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1. 12th Session of the India-Spain Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation in New Delhi



The 12th session of the India-Spain Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC) took place on 13 April. In this meeting, both sides discussed various issues related to economic cooperation between the two countries. Recently the Governments of India and Spain have agreed to enhance their cooperation in several important areas such as power generation, shipping, ports, tourism, infrastructure, food processing, medicines and defence. Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal and Minister for Trade cum Minister of State, Government of Spain Shiana Mendez held a meeting in which these topics were discussed and opportunities for increased cooperation between the two countries were explored. Market availability was an important discussion topic, Because both India and Spain were facing various challenges related to their exporters. Officials from both sides agreed to hold bilateral discussions to address these issues and find solutions. The Joint Commission also discussed the ongoing negotiations of the India-European Union (EU) Free Trade Agreement. India and Spain took over the Spanish Presidency of the UE, which is going to take place from July to December of 2023.

2. G20 MACS meeting in Varanasi to include Maharishi initiative



G20 Agriculture Chief Scientists (MAX) meeting is going to be held in Varanasi from 17 to 19 April. The theme of the meeting is "Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems for Healthy People and Planet", which matches with India's G20 presidency theme "One Earth, One Family, One Future". In line with the theme of India's G20 Chairmanship "One Earth, One Family, One Future", the meeting of Agriculture Chief Scientists focused on food and nutrition security, resilience to climate change, a health approach, digital agriculture and research, education and extension. Will take forward the discussion on public-private partnership. The 12th Agricultural Chief Scientists' Meeting under the chairmanship of India has identified the theme of sustainable agriculture and food systems for healthy people and planet. There are four priority areas on which the discussions will focus. These areas are Food security and nutrition first – the role of frontiers in science and technology; Second is to build resilience and sustainable agriculture through climate resilient agriculture and one health approach, third is digitization for agricultural transformation and finally public-private partnership for research and development.

3. SBI launches its coffee table book "The Banker to Every Indian"



State Bank of India (SBI) has announced the launch of its coffee table book 'The Banker to Every Indian', which celebrates 75 years of Indian Independence and SBI's glorious 200-year history. The book is a tribute to the spirit of India's independence and the Bank's contribution to nation-building. The book is a tribute to the spirit of India's independence and reflects SBI's contribution to nation-building. It showcases the ethics, technological upgradation and change along with the important initiatives taken by the bank. This book, while celebrating our past, also serves as a testimony to our commitment to our future. I hope this book inspires the future generation towards excellence and inspires them

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to contribute towards the development of our great nation.

4. Türkiye's first aircraft carrier to host unmanned air wing



The Turkish Navy has received its first aircraft carrier, TCG Anadolu, which will house the world's first air wing composed primarily of unmanned aircraft. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan revealed that the ship would carry several manned and unmanned aerial vehicles, including the latest prototype from the Bayraktar family called TB3, which is designed to be mounted on the carrier's flight deck area. Furthermore, due to its line-of-sight and beyond-sight communication capabilities, it can be operated from remote locations. TCG Anadolu is based on the Spanish flagship Juan Carlos I, which has a displacement of 27,436 tons and a top speed of about 21 knots. TCG Anadolu was originally designed for the transport of helicopters and short takeoff and vertical combat aircraft, But the US cut Turkey out of the global F-35 fighter aircraft development program in response to Ankara's decision in 2019 to buy Russia's S-400 air missile defense system. TCG Anadolu was then transitioned to neutral combat aircraft, neutral combat aircraft and unmanned vertical combat aircraft carriers. Anadolu's air force is expected to consist mostly of the Bayraktar TB3, as well as the domestically made T129 Attack, AH-1W Super Cobra attack helicopters and SH-70B utility helicopters.

5. New York City Appointed 'Rat Czar'



New York has appointed the city's first Rat Jar to combat the rat menace. New York City Mayor Eric Adams announced that Kathleen Corradi has been named the city's first director of rodent mitigation. Mayor Eric Adams recently announced that Kathleen Corradi, an employee of the Department of Education, will be the first 'Rat Jar' to combat the growing population of rats in the county's most populous city. ' (Rat czar) has been appointed. According to city statistics, there has been a huge jump in the number of rat sightings in the past few years. The city got a journal to fight the rats, but it is not yet known what is the rat population in the city. According to a 2014 research, this figure could be around 2 million, i.e. one rat for every four citizens. There are many other efforts being made in the city to deal with the rats. In the last few months, No more waiting long for garbage trucks to pick up garbage bags from the sidewalk. Now the vehicles pick up the garbage quickly. In addition, a curbside composting program has been started to reduce food waste.

6. India-EU Free Trade Agreement: CII



A free trade agreement between India and the European Union (EU) will help boost economic ties between the two regions. Sanjeev Puri, Vice President, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of ITC Limited, said that the

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India-EU Free Trade Agreement will help further strengthen the relationship between India and Italy, according to a commerce ministry statement. If the free trade agreement is signed, it could lead to an increase in trade between India and the European Union as well as open up new investment opportunities. Sanjeev Puri, Vice President of CII and Chairman and Managing Director of ITC Limited, has told that this agreement can further strengthen India-Italy relations. Negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement between India and the European Union have been going on for many years. In which both sides want to address various issues related to market access and IPR. The potential benefits of this cohesion are significant, and it remains to be seen whether the negotiations will ultimately end in an equally beneficial agreement for both sides.

