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1. Rajbhasha Gaurav Samman 2023-24 Award Ceremony I

The Municipal Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC) in Visakhapatnam honoured Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) with 'Rajbhasha Gaurav Samman' for 2023-24. The event was hosted by NTPC and presided over by TOLIC Chairman and RINL CMD Atul Bhatt. The awards went to HPCL-Visakha Refinery, NTPC Simhadri and Airports Authority of India in Category I. GAIL, HPCL-Visakha Regional Office, and SAIL – Branch Transport & Shipping Office were honoured in Category II.



2. Nita Ambani unanimously re-elected as IOCM: Paris Olympics, 2024

With the opening ceremony of the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on July 24 unanimously re-elected Nita Ambani as India's representative. Nita Ambani, founder and chairperson of Reliance Foundation, received 100 per cent of the votes. Nita Ambani has been empowering millions of Indians by spearheading various initiatives in the fields of sports, education, health, arts and culture.



3. Former Indonesia Vice President Hamzah Haz dies at 84

Hamzah Haz, who served as Indonesia's vice president from 2001 to 2004, has died at the age of 84. He worked under President Megawati Sukarnoputri and died on July 24 at a hospital in Jakarta. A politician from the Development Planning Party (PPP) confirmed his death in a local interview. Hamzah Haz held various important government positions, including Minister of Investment and Coordinating Minister for People's Welfare.



4. Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurates India's 500th community radio station in Aizawl

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the country's 500th community radio station, Apna Radio 90.0 FM, at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) in Aizawl, Mizoram. Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting L. Murugan and Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma were also present on the occasion.



5. Veteran Marathi author Francis D'Britto dies at 81

Fr Francis D'Britto, Vasai-based Catholic priest, author and environmentalist, died on July 25, 2024 at the age of 81 after a prolonged illness. Fr D'Britto was born to Marathi-speaking parents. He translated the Bible into Marathi, known as the 'Subodh Bible'. This translation was reprinted several times and has an 80-page section that introduces readers to the Bible. The book has around 200 photographs of biblical scenes and maps and also a commentary that explains difficult biblical concepts.



6. HS Dhaliwal appointed new DGP of Andaman and Nicobar Islands

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on July 25 appointed senior IPS officer Hargobind Singh Dhaliwal as the new Director General of Police of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Dhaliwal, a 1997 batch IPS officer, was serving as Special Commissioner of Police in New Delhi and oversaw Traffic Zone-II. Hargobind Singh Dhaliwal's career has been filled with many significant achievements.



7. Steel Ministry launches 'Steel Import Monitoring System' 2.0 portal

Union Steel and Heavy Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy inaugurated SIMS 2.0 on July 25. The portal is an upgraded version of SIMS launched in 2019, which will provide detailed import data to the domestic steel industry and promote its growth. SIMS 2.0 includes features of API integration with multiple government portals, quality control, and streamlining of processes.



8. Vriksharopan Abhiyan 2024 launched in Dhanbad

On July 25, 2024, Union Minister for Coal and Mines Shri G. Kishan Reddy launched the Vriksharopan Abhiyan 2024 at Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) in Dhanbad. The campaign is part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative and was held simultaneously at 300 locations in 47 districts across 11 coal/lignite-producing states.



1. Hamzah Haz, who died recently, was the Vice President of which country?

- A - Maldives
C - Malaysia
B - Indonesia
D - Philippines

Former Vice President of Indonesia Hamzah Haz died at the age of 84. He served as Vice President under President Megawati Sukarnoputri from 2001 to 2004. He died on 24 July in Jakarta. Hamzah Haz also played important roles as Minister of Investment and Coordinating Minister of People's Welfare and was a contender in the 2004 presidential election.



2. Senior BJP leader Prabhat Jha died recently at the age of 67. He was a prominent figure in _____ politics, having served as state BJP president and Rajya Sabha MP.

