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Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, formally known as 'National Child Award', is awarded by the Government of India, to children with exceptional abilities and outstanding accomplishments in six categories- Art and Culture, Bravery, Innovation, Scholastic, Social Service and Sports. It is India's Highest Civilian Honour bestowed upon exceptional achievers in the age group 5-18 years and carries a cash reward of INR. 1,00,000/-.



Rishi Shiv Prasanna

genius from Bengaluru is one of the children who was awarded the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar this year.



- Rishi Shiv Prasanna is an 8-year-old child prodigy** with a verified IQ of 180 which is even higher than the physics genius Albert Einstein.
- He became the member of the high IQ society 'MENSA International' at a young age of 4 years and 5 months.
- He shows interest in the solar system, universe, planets and more. By the age of 3, he was capable to talk about these things.
- Inclined towards learning beyond his age, he learnt coding, in fact he is one of the youngest Google-certified Android developers. He has developed 3 apps. IQ Test App (for kids), IQ Test App and CHB (COVID help for Bangaloreans).
- He has written two books too, namely Learn Vitamins with Harry Potter and Elements of Earth.

National Events

CJI Chandrachud Honoured with "Award for Global Leadership" By Harvard Law School

October 23, 2023

Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud, a distinguished alumnus of Harvard Law School, was bestowed with the prestigious 'Award for Global Leadership' by his institution. This recognition stands as a testament to his exceptional contributions to the field of law and justice.

The occasion also coincided with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Harvard Law School's Graduate Law Program, highlighting the enduring commitment of the institution to legal education and innovation.



M S Swaminathan Passes Away

September 30, 2023

M S Swaminathan, the renowned agricultural scientist often referred to as the "Pioneer of the Green Revolution in India," passed away at the age of 98. He left behind a legacy of agricultural innovation and food security. Throughout his illustrious career, Swaminathan held various key roles in India's agricultural landscape. From serving as the Director of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute to being the Director General of the ICAR and Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Agricultural Research and Education, he left an indelible mark in every position. His contributions extended internationally as well, serving as the Director General of the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines.



Shreya Ghoshal receives 5th National Film Award

October 20, 2023

Renowned playback singer Shreya Ghoshal

Sudha Murthy, the First Woman to get Global Indian Award

October 3, 2023

Renowned author, philanthropist and the wife of Infosys co-founder N.R. Narayana Murthy, Sudha Murthy, was honoured with the prestigious Global Indian Award by the Canada India Foundation (CIF) at a grand Indo-Canadian gala in Toronto. The award, which carries a value of \$50,000, is presented annually to an outstanding Indian personality who has left an indelible mark in their respective field.



has added another feather to her cap, receiving the prestigious Best Female Playback Singer award at the 69th National Film Awards. The award was presented to her by the Hon'ble President of India, Droupadi Murmu, in a grand ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Shreya Ghoshal's remarkable journey in the Indian film industry has been adorned with accolades, and this recent win marks her fifth National Film Award.



APAAR provides each student from pre-primary to higher education with a unique identification number, in addition to the existing Aadhaar ID. It aims to streamline and digitize the academic journey and achievements of students, making it easier for them to access their records.

Advanced Traffic Management System Upgraded

October 18, 2023

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has revealed an upgraded Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) with new standards and specifications for 2023. This initiative harnesses the power of artificial intelligence (AI) technology to enhance road safety, reduce incident response times, and improve digital enforcement on national highways and expressways. The move reflects NHAI's commitment to embracing technological advancements for the benefit of road users.



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International Events

US President Biden Honours Indian-American Scientists with National Medal for Technology & Innovation

October 25, 2023

In a momentous event at the White House, US President Joe Biden recently awarded the prestigious White House National Medal for Technology and Innovation and the National Medal of Science to Ashok Gadgil and Subra Suresh, respectively, in recognition of their groundbreaking work that has not only advanced scientific knowledge but also improved the quality of life for countless individuals.



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

October 14, 2023

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 honour 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.



Sri Lanka announces free visas for Indians to boost tourism

October 25, 2023

Sri Lanka, in a bid to revitalize its tourism sector, has taken a significant step by waiving visa fees for tourists from seven countries, including India. This move aims to attract more visitors and help the country recover from recent economic challenges. Sri Lanka has faced multiple setbacks in its tourism industry, including the 2019 Easter Sunday terror attacks, the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021, and an economic crisis in 2022. These events severely impacted the number of tourists visiting the island nation. This policy will be in effect until March 31, 2024.



enduring principles and values adopted by Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore. One of the prominent events during his visit to Vietnam was the revealing ceremony of the bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Ho Chi Minh City. In his address, Jaishankar emphasized the symbolic importance of this event, highlighting Gandhi's global recognition for his principles of truth, non-violence, and freedom.



