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1. Elavenil Valarivan won gold medal in Rio Shooting World Cup



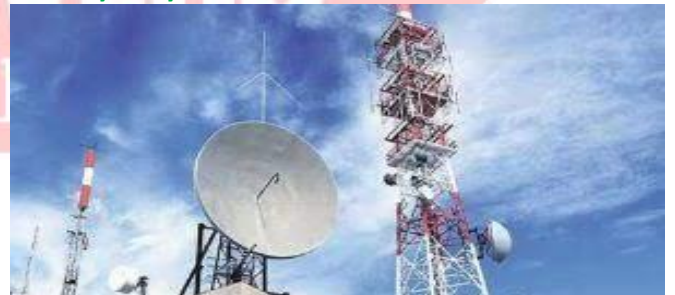
Olympian Elavenil Valarivan won her second gold medal in the women's 10m air rifle event at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol competition in Rio de Janeiro. Elavenil played to perfection in the strong eight-woman final field, never scoring below 10.1 in the entire 24 shots. She finished with a score of 252.2, ahead of France's 20-year-old sensation Ossien Muller, who won the silver medal with 251.9. China's Zhang Jiale got the bronze medal. Elavenil had qualified for the finals in eighth and last place with a score of 630.5. Muller topped with 633.7. Two Chinese shooters Zhang Jiale and Zhang Yu (Olympians) and reigning European champion Jeanette Hague Duestad of Norway were also among the finalists. In the men's 10m air rifle event, India's lone contender Sandeep Singh shot 628.2 in qualification and finished 14th. Elavenil, along with Sandeep, had finished fifth in the 10m air rifle mixed team event with a combined score of 629.1. The fourth and final medal round spot went to Israel, which was 0.5 points ahead of the Indian pair in the 42-team field. Elavenil shot 314.8 while Sandeep shot 314.3, helping the Indians miss out on a bronze medal. Israel ultimately won the bronze medal, while Germany won the gold medal and the silver went to Hungary. A 16-member Indian team was participating in seven Olympic events in the Rio World Cup. Italy top the medal tally with two golds while India is joint third with Armenia.

2. SBI launches cutting-edge digital platform for NRIs, NREs and NROs



State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a new digital service. It allows non-resident Indians (NRIs) to easily open Non-Resident External (NRE) and Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) accounts using SBI's YONO banking app. India's largest bank has introduced a digital option for both savings and current accounts. This service is for NTB or 'New to the Bank' users. The account opening process has been made easier and more efficient. NRI customers were demanding this for a long time. They want an easier process to open and operate accounts in India. The Bank has used technology to establish a streamlined, digitized account opening process that is absolutely simple. It can serve as a one-stop shop for NRI banking needs. Also through this NRI customers can track the status of their accounts in real time, keeping them updated at all times. Speaking on the launch of the app, Nitin Chugh, DMD and Head (Digital Banking and Transformation) of the bank, said that SBI has always been at the forefront of innovation and customer-centric solutions. This latest offering is no exception. With the launch of this digital service, NRIs can open their NRE/NRO accounts from the comfort of their homes. There will be no need for them to travel to India just for this work.

3. Dhananjay Joshi appointed chairman of telecom industry body DIPA



Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA) has appointed Dhananjay Joshi, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Summit Digital, as Chairman. Joshi will replace Bharti Enterprises Chairman Akhil Gupta on this post. Gupta has been the chairman of this body associated with the telecom industry since 2011. Joshi and Girotra will assume their respective positions on October 1, 2023. DIPA's mission is to promote the growth and development of the digital infrastructure industry in India. It works with government, regulators and other stakeholders to advocate for policies that support the growth of the industry. DIPA also provides a platform for its members

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to network, collaborate and share best practices. DIPA has played a vital role in the development of India's digital infrastructure. It has worked with the government to develop and implement policies that have facilitated the deployment of mobile towers, fiber optic cables and other digital infrastructure across the country. DIPA has also played an important role in raising awareness about the importance of digital infrastructure for India's economic and social development. DIPA is a valuable resource for the Government of India, regulators and the digital infrastructure industry. It provides a platform for dialogue and collaboration, and it helps shape the policies that are shaping the future of digital infrastructure in India.

