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1. Smriti Mandhana became the first Indian woman cricketer to score consecutive centuries in ODIs.

Smriti Mandhana created history by becoming the first Indian woman to score two combined centuries in the second ODI against South Africa played at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on 19 June. She also set the record for the most runs by an Indian woman in a bilateral One Day International series. Smriti Mandhana, born on 18 July 1996, is an Indian cricketer who represents the Indian women's national team.



2. J.P. Nadda appointed as Leader of House in Rajya Sabha |

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president and Union minister Jagat Prakash Nadda has been named the Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha. He replaced Union minister Piyush Goyal, who took oath as a member of the lower house of Parliament on June 24 after winning the recent Lok Sabha elections. The Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha is the leader of the majority party in the Rajya Sabha and the parliamentary speaker, who is usually a cabinet minister or another nominated minister.



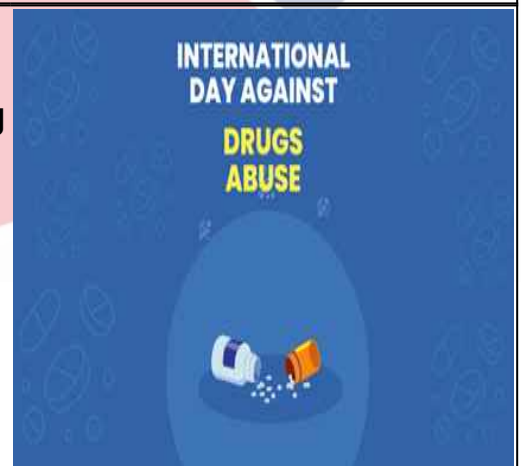
3. India wins 11 medals at Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championship 2024 |

Indian wrestlers performed brilliantly with 11 medals at the conclusion of the Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championship 2024, including four gold, two silver and five bronze medals. The competition was held in Amman, Jordan from 22 to 24 June 2024. The Youth Under-23 Championship was held after the Under-17 competition. The Indian women's team won all four gold medals.



4. International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2024 |

Every year on June 26, the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, also known as World Anti-Drug Day, is celebrated across the world. This important day was established by the United Nations in 1987 to raise awareness about the dangers of drug abuse and encourage cooperation in overcoming this problem.





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5. Lieutenant General NS Rajasubramani will be the next Deputy Army Chief I

Lieutenant General N.S. Rajasubramani has been appointed as the next Army Vice Chief, it was officially informed on June 20. He will replace Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi, who is currently heading the Army's Central Command. Lieutenant General Dwivedi will be the next Army Chief after the incumbent General Manoj Pandey retires on June 30.



6. Government appoints Girija Subramanian as CMD of New India Assurance Company.

The government has appointed Girija Subramanian as a key director in the Indian insurance sector. He has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of New India Assurance, with an initial tenure of up to June 19, 2024 or until further orders. His appointment reflects his vast experience in the business world in providing distinctive identity and superior services.



7. Anuj Tyagi becomes new MD and CEO of HDFC ERGO General Insurance I

HDFC ERGO General Insurance has announced the appointment of Anuj Tyagi as its new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective from July 1, 2024. Tyagi, who has been with the company since 2008 and currently serves as Deputy MD, will replace Ritesh Kumar in these key leadership roles.



8. SBI to open 400 branches in FY2024-25: SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara I

Under the leadership of Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara, State Bank of India (SBI) has set a target of opening 400 new branches across India in FY2024-25. This expansion strategy is part of SBI's initiative to enhance customer service, especially in emerging areas such as digital transactions and financial advisory services, despite the growing trend of digital payments.



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1. Who has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor of India's first AI-dedicated institute, Universal AI University?

- A - Tarundeep Singh Anand B - Dr. R.M. Chitnis
C - **Simon Mak** D - Rahul Vishwanath Karad

India's first artificial intelligence university, Universal AI University (UAIU), has appointed Professor Simon Mak as its Vice Chancellor. Mak is the first non-Indian to become the founding Vice Chancellor of an Indian institute. Mak's academic background includes a B.Tech from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), an MBA and PhD from SMU Cox School of Business.



