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1. Indian Men's Hockey Team Won Asian Champions Trophy 2024

India's Men's Hockey Team secured their fifth title at the Asian Champions Trophy in 2024, defeating China 1-0 in the final with a goal from Jugraj Singh. India retained their crown from 2023. They solidified their status as the most successful team in tournament history. This marks back-to-back triumphs, mirroring their success from 2016-2018.



Foot notes:

- **Key Players:** Harmanpreet Singh assisted, while Jugraj Singh scored the winning goal, leading India to their fifth men's Asian Champions Trophy title.
- **First Half Defense**: India faced strong defensive play from hosts China, resulting in a scoreless first half.
- **Scoreboard**: After two quarters, the score remained 0-0 as India searched for an opening while China had counterattacking chances.
- **Title Defence:** The Indian men's hockey team successfully defended their title by defeating China.
- Asian Champions Hosted by: China

2.NPCI Increases UPI Transaction Limit for Tax Payments

The NPCI has stated that due to the growing popularity of UPI as a preferred payment method, there is a need to raise the per-transaction limit for specific categories within UPI. Previously, the UPI transaction limit was Rs. 1 lakh, except for specific payment categories with higher





limits. It has now been decided to increase the limit for tax payments via UPI from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh per transaction.

Foot notes:

- **New Limit**: Individuals can now make tax payments up to Rs. 5 lakh in a single transaction using UPI
- **Merchant Classification**: Acquiring entities must ensure merchants are classified under MCC-9311 specifically for tax payments.
- **Payment Mode**: Merchants must enable UPI as a payment method to accommodate the increased limit for tax payments.

About NPCI:

Founded: 2008

Headquarters: Mumbai

3. Jordan's King Appoints New Prime Minister after Parliamentary Elections

Jordan's King Abdullah II has accepted the resignation of Prime Minister Bisher al-Khasawneh following last week's parliamentary elections. Al-Khasawneh, a seasoned diplomat who had been in office since October 2020, resigned in accordance with the constitutional norm after legislative elections. Jafar Hassan, a technocrat and former planning minister who was serving as the king's head of office, has been appointed as the new prime minister.



Foot notes:

- Jordan's Parliament is bicameral, with members of the House of Representatives elected every four years, while the king appoints all Senate members.
- In the recent elections, the Islamic Action Front affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood, won 31 of the 138 seats.
- **Public Frustration**: Elections took place amid growing dissatisfaction over Jordan's position on Israel's actions in Gaza.
- **Diplomatic Tensions**: The 1994 peace treaty with Israel has led to internal tensions as the government navigates public discontent.
- **Dependence on Aid**: Jordan continues to rely significantly on foreign aid from the U.S. and the International Monetary Fund.

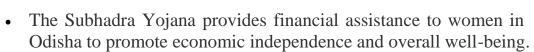
4. PM Modi Unveils Odisha's Flagship Scheme, Subhadra

Honorable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi launched the scheme of "Subhadra", flagship initiative of the State Government of Odisha designed to benefit the



one crore women in the state. The scheme will assist over 1 crore women in Odisha with annual financial support of Rs. 10,000 over five years until 2028-29.

About the Subhadra Scheme:



- It is named after Goddess Subhadra, the younger sister of Lord Jagannath, the presiding deity of Odisha.
- The scheme involves the Odisha state government transferring Rs. 10,000 per year to eligible women beneficiaries aged 21 to 60.
- Payments will be made in two installments of Rs. 5,000 each.
- Transfers will occur on Rakhi Purnima (Raksha Bandhan) and International Women's Day (March 8) each year.

5.Bank of Baroda launches a GenAI-powered virtual relationship manager for conversational banking.

Bank of Baroda has launched 'Aditi,' a GenAI-powered virtual relationship manager to improve digital customer service. Aditi features human-like digital avatars that provide conversational banking across various services. The service is accessible on the bank's web portal, supporting audio, video, and chat-based assistance for 24/7 banking with multilingual support. The rollout is being gradually implemented for existing customers through an enrollment process on the bank's website.



Foot notes:

- Bank of Baroda has implemented a robust governance framework to ensure security, ethical use and tracking of new technologies.
- The bank recognizes the transformative potential of GenAI in banking but emphasizes the importance security, ethics, customer adoption, and costs when scaling the technology.
- As part of its digital transformation strategy, the bank aims to enhance its sales and service operations through the ongoing adoption of GenAI and other cognitive technologies.

