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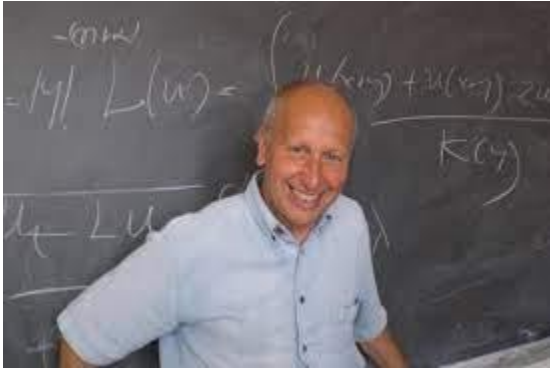


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1. Luis Caffarelli wins 2023 Abel Prize



Lewis Caffarelli has been awarded the 2023 Abel Prize. He has been given this award for his contribution to the mathematics of nonlinear partial equations and free-boundary problems. This most prestigious award in mathematics is considered equivalent to the Nobel Prize. For the first time this award was given to Jean Pierre in 2003 for modernizing many parts of mathematics. The Abel Prize was started in honor of the famous mathematician Niels Hernick. The Norwegian government instituted the award in 2001 and the first award was given to Jean Pierre in 2003. The winner of the award is given a cash amount of Rs 4 crore 72 lakh along with the medal. Abel is called the Nobel Prize of Mathematics. There are two reasons for this, the first is that the Nobel Prize is not given in mathematics. Second, The Abel Prize is the most prestigious mathematics prize in the world. This award is given every year to one or more people for their contribution to mathematics. This is the reason why it is called the Nobel Prize of Mathematics.

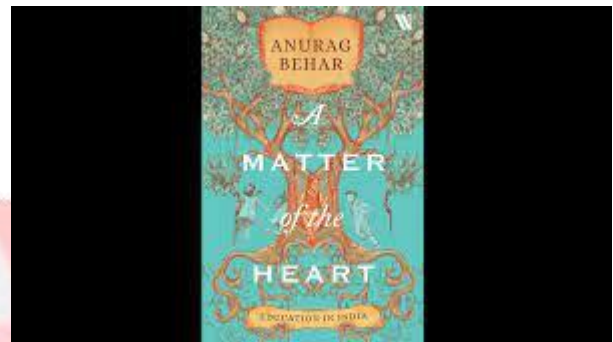
2. Intel co-founder Gordon Moore passes away at the age of 94



Silicon Valley pioneer and Intel co-founder Gordon Moore has died at his home in Hawaii on March 24 at the age of 94. He was instrumental in the design and

manufacturing of semiconductor chips. Gordon Earle Moore was born on January 3, 1929 in San Francisco. He obtained his degree from the University of California at Berkeley. He began his research career at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Maryland. He returned to California in 1956 to join Shockley Semiconductor. Moore and Noyce co-founded Intel. He received the National Medal of Technology from President George H.W. Bush.

3. Anurag Behar has written a new book 'A Matter of the Heart: Education in India'.



Anurag Behar, CEO of Azim Premji Foundation and Founding Vice President of Azim Premji University, has penned a new travel book titled 'A Matter of the Heart: Education in India'. The book is a collection of 110 stories written by Behar's Foundation. Based on experiences of working in India and throws light on the state of education in India beyond the big cities. Through his writings, Behr dedicates himself to the teachers who are shaping the future of the country. This book is published by Westland Nonfiction Division of Nasdia Technologies Pvt Ltd. Behar is a noted educationist and leader in the social sector of India. Education is the key to building a better future for individuals, communities, societies and the world. But what is education really about? And how can we build a better future beyond cities and elite schools? Anurag Behar's collection of essays takes us to remote villages of India where we can see the state of education and more than that the state of the nation. Despite the challenges of inconvenient infrastructure and the struggle for the right to education, Behr shows us that people and communities are making a positive impact for individuals and the nation. This book highlights the true importance of education, which lies in the heart, and empowers people to create a better future. Behr shows us that people and communities are making a

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4. Canara Bank sells stake in Russian JV to SBI for Rs 121 crore



In the filing, Canara Bank said that Rs 121.29 crore has been received for this entire deal. According to the PTI report, the sale of the entire stake of Canara Bank to SBI Bank was announced during January, while according to the agreement, the entire stake of Canara Bank has been transferred to SBI on November 11, 2022. In the filing, Canara Bank said that Rs 121.29 crore has been received for this entire deal. According to the PTI report, the sale of the entire stake of Canara Bank to SBI Bank was announced during January, while according to the agreement, the entire stake of Canara Bank has been transferred to SBI on November 11, 2022. All shares have been issued with the consent of the Central Bank of Russia. Moody's Investors Service has approved the public sector Bank of Baroda, The long term residential and foreign currency bank deposit ratings of Canara Bank and Punjab Nation Bank (PNB) have also been upgraded. The rating firm has also placed the long-term local and foreign currency bank deposit ratings of State Bank of India in the Baa3 category.

