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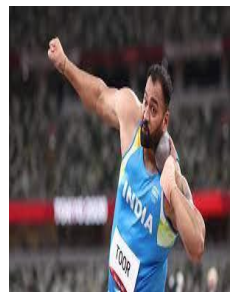


Today's Important News

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1. Tajinderpal Singh Toor wins shot put gold in Asian Games 2023

- India's Tajinderpal Singh Toor won gold in men's shot put at the Hangzhou Asian Games. Toor won India its second track and field gold in the event. Toor (2018 Jakarta, 2023 Hangzhou) became the fourth Indian shot putter to defend his Asian Games after Parduman Singh Brar (1954 and 1958), Joginder Singh (1966 and 1970) and Bahadur Singh Chouhan (1978 and 1982).
- Toor got started with a monster first throw which landed around the 20m mark, but it deemed a no throw. His second throw was also ruled out. Toor managed his first legal throw in his third attempt, registering 19.51m, by which time Saudi Arabia's Mohamed Daouda Tolo was leading the field with a best throw of 19.93m.



2. Dharmendra Pradhan Unveils CRIIO 4 GOOD Modules to Promote Gender Equality and Empower Youth

- Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched 'CRIIO 4 GOOD', a new online, life skills learning modules, to promote gender equality among girls and boys.

- The program was launched at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad in collaboration with the International Cricket Council, UNICEF and the Board of Control for Cricket in India. Through 'CRICIO 4 GOOD', the power of the game and the popularity of cricket can be used as a medium to empower the girl child and spread awareness about gender equality.



Foot Notes:

About UNICEF :

Established : 1946

Headquarter: New York City, United States.

Executive Director : Catherine M. Russell

3. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launches 'Sankalp Saptah', a week-long programme for Aspirational Blocks

- 'Sankalp Saptah' is aimed at facilitating the effective implementation of the Aspirational Block Program (ABP) in India. The Aspirational Block Program was originally launched by the Prime Minister on January 7, 2023. The primary objective of ABP is to enhance governance at the block level and improve the overall quality of life for citizens.
- ABP is being implemented in 500 aspirational blocks, spread across 329 districts in India. Starting from October 3 to October 9, 2023, each day of the 'Sankalp Saptah' is dedicated to a specific development theme on which all the aspirational blocks will work.



4. Russia Seeks Reinstatement in UN Human Rights Council One Year After Removal

- Russia is seeking to rejoin the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) after being removed from the council in April 2022. Russia is actively lobbying member nations to gain support for its position paper at the UN, signalling its desire to return to the UNHRC.
- Russia aims to rejoin the UNHRC with the belief that it will help restore its international credibility and potentially address allegations of human rights abuses associated with President Vladimir Putin's regime.



Foot Notes:

About UNHRC :

Established : 15 March 2006

Headquarters : Geneva, Switzerland

President : Vaclav Balek

5. India demands \$150 mn in taxes from Tiger Global-backed gaming firm Dream11

- The Income Tax Department of India has issued a demand for approximately \$150 million in taxes from Dream11, covering the years 2017 to 2019. Dream11 has taken legal action by filing a case in the High Court in Mumbai. The company is challenging the notices received from the tax authorities, which seek an explanation as to why it should not be compelled to pay the tax shortfall.
- The dispute centres around the taxation of Dream11's revenue. While Indian tax authorities are demanding a higher 28% tax on the total gaming revenue received from players, Dream11 argues that it should be taxed on the fees it charges its users.



Foot Notes:

About Dream11 :

Established : 2008

Headquarters : Mumbai

6. Karnataka Bank Introduces 'Doorstep Gold Loan Facility' Named KBL-Swarna Bandhu in Partnership with SahiBandhu

- Karnataka Bank, a leading private sector Bank is launching "Door - Step Gold Loan" facility named "KBL-Swarna Bandhu" for its customers, a unique product for gold loans with end to end digitization. Through this product Bank will be able to provide Gold Loan Services at customer's door step. Initially, this product will be available to customers in select centres of the Bank and will be gradually rolled out to all the branches of the Bank.
- Karnataka Bank is well positioned to expand its Gold loan portfolio and capitalise on the huge market opportunity. Door step Gold Loan product is a big step towards Bank's goal of creating a robust & healthy Gold loan portfolio. By leveraging on technology services & Door step service framework, Karnataka Bank aims to focus on quality gold loan portfolio in the ensuing days.



Foot Notes:

About Karnataka Bank :

Established : 18 February 1924

Headquarters : Mangalore, KarnatakaMD &

CEO : Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma

7. Lieutenant General Raghu Srinivasan Assumes the Role of Chief of the Border Roads Organisation

- Lieutenant General Raghu Srinivasan assumed the role of the 28th Director General Border Roads (DGBR). He took charge following the retirement of Lieutenant General Rajeev Chaudhry. Before becoming the DGBR, Lieutenant General Raghu Srinivasan held the position of Commandant at the College of Military Engineering in Pune, Maharashtra.
- He has extensive experience serving in border areas, particularly in Ladakh, Arunachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir. He has completed various professional military courses, including those at the Defence Services Staff College, Higher Command, and the National Defence College.



Foot Notes:

About BRO :

Established : 7 May 1960

Headquarters : New Delhi

8. Government Extends the Tenure of Central Board of Direct Taxes Chairman Nitin Gupta until June 2024

- The Union government has extended the tenure of Nitin Gupta, the incumbent chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), till June 30, 2024. A notification in this regard was issued. The nine-month extension for Gupta came on the day when he was scheduled to retire and demit office. As per the Centre's notification, his service period has been extended "on a contract basis".
- The government order said the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the reappointment of Gupta as the CBDT Chairman. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the reappointment of Gupta as the CBDT chairman on a contract basis, with effect from October 1 till June 30, 2024, or until further orders, whichever is earlier, in relaxation of the recruitment rules, on usual terms and conditions applicable to re-employed central government officers.



Foot Notes:

About CBDT :

Established : 1963

Headquarters : New Delhi

9. 30th edition of Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise successfully concludes in Singapore

- The 30th edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) has successfully concluded in Singapore. Indian Naval Ships Ranvijay and Kavaratti, the submarine Sindhukesari, and a long-range Maritime Patrol Aircraft P8I participated in the exercise.
- SIMBEX was first initiated in 1994, making it a three-decade-old annual exercise. The exercise began with an opening ceremony held on 21st September 2023. The exercise included combined aviation, firefighting, and damage control exercises conducted during the exercise period.



10. India Maintains 40th Position in Global Innovation Index 2023

- India has retained its 40th rank out of 132 economies in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2023 rankings, released by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Over the past years, India has significantly improved its ranking, moving from 81st place in 2015 to its current 40th position in 2023.
- The index tracks the performance of 132 global economies in terms of innovation ecosystem performance.



Foot Notes:

About WIPO :

Founded : 14 July 1967

Headquarters : Geneva, Switzerland

Director General : Daren Tang Heng Shim

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