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1. Integrated Pension Scheme implemented in Maharashtra before assembly elections.

Maharashtra has become the first state to adopt the Integrated Pension Scheme (UPS) launched by the Central Government, taking a significant step ahead of the October 2024 assembly elections. The decision is expected to benefit around 13.5 lakh state employees, including employees of recognized and grant-in-aid educational institutions, non-agricultural universities and district councils.



2. 24th International Mother Teresa Awards ceremony held in Dubai.

The 24th International Mother Teresa Awards ceremony was held on August 26, 2024 at Millennium Plaza in Dubai, to commemorate the 114th birth anniversary of Mother Teresa. Organised by the All India Council for Minorities and Weaker Sections, the event took place in Dubai for the second time, honouring exceptional individuals from various fields.



3. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurates GST Bhawan in Udaipur.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the new GST Bhawan in the Hiran Magri area of Udaipur, with the ceremony concluding with Vedic chanting and plaque unveiling. The building, whose construction began in 2020, was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The new GST Bhawan has facilities such as a conference hall, meeting hall, data analytics cell, library, enquiry cell and guest house.



4. Bharti Airtel announces content partnership with Apple.

Bharti Airtel and Apple have partnered to bring exclusive offers of Apple TV+ and Apple Music to customers in India. Under this partnership, Airtel Xstream Fiber customers will now be able to enjoy the best and award-winning Hollywood content on Apple TV+ with premium Airtel WiFi and postpaid plans. The addition of Apple TV+ will make Airtel's OTT services offering even more attractive.



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5. World Water Week 25-29 August.

The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) is organising World Water Week on 25-29 August 2024, a flagship conference focused on global water issues and held every year since 1991. The theme of this year's conference is "Connecting boundaries: water for a peaceful and sustainable future", with an emphasis on promoting cooperation between different countries and communities through water.



6. NASSCOM appoints Sindhu Gangadharan, MD, SAP Labs India as Chairperson.

IT-BPM industry body Nasscom has appointed Sindhu Gangadharan, MD of SAP Labs India, as its new president. She will replace Rajesh Nambiar. As the first woman to lead SAP Labs India, Gangadharan brings experience and a vision to her new position at Nasscom. Her role will focus on advancing India's technology sector by leveraging emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence.



7. BCCI's Jay Shah becomes ICC's youngest chairman, replaces Greg Barclay.

BCCI secretary Jay Shah has been elected unopposed as the new chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC). At the age of 35, Shah has become the youngest person to lead the ICC. He will officially take over the role on December 1, 2024, making him the fifth Indian to hold the post after Jagmohan Dalmiya, Sharad Pawar, N Srinivasan and Shashank Manohar.



8. Jana Small Finance Bank wins 4 awards at ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave.

Jana Small Finance Bank has further strengthened its leading position in the Indian banking industry. The Bank received four major awards at the 2nd ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave and Awards: India's Best Small Finance Bank, Best Performer on Profitability (Runner-up), Best Performer on Asset Quality, and Best Performer on Risk Management.



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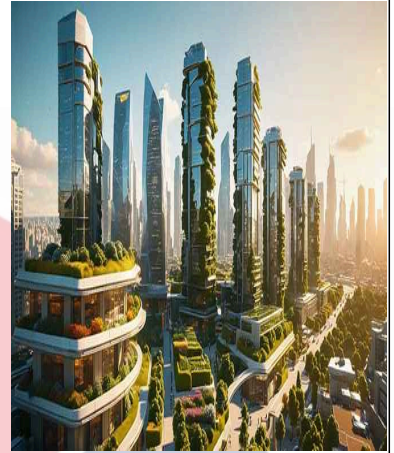


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1. What is India's rank in JLL's Global Real Estate Transparency Index 2024?

- A - 25th
- B - 40th
- C - 31st**
- D - 50th

Global property consultant JLL has included India in the transparent zone for the first time in its 2024 Global Real Estate Transparency Index. According to this index, India has entered the transparent zone for the first time with an overall score of 2.44 and is ranked 31st in the list of 89 countries.



