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## 1. Sushma Patel will be the captain of India's first blind women's cricket team



The Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) has announced India's first women blind cricket team, which will represent the country in the upcoming bilateral series against Nepal. CABI President Dr. Mahantesh ji. Kivadasannavar said, "This is something we have been eagerly waiting for a long time. It's time to show the world that India is proud to have the first women's blind cricket team. I am sure this is just the beginning, and these women will make us even more proud and inspire many blind women to play cricket with passion. Madhya Pradesh's Sushma Patel has been appointed as the captain and Karnataka's Gangavva Neelappa Harijan as the vice-captain for the Twenty20 bilateral cricket series.

## 2. Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan and Telangana topped the State Energy Efficiency Index for the year 2021-22



Karnataka has the best performance in terms of energy efficiency, which has been given an overall score of 82.5 in the recently released State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2021-22. Along with this, the performance of Andhra Pradesh (77.5), Telangana (74), Kerala (68.5) and Rajasthan (67) was also better than other states. Along with this, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Chandigarh were the best in their respective state-groups. Better performing states. On the other hand, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh have registered the

highest improvement this time as compared to the previous index. If we talk about Delhi, it has been given 33 points in this index that its performance is not very good in terms of energy efficiency. Where per 699.12 kilowatt hours of electricity is being consumed per person every year.

## 3. International police crackdown on dark web market under 'Operation Cookie Monster'



The world's largest cybercrime website and popular marketplace among cyber criminals - Genesis Market has now been seized. For this, law enforcement agencies of 17 countries, including the US intelligence agency - Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), had conducted a special operation. This operation was named 'Operation Cookie Monster', under which more than 100 cyber criminals have been caught, and the 'Genesis Market' popular among cyber criminals has been seized. Other data used to create fingerprints was sold. That here cyber criminals used to buy personal details of people for less than one dollar and used to do fraud. That cyber crimes hub 'Genesis Market' had 80 million credentials and digital fingerprints of 2 million people for sale. 'Genesis Market'

## 4. Saudi Arabia will provide financial assistance in Pakistan's Mohmand multipurpose dam project



The condition of Pakistan is getting worse and worse. Many countries have funded Pakistan. After which once

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again Pakistan has extended its help. Saudi Arabia is going to give a loan of 40 million dollars to Pakistan. This loan is being given for the construction of a Mohamandam Dam. With this project, electricity will be generated in Pakistan, water supply will be better and this water will also be useful in agriculture. That it will also increase resistance to flood. "The Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) has signed a \$240 million loan agreement." This funding will help Pakistan's continuously falling foreign reserves. Experts believe that Pakistan's declining economy can get a lot of benefit from this. This dam will also meet the increasing demand of energy in the country.

5. National Geophysical Research Institute discovers rare earth metal elements in Andhra Pradesh



The National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) of CSIR located in Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh has detected the presence of lightweight Rare Earths (REE) which are a vital component for various industrial applications including many electronic devices, medical technology, aerospace and defense. Light rare earth minerals include lanthanum, cerium, praseodymium, neodymium, yttrium, hafnium, tantalum, niobium, zirconium, and scandium. "We found a large amount of light rare elements (La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Y, Nb and Ta) in the whole rock analysis that these minerals contain REE. known as the 'lanthanide and actinide series' in the table. The devices we use on a daily basis, including (mobile phones)

6. 'Bhoroxa' app launched by President Murmu for women's safety



Safety of women has always been an important issue in India. President Draupadi Murmu took a step towards making women feel safe by launching 'Bhoroxa' mobile app at Gauhati High Court. The app, which includes various helpline numbers and schemes related to women across the state, will help women in distress get immediate help. One of the main features of the app is the 181 helpline number for women seeking help. This helpline will ensure that women in distress can immediately reach out to the authorities and seek help. The app also includes details about various schemes aimed at women empowerment and their protection. The launch of the 'Bhoroxa' mobile app was a part of the platinum jubilee celebrations of the Gauhati High Court.

7. World's first conservation and breeding center for Asian vultures built in Maharajganj, UP



The Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Center (JCBC) in UP's Maharajganj district is set to be the world's first conservation and breeding center specially built and designed for the conservation of Asian king vultures, critically endangered under the Wildlife Protection Act and is protected. Spread over 1.5 hectares in Gorakhpur forest division, this is a state-of-the-art centre, costing around Rs 15 crore, with several aviaries for vultures, a food processing center where food for vultures will be prepared. And the population will be screened before feeding and an incubation center to artificially rear eggs to ensure 100% results are other features.