4. SIDBI to raise Rs 10,000 crore from rights issue in the next financial year



Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is planning to raise Rs 10,000 crore from a rights issue in the next financial year to expand its equity capital. A top official of SIDBI gave this information. The central government holds 20.8 percent stake in SIDBI, while State Bank of India (SBI) holds 15.65 percent and Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) holds 13.33 percent. The remaining stake is held by other public financial institutions and banks. SIDBI's growth outlook is primarily driven by the growing demand for direct financing, a segment that has grown significantly over the last two years, now accounting for 14% of its loan portfolio, up from only 7% earlier. SIDBI Chairman and Managing Director (MD) Sivasubramaniam Raman said the proposed rights issue will come in two tranches of Rs 5,000 crore each in the next financial year. It aims to expand the capital base by Rs 10,000 crore and support the growing balance sheet, which is expected to grow by one-fourth of the current level. SIDBI Chairman and Managing Director, Sivasubramaniam Raman has

revealed that the rights issue will be executed in two tranches of Rs 5,000 crore each during the next financial year. This strategy will increase the capital base of the institution to a total of Rs 10,000 crore, providing significant support to its growing balance sheet, which is projected to expand to a quarter of its current size. While SIDBI's capital adequacy ratio (CAR) saw a decline from 24.28% in FY2012 to 19.29% in FY2013 and 15.63% in the June 2023 quarter, the decline was attributed to lack of capital in expanding the bank's portfolio. Attributed to efficient use.

5. Fashion designer Rahul Mishra honored with France's Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres award



Famous Indian fashion designer Rahul Mishra was awarded the prestigious "Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres" (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) by the Government of France. This prestigious award was given to Rahul Mishra for his outstanding achievements in the field of art and design, especially his dedication to promoting Indian craftsmanship and expertise globally. Additionally, the award serves as a tribute to his significant contribution in promoting cultural relations and cooperation between France and India. The presentation of the award took place on September 12, 2023 at the French residence in New Delhi with Emmanuel Lenain, Ambassador of France to India, conducting the ceremony. The Order of Arts and Letters is an honor established by the French Minister of Culture in 1957. It was recognized as part of the National Order of Merit by President Charles de Gaulle in 1963. This prestigious award presented by the French Government is the highest recognition in the field of arts and culture. It is awarded to individuals who have made significant contributions to music, art, literature and the cultural and artistic relations between France and India.

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6. Cricketer Deepak Chahar launches new brand 'DNINE Sports'



Indian cricket team's star all-rounder Deepak Chahar has made a new beginning. After leaving the cricket field, Chahar is ready to hit fours and sixes in the field of business. Deepak has started the modern brand Denine Sports keeping in mind the budding cricketers. Denine Sports mainly manufactures shoes used for bowling and batting in cricket. The products under this brand are designed for the different needs of players including professional cricketers. The founder of the brand, Deepak Chahar is the first international player to design his own cricket shoes. They spent over 18 months in research and development to create the perfect cricket shoe. These cricket spikes and rubber studs are set to give a new dimension to performance and safety in the game. Denine sports shoes are not only technologically superior, but have also been tested by international physiotherapists, trainers and athletes. One of the brand's flagship products, Denine vOlive Whey Protein is set to take the supplement industry by storm. One dose contains 24 grams of whey protein. Apart from this, it contains 4.5 grams of BCAA, 8.6 grams of EAA, prebiotics and digestive enzymes. It is very useful for players who want to make their muscles toned and full.

7. ACKO unveils 'Platinum Health Plan'



ACKO, a leading insurance company, has introduced a new health insurance product known as "ACKO Platinum Health Plan". To promote this new health insurance scheme, ACKO has brought back the popular characters Munna Bhai and Circuit played by Sanjay Dutt and Arshad Warsi from the iconic Bollywood film series. The title of the ad campaign is "Swasthya Bima ki Subah Ho Gayi Mamu." The campaign is directed by renowned filmmaker Rajkumar Hirani, who is known for his storytelling abilities. Ashish Mishra, EVP-Marketing at ACKO, noted that the characters of Munna and Circuit align with the company's mission to challenge traditional health insurance norms and simplify the process for customers. The campaign aims to educate the audience about the key aspects of ACKO Platinum Health Plan, including zero waiting period, 100% bill payments, importance of full disclosure for stress-free claims and ease of filing claims.

"ACKO Platinum Health Plan" offers several notable features including:

100% Bill Payment: It guarantees payment of the entire medical bill, reducing the financial burden during the health crisis

No limit on room rent: There is no restriction on room rent, giving greater flexibility to policyholders.

Zero waiting period: Policyholders get instant coverage without any waiting period.