2. Who has been appointed as the captain of the Indian women's cricket team for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024?

- A - Smriti Mandhana
- B - **Harmanpreet Kaur**
- C - Jemimah Rodrigues
- D - Deepti Sharma

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced a 15-member squad under the captaincy of Harmanpreet Kaur for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup to be held in the United Arab Emirates from October 3 to 20. Harmanpreet Kaur will be the captain and Smriti Mandhana will be the vice-captain. The team includes leading batsmen of Indian cricket, such as Shefali Verma, Jemimah Rodrigues, Dayalan Hemalatha and Sajna Sajeevan.



3. Where was the 24th International Mother Teresa Awards ceremony held?

- A - London
- B - **New York**
- C - **Dubai**
- D - Paris

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4. Recently in which country Amazon has launched its AI-powered shopping assistant chatbot named Rufus, which is designed to provide product recommendations, advice and updates to customers?

- A - United States
- B - **India**
- C - United Kingdom
- D - Australia

Amazon has launched a new AI shopping assistant named "Rufus" for its e-commerce platform in India. This is a significant step towards improving the shopping experience of customers using advanced AI technology.



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5. Who has been appointed as Apple's new finance chief, ahead of the company's product launch, and what were his previous senior leadership roles?

A - Tim Cook

B - Kevan Parekh

C - Luca Maestri

D - Peter Oppenheimer

Apple has appointed Kevan Parekh as the new chief financial officer from January 1, 2025, replacing Luca Maestri. Parekh, who has been with Apple for the past decade and was most recently vice president of financial planning and analysis, will now join the company's executive committee.



6. In response to growing sexual harassment allegations in the Malayalam cinema industry, who has recently resigned from the post of AMMA (Association of Malayalam Movie Artists) president?

A - Mammooty

B - Mohanlal

C - Dileep

D - Suresh Gopi

After the Hema Committee report, there have been several major revelations regarding issues of sexual harassment and exploitation in the Malayalam film industry. The report exposed issues such as casting couch practices, harassment and pay disparity, resulting in the resignation of several prominent personalities including superstar Mohanlal.



7. With an aim to promote digital innovation, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has recently launched its fifth TCS Pace Studio in which country?

A - India

B - Singapore

C - Philippines

D - Australia

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has launched its new TCS Pace Studio in Manila, Philippines. The studio focuses on promoting digital innovation in the Asia Pacific region and developing tailored solutions for clients. The studio is the fifth part of the TCS Pace network globally, joining four other studios already present in Riyadh, Sydney, Letterkenny, and Stockholm.



8. Who was recently appointed as the President of NASSCOM?

A - N. Chandrasekaran

B - Rajesh Gopinathan

C - Arvind Krishna

D - Sindhu Gangadharan

NASSCOM has appointed Sindhu Gangadharan, MD of SAP Labs India, as its new President, who will replace Rajesh Nambiar. Gangadharan, who is the first woman head of SAP Labs India, will focus on helping India's technology sector leverage new emerging technologies, such as AI, and strengthen the country's engineering R&D capabilities





One Liner

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3. Where was the 24th International Mother Teresa Award ceremony held? - **Dubai**
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5. Ahead of the company's product launch, who has been appointed as Apple's new finance chief, and what were his previous senior leadership roles? - **Kevan Parekh**
6. Who has recently resigned from the post of AMMA (Association of Malayalam Movie Artists) president, in response to rising sexual harassment allegations in the Malayalam cinema industry? - **Mohanlal**
7. With an aim to boost digital innovation, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) recently launched its fifth TCS In which country has Pace Studio been launched? - **Philippines**
8. Who was recently appointed as the President of NASSCOM? - **Sindhu Gangadharan**
9. Which Indian Institute of Management recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with alumnus Matthew Cyriac to set up the country's first Global Centre of Excellence on Private Equity and Venture Capital? - **Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore**
10. Which aluminium company has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Iron and Steel Skills Council (IISSC) for skill development of its contracted employees? - **National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO)**

