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“IMPORTANT DAY”

World Sight Day 2023 is observed on 12th October

Every year, the second Thursday of October marks a crucial occasion on the global calendar, World Sight Day. This day is dedicated to raising awareness about vision impairment and blindness. This year it falls on 12th October. This World Sight Day, our focus is on helping people understand the importance of protecting their vision in the workplace and calling on business leaders to prioritize the eye health of workers, everywhere. The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPWD) under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India is the nodal department to look after all the development agenda of Persons with Disabilities of the country. With the vision to create awareness about Visual impairment among the masses, the Department is observing the World Sight Day on 12th October 2023.

World Sight Day Theme 2023

The theme for World Sight Day 2023, ‘Love Your Eyes at Work,’ resonates deeply in our fast-paced, digital age where we increasingly strain our eyes through prolonged screen time and demanding work schedules. It emphasizes the importance of caring for our eyes while navigating the challenges of the modern workplace.

“SPORTS”

Manikanta H Hoblidhar Sets New National Record In 100m Sprint

The 62nd National Open Athletics Championships 2023 kicked off with a bang in Bengaluru, as Manikanta Hoblidhar from Services etched his name in the record books by smashing a new national record in the men’s 100m category. The opening day of the championship witnessed an outstanding performance by the young sprinter, who left spectators in awe with his lightning-fast speed.

Rohit Sharma Smashes India's Fastest World Cup Century

India captain Rohit Sharma smashed his 31st ODI century and put India on course for a mammoth win against Afghanistan in their World Cup 2023 tie at Delhi's Arun Jaitley Stadium. Rohit Sharma completed his hundred off 63 balls, fetching him the record for the fastest century ever by an Indian in the history of World Cup. Before Rohit, the milestone belonged to Kapil Dev off 72 balls against Zimbabwe in 1983, the India captain bested the former all-rounder's accomplishment by nine balls as India dominated Afghanistan in their chase of 273 and won by 8 wickets. Earlier during his innings, Rohit knocked down two more impressive milestones. First, he completed 1000 runs in World Cup, becoming only the fourth Indian to the landmark after Tendulkar, Virat Kohli and Sourav Ganguly and then struck three sixes to become the leading six-hitter in international cricket, surpassing 'Universe Boss's Chris Gayle.

Ayodhya to host National Archery Championship in November 2023

The Senior National Archery Championship will be held in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh from 25 to 30 November 2023. The championship will feature individual, team, and mixed team events under Indian, recurve, and compound rounds. The competition will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on November 25. Union sports minister Anurag Thakur will participate in the closing ceremony.

"BOOK & AUTHOR"

Vivek Agnihotri launches his latest book 'The Book of Life'

Vivek Agnihotri, director of The Kashmir Files, has launched his latest book, "The Book of Life: My Dance with Buddha for Success" in Lucknow. He also directed a medical drama film 'The Vaccine War' in 2023. Balram Bhargava is the writer of the book on which the movie is based. Bhargava's book, 'Going Viral – Making of Covaxin: The Inside Story', documents his experiences.

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“DEFENCE”

Indian Navy hosts HADR CHAKRAVAT Exercise 2023

The annual Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief ‘Chakrawat’ exercise began in Goa. It is a three-day event organized by the Indian Navy. The ‘CHAKRAVAT’ 9 exercise involves the participation of the three-armed forces, paramilitary forces and several disaster response organizations. The annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise CHAKRAVAT was initiated as a result of the Prime Minister’s directive during the Joint Commanders’ Conference in 2015. CHAKRAVAT is an annual joint HADR exercise involving the participation of all three services (Army, Navy, Air Force), paramilitary forces, disaster response organizations, NGOs, academic institutions and international organizations. In the 2023 edition, eight countries from the Indian Ocean region are also participating, with the aim of coordinating efforts at the national level.

“NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL NEWS”

UP Declares Gangetic Dolphin as State Aquatic Animal

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has made a significant announcement regarding the Gangetic Dolphin, designating it as the state’s aquatic animal. This move highlights the importance of conserving these unique creatures and preserving the purity of the rivers and ponds they inhabit. Uttar Pradesh’s decision to declare the Gangetic Dolphin as the state aquatic animal and the launch of the “Meri Ganga Meri Dolphin 2023” campaign demonstrate the government’s commitment to wildlife conservation, environmental preservation, and raising awareness about the importance of maintaining the purity of rivers and ponds. These efforts contribute to the broader goal of protecting India’s rich biodiversity and ecological heritage.

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India re-elected as President of the Asia-Pacific Institute

India has been elected as President of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development General Conference (AIBD GC) for the 3rd successive term to lead the prestigious international organization. India had already served two terms as President from 2018–2021 and 2021–2023. This milestone has happened for the first time in the history of AIBD, which is a 50-year-old organization and this indicates the confidence of the broadcasting organizations across the Asia Pacific and the world that India can show the way, lead the way in providing a new value of broadcasting.

Operation Ajay set to evacuate Indian nationals from Israel

India has launched Operation Ajay, a dedicated initiative to facilitate the safe return of its citizens from Israel amidst the ongoing developments in the region. External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar announced this operation, emphasizing the government's commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of Indian nationals abroad.

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