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1. ICG DG Rakesh Pal dies of heart attack.

Indian Coast Guard Director General Rakesh Pal died of heart attack in Chennai. He was 59 years old and was in Chennai to attend the Coast Guard Inauguration Ceremony led by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. Rakesh Pal was the 25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard and served in the Coast Guard for 34 years. He hailed from Uttar Pradesh and joined the Indian Coast Guard in January 1989.



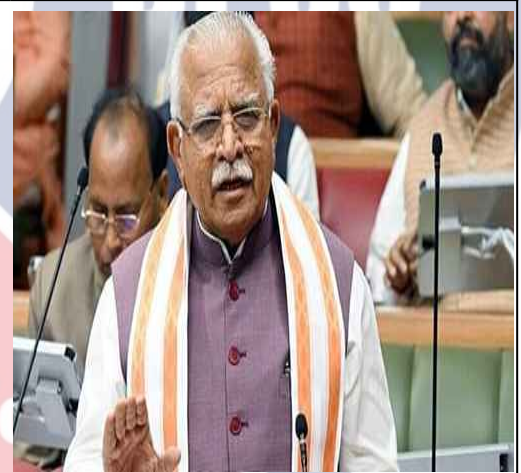
2. RBI approves Sali Sukumaran Nair as MD and CEO of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Sali Sukumaran Nair as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) for a three-year term. Nair, who has over 35 years of banking experience, has previously served as Deputy Managing Director and Chief Credit Officer in the State Bank of India (SBI).



3. Manohar Lal Khattar launches three online platforms.

On August 20, Union Minister for Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal launched the PROMPT portal for online monitoring of thermal projects in New Delhi. The portal facilitates real-time tracking and analysis of ongoing thermal power projects in the country, thereby increasing transparency and efficiency in project management. Shri Manohar Lal emphasized the importance of this portal in view of the growing demand for electricity, as it is the key driver of the country's economic activities.



4. OP Jindal Global University to set up first Constitution Academy on 75th anniversary of Constitution.

OP Jindal Global University will inaugurate India's first Constitution Museum, "Constitution Academy and Museum of Rights and Freedoms," on November 26, 2024. The museum is being set up to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Indian Constitution.



5. Andhra Pradesh government inaugurates industrial projects.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated 16 industrial projects in Sri City and signed deals worth Rs 3,683 crore. These projects are expected to generate over 15,000 jobs, reflecting the government's commitment to accelerate industrial development in the state.



6. IGIA becomes first Indian airport to get net zero carbon emission status.

Delhi Airport, also known as Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), has become the first airport in India to get net zero carbon emission status under the Airports Council International (ACI) accreditation programme. GMR Group-led DIAL, which operates the airport, had set a target of net zero carbon emission by 2030. However, the target has been achieved ahead of schedule.



7. Amit Shah releases book 'Modi's Governance Triumph: Reshaping India's Path to Prosperity' by Tarun Chugh.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah released the book "Modi's Governance Triumph: Reshaping India's Path to Prosperity" written by BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh. The book mentions the "transformational" changes brought about by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government in various sectors, including the poll-bound state of Jammu and Kashmir.



8. Food and Consumer Affairs Minister launches pilot project to convert 60 fair price shops into Jan Poshan Kendras.

Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Shri Pralhad Joshi launched a pilot project to convert 60 fair price shops into Jan Poshan Kendras.



1. The ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 to be held in Bangladesh will now be held in which country?

- A - South Africa
B - India
C - Australia
D - United Arab Emirates

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has confirmed that the 2024 Women's T20 World Cup will be held in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The tournament will be held in Dubai and Sharjah from October 3 to 20. Earlier the event was to be held in Bangladesh, but it has been moved to the UAE due to political unrest there.



2. Who launched online platforms like PROMPT, DRIPS and JAL VIDYUT DPR to increase efficiency and transparency in the power sector?

- A - Rajnath Singh
B - Manohar Lal Khattar
C - Piyush Goyal
D - Nitin Gadkari

Union Power Minister, Shri Manohar Lal launched the PROMPT portal for online monitoring of thermal power projects on 20 August. The portal aims to ensure timely completion of projects to meet the growing demand for electricity. The portal ensures real-time tracking, transparency, and accountability, leading to efficiency and cost reduction in project execution.



3. Recently, the person recognized as the world's oldest person according to Guinness World Records passed away, aged 117 years and 168 days. What was her name?

- A - Maria Branyas Morera
B - Jeanne Calment
C - Ken Tanaka
D - Gertrude Weaver

The world's oldest person, Maria Branyas, died at the age of 117 in a nursing home in Spain. Her official X account confirmed that she died peacefully and without pain in her sleep. Guinness World Records also confirmed that she died at the age of 117 years and 168 days. Maria was born in San Francisco, California in 1907 and she later returned to Spain with her family.



4. Who has been appointed as India's chief contingent for the Paris 2024 Paralympic contingent, leading the country's largest ever team of 84 para-athletes across 12 sports?

- A - Deepa Malik
B - Rattan Singh
C - Satya Prakash Sangwan
D - Praveen Kumar

The Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) has appointed Satya Prakash Sangwan as the Chef de Mission (CMD) of the Indian contingent for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. Sangwan, who is also the Vice President of the PCI, has been associated with the Paralympic movement for the past decade.



5. Which rare astronomical event known as 'Sturgeon Moon' will occur on August 19, 2024?

- A - Solar eclipse
B - Total lunar eclipse
C - Meteor shower
D - Super Blue Moon

A rare astronomical event will be seen in the sky on August 19, when a combination of Supermoon and Blue Moon will be seen. Supermoon occurs when the Moon is at the perigee point closest to Earth in its orbit, making the Moon appear larger and brighter than usual. Blue Moon means the occurrence of a second full moon in the same month.



6. In which district did the Maharashtra government recently launch the first 'Solar Village'?

- A - Wardha
B - Satara
C - Amravati
D - Konkan

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde inaugurated the state's first 'Solar Village' at Manyachiwadi in Satara district. The initiative aims to promote renewable energy and reduce dependence on conventional power sources. The 'PM Surya Ghar: Free Electricity Scheme' has helped reduce electricity bills, while 90-95% subsidy is being given for solar pump sets under the 'Mukhyamantri Solar Krishi Pump Yojana'.



7. Where was the 'Pratham Policy Makers Forum' inaugurated recently?

- A - Hyderabad
B - New Delhi
C - Chennai
D - Bengaluru

Union Minister JP Nadda inaugurated the 'First Policy Makers Forum' in New Delhi. Policy makers and drug regulators from 15 countries attended the event. The forum was organized by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission in collaboration with the Ministries of Health and Family Welfare and External Affairs.



8. Which state government has recently launched the 'Mukhyamantri Bal Poshan Aahar Yojana'?

- A - Rajasthan
B - Uttar Pradesh
C - Himachal Pradesh
D - Gujarat

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has launched the 'Mukhyamantri Bal Poshan Aahar Yojana', which aims to provide nutritious food to government school children. Under the scheme, students from nursery to class eight will be given boiled eggs or fruits once a week, and fresh fruits will be provided locally. The scheme will complement the existing mid-day meal scheme, which covers 15,181 schools and 5,34,293 students.





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9. Recently in the news, Bhima River is a tributary of which river? - **Krishna**
10. Which two Indian athletes were selected as India's flag bearers in the opening ceremony of the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games? - **Sumit Antil and Bhagyashree Jadhav**

