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## ❖ **World Science Day for Peace and Development 2023 - November 10**

➤ World Science Day for Peace and Development, celebrated annually on November 10, serves as a global platform to recognize the pivotal role of science in society.

➤ **Theme:** “Building Trust in Science”

➤ The day aims to keep citizens informed of scientific developments and the indispensable role scientists play in enhancing our understanding of our fragile planet.

➤ The day offers a unique opportunity to showcase the relevance of science in our lives and engage the public in discussions.

➤ The inception of World Science Day for Peace and Development can be traced back to the positive outcomes of the 1999 World Conference on Science in Budapest.

## ❖ **8th Ayurveda Day in 2023 - 10th November**

➤ The National Ayurveda Day is celebrated every year on the occasion of Dhanwantari Jayanti (Dhanteras) since 2016.

➤ The 8th Ayurveda Day is being celebrated on November 10, 2023.

➤ Theme this year is "Ayurveda for One Health" with Tag line "Ayurveda for everyone on every day " i.e., "Har din har kisi ke liye Ayurveda".

❖ **ICICI Bank receives RBI nod to make ICICI Securities a wholly owned subsidiary**

➤ ICICI Bank received approval from the Reserve Bank of India for making ICICI Securities a wholly-owned subsidiary.

➤ The bank on June 26 had said that it would consider a proposal for delisting of its institutional and retail broking arm ICICI Securities.

➤ The delisting proposal was approved at a meeting of the board of directors of the company on June 29.

➤ The acquisition is likely to be completed in the next 12-15 months after various regulatory approvals.

➤ Certain other statutory (or) regulatory approval(s), as required under applicable laws, are awaited.

➤ ICICI Securities, promoted by ICICI Bank, is the country's leading retail-led equity franchise, distributor of financial products and investment bank.

➤ **About ICICI Bank:**

➤ **CEO:** Sandeep Bakhshi

➤ **Founder:** Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India

➤ **Founded:** 1994, Vadodara

➤ **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra

❖ **Maharashtra clinched Raja Bhalindra Trophy for first time since 1994**

➤ Maharashtra clinched three gold medals in Yogasana and one more in shooting on the final day of the 37th National Games to clinch the Raja Bhalindra Singh Rolling Trophy for overall championship for the first time since 1994.

➤ Maharashtra finished with a total of 228 medals, including 80 gold, 69 silver and 79 bronze medals to end the Services Sports Control Board's (SSCB) reign at the top since the 2007 Games in Guwahati.

➤ SSCB finished second, bagging 66 gold, 27 silver and 33 bronze medals, while Haryana were third in the standings with 62 gold, 54 silver and 73 bronze.

➤ Karnataka swimmer Srihari Nataraj (8 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze) was adjudged the Best Male Athlete .

➤ Gymnasts Sanyukta Prasen Kale and Pranati Nayak of Odisha (4 gold, 1 silver each) were adjudged the Best Female athletes of the 37th National Games.

➤ **About Maharashtra:**

➤ **Capital:** Mumbai

➤ **Chief Minister:** Eknath Shinde

➤ **Governor:** Ramesh Bais

## ❖ **RBI allows NRIs to buy Sovereign Green Bonds**

- The RBI has issued a notification allowing NRIs to invest, without any restrictions, in the Government's Sovereign Green Bonds issued for 2023-24.
- It has now been decided to designate all Sovereign Green Bonds issued by the government in the fiscal year 2023-24 as specified securities under the Fully Accessible Route (FAR).
- The government plans to borrow Rs 20,000 crore through green bonds in the current financial year.
- Green bonds can be issued by countries, companies and multilateral organisations to only fund projects that have positive impacts on the climate and environment and provide investors with fixed income payments.
- Examples of green projects include renewable energy, clean transportation and green buildings.

## ❖ **Maharashtra's 1 million selfies for 'Meri Mati, Mera Desh' campaign sets Guinness record**

- Maharashtra has bagged a unique entry in the Guinness World Records (GWR) for its 'Meri Mati, Mera Desh' mega-campaign involving over one million school and college students clicking selfies and posting them on social media as a gesture of love for the country.
- A special function was organised at the Convocation Hall of University of Mumbai.

- The 'Mera Mati, Mera Desh' campaign was launched nationwide by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as part of the 75 years of Independence.
- It is implemented through the National Social Service and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sanghatans involving students from schools and colleges all over the country.
- The Department of Higher & Technical Education encouraged lakhs of students from schools and 7,000 colleges under 40 universities to participate in the drive paying tributes to the freedom fighters all over India.

### ❖ **The Railway Protection Force reunited over 600 children under operation Nanhe Faristey**

- The Railway Protection Force reunited over 600 children under operation Nanhe Faristey.
- RPF continues to ensure the safety, security, and comfort of passengers.
- Under the mission Nanhe Faristey, RPF played a pivotal role in reuniting these children who were separated from their families for various reasons.
- According to data released by the Ministry of Railways for October 2023, RPF also rescued 39 persons under the operation 'Anti- Human Trafficking Efforts' (AAHT).
- Under the 'Meri Saheli Initiative' the teams provided security assurance to over four lakhs lady passengers.
- RPF also took action against over 5 thousand individuals found in coaches reserved for women.