7. Shakib and Ishimwe win ICC Player of the Month award for March 2023



Shakib Al Hasan, the star Bangladesh all-rounder, and Rwandan star Henriette Ishimwe won the ICC men's and women's player of the month awards for the month of March. Shakib won the award for the second time since July 2021 for his key role in Bangladesh's 3-0 T20I series win against England. Shakib scored 141 runs in the ODI series and took nine wickets in both the formats. He also took a fifty against Ireland in another Bangladesh home series win. The 19-year-old Ishimwe, who was part of the Rwandan squad at the ICC U-19 World Cup in South Africa, was key to her side's win over Zimbabwe, taking four wickets in four balls. She followed this up with another impressive performance in last month's Nigerian Women's T20I tournament, scoring 92 runs and taking nine wickets in March. Which also included a hat-trick. This made her only the second female player from an Associate member to win the ICC Player of the Month award.

8. Employment rate in India rises to 36.9% in March quarter



According to the latest data released by the Central Center for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), India's employment rate improved slightly in the March quarter, increasing by 0.3% from the previous quarter. In March 2023, India's employment rate rose from 36.9% to above 36.6%, while the number of unemployed persons fell by almost two million, indicating that many people were able to find jobs. There has been a positive change in the labor market in India, with over 15 million individuals experiencing inclusion in the labor chain in the past three quarters. Of these, more than 11.2 million people were successful in getting employment, which is a huge number indicating that a large number of willing working people are getting jobs. Research shows that in the last quarter of 2022-23, the labor market in India showed weakness as per the latest data. The labor participation rate (LPR) in December stood at 40.5% to 39.8% in March 2023. While the unemployment rate declined slightly during this period from 8.3% to 7.8%, the overall employment rate declined significantly.

QUIZ

1. India is celebrating the birth anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar on 14th April 2023?

- (a) 130 or
- (b) 131 or
- (c) 132nd
- (d) 133rd

ANS: India is celebrating the 132nd birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar on April 14, 2023 as Ambedkar Jayanti. Underlining the importance of Ambedkar's contribution to Indian society, this day has been declared a public holiday by the central government.

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2. What is the theme of World Chagas Disease Day 2023?

- (a) To raise awareness about Chagas disease
- (b) Prevention of Chagas disease by vaccination
- (c) Inclusion of Chagas disease in primary health care
- (d) Time of integration of Chagas disease into primary health care

ANS : The theme for 2023 is Time to integrate Chagas disease into primary health care, to introduce universal care and surveillance at the most decentralized level of the health system.

3. Who was awarded the 'Business Leader of the Decade' by AIMA?

- (a) Mukesh Ambani
- (b) Kumar Mangalam Birla
- (c) Ratan Tata
- (d) Adi Godrej

ANS: Aditya Birla Group Chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla was presented with the 'Business Leader of the Decade Award' for his contribution to the Indian industry over the last ten years.

4. Which state government has proposed the Right to Health Bill in India?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Tamil Nadu

ANS: Rajasthan will become the first state in India to guarantee the right to healthcare for its residents.

5. What is the name of the security campaign launched by WhatsApp?

- (a) WhatsApp stay safe campaign
- (b) WhatsApp Online Security Campaign
- (c) Stay safe with WhatsApp
- (d) Online Safety with WhatsApp

ANS : WhatsApp has launched a security campaign called 'Stay Safe with WhatsApp' that aims to educate users about product features that can help them maintain their online security and improve their messaging experience .

6. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Investment Officer of LIC?

- (a) PR Mishra
- (b) P C Packroy

- (c) Tablesh Pandey
- (d) Ratnakar Patnaik

ANS: Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has announced the appointment of Ratnakar Patnaik as the new Chief Investment Officer in place of PR Mishra, who resigned from the post on April 10.

7. Who is the co-author of the book "The Great Bank Robbery: NPAs, Scams and the Future of Regulation"?

- (a) Pattabhi Ram and Sabyasachi Das
- (b) Raghuram Rajan and Sabyasachi Das
- (c) Pattabhi Ram and Urjit Patel
- (d) Nirmala Sitharaman and Raghuram Rajan

ANS: Pattabhi Ram and Sabyasachi Das have co-authored a new book titled "The Great Bank Robbery: NPAs, Scams and the Future of Regulation", which discusses the 11 scams that marred India's independence (1947).) has rocked it ever since. The book is published by Rupa Publications India Pvt Ltd.

8. Which country has become the first country to approve the Oxford Malaria Vaccine for children?

- (a) Nigeria
- (b) Kenya
- (c) Ghana
- (d) South Africa

ANS: Ghana has become the first country to approve the Oxford-SII malaria vaccine. The University of Oxford announced today that Ghana has become the first country in the world to approve the malaria vaccine it has developed, R21/Matrix-M, licensed and manufactured by the Serum Institute of India (SII).

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US and Philippines start joint military exercise 125 feet tall Ambedkar statue unveiled - **by the Chief Minister of Telangana**

A common platform announced by India, Japan and France - **for debt coordination of Sri Lanka**

India's first 3D printed post office to be set up in - **Bengaluru**

Qatar and ____ announced the resumption of their diplomatic relations – **Bahrain**

Recently Bhimrao Ambedkar Jayanti was celebrated on 14th April, in which state he was born – **Madhya Pradesh (in Mhow village)**

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Who has recently been appointed as the new Chief Justice of Tripura High Court – **Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh**

Which is the first semi-high speed regional rail service of Hindustan (India) – **RapidX**

Recently, bilateral and multilateral issues were discussed during the 12th Foreign Office Consultations between India and Estonia. Where is the capital of Estonia – **Tallinn**

