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## 1. Anwarul Haq Kakar sworn in as Caretaker Prime Minister of Pakistan



Anwarul Haq Kakar, a prominent ethnic Pushtun leader with close ties to the influential military, has been sworn in as the country's caretaker prime minister. With this appointment, Kakar has been entrusted with the responsibility of leading an impartial administration, overseeing the upcoming general elections and addressing the economic hurdles facing the country. Kar is reputed to be the youngest interim prime minister in the history of Pakistan. President Arif Alvi administered the oath to Anwarul Haque Kakar in a simple ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Outgoing Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and several prominent leaders participated in the event. This moment promoted Kakar to the role of the 8th Interim Prime Minister of Pakistan. Kakar formally resigned from the Senate and the Balochistan Awami Party (BAP), thereby strengthening his commitment to the neutrality demanded by his current position. The Senate Chairman accepted Kakar's resignation in accordance with the provisions mentioned in Clause (1) of Article 64 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

## 2. Monitoring of high altitude areas will increase, Swati Mountain radar included in Indian Army



To strengthen the country's battlefield surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities, the Indian Army has

inducted a lighter and more compact version of the indigenously developed Weapon Locating Radar (WLR-M), called 'Swati Mountain'. The radar system was flagged off by Lt Gen JB Choudhary, Deputy Chief of Army Staff (DCOAS) at a function in Agra, Uttar Pradesh. To enhance surveillance in the high altitude areas of the country, the Indian Army has inducted the Swati Mountain Radar in its mountain surveillance fleet. This radar is capable of detecting and tracking small projectiles in the battlefield taking into account the environmental conditions. Deputy Chief of Army Staff (CD&S) Lt Gen JB Choudhary flagged off the radar system, which will strengthen the battlefield surveillance capabilities of the army. To strengthen the country's battlefield surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities, the Indian Army has inducted a lighter and more compact version of the indigenously developed Weapon Locating Radar (WLR-M), called 'Swati Mountain'. The radar system was flagged off by Lt Gen JB Choudhary, Deputy Chief of Army Staff (DCOAS) at a function in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

## 3. Chief Minister Sawant released Biodiversity Atlas of Goa's Mayem village



Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant released the biodiversity 'atlas' of North Goa's Mayem village, which he termed as the first atlas of a village in India. The Biodiversity Atlas of Mayem Village, which garners accolades as the first village atlas of India, traces the fascinating journey of Mayem village through the medium of time. Delving deep into history, this atlas unravels the socio-cultural web painstakingly woven over the centuries. From the village's humble origins to its transformational milestone, this atlas captures the essence of Mayam's evolution. Pramod Sawant's call to preserve biodiversity Chief Minister Pramod Sawant made an emotional appeal to the younger generation,

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explaining to them the growing need to come forward in conserving biodiversity, And reviewed the support of the state government. Sawant emphasized that the care of biodiversity lies primarily with the local community. He emphasized the imperative of preventing its degradation, highlighting the obligation to conserve our rich biodiversity for the well-being of future generations.

#### 4. CSIR-NBRI launches Lotus flower with 108 petals



CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute has launched 'Namoh 108', an improved variety of national flower lotus with 108 petals, at an event in Lucknow. A day before Independence Day, CSIR Director General N. Kalaiselvi launched the flower to dedicate it to the nation as part of NBRI's week-long festival 'One Week One Lab Programme'. The Director also inaugurated a wellness center for CSIR-NBRI employees and planted a sapling. "It is a happy coincidence that 'NAMOH 108' has been dedicated to the nation a day before Independence Day." They said, "Scientists from NBRI were brought from Manipur to do research on this lotus. It is the first Lotus variety to have its genome completely sequenced. This plant will never become extinct or endangered like many of our plants." The institute also released a new variety of aloe vera called NBRI Nihar along with six other products, which are the result of research and development wing of the institute.

#### 5. SEBI reduces the time taken for IPO listing to three days



The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) took an important step on 09 August 2023 for the benefit of investors and IPO issuers. After the closure of the IPO, the regulator has reduced the deadline for listing of shares in the stock markets to half, ie three days. Presently this time limit is six days. The Securities and Exchange Board of India said in a circular that the new listing deadline will be voluntary for all public issues coming on or after September 1, while it will be mandatory for those coming after December 1. The listing and reduction in trading time will benefit issuers as well as investors. The amount of capital raised by the issuing company through this move She will be able to get him soon. This will make it easier to do business and investors will also get an opportunity to get their investment money and cash faster. According to SEBI, it has been decided to reduce the time taken for listing of shares from 6 working days (T+6 days) to three working days (T+3 days) after the closure of the public issue. Here 't' is the last date of issue closure.

