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#### 1. 35th edition of India - Thailand Coordinated Patrol ' Indo - Thai CORPAT ' held



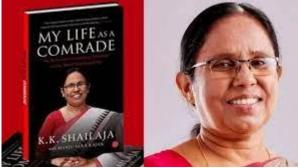
The Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy organized the 35th edition of the India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) by 2023. The aim of the exercise was to strengthen maritime ties between the two countries and ensure the security of the Indian Ocean. The Indo-Thai CORPAT is conducted bi-annually since 2005 along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) to enhance understanding and interoperability between the two navies. The aim of the exercise is to deter illegal activities such as illegal unregulated (IUU) fishing, drug trafficking, piracy and armed robbery. In line with the Government of India's vision of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region), the India-Thai CORPAT is an essential step towards enhancing regional maritime security. The exercise strengthens operational synergy between the two navies.

2. Punjab becomes first state to implement 'right to walk'



In Punjab, the state government has issued orders to give people the right to walk safely on the roads, which is the order issued by Punjab Chief Secretary VK Janjua for Right to Walk on behalf of the Supreme Court last year. That the right to walk should be kept in mind while expanding the existing roads and new roads to be constructed in the state, and construction of cycle tracks and footpaths should be made mandatory along with it. That the action plan for the construction of cycle tracks on the roads and the action plan for the construction of footpaths and along with this the budget provision should be prepared.

**3.** Former Kerala Health Minister KK Selja's autobiography 'My Life as a Comrade' released



CPM central committee member and former Kerala health minister KK Selja's autobiographical work 'My Life as a Comrade' is set to be published by Delhi-based publishing house Juggernaut Books. In her new book 'My Life as a Comrade', Selja writes about the period in her life that began in a small township in Malabar and eventually led her to a cabinet position in the state government. In this brilliant memoir, she tells her story - from her childhood as a shy, fearful girl, to her days as a school teacher where she learned the art of managing difficult students, to her tenure as health minister where she Faced two terrible epidemics. The Malayalam translation of this work will be done by author S Sithara. that the autobiography was written after a request made by publishers while he served as Minister of Health

4. CM Yogi Adityanath honored with 'Bharat Ratna Dr. Ambedkar Award'



Former President of India Ramnath Kovind has honored the Chief Minister of the state Yogi Adityanath with the Bharat Ratna Dr. Ambedkar Award at Shri Shanmukhananda Auditorium in Mumbai. UP Legislative

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Council member Dr. Lalji Prasad Nirmal received this award of Yogi Adityanath from Lucknow.Bharat Ratna Dr. Ambedkar Award is an annual award. Dr. Ambedkar National Award is given in the memory of Bhimrao Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution and a human rights activist. The award is administered by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation to individuals or organizations for their outstanding work. The award symbolizes Babasaheb Dr BR Ambedkar's vision for social understanding and national integration. The award carries Rs 1 million (10 lakh) and a citation along with an insignia.

5. Telangana government launched 'State Robotics Framework' for the first time in the country



IT Minister KT Rama Rao launched the Telangana State Robotics Framework (TSRF). Speaking at the launch, KTR said, "Telangana has been at the forefront of adopting the latest technology, emerging as a leading state for technological innovation to improve the lives of citizens. The state government aims to create a world-class robotics ecosystem. The state government is working on the objective of making Telangana a global hub for robotics design, testing and manufacturing in the future. KTR further cited the World Robotics Report to say that there has been a 3x increase in the demand for robotics globally. That in the coming years, India should come in the top five countries using technology.

6. Under Swachh Bharat Mission Rural Phase II, 50% villages of India become ODF plus



In another notable achievement under the Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin (SBM-G) initiative, 50% of the total villages in India have achieved the ODF Plus status under the second phase of the mission. An ODF Plus village is a village that has successfully maintained its Open Defecation Free (ODF) status in addition to implementing solid or liquid waste management systems. So far, more than 2.96 lakh villages have declared themselves as ODF Plus, which can be seen as a very positive development towards realizing the SBM-G Phase II targets by 2024-25. that India has moved from total sanitation, i.e. construction and use of toilets, from ODF to ODF+. States with the highest percentage of ODF+ villages are Telangana with 100%, Karnataka with 99.5%, Tamil Nadu with 97.8% and States with 95.2%, while the top performing small states were Goa with 95.3% and 69.

**7.** Annual 'Monlam Chenmo' festival started in Ladakh for world peace and prosperity



Ladakh Smonlam Chenmo, a five-day special annual prayer festival of Buddhist monks and nuns for world peace and prosperity, begins in Leh-Ladakh from today. This program is being organized by All Ladakh Gonpa Association. Smonlam Chenmo is a major annual prayer festival of the Sangh community of Ladakh. Renowned religious scholars from India and abroad will gather in this festival. Eminent poets and poets will give the message of peace, harmony, love and brotherhood through their poems and ghazals, along with body building championship will also be organized for the youth. School children will give the message of peace to the world with placards in their hands. There will be a gathering of religious scholars (Sanatan, Islam, Buddhist, Sikh, Jain and Christian). In this, poets and poets like Manjar Bhopali, Johar Kanpuri, Lata Haya, Hamid Bhusavali, Sunil Kumar Tang will recite their poems on love, peace and harmony.

