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## 1. Forbes released the list of world's 10 highest earning sportspersons



International football stars Cristiano Ronaldo (\$136 million), Lionel Messi (\$130 million) and Kylian Mbappe (\$120 million) round out the top three highest-paid players. Ronaldo is a player with an estimated net worth of \$136 million, including \$46 million from his playing salary and bonuses, and \$90 million from endorsements, appearances, licensing income, and other business operations. Johnson, who ranks No. 6 with \$107 million, has made news for both top ten highest-earning players. While off-field earnings are an estimate that comes from sponsorship deals, appearance fees and memorabilia and licensing income. It also includes cash returns from businesses run by the player. The ten highest-paid athletes in the world earned a combined total of \$1.11 billion over the past 12 months.

## 2. Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2023 held in UAE



Ministry of Tourism, Government of India is participating in the Arabian Travel Mart (ATM) 2023 to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 01 to 04 May. Arabian Travel Mart is one of the leading global events in the travel and tourism industry, attracting visitors and exhibitors from around the world. India's participation in the Arabian Travel Mart 2023 is a significant step towards promoting India as a preferred

travel destination among the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) markets. Launched the Visit India 2023 campaign to provide a comprehensive overview of India's diverse tourism offerings and the country's commitment to sustainable tourism practices. The India Pavilion will showcase India's rich cultural and natural heritage, including UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Wildlife sanctuaries and spiritual are also included. India's participation in the Arabian Travel Mart 2023 underlines the country's commitment to promote tourism as a driver of economic growth and employment.

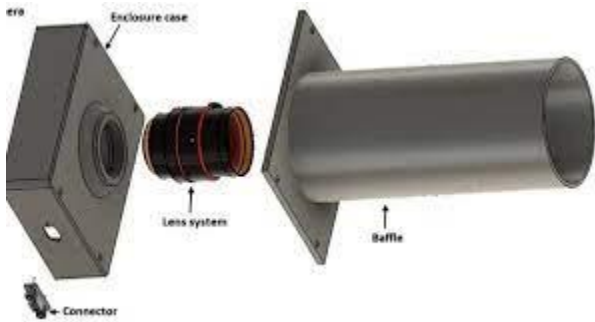
## 3. University Grants Commission launches 'CU-Choice' portal



The University Grants Commission (UGC) on Tuesday launched a 'Unified Portal' for recruitment of teachers in central universities. That it will benefit both applicants and universities as it will give job information in all central universities. Also will provide a simple interface for the candidates to apply. That there are 46 Central Universities under the Union Ministry of Education. The portal "will help the UGC to fast-track the recruitment process to the universities, as it will provide information on vacancies, Will give real-time data on pending applications. Along with this, it will also track whether the reservation policy is being implemented in the universities or not? But they only have to upload the data on this portal. The idea of the portal was first pitched by Kumar to the universities' unions in March 2022. Instructions have been given to dissolve your existing recruitment portal.

## 4. ISRO's first 'Starberry' sensor successfully tested

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The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) recently launched a low-cost star sensor called StarBerry-Sense, mounted on the PSLV Orbital Experimental Module (POEM). StarBerry-Sense is a low-cost sensor designed to quickly calculate the orientation of a spacecraft by identifying stars in its field of view. Developed by the Space Payloads Group at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), StarBerry-Sense is built under the Raspberry Pi minicomputer, which is cost-effective and simple to manufacture. POEM is a unique initiative of ISRO which uses the fourth stage of PSLV as an orbital platform for scientific experiments. It is working as expected in the harsh conditions of space.

## 5. India and Israel signed MoU for industrial research and development cooperation'



As a significant achievement in the science and technology cooperation between India and Israel, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) under the Ministry of Science and Technology of India and the Directorate of Defense Research and Development (DDR&D) of the Ministry of Defense of Israel signed an MoU between the two for industrial research and development. To enable joint industrial research and development projects in various high-tech areas such as artificial intelligence, quantum and semiconductors, synthetic biology, healthcare, aerospace, sustainable energy and agriculture. Monitoring will be done by a Joint Steering Committee headed by the heads of CSIR and DDR&D. This will enable

collaboration in industrial research and development programs in technology areas.

## 6. Cannes Film Festival 2023 to honor Michael Douglas with Honorary Palme d'Or



Michael Douglas will be awarded the Honorary Palme d'Or at this year's Cannes Film Festival. The Wall Street actor will receive a Lifetime Achievement Honor in recognition of "his illustrious career as well as his commitment to cinema" during the opening ceremony of the French festival on May 16. "It is always a breath of fresh air to be in Cannes, which has long provided an amazing platform for bold creators, artistic audacity and excellence in storytelling." "After more than 50 years in business, it is an honor to return to the Croisette to open the Festival and embrace our shared global language of film." During his career, Douglas appeared at Cannes to promote films such as *The China Syndrome*, *Basic Instinct*, *Falling Down*, *Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps* and *Behind the Candelabra*.