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## 8. IMF lowers India's GDP forecast for FY2024 to 5.9%



The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has reduced India's economic growth forecast. The IMF has projected the economic growth rate to be reduced from 6.1 percent to 5.9 percent for the current financial year 2023-24. However, despite this, India will remain the fastest growing economy in the world. That the latest IMF estimates regarding India's economic growth rate are lower than the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) estimates. The Reserve Bank has estimated the growth rate of the country's economy to be seven percent during the last financial year 2022-23, the government has not yet released the GDP figures for the financial year 2022-23. After that the estimate of India's economic growth rate has been reduced. The global economy will grow at the rate of 2.8 percent in 2023, then it is expected to grow at the rate of 3 percent in 2024. The IMF has cut 10 basis points compared to the January estimates.

### ONE LINER

Which political party has recently got the status of National Party – **Aam Aadmi Party**

Who has launched the first Dogri version of the Indian Constitution - **Kiren Rijju**

According to the Tiger Census report released in 2023, the number of tigers in India has increased to how much in the year 2022 – **3167**

Which country in Asia has recently been elected to the United Nations Statistical Commission for 4 years – **India**

How long has the Stand Up India scheme been postponed – **till 2025**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited “Bandipur Tiger Reserve”? In which state is it located – **in the state of Karnataka**

Which cricketer has made the record of hitting 5 consecutive sixes in 5 balls in IPL 2023? – **Rinku Singh**

Which player has made the record of taking the most hat-tricks (4 times) in 2023 T20 cricket - **Rashid Khan**

Which political party was recently given the status of a national party by the Election Commission of India - **AAP ( Aam Aadmi Party )**

### QUIZ

1. Who has been appointed as the Chief Investment Officer by LIC ? \_

- (a) Rahul Puri
- (b) PC Packray
- (c) Ajitesh Sinha
- (d) **Ratnakar Patnaik**

EXPLANATION:- LIC has appointed Ratnakar Patnaik as Chief Investment Officer and PC Packre as Chief Risk Officer. Ratnakar will replace PR Mishra. In addition, PC Packre replaced Tablesh Pandey on 10 April. Patnaik has 32 years of experience. Patnaik had joined LIC in September 1990.

2. Who is the present President of World Bank?

- (a) Jim Yong Kim
- (b) Robert Zoellick
- (c) Paul Wolfowitz
- (d) **David Malpass**

EXPLANATION:- Recently US President Donald Trump administration official David Malpass was elected as the 13th President of the World Bank. He was selected by consensus by the Executive Board of the World Bank.

3. Where is L&T Construction building India's first post office building using 3D printing technology?

- (a) Delhi
- (b) **Bangalore**
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Hyderabad

EXPLANATION:- That it is building 'India's first post office using 3D printing technology' in Bengaluru. The project is to design and build the 1,000 sq ft Halasuru Post Office using '3D concrete printing technology' within 45 days.

4. Which country received the flag to host the International Federation for Equestrian Sports (FEI) World Cup Final 2024?

- (a) Iceland
- (b) France
- (c) Argentina
- (d) **Saudi Arabia**

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**EXPLANATION:-** Saudi Arabia has received the flag for the FEI World Cup Final, which will be hosted by Riyadh in April 2024. The FEI World Cup, an annual international competition between the world's best show-jumping horses and riders, will be held in Riyadh next year for the first time in the Middle East. Prince Abdullah bin Fahd bin Abdullah, president of the Saudi Arabian Equestrian Federation, expressed his pride in the Kingdom hosting the championships for the first time in the Middle East.

**5. According to a recent report , which country has been at the top in terms of contribution to temperature rise ?**

- (a) Ukraine
- (b) America
- (c) Singapore
- (d) Bruce

**EXPLANATION:-** India ranks fifth in the list of countries responsible for the rise in global temperature. If we look at the increase in global temperature since 1850, America is most responsible for it.

**6. Where was the fourth defense cooperation meeting between India and Philippines held?**

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Bangalore
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Lucknow

**EXPLANATION:-** The fourth Joint Defense Cooperation Committee meeting between India and Philippines was held in New Delhi. Meanwhile, reviewed the ongoing bilateral defense cooperation between the two countries and discussed ways to further expand the ties.

**7. Where has the Sagar Setu app of the National Logistics Portal (Maritime) been launched recently?**

- (a) Ranchi
- (b) Pune
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Mumbai

**EXPLANATION:-** Union Minister Sonowal launched the 'Sagar-Setu' mobile app of National Logistics Portal Marine New Delhi: Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal on Friday in the presence of Shripad Y. Naik, MoS, Ministry of Ports,

Shipping and App version of National Logistics Portal (Maritime) 'Sagar-Setu' launched.

**8. Recently which tennis player has won his first Miami Open title?**

- (a) Ivan Lendl
- (b) Guillermo Vilas
- (c) Daniel Medved
- (d) John McEnroe

**EXPLANATION:-** Russian tennis star Daniil Medved won his fourth title this year by defeating Janic Sinner in MiMi Opens 2023. Medved, previously the top-ranked player in the world, has now won 24 of his last 25 matches, including his last at the prestigious Mimeo Open in the US.