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1. Global campaign to combat hate speech in 2024 |

On June 18, countries around the world celebrate the International Day to Combat Hate Speech. The day aims to raise awareness about the harmful effects of hate speech and promote strategies to identify, address and combat it. This year's theme focuses on "the power of youth to combat and address hate speech", highlighting the important role of youth in building an inclusive and harmonious society.



2. Former Odisha Governor Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare passes away |

Former Odisha Governor Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare passed away on June 15 at the age of 95. Bhandare, who was born on December 10, 1928 in Mumbai, was a senior Congress leader in Maharashtra and a three-time Rajya Sabha member. During his parliamentary tenures, he served as chairman of various committees and visited several countries. Bhandare was a humanist who fought against inequality in society.



3. Cyril Ramaphosa re-elected as South Africa's President

On 14 June, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa was re-elected to a second term by legislators after his party, the ANC, formed an alliance with a former political adversary just hours before voting. Ramaphosa received 283 votes against far-left Economic Freedom Fighters party (EFF) leader Julius Malema, while Malema received 44 votes.



4. Veteran sports journalist Harpal Singh Bedi passes away |

Veteran sports journalist Harpal Singh Bedi passed away at the age of 72 after a prolonged illness. Bedi was known for his wit, warmth and sarcasm along with his immense knowledge of Indian sports, and served as the Indian press attache at the London Olympics 2012. Harpal Singh Bedi was one of the leading names in Indian sports journalism.



5. Sustainable Gastronomy Day 2024 |

Sustainable Gastronomy Day is celebrated on 18 June, dedicated to promoting sustainable practices in the art of food and cuisine. Gastronomy refers to local food and cooking styles, while sustainability refers to using natural resources in a way that does not harm the environment. Sustainable gastronomy includes the sources of food ingredients, the ways of growing food, and the processes of getting it to the plate.



6. Ed Finds a Home: Alia Bhatt's heartwarming children's book

Actress Alia Bhatt celebrated Father's Day in a unique way by unveiling the first look of her first children's book "Ed Finds a Home". The book marks the beginning of a new series in the "Ed-a-Mamma" universe. Alia expressed her happiness that the book reflects her childhood love for storytelling and storytellers, and her dream of one day bringing out the child in her and writing books for children.



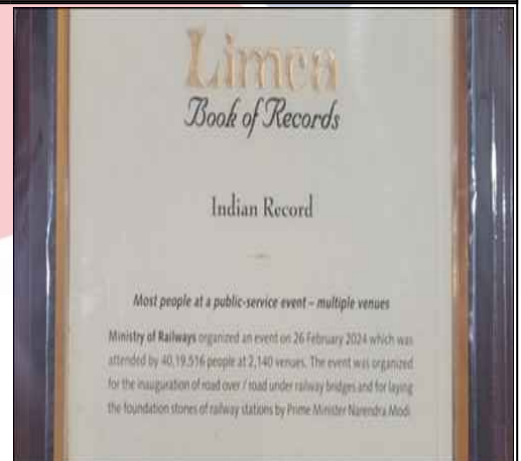
7. Punjab Police launches 'Mission Nishchay'

The Punjab Police, in collaboration with the Border Security Force (BSF) and Village Defence Committees (VDCs), has launched a week-long campaign against drugs in Fazilka district. The initiative named 'Mission Nishchay' aims to gather information about the demand and supply of drugs from residents of 42 villages near the India-Pakistan border.



8. Indian Railways enters Limca Book of Records

Indian Railways has achieved a unique feat by entering the Limca Book of Records for organising the largest public service programme at multiple locations. On 26 February 2024, more than 40 lakh people participated in the event, which took place at more than 2,000 locations. The initiative was inaugurated under railway bridges and laid stones for railway stations by Minister Narendra Modi.



1. Which Indian archer won gold in the final Olympic qualifier and secured a quota for the Paris 2024 Olympics?

- A - Deepika Kumari
B - Bhajan Kaur
C - Ankita Bhakat
D - Tarundeep Rai

Indian women's archer Bhajan Kaur has won the gold medal for India in the 'Archery in Paris Final Olympic Qualifier' through her brilliant performance. She demonstrated her unique technique and mastery and defeated Iran's Mobina Falah in the final in 6-2 sets. After this victory, Bhajan Kaur has secured an individual Olympic quota.



2. Which government agency has launched 'Mission Nischay' to gather intelligence about the demand and supply of drugs in border villages?

