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## 1. Tsusumu Otani appointed as MD, CEO of Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India



Tsutsumu Otani, Vice President, Honda Motor Company, Japan, will assume the role of President, CEO and Managing Director of Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI). Otani replaces Atsushi Ogata, who headed Honda's Indian two-wheeler operations for three years, and will move to Shanghai, China, to take up the role of executive general manager at Honda Motor (China) Investment Co., Ltd., Shanghai branch. Otani brings to his new role over 26 years of experience at Honda across Europe, Japan, China and South America. Apart from being the new President, CEO and Managing Director of HMSI, he will also serve as the Vice President of Honda Motor Company, Japan. HMSI has also made changes to its senior leadership team as part of its strategy to achieve future market leadership. Vinay Dhingra as Senior Director - HR & Administration, Corporate Affairs,

## 2. Dr. Nitya Abraham receives Young Urologist Award



An Indian-American associate professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York has been honored with the Young Urologist Award for his efforts and commitment to furthering the development of fellow young urologists. Dr. Nitya Abraham, Program Director of the Montefiore Urology Residency Program, has mentored countless students, residents, fellows and junior faculty, both at her institution and others in the

New York area. According to the American Urological Association (AUA), a 'young' urologist is defined as someone (who has completed training) who has been in practice for 10 years or less. Abraham is also chair of the Executive Curriculum Committee for the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and has served the AUA as an oral board review course faculty member. the Society for Urodynamics,

## 3. IIT Kanpur to host Youth 20 counseling



IIT Kanpur to host Youth 20 consultation under India's G20 chairmanship IIT Kanpur, one of India's premier technical institutions, will host Youth 20 consultation under India's G20 chairmanship on April 5-6, 2023. The event will bring together a maximum of 1200 youth delegates from India and abroad to discuss global issues to generate effective solutions. Youth20 Consultancy is a platform created by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, to connect youth from different countries and help shape future policies. This consultation is a precursor to the last Youth 20 Summit to be held in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. During the Youth 20 consultation at IIT Kanpur, two of the five core themes will be discussed: "Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation, & 21st Century Skills" and "Health, Well-being & Sports: Agenda for Youth".

## 4. 'Sagar-Setu' mobile app launched





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Dargah, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched the 'Sagar Setu' mobile app of the National Logistics Portal Marine. The app will provide real-time information on activities that are not normally accessible to importers, exporters and customs brokers, including ship information, gates, container freight stations and transactions. It also enables digital transactions for payments required for the clearance process of imports and exports like container freight station charges, shipping line charges, transportation charges etc. Sagar-Setu App The Sagar-Setu App of the National Logistics Portal (Marine) will help the custodian to easily access the functionalities on the hand-held device. The mobile app will ensure data mobility such as approvals and monitoring will be at the fingertips of port and ministry officials as well as stakeholders.

## 5. Appointment of 'Sabi' Subramaniam as Warrant Officer



British-Hindu Murugeswaran 'Sabi' Subramaniam has been commissioned as a Warrant Officer of Britain's Royal Air Force, the air warfare and space force. In this role he advises the Chief Air Force Adviser on branch issues to the executive of the RAF. Subramaniam replaces Warrant Officer Jake Alpert. Subramaniam is an Air and Space Operations Manager, with over 15 years of service mostly in the area of Space-Based Infrared Systems (SBIRS), Missile Warning (MW), Space Domain Awareness (SDA) and Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD). He served in the Royal Engineers in 106 Field Squadron/12 Force (Air) Support Group, 36 Engineering Regiment, before joining the Royal Air Force in 1998. In 2007, Subramaniam spent the next three years in the Air Command Bunker, Wherein related work with Pan-Government Resilience Operations and earned the Missile Alert Operator and Data Links Network Manager qualifications. In 2021, he was appointed as Command

Warrant Officer prior to his nomination to the United Kingdom Space Command. Subramaniam was educated in Malaysia until the age of 19, earning a Bachelor of Laws degree and a Higher Education Diploma in Finance and Legal Studies. He is an active member of a charity foundation and is currently undertaking his Master of Business Administration studying Risk and Resilience at Buckinghamshire New University. He holds a Bachelor of Laws degree and a Higher Education Diploma in Finance and Legal Studies. He is an active member of a charity foundation and is currently undertaking his Master of Business Administration studying Risk and Resilience at Buckinghamshire New University.