#### 6. Government again increased windfall tax on crude oil and diesel

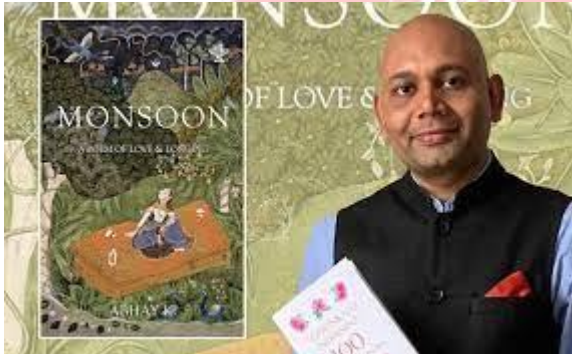


The central government has made a huge increase in windfall tax on the export of crude oil produced in the country. The government has increased the windfall tax on crude oil to Rs 7,100 per tonne. Along with this, it has been increased to Rs 5.50 per liter on the export of

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diesel. The new rates have come into effect from Tuesday. According to a notification issued by the government, the windfall tax on domestically produced crude oil has been increased from Rs 4,250 per tonne to Rs 7,100 per tonne. Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) on export of diesel has been increased from Re 1 per liter to Rs 5.50 per litre. At the same time, a duty of Rs 2 per liter has come into force on the export of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF), but the SAED on petrol will remain zero for now. SAED is also known as Windfall Tax. The government had decided to impose a windfall tax on the production and export of crude oil in the country from July 1, 2022. Which is levied on extraordinary profits of energy companies. It is reviewed every fortnight on the basis of average crude oil prices. In August, the price of crude oil in the international market is at an average of US \$ 86.8 per barrel.

## 7. Poet-diplomat Abhay K releases latest book 'Monsoon'



Poet-diplomat Abhay launched his new book 'Monsoon' at Kathika Cultural Center in Old Delhi. Singer Ananya Gaur and her team mesmerized the audience with a rendition of monsoon ragas on the occasion. Award-winning poet and author Abhay K's new book-length poem titled 'Monsoon' carries the poet's heartfelt message from Madagascar to his beloved in Srinagar, the Himalayas. "This poem really takes you on the real trail of monsoon and introduces you to different things; Monuments, biodiversity, food, languages, etc. It is an ambitious poem," said Abhay K. The book is a poetic symphony that transcends cultural boundaries and captures the beautiful emotions generated by the monsoon. The book creates a poetic tapestry of love, contemplation and nostalgia. The name of his upcoming book is 'Celestial' (Mappin India), which is a poem in 100

rhymed couplets that takes a journey through all 88-star constellations visible from Earth and is illustrated with 10th-century paintings of star constellations. Persian astronomer al-Rahman al-Sufi.

## 8. ADB approves \$40.4 million loan for child development, maternal health



Asian Development Bank

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$40.4 million loan to integrate early childhood development (ECD) and maternal mental health in Meghalaya. This is part of ADB's effort to help Meghalaya set up nutrition gardens in Anganwadi Centers (AWCs) for improved dietary diversity and nutritional security. This loan will help Meghalaya ensure that children as young as 6 receive nutritional care for their growth and development. The state government will contribute \$15.27 million to the project. The project will strengthen home-based child care (0-1.5 years old children) and centre-based child care (1.5-6 years old) through daycare (anganwadi) centers in Meghalaya. The project aims to improve access to foster care, including a component of maternal mental health care and group-based parenting programs to include fathers in care. ADB's assistance will also improve nutrient adequacy by including eggs in the diet of pregnant and lactating women and children aged 0.5-6 years.

## QUIZ

1. When has 'Parsi New Year or Navroz' been celebrated recently?

A- 14 August

B- 15 August

C- 16 August

D- 13 August

On 16 August 2023, people of the Parsi community around the world celebrated their new year with great enthusiasm. The new year of the Parsi community is

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called Navroz. This festival is celebrated twice a year, one on 16 August and the other on 21 March. Actually, Navroz is a Persian word, which is made up of Nav and Rose. Navroz means new and roz means day. That's why Navroz is celebrated like a festival as a symbol of a new day. In Iran, Navroz is called - Aide Navroz. Parsi New Year is a matter of faith for the Parsi community. This festival is very special for Parsis.

## 2. Where will the Youth 20 summit be held recently?

- A- Mumbai
- B- Varanasi
- C- New Delhi
- D- none

Shri Pankaj Kumar Singh, Director (Department of Youth Affairs) informed the media persons that under the framework of India's G-20 Chairmanship, the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is organizing a Youth Festival in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh from 17th to 20th August, 2023. 20 Summit-2023 is being organized. He informed that the Y-20 summit will bring together key experts, decision makers, national and international representatives/representatives of G-20 countries, knowledge partners (IIM Raipur), academic partners (Universities/Institutes). The Y-20 Summit in Varanasi will bring together all stakeholders from the G-20 countries to interact, finalize and sign the Y-20 Official Statement, which builds on the findings of the discussions held during the last few months. is based.