- A - Punjab Police
B - Central Bureau of Investigation
C - Border Security Force
D - Narcotics Control Bureau

A week-long campaign 'Mission Nischay' has been launched in Fazilka district in collaboration with Punjab Police and Border Security Force (BSF). The main objective of this campaign is to gather information about drugs in villages close to the India-Pakistan border and ensure their supply. Police officers will visit villages between June 15 and 21 to interview residents and educate them about the use of drugs.



3. Who inaugurated Prerna Sthal in Parliament premises?

- A - Prime Minister Narendra Modi
B - Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla
C - Congress President Mallikarjun D - Deputy Speaker Jagdeep Dhankhar

Rajya Sabha Chairman and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated 'Prerna Sthal' in Parliament House. The sthal houses statues of national icons and freedom fighters, which were earlier located at various locations in the building. Dhankhar, at the inauguration ceremony, described the sthal as a source of inspiration and motivation for the public and vowed to make it an important place.



4. Who broke the national record in the girls' 400m under-18 race at the 19th National Youth Athletics Championships?

- A - Muskan Arora
B - Neeru Pathak
C - Khushu Yadav
D - Rezoana Malik Heena

Neeru Pathak won the gold medal in the girls' 400m race at the 19th National Youth Athletics Championships held in Bilaspur on Sunday. She also broke the national record of former Asian junior champion Heena in this event. Delhi's Neeru set a new national youth record by clocking 52.85 seconds and also qualified for the Under-20 World Championships. The other gold medalist was Mannat Brar (Punjab) in 55.84 seconds.



5. In which tournament, Mazahir Saidu and Chetna Sharma were given the title of 'Champion of Champions'?

A - National Armwrestling and Para Armwrestling Championships 2024

B - World Armwrestling Championships

C - Asian Armwrestling Championships

D - Pro Panja League

The PAFI National Armwrestling and Para Armwrestling Championships 2024 was recently held in Nagpur, in which Mazahir Saidu and Chetna Sharma.



6. Who broke Chris Gayle's record of fastest T-20 century?

A - John Nicol Lofty-Eaton

B - Hazratullah Zazai

C - Finn Allen

D - Sahil Chauhan

A new record has been established in T20 cricket, when Estonia's Indian-origin player Sahil Chauhan created history by scoring a century in just 27 balls. Before this date, this record was in the name of Chris Gayle, who scored a century in just 30 balls in IPL 2013. Chauhan scored 144 runs while playing for Estonia, which included 18 sixes and 6 fours. His excellent innings has given him special recognition in T20 cricket.



7. Who was elected unopposed as the Speaker of the 8th Arunachal Pradesh Assembly?

A - Tesam Pongte

B - Pema Khandu

C - Ninong Ering

D - Chauna Mein

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA Tesam Pongte has been elected the Speaker of the Arunachal Pradesh Assembly. While assuming his new role, he has given a special assurance to the members of the House that he will do his work fairly and without any bias. Pongte has been officially elected MLA for the third time from Changlang North seat.



8. Who successfully defended her Nottingham Open title by defeating Karolina Pliskova in the final?

A - Karolina Pliskova

B - Emma Raducanu

C - Katie Boulter

D - Diane Parry

Katie Boulter won her title by defeating Karolina Pliskova in the final of the Nottingham Open Tennis Tournament. The match was held in three sets, in which Boulter took the lead after being behind in the first set and won the next two sets 6-3, 6-2. Boulter performed well against Pliskova, especially in the service game and return game. Boulter reached the final after defeating Emma Raducanu in the semi-final of the first day.





One Liner

1. Which Indian archer won gold in the final Olympic qualifier to secure a quota for the Paris 2024 Olympics - **Bhajan Kaur**
2. Which government agency launched 'Mission Nischay' to gather intelligence about the demand and supply of drugs in border villages - **Punjab Police**
3. Who inaugurated Prerna Sthal in Parliament premises - **Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar**
4. Who broke the national record for girls' 400m under-18 race at the 19th National Youth Athletics Championship - **Neeru Pathak**
5. In which tournament Mazahir Saidu and Chetna Sharma were given the title of 'Champion of Champions' - **National Armwrestling and Para Armwrestling Championship 2024**
6. Who broke Chris Gayle's record for the fastest T-20 century - **Sahil Chauhan**
7. Who was elected unopposed as the Speaker of the 8th Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly - **Tesam Pongte**
8. Who successfully defended her Nottingham Open title by defeating Carolina Pliskova in the final - **Katie Boulter**
9. MoU between Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and State Bank of India (SBI) According to the memorandum, name the payment gateway integrated with the e-migrate portal. - **SBlePay**
10. Who won the men's singles title in the Australian Open badminton tournament in 2024 - **Li Zi Jia**