5. Ashneer Grover launches cricket fantasy sports app 'CrickPe'



BharatPe co-founder Ashneer Grover has introduced a new cricket fantasy sports app. Ashneer Grover's third unicorn has officially launched its first startup, fantasy cricket platform Cricpay. Cricpay, described as a platform for online skill-based fantasy cricket games, is somewhat similar to other gaming platforms such as Dream11, Which is potentially the main competitor of Cricpay in a crowded market. Cricpay is a newly launched cricket-focused fantasy sports app that enables users above the age of 18 to create virtual cricket teams and participate in paid competitions to win cash prizes based on players' real-life performances. Users can also create private groups and participate in competitions to earn rewards. The app will charge 10% platform fee for any public or private contest. It will offer free competition to the users to improve their skills.

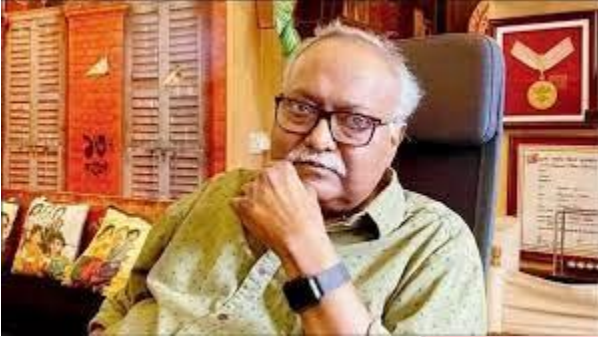
6. Income Tax Department launches mobile app 'AIS' for taxpayers



The Income Tax Department has given a new relief to the taxpayers by launching the AIS app. By using this app, taxpayers will be able to see details of their TDS (Tax deduction at source) and TCS (Tax collection at source) along with all the information related to interest, dividend and share deals on their mobiles only. The Income Tax Department has launched a free mobile app named 'AIS for Taxpayers'. Taxpayers will be able to

access Annual Information Statement (AIS) and Taxpayer Information Statement (TIS) through this mobile app. These services will be provided free of cost by the Income Tax Department. Taxpayers will be able to install the mobile app 'AIS for Taxpayers' from Google Play Store and App Store.

7. Director Pradeep Sarkar passed away at the age of 67



Pradeep Sarkar, a noted film director who directed successful films such as Parineeta and Mardaani, passed away at the age of 67. He made his directorial debut in 2005 with the film Parineeta, starring Vidya Balan in the lead role, and has also directed other popular films such as Laga Chunari Mein Daag, Helicopter Eela and Lafangey Parindey. Apart from this, he also directed several web series, including Cold Lassi Aur Chicken Masala, Arranged Marriage and Forbidden Love and Duranga. Sarkar received several awards for his work, including the Filmfare Award for Best Art Direction and Zee Sign Award for Most Promising Director for Parineeta in 2005, and the Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film of a Director in 2006.

8. Tamil Nadu's 18th wildlife sanctuary opens in Erode



The Tamil Nadu government has decided to declare Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary as the 18th wildlife sanctuary in the state. The sanctuary covers an area of

80,567 hectares in Anthiyur and Gobichettipalayam taluks of Erode district, and includes reserve forest areas in Anthiyur, Bargur, Thattakarai and Chennampatti. It is home to various wild animals like tiger, elephant, leopard, wild boar, gaur and deer. This wildlife sanctuary is located in close proximity to other sanctuaries in Karnataka like Malai Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary, BRT Wildlife Sanctuary, Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary, and acts as a link between Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve and Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary. This announcement was made during the state budget. The newly designated wildlife sanctuary will facilitate the placement of more anti-poaching vigilantes and camps against encroachment. In addition, removal of invasive species, Efforts will be made to reduce man-animal conflict, and promote conservation of the Asian elephant. The forest department official has assured the tribals residing near the sanctuary that they will not face any restrictions while carrying out their work in the area. Officials' spokesperson Rajkumar clarified that the tribal people living in the six habitations of the sanctuary already have rights and will continue to enjoy their rights under the Forest Rights Act. And efforts will be made to promote the conservation of the Asian elephant. The forest department official has assured the tribals residing near the sanctuary that they will not face any restrictions while carrying out their work in the area. Officials' spokesperson Rajkumar clarified that the tribal people living in the six habitations of the sanctuary already have rights and will continue to enjoy their rights under the Forest Rights Act. And efforts will be made to promote the conservation of the Asian elephant. The forest department official has assured the tribals residing near the sanctuary that they will not face any restrictions while carrying out their work in the area. Officials' spokesperson Rajkumar clarified that the tribal people living in the six habitations of the sanctuary already have rights and will continue to enjoy their rights under the Forest Rights Act.

