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1. NGT slaps Rs 10 crore fine on Kerala government for failing to protect Ramsar sites



The Kollam district administration has constituted special enforcement teams in collaboration with the local self-government to detect waste management violations, a serious issue threatening the ecosystem of the Ashtamudi lake. The squad will take action against violations including poor waste treatment, uncontrolled garbage dumping and storage and sale of banned plastic products. Meanwhile, the flimsy efforts of the local self-governance and district administration were exposed when the principal bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), New Delhi imposed a fine of Rs 10 crore on the Kerala government for failing to stop indiscriminate pollution at the Ramsar sites of Vembanad and Ashtamudi. Fined Rs. The amount of the fine will have to be deposited in the ring fence account operated under the authority of the Chief Secretary within one month. , The NGT order clearly shows that the waste management system in the areas around Ashtamudi and Vembanad lakes is abysmal. Our local governments and district administrations have struggled to set up effective waste management systems. Obviously untreated waste from hospitals and homes is dumped directly into the lake. Ramsar sites are inter-residential, due to which more than one contracting party is responsible for the conservation and management of more than one treaty.

2. Mumbai Indians WPL: Harman's captaincy, Haley's all-round game



Mumbai Indians, captained by Harmanpreet Kaur, defeated Delhi Capitals and won the title of the first season of the Women's Premier League (WPL). Mumbai achieved the target of 132 runs with three balls to spare in the final match held at the Brabourne Stadium on 26 March. If seen, in this title journey of Mumbai Indians, the whole team united and performed brilliantly. However, the performance of some players was particularly impressive. Let's know about those five players of Mumbai Indians who performed brilliantly in the entire WPL season. Hayley Mathews was the biggest superstar of Mumbai Indians' victory. West Indies captain Hayley Mathews scored 271 runs in 10 matches at an average of 30.11, including a half-century. English all-rounder Nat Sciver-Brunt also contributed significantly to the title win. Siever-Brunt managed to score 332 runs in 10 matches at an average of 66.40. Zealand's Emilia Kerr performed brilliantly for her team throughout the season. 22-year-old Emilia Kerr took 15 wickets at an average of just 14.06. This fast bowler from England took a memorable hat-trick in the Eliminator match against UP Warriors. Mumbai Indians captain Harmanpreet Kaur led her team from the front. Harmanpreet Kaur scored 281 runs at an average of 40.41, which included three half-centuries.

3. Government hikes raw jute MSP by Rs 300 to Rs 5,050 per quintal



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The central government has decided to increase the prices of jute, giving great relief to the farmers. In fact, the Central Government has approved the MSP of raw jute under the chairmanship of PM Modi, in which the minimum support price (MSP) of raw jute has been increased by Rs 300 to Rs 5050 per quintal for the 2023-24 season. The declared MSP of raw jute for 2023-24 season is in line with the principle of fixing the MSP at a level of at least 1.5 times the all-India weighted average cost of production, which was announced by the government in the 2018-19 budget . Apart from this, the increase in the MSP of raw jute will ensure a return of 63.20%, which will benefit about 40 lakh farmers and 4 lakh workers associated with the jute industry. Jute industry has an important place in the national economy of India. Especially in West Bengal where around 75 jute mills are operational and provide livelihood to lakhs of workers. After this decision, 40 lakh farmer families associated with jute sector will get help and they will be financially empowered. The decision will also help the jute sector in Bihar, Odisha, Assam, Tripura, Meghalaya, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

4. ICICI Lombard General Insurance launches 'Anywhere Cashless' for its health insurance holders



ICICI Lombard General Insurance has introduced an industry-first feature called 'Anywhere Cashless' for health insurance holders. This feature allows them to avail cashless facility at any hospital, whether it is currently a part of ICICI Lombard's hospital network or not. However, to use this feature, the hospital has to agree to accept the cashless facility. ICICI Lombard General Insurance is a leading insurance company in India offering various insurance products such as health insurance, motor insurance, travel insurance and home

insurance. The company has a large network of hospitals across India where the policy holder has the convenience of availing cashless medical treatment. Apart from this, the company also offers various innovative facilities and benefits to its customers, Such as 'Anywhere Cashless' facility which allows customers to avail cashless facility even from any hospital outside the existing network of hospitals of this company. However, to implement this facility, the hospital is required to agree to accept the cashless facility. ICICI Lombard General Insurance is known for its customer-centric approach and its commitment to provide high quality insurance products and services to its customers.

