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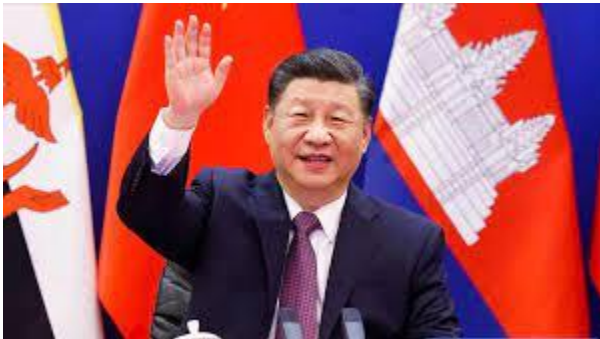
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1. Xi Jinping begins third term as President of China



China's President Xi Jinping has been confirmed to become the President for the third time. Xi Jinping was unanimously elected President of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and Chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC) at the current session of the 14th National People's Congress (NPC). China's parliament unanimously supported his third five-year term. The Communist Party Congress, held once in five years, re-elected 69-year-old Xi as its leader in October last year. Xi Jinping is the first leader of the Communist Party to get a third term, before that the founder of the party, Mao Zedong, had completed his five-year term twice. China's legislature, the National People's Congress (NPC), often referred to as the rubber stamp parliament, sealed Jinping's third term. During this, voting took place on the expected line of the party for Jinping to stay in power. With this, the way has been cleared for Xi Jinping to hold on to the power of his country for life. In fact, earlier the limit of holding power of Chinese leaders was only twice, which was abolished by Jinping in 2018. He was elected general secretary of the CPC during the last October Congress. This is the post which has full authority to take the top decisions of the party and elects for the top posts in the party.

2. Savlon India appoints Sachin Tendulkar as the world's first 'hand ambassador'



Savlon roped in the God of Cricket, [Sachin Tendulkar](#), as the world's first 'hand ambassador' for its Healthy India mission. The campaign includes a series of films featuring Sachin Tendulkar's hand as its main protagonist - bringing to everyone's attention the importance of hand hygiene. ITC's Savlon Swasth India Mission has been at the forefront of driving behavior change towards hand hygiene through innovative experiences and initiatives. Started in 2016, the Savlon Swasth India Mission program is run by ITC Limited.

3. Sir David Alan Chipperfield has been selected as the 2023 Laureate of the Pritzker Architecture Prize



Civic architect, urban planner and activist, Sir David Alan Chipperfield has been selected as the 2023 laureate of the Pritzker Architecture Prize, an award internationally regarded as architecture's highest honour. Chipperfield's storied career spans more than 40 years and includes over 100 projects, ranging from civic, cultural and educational buildings to housing and urban masterplanning in Asia, Europe and North America. Spanning more than four decades His produced works, wide in typology and geography, include civil, civil, and cultural works throughout Asia, Europe and North America. More than one hundred works ranging from cultural and educational buildings to housing and urban masterplanning are included. Born in London in 1953, Pritzker Prize winner Sir David Alan Chipperfield was raised on a farm in Devon, in the south-west of England. He has noted that his earliest memories of architecture

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are from the collection of barns and outbuildings on the farm, which filled him with a sense of nostalgia. After graduating from the Kingston School of Art in 1976 and the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London in 1980. Afterward, he worked under Douglas Stephen, Norman Foster, 1999 Pritzker Prize winner, and the late Richard Rogers, 2007 Pritzker Prize winner, before he founded David Chipperfield Architects in London in 1985.

4. Gautam Adani's jump of 12 places in the list of rich



Gautam Adani has made a strong comeback in the list of billionaires. Due to the tsunami in the shares after the release of the short seller firm's report, they have made a quantum jump of 34th position in the list. Gautam Adani's assets increased by \$ 1.97 billion in the last 24 hours and the net worth increased to \$ 54 billion. With so much wealth, he climbed up the list of rabpatis and reached the 22nd position. At the end of February his wealth came down to 37. \$ 7 billion was left and they had come at number 34. On January 24, the American research firm Hindenburg published its report regarding the Adani Group. The very next day of its release, Adani's empire was rocked and due to the impact on investor sentiment, he was facing huge losses with each passing day. Within a month, Adani's shares had crashed from 25 to 85 percent and the group's market capitalization (Adani Group MCap) had come down by Rs 12 lakh crore to below \$ 100 billion.