## 6. Piyush Babele's book: "Gandhi: Politics and Community"



A new Hindi book titled Gandhi: Siasat aur Communalism has been authored by journalist-turned-author Piyush Babele, who currently heads the media department of the Madhya Pradesh Congress. The book quotes from Dr. Ambedkar's book Pakistan or the Partition of India and other sources to mention the events before the partition of India in 1947. The book aims to debunk the myth spread by Hindu right-wingers that Mahatma Gandhi was responsible for the partition. The book is published by New Delhi based Genuine Publications & Media Pvt Ltd. Social reformer and chief architect of the Indian Constitution, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's book. It was published in 1940, a few years before India's independence and the partition of India, and in it Ambedkar analyzes the factors that led to the demand for a separate Muslim state of Pakistan. Ambedkar political of partition of India, Also discuss the economic and social implications. The book provides an insight into the complicating factors that led to the Partition of India and its aftermath.

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## 7. Global trade expected to grow 1.7% in 2023: World Trade Organization



The World Trade Organization (WTO) on 5 April revised its global trade growth outlook for 2023 to 1.7% from last October's forecast of 1%. The World Trade Organization said in its forecast that trade growth for 2024 is expected to be 3.2 percent. However, the WTO said the forecast is highly uncertain and at a downside risk given the impact of ongoing global tensions, food supply problems and monetary policy tightening. Global trade growth in 2023 is still projected to be low, despite a slight increase in gross domestic product (GDP) estimates since last fall. The projected trade growth of 1.7% for 2023 is also lower than the 12-year average of 2.6%, which has been the norm since the global financial crisis in 2008. World Trade Organization It was established on 1 January 1995 to replace the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT). Its main objective is to promote rule based trading system in the world and it also settles trade related disputes between the member countries. The headquarters of the World Trade Organization is in Geneva, Switzerland. There are 164 member countries in the World Trade Organization.

## 8. Kim Cotton became the first female umpire to officiate



During the 2nd T20I match between Sri Lanka and New Zealand in Dunedin on 5 April, Kim Cotton created

history by becoming the first woman to officiate as a female umpire in an international match between a member team. Cotton has already officiated as field umpire and TV umpire in 54 Women's T20Is and 24 Women's ODIs, as well as officiating in the Women's T20 and ODI World Cups from 2018 to 2023. Kim Cotton created history by becoming the first woman to officiate as a field umpire in a men's international match between two Full Member teams in the 2nd T20I match between Sri Lanka and New Zealand in Dunedin on April 5. Prior to this, she served as the field umpire and TV umpire in 54 Women's T20Is and 24 Women's ODIs, and also officiated in the Women's T20 and ODI World Cups from 2018 to 2023. Earlier, Claire Polosak became the first woman to officiate in a men's Test match as the fourth umpire in the third Test of the Border Gavaskar Trophy between India and Australia in January 2021. Apart from this, in the Ranji Trophy tournament held this year, women umpires Vrinda Rathi, N. Janani and V. Gayatri became the first women in history to officiate on-field in the tournament.

### QUIZ

#### 1. Who has topped the annual list of billionaires released by Forbes?

- (a) Elon Musk
- (b) Bernard Arno and family
- (c) Larry Ellison
- (d) Jeff Bezos

EXPLANE: In the annual list of billionaires released by Forbes, Tesla and Twitter owner Elon Musk has slipped from the first position to the second position in the list of the world's richest person. Bernard Arnault & family have now become the richest in the world. Musk's wealth has decreased by \$ 39 billion compared to last year. Musk's net worth is \$180 billion. Jeff Bezos is third in this list, Larry Ellison is fourth. Mukesh Ambani of India is at 9th position in this list.

#### 2. Who has taken over as the President of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)?

- (a) Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo
- (b) Anubhav Sinha
- (c) Ajay Rajan
- (d) Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore

EXPLANE: Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo, senior vice-president of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), took over as the president of the National Rifle

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Association of India. According to the guidelines of the Sports Ministry, the President of the National Sports Federations, according to the National Sports Code, cannot hold office for more than 12 years, due to which Raninder Singh has gone on leave. After which Kalikesh Narayan Singh Dev took over this post. The National Rifle Association of India was established in the year 1951.