## 7. According to the National Manufacturing Innovation Survey 2021-22, Karnataka is the most 'innovative' state



A survey on the degree of innovation among manufacturing firms found that Karnataka, overall, is the most "innovative" state, followed by Telangana and Tamil Nadu. The National Manufacturing Innovation Survey (NMIS) 2021-22, released earlier this month, also found that innovation in manufacturing is lowest among

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northeastern states (except Assam), followed by Bihar. There is a need to spur innovation in over 8,000 km of manufacturing across 28 states and 6 union territories (UTs), covering the manufacturing and related service sector and MSMEs. The focus on innovation in manufacturing will also lead to higher ranking of India in the Global Innovation Index. Last year, India ranked 40th out of 132 countries on the index. large, medium, **8. India's unemployment rate rose to 8.11% in April from 7.8% in March**



India's unemployment rate rose to a four-month high of 8.11% in April 2023, according to data from research firm Center for Monitoring India Economy. The nationwide unemployment rate rose from 7.8% in March, with urban unemployment rising from 8.51% to 9.81% in the same period. However, rural unemployment declined marginally to 7.34% in April from 7.47% a month ago. Despite a rise in unemployment, India increased its labor force participation by 25.5 million to 467.6 million in April, taking the overall participation rate to 41.98%. As per the Annual Periodic Labor Force Survey reports, there is a declining trend in the unemployment rate among graduate degree holders. The data on employment and unemployment is collected through PLFS, which is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation.

## QUIZ

**1. Which new facility has been introduced by Airtel Payments Bank in association with NPCI ?**

- (a) Fingerprint authentication for AEPS
- (b) Voice Authentication for AEPS
- (c) Face Authentication for AEPS
- (d) OTP Authentication for AEPS

**EXPLANATION** – Airtel Payments Bank has collaborated with NPCI to introduce face authentication for Aadhaar-enabled Payment System

(AePS) at its banking points. Till now, transactions were being authenticated using the customer's Aadhaar number and fingerprint or iris match in UIDAI records. The new feature will enable customers to validate transactions by performing facial authentication with Aadhaar number.

**2. Who launched the National SC-ST Hub Scheme?**

- (a) Ministry of Finance
- (b) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (c) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- (d) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

**EXPLANATION** – : The National SC-ST Hub Scheme was launched by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. It aims to create a conducive environment that promotes and supports SC/ST entrepreneurs in meeting the 4% procurement mandated by the Centre. Specified Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) in the Government's Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises.

**3. Which Australian player has recently left Sir Don Bradman behind in terms of Test centuries ?**

- (a) Travis Head
- (b) Steve Smith
- (c) Usman Khawaja
- (d) David Warner

**EXPLANATION** – : Steve Smith has left behind the great Australian batsman Sir Donald Bradman in terms of most Test centuries . \_ Along with this , he is jointly third with Matthew Hayden in the most Test centuries for Australia . have reached \_ Bradman has 29 centuries in international cricket . Now only Ricky Ponting and Steve Waugh are ahead of Steve Smith .

**4. Who has recently written a book titled ' A Resurgent Northeast : Narratives of Change ' ?**

- (a) Abhinav Kashyap
- (b) Ashish Kundra
- (c) Chetan Bhagat
- (d) Aunt Madhav

**EXPLANATION** -: For Ashish Kundra, first hand is everything. The present Transport Commissioner of Delhi had taken a ride in a Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) bus last March. "To see the Transport Commissioner of a state traveling by a state bus asking the commuters to consider for the first time the problems faced by them."

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5. Inflation relief camp has been started in which state recently ?

(a) Rajasthan

(b) Assam

(c) Uttar Pradesh

(d) Gujarat

EXPLANATION - : Meena while addressing said that inflation is skyrocketing in the whole country, Rajasthan government has started a campaign with local level inflation relief camps and administration villages in the entire state to get rid of this inflation. In which a large number of people are participating and getting themselves registered for the benefits of the ten schemes.

6. When was Airtel Payments Bank started ?

(a) 2015

(b) 2016

(c) 2017

(d) 2018

EXPLANATION - : Bharti Airtel has started the pilot project of Airtel Payments Bank in Rajasthan. The objective of this pilot is to test its systems before launching its banking service on a large scale across India. Airtel will become the first payments bank to be launched in the country.

7. What is the name of the new insurance scheme for toddy tappers launched by the Telangana government ?

(a) Gita Karmikula Bhim

(b) Rythu Bheem

(c) Telangana Karmikula Bhima

(d) Kisan Bima Yojana

EXPLANATION - : The Telangana government has announced a new insurance scheme for Toddy Tappers called 'Geetha Karmikula Bheema'. The scheme is similar to the 'Rythu Bheema' program for farmers and aims to provide financial assistance to families of toddy growers who die due to accidents while collecting toddy from palm trees in the fields.

8. According to Bain & Company's Future of India Retail Payments report, merchant payments over Unified Payments Interface (UPI) are expected to grow from to \$1 trillion by FY2026.

(a) 10 to 20 percent

(b) 20 to 30 percent

(c) 30 to 40 percent

(d) 40 to 50 percent

EXPLANATION - : According to a report by Bain & Company, merchant payments on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in India are expected to grow by 40 to 50 percent to reach \$1 trillion by FY2026.

## ONE LINER

According to the latest report by Reporters Without Borders , what is the rank of India in the World Press Freedom Index 2023 – 161st out of 180 countries

Which country has topped the World Press Freedom Index 2023 published by Reporters Without Borders – Norway

Who is the world 's highest - grossing player in the recent report released by Forbes - Cristiano Ronaldo

The President of India , Smt . Draupadi Murmu launched the ' Addiction Free Odisha ' campaign on May 4 , 2023 - at the Brahma Kumari Center in Mayurbhanj

Who has been elected as the new president of the World Bank - Ajay Banga

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research of India has signed an MoU for industrial research and development cooperation between the Directorate of Defense Research and Development of the Ministry of Defense of which country - Israel

Where will the third Khelo India University Games be held from May 23 to June 3 ? - Uttar Pradesh

Who is the director of ' The Kerala Story ' - Sudipto Sen \_ \_

Where is the two - day meeting of Foreign Ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organization organized on 4-5 June 2023 - Goa

The Food and Drug Administration of America has approved which vaccine made for adults - Respiratory syncytial viral - RSV