### 8. Varanasi's LBSI airport gets India's first reading lounge



Lal Bahadur Shastri International (LBSI) Airport has become the first airport in India to have a reading lounge. The lounge's library has a collection of literature and books in several international languages apart from books on Kashi by young authors published under Pradhan Mantri Yuva Yojana. Varanasi airport has become the first airport in the country to have a free reading lounge. The lounge has been set up with the support of the National Book Trust (NBT) The reading lounge at the airport is a reflection of Kashi, for traditionalists and contemporary travelers alike, and for those who seek more knowledge about the mystical heritage of this ancient city. In addition, India's culture, history, traditional knowledge systems, health and happiness, literature in Hindi, French, Spanish, English and other Indian languages,

#### QUIZ

1. When is National Technology Day celebrated annually?

#### (a) May 09

- (b) 10th May
- (c) 11th May

#### (d) May 12

EXPLANATION - : National Technology Day is celebrated every year on 11th May in India. This day is celebrated to give importance to the important discoveries made by Indian scientists, engineers and technologists and their contribution towards nation building. National Technology Day is a symbol of India's important achievements in the field of technology. It was on May 11, 1998 that India conducted its first nuclear test at Pokhran-II, codenamed Operation Shakti.

2. Legendary footballer Antonio Carbajal passed away , he was a player of \_\_\_\_ (a) Brazil

#### (b) France

#### (c) Mexico

#### (d) England

EXPLANATION - : Mexico's great footballer Antonio Carbajal passed away at the age of 93. He was the first Mexican player to participate in five World Cups. He was a key player in the Mexico team that reached the quarter-finals of the 1958 World Cup. He was also the President of the Mexican Football Federation from 1988-1994. He was inducted into the Mexican Football Hall of Fame in the year 1998.

3. Who has been appointed as the interim MD & CEO of National Investment and Infrastructure Fund ( NIIF ) ?

- (a) Rajiv Dhar
- (b) Rajiv Agarwal
- (c) Ashneer Grover

#### (d) Ajay Sinha

EXPLANATION-: Rajeev Dhar has been appointed as the interim MD and CEO of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF). He has been appointed in place of Sujoy Bose. Dhar, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund since 2017 Worked as Operations Officer. \_\_\_\_\_ The government had set up the Rs 40,000 crore NIIF in December 2016. \_ NIIF was established in the year 2015. \_\_\_

4. Ministry of AYUSH has tied up with whom to promote integrated health research ? \_ \_ \_

- (a) ICMR
- (b) AIIMS
- (c) UGC
- (d) Ministry of Health

EXPLANATION - : The Ministry of AYUSH and ICMR have signed an MoU to promote and collaborate on integrated health research. This MoU will also strengthen research capacity through training of AYUSH researchers. Under this MoU, AYUSH-ICMR centers will be established jointly for advanced research.

### 5. Which Indian player has won bronze medal in ISSF World Cup 2023?

- (a) Manu Bhaker
- (b) East Chandela
- (c) Priyanka Singh
- (d) Rhythm Sangwan

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EXPLANATION -: India's shooter Rhythm Sangwan has won the bronze medal in the women's 10m air pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2023. The ISSF World Cup 2023 is being organized in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. Rhythm won the bronze medal by scoring 219.1 in the final. This is Rhythm Sangwan's first World Cup medal.

### 6. Who has launched the book ' The Indian Metropolis : Deconstructing India 's Urban Spaces ' ?

(a) Pradeep Gurha

(b) Dipankar Arun

- (c) Anurag Behar
- (d) Firoz Varun Gandhi

EXPLANATION -: The Indian Metropolis : Deconstructing India 's Urban Spaces is a book by Feroze Varun Gandhi , published in 2023 . The book examines the challenges facing India 's urban spaces , including poverty , inequality , crime and environmental degradation . Are. Gandhi argues that India 's cities need to transform to be more inclusive and sustainable .

7. Which country is the first in the United Nations' list of 'Global Maternal Deaths, Stillbirths and Neonatal Deaths'?

(a) Nigeria

(b) Pakistan

(c) Bangladesh

#### (d) India

EXPLANATION -: A new report by the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children 's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has highlighted the challenges faced in reducing maternal deaths, stillbirths and neonatal deaths globally. Have inserted The report shows that, in 2020-2021, there were a combined 4.5 million such deaths, with India leading the list of 10 countries, accounting for 60% of the total deaths.

#### 8. International Nurses Day is celebrated on ?

- (a) May 09
- (b) 10th May
- (c) 11th May
- (d) May 12

EXPLANATION - : Every year on 12 May , International Nurses Day is celebrated across the world . This day is celebrated worldwide by the International Council of

Nurses, while in India, the celebration of this day was started by the Department of Family and Welfare in the year 1973. Was. On this day, to show respect for the commendable service of nurses, they are given awards. \_ The Florence Nightingale Award, given by the President, carries a cash prize of Rs 50,000, a citation and a medal.

#### ONE LINER

Which country 's Supreme Court has decriminalized homosexuality - Sri Lanka

Who has topped the list of 10 countries with 60 % global maternal mortality – India

Which country has hosted the Petersburg Climate Dialogue – Germany

Which state has launched " Robotics Framework " – Telangana

India has provided 1 billion- dollar credit line to which country – Sri Lanka

Who has been appointed as the chairman of the technical officials committee by Badminton Asia - Umar Rashid

Recently RBI has imposed a fine of Rs 1.73 crore on which bank – HSBC Bank

When is "International Argania " Day celebrated – May 10

Where has the third G - 20 Development Working Group meeting started recently – Goa

Recently , a dedicated infrastructure development corporation has been established in which state - Maharashtra