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Which state has recently become the first to pass the Right to Health Bill?

- Rajasthan.
- □ RAJASTHAN ON Tuesday became the first state to pass in Assembly the Right to Health Bill, which gives every resident of the state the right to avail free Out Patient Department (OPD) services and In Patient Department (IPD) services at all public health facilities. Also, similar healthcare services will be provided free of cost at select private facilities.

Who has recently become India's most valuable celebrity of the year 2022?

- Ranvir Singh.
- □ Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh has surpassed cricketer Virat Kohli to become the most valued celebrity of 2022 with a brand value of \$181.7 million, revealed a report by corporate investigation and risk consulting firm Kroll in a report titled 'Celebrity Brand Valuation Report'.
- □ This year, Singh has dethroned cricketer Virat Kohli, who was on top position for five consecutive years.
- □ Virat Kohli came in 2nd position and Akshay Kumar is in 3rd position.

Where has the nine-day military exercise between India and Africa started recently?

- Pune.
- □ India and 23 African nations on Tuesday began a nine-day mega military exercise in Pune with a greater aim to expand their overall military cooperation.
- □ Several new generation equipment manufactured in India is being used at the exercise to give a feel of their efficacy to the troops of the participating nations.

Where has Asia's largest '4-metre liquid mirror telescope' been inaugurated recently?

- Uttarakhand.
- □ On March 21, 2023, Union Minister of State for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences (Independent Charge), Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated Asia's largest 4-metre International Liquid Mirror telescope.
- □ Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (AREES) announced that the worldclass 4-metre International Liquid Mirror Telescope (IMLT) is now ready to explore distant and deep celestial space. It received its first light in the second week of May 2022.

Recently where has the government approved the established of the Statue of Knowledge?

- Latur
 - The Maharashtra government has given approval for a 75-foot tall 'Statue of Knowledge' dedicated to Dr B. R. Ambedkar in Latur city.
 - The ground-breaking ceremony for the project will be performed on April 14, Dr Ambedkar's birth anniversary, the MP said.

Which medal has been won by Sarabjot Singh in the men's 10m pistol event in the ISSF World Cup recently?

- Gold
- □ India's Sarabjot Singh clinched the gold medal while Varun Tomar finished with bronze in the men's 10m Air Pistol event at the ISSF Rifle/Pistol World Cup 2023 in Bhopal on Wednesday.

Who has topped the engineering and technology in India in the recent QS World University Rankings?

- IIT Bombay
- □ IIT Bombay has been ranked 1st in India and 47th globally in Engineering and Technology with an overall score of 80.4 out of 100 in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings by Subject for 2023.
- □ The Institute has been ranked in 4 out of 5 broad subject areas, which includes Engineering & Technology, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Management, and Arts and Humanities. Overall, the Institution improved on its 2022 performance by 18 places.
- □ Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA tops the list with 97.3 score, Stanford University, USA is at 2nd spot with 96 score and University of Cambridge is at 3rd spot with 93.4 score.

Recently which state government is planning to appoint 600 young Gajmitras for the protection of elephants?

- West Bengal.
- □ In order to check the rising incidents of human-elephant conflict (HEC), West Bengal has launched a unique human-driven initiative, named "Gajamitra (Friends of Elephants)".
- □ Under this scheme, the state Forest Department has started the process of appointing 600 local youth from HEC-prone pockets both in north Bengal as well as in south Bengal as 'Gajamitras'.
- □ According to West Bengal Forest Minister Jyotipriyo Mullick, the selected youths will be provided with android sets with the specially developed Gajamitra App installed there. The selected youths will procure advance information about the movement of elephant herds, alert the forest department and local people, so that preventive measures can be taken for avoiding HEC.

Recently Who has topped the recently released World Happiness Index 2023?

- Finland.
- □ On the occasion of 'International Day of Happiness' on Monday, annually observed on March 20, 'World Happiness Report' by UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network unveiled its 11th edition this year, announcing European nation Finland as the 'most happy' among its peers for the sixth consecutive year.
- Denmark, Iceland, Israel and Netherlands are the next happiest countries.
- □ The list released by the United Nations placed eight European nations on the top 10 ranks.
- □ India, this year was placed at 126, ranking below its neighbours including Pakistan, Bangladesh.
- □ Afghanistan is the least happy country out of 137 nations surveyed.

Which Indian industrialist has recently been appointed to the 'Order of Australia' for distinguished service?

- Ratan Tata.
 - For distinguished service to the Australia-India bilateral relationship, particularly to trade, investment, and philanthropy, Indian industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata has been appointed as an Honorary Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AO).
 - Australia's High Commissioner to India, Barry O'Farrell informed that Australia's Governor-General has made this appointment announcement.

Which country has recently started its first submarine base?

- Bangladesh.
- - Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the first submarine base of Bangladesh 'BNS Sheikh Hasina' at Pekua in Cox's Bazar on Monday. Hailing the newly inaugurated naval base as an 'ultra-modern submarine base', Prime Minister called the event a proud chapter in the history of Bangladesh navy.
 - Inaugurating the submarine base virtually from her official residence Ganabhaban in Dhaka, Prime Minister Hasina said that the newly commissioned submarine base would help navy increase its operational capacity to secure the vast marine resources. Ships passing through the Bay of Bengal also can take help from the base, said Sheikh Hasina.

Who inaugurated the world's longest railway platform recently?

- PM Modi
- □ PM Modi on Saturday inaugurated several development projects in Karnataka including the longest railway platform in the world in Hubballi-Dharwar region.
- □ With the inauguration of the Hubballi railway platform, the city has registered its name in the Guinness Book of World Records for having the longest railway platform in the World at Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji station. The 1,507-metre long platform has been built at a cost of about ₹20 crore.
- □ The construction work for the 1.5 km long railway platform was commissioned in February 2021.
- □ Gorakhpur platform in UP is the 2nd longest at 1366.33 meters, and Kollam junction in Kerala has the 3rd longest platform at 1180.5 meters.
- □ Kharagpur has the world's 4th longest railway platforms with a length of 1072.5 meters.

Who has recently become the first woman to command an IAF unit?

- Shaliza Dhami
 - □ In a first, a woman officer in the Indian Air Force (IAF) has been selected to take charge of a frontline combat unit.
 - □ Group Captain Shaliza Dhami has been chosen to lead a missile squadron in the western sector. The selection of Dhami for this position highlights the Indian armed forces' ongoing efforts to provide women with more opportunities and expand their role in combat and command appointments.