8. 14th edition of World Spice Congress begins in Navi Mumbai



The 14th edition of the World Spice Congress (WSC) began in Vashi, Navi Mumbai. This three-day event is being carefully organized by Spices Board India, a subsidiary of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in collaboration with several trade bodies and export forums. India, often called the 'Spice Bowl' of the world,

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is known for the production of high quality, rare and medicinal spices. The World Spice Congress (WSC) aims to create new opportunities for international trade of Indian spices. The event is not limited to traders; It also welcomes policy regulators. Special business sessions have been dedicated to promoting spice trade among G20 countries. Participants include policy makers, regulatory authorities, spice trade associations, government officials and technical experts from leading G20 countries. Maharashtra was chosen as the venue for the WSC because of its important spice production. The state is a leading producer of turmeric and boasts of two GI-tagged turmeric varieties and one GI-tagged chilli variety. Additionally, the coastal regions of Maharashtra are known for the production of GI-tagged kokum. The state serves as one of India's largest export centers for spices. Climatic conditions in India ranging from tropical to temperate, with variations in rainfall, humidity and altitude, play an important role in shaping the spice industry. These diverse conditions allow the cultivation of a wide variety of spices, contributing to India's position as a global leader in spice production and trade. Different spices require specific temperatures for growth and development. Different temperatures in different regions of India provide suitable conditions for a range of spices. For example, spices like black pepper and cardamom thrive in hot, tropical climates, while cumin and coriander prefer temperate conditions.

QUIZ

1. Who has recently become the first woman army surgeon to become a para commando?

- A- Payal Chhabra
- B- Prerna Singh
- C- Shivangi Singh
- D- all

Haryana's daughter Payal Chhabra has created a new history on the national and international stage. Payal Chhabra, a resident of Kalayat in Kaithal district, has passed the trained para examination while being a doctor in the Armed Forces Medical Services. Now he has the honor of becoming a Para Commando. Payal Chhabra has become an example for the youth. It was not easy for Payal Chhabra to achieve this position while working as a doctor in Ladakh Army Hospital. He has worked hard for this. On January 13, 2021, Payal Chhabra got her first appointment as Captain in Army

Hospital, Ambala Cantt. Payal received attractive packages from many private specialist hospitals in the country and abroad but her determination to serve the nation remained important for her.

2. Which player won the gold medal in the women's 10 meter air rifle event in the ISSF World Cup?

- A- Manu Bhakar
- B- Apurvi Chandel
- C- Elavenil Valarivan
- D- Neha Sinha

India's Elavenil Valarivan continued her best performance at the ongoing ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) World Cup in Rio de Janeiro and won her second gold medal by winning the women's 10m air rifle event at the Olympic Shooting Center Range. Valarivan was in great form in the women's eight final and consistently scored 10.1 or above in all 24 of her shots. She won the gold medal with her final score of 252.2 and got the better of French shooter Ocean Muller, who finished second and won the silver medal with a score of 251.9. The bronze medal of this event went to China's Zhang Jiale.

3. Where will the Indo-Pacific Armies Chiefs Conference be held?

- A- New Delhi
- B- Kuala Lumpur
- C- Dhaka
- D- Colombo

The 13th Indo-Pacific Armies Chiefs Conference (IPACC) will be held in New Delhi from 26th to 27th of this month. 30 army chiefs from the Indo-Pacific region will participate in this two-day conference and will discuss security cooperation and collective strategies in the Indo-Pacific region. US Army Chief of Staff, General James C McConville and Indian Army Chief of Staff, General Manoj Pandey will co-host the conference. The theme of this year's conference is "Together for Peace: Sustaining Peace and Stability in the Indo-Pacific Region". Participation in IPAMS has grown from nine countries at the first conference held in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1977 to 31 countries in Seoul, Korea in 2017.

4. Which state government will recently implement 'NaMo 11 Point Programme' ?

- A- Odisha
- B- Maharashtra
- C- Karnataka
- D- Chhattisgarh

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NaMo 11-point program has been launched in Maharashtra on the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 73rd birthday. This program includes the Women Empowerment Mission whose aim is to provide benefits of government schemes to 73 lakh women. 73,000 workers were given safety kits in honor of the hands of workers who contributed to the building of India. The Prime Minister is making the country famous all over the world and is working to take our country forward. NaMo 11-point program is being started in his name which will include many schemes. This will benefit various sections including farmers, workers, tribals, students, women. 73 works will be carried out in these 11 different programmes.