Tallest BR Ambedkar Statue Outside India revealed in Washington

October 16, 2023

In a historic event, a 19-foot tall statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the principal architect of India's Constitution, was formally inaugurated in a suburb of Maryland, Washington. This statue is being considered as the tallest of its kind outside of India and holds significant importance for both Indian-Americans and the Indian diaspora around the world.



Swaminarayan Akshardham, Largest Hindu Temple Set Up in New Jersey

October 9, 2023

BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham, the largest Hindu temple in the United States, celebrated its grand opening on October 8, in Robbinsville, New Jersey. This architectural marvel is not only a testament to the vibrant Hindu community in the US but also a symbol of the enduring spirit of artistry, spirituality, and human dedication.



Indonesia Launches 'Whoosh,' Southeast Asia's First High-Speed Railway

October 3, 2023

Indonesian President Joko Widodo officially inaugurated Southeast Asia's first high-speed railway, marking a significant milestone for the nation's infrastructure development. The ambitious project, known as the "Whoosh" high-speed railway, is a key component of China's Belt and Road Initiative and is poised to dramatically reduce travel times between two vital Indonesian cities.



India & Switzerland Celebrated 75 years of Friendship

October 10, 2023

India and Switzerland recently celebrated 75 years of their enduring friendship and fruitful collaboration in a beautiful Kumaon village nestled in the Uttarakhand region of India. The three-day event, aptly named 'Swiss Himalayan Bounty,' unfolded last week at a charming homestay in Satoli village, positioned at an altitude of 6,000 feet near Mukteshwar in the Nainital district. This celebration saw the convergence of participants representing various NGOs, stakeholders, and beneficiaries of the longstanding partnership between these two nations.



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. World Migratory Bird Day 2023 brings our attention to the remarkable journeys and vital role of water in the lives of migratory birds.



Hydrilla Found in Michigan for the First Time

October 9, 2023

Hydrilla, an invasive aquatic plant known for its rapid growth and harmful effects on ecosystems, has been found in Michigan, US, for the first time. This discovery was made by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) during routine monitoring of private ponds in Berrien Springs, Southwest Michigan. Both Hydrilla and another invasive plant called Parrot Feather, found in the same pond in 2020, are prohibited in Michigan due to their potential environmental threat.



Person in News

Nobel Prize Winners 2023

The Nobel Prize 2023 in Physiology or Medicine was awarded to Katalin Karikó and Drew Weissman for their pioneering work on mRNA vaccines, which have played a pivotal role in the fight against COVID-19. Their discoveries have the potential to revolutionize the way we prevent and treat infectious diseases.



The Nobel Prize in Physics 2023

was conferred to Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz, and Anne L'Huillier "for experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electron dynamics in the matter". This year Nobel Laureates in Physics 2023 are being recognised for their experiments, which have given humanity new tools for exploring the world of electrons inside atoms and molecules.



The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2023

was conferred to Moungi G. Bawendi, Louis E. Brus and Alexei I. Ekimov "for the discovery and synthesis of quantum dots". Independently of each other, Ekimov and Brus succeeded in creating quantum dots, and Bawendi revolutionised the chemical production.



Quantum dots now illuminate computer monitors and television screens based on QLED technology. They also add shade to the light of some LED lamps, and biochemists and doctors use them to map biological tissue, when they remove tumor tissue.

The Nobel Prize in Literature 2023

was conferred to Norwegian author Jon Fosse for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable. His immense work written in Norwegian language and spanning a variety of genres consists of a wealth of plays, novels, poetry collections, essays, children's books and translations. While he is today one of the most widely performed playwrights in the world, he has also become increasingly recognised for his prose.



The Nobel Peace Prize 2023

was conferred to Narges Mohammadi "for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all". Her brave struggle has come with tremendous personal costs. Altogether, the regime has arrested her 13 times, convicted her five times and sentenced her to a total of 31 years in prison.



The Nobel Prize in Economics 2023

was conferred to Claudia Goldin "for having advanced our understanding of women's labour market outcomes". Her research reveals the causes of change, as well as the main sources of the remaining gender gap.



