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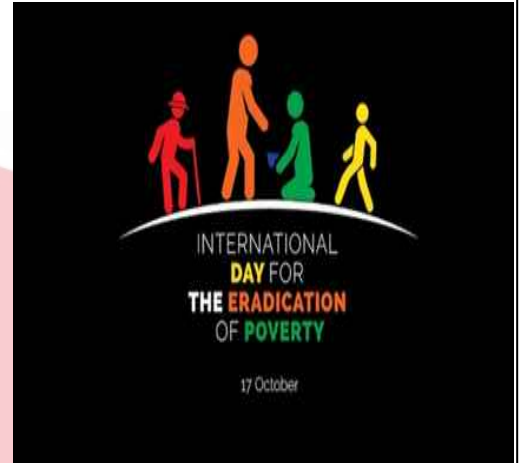


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1. International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2024.

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed every year on October 17, with the aim of raising awareness of poverty and the need to eradicate it globally. The day began on October 17, 1987 in Paris, when more than 100,000 people gathered to honor the victims of extreme poverty, violence, and hunger.



2. BEML will make India's first indigenous bullet train.

Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) has been awarded a contract worth ₹866.87 crore by the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) to design, manufacture and commission India's first indigenous bullet trains. The project is an important milestone in India's high-speed rail journey. Under the project, two high-speed train sets will be manufactured, each consisting of eight cars.



3. Revised e-Migrate portal and mobile app launched for safe foreign travel.

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar inaugurated the revamped e-Migrate v2.0 web portal and mobile app in Delhi. The initiative aims to promote safe and legal migration for Indian citizens, especially those working abroad. The portal reflects the Government's commitment to protect the rights and welfare of Indian migrants, and is in sync with the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.



4. Rashmika Mandanna appointed as national brand ambassador of Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre.

Actress Rashmika Mandanna has been appointed as the national brand ambassador of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C). I4C, an initiative set up by the Union Home Ministry, aims to tackle rising cyber crimes in the country. Rashmika has made a mark with her strong performances in films such as 'Pushpa: The Rise', 'Dear Comrade' and 'Animal'.



5. PM Modi inaugurates ITU Telecommunication Conference and India Mobile Congress 2024.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the eighth edition of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) and India Mobile Congress (IMC) held at Bharat Mandapam. The WTSA is held at an interval of four years and presents important recommendations that set the direction for the development of telecommunications and communication technologies.



6. Union Minister inaugurates Skill Training Institute in Visakhapatnam.

The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Jayant Chaudhary inaugurated the National Skill Training Institute (NSTI) Extension Centre at Andhra Medical Tech Zone (AMTZ) campus in Visakhapatnam. The initiative reflects the Central Government's commitment to enhance skill training and employment opportunities for the youth of Andhra Pradesh.



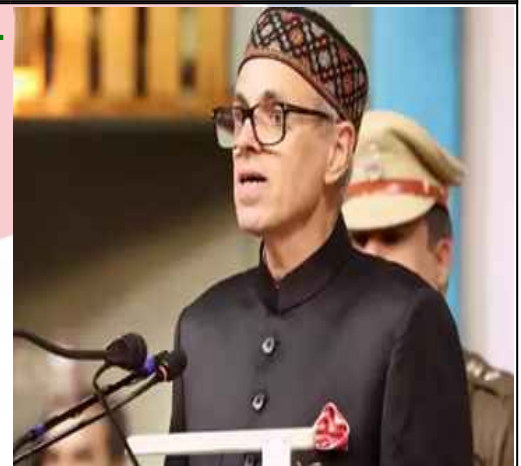
7. Founder Sengupta gets nod for Bandhan Bank MD, CEO post.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Partha Pratim Sengupta as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bandhan Bank, with a tenure of three years. Sengupta's appointment comes after the resignation of Bandhan Bank's founding MD and CEO Chandra Shekhar Ghosh.



8. Omar Abdullah sworn in as CM of Jammu and Kashmir.

A new government was formed in Jammu and Kashmir, with National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah taking oath as the chief minister. He was accompanied by Surendra Choudhary as deputy CM. The oath was administered to both leaders and their ministers by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre, Srinagar.



