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1. Veteran actress Smriti Biswas dies at the age of 100

Veteran actress Smriti Biswas died on July 3 at the age of 100. The actress, known for her work in Bengali, Hindi and Marathi films, breathed her last due to age-related illness at her home in Nashik. Social media has been flooded with condolence messages for her, with many sharing pictures from her various films. Smriti Biswas was born as Smriti Biswas in a Christian family. She made her film debut as a child artiste in 1930 with the Bengali film Sandhya. Biswas last acted in the 1960 film "Modern Girl".



2. Defence Investiture Ceremony 2024: President Murmu felicitates gallantry award recipients I

On July 5, 2024, President Draupadi Murmu presided over the Defence Investiture Ceremony-2024 (Phase-I) at Rashtrapati Bhavan. In this ceremony, the President conferred gallantry awards to soldiers and women who have rendered distinguished service. Several high-profile government officials were present at the ceremony, including the Vice President of India, the Prime Minister, and the Union Defence Minister.



3. Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi becomes 15th Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court I

Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court. He replaced Justice Sanjay Kumar Mishra, who retired on December 28, 2023. His appointment was recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium in December last year and was officially announced by the Union Ministry of Law and Justice on July 3. Justice Sarangi took oath as the 15th Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court on July 5.



4. International Day of Cooperatives 2024 I

International Day of Cooperatives is celebrated every year on the first Saturday of July. This year the day will be celebrated on 6 July 2024. Its objective is to build a better world through cooperation, in which the goals of economic prosperity and public welfare can be achieved while protecting individual freedom. The theme of International Day of Cooperatives 2024 is "Cooperatives build a better future for all".



5. Agri-entrepreneur Sopna Kallingal receives Spice Award

Sopna Kallingal of Kallingal Plantation, Thrissur has been awarded the Spice Award 2024 by ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research. The award has been given to her for her initiative in enterprise diversification and integrated crop management strategies, which promote a sustainable spice-based crop system. The Spice Awards is an annual event whose main objective is to honor Asian and Indian food in Scotland. The 6th Annual Spice Awards for 2024 were held.



6. LIC Chairman Siddhartha Mohanty re-designated as Managing Director and CEO

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has re-appointed its Chairman Siddhartha Mohanty as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director with effect from June 30, 2024. Mohanty took over as Chairman of LIC in April 2023 and was earlier the Managing Director of the company. He joined LIC in 1985 and has gained extensive experience in the areas of life insurance marketing, human resources, legal and investments.



7. Keir Starmer will be the next British Prime Minister

Keir Starmer, born in 1963 to a working-class family near London, is set to become Britain's next Prime Minister. With a background in human rights law and public prosecutions, he entered politics relatively late and became an MP in 2015. Starmer's rise in the Labour Party saw him help restore the party's fortunes after its 2019 election setback.



8. Arundhati Roy wins PEN Pinter Prize for 'defining the real truth of society'

Arundhati Roy, Indian author and Booker Prize winner, has been awarded the prestigious PEN Pinter Prize 2024 for her unique and courageous writing. She has received the honour of being an ambassador of the PEN Pinter Prize, which also came after she received threats for her views on Kashmir. The award was established in 2009 and honours literature in memory of Harold Pinter.



1. In which term will Hemant Soren take over as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand in 2024?

- A - Third term
B - Second term
C - Fourth term
D - Fifth term

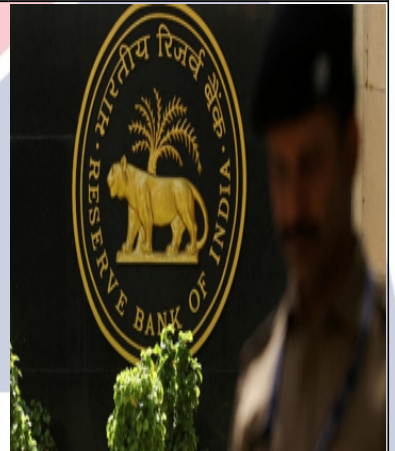
Hemant Soren has taken oath as the 13th Chief Minister of Jharkhand at the Raj Bhavan. Earlier, Governor CP Radhakrishnan administered the oath of office and secrecy to him. This is Hemant Soren's third term. His wife Kalpana Soren shared a message on social media before the swearing-in, in which she spoke on the victory of democracy.



2. Who has been appointed as the new Executive Director of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from July 1, 2024?

- A - Anil Kumar
B - Charulata S. Kar
C - Rajesh Sharma
D - Priya Mehta

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Mrs. Charulata S. Kar as Executive Director from July 1, 2024. She was previously the Chief Director General in charge in the Department of Human Resource Management, where she has gained experience in areas such as payment and settlement systems, information technology, and government banking. She has also represented RBI in international forums and committees.



