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International Cricket

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ICC Honoured Six Nations In Associate Cricket With ICC Development Award For 2023

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has honoured six nations in associate cricket with the ICC Development Award for 2023.
- Mexico, the South American country known for its excellence in the world of football, has now been honoured for its excellence in Cricket.
- Oman, the Netherlands, the United Arab Emirates, Nepal, and Scotland are other emerging countries that got this honour from the ICC for their efforts in the sport during the last calendar year.
- The ICC Development Award was started in 2002 to recognise the efforts and achievements of ICC associate member nations.

Associate Nations awarded:

- Oman won the 100% Cricket Female Cricket Initiative of the Year award, which aimed to redefine the landscape of women's cricket in the country. Oman launched the Cricket4Her programme to build an environment that encourages talent development, skill enhancement and empowerment.

Q. Under which initiative the Oman has won the ICC Development Award For 2023? **100% Cricket Female Cricket Initiative**



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India's First Overseas Jan Aushadi Kendra In Mauritius

- EAM Jaishankar also inaugurated the first Jan Aushadi Kendra outside India at Grand Bois in Mauritius in the presence of the prime minister of Mauritius, Pravind Kumar Jugnauth.
- The India-Mauritius health partnership project will supply cost-effective, made-in-India medicines to augment public healthcare and enhance well-being.
- Earlier, Dr. Jaishankar inaugurated the Mediclinic project at Grand Bois in Mauritius with Indian grant assistance, calling it the newest expression of our friendship.
- The initiative will provide secondary health care for 16,000 people in the Grand Bois area.

India's Support to Mauritius :

- Dr Jaishankar supported Mauritius's claim on the Chagos archipelago, in which Mauritius is in a dispute with the United Kingdom over its sovereignty.
- The Chagos Archipelago comprises more than 60 islands in the central Indian Ocean, about 500 kilometres south of the Maldives.

Q. Where did India opened its first Jan Aushadi Kendra outside its country? **Grand Bois in Mauritius**



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Air India unveils voluntary retirement, separation schemes

- Air India has introduced two new separation schemes for non-flying permanent staff ahead of its merger with Vistara.
- The voluntary retirement scheme (VRS) is available to employees with at least five years of service, while the voluntary separation scheme (VSS) is being offered to those who have been with the airline for less than five years.
- However, the airline has not provided specific details about the two schemes.
- It has offered employees a one-month period to apply for voluntary retirement or separation.
- Since its privatisation two years ago, it's the third time Air India introduced voluntary retirement scheme for its permanent staff.
- The Tata Group assumed control of Air India in January 2022.

Air India:

- Founded: 1932 (as Tata Airlines)
- Commenced operations: 1946
- Headquarters: Gurgaon, Haryana, India
- Chairman: N. Chandrasekaran
- CEO & MD: Campbell Wilson