1. Who has been appointed as the new ambassador of Maldives to India, replacing Ibrahim Shahib?

- A - Ibrahim Shahib
B - Aishath Azima
C - Mohamed Nasheed
D - Amina Jameel

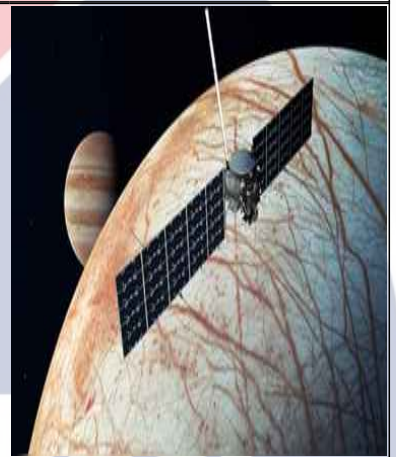
Senior female diplomat Aishath Azima has been appointed as the new ambassador of Maldives to India. She will replace Ibrahim Shahib, and the move comes as Maldives seeks to re-strengthen its ties with India. Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu, who was elected in 2023, recently visited India, where he described India as Maldives' "closest bilateral partner".



2. What is the name of the mission launched by NASA to explore Jupiter's moon Europa?

- A - Galileo Clipper
B - Europa Clipper
C - Juno Clipper
D - Europa Explorer

NASA's Europa Clipper spacecraft is launched on October 14, 2024 on a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket to study Jupiter's moon Europa. The mission will explore the vast ocean beneath Europa's icy crust, investigating conditions suitable for possible life. The spacecraft is scheduled to travel 1.8 billion miles and aims to reach Jupiter's orbit by April 2030.



3. Where did Union Minister of State Jayant Chaudhary inaugurate the Extension Centre of National Skill Training Institute (NSTI)?

- A - Visakhapatnam
B - Hyderabad
C - Chennai
D - Bengaluru

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4. Which city will host the 23rd SCO Heads of Government Meeting from 16 October 2024?

- A - New Delhi
B - Islamabad
C - Beijing
D - Moscow

Islamabad will host the 23rd meeting of the Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) on 16 October. The meeting will be chaired by Pakistan and will focus on strengthening trade and economic cooperation among member countries.



5. Who became the most expensive player in the Women's Hockey India League auction?

A - Ybby Jansen

B - Sunilita Toppo

C - Udita Duhan

D - Odisha Warriors drag-flicker

Indian defender Udita Duhan was bought for Rs 32 lakh in the Hockey India Women's League, making her the most expensive player in the auction. Ybby Jansen from the Netherlands was picked up by Odisha Warriors for 29 lakh, while India's Lalremsiami was bought by Bengal Tigers for 25 lakh.



6. Who administered the oath of office and secrecy to Omar Abdullah as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir?

A - Rahul Gandhi

B - Mallikarjun Kharge

C - Manoj Sinha

D - Mehbooba Mufti

Omar Abdullah took oath as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, while Surinder Choudhary was made the Deputy CM. The ceremony was held at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) in Srinagar, where Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha administered the oath to him.



7. Who inaugurated the one-day International Conference of Telecom Regulators?

A - Ms Doreen Bogdan-Martin

B - Mr Mats Granryd

C - Dr Chandra Shekhar Pemmasani

D - Mr Anil Kumar Lahoti

Minister of State for Communications Dr Chandra Shekhar Pemmasani inaugurated the one-day International Telecom Conference today. The event was also attended by ITU Secretary General Doreen Bogdan-Martin, GSMA Director General Mats Granryd, and TRAI Chairman Anil Kumar Lahoti.



8. In October 2024, which company became the first coal company to open four Amrit pharmacies?

A - SECL

B - NTPC

C - BHEL

D - BEL

Coal India's Chhattisgarh-based subsidiary South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) has inaugurated the country's 216th Amrit pharmacy. This new facility has been set up at the health centre of SECL's Indra Vihar Colony in Bilaspur, making SECL the first coal company to operate four AMRUT pharmacies.





One Liner

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9. Who established Darjeeling's first sewage treatment plant? - **Himalayan Mountaineering Institute**
10. In October 2024, who has been inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame? - **Alastair Cook, Neetu David, AB de Villiers**

