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## “IMPORTANT DAY”

### World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2023

World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2023 is a global event celebrated twice a year, each with a unique focus. This year, the fall celebration falls on October 14 and revolves around the theme “Water: Sustaining Bird Life.” It’s a day that highlights the importance of migratory birds and their conservation efforts. Let’s explore this remarkable day and uncover some fascinating facts about these avian travelers. World Migratory Bird Day celebrated two times a year, this year 13 May and 14 October celebrates as World Migratory Bird Day. World Migratory Bird Day 2023 brings our attention to the remarkable journeys and vital role of water in the lives of migratory birds. These avian travelers captivate us not only with their journeys but also with their astonishing diversity and adaptability. By celebrating this day, we honor their contribution to our ecosystem and reinforce the need for their conservation.

## “SPORTS”

### Shubman Gill named as ICC ‘Player of the Month’ for September

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has once again acknowledged outstanding cricketing performances by awarding the ‘Player of the Month’ titles for September 2023. This prestigious recognition highlights the exceptional skills and contributions of cricketers on the global stage. In this edition, India’s Shubman Gill clinches the ICC Men’s ‘Player of the Month,’ while Sri Lanka’s Chamari Athapaththu emerges as the ICC Women’s ‘Player of the Month.’ Let’s dive into their remarkable achievements. The ICC ‘Player of the Month’ awards for September 2023 celebrate cricketing excellence on both the men’s and women’s fronts. Shubman Gill’s prolific run-scoring and Chamari Athapaththu’s all-round brilliance have rightfully earned them these accolades.

## **Neeraj Chopra Nominated for 2023 World Athlete of the Year Award**

World Athletics, the global governing body for athletics, has officially nominated Neeraj Chopra for the prestigious Men's Athlete of the Year award for 2023. This honor underscores Neeraj's remarkable achievements in the field of javelin throwing and his impressive gold medal victories at the Olympics and World Championships.

## **CM Hemant Soren Unveils 'Juhi' Mascot for Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2023**

In a vibrant ceremony at Project Bhawan in Dhurva, Ranchi, Jharkhand, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Hemant Soren, unveiled the mascot for the upcoming Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2023. 'Juhi,' the mascot, takes inspiration from the beloved elephant at Betla National Park. This event was graced by dignitaries, including the FIH President, Dato Tayyab Ikram, Hockey India President, Padma Shri Dr. Dilip Tirkey, Hockey India General Secretary, Bhola Nath Singh, and Hockey India Treasurer, Shekhar J Manoharan. The unveiling of the mascot 'Juhi' and the launch of the Trophy Tour mark the exciting countdown to the Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi 2023. With a rich cultural symbol and the support of esteemed dignitaries, the tournament promises to be a celebration of athleticism, heritage, and unity. The competition is set to captivate hockey enthusiasts and showcase the talent and determination of women athletes on the international stage.

## **Mascot 'Juhi': A Symbol of Jharkhand's Rich Heritage**

**Betla National Park Inspiration:** The mascot 'Juhi' draws its inspiration from the iconic elephant at Betla National Park. It represents the rich wildlife heritage of Jharkhand.

## “DEFENCE”

### 3 Naga, youngest Naga battalion, gets President’s Colour

In a momentous ceremony at the Kumaon Regimental Centre (KRC) in Ranikhet, the 3rd Battalion of the Naga Regiment, also known as 3 Naga, was presented with the prestigious President’s Colour award. This significant recognition, symbolized by a flag, was bestowed upon the battalion by Army Chief Gen. Manoj Pande, marking a remarkable milestone in the unit’s illustrious history. Let’s delve into the significance of the President’s Colour award and the achievements of 3 Naga. The presentation of the President’s Colour to the 3rd Battalion of the Naga Regiment is not just a ceremony; it signifies the highest level of recognition for the battalion’s achievements. This award acknowledges their unwavering commitment, dedication, and acts of valor. 3 Naga has consistently demonstrated excellence and has added yet another feather to its cap with this prestigious honor. It is a moment of pride not only for the battalion but also for the entire nation.

## “APPOINTMENT”

### Sandeep Shandilya Assumes Role As Hyderabad Police Commissioner

The Election Commission of India made a significant announcement on October 13, by appointing senior IPS officer Sandeep Shandilya as the new police commissioner of Hyderabad. Shandilya, an officer of the 1993 IPS batch, is presently serving as the director of the Telangana State Police Academy (TSPA). This decision comes after the transfer of the former police commissioner, CV Anand.

## “NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL NEWS”

### Michael Douglas to be conferred Satyajit Ray Excellence in Film Lifetime Award

Renowned Hollywood actor Michael Douglas is set to receive the prestigious Satyajit Ray Excellence in Film Lifetime Award at the 54th International Film Festival to be held in Goa. This honor recognizes his remarkable contributions to the world of cinema. In addition to this accolade, the festival will see the presence of Hollywood actor Catherine Zeta Jones, as well as their son. Michael Douglas's illustrious career boasts numerous awards and iconic film roles. Let's delve into the life and achievements of this Hollywood legend. The upcoming 54th International Film Festival of India promises to be a star-studded event with the presence of Hollywood veteran Michael Douglas, Catherine Zeta Jones, and their son. Michael Douglas's career, marked by a plethora of awards and iconic roles, serves as a testament to his incredible contributions to the film industry. The Satyajit Ray Excellence in Film Lifetime Award is a fitting acknowledgment of his outstanding legacy, and his participation in the festival is eagerly anticipated by film enthusiasts and industry professionals alike.

### UP govt to provide pink scooters to 1100 women beat constables

The Yogi government has accelerated efforts to set up 3,000 Pink Booths across the state of Uttar Pradesh and provide Pink Scooters to all 10417 women beats under the Safe City Project. In the first phase of the project, it has been decided to construct Pink Booths at 20 religious places spread over nine cities of the state, while instructions have been given to provide electric two-wheeler scooters to 1100 women beat constables in 17 municipal corporations and Gautam Buddha Nagar. The construction of Pink Booths and the provision of electric two-wheel scooters for this phase have been given a timeline of three months.

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## **Nitin Gadkari launches India Jewellery Shopping Festival (IJSF) 2023**

Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has launched the India Jewellery Shopping Festival (IJSF) 2023 in New Delhi. This industry provides employment to lakhs of people and contributes to the nation's growth through exports. He added that there is a bright future for this industry. The launch will be held across the country from 15th October to 22nd November. The B2C scheme will run from 13 October to 17th November. While B2B scheme has been running since 1st June and will continue till 31 October. The festival will offer benefits to both the B2B and the B2C segments wherein business owners can be a part of the festival by paying an enrollment fee.

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