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1. Vikram Misri appointed as the new Foreign Secretary of the country.

Deputy National Security Advisor Vikram Misri has been appointed as the new Foreign Secretary of the country from July 15, 2024. The announcement was made by the government on June 28. Misri, who has been India's former ambassador to China, will replace the current Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra.



2. Dr. Usha Thakur honoured with 12th Vishwa Hindi Samman.

Dr. Usha Thakur was honoured with the 12th Vishwa Hindi Samman at the Hindi Samvaad programme organised by the Indian Embassy in Nepal. This award recognised her contribution to the development of Hindi literature. Dr. Thakur has translated more than 40 works in Hindi and Nepali, thereby strengthening the Hindi language. This award is given by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.



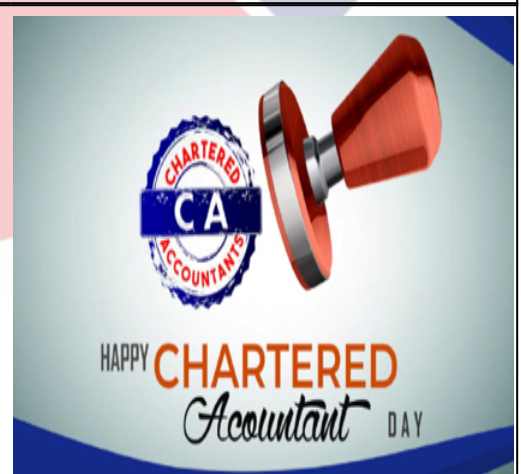
3. Rohit Sharma retires from T20 cricket

On a day that will forever go down in the history of Indian cricket, the joy of winning the T20 World Cup was accompanied by two shocking retirement announcements. After Virat Kohli's decision to retire from T20 International cricket, Indian captain Rohit Sharma also revealed that he too had played his last match in the format.



4. CA Day 2024 |

CA Day is celebrated every year on July 1 to commemorate the founding of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), one of the oldest professional institutions in the country. Established in 1949 by the Parliament of India, the ICAI is the second largest accounting and statutory body in the world and is the national professional accounting body of India. CA Day is celebrated annually to honour the nearly 2.5 lakh members of ICAI and chartered accountants across the world.



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5. Virat Kohli retires from T20 cricket

Indian team's dashing batsman Virat Kohli has announced his retirement from T20 cricket. His decision has come amidst India's 7-wicket win in the final match against South Africa. Kohli played an important role in taking India to a respectable score by scoring a half-century in this match. Kohli bid adieu to T20 cricket after India's victory in the World Cup and made the announcement at the pinnacle of his career.



6. CS Shetty to become new SBI chairman, gets FSIB approval

The Financial Services Institution Bureau (FSIB) has selected Challa Srinivasulu Setty as the next chairman of State Bank of India (SBI). The appointment has been decided on the basis of his overall experience and performance. Challa Srinivasulu Setty will take over as SBI chairman next August 2024, when the term of current chairman Dinesh Khara ends.



7. Goods and Services Tax (GST) Day 2024 |

GST Day is an important annual event for the Indian economy that is celebrated on July 1 every year. The day commemorates the implementation of a transformative tax system that simplified and made the Indian revenue system transparent. The concept of GST was first introduced in 2000, and its implementation took place in August 2016, when the Constitution (101st Amendment) Act approved the implementation of GST. Subsequently, GST officially started on July 1, 2017.



8. MoSPI launches eSankhyiki portal for enhanced data access

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has launched the eSankhyiki portal with an aim to revolutionise data access in India and improve user experience. The initiative seeks to centralise and organise access to key national statistical data, benefiting planners, policymakers, researchers and the general public alike. The portal's Data Catalogue module integrates over 2291 datasets, including National Accounts Statistics, Consumer Price Index and more.



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1. Which company won the Microsoft Training Services Partner of the Year Award for 2024?

- A - Infosys
- B - Wipro
- C - TCS
- D - CloudThat

CloudThat has been awarded the 2024 Microsoft Training Services Partner of the Year for excellence in delivering Microsoft technology-based solutions globally. This is their seventh consecutive award, highlighting their leadership in cloud training and consulting. CEO Bhavesh Goswami emphasised their pioneering role in India and their journey to this milestone.



2. Who has recently taken over as the Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh?

- A - Manoj Kumar Singh
- B - Anurag Srivastava
- C - Rajesh Kumar Singh
- D - Alok Kumar

Manoj Kumar Singh has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh, ending the suspense over the post. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer and has already been considered for the role of Chief Secretary in Uttar Pradesh twice, which has now been approved by the central government. Manoj Kumar Singh, originally from Bihar, was born on 25 July 1965.



3. What is the name of the portal launched by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) to enhance user experience and data access?

- A - eSankhyiki
- B - StatData
- C - DataGovIN
- D - eSaraswati

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4. Where was the final match of ICC T20 World Cup 2024 held on Saturday, June 29?

- A - Kensington Oval, Barbados
- B - Queens Park Oval, Trinidad and Tobago
- C - Darren Sammy Cricket Ground, St Lucia
- D - Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, Antigua and Barbudav

In a historic moment at Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados on Saturday, June 29, India defeated South Africa by 7 runs to lift the 2024 T20 World Cup. Chasing a target of 177 runs in the grand final, the Proteas lost the early wickets of Jasprit Bumrah and Arshdeep Singh.



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5. Which bank has appointed rising Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal as its brand endorser?

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

Bank of Baroda has appointed rising Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal as its brand endorser, a strategic move to support aspiring Indian athletes competing at the global level. Nagal, 26, will be strategically positioned by the bank to target younger demographics and new customer segments, offering specially designed products.



6. Who has been elected as the next President of the European Council in June 2024?

- A - Ursula von der Leyen
B - Antonio Costa
C - Emile Noel
D - Ilze Juhansson

Former Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa has been formally appointed as President of the European Council, the second-highest post in the European Union. Ursula von der Leyen has been reappointed as President of the European Commission for a second term. Costa's appointment marks a historic moment for Portugal and the EU, as he becomes the first Portuguese leader to hold this position in Brussels.



7. Which day is annually observed as International Day of the Tropics?

- A - 22 June
B - 23 June
C - 07 June
D - 29 June

International Day of the Tropics, observed annually on 29 June, celebrates the rich diversity and vital role of tropical regions around the world. It aims to raise global awareness of the unique challenges and opportunities presented by these regions in our planet's ecosystems and human society.



8. Senior Congress leader and former MP D. Srinivas was from which state?

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

Senior Congress leader and former MP from Telangana D. Srinivas passed away at the age of 76. Also known as D.S., Srinivas was a prominent political figure in Telangana who served as a three-time MLA from Nizamabad (rural) and held ministerial positions. His contributions spanned both state and central governments, influencing regional and national politics.





One Liner

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9. Central Railway has installed a floating solar plant. Where has Central Railway installed a floating solar plant? - **Igatpuri Lake**
10. Which country has become the first country in the world to prepare a comprehensive list of its entire fauna? - **India**

