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1. Justice K.S. Puttaswamy, who played a key role in the right to privacy case, passes away.

Justice K.S. Puttaswamy, who passed away on Monday at the age of 98, has been an important litigant of the right to privacy. He died more than seven years after the Supreme Court declared privacy as a fundamental right. Born in Kolar, Karnataka in February 1926, Puttaswamy had a highly distinguished legal career.



2. Sheikh Naim Qassim becomes new head of Hezbollah amid tensions.

Hezbollah, a prominent Lebanese Shia paramilitary and political organization, recently appointed Sheikh Naim Qassim as its new secretary general. The move comes after the assassination of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah by Israel, and Qassim's leadership marks a significant shift for the organization, especially in the context of ongoing conflicts with Israel.



3. Sumati Dharmawardene becomes new chairman of ICC Anti-Corruption Unit.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has appointed Sri Lankan legal expert Sumati Dharmawardene as the new independent chairman of its Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU), effective November 1, 2024. He will replace Sir Ronnie Flanagan, who served in the position for 14 years. Dharmawardene's appointment is expected to mark a new direction against corruption in the sport.



4. International Day to Eliminate Impunity for Crimes against Journalists 2024.

The International Day to Eliminate Impunity for Crimes against Journalists is observed every year on 2 November. The occasion focuses on the threats and violence that journalists and media workers face in the course of their work. The day aims to underline the important role of a free press and the need to protect those who expose the truth.



5. Bibek Debroy, Chairman of PM's Economic Advisory Council passes away.

Bibek Debroy, Chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council and eminent economist, passed away. He died at the age of 69, and was admitted to AIIMS. Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled his death and recalled his contribution to the field of economics.



6. Rajesh Kumar Singh takes charge as new Defence Secretary in South Block.

Rajesh Kumar Singh, a 1989 batch Kerala cadre Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, has taken charge as Defence Secretary in South Block, New Delhi. He replaced Giridhar Aramane, a 1988 batch IAS officer of Andhra Pradesh cadre, who retires on October 31, 2024.



7. Fashion designer Rohit Bal dies at the age of 63.

India's famous fashion designer Rohit Bal has passed away. He was 63 years old, and he held his last fashion show only two weeks ago. His death was confirmed by the Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI), which has sent a wave of mourning in the fashion industry. Rohit Bal was one of the founding members of FDCI, and fashion lovers and people associated with the industry have expressed deep grief over his contribution.



8. Praveena Rai appointed CEO and MD of MCX.

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) has appointed Praveena Rai as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) with effect from October 31, 2024. The appointment succeeds P S Reddy, who held the position for five years. Praveena Rai now begins a new chapter for MCX, where she will lead the organisation with her 20 years of banking and transaction management experience.



1. Where did ISRO launch India's first analog space mission to simulate interplanetary habitat conditions?

- A - Leh, Ladakh B - Bengaluru, Karnataka
C - Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh D - Ahmedabad, Gujarat

ISRO has launched India's first analog space mission in Leh, Ladakh, aimed at advancing the goals of lunar and interplanetary missions. The mission simulates life in space and recreates environments on Earth that test the challenges required for space research.



2. Recently, which state's police was honoured by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for their counter-terrorism and criminal operations, with five personnel including Inspector General of Police Partha Sarathi Mahanta being given the award?

- A - Maharashtra Police B - Uttar Pradesh Police
C - Tamil Nadu Police D - Assam Police

Assam Police has received the prestigious award from the Home Ministry for their exemplary efforts in counter-terrorism and criminal operations, recognising their commitment to maintaining public safety and law and order. The contribution of Inspector General of Police Partha Sarathi Mahanta has been particularly appreciated.



3. Rohit Bal, who passed away recently, was known as a legend in which field?

- A - Fashion Designing B - Literature
C - Cinema D - Sports

Renowned fashion designer Rohit Bal has passed away at the age of 63. His death was confirmed by the Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI), leaving the fashion industry in mourning. Rohit Bal was among the founding members of FDCI and his last collection was recently showcased at the Lakme Fashion Week in Mumbai, in which Ananya Panday walked the ramp.



4. Which medal did Mansi Ahlawat win in the Under-23 World Championship and in which weight category?

- A - Silver in 65 kg B - Bronze in 59 kg
C - Gold in 59 kg D - Bronze in 72 kg

Indian wrestler Mansi Ahlawat won the bronze medal in the 59 kg category at the Under-23 World Championship in Tirana, Albania. She defeated gold medalist Solomia Vinnik 4-0 in the quarter-finals. Mansi achieved this success by defeating former world champion Jakara Winchester 2-1 and Turkey's Tekin Eda 3-0.



5. Which city created two Guinness World Records by lighting more than 25 lakh diyas and organising a mass diya rotation event during Deepotsav 2024?

A - Ayodhya

B - Varanasi

C - Mathura

D - Prayagraj

Ayodhya once again created a world record at Deepotsav when 25,12,585 diyas were lit. This time, the cleanliness of Ram Ki Paidi was seen improved after the lighting of the lamps, with 1000 sanitation workers working on it. This year of Deepotsav is special as it was the first celebration after the 'Pran Pratishtha' ceremony of Ram Lalla.



6. What is the name of the typhoon that will hit Taiwan in the last week of October 2024?

A - Yagi

B - Krathon

C - Marge

D - Kong-rey

Typhoon Kong-rey hit the east coast of Taiwan on 31 October 2024, believed to be the biggest typhoon in nearly 30 years. The storm, which arrived at 13:40 local time, led to the closure of schools, offices and financial markets, and the evacuation of thousands of residents to safer places.



7. Which KIIT University student won the IET India Scholarship Award 2024 for innovation in healthcare-related sustainable energy?

A - Naman Mehrotra

B - U Gyaneshwar

C - Dilushi Herath

D - Abhijit Chakraborty

KIIT University student Dilushi Herath has been declared the national winner of the 2024 IET India Scholarship Award. She received the honour from among 65,000 applicants for her nanotechnology-based portable biogas digester project, which aims to increase energy efficiency in healthcare centres and convert food waste into sustainable energy.



8. Which day is observed as National Sankalp Diwas?

A - 27 October

B - 29 October

C - 31 October

D - 30 October

31 October, the death anniversary of Indira Gandhi is observed as National Sankalp Diwas to pay tribute to her sacrifice and dedication. The day is an occasion to remember her actions and purpose of life, which are crucial to maintaining the sovereignty and integrity of India.





One Liner

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2. Recently the police of which state was honored by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for their anti-terrorism and criminal operations. - **Assam Police**
3. Rohit Bal, who passed away recently, was known as a veteran in which field. - **Fashion designing**
4. Manasi Ahlawat won which medal and in which weight category in the Under-23 World Championships. - **Bronze in 59 kg**
5. Which city created two Guinness World Records by lighting more than 25 lakh diyas and organising mass diya rotation events during Deepotsav 2024. - **Ayodhya**
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7. Which KIIT University student won the IET India Scholarship Award 2024 for innovation in sustainable energy related to healthcare. - **Dilushi Herath**
8. Which day is celebrated as National Resolution Day. - **31 October**
9. Where is the 15th edition of India-US joint special forces exercise, Vajra Prahar, going to be held from 2 to 22 November 2024. - **Idaho, USA**
10. Which two countries will Foreign Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar visit in October 2024. - **Australia and Singapore**

