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1. National Sports Day 2024.

National Sports Day is celebrated in India every year on 29 August to commemorate the birth anniversary of Hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand. The day aims to promote the importance of sports and inspire youth to actively participate in sports. Major Dhyan Chand, who was born in 1905, is revered across the world for his unique hockey skills. He led India to gold medals in the 1928, 1932, and 1936 Olympics, earning him the title of Hockey wizard.



2. England's David Malan retires from international cricket.

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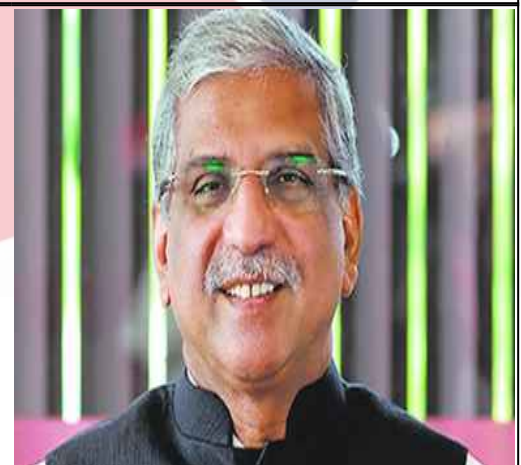
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4. ESAF Small Finance Bank launches Inori RuPay Platinum Credit Card.

ESAF Small Finance Bank has introduced Inori RuPay Platinum Credit Card in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). This premium product offers exclusive benefits and facilities to cardholders. RuPay is also growing rapidly in debit card issuance, especially with the advent of small finance banks.



5. India's second nuclear missile submarine launched by Rajnath Singh.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is set to commission India's second nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN), INS Arighat (S-3), during an event in Visakhapatnam. The submarine will strengthen India's nuclear deterrence and second strike capability. INS Arighat is equipped with K-15 nuclear ballistic missiles with a range of 750 km and will patrol the Indo-Pacific region.



6. Himachal government approves 'Mukhyamantri Sukh Shiksha Yojana'.

The Himachal Pradesh government has allocated Rs 53.21 crore annually for the 'Mukhyamantri Sukh Shiksha Yojana', which aims to provide financial assistance to socially and economically weaker women and parents of disabled children for the education and welfare of their children. Under the scheme, children below the age of 18 years will get a monthly grant of Rs 1,000 to meet education, health and nutrition-related expenses.



7. Small Industry Day 2024.

National Small Industry Day is celebrated every year on 30 August in India with the aim of promoting small scale industries and providing employment opportunities for the unemployed. The day is dedicated to highlighting the strategic relevance of small businesses and emphasising their growth.



8. Singapore hosted the 2nd India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable Conference (ISMR).

With an aim to strengthen strategic relations, Singapore hosted the 2nd India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable Conference (ISMR) on 26 August 2024. The high-level forum aims to discuss all aspects of relations between the two countries and draw future plans for bilateral relations. The first ISMR was held on 17 September 2022 in New Delhi, which was attended by four senior ministers from Singapore.



1. Which Indian Small Finance Bank recently won four awards at the 2nd ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave & Awards?

- A - Jana Small Finance Bank** **B - Equitas Small Finance Bank**
C - Ujjivan Small Finance Bank **D - AU Small Finance Bank**

Bengaluru-based Jana Small Finance Bank (SFB) Ltd bagged four major awards at the 2nd ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave & Awards 2024 held in New Delhi on 22-23 August 2024. The bank received the Best Small Finance Bank (India) award as well as was honoured for excellence in profitability, asset quality and risk management.



2. Who has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of the National Security Guard (NSG)?

- A - Nalin Prabhat** **B - B. Srinivasan**
C - Rajesh Kumar **D - Sandeep Singh**

Senior IPS officer B. Srinivasan has been appointed as the new Director General of the National Security Guard (NSG). He is a 1992 batch IPS officer of Bihar cadre and is currently the Director of Bihar Police Academy, Rajgir. His appointment has been approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. B. Srinivasan's tenure will last till his retirement date, 31 August 2027.



3. Who was the winner of the 61st National Chess Championship (August 2024)?

- A - Surya Shekhar Ganguly** **B - Nilesch Saha**
C - Karthik Venkataraman **D - Mitrabha Guha**

Grand Master Karthik Venkataraman of Andhra Pradesh won the title after a thrilling final round of India's 61st National Senior Chess Championship. Grand Master Surya Shekhar Ganguly, a six-time national champion, was half a point ahead with 8.5 points in the final round and was assured of his seventh title had he defeated Himel Gusain of Railways in the final round.



4. Vice Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar has recently taken over as Director General of Project Seabird. Project Seabird is related to?

- A - Construction of naval bases and infrastructure** **B - Development of new naval warships**
C - Enhancing naval aviation capabilities **D - Improving naval training programmes**

Vice Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar took over as Director General of Project Seabird from Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti on 28 August 2024. With this appointment, he has been entrusted with monitoring the major defence infrastructure project underway at Karwar Naval Base.



5. Which Tamil Nadu-based space startup launched its first reusable hybrid rocket, Mission RHUMI-2024?

- A - Agnikul Cosmos
B - Space Zone India
C - Skyroot Aerospace
D - Lakshmi Aerospace

Tamil Nadu-based startup Space Zone India successfully launched its first reusable hybrid rocket, Mission RHUMI-2024, on 28 August 2024. The rocket was launched from Thiruvaidanthai in Chennai and features a common fuel-based hybrid motor and an electrically powered parachute deployer. It aims to conduct research on global warming and climate change.



6. Jay Shah, the current honorary secretary of BCCI, has been elected unopposed as the independent chairman of ICC and will assume his office on 1 December 2024. Who is the current President of ICC?

- A - Greg Barclay
B - Jay Shah
C - Shashank Manohar
D - N. Srinivasan

Jay Shah has been elected unopposed as the next independent chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC). Shah, who has been the honorary secretary of BCCI since October 2019 and President of Asian Cricket Council since January 2021, will assume his office on 1 December 2024.



7. Which two companies signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the supply of hydraulic and lubricant oils and greases for a period of 5 years from 2024 to 2029?

- A - RINL and BPCL
B - RINL and HPCL
C - RINL and NTPC
D - RINL and IOCL

Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (RINL) and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for supply of hydraulic and lubricant oils and greases from 2024 to 2029. The agreement strengthens the long-term partnership between the two organizations and is a significant example of collaboration between industries.



8. After the retirement of Jaya Verma Sinha, who has been appointed as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Railway Board?

- A - Arun Kumar
B - Ramesh Singh
C - Manoj Verma
D - Satish Kumar

In a significant change in the history of Indian Railways, Satish Kumar has been appointed as the new Chairman and CEO of the Railway Board. He is a 1992 batch IPS officer of Bihar cadre and will take over from September 1, 2024. Satish Kumar will be the first Chairman and CEO of the Railway Board to come from Scheduled Caste.





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9. Who has been appointed the captain of the Indian men's hockey team for the 2024 Asian Champions Trophy? - **Harmanpreet Singh**
10. Christian Richter has recently won the IBSF World Under-17 Snooker Championship title. He is from which country? - **Germany**

