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1. Nikki Haley will contest the US presidential election in the year 2024



Republican Nikki Haley has formally announced her candidacy for the 2024 US presidential elections. Along with this, he has presented himself as a young and fresh alternative to former President Donald Trump. He has presented his candidature for the post of President through a video. Her formal announcement means she will be the first contender to compete against Trump, 76, for the nomination. It is noteworthy that both Haley and Trump are from the Republican Party. Before joining the presidential election process, Haley must win the Republican presidential primary, which will be held in January next year. If Nikki wins the election in her party, she may possibly face Kamala Harris, Who is currently the Vice President of America. Both these leaders are of Indian origin. Nikki was the 116th Governor of South Carolina from 2011 to 2017. She became the youngest (38 years) governor in America. President Donald Trump appointed him as the 29th United States Ambassador to the United Nations from January 2017 to December 2018. In 2017, she became the first Indian-American member of the Presidential Cabinet. In 2018, he voluntarily left the post of ambassador.

2. Indian-American Neil Mohan, who became the new CEO of YouTube



Indian-American Neil Mohan has taken over the reins of YouTube. Neil Mohan has been promoted as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of YouTube. Neil Mohan is currently the Chief Product Officer of YouTube. Prior to joining YouTube, Mohan was the Senior Vice President (SVP) and Video Ads at Google. He became YouTube's chief product officer in 2015." Neil Mohan will now join a growing list of Indian-origin CEOs at the helm of US-based global giants, including Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella, Adobe CEO Shantanu Narayen and Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai. . Neel Mohan is a graduate in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University. He was a longtime collaborator of Susan Wojcicki, having joined Google in 2007 with the DoubleClick acquisition. Mohan was appointed Chief Product Officer at YouTube in 2015. He focused on shorts, music and subscriptions in his role as Chief Product Officer at YouTube. Neel Mohan has also worked with Microsoft.

3. 12 leopards will be brought to India from South Africa



A four-member team of experts headed by National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) IG Amit Malik left for South Africa to bring back 12 cheetahs from South Africa. On February 16, the aircraft will go from Delhi to South Africa to bring the cheetahs. The team includes DIG Forest Rajendra Garhwal, Dr. Sanat Muliya, Amritanshu Singh. Under the ambitious Cheetah reintroduction programme, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his 72nd birthday on September 17, 2022, will release the first batch of 8 cheetahs, five females and three males, brought from Namibia to the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh. The- was released in an enclosure. Cheetahs became extinct in India in 1952. Project Cheetah, also known as the Action Plan for the Introduction of Cheetah in India, was launched to reintroduce the big cheetah to the country. to get it,

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India signed an agreement with South Africa. Under this agreement, South Africa will send 12 cheetahs every year for the next 8 to 10 years. The project is implemented by the Department of Forestry, South African organizations, National Biodiversity Institute, Endangered Wildlife Trust etc. Most of the world's 7,000 cheetahs live in South Africa, Namibia and Botswana. Namibia has the largest population of cheetahs in the world.

4. Kohinoor will not be in the crown of the Queen of Britain



Britain's Queen Camilla will not have the Kohinoor diamond in the crown she will wear for her coronation on May 6 with her husband, King Charles III. The announcement was made by Buckingham Palace, the official residence of Britain's royal family. Let us tell you that the history of Kohinoor diamond has been very controversial and India claims it as its own. Camilla has chosen Queen Mary's crown for the coronation. This means that it will have only a replica of the diamond included in the world's most valuable and largest cut diamond. In fact the original diamond is gracing the crown of Queen Elizabeth II - the mother of Queen Ailajeth II. The Palace said Queen Mary's crown has been removed from display at the Tower of London for the May 6 ceremony. In fact, The 105-carat Kohinoor is counted as one of the largest cut diamonds in the world. It was taken over from India by the East India Company during the colonial era. The Kohinoor presented to Queen Victoria was last worn by Charles' grandmother during her coronation. Kohinoor is embedded in the royal crown of Britain. After the demise of Queen Elizabeth, the demand to bring back the Kohinoor has started gaining momentum. Apart from India, Pakistan and Afghanistan have also claimed ownership of the Kohinoor since India's independence from British rule in 1947.