About Bank of Baroda:

Headquarters: Vadodara

Founder: Sayajirao Gaekwad III

Founded: 1908

6. Kejriwal Resigns as Delhi CM: Atishi Claims to Form Government



Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal resigned from his position on Tuesday, formally submitting his resignation to LG Vinai

Kumar Saxena at 4:30 PM. Kejriwal arrived at the LG Secretariat accompanied by his cabinet colleague, Saurabh Bharadwaj. AAP leader Atishi, who was chosen as his successor was also present during a legislature party meeting,



Foot notes:

- AAP leader Gopal Rai confirmed the leadership transition following Kejriwal's resignation.
- All MLAs collectively decided to nominate Atishi as the new Chief Minister.
- Atishi has claimed her position to form the government.
- Atishi, the current education and public works minister, is set to become Delhi's third woman chief minister.

7. Santosh Kashyap Appointed Head Coach of Indian Women's Football Team

Santosh Kashyap, a former national player has been named the new head coach of the Indian national women's football team, as announced by the AIFF. He has managed clubs in the I-League and served as the assistant coach for Odisha FC in the Indian Super League.



Foot notes:

- At 58 years old, Kashyap will take charge immediately as the team prepares for the SAFF Women's Championship 2024 in Kathmandu, Nepal next month.
- Priya P. V. former head coach of the India U-17 women's team, will serve as the new assistant coach.
- Raghuvir Pravin Khanolkar has been appointed as the goalkeeping coach.
- The Subhadra Yojana Awareness Rath, a chariot for raising awareness about the initiative, was launched by CM Mohan Charan Majhi.
- CM Majhi emphasized that the Subhadra Yojana will empower women across Odisha.

8. National Symposium 'Exercise AIKYA' On Disaster Management To Begin In Chennai

A two-day national symposium titled "Exercise AIKYA," organized by the National Disaster Management Authority and Army Southern Command, will commence in Chennai tomorrow. The main goal is to improve disaster preparedness and strengthen collaboration among key stakeholders. The event will include simulations, technology discussions, and expert insights on various aspects of disaster management.





Foot notes:

- Representatives from various sectors, including Railways, transport, civil aviation will attend.
- Officials from State and National disaster management authorities, the Indian Army will also be present.
- The symposium will review contemporary issues such as tsunamis, landslides, floods, forest fires, cyclones, and recent disasters.
- Discussions will focus on prevention strategies and solutions for these challenges.
- There will be a knowledge exchange, capacity building, and strategic planning for Exercise Aikya.

9. World Patient Safety Day celebrated on September 17, 2024

On September 17, 2024, World Patient Safety Day was observed to raise awareness about patient safety and encourage collaboration among healthcare stakeholders. The WHO focuses on partnering with stakeholders to advance patient safety initiatives. They support research on best practices for improving diagnostic accuracy and timeliness. They advocate for policies that emphasize patient safety in healthcare settings globally



Foot notes:

Aim: Raising awareness about safety and fostering collaboration among healthcare stakeholders.

Theme: "Improving Diagnosis for Patient Safety,"

Slogan: "Get it Right, Make it Safe!"

Role: Accurate and timely diagnoses in ensuring patient safety and improving health outcomes.

10. Renowned Lebanese Novelist Elias Khoury has passed away

Lebanese novelist Elias Khoury, renowned for his dedication to the Palestinian cause and his academic roles at universities worldwide, has passed away at the age of 76. He was one of Lebanon's most prominent intellectuals.



Foot notes:

- A Greek Orthodox Christian, he was involved in Lebanon's civil war (1975-1990) and was wounded in battle.
- His debut novel was published in 1975, and his second novel, *Little Mountain* (1977), gained significant acclaim for addressing the civil war.
- He served as editor of the cultural section of Lebanon's leading newspaper, 'An-Nahar', from 1992 to 2009.



- Known for his defense of free speech and criticism of Middle Eastern dictatorships.
- He supported the 2011 Arab uprisings and criticized Israeli policies in Gaza, referring to it as an "open-air prison" in an article for 'Al-Quds Al-Arabi'.
- Until his death, he was editor-in-chief of *Palestine Studies*, published by the Institute for Palestine Studies in Beirut.

