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“IMPORTANT DAY”

World Animal Welfare Day 2023

World Animal Day, also known as World Animal Welfare Day, is a global initiative celebrated annually on October 4th. This day serves as an International Day of Action, advocating for the rights and welfare of animals. The choice of this date coincides with the feast day of Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. This event unites animal lovers worldwide, raising awareness and fostering a sense of responsibility towards the well-being of animals.

Theme for World Animal Day 2023: “Great or Small, Love Them All”

The theme for World Animal Day 2023, “Great or Small, Love Them All,” emphasizes the importance of acknowledging animals as sentient beings. It underscores the need to elevate global animal care standards and advocates for animal rights universally.

“SPORTS”

ICC announces official mascots for Cricket World Cup 2023

ICC After fans around the globe participated in voting, the names of the two official ICC mascots have been revealed, ahead of the 2023 Cricket World Cup in India. The ICC has announced that ‘Blaze’ and ‘Tonk’ have been unanimously chosen as the names of the mascot duo. The two mascots will be seen in World Cup matches around all the venues, engaging and interacting with fans in attendance and adding to the excitement of the showpiece event. The duo was unveiled back in August and fans from around the globe were asked to help name them, with Blaze and Tonk emerging as the winners.

'Blaze' is a female mascot, bowling at rapid pace, leaving batters in sheer awe. She is adorned with a belt carrying six power cricket orbs, each meticulously prepared for various game-changing tactics.

'Tonk' is a male mascot, with icy-cool composure, making him a batting champion. Tonk has an electromagnetic bat and versatile shot repertoire, lighting up the grandest stage.

The Cricket World Cup in India, starts from October 5 with a heavyweight clash between England and New Zealand in Ahmedabad.

ICC Names Sachin Tendulkar As 'Global Ambassador' for ODI World Cup 2023

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has made an exciting announcement on Tuesday, designating the legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar as the 'Global Ambassador' for the highly anticipated Cricket World Cup 2023. This prestigious event is scheduled to kick off tomorrow in the vibrant city of Ahmedabad, India.

India beats Pakistan to bag gold medal in men's squash team event

India has won a gold medal in men's squash team event after beating Pakistan 2-1 at the Asian Games. In a tightly contested match, the team led by Abhav Singh outperformed their rivals in the final round. The best-of-three tie started with Mahesh M losing to Nasir Iqbal in straight games – 8-11, 3-11, 2-11. Saurav Ghosal, however, pulled the contest square with his 11-5, 11-1, 11-3 victory over Muhammad Asim. The decider between Abhav Singh and Noor Zaman stretched the full distance but the Indian eventually prevailed 11-7, 9-11, 7-11, 11-9, 12-10. This was India's second-ever gold medal in squash at the Asian Games. The previous one was also won by the men's team – at Incheon 2014.

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India bagged gold medal by Men's Team in 50m Rifle 3P event

Shooters Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar, Swapnil Kusale, and Akhil Sheoran clinched gold in the men's 50m rifle 3P team event in the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou. With a score of 1769 points, Team India secured the gold. The silver medal was won by 1763 points and the bronze medal went to South Korea with 1748 points. With their score, India also broke the world record of 1761 points held by USA since last year. While, the women's Team of Divya Thadigol, Esha Singh, and Palak won the Silver Medal in the 10m Air Pistol Women's team event. Anush Agarwala won the Bronze Medal in the Equestrian Dressage Individual event at the Asian Games.

Murali Sreeshankar wins silver medal in men's long jump at Asian Games 2023

India's Murali Sreeshankar won a silver medal in the men's long jump event at the Hangzhou Asian Games with a best jump of 8.19 meters. Wang Jianan of China won the gold medal with a jump of 8.22 meters. Murali Sreeshankar's personal and season's best jump is 8.41 meters, which ranks him fourth globally and second among Asian athletes. Jesswin Aldrin remains the season leader among Asian athletes and is ranked third in the world. Another Indian athlete Jesswin Aldrin finished eighth in the same event with a best jump of 7.76 metres.

Indian men's, women's teams bag bronze in roller skating

Indian roller skaters clinched two bronze medals in men's and women's 3000m team relay events to match their best ever performance at the Asian Games 2023. The women's team of Sanjana Bathula, Karthika Jagadeeswaran, Heeral Sadhu and Aarathy Kasturi Raj opened India's account on the ninth day of competitions, finishing with a timing of 4:34.861s. The Indian quartet finished behind gold medallists Chinese Taipei (4:19.447) and South Korea (4:21.146).

