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Who has topped the list of top-10 richest Cities in the world recently?

- New York.
- □ The list, compiled by London-based consultancy Henley & Partners, ranked the cities by taking into account the number of resident millionaires (rounded off to the nearest 100) as of December 31, 2022. It was dominated by cities in the United States and China – not one European city featuring in the top 10, with the exception of London.
- □ New York City topped a new list of the world's wealthiest cities in 2023, with Japan's Tokyo and Silicon Valley's Bay Area claiming the second and third spots.
- □ Mumbai featured at #21 while Delhi, Bengaluru, Kolkata and Hyderabad too found a mention.

Which country will host the 'Under-20 FIFA World Cup' recently?

- Argentina.
- □ Argentina will host the under-20 soccer World Cup 2023, world governing body FIFA said on Monday following the decision to strip Indonesia of the right to stage the tournament.
- □ FIFA announced the decision to remove Indonesia as host on March 29 after the country's FA cancelled the draw to be held in Bali as its governor refused to host Israel's team.
- □ The Argentine FA formally submitted its bid to host the May 20-June 11 tournament one day later at the South American Football Confederation Congress.

Which state government has recently announced 4% reservation for disabled employees?

- Maharashtra.
 - □ In a welcoming move, the Maharashtra government on Wednesday 19, has approved a four per cent reservation quota in promotion for Divyang (Persons with disabilities) employees serving across various departments of the Maharashtra government.
 - □ The move comes following the state government's decision to form a Divyang department to safeguard the interests and to look after the welfare of differentlyabled people.
 - □ Notably, the Maharashtra government formed a Divyang department in December 2022, and became the first state in the country to form a dedicated department for specially-abled people.

Recently the new book 'Sachin @50 Celebrating a Maestro' authored by whom has been released?

- Boria Mazumdar.
- - On the 50th birthday of the legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar, well known sports historian and popular TV show host and founder of RevSportz, Boria Majumdar will unveil a new book titled 'Sachin@50'- Celebrating A Maestro. The concept and curation of the book is done by the Majumdar and special back cover note is written by Gulzar.
 - The book released on Tendulkar's 50th birthday on 24th of April 2023.

Recently which state's 'Cumbum Angoor' got GI tag?

- Tamil Nadu.
 - □ This is Tamil Nadu's famous Cumbum Panneer Thratchai or Muscat Hamburg variety, also known as Cumbum grapes. The Cumbum grapes recently earned the Geographical Indication tag or GI tag.
 - □ The Cumbum Valley on the Western Ghats in Tamil Nadu is known as the 'Grape City of South India', where Paneer Thirachai is cultivated.
 - □ Theni district is one of the highest grape growing regions. However, the 'Panneer' variety is mainly associated with the Cumbum Valley, where the area under cultivation is spread over about 2,000 acres in 10 villages.

Who has recently become the first Indian woman cricketer to be elected Wisden Cricketers of the Year?

- Harmanpreet Kaur.
 - ▫ Kaur is the first Indian Woman cricketer to be named a Wisden Cricketer of the Year, chosen primarily for her ODI century against England at Canterbury.
 - ▫ She scored 143 runs off 111 balls and led India to their first ODI series victory in England since 1999.

Recently, from where has the Election Commission started 'Vote from Home' for the first time?

- Karnataka.
- □ With the Karnataka assembly elections around the corner, the Election Commission has introduced the facility to Vote-from-Home (VFH) for people above 80 years of age and those with disabilities. ECI teams will go with a form-12D to exercise their franchise."

What is the India's first-high-speed regional rail service?

- 'RAPIDX'
- □ India's first semi-high-speed regional rail services have been named 'RAPIDX' by the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC).
- □ The trains will run on the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridors, being implemented to connect key urban nodes across the National Capital Region (NCR), they said.

National Mission for Clean Ganga has signed an agreement with how many Universities?