5. Indo-US Exercise Tarkash



The 6th edition of joint exercise Tarkash was recently concluded in Chennai by the National Security Guard (NSG) and the US Special Operations Force (SOF). It is a joint exercise by the National Security Guard (NSG) and the US Special Operations Force (SOF). This is the sixth edition of the exercise which began on 16 January and ended on 14 February. "Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Terror Response" has been included in this exercise for the first time. An exercise to deal with chemical and biological attacks by terrorists was also included in the exercise. Chemical and biological attacks have been made part of the exercise in the backdrop of the Russia-Ukraine war. Last year, Russia accused Ukraine of receiving aid from Western countries and of carrying out a chemical attack in Kharkiv. The objective of this exercise is to neutralize the terrorists, safely rescue the hostages and deactivate the chemical weapons being carried by the terrorists. These weapons are classified as weapons of mass destruction (WMD). In the past these weapons have been used by states and terrorist groups. The most recent use of CBRN was in the form of a sarin gas attack in Syria in 2017 that killed over 100 people. These weapons are a serious threat to international peace and security.

6. RCB appoints Sania Mirza to mentor women's team in WPL



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Indian women's tennis star Sania Mirza has been appointed as her mentor by Royal Challengers Bangalore in WPL i.e. Women's Premier League. RCB has confirmed this through a post on social media. WPL will be organized in Mumbai from 4 to 26 March 2023. Along with Smriti Mandhana, Australian star all-rounder Ellyse Perry, New Zealand captain Sophie Devine and England captain Heather Knight are RCB's top players. Sania Mirza's illustrious career spanning 20 years spanned 6 Grand Slams and 43 WTA titles. Of the six Grand Slam titles Sania has won, three are mixed doubles trophies with Mahesh Bhupathi (2009 Australian Open, 2012 French Open) and Brazilian Bruno Soares (2014 US Open). Sania Mirza is a role model with her success stemming from hard work, passion and determination despite many challenges in her sporting career.

7. Subhash Chandran honored with Kerala's Akbar Kakkattil Award for 'Samudrashila'



Writer Subhash Chandran's novel Samudrasila has been selected for the Akbar Kakkattil Award, instituted by a trust in memory of the short story writer and novelist from Kozhikode. The novel was selected by a three-member jury from among the literary works published in the last five years. An award of ₹ 50,000 and a statue will be presented to Subhash Chandran by author M. Mukundan at the event. Akbar Kakkattil was an Indian short-story writer and novelist from the state of Kerala and a two-time recipient of the Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award.

Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award, 2001: Ghatikaranga Nilayakunna Samayam (story)

Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award, 2011: Manushyu Oru Amukham (novel)

Odakkuzhal Awards, 2011: Manushu Oru Amukham

Central Sahitya Akademi Award, 2014: Manushyu Oru Amukham

Vayalar Award, 2015: Manushu Oru Amukham

Padmarajan Awards, 2019: Samudrasila

OV Vijayan Award for Best Novel, 2020: Samudrasila

8. RBI made major changes in NEFT and RTGS system, issued new guideline



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has made necessary changes in NEFT and RTGS systems for transactions related to Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA). The directions will come into effect from March 15, 2023. The RBI said in the circular that in relation to the extant requirements of the Ministry of Home Affairs, it is necessary to record all the details including name, address, country of origin of the donor, amount, currency and purpose of remittance in such transactions. Under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), the foreign contribution should come into the FCRA account of SBI New Delhi main branch only. Contributions to the FCRA account from foreign banks are sent through SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications) and from Indian banks through NEFT (National Electronic Funds Transfer) and RTGS (Real Time Gross Settlement). RBI has asked banks to make necessary changes to capture requisite details while sending foreign donations to SBI through NEFT and RTGS systems. Since the Narendra Modi-led government came to power in 2014, the rules related to FCRA have been tightened. Under this, FCRA registrations of about 2,000 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have also been canceled for violating various provisions of the law.

QUIZ

1. Who inaugurated Nano Urea Liquid Plants of IFFCO-IFFCO at Amla and Phulpur in Uttar Pradesh?
a) Yogi Adityanath

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b) Narendra Singh Tomar

c) Rajnath Singh

d) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya

Ans :- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Chemicals and Fertilizers, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated IFFCO Nano Urea Liquid Plants at Amla and Phulpur in Uttar Pradesh on 14 February. Nano Urea will ensure the progress of the farmers as well as increase their income in the coming times. In this way it will change the future of our farmer. Nano Urea is the best green technology and provides solution to pollution.

