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1. New Dutch PM takes on mission to curb asylum, former spy chief sworn in

Dick Skof, a former spy chief, was sworn in as the new Dutch prime minister, focused on implementing the "toughest ever" immigration policy. Skof, 67, previously led the Dutch secret service and took over from Mark Rutte, who was in power for 14 years. Skof is leading a right-wing coalition in which Geert Wilders' far-right party, the Freedom Party (PVV), has secured five ministerial positions. Wilders scaled back his prime ministerial ambitions to maintain the coalition's stability.



2. P. Geetha receives K. Saraswathi Amma Award

P. Geetha was awarded the first K. Saraswathi Amma Award, in recognition of her contribution to feminist literature and social discourse. The award is instituted by WINGS (Women's Integration and Growth Through Sports) Kerala. Geetha's book "Aan Thachukal" (Male Creations), which was published by M.T. Vasudevan Nair's screenplays, which earned her the honour, are an analysis of her screenplays.



3. Rajinder Khanna becomes Additional NSA, TV Ravichandran will take over as Deputy NSA

Recently, several important appointments have been made to strengthen the National Security Council (NSC). Former Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief Rajinder Khanna has been promoted as Additional National Security Advisor (NSA). Along with this, TV Ravichandran and Pawan Kapoor have been appointed as Deputy National Security Advisor (Deputy NSA).



4. Dr BN Gangadhar appointed as Chairman of National Medical Commission

With an aim to boost medical education and healthcare administration in India, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has announced several key appointments in the National Medical Commission (NMC). These appointments are aimed at bringing in fresh perspectives and expertise in the country's apex medical education regulator. Dr BN Gangadhar has taken over as NMC chairman.



5. ICICI Bank launches prepaid Saphiro forex card for international students

ICICI Bank has launched the 'Student Saphiro Forex Card', designed specifically for students who are going abroad for higher education. This premium forex prepaid card powered by Visa allows students and their parents to manage expenses related to education abroad, such as admission fees, course-related fees, travel, meals, and groceries. The card comes with joining benefits of up to Rs 15,000 and also includes some exclusive features.



6. Indian Air Force Chief inaugurates Weapon Systems School in Hyderabad

Indian Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal VR Choudhary has inaugurated the Weapon Systems School (WSS) in Hyderabad, aimed at reorganizing and transforming the Indian Air Force in view of future challenges. This new training establishment is a significant advancement for the armed forces in general and the Indian Air Force in particular. With the inauguration of WSS on July 1 at Begumpet Air Force Station in Hyderabad, a new chapter has been added to the history of the Indian Air Force.



7. Paytm launches 'Health Sathi' plan

Paytm's parent company One 97 Communications has launched a new health and income protection plan called 'Paytm Health Sathi' for its merchant partners. The plan starts at a subscription of Rs 35 per month and offers a variety of services including unlimited doctor teleconsultation, in-person doctor visits (OPD) within its partner network. The company also offers a variety of security covers in this plan.



8. Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy inaugurated the DMF Gallery at Shastri Bhavan.

Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy inaugurated the DMF Gallery at Shastri Bhavan, in which Minister of State Satish Chandra Dubey was also present. The DMF gallery will display products of self-help groups (SHGs) formed under the District Mineral Institute and Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana and self-help groups supported by mining companies under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).



1. Who has become the number 1 T20I all-rounder after India's victory in the T20 World Cup?

- A - Axar Patel
C - Ravindra Jadeja
B - Hardik Pandya
D - Shivam Dube

Hardik Pandya played a key role in India's title win in the T20 World Cup 2024 and has become the first Indian to become the number 1 all-rounder in T20. India defeated South Africa by 7 runs in a thrilling final, ending an 11-year drought of ICC trophies. Hardik scored 144 runs at a strike rate of over 150 in the tournament and took 11 wickets, taking him to the top of the ICC T20I rankings for all-rounders.



