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## 1. Indian Armed Forces get first woman Director General of Medical Services (ARMY).

Lieutenant General Sadhana Saxena Nair has become the first woman to be appointed Director General of Medical Services. She was the first woman to serve as Director of General Hospital Services (Armed Forces) and also the first woman to become Principal Medical Officer of Western Air Command. Sadhana Saxena Nair received her schooling from St.



## 2. Former Indian cricketer and coach Anshuman Gaekwad passed away.

Former Indian cricketer and coach of the Indian men's cricket team Anshuman Gaekwad passed away on 31 July 2024. He was 71 years old and was suffering from blood cancer. He was undergoing treatment at King's College London in England and recently returned to Vadodara, Gujarat. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) also gave an assistance amount of Rs 1 crore to Anshuman Gaekwad for his treatment in London.



## 3. Schemes implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development divided into three parts.

For better implementation and efficient monitoring, all the schemes implemented by the Ministry for the betterment of children have been divided into three sections: Saksham Anganwadi Poshan 2.0, Mission Shakti, and Mission Vatsalya. Under Saksham Anganwadi Poshan 2.0, Anganwadi Services Scheme, Poshan Abhiyaan, and Scheme for Adolescent Girls have been restructured into three primary sub-segments:



## 4. Lakshya Sen becomes first Indian male shuttler to reach Olympics semi-finals.

Lakshya Sen took Indian badminton to new heights at the Paris Olympics. The 22-year-old shuttler created history as the first Indian male player to reach the semi-finals. He scored a stunning victory over 12th seed Chou Tien Chen of Taiwan in the quarter-finals of the Paris Games. The match was played in a packed badminton stadium in Paris, where his performance was warmly received by the Indian spectators. Lakshya Sen is now one win away to secure a medal in his maiden Olympics.



## 5. IIT Madras partners with IDBI Bank to launch cyber security lab.

Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) on Wednesday launched a new cyber security lab IDBI-IITM Secure Systems Lab (I22SSL) in partnership with IDBI Bank. The lab will develop and deploy security solutions in critical sectors such as healthcare, fintech, and aerospace. The lab will focus on cyber security, productization, and commercialization of research work, especially on creating market-ready intellectual property (IP) for mobile technologies.



## 6. Reserve Bank of India appoints Indrajit Camotra as MD and CEO of Unity Small Finance Bank.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has confirmed the reappointment of Indrajit Camotra as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd (Unity Bank) for a period of two years. Camotra is a senior banker with over 28 years of experience at Standard Chartered Bank, ANZ, and Citigroup. During his tenure, Unity Bank established a deposit base of over Rs 8,000 crore and a loan book of over Rs 8,500 crore.



## 7. RBL Bank launches RuPay credit card with UPI and NCMC features.

RBL Bank has announced the integration of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) services in its new RuPay credit card. Through this integration, users can now make seamless and secure UPI payments and avail NCMC travel facilities with a single card. This move will provide customers with greater flexibility in transaction management, whether for daily expenses or while traveling.



## 8. Swapnil Kusale wins bronze, India's third medal at the Games.

Swapnil Kusale put up a brilliant performance to finish third in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions final at the National Shooting Centre in Chateau and ensure India's third medal for the Paris 2024 Olympics. Kusale won the bronze medal with 451.4 points in the final and became the first Indian shooter to win an Olympic medal in the 50m rifle 3 positions event.



**1. Which Indian cricketer died at the age of 71 after a long battle with cancer?**

**A - Anshuman Gaekwad**

**B - Kapil Dev**

**C - Sunil Gavaskar**

**D - Mohinder Amarnath**

Former Indian cricketer and coach of the Indian men's cricket team Anshuman Gaekwad died on 31 July 2024. He was 71 years old and was suffering from blood cancer. Gaekwad played 40 Tests and 15 ODIs for India from 1975 to 1987. He scored 1985 runs in Tests and 269 runs in ODIs. He also played 205 first-class matches in a career spanning 22 years. Gaekwad also served as the coach of Team India in 1997-99 and 2000 and was also a national selector.



