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1. International Plastic Bag Free Day 2024 |

International Plastic Bag Free Day is observed every year on July 3, with the aim of raising awareness about the harmful effects of plastic bags on the environment. The day motivates people to stop using plastic bags and adopt eco-friendly alternatives. Plastic bags are convenient, but they take up to 500 years to decompose and are harmful to wildlife and marine life. Also, they block drainage systems and pollute our oceans, rivers and soil.



2. BCCI announces Rs 125 crore reward for T20 World Champions India |

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced a consolidated cash award of Rs 125 crore for the Indian team that won the T20 World Cup. The amount is three times more than the total amount of bonuses given to the Men in Blue team after they won the ODI World Cup in 2011. BCCI secretary Jay Shah announced the decision via social media and a statement.



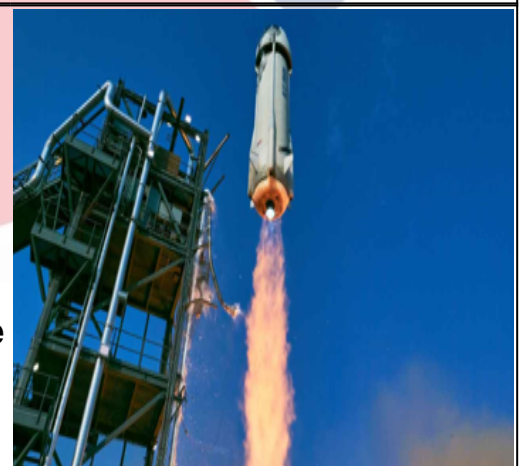
3. CM Chandrababu Naidu launches 'NTR Bharosa' pension scheme, personally hands over cheques to beneficiaries |

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu launched the NTR Bharosa Pension Scheme, designed to provide financial support to vulnerable groups in the state. The scheme was launched on July 1, 2024 at 6 am at Penumaka village, Tadepalli block, Amaravati. Chief Minister Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, cabinet members of the ruling coalition and MLAs were present at the event.



4. SERA and Blue Origin declare India as partner nation for manned space mission |

The Space Exploration and Research Agency (SERA) and Blue Origin have declared India as a partner nation for their manned spaceflight programme. The programme is for citizens of countries that have sent few or no astronauts to space. The US-based agency SERA will offer six seats to citizens from around the world on future missions of Blue Origin's reusable suborbital rocket New Shepard.





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5. SBI launches MSME Sahaj Scheme |

State Bank of India (SBI) has launched “MSME Sahaj”, a revolutionary online business lending solution for MSMEs. This web-based platform allows MSMEs to avail loans against their GST registered sales invoices swiftly and without any hassle. The key features of MSME Sahaj include rapid processing, where MSMEs can avail loans up to ₹1 lakh without any manual intervention, from application to disbursement in less than 15 minutes.



6. Union Minister Shri G Kishan Reddy launches Nirman Portal |

Union Minister for Coal and Mines Shri G Kishan Reddy launched the “Nirman Utkrishta Initiative to Reward National Civil Services Mains Candidates (Nirman)” portal in New Delhi. It is a unique CSR scheme by Coal India Limited for meritorious youth who have qualified in the preliminary round of UPSC Examination in 2024. The initiative aims to realize the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s “Mission Karmayogi”.



7. Royal Challengers Bangalore appoint Dinesh Karthik as batting coach and mentor |

Royal Challengers Bangalore have appointed Dinesh Karthik as their new batting coach and mentor ahead of IPL 2025. Karthik, who retired from IPL cricket after the 2024 season, returns to the role with the franchise with a new perspective.



8. Sujata Saunik becomes the first woman Chief Secretary of Maharashtra |

Sujata Saunik has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of Maharashtra, making her the first woman officer to hold the post. She passed the IAS exam from the 1987 batch and her husband has also been the Chief Secretary of Maharashtra in the past. Sujata Saunik has previously served as the Additional Chief Secretary of the state and has now been appointed as the Chief Secretary. Her tenure will be one year and she will retire in June 2025.



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1. Who won the 10th Leon Masters Chess Championship in Spain?

