

- a) 07 December
- b) 08 December
- c) 09 December**
- d) 10 December

Explanation - : International Anti - Corruption Day is observed every year on 09 December to highlight how corruption affects health , education , justice , democracy , prosperity and development . _ _ _

The theme of International Anti- Corruption Day 2022 is "UNCAC at 20: Uniting the World Against Corruption" .

The UNGA designated 09 December as the International Anti - Corruption Day in 2005 . _