5. Abu Dhabi company can invest 5000 crores in Lenskart



Lenskart's co-founder and CEO is Piyush Bansal and he along with two of his friends started this startup in the year 2010. Lenskart is engaged in the business of selling eyeglasses and contact lenses directly to consumers through technology and supply chain automation. Lenskart and Abu Dhabi Investment Authority may deal Lenskart, which has become the country's largest optical brand, may deal to raise \$ 500 million (about Rs 5000 crore). This deal is going to be Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, which has planned to buy stake in this eyewear startup of India. People familiar with the matter said on condition of anonymity that Abu Dhabi's sovereign wealth fund is finalizing an agreement to buy existing Lenskart stocks and new shares. After completion of this deal with Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, the value of Lenskart will exceed four billion dollars. According to Bloomberg's report, this deal can be announced this week. The company founded by Piyush Bansal is backed by investors such as KKR & Company, SoftBank Group Corp, Temasek Holdings Pte and PremjiInvest, among others.

6. Group Captain Shalija Dhami became the first woman commander of a fighter unit in the Air Force



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The Indian Air Force has selected Group Captain Shalija Dhama to command a frontline fighter unit in the western sector. Group Captain Dhama was commissioned as a helicopter pilot in the year 2003 and has over 2800 hours of flying experience. A qualified Flying Instructor, he has served as the Flight Commander of a Helicopter Unit in the Western Sector. Having been awarded by the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief on two occasions, the officer is currently posted to the Operations Branch of Frontline Command Headquarters. Captain Shraddha Shivdavar who was posted as an Army Air Defense Officer in Jalandhar was living her dream but still felt something missing in her life. In 2021, She saw Army Aviation recruiting women officers as pilots in the helicopter fleet and those words from the colonel tickled her ears again. After much persuasion from her commanding officer, she applied for the pilot course and is currently pursuing the course at the Combat Army Aviation Training School, Nashik. She is expected to complete her course in November 2023 and become one of the few women officers of the Indian Army to wear those wings. Lt Hansja Sharma is currently posted at 661 Army Aviation Squadron (R&O), Jalandhar, undergoing training at the prestigious Wings at Army Pilots Course-33, the third batch comprising women officers at CATS, Nashik. doing the course in Nashik.

7. Daily transactions through UPI exceed 36 crores: RBI



Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das informed that there has been a 50 percent increase in payments through UPI in a year and it has crossed the figure of 36 crores. Whereas during February 2022 this figure was 24 crores. Inaugurating the Digital Payments Awareness Week at the RBI headquarters, the governor informed that in terms of value, these transactions are

Rs 6.27 lakh crore, which is 17 per cent more than the Rs 5.36 lakh crore recorded in February 2022. The governor also said that the total monthly digital payment transaction has crossed the Rs 1,000 crore mark every time for the last three months. Shaktikanta Das said that India's UPI payment system is being discussed globally. Many countries are showing interest in UPI payment. After December 2022, more than 1 thousand crore transactions have taken place every month. In a survey of Pan India digital payment, it was found that 42 percent people are making digital payments. The number of UPI transactions exceeded 800 crore in January 2023, while NEFT (National Electronic Fund Transfer) has done more transactions of 3.18 crore transactions on 28 February. UPI was launched in 2016. Since then it has emerged as a famous and preferred payment mode.

8. Amir Tamim Appoints Sheikh Mohammed As New Prime Minister Of Qatar



Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani has appointed Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani as the country's new Prime Minister. The decision to appoint Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed came after the Amir accepted the resignation of former Prime Minister Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani. Sheikh Khalid was appointed as the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior of Qatar in January 2020. The ruling Emir of Gulf Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, made the appointment. In Gulf Arab countries, appointments to high positions will be held by members of the ruling family. Sheikh Mohammed has served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs since 2016.

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QUIZ

1. Which Indian-American has recently been nominated as the District Judge of the Southern District of New York?

- (a) Geeta Menon
- (b) Ajay Banga
- (c) Arun Subramaniam
- (d) Rakesh Khurana

Explain: US President Joe Biden has nominated Indian-origin Arun Subramaniam as the District Judge of the Southern District of New York (SDNY). Arun Subramaniam will be the first person of South Asian origin to be appointed to this post. Indian-American Arun Subramaniam was born in 1979 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Arun Subramaniam earned a Bachelor's degree from Case Western Reserve University in 2001 and a Juris Doctor from Columbia Law School in 2004.

2. Which country has decided to recruit women in the army for the first time in 25 years?

- (a) Colombia
- (b) Ghana
- (c) Azerbaijan
- (d) Armenia

Explain: Colombia has opened military services for women for the first time in 25 years. Last month, in February, a contingent of 1,296 women was recruited into the Colombian army. Colombia has long had compulsory military service for males aged 18 to 24. This year, the authorities have allowed women in the same age group to voluntarily join the army. Colombia is a South American country whose capital is Bogota and its currency is the Colombian peso.

