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1. With the help of ISRO, India Bhutan Satellite's ground station has been established in Thimphu, Bhutan.



Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) Chairman S Somnath, Bhutan's Foreign Minister Tandi Doraji and Information Minister Lyonpo Karma and Indian Ambassador to Bhutan Sudhakar Dalela inaugurated the 'Ground Earth Station' for the India-Bhutan satellite. The Indian Embassy noted that this ground earth station is symbolic of the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the King of Bhutan to advance the India-Bhutan partnership. The center will be beneficial to Bhutan as its data will be used to assess groundwater quality, forests, snow and glaciers and the geology and hydrology of Bhutan. The Center will take the India-Bhutan partnership into new and emerging areas of importance for the 21st century.

2. Hardik Singh and Savita Punia won Hockey India Men's and Women's Player of the Year awards



Indian men's hockey team vice-captain Hardik Singh and women's team captain Savita Punia were awarded the Hockey India Balbir Singh Senior Award for Player of the Year 2022 in the men's and women's categories respectively. The award ceremony began with felicitating the awardees for 2021 and 2022. Hockey legend and member of the 1956 Melbourne Olympics gold medal winning team Amit Singh Bakshi received the Hockey India Life Time Achievement Award for 2021 while Harmanpreet Singh and Savita received the Player

of the Year (Male and Female) award for 2021. The Major Dhyan Chand Life Time Achievement Award for the year 2022, which carries a cash prize of Rs 30 lakh and a trophy, was given to Gurbux Singh for his outstanding contribution to the sport of hockey.

3. Former Australia captain Tim Paine announces retirement from the game



Tim Paine, the former captain of the Australian Test cricket team, has announced his retirement from his cricket career. He announced the decision after playing his final Sheffield Shield first-class match against Queensland. Paine captained the Australian team in 23 Tests from 2018 to 2021 and played a total of 35 Tests in his career. Steve Smith was stripped of the captaincy following the ball-tampering scandal during Australia's 2018 tour of South Africa and was replaced by Paine. Paine resigned from his post as CAP after being accused of sending inappropriate messages to a former Cricket Tasmania employee. In his Test career, Paine averaged 32.63 in which he made a maximum score of 92 and he made 157 dismissals as a wicket-keeper. He also played 35 One Day Internationals for Australia. Starting out in Hobart, Paine played for Tasmania for over 18 years, making his debut in 2005 and appearing in 153 first-class matches.

4. Sampanna Ramesh Shelar made the record of crossing the 'Pak Strait' in the shortest time

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Swimmer Ramesh Shelar became the first Indian to swim across the Palk Strait from Talaimannar in Sri Lanka to Dhanushkodi in Tamil Nadu in the fastest under-21 group on 17 March 2023. He made this record by completing the distance of 29 kilometers in 5 hours 30 minutes. He is a student of Bachelor of Physical Education and trains under the guidance of Jitendra Khasnis. With this achievement, Mr. Shelar plans to swim solo across the English and Catalina channels soon. Popularly known as the Oceans Seven Challenge, to eventually complete a swim across the seven oceans. The Palk Strait is a strait located between the southern coast of India and the northern coast of Sri Lanka. It is about 85 kilometers (53 mi) wide at its widest point and has an average depth of about 30 meters (98 ft). The Palk Strait is named after Robert Palk, the governor of Madras (now Chennai) in colonial India. The strait is an important shipping route for cargo ships and fishing boats, as it connects the Bay of Bengal to the Palk Bay, which lies between India and Sri Lanka.

5. Announcement of seven PM Mitra (Prime Minister Mega Integrated Textile Sector and Apparel) park sites



Announcement of seven PM Mitra (Prime Minister's Mega Integrated Textile Sector and Apparel) park sites. Government, Ministry of Textiles has issued a notification to set up 7 Mega Integrated Textile Sector and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park with a total outlay of Rs 4,445 crore. Seven locations were selected for the PM

MITRA Park out of 18 proposals received from 13 states. These parks will be set up in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra. These are aimed at building advanced infrastructure that will enable India to achieve Development Goal 9 set by the United Nations: "Building Defense Infrastructure, promoting sustainable industrialization and encouraging innovation". The PM MITRA park is expected to house the best of the world's industrial infrastructure that will attract cutting edge technology and promote FDI and local investment in the textile sector. These parks will provide an opportunity for integrated textile value chain operations from spinning, weaving, processing/dyeing and printing to garment manufacturing at one place. The one stop integrated textile value chain will reduce the logistics cost of the industry. 1 lakh direct and 2 lakh indirect jobs are expected to be created per park. Will reduce the logistics cost of the industry. 1 lakh direct and 2 lakh indirect jobs are expected to be created per park. Will reduce the logistics cost of the industry. 1 lakh direct and 2 lakh indirect jobs are expected to be created per park.