Save Environment

Delhi-NCR Air Quality Deteriorates, GRAP Stage II Invoked

October 23, 2023

The air quality in Delhi-NCR has deteriorated in recent days, with forecasts predicting that it may soon reach the "Very Poor" category, according to the India Meteorological Department and the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology. In response to the worsening air quality, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has taken action by invoking Stage II of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).



Delhi Launches 'Anti-Industrial Pollution' Campaign

October 19, 2023

In a bid to address the issue of industrial pollution in the national capital, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai announced the launch of an 'Anti-Industrial Pollution' campaign. The campaign will run from October 20 to November 20. The campaign will closely monitor



industrial units in Delhi to assess and control pollution levels. Authorities will keep a check on the practice of dumping garbage in empty plots and burning it in industrial areas, as this contributes to air pollution.

Antarctica in crisis: Ice shelves shrinking fast with no sign of recovery

October 17, 2023

Scientists have discovered that 40 per cent of Antarctica's ice shelves have significantly reduced in volume over the past quarter-century. Ice shelves play a crucial role in stabilising the region's glaciers. 71 of the 162 ice shelves around Antarctica have reduced in volume. This alarming revelation points to the accelerating impact of climate change on the world's southernmost continent. Satellites have been instrumental in monitoring the remote polar regions.



World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2023

October 14, 2023

World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2023 is a global event celebrated twice a year, each with

Sports

Karthikeyan Murali's Remarkable Victory Over Magnus Carlsen

October 20, 2023

In a remarkable turn of events at the ongoing Qatar Masters, 24-year-old Indian chess grandmaster Karthikeyan Murali achieved a stunning feat by defeating the world's number one player, Magnus Carlsen. This historic victory marked only the third instance where an Indian player emerged triumphant against the chess legend.

Karthikeyan Murali's triumph over Magnus Carlsen in the Qatar Masters is a momentous occasion in the world of chess. It highlights the immense talent and potential of Indian chess players on the international stage.



Neeraj Chopra Nominated for 2023 World Athlete of the Year Award

October 14, 2023

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 honour underscores Neeraj's remarkable achievements in the field of javelin throwing and his impressive gold medal victories at the Olympics and World Championships.



Paralympics Javelin Thrower, Sumit Antil Breaks World Record

October 26, 2023

Leading Paralympics champion Sumit Antil bettered his own javelin throw F64 world record with a stunning 73.29m effort on the way to winning gold as he led India's whopping 30-medal haul on the third day of competitions at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games.



India's Unnati Hooda wins Abu Dhabi Masters 2023

October 25, 2023

In a thrilling showdown at the Abu Dhabi Masters 2023, young Indian badminton talent Unnati Hooda emerged as the champion in the women's singles event. This remarkable win marks her second BWF Super 100 World Tour title, further solidifying her reputation as a rising star in the sport.



Shubman Gill becomes fastest batter to score 2000 runs in ODIs

October 23, 2023

Shubman Gill, the dynamic Indian opener, has created a significant mark in the world of One Day International (ODI) cricket by becoming the fastest player to reach 2000 runs in this format. His achievement, which surpasses a previous record held by South African great Hashim Amla, adds to his growing reputation as a rising star in the world of cricket.



Asian Games 2023, Neeraj Chopra wins Gold in Javelin Throw

October 5, 2023

India celebrated a remarkable 1-2 finish in the Men's Javelin Throw competition at the Asian Games 2023, held at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Park Main Stadium in the People's Republic of China. Neeraj Chopra secured the gold medal, while Kishore Kumar Jena clinched the silver, showcasing their exceptional talent on the grand continental stage.

Neeraj Chopra, the reigning champion, delivered an outstanding performance by achieving a season's best throw of 88.88 metres. This remarkable feat not only secured the gold medal for him but also marked his second consecutive gold at the Asian Games, following his victory in Jakarta 2018.



India Gets 100 Medals at the Asian Games 2023, First Time in History

October 7, 2023

India made history on October 7, 2023, by winning its 100th medal at the Asian Games for the first time ever. This is a remarkable achievement, and it is a testament to the hard work and dedication of Indian athletes and coaches. India's 100th medal was won by the women's kabaddi team, who defeated Chinese Taipei 26-25 in a thrilling final. This medal was fittingly won by a team that has been so dominant in kabaddi over the years.



