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1. NTCA gives in-principle approval to make Odisha's Debrigarh a new tiger reserve



The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has given in-principle approval to Odisha government's proposal to declare Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary as a Tiger Reserve (TR). In its 17th Technical Committee meeting, the apex body has approved the proposal for an area of 804.51 sq km. The sanctuary and its surrounding forests should be declared a TR, NTCA sources told this newspaper. Once this is done, Debrigarh will be the third tiger reserve in the state. In 2018, the state government had proposed Debrigarh along with Dehchuan Reserved Forest and Saraydamak-Budharaja Reserved Forest as TRs, stating that the area's rich forests made it suitable. Habitat for breeding big cats. Debrigarh is well connected to the proposed Sunabeda TR (in Odisha) and the Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve in the southwest in Chhattisgarh. Similarly, It is connected to the Satkosia Tiger Reserve to its south and southeast through the forests of Angul, Athamalik, Rairakhol and Sambalpur. When contacted, PCCF (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden SK Popli confirmed the in-principle approval for Debrigarh and said it is a good sign. "We are working towards declaring it a tiger reserve," he said. NTCA had found good forest with rich prey base in Debrigarh which could act as an important corridor between Odisha and Chhattisgarh. The apex agency said the sanctuary complies with all the six conditions laid down by the NTCA committee during its visit to the state in 2019. PCCF (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden SK Popli confirmed the in-principle approval for Debrigarh and said it is a good sign. "We

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2. P Nadda launches the book 'Modi Shaping a Global Order in Flux'



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BJP National President JP Nadda released the book 'Modi Shaping a Global Order in Flux' authored by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. In the ongoing program at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan in Delhi, he said that under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi, India has democratized foreign policy and today common man also discusses India's foreign policy. Edited by Sujan Chinoy, Vijay Chauthaiwala and Uttam Kumar Sinha, the book's foreword is written by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. This book is going to start a debate on how PM Modi has taken a decision that has changed the image of India across the world. It needs to be understood that what was the image of India before Modi came to power. This book India's potential, strength and political will and focuses on its diplomatic role in navigating an increasingly fragile multilateral world. The publisher of the book is Wisdom Tree. JP Nadda said that PM Narendra Modi also visited Palestine and Israel. Along with this, during the Russia and Ukraine crisis, PM Narendra Modi talked to both the sides and evacuated the Indian students from there. JP Nadda further said that India is presiding over the G20 at a time when the world is facing the challenge of Corona and Ukraine crisis.

3. German film 'All Quiet on the Western Front' wins 76th BAFTA Award for Best Film 2023



At the Royal Festival Hall in England, the 76th British Academy Film Awards, also known as BAFTAs, were presented. The award was hosted by actor Richard E Grant. German anti-war film All Quiet on the Western

Front won seven awards at the star-studded ceremony, including two big wins, Best Film and Best Director. Shaunak Sen's documentary All That Breathes From India was nominated for the Best Documentary award, which went to Daniel Rohrer's Navalny. British Academy of Film and Television Arts – a world-leading independent arts charity dedicated to film, sport and television brings the best work in the UK to public attention and supports the development of creative talent in the UK and internationally. Through its awards ceremonies and year-round program of learning events and initiatives – which includes the UK,

4. UN approves resolution for Russia to leave Ukraine after 1 year



The United Nations General Assembly once again called for Russia to be held accountable for the attack on Ukraine. Along with this, the matter of seeking compensation from Russia for the damage caused in Ukraine due to the attack was also raised. After this, a draft proposal was brought and voting was done on it. In the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), voting was once again done on the draft resolution to hold Russia accountable for the attacks on Ukraine and to create a mechanism to compensate and compensate for the damage caused by it. A total of 94 countries voted in favor of the resolution while 14 voted against it. 73 countries including India abstained from voting. The EU Mission to the UN said in a tweet that today the UN General Assembly recognized that Russia must be held accountable for its aggression against Ukraine. It was adopted by a vote of 94 to 14. This resolution of the

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UNGA seeks to establish a mechanism to document losses and to Recommend appropriate compensation. The draft submitted by Western countries called for condemnation of Russia for its actions in Ukraine. The Czech Republic, which co-sponsored the resolution, said Russia should be held accountable for violations and damage caused by the war in Ukraine.