- A - Bihar
C - Uttar Pradesh.
B - Madhya Pradesh
D - Gujarat

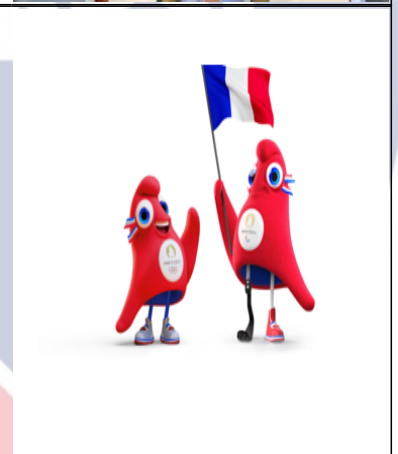
Senior BJP leader and former Madhya Pradesh president Prabhat Jha died at 5 am today at Medanta Hospital in Gurugram. He was suffering from a serious illness for a long time and was hospitalised since June. His son Ayatna said that his last rites will be performed in Gwalior or his native village Koriahi, Sitamarhi (Bihar).



3. What is the mascot of Paris 2024 Olympic Games?

- A - Eagles
C - Olympus
B - Freges
D - Zeus

The official mascot for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games has been announced as "Phrygians", inspired by traditional Phrygian hats. These hats symbolize French freedom and identity and are deeply rooted in France's cultural heritage. The first glimpse of the mascot was unveiled on 14 November 2022, and these hats will serve to bring a historic and playful spirit to Paris 2024.



4. A subsidiary of which Maharatna company developed the National Feeder Monitoring System (NFMS) control centre, which was inaugurated by Union Minister Manohar Lal?

- A - Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
C - Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
B - REC Limited
D - Power Grid Corporation of India Limited

REC Limited inaugurated the National Feeder Monitoring System (NFMS) on its 55th Foundation Day. Under this system, information on power supply, cuts and health of 2.5 lakh feeders across the country will be available in real time.



5. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Police of Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

- A - Devesh Chandra Shrivastava B - Soumya Vishwanathan
C - Rimon Singha D - Hargobindar Singh Dhaliwal

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6. Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Yemen?

- A - V Muraleedharan B - Smriti Irani
C - Ahmed bin Mubarak D - Suhail Ajaz Khan

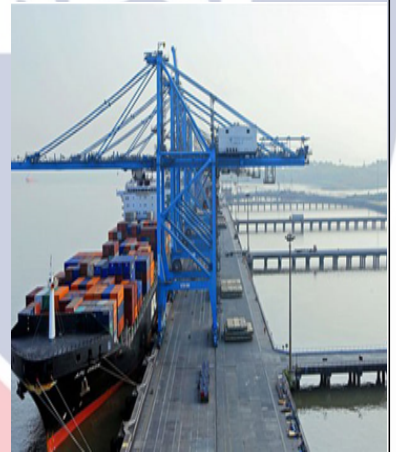
Suhail Ajaz Khan, Ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Yemen. His new assignment will be in Riyadh and he will take charge shortly. Suhail Ajaz Khan, a 1997 batch IFS officer, expressed gratitude for the responsibility and has expressed his desire to work towards strengthening India-Yemen relations in Yemen.



7. Which port will host India's first integrated agri-export facility?

- A - Chennai Port B - Jawaharlal Nehru Port
C - Mundra Port D - Vizag Port

Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal has approved the development of 'Export-Import cum Domestic Agri Commodity-based Processing and Storage Facility on PPP Mode' at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) at a cost of Rs 284.19 crore.



8. In which district of Bihar will a new AIIMS be built?

- A - Samastipur B - Gaya
C - Darbhanga D - Muzaffarpur

The construction of AIIMS in Darbhanga is going to start soon as the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has approved the construction of AIIMS on the proposed land located at Shobhan. On March 18-19, 2024, the technical team of the Central Government surveyed the proposed land near Shobhan-Ekmi bypass and found it suitable for the construction of AIIMS.





One Liner

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9. Which PSUs were awarded 'Rajbhasha Gaurav Samman' for the year 2023-24 in Category-I by the Nagar Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC) in Visakhapatnam. - **HPCL-Visakha Refinery, NTPC Simhadri, Airports Authority of India**
10. What is the new loan limit for the Advanced Skills Loan Scheme launched on July 26, 2024, announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. - **Rs 7.5 lakh**