5. Haldwani will get Sports University: Chief Minister of Uttarakhand



Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that the first sports university of the state would be established in Haldwani city of Kumaon. In a program organized here on the occasion of completion of one year of his government's tenure, Dhami said that sports university was being demanded by sportspersons and various sports associations for a long time. International level sports university will soon be established by upgrading the international stadium of Haldwani. before this, The Chief Minister also held a meeting with the officials regarding the proposed sports university in the secretariat, in which he directed that along with the development of infrastructure facilities for the sports university, suggestions of experts should be taken on the subject for sports and necessary educational activities. There is no dearth of sports talents in Uttarakhand. Continuous efforts are being made to provide better sports facilities to the youth in the state. In this regard, he said that in the year 2024, National Games will be organized in Uttarakhand.

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6. Gift to central employees, 4% increase in dearness allowance



Taking a big decision in the cabinet meeting, the central government has made a big increase in dearness allowance. DA has been increased by 4 percent. The central government has increased the dearness allowance by 4 percent to 42 percent. Union Minister Anurag Thakur gave this information. Union Minister Anurag Thakur said that the government will spend Rs 12815 crore on DA hike. After this increase, the dearness allowance of central employees will increase from 38 percent to 42 percent. A meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs was held under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi today. The DA hike was approved in this meeting. The increased dearness allowance has come into effect from January 1. Along with 47 lakh central employees, 69 lakh pensioners will also get the benefit of this decision of the central government. Along with dearness allowance, the benefit of DR i.e. Dearness Relief will be given to the central pensioners. After this increase to pensioners Will get 42 percent DR instead of 38 percent. The central government implemented it from 1 January 2023. That is, the arrears of January and February will increase with the salary of March.

7. Cabinet approves focused subsidy for beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana



PM Narendra Modi-led cabinet extends LPG cylinder subsidy of Rs 200 for beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana for one year. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has announced that Rs. 200 subsidy will be extended for one year. PMUJY was launched by the central government in May 2016 to provide collateral-free LPG connections to adult women from poor households and to deliver LPG to rural and poor households. The government credits the subsidy to the bank accounts of the eligible beneficiaries of the users. Total expenditure for the financial year 2022-23 Rs 6,100 crore! and 7,680 crore for 2023-24 would be Rs. Subsidy directly to eligible beneficiaries! Deposited in bank accounts. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies i.e. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) are already providing this subsidy before May 22, 2022. There has been a sharp increase in the international prices of LPG due to various geo-political reasons. It is important to protect the PMUJY beneficiaries from high LPG prices.

8. Government of India Launches DigiClaim Platform for Farmer Insurance Claims



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India's Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has introduced a new platform called 'DigiClaim' on the National Crop Insurance Portal. The objective of this platform is to expedite the payment of insurance claims to the farmers availing crop insurance. The minister made instant insurance claim payments totaling Rs 1260.35 crore to insured farmers in some Indian states such as Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand and Haryana in a single click using the platform. Indian Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched a new platform called 'DigiClaim' on the National Crop Insurance Portal, which is designed to speed up payment of insurance claims to farmers taking crop insurance schemes. A total of 1260 farmers were insured in some Indian states like Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand and Haryana by the Minister to showcase the efficiency of the platform with a single click.

QUIZ

1. Where is the Urban Climate Film Festival being organized?

- a) Kerala
- b) New Delhi
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Uttar Pradesh

ANS: The National Urban Commission (NIUA) is going to organize the first ever Urban Climate Film Festival in partnership with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the French Development Agency (AFD) and the European Union. On March 24, 2023 at the Alliance Française, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi M.L. The Urban Climate Film Festival will be inaugurated at Bharatiya Auditorium.