3. Who won the prestigious Spices Award 2024 for business diversification and integrated crop management excellence?

- A - Anita Singh
B - Rajesh Kumar
C - Ajay Sehgal
D - Sopana Kallingal

Sopana Kallingal of Kallingal Plantations has received the Spices Award 2024 instituted by the Indian Institute of Spices Research. The award has been conferred for her enterprise diversification and integrated crop management strategies, promoting a sustainable spice-based cropping system. The award was given on June 2 at a ceremony in Kozhikode. Sopana Kallingal has developed a diverse range of different crops through Kallingal Plantations.



4. Which Indian state has recently launched the 'Lokpath Mobile App' to resolve public road issues?

- A - Uttar Pradesh
B - Madhya Pradesh
C - Rajasthan
D - Maharashtra

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has launched the 'Lokpath Mobile App', a significant step towards enhancing transparency and accountability in the maintenance of all viable roads in the state. The primary objective of this app is to provide quick resolution of road-related problems across Madhya Pradesh's extensive network spanning 40,000 km.



5. Who has become the next British Prime Minister after the Labour Party won the UK parliamentary elections, ending 14 years of Conservative-led government?

A - Keir Starmer

B - Boris Johnson

C - Rishi Sunak

D - Jeremy Corbyn

Born in 1963 to a working-class family near London, Keir Starmer is set to become the next Prime Minister of Britain. With a background in human rights law and public prosecutions, he entered politics relatively late and became a Member of Parliament in 2015. Starmer's rise within the Labour Party helped revive the party's fortunes after setbacks in the 2019 elections.



6. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of the Press Information Bureau in July 2024?

A - Shefali Sharan

B - Dhirendra Ojha

C - Rajesh Malhotra

D - Manish Desai

Veteran Indian Information Service (IIS) officer Dhirendra K Ojha has been appointed as the principal spokesperson of the Union Government. The appointment gives Ojha a key role in the government communications sector, where he has been entrusted with the responsibility of being the official voice of the Central Government. His new role will also see him serving as the Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau (PIB).



7. World Zoonosis Day is observed every year on 6 July. In which year was the first vaccination against a zoonotic disease successfully created by Louis Pasteur on 6 July?

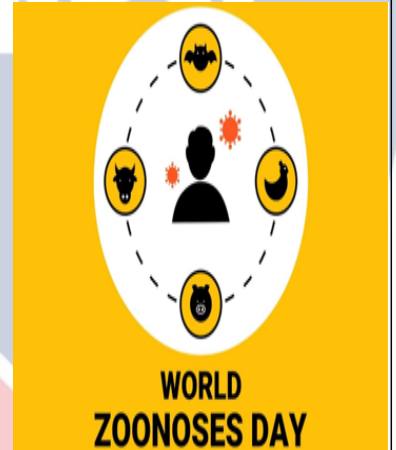
A - 1885

B - 1860

C - 1890

D - 1905

World Zoonosis Day is observed on 6 July with the main objective of raising awareness against zoonotic diseases by dedicating it to the birth anniversary of French biologist Louis Pasteur. Pasteur created the first rabies vaccine in 1885, which proved to be important in the prevention of zoonotic disease.



8. With whom did RBI collaborate to launch a quick cross-border payment platform under Project Nexus?

A - European Union

B - African Union

C - ASEAN

D - SAARC

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and the central banks of four ASEAN countries have jointly started work on "Project Nexus". The main objective of this project is to make retail cross-border payments fast, efficient and affordable.





One Liner

1. Hemant Soren will take over as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand in 2024 for which term? - **Third term**
2. Who has been appointed as the new Executive Director of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from July 1, 2024? - **Charulata S. Kar**
3. Who won the prestigious Spice Award 2024 for Business Diversification and Integrated Crop Management Excellence? - **Sopana Kallingal**
4. Which Indian state has recently launched the 'Lokpath Mobile App' to address public road issues? - **Madhya Pradesh**
5. Who became the next British Prime Minister after the Labour Party won the UK parliamentary elections, ending the 14-year-long Conservative-led government? - **Keir Starmer**
6. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Press Information Bureau in July 2024? - **Dhirendra Ojha**
7. World Zoonosis Day is observed every year on July 6. In which year the first vaccination against a zoonotic disease was successfully created by Louis Pasteur on 6th July. - **1885**
8. With whom did RBI collaborate to launch a quick cross border payment platform under Project Nexus. - **ASEAN**
9. In which state five and a half crore trees will be planted under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign. - **Madhya Pradesh**
10. What will be India's defense production in the financial year 2023-24. - **Rs 1.27 lakh crore**