**2. Which famous personality was conferred with an honorary doctorate by IIT-Kharagpur?**

**A - Satya Nadella**

**B - Sundar Pichai**

**C - Duvvuri Subbarao**

**D - Arvind Kejriwal**

Google CEO Sundar Pichai was recently conferred with an honorary doctorate degree by IIT Kharagpur. Pichai received an engineering degree from IIT Kharagpur and later went to the US and worked at Google, where he held the top position. He thanked IIT Kharagpur for the honor on Instagram and said that this honorary degree fulfills the wish of his parents. His wife Anjali Pichai was also honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award by IIT Kharagpur.



**3. Which country chaired the G-20 talks that resulted in an agreement to effectively tax the super-rich?**

**A - India**

**B - United States**

**C - Brazil**

**D - Germany**

Brazilian Finance Minister Fernando Haddad said at the G-20 meeting in Sao Paulo that countries should introduce a global tax on the super-rich to curb rampant tax evasion. Haddad supported Brazil's call for a global declaration on international taxation, which is expected to be completed by July, but acknowledged the process would not be easy. Brazil, which is chairing the G-20, has put the problems of developing countries on its agenda.



**4. What is the name of the proposed think-tank based on Niti Aayog that has been announced by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel?**

**A - motion**

**B - Development**

**C - Guzcon**

**D - GRIT**

Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel stressed the need to set up Gujarat Rajya Transformation Institute (GRIT) at the 9th meeting of the Governing Council of Niti Aayog. He said that Gujarat will play an important role in the goal of developed India by 2047. CM Patel informed that at the Vibrant Summit in January, Gujarat has taken important steps towards self-reliance in the semiconductor sector.



**5. Which state assembly passed a bill to impose cess on mined minerals?**

- A - Maharashtra
- C - Odisha

- B - Jharkhand
- D - Chhattisgarh

The Jharkhand assembly passed the 'Jharkhand Mineral Bearing Land Cess Bill 2024', which recognises the state's power to levy tax on mineral rights as per the Supreme Court's July 25 verdict. The bill, introduced by mining minister Mithilesh Thakur, proposes a tax of Rs 100 per metric tonne for coal and iron ore, Rs 70 for bauxite, and Rs 50 for manganese ore.



**6. Which state launched the 'Goem Vinamuly Vij Yevajan' campaign to promote solar power adoption?**

- A - Kerala
- C - Goa

- B - Maharashtra
- D - Karnataka

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has launched the 'Goem Vinamuly Vij Yevajan' scheme, which promotes the installation of solar rooftops in conjunction with the Prime Minister's Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme. The scheme aims to enable residential households to generate their own electricity through solar energy, thereby reducing dependence on conventional power sources.



**7. When is National Watermelon Day celebrated?**

- A - January 1
- C - July 15

- B - August 3
- D - December 25

National Watermelon Day, celebrated every year on August 3 in the United States, is to recognize the refreshing and health benefits of watermelon. The day highlights the sweet, hydrating nature of watermelon, which is the ideal fruit in summer. Watermelon contains nutrients like vitamins A, C, B6 and lycopene and is 92% water, making it low-calorie and hydrating.



**8. Which city has been named a 'World Crafts City' by the World Crafts Council, making it the fourth city in India to receive this honour?**

- A - Jaipur
- C - Varanasi

- B - Mumbai
- D - Srinagar

Srinagar has been named the fourth Indian city to be recognised as a 'World Crafts City'. The recognition is given by the World Crafts Council (WCC) and is part of the UNESCO Creative City Network (UCCN) for crafts and folk arts. Srinagar has a craft tradition dating back 4,000 years, especially famous for shawls, carpets and paper mache.





## One Liner

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2. Which famous personality was conferred with an honorary doctorate by IIT-Kharagpur. - **Sundar Pichai**
3. Which country chaired the G-20 talks that resulted in an agreement to effectively tax the super-rich. - **Brazil**
4. What is the name of the proposed think-tank modeled on the Niti Aayog that has been announced by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. - **GRIT**
5. Which state assembly passed a bill to impose cess on mined minerals. - **Jharkhand**
6. Which state launched the 'Goem Vinamuly Vij Yevajan' campaign to promote the adoption of solar energy. - **Goa**
7. When is National Watermelon Day celebrated. - **3 August**
8. Which city has been named 'World Crafts City' by the World Crafts Council, making it the fourth city in India to receive this honor. - **Srinagar**
9. Who has been elected as the President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). - **Bob Ray**
10. Reduce academic pressure To promote social distancing and practical learning, NCERT proposes how many 'bagless days' per year for classes 6-8 - **10 days**