Hyderabad to Host Second Edition of E-Prix In 2024

October 20, 2023

After a period of uncertainty, the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) and Formula E have officially confirmed the return of the Hyderabad E-Prix for a second edition. This highly anticipated event is scheduled to take place on February 10, 2024. This season will consist of 16 rounds, promising a thrilling competition for fans worldwide.

Art & Culture

Cubism: Picasso's Revolutionary Art Movement

October 26, 2023

October 25 marks the 142nd birth anniversary of the renowned Spanish artist Pablo Picasso (1881-1973). His vast body of work includes thousands of paintings, drawings, engravings, sculptures, and ceramics. However, one of his most influential contributions to the world of art was his role in pioneering Cubism, a revolutionary movement that changed the course of art history. In partnership with French painter George Braque (1882-1963), Picasso introduced Cubism, a groundbreaking visual art movement that emerged in 1907 and persisted until 1914.



Puja Special Tram

October 10, 2023

As the city of Kolkata gears up for the fervent celebrations of Durga Puja, there is another cultural icon that shares the spotlight – the iconic Kolkata Tramways. In a remarkable initiative aimed at preserving the heritage of trams, a Puja Special Tram has been revealed, dedicated to honouring Durga Puja's UNESCO Heritage tag and commemorating 150 years of Kolkata Tramways.



How is the Navratri tradition of Golu celebrated by South Indians?

October 18, 2023

The nine nights of Navratri dedicated to nine forms of goddesses Lakshmi, Durga, and Saraswati are celebrated with much fervour across India. While the North celebrates it with a fast and spiritual get together like mata ki chawki, the West celebrates it with Garba — a popular dance form, even as Durga Puja celebrations and feasts continue in the East. In the South, the Navratri celebrations assume significance with the Bommai Golu or the Navratri Golu which is a beautifully decorated display of dolls and figurines in the states of Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka.



Health and Fitness

World Polio Day 2023

October 26, 2023

World Polio Day every October 24 highlights global efforts to eliminate polio and the importance of vaccination in protecting children from the disease. It is also an opportunity to highlight the importance of all mothers, fathers, caregivers, health workers and volunteers who play a key role in getting polio vaccines to children and their communities. On January 13, this year, India completes 12 polio-free years which is considered as a remarkable achievement; the last polio case in India was detected in 2011.



Johnson & Johnson's Dengue Fever Pill Shows Promise in Trial

October 21, 2023

Johnson & Johnson's experimental pill has shown effectiveness against dengue fever in a small human challenge trial conducted in the United States.



This development is significant because there are currently no specific treatments available for dengue, which is considered a growing global health threat.

ICMR Uses Drones to Transport Medications

October 20, 2023

In a groundbreaking initiative to transform healthcare delivery, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is conducting a feasibility assessment in Himachal Pradesh's Lahaul and Spiti districts. This pioneering effort aims to harness the power of drones for transporting critical medical supplies, including medications, diagnostic samples, and sputum, to remote and challenging terrains.



IMI 5.0 Campaign with Special Focus On Boosting Measles and Rubella Vaccination to End Today

October 14, 2023

India's Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0, a flagship immunization campaign

launched by the Health Ministry, is nearing its conclusion today. This campaign, which strives to reach children who have missed vaccine doses or fallen behind their vaccination schedule, along with pregnant women across the country, has undergone some remarkable transformations this year.



Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 Campaign

October 13, 2023

Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI 5.0) is the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's primary immunization initiative. This program targets children and pregnant women who haven't been immunized, ensuring they receive their required vaccinations. For the first time, IMI 5.0 has been extended to every district in the country. Furthermore, it now includes children up to the age of 5, whereas past campaigns only covered those up to 2 years old.



Study Suggests HDL Cholesterol Levels May Impact Dementia Risk in Older Adults

October 6, 2023

A recent study published in Neurology has raised questions about the relationship between high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol levels and the risk of dementia in older adults. The research suggests that both high and low levels of HDL cholesterol may be associated with an increased risk of dementia, emphasizing the importance of maintaining HDL cholesterol within a certain range for both cardiovascular and brain health.



World Stroke Day 2023

October 29, 2023

Every year World Stroke Day is observed on October 29th to emphasize the serious nature and high rates of stroke. The day is also observed to raise awareness of the prevention and treatments of strokes. Understanding the risk factors and recognizing the symptoms may help in preventing a brain stroke. Simultaneously receiving early diagnosis and treatment increases the chances for complete recovery.