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## 1. Bandhan Bank launches Avani savings account for women.

Bandhan Bank launched a special savings account for women, "Avani," and a customer loyalty product called "Bandhan Bank Delights" on the eve of its 9th Foundation Day on August 22, 2023. The "Avani" account aims to provide financial empowerment to women, especially the relatively affluent ones.



## 2. Odisha CM Majhi launches Subhadra Yojana.

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Majhi has unveiled the Subhadra Yojana, a key initiative of the BJP government. Under the scheme, one crore women aged between 21 and 60 years will be given financial assistance of Rs 50,000 over the next five years, with a total budget of Rs 55,825 crore. The amount will be disbursed in annual installments of Rs 10,000, which will be provided in two installments of Rs 5,000 on Rakhi Purnima and International Women's Day.



## 3. Cabinet approves 'Vigyan Dhara' scheme of Department of Science and Technology.

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the continuation of three umbrella schemes under the Department of Science and Technology (DST) into an integrated Central Sector Scheme 'Vigyan Dhara'. The scheme aims to enhance efficiency in fund utilisation and ensure better coordination among sub-schemes and programmes.



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

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has released the book "Modi's Governance Triumph: Reshaping India's Path to Prosperity" written by BJP leader Tarun Chugh. The book highlights the "transformational" changes brought about in India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, especially in poll-bound states like Jammu and Kashmir.



## 5. R. Sridhar appointed as assistant coach of Afghanistan cricket team.

The Afghanistan Cricket Board has appointed former India fielding coach Ramakrishnan Sridhar as the assistant coach of the national team. Sridhar, 54, has been appointed for the one-off Test match against New Zealand and the three-match ODI series against South Africa. Sridhar has been India's fielding coach from August 2014 to November 2021 and has played 35 first-class and 15 List A matches for India.



## 6. Shikhar Dhawan announces retirement from international and domestic cricket.

Shikhar Dhawan announced his retirement from international and domestic cricket on Saturday. The 38-year-old left-handed opener revealed his decision through a video on social media. Dhawan has played 34 Tests, 167 ODIs and 68 T20Is for India from 2010 to 2022. He wrote on the post that he is leaving behind countless memories and gratitude as he closes this chapter of his cricket journey and thanked everyone.



## 7. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan releases inaugural edition of e-magazine 'Sapno Ki Udaan' on virtual platform on National Space Day.

On the occasion of National Space Day of India, the Department of School Education and Literacy in collaboration with NCERT released an e-magazine 'Sapno Ki Udaan' to commemorate the first anniversary of Chandrayaan-3 landing on the South Pole of the Moon. The virtual launch of this e-magazine was done by Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who called it an important step in the field of education.



## 8. Petronet LNG signs MoU with Sri Lanka's LTL Holdings.

Petronet LNG (PLL) has signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sri Lanka's LTL Holdings to supply LNG to LTL's dual-fuel power plants located at Kerawalapitiya, Colombo. Under this agreement, PLL and LTL have agreed to develop an LNG supply chain from PLL's LNG terminal in Kochi to the Kerawalapitiya power plant.





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**1. What is the name of India's first reusable hybrid rocket launched by Space Zone India?**

- A - RHUMI-II
- B - RHUMI-X
- C - RHUMI-1
- D - RHUMI-A

India today successfully launched its first reusable hybrid rocket RHUMI-1. The rocket has been developed by Tamil Nadu-based start-up Space Zone India and was launched from TTDC Grounds at Thiruvudandai, ECR, Chennai. The RHUMI-1 rocket will carry three cube satellites and 50 PICO satellites on a suborbital trajectory.



**2. Which Indian batsman has recently retired from all formats of cricket, becoming one of the eight batsmen to score more than 5000 runs at a strike rate of over 90 and an average of over 40 in ODIs?**

- A - Shikhar Dhawan
- B - Virat Kohli
- C - Rohit Sharma
- D - Sachin Tendulkar

Shikhar Dhawan has announced his retirement from international and domestic cricket at the age of 38. Dhawan played 34 Tests, 167 ODIs, and 68 T20Is for India from 2010 to 2022. He informed about his decision through a video on social media, in which he expressed gratitude for calling time on his cricket career.