2. Who launched the National 'Diarrhea Roko Abhiyan 2024' in India?

- A - Narendra Modi B - Amit Shah
C - Rajnath Singh D - **J.P. Nadda**

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda launched the National Diarrhea Roko Abhiyan 2024 on 24 June. Union Minister of State for Health Smt. Anupriya Patel and Shri Jadhav Patrao Ganapatrao were also present on the occasion. The campaign aims to reduce child mortality due to diarrhoea to zero.



3. Who was honoured by UNGA President Denis Francis for her key role in shaping the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?

- A - Indira Gandhi B - **Hansa Mehta**
C - Mander Teresa D - Malat Yousafzai

On the occasion of International Day for Women in Diplomacy on June 25, United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) President Denis Francis paid tribute to Indian leader, activist and diplomat Hansa Mehta. Mehta ensured more inclusive language by changing "all human beings" to "all human beings" in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which was a significant step towards women's rights and gender equality.



4. Which country recently achieved the feat of bringing samples from the far side of the Moon for the first time?

- A - **China** B - United States
C - Russia D - European Union

China launched a lunar probe mission under the Chang'e-6 mission to collect samples from the far side of the Moon and bring them back to Earth. The mission is operated by the China National Space Administration (CNSA) and is the first of its kind in the history of human lunar exploration. The lunar probe was launched by a Long March-5 Y8 rocket from the Wenchang Space Launch Site.



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5. Who became the first batsman to hit 200 sixes in T20 Internationals?

- A - Chris Gayle
B - Babar Azam
C - Rohit Sharma
D - Jos Buttler

On June 24, at the Darren Sammy National Cricket Stadium in St Lucia, Rohit Sharma became the first player to hit 200 sixes in T20 International cricket while playing against Australia in a Super Eight Group 1 match of the T20 World Cup 2024. Rohit scored 92 runs off 41 balls and hit eight sixes in this innings, taking his total number of sixes in T20 International cricket to 203. Rohit has become the first batsman to hit 200 sixes in T20I cricket.



6. Who has been appointed CMD of New India Assurance Company in June 2024?

- A - Aathira Warriar
B - Alok Lenka
C - N. S. Raja Subramani
D - Girija Subramanian

Girija Subramanian has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of New India Assurance, India's largest general insurer. She will hold the position from June 19, 2024, until she attains the age of retirement or until further orders. Girija Subramanian holds a graduate degree in Statistics and is a Fellow Member of the Insurance Institute of India. She is also an Associate Member of the Chartered Insurance Institute, London.



7. Which ministry has launched the 'Safai Apnao, Bimari Bhagao (SABB)' initiative under SBM-U 2.0?

- A - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
B - Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
C - Ministry of Rural Development
D - Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

To address the challenges of rising sanitation and waterborne diseases during monsoon, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched the "Safai Apnao, Bimari Bhagao" (SABB) initiative, which will run from July 1 to August 31, 2024.



8. Who will be the next Deputy Army Chief of India?

- A - Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi
B - Lt Gen Anuj Jagtap
C - Lt Gen N.S. Raja Subramani
D - Lieutenant General Bikram Singh

Lieutenant General N.S. Raja Subramani has been appointed as the next Vice Chief of Army Staff, replacing Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi. Subramani, currently heading the Central Command, will take over the post after the government approves the appointment on June 20. Lieutenant General Dwivedi, who is currently the vice chief, will be the next Army Chief after General Manoj Pandey retires on June 30.



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9. Which state government is going to inaugurate Prime Minister Excellence Colleges in all districts on July 1, focusing on enhancing education under the National Education Policy. - **Madhya Pradesh**
10. Recently, which country's all-India media team Bilan won the 2024 One World Media Press Freedom Award for its courageous reporting. - **Somalia**