2. Who will receive the TIFF Share Her Journey Groundbreaker Award at the 49th Toronto International Film Festival?

- A - Nicole Kidman
C - Kate Winslet
B - Cate Blanchett
D - Charlize Theron

Acclaimed Australian actor and producer Cate Blanchett will be honored with the TIFF Share Her Journey Groundbreaker Award at the 49th Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF). Cate Blanchett is being given this award for her extraordinary talent, her devotion to art and her inspiring career. Blanchett has worked in many notable films in her career and has earned global recognition for her acting.



3. Who won the first K. Saraswathi Amma Prize for Feminist Studies in 2024?

- A - Sarah Joseph
C - P. Geetha
B - M. T. Vasudevan Nair
D - Deepika Reddy

In a significant recognition of feminist literature and studies, writer, critic, and feminist activist P. Geetha has been awarded the first K. Saraswathi Amma Prize. The award is instituted by WINGS (Women's Integration and Growth Through Sports) Kerala and signifies the acknowledgement of feminist contributions to literature and social discourse.



4. Senior leader Sampanthan, who advocated Tamil interests, passed away recently. He had served as the Leader of the Opposition in which country?

- A - Sri Lanka
C - Malaysia
B - India
D - Singapore

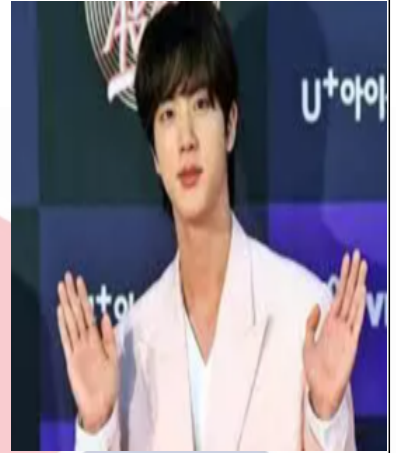
Senior politician Rajavarothiam Sampanthan, who advocated for the rights of Tamil minorities in Sri Lanka, died in Colombo at the age of 91. He played a prominent role as the leader of the Tamil National Alliance (TNA), a coalition representing Tamils in northern and eastern Sri Lanka for the past 23 years.



5. Who has been selected as South Korea's torchbearer for the 2024 Paris Olympics to promote the themes of 'harmony' and 'peace'?

- A - Lee Myung-bak B - Song Hye-kyo
C - Jin of BTS D - Yoon Suk Yeol.

On July 3, 2024, HYBE, the agency representing BTS, confirmed that Jin will participate in the upcoming Paris Olympics 2024 as a torchbearer for South Korea. The announcement comes after earlier reports that speculated about the participation of BTS members in the prestigious event. BTS, one of the world's most popular K-pop groups, will play a symbolic role in spreading the message of "harmony and peace" as torchbearers.



6. Who has been appointed as the Chief Airport Officer at Guwahati's Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport?

- A - Ajit Singh B - Ashwin Noronha
C - Ravi Sharma D - Neha Kapoor

Ashwin Noronha has been appointed as the Chief Airport Officer of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (LGBIA). Ashwin is currently the Chief Operating Officer at Mumbai International Airport Limited and is an aviation industry veteran, having worked at Qatar Airways Group, KPMG and Zurich Airports in India. Guwahati Airport is set to handle over five lakh passengers in May 2024, an increase of nearly 15% over last year.



7. Who has been appointed as the new Additional National Security Advisor to ensure continuity in the national security apparatus under Prime Minister Modi's regime?

- A - TV Ravichandran B - Pawan Kapoor
C - Manas Singh D - Rajinder Khanna

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8. Which Indian state has created the first 'inclusive sports manual' for persons with disabilities?

- A - Karnataka B - Maharashtra
C - Kerala D - Tamil Nadu

The Kerala General Education Department has prepared the "Inclusive Sports Manual" with the aim of promoting sports talent of differently-abled school children and ensuring their participation. State General Education Minister V. Sivankutty described it as the first such document in the country. He said that there is a plan to organize competitions under the manual this year.





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9. In which country did Oran Nolson get the Picostim neurostimulator implant for epilepsy control? - **United Kingdom**
10. How many medals did Indian wrestlers win at the Under-23 Asian Wrestling Championships in Jordan? - **8**