A - Jaime Santos Latasa

B - Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa

C - Viswanathan Anand

D - Magnus Carlsen

There is great news for Indian chess fans that Viswanathan Anand has won the title with his brilliant performance in the Leon Masters Chess Championship 2024. In this important tournament, he won his tenth Leon Masters victory by defeating Spain's Jaime Santos Latasa 3-1 in the final. This is another high dignity of his chess career, which is one of his long-term and impressive seasons.



2. Who became the first woman Chief Secretary of Maharashtra?

A - Anjali Barot

B - Sujata Saunik

C - Priya Ragu

D - Ajita Ganguly

Sujata Saunik has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of Maharashtra, making her the first woman officer of the state. Her husband, former Chief Secretary Manoj Saunik has also served in the state. Sujata Saunik has gained extensive experience as an IAS officer of 1987 batch, and has previously held the charge of Additional Chief Secretary in the state. Her tenure will be for one year and she will retire in June 2025.



3. Who has been recommended as the next Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI)?

A - Nitin Kareer

B - Dinesh Kumar Khara

C - Ajit Ahuja

D - Challa Srinivasulu Setty

The FSIB has recommended the appointment of State Bank of India (SBI) Managing Director Challa Srinivasulu Setty as its next chairman. The FSIB has considered his interface, experience and capabilities important for this appointment. Shetty has increased his jurisdiction in banking, financial markets and technology by joining SBI as MD in 2020.



4. Who will be given the Career Achievement Award at the Locarno Film Festival?

A - Shah Rukh Khan

B - Aamir Khan

C - Salman Khan

D - Ranbir Kapoor

At the 77th edition of the Locarno Film Festival, Indian superstar and global icon Shah Rukh Khan will be honoured with the prestigious Pardo alla Carriera Career Achievement Award. The honour recognises Khan's remarkable contribution to Indian cinema, spanning over 100 films across genres. Known as "King Khan" in India, Shah Rukh Khan has become a symbol of vivacity and charisma in Indian cinema, attracting audiences around the world.



5. Recently, the biography 'Swarswami' of which Indian singer was released?

- A - Lata Mangeshkar B - Sonu Nigam
C - Pandit Hridaynath Mangeshkar D - Asha Bhosle

On Friday, the biography "Swar-Swamini Asha" based on the life of legendary singer Asha Bhosle was released, which was attended by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, singer Sonu Nigam and Asha Bhosle's granddaughter Janhaiya Bhosle. Sonu Nigam washed Asha Bhosle's feet as a mark of respect, while actor Jackie Shroff presented her with a flower vase during the event.



6. Which bank launched the Sapphiro Forex Card exclusively for international students?

- A - State Bank of India B - HDFC Bank
C - ICICI Bank D - Axis Bank

ICICI Bank today launched its 'Student Sapphiro Forex Card', a premium forex prepaid card designed for students who are going to pursue higher education abroad. The card helps students and their parents manage education-related expenses abroad, such as admission fees, course fees, travel, food, and other daily expenses. It features loading and transacting in 15 currencies, without any cross-currency mark-up charges.



7. Who takes over as the new Prime Minister of the Netherlands in July 2024?

- A - Dick Schoof B - Mark Rutte
C - Geert Wilders D - Willem-Alexander

Former spy chief Dick Schoof has been sworn in as the new Prime Minister of the Netherlands, where he takes over the leadership of a broad right-wing coalition cabinet. This new government has promised to implement the country's "strictest" immigration policy. Along with Schoof, Dutch King Willem-Alexander has also sworn in new ministers and state secretaries.



8. Where was the Weapon Systems School (WSS) inaugurated by the Air Force Chief on July 01, 2024?

- A - Bengaluru B - New Delhi
C - Jodhpur D - Hyderabad

In the year 2024, Indian Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal VR Choudhary inaugurated the Weapon Systems School WSS (WSS) at Air Force Station Begumpet, Hyderabad. The inauguration of this school is an important step for the Indian Air Force, which aims to strengthen the combat capability of the Air Force through training in classical and technical weapon systems.





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10. Which state launched the 'Mukhyamantri Manjhi Ladki Behen' scheme in July 2024. - **Maharashtra**

