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1. International Lunar Day 2024.

International Lunar Day is celebrated every year on 20 July with the main objective of knowing the exploration of the Moon and its significance. This day provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our space research and consider the possibilities of space exploration in the future. The theme of International Lunar Day 2024 is 'Illuminating the Shadow', which emphasizes the unknown aspects of the Moon and our continued quest for knowledge and exploration.



2. Vinay Kwatra appointed as India's new ambassador to the US.

The Indian Ministry of External Affairs has appointed senior Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer Vinay Mohan Kwatra as India's new ambassador to the US. The post was vacant since the retirement of Taranjit Singh Sandhu in January. Vinay Mohan Kwatra's tenure ended on 30 April this year, but the central government extended his tenure for six months. Now he has been given a new responsibility in America.



3. World Chess Day 2024 |

World Chess Day is celebrated every year on 20 July, marking the anniversary of the founding of the International Chess Federation (FIDE). FIDE was founded in Paris in 1924. The game of chess originated in India in the 6th century with a game called Chaturanga and by the 15th century it became the most favourite sport in Europe. Chess became a popular international sport in the 19th century and became more organised and prevalent after the establishment of FIDE.



4. Actor Ram Charan to be honoured at IFFM 2024.

Actor Ram Charan has been invited as the guest of honour at the Melbourne Indian Film Festival (IFFM), where he will be awarded the Ambassador of Indian Arts and Culture Award for his outstanding contribution to Indian cinema. The film festival is organised by the Victorian State Government and will run from August 15 to August 25. The festival will review Ram Charan's films to celebrate his journey in the film industry.



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5. UPSC Chairman Manoj Soni resigns before completion of tenure.

UPSC Chairman Manoj Soni has submitted his resignation citing personal reasons, although it has not been accepted yet. Soni's term was to end in 2029, but he resigned just a year after taking charge. 59-year-old Soni is an alumnus of Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda and has specialized in International Relations Studies.



6. Telangana CM launches 'Rajiv Gandhi Civil Abhayahastam'.

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has launched the "Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhayahastam" scheme, which aims to provide financial assistance to civil service candidates. Candidates who qualify the Mains exam will be given an amount of ₹1 lakh for preparation. Around 400 candidates will benefit from the scheme and it will be supported under the 'Nirman' programme of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL).



7. IISR wins Best Technology Award.

Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) has received the Best Technology Award for its outstanding work in horticultural science. Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan presented the award during the 96th Foundation Day celebrations of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in New Delhi.



8. PM Modi inaugurates 46th Session of World Heritage Committee in New Delhi.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 46th Session of the World Heritage Committee at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, highlighting India's commitment to global heritage conservation. He announced a contribution of \$1 million to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre for heritage conservation in the Global South and highlighted India's conservation efforts in Cambodia, Vietnam and Myanmar.



1. Which Indian actor will be honored as the Ambassador of Indian Arts and Culture at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2024?

- A - Shah Rukh Khan B - Ram Charan
C - Aamir Khan D - Rajinikanth

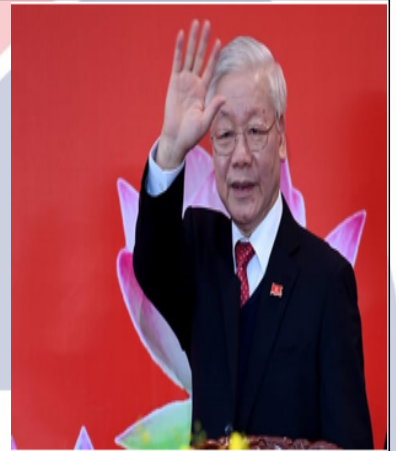
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2. Nguyen Phu Trong passed away recently in July 2024, he was the leader of which country?

- A - Vietnam B - Malaysia
C - Thailand D - Philippines

Nguyen Phu Trong, a prominent Vietnamese leader and head of the anti-corruption drive, died at the age of 80. Trong served as general secretary of the Communist Party for 13 years and as president from 2018-21. His anti-corruption drive led to thousands of arrests and intensified a crackdown on dissidents in the one-party state.



3. What is the full form of the 'KIRTI' program recently launched by Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya?

- A - Khelo India Rising Talent Initiative B - Khelo India Rising Training Initiative
C - Khelo India Rising Talent Identification D - Khelo India Rapid Talent Identification

Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya on July 19 launched the second phase of the "KIRTI (Khelo India Rising Talent Identification)" program, emphasizing on talent development to make India a sports superpower. On this occasion, he addressed the players and their families, and informed about the objective of the KIRTI program.



4. What is the name of the Nobel Peace Prize winner who received the Gandhi Mandela Award 2020?

- A - Malala Yousafzai B - Kailash Satyarthi
C - Rigoberta Menchu Tum D - Dalai Lama

On 18 July 2024, Nelson Mandela International Day, Guatemalan human rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchu Tum was awarded the Gandhi Mandela Award 2020. The award was given in Mexico in the presence of Advocate Nandan Kumar Jha, founder and secretary general of the Gandhi Mandela Foundation.



5. Whom did Nuno Borges defeat at the Nordea Open to win his first ATP Tour title?

- A - Roger Federer
C - Novak Djokovic
B - Rafael Nadal
D - Andy Murray

Seventh-seeded Portuguese tennis player Nuno Borges won his first ATP Tour title by defeating Rafael Nadal at the Nordea Open in Bastad on Sunday. Borges defeated Nadal 6-3, 6-2, a major achievement. With this win, Borges broke Nadal's serve five times and performed brilliantly, which helped him win his first tour-level final.



6. Which of the following two Indian tennis players have been inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame?

- A - Mahesh Bhupathi and Rohan Bopanna
C - Leander Paes and Vijay Amritraj
B - Mahesh Bhupathi and Sania Mirza
D - Rohan Bopanna and Somdev Devvarman

Legendary Indian tennis players Vijay Amritraj and Leander Paes have achieved the significant feat of becoming the first Asian men to be inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame. This makes India the 28th country to be represented at this prestigious institution.



7. Which state government has appointed IAS officer K. Vasuki as Secretary in charge of matters related to external cooperation?

- A - Tamil Nadu
C - Andhra Pradesh
B - Karnataka
D - Kerala

The Kerala government has appointed senior IAS officer K. Vasuki as Foreign Secretary. With this decision, Vasuki has been given the additional responsibility of looking after matters related to the Ministry of External Affairs. Under the order issued on July 15, Vasuki will also take charge of foreign cooperation matters as Secretary (Labour and Skills).



8. What is the name of the scheme launched by Telangana Chief Minister to provide financial assistance to civil service candidates?

- A - Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhayahastam
C - Indira Gandhi Civils Abhayahastam
B - Dr. BR Ambedkar Civils Abhayahastam
D - Jawaharlal Nehru Civils Abhayahastam

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has launched the "Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhayahastam" scheme, which will provide financial assistance of ₹1 lakh to candidates clearing the main exam. The scheme is for SC, ST, OBC, women and economically weaker section (EWS) candidates whose family income should be less than ₹8 lakh.





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9. Where is the drone training center being set up by National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) and Drone Destination. - **New Delhi**
10. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which institution to promote standardization. - **Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru**