5. Carlos Alcaraz won the Argentina Open Title 2023..



Grand Slam champion Spain's tennis player Carlos Alcaraz captured the Argentina Open tennis title by performing brilliantly. World number-2 player and top seed Alcaraz faced Britain's Cameron Norrie in the title match of the tournament. Alcaraz dominated the entire match in this match. Alcaraz cruised to an easy victory over the world No. 13 in straight sets. This is his first title of this tournament. Carlos Alcaraz easily won the first set against Cameron Norrie. Alcaraz took the lead in the first set by beating Cameron 6-3, while the second set was a great one. In the second set, Alcaraz won the match by defeating Cameron 7-5. At the same time, in the semi-final match, Alcaraz beat compatriot Bernabe Zapata Miralles 6-2 in consecutive sets, Won an easy victory by defeating 6-2 and made a place in the final. Similarly, Cameron Norrie defeated Juan Pablo Varillas of Peru in consecutive sets 7-6, 6-4 to enter the final.

6. President Draupadi Murmu conferred Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship and Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards.



That Indian art can spread peace and harmony in present times full of tension and conflict. Indian cultural values have become more useful in the modern era. President Murmu presented the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships and Akademi Awards for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 at a function in New Delhi today. On this occasion, he said that Indian art is also an excellent example of India's soft power. The President said that India's unique performing arts have kept alive the country's extraordinary culture over the centuries. He said that art and artistes are bearers of India's rich cultural heritage and unity in diversity is the biggest feature of the country's cultural traditions. Various forms of art transcend language and geographical boundaries. At the function, eight eminent personalities in the field of art were awarded Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships. Music, Dance, Theatre, Traditional, A total of 128 artistes from the fields of folk and puppetry were honored with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards. YG Mahendra received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for best acting and make-up artist Ramakrishna for theater make-up. Five eminent artistes from Odisha were honored by the Sangeet Natak Akademi The prize was awarded from 2020 and 2021. Odissi dancer Ravindra Atibuddhi and Chhau dancer Trilochan Mohanta received the award for the year 2020. For 2021, singer Sushmita Das was given the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Accompanied Music, Bijay Kumar Jena for Dance and Manoj Patnaik for Theater Direction.

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7. Seattle becomes the first US city to ban racial discrimination



The US city of Seattle has become the first city in the country to pass a historic law banning caste discrimination. Now the Seattle City Council has included race in the city's anti-discrimination law. This means that now people facing caste discrimination will be given protection in the city of Seattle. With the passing of this law, on one hand, where some people are supporting it, on the other hand, some people are expressing displeasure with it. The section expressing displeasure says that the purpose of this proposal is to target the people of South Asia, especially Indian Americans. At the same time, people supporting it are telling it an important step towards bringing social justice and equality. Supporters of the ordinance, passed by a 6-1 majority, said that caste-based discrimination transcends national and religious boundaries as well, and without such a law, those who face caste discrimination would not be protected. That the ordinance was written and proposed by Kshama Sawant, an upper-caste Hindu and the only Indian-American member of the city council. After voting, he wrote on Twitter that, "Our movement has given a historic decision on caste discrimination in Seattle. This decision is completely official.

8. First Virtual Shopping App to be launched by DMRC



Relief news has come for lakhs of passengers traveling in Delhi Metro. In fact, DMRC is soon going to launch the country's first virtual shopping app for its commuters, which will enable commuters to shop during their journey and also provide the facility of delivery of ordered goods at destination stations. This 'momentum' 2.0, a specially designed application to provide its users with instant and direct access to custom made services such as last mile connectivity options, a wide range of e-shopping options and digital lockers for quick and secure delivery. Along with this, smart cards of Delhi Metro will also get facilities like recharge and smart payments in the app among other uses. Commuters using this app will get the timetable of bikes, e-rickshaws, cabs and feeder buses from Delhi Metro stations,

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Where has Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated Nano Urea Plant of IFFCO - **State**

Kiss Life Insurance has launched ' Anmol Suraksha Kavach ' - **Aditya Bidla Sun Life Insurance**

Where has President Murmu inaugurated the International Engineering and Technology Fair - **New Delhi**

Which AI chatbot has been launched by UIDAI to solve Aadhaar related queries - **Aadhaar Mitra**

Who is hosting the G20 dialogue forum for the global business community - **Manipur**

Shahabuddin Chappu has become the new President of which country – **Bangladesh**

Where has the Railways started the Bharat Gaurav Deluxe AC tourist train - **Delhi**

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Tata Steel has completed the first multi - modal shipment of TMT Bars from West Bengal to which state – **Tripura**

Balipa Narayan has passed away Who was he - **singer**

Which country 's first minister Nicola Sturgeon has resigned - **Scotland**

QUIZ

1. Gulab Chand Kataria has been sworn in as the 31st Governor of which state ? _ _

- a) Manipur
- b) Assam**
- c) Gujarat
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

Gulab Chand Kataria , a senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party and Leader of the Opposition in the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly , has taken oath as the 31st Governor of Assam on 22 February 2023 .

