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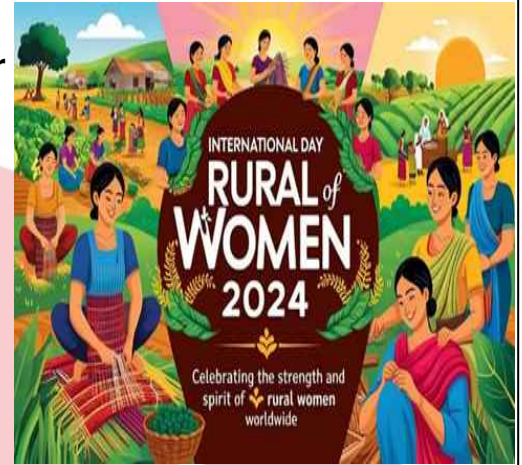


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## 1. International Rural Women's Day 2024.

International Rural Women's Day is celebrated every year on October 15 to recognize the important role of women and girls in the sustainability of rural families and communities and in improving rural livelihoods. In India, since 2016, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare celebrates this day as National Women Farmers' Day to promote active participation of women in agriculture.



## 2. India Digital Agriculture Conference 2024.

India Digital Agriculture Conference 2024, co-organised by the Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) and IIT Ropar TIF – AWaDH in New Delhi, marked a significant step towards the use of digital technologies in Indian agriculture. The main objective of the conference was to address the challenges of climate change, food security, and sustainable management of resources by using advanced technologies such as AI, IoT, drones, and data analytics in agriculture.



## 3. Srinivas gets additional charge of CEO of public procurement portal GeM.

The government has appointed L Satya Srinivas, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, as the CEO of Government e-Marketplace (GeM). He has been given this additional charge in place of former CEO PK Singh, who is now serving as Secretary in the Ministry of Renewable Energy. L Satya Srinivas is a 1991 batch officer of the Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Indirect Taxes).



## 4. Central government releases XV Finance Commission grants for rural local bodies in Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan.

The central government has released the first installment of the Fifteenth Finance Commission (XV FC) grants for the financial year 2024-25 to the rural local bodies (RLBs) in Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan. Andhra Pradesh has received untied grant amount of ₹395.5091 crore and a total tied grant amount of ₹593.2639 crore.







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## 5. India launches 'Study in India' campaign at UAE Education Show.

India has officially launched its 'Study in India' campaign at the 20th International Education Show in Sharjah, aimed at attracting international students to Indian universities. The campaign is organised by EdCIL, a Miniratna company under the Ministry of Education, and aims to establish India as a leading global education hub.



## 6. Noel Tata appointed as Chairman of Tata Trusts after recent board meeting.

After the demise of Ratan Tata, there has been a huge vacancy in the role of chairman of Tata Trusts. According to media sources, the Tata Group has appointed Noel Tata as the new chairman. Tata Trusts owns 66% stake in Tata Sons, which is a significant portion of the company's stock. The decision was taken unanimously in a meeting held on October 11.



## 7. Sharath Kamal of the Indian men's table tennis team lost to Lin Yun-Ju in the semi-finals of the Asian Table Tennis Championships.

Chinese Taipei showed a clear competitive difference as they defeated the Indian men's team 3-0 in the semi-finals of the Asian Table Tennis Championships in Astana on Thursday. Though India had assured themselves of a medal by winning over Kazakhstan in the quarter-finals, they could not perform well against the Taipei team led by Lin Yun-Ju, ranked 11th in the world.



## 8. World Standards Day 2024.

World Standards Day, also known as International Standards Day, is celebrated every year on October 14. The day aims to explain and raise awareness about the importance of standardization in the global economy among consumers, regulators and the industry. Various organizations around the world, including government bodies, organize a variety of events to celebrate this day.



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**1. Who has been appointed as the CEO of Government e-Marketplace (GeM) recently?**

**A - L Satya Srinivas**

**B - PK Singh**

**C - Ramesh Kumar**

**D - Manoj Sharma**

The government has appointed L Satya Srinivas as the new CEO of Government e-Marketplace (GeM). He has replaced former CEO PK Singh, who is now Secretary in the Ministry of Renewable Energy. Srinivas is a 1991 batch officer of the Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Indirect Taxes). GeM confirmed this appointment in its social media post.



**2. Who has been appointed as the High Commissioner of India to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines?**

**A - Dr Swati Vijay Kulkarni**

**B - Subhash Prasad Gupta**

**C - Alok Amitabh Dimri**

**D - Arun Goel**

Subhash Prasad Gupta has been appointed as the new High Commissioner of India to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. He is currently serving as India's Ambassador to Suriname, and has decided to be based in Paramaribo for his new role. The appointment was announced by the Ministry of External Affairs on Friday.



