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1. Union Jal Shakti Ministry launches Flood Watch India 2.0 App.

Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil has launched version 2.0 of the 'Floodwatch India' mobile application developed by the Central Water Commission (CWC) in New Delhi. The app provides information and forecast related to the flood situation in the country in real time for up to 7 days. Its first version was released on August 17, 2023, and the now launched version 2.0 comes with advanced features.



2. PR Sreejesh becomes new head coach of junior men's hockey team

Hockey India (HI) has announced that retired goalkeeper PR Sreejesh has been appointed as the new head coach of the Indian junior men's hockey team. The announcement was made on August 8, 2024, when India won the bronze medal at the Paris Olympics by defeating Spain 2-1. Sreejesh's crucial saves contributed significantly to this victory. This transition of Sreejesh from player to coach is an important milestone in his career.



3. Former YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki dies of cancer I

Tech industry leader and former CEO of YouTube, Susan Wojcicki, died at the age of 56 after a two-year-long battle with cancer. Her husband Dennis Troper confirmed her death on August 9. Susan Diane Wojcicki was an American business executive who served as CEO of YouTube from 2014 to 2023. Her net worth was estimated at \$765 million in 2022.



4. Release of the book '75 Great Revolutionaries of India'

Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh on August 11 attended the release ceremony of Rajya Sabha MP Bhim Singh's latest book '75 Great Revolutionaries of India'. The book aims to highlight the contributions of lesser-known freedom fighters whose sacrifices have often been forgotten. Harivansh Narayan Singh praised the book and said that this creative and inspiring work is a source of inspiration for the future.



5. 'King Khan' receives lifetime award at Locarno Film Festival

Bollywood's 'King Khan,' Shah Rukh Khan, graced the 77th Locarno Film Festival on August 10 with his presence, where he was honoured with the Career Achievement Award for his iconic career. Shah Rukh delivered his acceptance speech in front of an audience of 8,000 at Locarno's famous Piazza Grande.



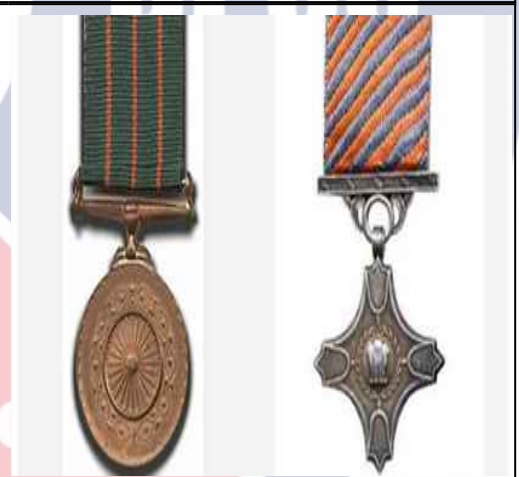
6. ISRO launches Earth Observation Satellite EOS-08

ISRO successfully launched its latest Earth Observation Satellite 'EOS-08' by Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV)-D3 from Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota. The mission aims to design and develop a microsatellite, compatible payload equipment, and incorporate new technologies required for future operational satellites. The EOS-08 satellite is built on the Microsat/IMS-1 bus and carries three critical payloads:



7. Wing Commander Vernon Desmond Keane VM awarded 'Shaurya Chakra' I

Wing Commander Vernon Desmond Keane, posted as a flying pilot in a fighter squadron, faced unprecedented technical problems during a crucial flight on a Jaguar fighter aircraft on 24 July 2023. During the flight he experienced oil 1 and oil 2 failure warnings, indicating a major oil system malfunction. This situation required immediate shutdown of both engines, which had never happened before and there was no standard action prescribed for it.



8. Sandeep Paundrik takes over as Secretary, Ministry of Steel

Shri Sandeep Paundrik has taken over as Secretary, Ministry of Steel. He has been posted in his new role at Udyog Bhawan. Paundrik, a 1993 batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre, was welcomed by senior officials of the Ministry.



1. Wing Commander Vernon Desmond Keane was awarded which award for his exceptional valour and courage?

- A - Param Vir Chakra
B - Ashoka Chakra
C - Kirti Chakra
D - Shaurya Chakra

Wing Commander Vernon Desmond Keane was awarded the 'Shaurya Chakra' for displaying exceptional courage and valour during a flight with a Jaguar fighter aircraft. During the flight on 24 July 2023, he received a warning of oil system failure, necessitating the shutdown of both engines. Despite there being no standard procedure for such a situation, he decided to shut down one engine and head towards the nearest runway.