Gulab Chand Kataria is an 8- time MLA from Udaipur , Rajasthan and also a member of the Central Working Committee of the BJP .

Kataria was the Home Minister in the Government of Rajasthan from 2014 to 2018 .

2. How many MPs have been nominated for the Sansad Ratna Award 2023 ? _

- a) 11
- b) 12
- c) 13**
- d) 15

Thirteen MPs have been nominated for the Sansad Ratna Award 2023 to honor the parliamentary performance of parliamentarians .

They include eight Lok Sabha MPs and five Rajya Sabha members .

The awards will be presented by civil society on 25 March 2023 in New Delhi .

Dr. To recognize the excellent parliamentarians . _

_ The Sansad Ratna Awards were established on the suggestion of APJ Abdul Kalam .

In 2010 , the first edition of the award ceremony was held in Chennai . This award has so far been given to 90 outstanding parliamentarians .

3. The High Court of which state has become the first court to publish judgments in regional language ?

- a) Kerala**
- b) Karnataka
- c) Maharashtra
- d) West Bengal

EXPLANATION - : On February 21, 2023 , the Kerala High Court has become the first court to publish a judgment in a regional language .

The Kerala High Court released two of its recent judgments in Malayalam . These decisions were given by Chief Justice S. Manikumar and Justice Shaji P. Chali .

4. With which country has Unified Payments Interface (UPI) launched cross - border connectivity ?

- a) Bahrain
- b) Oman
- c) Singapore**
- d) Malaysia

EXPLANATION - : Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong attended the virtual launch of cross - border connectivity between India 's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Singapore 's PayNow on 21 February .

This initiative will help people of both countries to transfer funds quickly and at low cost from their mobiles .

According to data released by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) , UPI recorded over 7.82 billion transactions worth Rs 12.82 trillion in December 2022 which is a record in itself .

5. Who has won the gold medal in the men 's individual 50m rifle 3 positions event at the ISSF World Cup Shooting Competition 2023 held in Cairo , Egypt ?

- a) Saurabh Chowdhary**

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- b) Manav Sharma
- c) Alexander Shmirel

d) Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar

EXPLANATION - : On 22 February , Indian shooter Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar won the gold medal in the men 's individual 50m Rifle 3 Positions event .

In the final , Aishwarya defeated Alexander Schmirl of Austria .

Earlier , India 's Tilottama Sen won the bronze medal in the women 's 10m air rifle event . _

India topped the competition with four gold medals . _ _ Hungary is second with two gold medals . _ _

6. In which state / UT of India , Frozen Lake Half Marathon has been organized ? _ _

- a) Sikkim
- b) Ladakh**
- c) Jammu & Kashmir
- d) Himachal Pradesh

EXPLANATION - : For the first time in India , the Frozen Lake Marathon has been organized for the first time at Pangong Tso Lake in the Union Territory of Ladakh .

This lake is located at an altitude of 4 thousand 350 meters above sea level .

Frozen Lake Marathon was organized on Pangong Tso Lake with Guinness Book of World Records . _

_ 75 runners participated in this marathon . _

Pangong Tso Lake is an endorheic (landlocked) lake . It is situated at an altitude of more than 13,862 feet above sea level .

7. By whom was the book ' Modi : Shaping a Global Order in Flux ' released ?

- a) JP Nadda**
- b) Amit Shah
- c) Piyush Goyal
- d) S Jaishankar

EXPLANATION - : BJP National President JP Nadda has launched a book titled " Modi : Shaping a Global Order in Flux " at Chanakyapuri .

The initiatives taken by Prime Minister Modi have changed the image of our country and this book provides a deep insight into the same . _

The foreword of the book is done by Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar . The editors of the book are Sujan Chinoy , Vijay Chauthaiwala and Uttam Kumar Sinha .

8. With which country has the Union Cabinet approved the Air Services Agreement ? _ _

- a) Ghana
- b) Uganda
- c) Guyana**
- d) Tanzania

Ans:- Guyana

EXPLANATION - : The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved the signing of Air Services Agreement between the Government of India and the Government of Guyana .

The signing of this agreement will create a framework for the provision of air services between the two countries . Guyana is a South South American country .

Capital of Guyana :- George Town