**3. Who was the famous former radio presenter and compere of Akashvani Darbhanga who passed away recently?**

**A - Ramesh Kumar**

**B - Vikram Singh**

**C - Indranand Singh Jha**

**D - Anil Sharma**

Famous former radio presenter and compere of Akashvani Darbhanga Indranand Singh Jha passed away this morning in his native village Chanaur, Darbhanga. He was 77 years old. Indranand Singh Jha was known for the rural radio talk program "Gamghar" broadcast from Akashvani Darbhanga station.



**4. What is the theme of World Arthritis Day 2024 this year?**

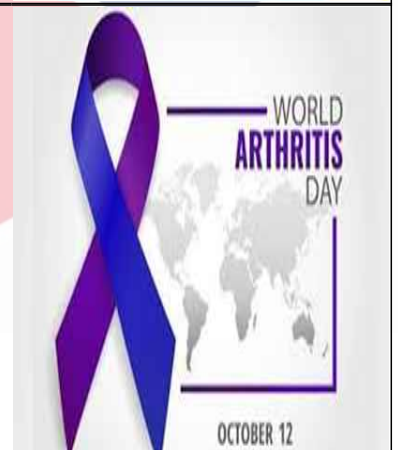
**A - Understanding Arthritis**

**B - Fight Against Arthritis**

**C - Informed Choices, Better Outcomes**

**D - A Pain Free Life**

World Arthritis Day (WAD) is observed every year on October 12, with the aim of raising awareness about arthritis and musculoskeletal diseases (RMDs). The program provides information to people about the symptoms, preventive measures and treatment options of these diseases.



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**5. Which medal did Indian women's doubles pair Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee win, their first ever medal in the women's doubles event at the 2024 Asian Table Tennis Championships?**

- A - Gold  
B - Silver  
C - Bronze  
D - No medal

India ended their campaign at the Asian Table Tennis Championships with three medals, including a historic bronze medal in women's doubles. The pair of Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee, ranked world No. 15, faced Japan's Miwa Harimoto and Miyu Kihara in the semifinals but lost 4-11, 9-11, 8-11 in less than 30 minutes.



**6. Who has been named the heir to the royal throne of Jamnagar, Gujarat?**

- A - Munaf Patel  
B - Venugopal Rao  
C - Dheeraj Parsana  
D - Ajay Jadeja

Former Indian cricketer from Jamnagar, Ajay Jadeja has recently been named the heir to the royal throne of Jamnagar. Jam Saheb declared his family member Ajay Jadeja as the next Jam Saheb of Navanagar through an official letter. In this letter, Jam Saheb mentioned Dussehra and said that this day marks the victory of the Pandavas and he was happy that on this day he was relieved of the trouble of choosing a successor.



**7. Where was India's first demonstration facility for "biopolymers" inaugurated by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh?**

- A - Pune  
B - Bengaluru  
C - Hyderabad  
D - Mumbai

Union Minister of State for Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated India's first demonstration facility for "Biopolymers" at Jejuri, Pune. The facility has been developed by Praj Industries and aims to produce Polylactic Acid (PLA) bioplastic.



**8. Who has become the first Indian to successfully climb Mount Shishapangma in China?**

- A - Harshvardhan Joshi  
B - Arjun Bajpai  
C - Priyanka Mohite  
D - Baljeet Kaur

Mountaineer Arjun Bajpai successfully climbed Mount Shishapangma in Tibet on 9 October, his 8th summit among the world's 14 peaks above 8,000 metres. Arjun, 30, undertook the expedition after the dangerous experiences he faced during his climb to Mount Annapurna last year, in which his fellow climber Noel Hanna tragically died.





## One Liner

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2. Who has been appointed as the High Commissioner of India to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. - **Subhash Prasad Gupta**
3. Who was the famous former radio presenter and compere of All India Radio Darbhanga who passed away recently. - **Indranand Singh Jha**
4. What is the theme of World Arthritis Day 2024 this year. - **Informed Choices, Better Outcomes**
5. Which medal has been won by Indian women's doubles pair Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee, the first ever in the women's doubles event at the 2024 Asian Table Tennis Championships. - **Bronze**
6. Who has been named the heir to the royal throne of Jamnagar, Gujarat. - **Ajay Jadeja**
7. Where was India's first demonstration facility for "biopolymers" inaugurated by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh. - **Pune**
8. Who has become the first Indian to successfully climb Mount Shishapangma in China. - **Arjun Vajpayee**
9. In which year did India's prominent freedom fighter and socialist leader Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia die on 12 October? - **1967**
10. When was the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan launched? - **2021**