**3. Jagarnath Mahato passed away, he was the education minister of which state?**

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Bihar
- (d) West Bengal

EXPLANE: Education Minister of Jharkhand and senior leader of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) Jagarnath Mahto passed away today in a hospital in Chennai. Mahato was admitted to the hospital last month. He was 56 years old. Jharkhand Governor CP Radhakrishnan and Chief Minister Hemant Soren have condoled the death of Mahato. Jagarnath Mahato was born on 1 January 1967. He played an active role in the movement to make Jharkhand a separate state.

**4. When has the International Mine Awareness Day been celebrated recently?**

- (a) 2 April
- (b) 6th April
- (c) 5th April
- (d) 4th April

EXPLANE: Every year on 4 April, the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance is observed in the world, with the goal of creating awareness about the dangers of dangerous mines and their elimination. The Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty was created in 1997 to lead the campaign against mines and has since been ratified by 164 countries. In 2005, the United Nations General Assembly designated 4 April as the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action worldwide.

**5. Which company has tied up with the Indian Army for the purchase of 'Akash Weapon System'?**

- (a) Bharat Dynamics
- (b) BEL
- (c) Bhel
- (d) DRDO

EXPLANE: The Akash Weapon System is a short-range surface-to-air missile air defense system. The Government of India has signed a contract for the procurement of this system for the Indian Army. Defense PSU Bharat Dynamics won orders worth over Rs 8,400 crore for the production and supply of Akash Weapon Systems to two regiments of the Indian Army.

**6. Sports Authority of India (SAI) has recently integrated Khelo India Games Certificate with DigiLocker. DigiLocker was launched in which of the following years?**

- (a) 2012
- (b) 2015
- (c) 2017
- (d) 2010

EXPLANE: Sports Authority of India (SAI) integrated Khelo India Games Certificate with DigiLocker on 6th April 2023. Athletes and other stakeholders participating in the Khelo India Games will now be able to collect their certificates of qualification and participation from the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 in Madhya Pradesh. The Khelo India program has been launched to revive the sporting culture in India at the grassroots level by creating a strong framework for all sports played in our country and to establish India as a great sporting nation. DigiLocker is an initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY). The beta version of the service was launched in February 2015, and was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 1 July 2015.

**7. The Union Cabinet has approved the revised domestic gas pricing guidelines. As per the guidelines, the price of such natural gas will be \_\_\_\_\_ of the monthly average of the Indian crude basket and will be notified on a monthly basis.**

- (a) 8%
- (b) 10%
- (c) 12%
- (d) 15%

EXPLANE: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the Revised Domestic Natural Gas Pricing Guidelines on 6 April 2023. The natural gas price will be 10% of the monthly average of the Indian crude basket and will be notified on a monthly basis. The new guidelines are aimed at ensuring a stable pricing regime for domestic



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gas consumers, while providing adequate protection to producers from adverse market movements along with incentives to increase production. With the changes now approved, the Indian crude basket price data for the previous month will form the basis for APM gas pricing. The government has set a target to increase the share of natural gas in the primary energy mix in India from the current 6.5% to 15% by 2030.

## 8. Which Indian-American has taken charge as the Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resource Affairs in the State Department?

- (a) Anjali Jain
- (b) Richard Verma
- (c) Geeta Menon
- (d) Pradeep Khosla

EXPLANE: Richard Verma, former US Ambassador to India, has assumed the post of Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resource Affairs in the US State Department. He has become the highest ranking Indian-American in the State Department. Verma served as the US Ambassador to India from January 16, 2015 to January 20, 2017. He then moved to Mastercard as Chief Legal Officer and Head of Global Public Policy.

### ONE LINER

Recently the Chief Minister of which state has launched the Pathashree-Rastashree project - **West Bengal**

Aleksandar Ceferin has been elected unopposed as UEFA President till 2027.

Which countries have been declared malaria-free by the World Health Organization (WHO) in March 2023 - **Azerbaijan and Tajikistan**

Where is the second Sherpa meeting under the G20 chairmanship of India held in March 23 - **Kumarakom, Kerala**

Who has been given the Chameli Devi Jain Award 2022 for women media persons - **Dhanya Rajendran**

Which ministry has recently formed a panel to complete stalled real estate projects - **Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**

What the Kingdom of Bahrain launched to attract large-scale investment projects - **Golden License**

Who recently launched 'Ofek-13' spy satellite into orbit - **Israel**

Elected unopposed UEFA President until 2027 - **Aleksandar Ceferin**