2. Under which policy 'Amrit Gyan Kosh' and 'Faculty Development' portals were launched by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh?

- A - Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Srijan Karyakram
B - Mission Karmayogi
C - Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana
D - MGNREGA

Union Minister of State Dr Jitendra Singh termed "Mission Karmayogi" as the future of India's civil services and said that it aims to shape India's century by 2047. He said that it is necessary to change the administrative structure from "governance" to "role" so that civil services can become fit for the future.



3. Shri Sandeep Poundrik has recently assumed charge as Secretary in which Ministry?

- A - Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
B - Ministry of Home Affairs
C - Ministry of Steel
D - Ministry of Industry

Shri Sandeep Poundrik has assumed charge as Secretary, Ministry of Steel and will be based in Udyog Bhawan in his new role. Poundrik, who is a 1993 batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre, has previous roles as Additional Chief Secretary in the Department of Industry, Government of Bihar, Advisor in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum.



4. Name the pharmaceutical company that has developed India's first indigenous dengue vaccine, Dengial?

- A - Cipla
B - Dr. Reddy's Laboratories
C - Panacea Biotec
D - Sun Pharma

India's Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) is the world's largest public health programme, aiming to provide free vaccination to 30.4 million pregnant women and 26.7 million newborns annually. Under this programme, Panacea Biotec Ltd is the leading manufacturer of paediatric vaccines in India, which has played a key role in polio eradication and is one of the world's largest suppliers.



5. Which bank has launched the ultra-premium 'Primus' credit card for high-net-worth individuals?

- A - HDFC Bank
C - ICICI Bank

- B - Axis Bank
D - State Bank of India

Axis Bank and Visa have launched a new ultra-premium credit card called 'Primus', exclusively for high-net-worth individuals. It is an invite-based card with a joining fee of Rs 5 lakh and an annual fee of Rs 3 lakh. It includes benefits of ITC gift vouchers, EDGE miles, and 1 EDGE mile on spends. Cardholders can also avail zero forex markup, unlimited lounge access, free green fees, access to private jets, and free stays at global luxury hotels.



6. Which Indian player has recently been appointed as the head coach of the junior men's hockey team?

- A - Sardar Singh
C - P.R. Sreejesh

- B - Rupinder Pal Singh
D - Manpreet Singh

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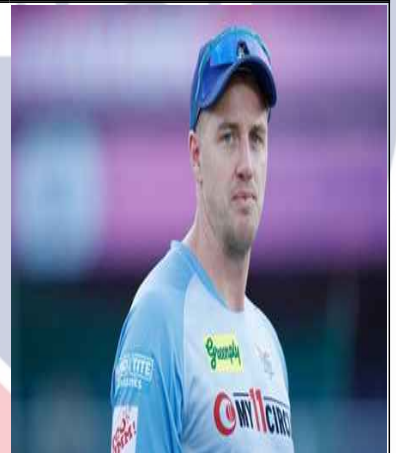


7. With the announcement made by BCCI secretary Jay Shah, who has been appointed as the new bowling coach of India, before which he has coached Pakistan?

- A - Allan Donald
C - Lance Klusener

- B - Dale Steyn
D - Morne Morkel

Former South African fast bowler Morne Morkel has been appointed as the new bowling coach of the Indian cricket team. The BCCI has confirmed the appointment of Morkel to the post, which will be effective from September 1. Morkel has been selected on the recommendation of head coach Gautam Gambhir, who recently replaced Rahul Dravid as the head coach of the Indian team.



8. After approval by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, who has been appointed as the Director of Enforcement Directorate (ED) for a term of two years?

- A - Rajesh Kumar
C - Anil Sharma

- B - Rahul Naveen
D - Vijay Singh

The central investigation agency Enforcement Directorate (ED) has got a new director. The central government has appointed 1993 batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer Rahul Naveen as the new director of ED. He was already working as the acting chief and now he has been made the director of ED on a permanent basis for a term of two years.





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9. Recently India has signed MoU with which country to promote cooperation in the MSME sector. - **United States**
10. Which cricketers have been recognised as the best performing players for July 2024 and have been awarded ICC Players of the Month for July 2024 in men's and women's cricket respectively. - **Gus Atkinson and Chamari Athapaththu**