3. By whom was the operational level exercise TROPEX (TROPEX) 2023 organized?

- (a) Indian Navy
- (b) Indian Air Force
- (c) Indian Army
- (d) Indian Coast Guard

Explain: The Indian Navy's operational level Exercise TROPEX (TROPEX) 2023 concluded in the Arabian Sea this week. About 70 Indian Navy ships, six submarines and more than 75 aircraft participated in the exercise, the Indian Navy said. As part of the final joint phase, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh also participated. This exercise was conducted in the expanse of the Indian Ocean region over a period of four months.

4. Which forum has been selected by NCERT to set up the regulatory forum Parakh?

- (a) NTA
- (b) ETS
- (c) WES
- (d) GMAC

Explain: Parakh, India's first national assessment regulator, aims to standardize assessment for over 60 boards in the country. ETS (Educational Testing Service), which conducts major tests like TOEFL and GRE, has been selected by the National Council of Educational Research (NCERT) to set up the Parikh regulatory platform. Parakh will establish norms, standards and guidelines for student assessment and evaluation.

5. Who has launched the 'Har Payment Digital' mission?

- (a) Reserve Bank of India
- (b) State Bank of India
- (c) Union Bank of India
- (d) Asian Development Bank

Explain: Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das announced that the central bank has launched the 75 Digital Villages program to enable 75 villages across the country with digital payments with the help of local entrepreneurs and traders. It started during the Digital Payments Awareness Week. Along with this, 'Har Payment Digital' mission was also launched. Under this, Payment System Operators (PSOs) will adopt villages across the country and work to increase awareness for digital payments.

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6. In which district of Jammu and Kashmir has the army hoisted the tallest 'iconic national flag'?

- (a) Udhampur
- (b) Rajouri
- (c) Doda
- (d) Kishtwar

Explain : In Jammu and Kashmir the Army , March 9, installed the tallest 'iconic national flag' in the hilly Doda district. The tallest tricolor in Doda district was hoisted by the GOC which is 100 feet high. During the ceremony, the GOC said that the flag is a tribute to the countless soldiers of the Chenab region who have made the supreme sacrifice protecting the unity and integrity of the nation. Doda is a district of Jammu division.

7. Who has been elected unopposed as the Speaker of the 11th Legislative Assembly in Meghalaya?

- (a) Thomas A. Sangma
- (b) Konrad K. Sangma
- (c) Alexander Laloo Heck
- (d) Preston Tynsong

Explain : As the unopposed Speaker of the 11th Legislative Assembly in Meghalaya, Thomas A. Sangma has been selected. Chief Minister Konrad K. The Meghalaya Democratic Alliance (MDA) government led by Sangma has the support of 45 MLAs. Recently, National People's Party chief Konrad Sangma was sworn in as the CM of Meghalaya for the second consecutive time. Prestone Tynsong and Sniawbhalang Dhar were sworn in as Deputy Chief Ministers. The National People's Party has the status of a national party in India mainly concentrated in the state of Meghalaya. This party was formed by PA Sangma after breaking away from NCP in July 2012.

8. Which city has been renamed as 'Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar'?

- (a) Pune

- (b) Nashik
- (c) Aurangabad
- (d) Ahmed Nagar

Explain : After receiving the no-objection letter from the Union Home Ministry, the Maharashtra government issued a notification renaming Aurangabad city to Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar and Osmanabad city to Dharashiv. Aurangabad is a city in the state of Maharashtra, known for the 17th-century marble Bibi Ka Maqbara shrine, modeled on the Taj Mahal. The Aurangabad Caves contain ancient, rock-cut Buddhist temples.

One liner

Recently who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Qatar - **Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani**

Attukal Pongal festival is celebrated with great pomp by the women of which state - **Kerala**

Who has been selected as the winner of the Pritzker Architecture Prize for the year 2023 – **Sir David Chipperfield**

Recently which minister has presented the 8th National Photography Awards in New Delhi - **Dr. L. Murugan**

Which company has launched a 'digital' campaign to celebrate International Women's Day - **Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company**

Which minister has recently launched the Youth Festival-India @ 2047 - **Anurag Singh Thakur**

Who has become the first woman commander of a fighter unit in the Air Force - **Captain Shaliya Dhami**

Scientists have recently confirmed the presence of which layer in the earth's core - **the fifth layer**

Which state government has announced to waive road tax and registration on the purchase of electric vehicles - **Uttar Pradesh state government.**

Which is the cleanest airport in the Asia Pacific region according to ACI – **Delhi International Airport**

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