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1. Telugu woman banker honoured as rising star in banking 2024.

Bharathi Kolli, a 43-year-old woman hailing from Vizianagaram district of Andhra Pradesh, has been honoured by the group "Women We Admire" as the emerging woman leader in the banking sector in 2024. She is currently working as the Director of Data Management Office of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) in New York, US. Bharathi has been given this prestigious honour for her remarkable contribution in data management and analytics.



2. Former Karnataka CM SM Krishna passes away at 92.

S.M. Krishna, former Karnataka Chief Minister and iconic politician, passed away at the age of 92. He was born on 1 May 1932 in Maddur taluk of Mandya district. He entered politics as an independent candidate in the 1960s and later joined the Congress party. He was elected MP from Mandya in 1968 and 1971–72 and thereafter focused on state politics.



3. Trump nominates Harmeet Dhillon as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights.

Harmeet Kaur Dhillon, a prominent Indian-American lawyer, has been nominated by US President-elect Donald Trump as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the Department of Justice. The nomination marks her legal career and recognition for her support of civil rights. Dhillon has represented individuals and organisations in several high-profile cases involving civil liberties and freedom of speech.



4. Ajay Seth takes additional charge of Revenue Secretary.

The government has assigned the charge of Additional Revenue Secretary to Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth. The change comes after Sanjay Malhotra became the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Ajay Seth, a 1987 batch IAS officer of Karnataka cadre, will hold the responsibilities of both Economic Affairs and Revenue Secretary till permanent appointment.



5. Haris and Danny Wyatt-Hodge selected as ICC Player of the Month.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) honored Pakistan's Haris Rauf and England's Danny Wyatt-Hodge as the "Best Player of the Month" for November 2024. Both the players have won this award for the first time with exceptional performances in their respective formats.



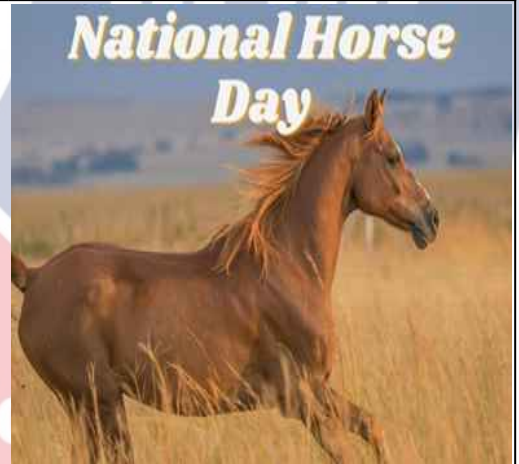
6. Tan Kim Her to return as India's badminton doubles coach.

Malaysian badminton coach Tan Kim Her is set to return as India's doubles badminton coach. The Indian Sports Ministry approved his appointment till the Asian Games 2026. This will be his second stint in the Indian badminton setup, the first being from 2015 to 2019. In his first stint, he formed the successful doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, who are now ranked eighth in the BWF rankings.



7. National Horse Day 2024.

National Horse Day is celebrated every year on December 13, a day to honor the economic, historical, and cultural contributions of horses. On this day, equestrian lovers across the country gather to express their appreciation and respect for horses. Whether one has horseback riding experience or not, this day is an opportunity to recognize the majesty of horses.



8. India finishes sixth at Asian Women's Handball Championship, Japan beat South Korea to win title.

The Indian women's handball team finished sixth at the Asian Women's Handball Championship (AWHC) 2024, India's best ever performance at the event. India defeated China 41-30 in the 5th/6th place playoff. Japan beat South Korea in a thrilling final to win the title, breaking South Korea's seven-year championship winning streak.



1. **Bharti was honoured as the "Emerging Woman Leader in Banking Sector 2024" by which group?**

A - Forbes Women

B - Women We Admire

C - Women of Influence

D - Banking Leaders Summit

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2. **S. M. Krishna, former Karnataka Chief Minister and influential leader, passed away at the age of 92. He was honoured with which title?**

A - "Maker of Karnataka"

B - "Architect of Brand Bengaluru"

C - "Father of Silicon City"

D - "IT Pitamah of Karnataka"

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3. **US President-elect Donald Trump has nominated Harmeet Kaur Dhillon for which post?**

A - Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights

B - US Vice President

C - US Defense Secretary

D - US Secretary of State

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4. **Who has been given the charge of Additional Revenue Secretary by the government?**

A - Sanjay Malhotra

B - Ajay Seth

C - Shaktikanta Das

D - Nirmala Sitharaman

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5. Who did the International Cricket Council (ICC) announce as the "Players of the Month" for November 2024?

A - Haris Rauf and Danny Wyatt-Hodge

B - Virat Kohli and Alex Hales

C - Babar Azam and Sophie Ecclestone

D - Rohit Sharma and Lisa Sthalekar

The International Cricket Council (ICC) honored Pakistan's Haris Rauf and England's Danny Wyatt-Hodge as the "Players of the Month" for November 2024. Haris Rauf helped Pakistan win an ODI series in Australia for the first time. He took 18 wickets in 6 ODIs and 3 T20Is in November, with 13 wickets coming in ODIs.



6. With a return to India in December 2024, who has been appointed as India's doubles badminton coach?

A - Vimal Kumar

B - Gopichand Pullela

C - Morten Frost

D - Tan Kim Her

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7. National Horse Day is celebrated on which day?

A - 1 January

B - 15 November

C - 14 November

D - 13 December

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A - South Korea

B - China

C - Japan

D - Kazakhstan

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2. S. M. Krishna, former chief minister of Karnataka and influential leader, passed away at the age of 92. With which title was he conferred? - **"Architect of Brand Bengaluru"**
3. For which post did Donald Trump nominate the US President-elect? - **Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights**
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6. Who has been appointed as India's doubles badminton coach, with a return to India in December 2024? - **Tan Kim Har**
7. National Horse Day is celebrated on which day? - **13 December**
8. Which country has won the 2024 Asian Women's Handball Championship? - **Japan**
9. Recently a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between India and Nicaragua for Quick Impact Projects (QIP). What is the capital of Nicaragua? - **Managua**
10. According to the recent United Nations report on drylands, what percentage of the Earth's land has become dry in the last 30 years? - **77%**