Quiz

1. When and how long was the annual bilateral maritime exercise Konkan 2023 organized?

- a) March 21 to 23
- b) 20 to 22 March
- c) 18 to 22 March
- d) 20 to 25 March

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ANS: The annual bilateral maritime exercise Konkan 2023 was conducted between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy from 20 to 22 March 2023 in the Arabian Sea off the Konkan coast. The Royal Navy is the naval fighting force of the United Kingdom. The exercise was attended by Guided Missile Frigate INS Trishul and Type 23 Guided Missile Frigate HMS Lancaster, aimed at improving cooperation and learning best practices through various maritime exercises.

2. In which city has Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 'One World TB Summit' on 24 March 2023?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Varanasi
- c) Kanpur
- d) Chandigarh

ANS: Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 'One World TB Summit' on March 24 at the Rudraksh Convention Center in Varanasi. To mark the World Tuberculosis Day, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the Stop TB Partnership are organizing the summit. On the occasion of World Tuberculosis Day, the Prime Minister addressed the One World TB Summit.

3. In which city the first Urban Climate Film Festival has been organized by the National Institute of Urban Affairs?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Agra
- c) Mumbai
- d) Chennai

ANS: The National Institute of Urban Affairs is organizing the first Urban Climate Film Festival under U20 Engagement Events from 24 March. The Urban Climate Film Festival was launched on 24 March at the ML Bhartia Auditorium in New Delhi. The festival is being organized with the support of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, the French

Development Agency (AFD) and the European Union.

4. In which country the second Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) has been organized?

- a) Vietnam
- b) Malaysia
- c) Indonesia
- d) Singapore

ANS : An inter-ministerial delegation from India led by the Department of Commerce participated in the 2nd Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) negotiation round in Bali, Indonesia from March 13-19, 2023. Negotiators from 13 other countries, including the United States, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, also participated in the Bali talks round.

5. The Delhi government has presented a budget of how many crores for the financial year 2023-24?

- a) Rs 68,800 crore
- b) Rs 98,800 crore
- c) Rs 78,800 crore
- d) Rs 58,800 crore

ANS: On March 22, the Delhi government presented the budget for the financial year 2023-24 in the assembly. In the budget of Rs 78,800 crore, the Delhi government made several announcements regarding infrastructure for the development of Delhi. Apart from this, schemes like health, education, public welfare have also been included in this budget, which can prove to be better for the people of Delhi, but this budget of the Delhi Government has been described by the opposition parties as a budget of directionless and empty promises.

6. The Konkan 2023 annual bilateral maritime exercise was conducted between India and which

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country from 20 to 22 March 2023 in the Arabian Sea?

- a) America
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) United Kingdom
- d) Australia

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7. Which state government has proposed to implement State Millets Mission for five years?

- a) Tamil Nadu State Government
- a) Delhi State Government
- a) State Government of Odisha
- a) Rajasthan State Government

ANS: Tamil Nadu Agriculture Minister MR K Panneerselvam said that the Tamil Nadu government has given cooperative crop loans worth Rs 14,000 crore to farmers in the state during 2023-24. At the same time, it has been said to give interest-free cooperative farmers of Rs 1,500 crore for goat rearing, dairy, poultry and fisheries. This has been announced while presenting the budget specifically for the Agriculture Department in the Vidhansabha. The minister said that in 2022-23, crop loans worth Rs 12,648 crore were provided to a total of 1.643 million farmers by the cooperative department.

8. When is the International Day of the Unborn Child observed?

- a) March 22
- b) March 23
- c) March 24
- d) March 25

ANS: International Day of the Unborn Child is celebrated every 25 March. It coincides with the Feast of the Annunciation. It was first celebrated in 1993 in El Salvador to celebrate the right to be born. This special day honors the unborn children who died as a result of the horrors of abortion. This happened during the reign of Pope John Paul II. According to the Pope, the day represents "a positive choice in favor of life".

One liner

"Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (illustrated) book is written by – Shrimant Kokte,

Who has written the book 'A Matter of the Heart: Education in India' - Anurag Behar

Which ministry has signed a Rs 3700 crore contract with BEL for radars and receivers - Ministry of Defense

Recently an earth science satellite named NISAR has been jointly built by – NASA and ISRO

Who has recently launched 'Most Silent Ship' INS Androth - GRSE

Delhi government has presented a budget of how many crores for the financial year 2023-24 - Rs 78,800 crore

Which state government has declared the Gandhamardan hill range as Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS) - by the state government of Odisha

Which Indian-American has been nominated to the post of Deputy CEO in the US Finance Agency - Nisha Biswal

In which city did Prime Minister Modi inaugurate the Regional Office and Innovation Center of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) - in New Delhi

Which state government has proposed to implement the State Millet Mission for five years - Tamil Nadu State Government