### ❖ **IARI Develops Pusa-2090 Paddy Variety**

- The Supreme Court emphasizing the need to cease stubble burning in states like Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan, the discussion surrounding Pusa-2090 rice variety from its ability to provide an alternative to the problematic long-duration Pusa-44 variety.
- The Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Delhi has developed a high-yielding short-duration variety namely Pusa-2090 which will help in dealing with the menace.
- Its growth cycle of 155-160 days, from nursery sowing to harvesting, leads to late October maturity, leaving a short window for field preparation for the next crop.
- It matures in a shorter duration of 120-125 days while maintaining comparable yields, addressing the core issue of stubble burning.
- Due to time constraints, farmers resort to burning the stubble, causing severe environmental issues.
- Despite its longer duration, the high-yielding nature of Pusa-44, averaging 35-36 quintals an acre, makes it popular among farmers.

### ❖ **Arunachal Pradesh CM flags off world's highest mountain biking race Monduro 3.0**

- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu flagged off the world's highest mountain biking race Monduro 3.0 here in presence of local legislator Tsering Tashi.

- Mon' stands for land of the Monpas and 'Duro' depicts Enduro format of the MTB.
- Monduro 3.0 is the first after the state government declared it a calendar event.
- The participation of mountain bikers from countries like Nepal, Indonesia and Britain besides those from across the country.
- The state government has concentrated on developing sports infrastructure and encouraging youths to take up sports as profession.
- **About Arunachal Pradesh:**
- **Capital:** Itanagar
- **Chief Minister:** Pema Khandu
- **Governor:** Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik
- **Official animal:** Gayal
- ❖ **Australian captain Meg Lanning retires from International Cricket**
- Australian women's team captain Meg Lanning announced her retirement from international cricket, concluding a stellar career as one of the game's most prolific run-scorers and accomplished leaders.
- The 31-year-old top-order batter, dubbed 'Megastar' for her run-scoring prowess, steered Australia to four Twenty20 World Cup titles, a 50-ove World Cup triumph and a Commonwealth Games gold medal.

➤ Cricket Australia's chief executive, Nick Hockley, lauded Lanning as 'one of the finest cricketers Australia has produced' and 'one of the best players in the world over a long period of time'.

➤ **About Australia:**

➤ **Capital:** Canberra

➤ **Currency:** Australian Dollar

➤ **Prime Minister:** Anthony Albanese

❖ **Museum dedicated to Munshi Premchand in Varanasi**

➤ A museum dedicated to noted author Munshi Premchand is coming up in his native village Lamahi in Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi.

➤ The museum will use digital aids to recreate moments of his life and characters from his books.

➤ The government has allocated INR 10 crore for the development of a state-of-the-art museum dedicated to the teacher turned author par excellence.

➤ The state government had mooted a proposal to convert Premchand's residence into a museum.

➤ Munshi Premchand was a cult writer who depicted the contrasting elements of life in his work.

➤ He wrote to spread awareness about social concerns of those times while showing the way to address them.

➤ His writings are still relevant and popular and so his museum will continue to inspire generations.

➤ **About Uttar Pradesh:**

➤ **Capital:** Lucknow

➤ **Chief Minister:** Yogi Adityanath

➤ **Governor:** Anandiben Patel

❖ **Malayalam actor Kalabhavan Haneef passes away**

➤ Kalabhavan Haneef, a popular Malayalam actor and mimicry artist, has passed away at the age of 61.

➤ Haneef, a native of Mattancherry, entered into the world of mimicry through the stage shows of Cochin Kalabhavan mimicry troupe.

➤ His first movie was ‘Cheppukilukkana Changathi’, which was released in 1990.

➤ Haneef is known for his roles in over 110 movies, including the comedy Ee Parakkum Thalika.

➤ He was also recognized for his mimicry skills, particularly imitating actors Nedumudi Venu and Raghavan.

## ❖ **India and Nepal Border Forces Join Hands to Combat Crime and Enhance Security Efforts**

- India and Nepal have expressed their commitment to strengthen bilateral security efforts by focusing on curbing trans-border crimes, smuggling of arms and ammunition, and combating human trafficking.
- The decision was taken in the seventh annual Co-ordination Meeting between Sashastra Seema Bal of India and Armed Police Force of Nepal which concluded in New Delhi.
- The meeting also ended with a strong commitment to bolster bilateral security efforts.
- Both sides unanimously resolved to implement additional measures to strengthen coordination and collaboration between the two border guarding forces.
- The next Co-ordination meeting is scheduled to take place in Nepal next year.
- **About Nepal:**
- **Capital:** Kathmandu
- **Currency:** Nepalese rupee
- **President:** Ram Chandra Poudel
- **Prime Minister:** Pushpa Kamal Dahal

## ❖ HAL, Airbus ink MRO facility for A320 aircraft

- Defence PSU Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Airbus have signed a contract for establishing MRO (maintenance, repair and overhaul) facilities for A320 family aircraft.
- This collaboration with the largest European aircraft manufacturing company will strengthen Make-in-India mission by achieving self-reliance in the aircraft MRO industry in India.
- HAL intends to establish an integrated MRO service in India and seeks to provide the commercial airlines a one stop MRO solution.
- The partnership aims to tap into the growing demand for MRO services for commercial aircraft, particularly the A320 family.