6. 19 new districts and three new divisions in Rajasthan



Rajasthan Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot has taken a big decision today. Along with creating 19 new districts and three new divisions in Rajasthan, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has made many big announcements. The demand for new districts in Rajasthan was being made for a long time. Smartphones will be given to 40 lakh women in Rajasthan, their distribution will start from Raksha Bandhan. In Rajasthan, in the first phase, these smartphones will be given to 10th and 12th class girl students of Chiranjeevi families, widow women. A big gift has been given to the employees of Rajasthan, from March 2023, all pension results will be announced to the employees on the day

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of their retirement. In Rajasthan, under the Chiranjeevi Yojana, from March 30, the scheme of free treatment up to 25 lakh will start in the state. Announcement of 40 handpumps and 40 tubewells in each assembly of Rajasthan. Tubewells will be installed in the registered gaushalas of the state. 6 thousand 843 posts of Madrasa Instructor will be filled. 500 primary schools will be upgraded to upper primary schools. Govinddevji temple of Jaipur will be developed on the lines of Mahakal temple of Ujjain. A provision of Rs 100 crore was made for this. In Rajasthan, two lakh families were deprived of domestic electricity connections. In the next two years, connections will be made available at a cost of one lakh crore.

7. Ram Sahay Prasad Yadav became the third Vice President of Nepal



Ram Sahai Prasad Yadav, a leader of the Janata Samajwadi Party, has won the election to become the third Vice President of Nepal. He was successful in defeating Astalakshmi Shakya and Mamta Jha of the Janmat Party with the support of a ruling coalition comprising the Nepali Congress, CPN (Maoist Centre), and CPN (Unified Socialist). The election was held today in which 311 federal legislators and 518 provincial assembly members participated. The voting for the election was done at the New Baneshwar-based Federal Parliament House located in Kathmandu. The Constitution of Nepal states that the Vice President can take over as President if the President is not available. The maximum term of the Vice President is five years. Which starts from the day of his election. Ram Sahai Prasad Yadav, elected as the third Vice President of Nepal, was the first Minister of Forests and Environment and served as a member of Nepal's first federal parliament. He was elected from the Bara 2 constituency in the 2017 Nepalese general election.

8. Rohan Bopanna becomes the oldest tennis player to win ATP Masters 1000 title



India's star tennis player Rohan Bopanna has created history. He became the oldest player to win an ATP Masters 1000 event by winning the men's doubles title at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament with his Australian partner Matt Ebden. Bopanna is now 43 years old. He and the 35-year-old Ebden beat top-seeded Dutch pair of Wesley Koolhof and Britain's Neil Skupski 6-3, 2-6, 10-8 in Saturday's final. Bopanna thus left behind Canada's Daniel Nestor, who won the title at the age of 42 in the 2015 Cincinnati Masters. This is Bopanna's fifth overall and first Masters 1000 doubles title since Montecarlo Open in 2017. This was the third final of the pair of India and Australia this year. Bopanna has so far won a total of 24 titles at the tour level. The pair of Bopanna and Ebden defeated defending champions and two-time title winners John Isner and Jack Sock in the semi-finals. Earlier in the quarterfinals, he defeated Canada's Felix Auger Aliassime and Denis Shapovalov. The Indo-Australian pair defeated Rafael Matos and David Vega Hernandez in their opening match. Bopanna, a former number three player in the world, has climbed four places to reach 11th position in the ATP doubles rankings with this win.

QUIZ

1. Who has been appointed as the chairman of Bharat Petroleum Corporation.

- a) Lalit Kumar Gupta
- b) Arun Kumar Singh
- c) G Krishnakumar
- d) Ram Sahai Prasad

Explain : Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), a 'Maharatna' and Fortune Global 500 company, has announced that G. Krishnakumar will take over as the chairman and managing director of the company. He replaces Arun Kumar Singh, who retired as chairman in

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October 2022. Thereafter, Gupta was holding the additional position of Chairman.

2. Recently at which place the International Ayurveda Conference on 'Veterinary Medicine and Ayurveda' has been inaugurated.