- 49.
- □ National Mission for Clean Ganga has signed an agreement with 49 Universities to inspire youth towards water conservation and river rejuvenation.
- □ The MoU aims to bring the student community to the forefront of the mass movement for creating a sustainable ecosystem of rivers.
- □ Namami Gange Programme is an integrated Conservation Mission approved as a 'Flagship Programme' by the Union Govt in June 2014 to accomplish the twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution and conservation of National River Ganga.

Solar Energy Corporation of India gets which Category Status?

- ‘Mini Ratna Category-I’ Status.
- □ Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) has been accorded the status of Mini Ratna Category-I Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE).
- □ A communication to this effect has been issued by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Govt. of India.
- □ Incorporated in the year 2011, SECI is the primary implementing agency of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Govt. of India for Renewable Energy schemes/projects towards fulfilment of India’s international commitments.
- □ Till date, SECI has awarded Renewable Energy (RE) project capacities of over 56 GW.
- □ SECI is also active in setting up of projects through its own investments as well as for other public sector entities as Project Management Consultant (PMC). SECI enjoys highest credit rating of AAA by ICRA.

Who launched 'Vibrant Villages' program at border village Kibithu in Arunachal Pradesh?

- Home Minister Amit Shah.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah launches the 'Vibrant Villages Programme' at Kibithu - a border village in Arunachal Pradesh.
- □ Kibithu is remote village located at an altitude of 9000 feet above sea level, near India-China border. It is the easternmost village of India and is considered as the gateway to the Land of the Rising Sun, Arunachal Pradesh. It lacks basic amenities such as electricity, healthcare and proper roads.
- □ Vibrant village program aims to bring about the overall development of rural areas and transform them into self-sufficient and prosperous communities.

As per a report, Obesity among Indians increased by what percent between 2019 and 2022?

- 50%.
- □ The prevalence of early risk factors like obesity and dyslipidemia or cholesterol irregularities have jumped 50% and 18% respectively between 2019 and 2022, as per an annual health report by Apollo Hospitals.

Recently which state's 'Langda Mango' got GI tag?

- Uttar Pradesh.
- □ Famous Banarasi paan and langda mango of Varanasi have entered the Geographical Indication (GI) list recently. As many as 33 products were granted GI certification on March 31 by the GI Registry, Chennai. Among them, 10 belonged to UP, including two from Varanasi.
- □ A geographical indication (GI) tag is a sign used on locally produced products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities that are due to that origin. A product can be given a GI tag if it is a specialty of a given place.
- □ The tags were first introduced in 2003, wherein Darjeeling Tea was the first Indian product to get a GI tag.

Who has been given the 'Abel Prize' recently?

- Louis Caffarelli
- □ Luis Caffarelli, 74, has won the 2023 Abel Prize “for his seminal contributions to regularity theory for nonlinear partial differential equations including free-boundary problems and the Monge-Ampère equation”.
- □ He is the first Argentine and the first from South America to win Abel Prize.

Abel Prize

- The Abel Prize is also known as the International Prize for Mathematics.
- o It was established by the Norwegian Parliament in 2002, on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of Niels Henrik Abel birth, the Norwegian mathematician directly modelled after the Nobel Prizes.
- o It is given for outstanding scientific work in the field of mathematics.
- o First awarded- 2003 o In 2007 Indian American mathematician Srinivasa Varadhan got the award for his fundamental contributions to probability theory and in particular for creating a unified theory of large deviation.

Where has 'Ola Uber and Rapido Bike Taxi' been banned recently?

- New Delhi
 - □ The Delhi Transport Department has issued a public notice to these ride sharing companies to put a stop to bike taxi services with immediate effect.
 - □ A public order recently noted that bike taxis in Delhi violated the Motor Vehicle Act 1988, as the Act prohibits using two-wheelers for commercial purpose.
 - □ Companies violating the order will be penalized with a fine of Rs 1 lakh