2. Union Home Minister Amit Shah honored the police of which state with the President's Color Award?

a) Haryana Police

b) Punjab Police

c) Delhi Police

d) Rajasthan Police

Ans :- Union Home Minister Amit Shah honored Haryana Police with the President's Color Award on 14 February. The President's Color is the highest award given to a military unit for exceptional service to the nation during peace and war. The President of India approved the award on 17 January 2022 in recognition of Haryana Police's commitment to professionalism and good track record of high rank in the service of humanity.

3. Which bank has recently announced the second global hackathon "Agdoot 2023"?

a) Reserve Bank of India

b) Asian Development Bank

c) Singapore Bank

d) Bank of America

Ans :- The Reserve Bank of India announced its second global hackathon - 'Pioneer 2023 - Innovation for Change' with the theme 'Inclusive Digital Services'. The registration for the hackathon will start from February 22, 2023. It had received 363 proposals submitted by teams from within India and from 22 other countries including the US, UK, Sweden, Singapore, Philippines and Israel. Fintechs are invited to develop solutions that have the potential to make digital financial services accessible to persons with disabilities, facilitate efficient compliance, expand the reach of central bank digital currencies, and enhance the scalability of blockchains.

4. The central government approved the formation of how many new ITBP battalions for the security of the Indo-China border?

a) 5

b) 7

c) 10

d) 12

Ans :- Expressing full confidence in the 'ITBP' deployed for the security of the India-China border, the Central Government approved the formation of seven new battalions. The biggest advantage of the recruitment of about 9500 jawans will be that the security of the border will be more effective than before in the midst of adverse conditions on the 'LAC'.

5. At which place the Rajasthan government will construct a science center and planetarium at a cost of Rs 35.25 crore?

a) Jaipur

b) Jodhpur

c) Kota

d) Udaipur

Ans :- The Rajasthan government will construct a science center and planetarium in Kota at a cost of Rs 35.25 crore. The National Council of Science Museums and the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Rajasthan have signed an MoU for the construction of science centers and planetariums. It will be one of the best science centers and planetariums in the world.

6. In which city the Union Health Ministry has organized the 'Cycle for Health' Cyclothon?

a) Jaipur

b) Gurugram

c) New Delhi

d) Ghaziabad

Ans :- The Union Health Ministry organized 'Cycle for Health' on 14 February 2023 at Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi. It was organized as part of the year-long 'Healthy Mind, Healthy Home' campaign launched in November 2022, which aims to promote and raise awareness about healthy living.

7. Who has been appointed as the mentor of the Royal Challengers Bangalore team in the Women's Premier League recently?

a) P. T. Usha

b) Mithali Raj

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c) Sania Mirza

d) Jhulan Goswami

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8. Recently which country has declared a national emergency due to Cyclone Gabriel?

a) Thailand

b) Malaysia

c) New Zealand

d) Australia

Ans :- On 14 February 2023, the New Zealand government declared a national emergency after Cyclone Gabriel wreaked havoc on the North Island. Cyclone Gabrielle caused widespread flooding, landslides, and huge seas across the North Island. This latest disaster is the third national emergency after the 2011 Christchurch earthquake and the 2020 COVID pandemic.

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Who has been named ICC Women's Player of the Month for January 2023 - **Grace Scrivens (England)**

Who has won the men's recurve title in the "National Ranking Archery Tournament" - **Tarundeep Rai**

Recently which ministry has selected four pilgrimage sites under 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' - **Ministry of Tourism**

Which start-up has manufactured the swarm drone system included in the Indian Army - **NewSpace Research and Technologies**

Uttar Pradesh government has signed an MoU with which country to promote economic cooperation – **Singapore**

Who has recently been appointed as the mentor of the Royal Challengers Bangalore team in the Women's Premier League - **Sania Mirza**

Which company has unveiled the solar powered drone "Suraj" at Aero India 2023 here - **Garuda Aerospace**

According to the TomTom report, which city's traffic has made it the second slowest place in the world in 2022 - **Bengaluru**