- a) Dehradun
- b) Tehri Garhwal
- c) Chamoli
- d) Haridwar

Explain : Recently, International Ayurved Conference on the topic "Veterinary Medicine and Ayurveda" was organized at Rishikul Campus of Ayurvedic University, Haridwar. The event, which began on March 17, was inaugurated by Sanjeev Baliyan, Union Minister of State for Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries. In his speech, Baliyan highlighted the historical use of Ayurveda in animal treatment and how the government is working towards recognizing it. He also expressed his desire to include this subject in the curriculum of various universities. The seminar ended on 19 March.

3. Recently how many PM Mitra (Prime Minister Mega Integrated Textile Sector and Apparel) park sites have been announced by the Central Government.

- a) 7
- b) 5
- c) 8
- d) 4

Explain : Government, Ministry of Textiles has issued a notification to set up 7 Mega Integrated Textile Sector and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park with a total outlay of Rs 4,445 crore. Seven locations were selected for the PM MITRA Park out of 18 proposals received from 13 states. These parks will be set up in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.

4. Recently scientists of which IIT have discovered new antibacterial molecule IITR00693?

- a) IIT Kharagpur
- b) IIT Roorkee
- c) IIT Bangalore
- d) IIT Mumbai

Explain : Recently scientists of IIT Roorkee have discovered new antibacterial molecule IITR00693. Recently 'Maritime Partnership Exercise -MPX' has been organized by France in the Arabian Sea. Exercise 'La

Perouse 2023' has been conducted in the Indian Ocean. India's digital payments market will grow to \$10 trillion by 2026.

5. Which minister has recently inaugurated the Global Millets (Shri Anna) conference in New Delhi on March 18, 2023.

- a) Amit Shah
- b) Kailash Gehlot
- c) Vijender Gupta
- d) Narendra Modi

Explain : Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Millets (Sri Anna) Conference in New Delhi on March 18, 2023. He will also address the gathering on the occasion. Agriculture ministers from different countries, international scientists, nutritionists, health experts, start-up leaders and other stakeholders will participate in the conference. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has declared the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets (IYM).

6. Where will the 4th Asian Kho Kho Championship be organized recently?

- a) Telangana
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Assam
- d) Jharkhand

Explain: A total of 15 countries including India will participate in the fourth Asian Kho-Kho Championship to be held in Assam from March 20 to 23. Indian Kho-Kho Association has appointed Durgesh Nandini of Rajasthan as technical officer for the competition. Durgesh Nandini has been selected for the post of Technical Officer. She will play the role of judge in this championship. Durgesh has played 15 times at the national level in Kho-Kho and has won many medals.

7. Where will Asia's largest Tulip Garden open recently?

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Jammu and Kashmir
- d) Rajasthan

Explain : Asia's largest Tulip Garden has opened for the public. The opening of this garden is considered to be the beginning of the new tourism season in the Kashmir Valley. Means the new tourist season has started in the valley. At the same time, the public is eager to see Asia's

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largest Tulip Garden in Srinagar, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, because this time about 16 lakh flowers have been planted in Tulip Garden to add beauty to its beauty.

8. Which country retained the top position in the list of countries affected by terrorism in the new Global Terrorism Index report?

- a) Islamabad
- b) Taliban
- c) Baluchistan
- d) Afghanistan

Explain: Afghanistan has topped the list of countries affected by terrorism in the new Global Terrorism Index report. According to the Afghanistan-based Khama Press, the Global Terrorism Index (GTI) reported on 14 March 2023 that Afghanistan recorded a 75 percent decline in attacks and 58 percent in deaths. Despite this, the country continues to top the list of countries most affected by terrorism for the fourth consecutive year. The GTI report states that the index does not include state repression and acts of violence by leaders.

One liner

Who won both the singles and doubles titles in the Asian Under-16 Tennis Tournament at Singha Sports Academy in March 2023 - **Riya Sachdeva**

Recently who made the record of fastest Indian swimming in the Palk Strait - **Sampanna Ramesh**

Who has been elected as the Vice President of Nepal - **Ram Sahai Prasad Yadav**

Which bank has launched UPI Rupay Credit Card – **Canara Bank**

Who has become the brand ambassador of JioCinema - **Suryakumar Yadav**

Tata and Reliance become India's most valuable brands according to Hindenburg Report

Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin has been appointed as the Chancellor of which university - **Jamia Millia Islamia**

Who has been selected for the prestigious Sangeetha Kalanidhi Award from the prestigious Music Academy, Chennai - **Bombay Jayashree**

Who is the prime minister of Japan? Who will reach New Delhi for a two-day visit to India - **Kishida Fumio**

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