Q. Which Indian airline unveils voluntary retirement, separation schemes ahead of its merger with Vistara? **Air India**



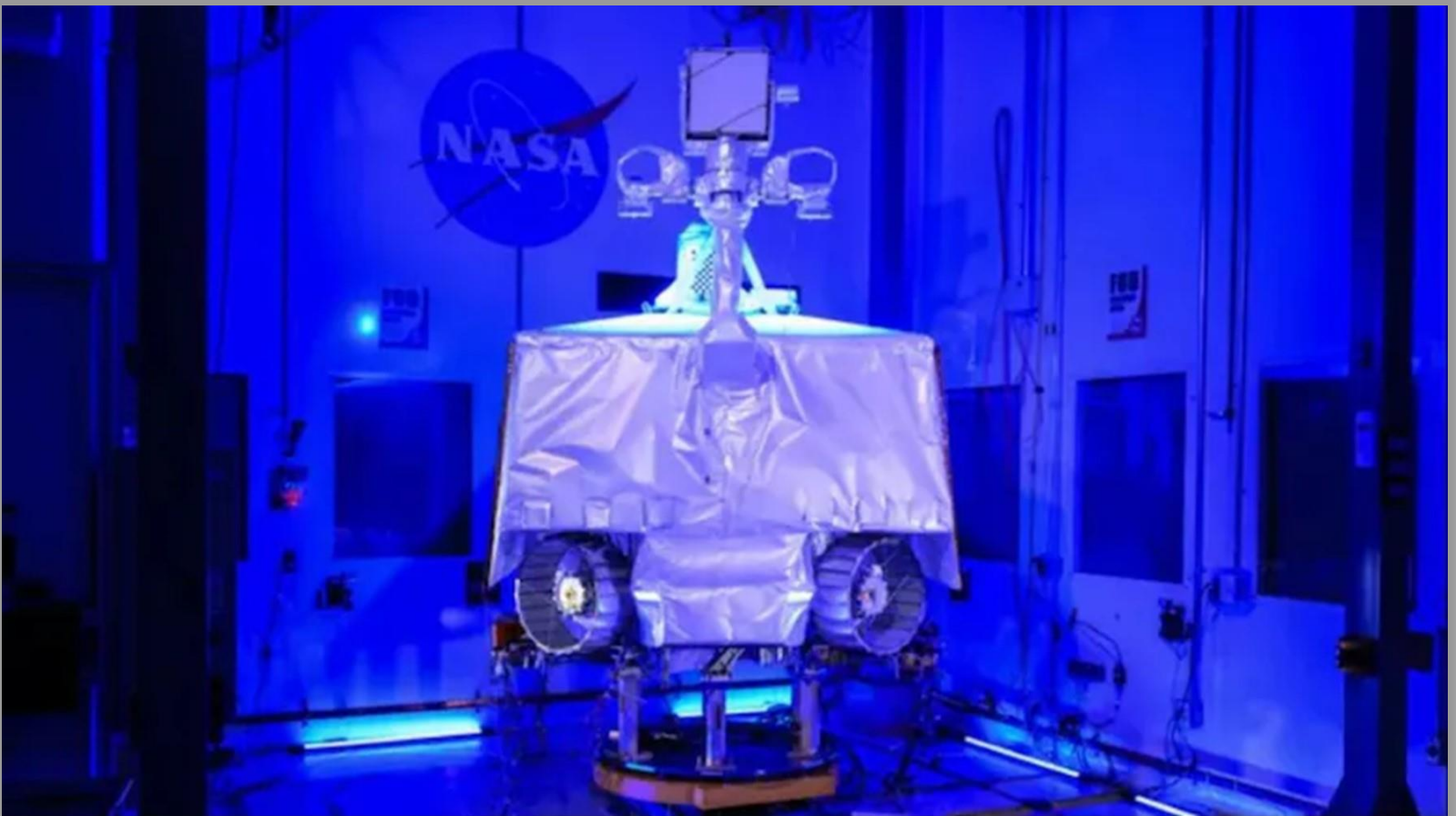
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Haryana govt announces 10% job reservation for Agniveers

- The Haryana government announced a 10 per cent reservation for Agniveers in specific jobs.
- Chief Minister Nayab Saini stated that this horizontal reservation would apply to the direct recruitment of constables, mining guards, forest guards, jail wardens, and Special Police Officers (SPO) in Haryana.
- The reservation includes a 10 per cent horizontal quota for Agniveers in the posts of constable, mining guard, forest guard, jail warden, and SPO, along with a three-year age waiver for Group B and C employment, and a five-year waiver for the first batch of Agniveers.
- Additionally, there is a 5 per cent horizontal reservation for Group C civil posts and a 1 per cent reservation for Group B jobs.
- Industrial units offering Agniveers a salary above Rs 30,000 per month will receive a subsidy of Rs 60,000 annually from the state.
- Furthermore, Agniveers will be eligible for a Rs 5 lakh loan if they wish to start a business.

Q. Recently which state government announced a 10 per cent reservation for Agniveers in specific jobs?

Haryana



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VIPER moon rover cancelled over budget concerns: NASA

- After spending \$450 million on the Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover (VIPER) moon rover programme, NASA has announced to cancel the mission over budget concerns.
- The robotic mission, slated to launch in 2025, aboard an Astrobotic Griffin lander as part of NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services initiative (CLPS).
- The mission had planned to land near the Moon's coveted south pole and to spend 100 days in search of ice deposits on the lunar surface.
- Scrubbing the robotic lunar mission will likely save NASA an additional \$84 million in development costs.
- The rover was originally planned to launch in late 2023, but in 2022, officials requested a delay to late 2024. It was then pushed to September 2025.
- The car-sized VIPER — NASA's first robotic moon rover, will likely be "de-integrated and its scientific instruments reused" in future moon missions.
- Note: Meanwhile, the Astrobotic Technology will continue its Griffin Mission One as per its contract with NASA. It is expected to launch in 2025 without the VIPER rover. The launch will provide a flight demonstration of the Griffin lander and its engines.