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“DEFENCE”

IAF To Stop Flying MiG-21 By 2025: Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari

Amidst its ongoing efforts to modernize and replace its aging Russian-origin aircraft, the Indian Air Force (IAF) has announced plans to retire its iconic MiG-21 fighter jets and replace them with the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Mark 1A. Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari made this significant revelation during a press conference held in Delhi ahead of the Air Force Day celebrations scheduled for October 8th in Prayagraj.

Indian Air Force Set to Induct Astra BVR Air-to-Air Missile

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is making significant strides towards enhancing its air defense capabilities with the impending induction of indigenous Astra Beyond Visual Range (BVR) Air-to-Air Missiles. The IAF has entered into contracts with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) for these advanced missiles, marking a crucial step towards reducing import dependency and bolstering national security.

India and Bangladesh annual joint military exercise “SAMPRITI” begins

India and Bangladesh commenced the 11th edition of their annual joint military exercise, SAMPRITI, in Umroi, Meghalaya. This collaborative endeavor, organized alternately by both countries, highlights their robust bilateral defence cooperation initiatives. Since its inception in Jorhat, Assam, in 2009, SAMPRITI has successfully conducted ten editions until 2022. SAMPRITI-XI, spanning 14 days, engages approximately 350 personnel from both sides, emphasizing the significance of enhancing interoperability, sharing tactical drills, and promoting best practices.

“APPOINTMENT”

Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti Assumes Charge as Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff

Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti, AVSM, VSM, took over as the Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff, marking a significant transition in the leadership of the Indian Navy. With a distinguished career spanning over 35 years, Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti brings a wealth of experience and expertise to his new role.

Govt extends tenure of CBDT Chairman Nitin Gupta

The Union government has extended the tenure of Nitin Gupta, the incumbent chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), till 30 June 2024. The nine-month extension for Gupta came on the day when he was scheduled to retire and demit office. Gupta, a 1986-batch IRS officer of the Income-tax department, was appointed CBDT head in June last year. The CBDT is the apex policy-making body for the Income-tax department. It is headed by a chairman and can have six members who are in the rank of special secretary.

RBI appointed KN Madhusudanan as part-time chairman of Dhanalakshmi Bank

KN Madhusudanan has been appointed part-time chairman of Dhanalakshmi Bank by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) after a vacancy of 21 months. This comes after a period of 21 months during which the company was without a chairman, following the resignation of G Subramonia Iyer in December 2021 for personal reasons. Prior to this role, KN Madhusudanan served as an independent director on the board of the bank with effect from November 9, 2022.

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PR Seshadri appointed as MD & CEO of South Indian Bank

South Indian Bank has appointed P R Seshadri as its MD & CEO effective from October 1. He has succeeded Murali Ramakrishnan who served a successful tenure from October 1, 2020, till September 30, 2023. With nearly 25 years of banking experience spanning domestic and international markets, Seshadri has held senior leadership positions at various institutions, including Karur Vysya Bank Limited and Citigroup. Prior to joining SIB, Seshadri was associated with the Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) in a similar role.

“NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL NEWS”

Uganda Airlines To Initiate A Thrice-Weekly Direct Flight Service To Mumbai

On 3 October, Uganda Airlines announced a significant milestone in its operations by commencing direct flight services between Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport and Entebbe International Airport in Uganda. This development marks a historic moment as it reconnects India and Uganda with a non-stop air service after more than 50 years of hiatus. The maiden flight for this route, UR 430, is scheduled to take off from Entebbe on 7 October, with the return flight, UR 431, departing from Mumbai on 8 October.

Jammu And Kashmir's Renowned Pashmina Craft Receives GI Tag

Basohli Pashmina, an age-old traditional craft originating from the picturesque district of Kathua in Jammu and Kashmir, has recently earned the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag. This recognition not only celebrates the exceptional craftsmanship of the artisans but also protects the authenticity and uniqueness of this artisanal heritage.

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Tallest Statue Of B.R. Ambedkar To Be Unveiled In North America On October 14

The tallest statue of the 'Architect of the Indian Constitution,' B.R. Ambedkar, known as the 'Statue of Equality,' is set to be unveiled in Maryland on October 14. This statue of Ambedkar is an integral component of the Ambedkar International Center (AIC), currently under construction on a 13-acre plot in Accokeek city, Maryland.

Sudha Murthy, the First Woman to get Global Indian Award

Renowned author, philanthropist and the wife of Infosys co-founder N.R. Narayana Murthy, Sudha Murthy, was honored with the prestigious Global Indian Award by the Canada India Foundation (CIF) at a grand Indo-Canadian gala in Toronto. The award, which carries a value of \$50,000, is presented annually to an outstanding Indian personality who has left an indelible mark in their respective field.

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