5. Which Union Minister launched the Kisan Loan Portal with Weather Information Network Data System Manual?

A- Rajnath Singh

B- Amit Shah

C- Anurag Thakur

D- Nirmala Sitharaman

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the Farmer Loan Portal with Weather Information Network Data System (WINDS) manual in Delhi. This portal will serve as an integrated center for loan disbursement specifications, interest rebate claims. The Finance Minister also unveiled the door-to-door KCC campaign to achieve saturation of the scheme. This campaign is being launched on October 1, 2023. According to government data, the government has distributed agricultural loans worth Rs 6,573.50 crore at concessional interest rates during April-August in the current financial year. Door-to-door campaign to increase the benefits of KCC, central scheme 'PM-Kisan' will reach non-KCC holders, under which Rs 6,000 is given annually in the bank account of each identified beneficiary farmer.

6. Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of Digital Infrastructure Providers Association?

A- Rajeev Malhotra

B- Ajay Sinha

C- Dhananjay Joshi

D- Vinay Saxena

Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA) has appointed Dhananjay Joshi, MD and CEO of Summit Digital, as its president. Dhananjay Joshi has replaced Akhil Gupta as Chairman of Bharti Enterprises. Akhil

Gupta served as the president of the industry body since 2011. DIPA is a non-profit industry body representing the digital infrastructure industry in India, established in 2010. It works with government, regulators and other stakeholders to advocate for policies that support the growth of the industry. DIPA also provides a platform for its members to network, collaborate and share best practices. DIPA has played a vital role in the development of India's digital infrastructure.

7. Recently, where was the Mahakumbh of Divyangjan organized for the first time?

A- Varanasi

B- Bhopal

C- Jaipur

D- none

A Hindi seminar was organized in the ongoing ten-day divine art fair at Town Hall Park, Varanasi. In this seminar, Dr. Umesh Kumar Singh, Associate Professor of Hindi at International Hindi University, Wardha, presented his lecture. Highlighting the situation of mutual coordination between the official language Hindi and Indian languages, Dr. Singh said that today more than 700 Indian words have been included in the Oxford Dictionary. Today we have 25 lakh Indian words, out of which 8 lakh Hindi words are available on the Internet. This is the energy and potential of Hindi, Sanskrit and Indian languages. He told that on the orders of the King of Baroda, an administrative dictionary titled 'Sayaji Shashan Kalpataru ' was prepared.

8. Which company has launched Team India's jersey for the upcoming ICC World Cup 2023?

A- Adidas

B- Nike

C- Star Support

D- Puma

Adidas has launched Team India's jersey for the upcoming ICC World Cup 2023. It is noteworthy that this time ODI World Cup 2023 is being organized in India. This is the first time that India is going to play the ODI World Cup alone. This tournament will be held in India between October 5 and November 19. The jersey made by Adidas for Team India is very attractive. Some changes have been made in it from the current jersey of the Indian team. In place of the

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three white shoulder stripes in the new jersey, the company has kept the three colors of the Indian flag (saffron, white and green). On the left side of the chest of the jersey, there is the BCCI logo and two stars along with it. These two stars represent the Indian team's two ODI World Cup victories in 1983 and 2011.

ONE LINER

Who has recently won the Singapore Grand Prix 2023 –

Carlos Sainz

Which state government will start the pilot project of 'residue-free Basmati rice cultivation' -**Punjab**

Recently, where Shantiniketan has been included by UNESCO in its World Heritage List - **Veerbhoomi**

Chief Minister of which state announced 'Mukhyamantri Shramik Kalyan Yojana ' - **Arunachal Pradesh**

Recently Qazi Faiz Isha has become the 29th Chief Justice of which country – **Pakistan**

Who recently received France's Chevalier de l'Aude des Arts et des Lettres award - **Rahul Mishra**

In which cities the American phase of ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 will be organized - **New York, Dallas and Florida**

Who has become the Indian number 01 bowler in the ICC ODI bowling rankings – **Mohammed Siraj**

Which player won the gold medal in the women's 10 meter air rifle event in the ISSF World Cup - **Elavenil Valarivan**

'Skills on Wheels' initiative has been launched by which ministry- **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship**

Which company has launched Team India's jersey for the upcoming ICC World Cup 2023 - **Adidas**

Recently the Chief Minister of which state was awarded Singapore's top fellowship - **Assam**

Which medal has recently been won by Elaveleen Valarivan in the women's 10 meter air rifles event - **Gold Medal**