## 3. Recently the Chief Minister of which state has started a campaign to plant 5 crore saplings?

- A- Chhattisgarh
- B- Uttar Pradesh
- C- Himachal Pradesh
- D- Goa

According to the information given by the Chief Minister's Office, the target of planting 35 crore saplings in UP this year in the monsoon season has been accomplished. The government claims that this work was completed in just two days. Earlier on July 22, more than 30 crore saplings were planted in the entire state. After this, the state's CM Yogi Adityanath started the Plantation Drive to plant 5 crore saplings on Tuesday in the second phase of the Tree Plantation Mass Campaign 2023. Describing it as a big

achievement, the government claimed that under this campaign, more than 36 crore saplings have been planted across UP so far.

## 4. Which state has topped the Fiscal Health report in the country?

- A- Maharashtra
- B- Uttar Pradesh
- C- Punjab
- D- Himachal Pradesh

Fiscal Position tells the financial health of any country or state. Maharashtra has the best fiscal health in the country. After this comes the name of Chhattisgarh, one of the poorest states of India. While Bengal, Punjab and Kerala are at the bottom in this matter. This information was given in a foreign brokerage report.

## 5. The first state in the country where free IVF will be available in government hospitals?

- A- Chhattisgarh
- B- Uttar Pradesh
- C- Himachal Pradesh
- D- Goa

Goa has become the first state in the country to have free IVF treatment. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant launched the Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) and IUI facility at Goa Medical College. 100 parents have already registered their names to avail this facility in the super-specialty block of Goa Medical College.

## 6. Recently who has been appointed as the Managing Director of LIC by the Centre?

- A- Atul Karwal
- B- R Duraiswamy
- C- KN Radhavan
- D- none

Government of India R. Duraiswamy as the Managing Director of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). He is working in the central office of Mumbai. The national insurance company said in a notice sent to the stock exchanges that he has been appointed as the Managing Director of LIC in place of Mini IPE with effect from the date of assumption of charge on or after September 1, 2023 till August 31, 2026 or until further orders, which Be first too. The Financial

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Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB), which is the nodal body for directors of state-owned banks and financial institutions, had recommended Mr Duraiswamy's nomination as MD in June. The FSIB is headed by Bhanu Pratap Sharma, former secretary of the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).

## 7. Who has recently left PSG to sign for Al Hilal?

A- Sergio Rico

B- Neymar

C- Noon Mendesh

D- none

Brazilian forward Neymar Jr has decided to move from Saudi Arabia's Al-Hilal club to Paris Saint-Germain (PSG), joining Cristiano Ronaldo and Karim Benzema. The 31-year-old Neymar scored 118 goals in 173 appearances for PSG despite suffering six injuries. They won five Ligue 1 titles and three French Cups, but PSG were beaten by Bayern Munich in the 2020 Champions League final. Neymar signed Kylian Mbappé a few weeks before he decided to join Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) from Barcelona in 2017 for a world record fee of 222 million euros (\$242 million) Was. The Brazilian scored 118 goals in 173 appearances for PSG, winning five Ligue 1 titles and three French Cups, but his time at PSG was overshadowed by a series of injuries.

## 8. CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (CSIR-NBRI) has launched an unusual variety of the national flower Lotus ?

A- 'Namoh 108'

B- 'Namoh 106'

C- 'Namoh 105'

D- 'Namoh 101'

In a significant celebration, the CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (CSIR-NBRI) launched an extraordinary variety of the National Flower Lotus, named 'Namoh 108'. The unveiling took place during NBRI's week-long festival 'One Week One Lab Programme' in Lucknow, where CSIR Director General N Kalaiselvi led the function.

### ONE LINER

Who has been sworn in as the caretaker Prime Minister of Pakistan - **Anwarul Haq Kakar**

Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) - **R. doraiswamy**

Who has announced the title of ICC Player of the Month July 2023 - **Ashley Gardner and Chris Woakes**  
'Meri Mati Mera Desh Abhiyan' has been launched since when - **09 to 15 August, 2023**

Which Indian-origin American has recently been honored with the George Ledley Award of Harvard University - **Raj Chetty**

Recently, how many Jan Aushadhi Kendras will be opened by the government to provide medicines at affordable prices - **25000**

Who has chosen McKinsey, Accenture Solutions to improve regulatory oversight using AI - **RBI**

Who has recently formed a panel to suggest ways to ensure gender equality- **DGCA**

The 'Graphene-Aurora Program' has been launched by the Secretary of which Ministry, Mr. Alkesh Kumar Sharma - **by the Secretary of the Ministry Of Electronics And Information Technology (MeitY)**

Which scheme has been announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for artisans - **Vishwakarma Yojana**

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