Q. What is the name of the moon rover programme which NASA has announced to cancel the mission over budget concerns? **Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover (VIPER)**



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Mongolia's Khar-Us Lake added to UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves

- Mongolia's Khar-Us Lake National Park has been added to the World Network of Biosphere Reserves of UNESCO.
- Khar-Us Lake, located in the western Mongolian province of Khovd, occupies a vast depression within the Great Lake Basin, spanning 14,153 square kilometres.
- The biosphere reserve comprises a core area of 703 square kilometres, a buffer zone spanning 7,800 square kilometres, and a transition area of 5,650 square kilometres.
- Its diverse ecosystems encompass aquatic realms, deserts, high mountain terrain, and steppe landscapes, each contributing to the region's ecological richness.
- With the addition of Khar-Us Lake, Mongolia now boasts 10 sites registered in the UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves.
- Note: The Man and the Biosphere Programme is an intergovernmental scientific programme set up by UNESCO in the early 1970s to establish a scientific basis for enhancing the relationship between people and their environments.

Q. Mongolia's which National Park has been added to the World Network of Biosphere Reserves of UNESCO? **Khar-Us Lake National Park**



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HSBC Appoints Insider Georges Elhedery As CEO

- HSBC Holdings Plc has appointed its Chief Financial Officer Georges Elhedery as its next CEO.
- Elhedery, 50, who becomes HSBC's third chief executive in less than eight years, will replace outgoing head Noel Quinn from Sept. 2.
- While the 160-year-old lender did consider external candidates, it has traditionally appointed its CEO from within.
- Elhedery's appointment comes as the bank tries to shift from restructuring to growth, at a time when helpful interest rate hikes may have peaked and geopolitical tensions simmer.

HSBC

- Industry: Financial services
- Founder: Sir Thomas Sutherland
- Headquarters: London, England
- Group Chairman: Mark Tucker

Q. The HSBC Holdings Plc has appointed whom as its next CEO? **Georges Elhedery**



FIFA

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FIFA Rankings: India retains 124th spot, Argentina consolidates top position with Copa America title

- The Indian football team has retained its 124th spot while Lionel Messi's Argentina consolidated the top position in the latest FIFA rankings issued.
- Argentina's unbeaten run to the continental title glory strengthened their hold at the top spot.
- India heaved a sigh of relief as it didn't drop any place in the rankings after descending three spots in the previous rankings updated in June after a failed 2026 World Cup qualifying campaign.
- India's performance has been declining since December last year.
- It had ranked 99 at its highest point when it first entered the top 100 last year, but it has since been falling.
- In Asia, India are placed in the 22nd spot, behind the likes of Syria, Palestine, and Vietnam.
- France maintained their second spot in the rankings after making it to the semifinals of Euro 2024.
- European champions Spain gained five places to finish third while finalist England moved up one place to fourth ahead of Brazil, which dropped to fifth.

Q. According to the latest FIFA ranking which is topped by Argentina, what is India's rank in the list? **124th**



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INS Delhi Wins Best Ship Of Eastern Fleet 2024

- In Visakhapatnam, the Eastern Fleet celebrated its tactical successes at the prestigious Fleet Awards Function.
- This annual event honors the fleet's exceptional performance over the past year, and this year, INS Delhi was proudly named the Best Ship of the Eastern Fleet.
- The Fleet Awards Function recognizes the outstanding performance of various ships across different categories.
- INS Kavaratti was honored as the Best Ship in the category of Corvettes, Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs), and Landing Ship Tanks (LSTs).
- Additionally, INS Shivalik, INS Sumedha, and INS Sumitra were commended for their spirited efforts and tackling diverse challenges throughout the year, showcasing the fleet's versatility and resilience.

Q. Which Indian guided-missile destroyer named the Best Ship of the Eastern Fleet 2024? **INS Delhi**



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Maharashtra Government Launches Scheme To Boost Youth Employability

- The Maharashtra government has announced a new financial assistance programme for students and recent graduates.
- The scheme, 'Ladla Bhai Yojana', for boys in the state provides class XII passouts with a monthly stipend of Rs 6,000, diploma students with Rs 8,000 per month, and graduates with Rs 10,000 per month.
- The stipend amount will vary based on the beneficiaries' qualifications, as stated by an official from the Department of Skills, Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation.
- Through the internship scheme, named Mukhyamantri Yuva Karya Prashikshan Yojana, the Maharashtra government plans to allocate Rs 5,500 crore to provide monetary assistance to unemployed youth in the state.
- Here the eligible candidates must be between 18 and 35 years old and residents of Maharashtra.
- The internships will last for six months, with stipends distributed via direct bank transfer.
- Under the Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana, eligible women in the age group of 21 to 60 years will get a monthly allowance of Rs 1,500.
- The scheme is aimed at ensuring overall development and empowerment of women, including economic independence, self-reliance, health and nutrition.

Q. Under 'Ladla Bhai Yojana', the Maharashtra Government has announced to give how much monthly stipend for Graduates? **Rs. 10000**



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