2. Who has been awarded the 2023 Abel Prize in Mathematics for his work on nonlinear partial equations and free-boundary problems?

- a) Dennis Sullivan
- b) Luis Caffarelli
- c) Avi Wigderson

d) Karen Uhlenbeck

Ans: Lewis Caffarelli has been awarded the Abel Prize for 2023. 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.

3. When has "Earth Hour – 2023" been celebrated across the world?

- a) March 21, 2023
- b) 22 March 2023
- c) 23 March 2023
- d) 25 March 2023

Ans: Like every year, Earth Hour Day was celebrated across the world on 25 March to prevent wastage of electricity. The Earth Hour campaign, which has been running since 2007, has become the world's largest grassroots movement for the environment. It is getting the support of 172 countries including India. Tata Power has supported the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) to promote Earth Hour 2023.

4. By whom has the new book 'A Matter of the Heart: Education in India' been released?

- a) Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal
- b) Pradeep Gurha
- c) Dipankar Arun
- d) Anurag Behar

ANS : Anurag Behar, CEO of Azim Premji Foundation and Founding Vice President of Azim Premji University, has written a new travel book titled 'A Matter of the Heart: Education in India' The book is a collection of 110 stories, written by Behar K Foundation and sheds light on the state of education in India beyond the big cities.

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5. In which state assembly 'Media Personnel Security Bill-2023' has been passed?

- a) West Bengal
- b) Chhattisgarh**
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Rajasthan

ANS: The Chhattisgarh Media Personnel Security Bill-2023 was presented and passed in the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly. Chhattisgarh is the second state in the country, where the Media Personnel Security Bill has been passed. It is worth mentioning that on March 17, 2023, the draft of the Chhattisgarh Media Personnel Security Bill-2023 was approved in the meeting of the Council of Ministers in the Committee Room located in the Assembly premises under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

6. World Theater Day is celebrated on?

- a) March 24
- b) March 25
- c) March 26
- d) March 27**

ANS: 61st World Theater Day was observed on 27 March 2023, the main celebration of which was done online by the centers and general secretariat of ITIs. This time's message has been written by 'Samiha Ayub' of Egypt, she is one of the best actresses of Egypt. India is a country of films where everyone is a filmi. About two-three Bollywood films and many films in regional languages are released here every week, but now webseries, TV shows and OTT platforms have given a big blow to the cinema business.

7. Which country has recently tested an underwater drone capable of carrying nuclear weapons?

- a) North Korea**
- b) America

- c) China
- d) Egypt

ANS: North Korea has successfully tested an underwater nuclear drone as the US prepares to deploy an aircraft carrier strike group and other advanced weapons in the sea off South Korea. This drone is capable of bringing radioactive tsunami and can also target accurately under the sea.

8. With which country is the "OneWeb India-2 Mission" recently launched by ISRO?

- a) Britain**
- b) America
- c) China
- d) Egypt

ANS: Indian Space Research Institute ie ISRO is launching 36 OneWeb Internet Satellite on 26th March. ISRO has completed its preparations for this. This satellite will be launched from India's heaviest launch vehicle Mark-3 through Low Earth Orbit. This satellite will be launched from LVM-III from Satish Dhawan Space Center located in Sriharikota.

ONE LINER

Which country has celebrated Ghode Jatra festival – **Nepal**

The first Global Tourism Investors Summit will be held in which city - **Delhi**

Who has been elected as the new head of the New Development Bank - **Dilma Rousseff**

Recently launched by ISRO "OneWeb India-2 mission" is related to which country - **Britain**

Which company was founded by the recently departed Garden Moore – **Intel**

Assam Rifles celebrated which anniversary of its foundation day on 24 March 2023 - **188th**

Government of India has launched which platform for farmer insurance claims - **Digiclim platform**

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Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC) will provide what percentage discount to approved journalists, examinees of competitive exams and employees on stay in corporation's hotels - **50 percent**

The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has ordered the purchase of which two crops at the minimum support price (MSP) in Rajasthan – **mustard and gram**

Who has been appointed as AHF Athlete Ambassador – **Salima Tete**