**3. Which non-European country has recently implemented the "right to disconnect" law?**

- A - Canada
- B - Australia
- C - Japan
- D - United States

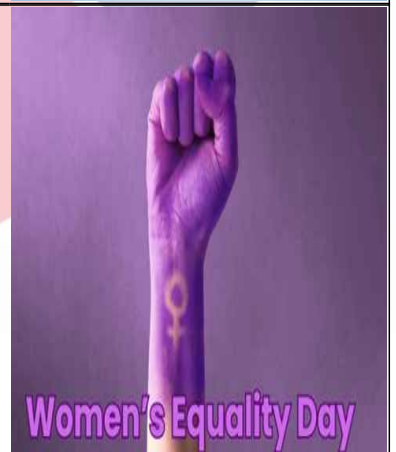
Australia is implementing a new "right to disconnect" law this month, which will allow employees to be free from emails, messages or calls outside their working hours. The law, approved on 12 February 2024, will provide relief from the "always on" workplace culture. Under this, companies cannot penalize employees for not responding to communications outside working hours.



**4. When is Women's Equality Day celebrated?**

- A - 15 August
- B - 8 March
- C - 26 August
- D - 2 October

Women's Equality Day is celebrated on 26 August, which marks the struggle for women's rights and equal opportunities. The theme for 2024 is "Embrace Equity", which underlines the importance of gender equality. The day honors activists who fought for equality and acknowledges the need for gender equality in all areas of society. Women's Equality Day originated from the Nineteenth Amendment to the US Constitution, which granted women the right to vote.



Women's Equality Day



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**5. Who has been appointed as the Chef de Mission of India for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Contingent?**

- 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 of the Indian Contingent for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. Sangwan, who is also the Vice President of the PCI, brings with him over a decade of experience in the Paralympic movement. As Chef de Mission, he will lead the Indian contingent of 84 para-athletes competing in 12 sporting disciplines, India's largest ever contingent.



**6. Who has recently been appointed as the Additional Director General (ADG) of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)?**

- A - Rajesh Kumar  
B - Manoj Sharma  
C - Arun Patel  
D - Sanjeev Raina

ITBP (Indo Tibet Border Police) officer Sanjeev Raina has been appointed Additional Director General (ADG) for the India-China LAC (Line of Actual Control) security force. According to reports, he is the second non-IPS officer to be appointed to this post. Sanjeev Raina joined the ITBP in November 1987 as Assistant Commandant, and after his training in Mussoorie, he got his first posting in Ladakh.



**7. Which bank has launched 'Avani' savings account for women, which offers benefits such as free airport lounge access, personal insurance cover and waiver on gold loan processing fees?**

- A - HDFC Bank  
B - Bandhan Bank  
C - ICICI Bank  
D - Axis Bank

Bandhan Bank launched a special savings account "Avani" for women and a customer loyalty program "Bandhan Bank Delights" on its 9th Foundation Day on 22 August 2023. The "Avani" account targets relatively affluent women and requires a minimum average quarterly balance of Rs 25,000.



**8. To promote interest in philately among students of classes VI to IX, which organisation has launched a philatelic scholarship scheme under the Deendayal SPARSH scheme?**

- A - Ministry of Education  
B - Indian Postal Department  
C - National Philatelic Museum  
D - Indian Council of Historical Research

The Department of Posts under the Union Ministry of Communications has launched the Deen Dayal SPARSH scheme, aimed at promoting the hobby of philately among students. The scheme was announced by Ahmedabad Postmaster General Krishna Kumar Yadav.





## One Liner

1. What is the name of India's first reusable hybrid rocket launched by Space Zone India. - **RHUMI -1**
2. Which Indian batsman has recently retired from all formats of cricket, who is one of the eight batsmen to score more than 5000 runs at a strike rate of more than 90 and an average of more than 40 in ODIs. - **Shikhar Dhawan**
3. Which non-European country has recently implemented the "right to disconnect" law. - **Australia**
4. When is Women's Equality Day celebrated. - **26 August**
5. Who has been appointed as the chief contingent of India for the Paris 2024 Paralympic contingent. - **Satya Prakash Sangwan**
6. Who has recently been appointed as the Additional Director General (ADG) of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). - **Sanjeev Raina**
7. Which bank has launched 'Avani' savings account for women, which offers benefits such as free airport lounge access, personal insurance cover and discount on gold loan processing fees. - **Bandhan Bank**
8. Class VI To promote interest in philately among students from classes I to IX, which organisation has launched a Philatelic Scholarship Scheme under the Deendayal SPARSH Scheme. - **Indian Postal Department**
9. Which bank is partnering with Tata Power Solar Systems to provide financing for solar units with loans up to Rs 90 lakh. - **ICICI Bank**
10. Goldman Sachs has lowered India's GDP growth forecast for 2024 by how many percent. - **6.7%**

