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PM Modi virtually inaugurates Gaushala with Bio-CNG plant in Gwalior

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the 'Lal Tipara Gaushala' with Bio-CNG plant in Gwalior and launched various development projects of Rs 685 crore in Madhya Pradesh on the occasion of Swachhta Diwas.



Key Points

- ❖ The 'Gaushala', or cow shelter, with the Bio-CNG plant that can produce three tonnes of natural gas per day using 100 tonnes of cow dung, has been set up in collaboration with the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)
- ❖ It is India's first modern and self-reliant Gaushala

Swachhta Diwas

- ❖ Mahatma Gandhi emphasised on swachhta as which ensures a healthy life and society. Keeping this in mind, the Indian government launched the Swachh Bharat Mission on October 2, 2014.

- ❖ The mission covers all rural and urban areas. The urban component of the mission is implemented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and the rural component by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2021 launched the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) 2.0 along with Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation 2.0.
- ❖ It aims to make all cities 'Garbage Free'. SBM-U 2.0 will ensure grey and black water management in all cities, other than those covered under AMRUT. The mission focuses on source segregation of solid waste.

Paytm installs 800 card machines in Madhya Pradesh Krishi Mandis

Paytm, an Indian payments company,



has deployed 800 electronic data capture (EDC) devices across 42 Krishi Mandis in Madhya Pradesh

Key Points

- ❖ This initiative aims to digitise agricultural sales and enhance financial inclusion for farmers and traders.

- ❖ The Paytm card machines have been integrated with the Krishi Mandi app, streamlining the sales process and reducing transaction times from days to hours.
- ❖ The devices facilitate payments, generate printed gate receipts, and create purchase orders, providing both digital and physical transaction records.
- ❖ Paytm plans to install an additional 1,300 card machines in various Krishi Mandis nationwide over the next two years.
- ❖ The National Informatics Centre (NIC) developed the eMandi application to digitise Mandi processes, which has been integrated with Paytm's card machines.

Arti Sarin, first woman and 46th DG of Armed Forces Medical Services

Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin became the first woman to head the Director General of the Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAfMS).



Key Points

- ❖ She assumed her office as the 46th DGAfMS, replacing Lt Gen Daljit Singh.
- ❖ Arti Sarin is also a member of the 14-member National Task Force for the Safety of Medical Professionals, appointed by the Supreme Court.
- ❖ Earlier, Lieutenant General Sadhna Saxena Nair became the first woman to be appointed as the Director General of Medical Services (Army).
- ❖ Before being appointed as the DGAfMS, Flag Officer Arti Sarin held the coveted appointments of DG Medical Services (Navy), DG Medical Services (Air) and Director & Commandant of Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune.

About Director General Armed Forces Medical Services

- ❖ The Government of India integrated the medical wings of the Army, Navy, and Air Force and set up an Armed Forces Medical Service in 1948 for the Indian Armed Forces.
- ❖ The unified Armed Forces Medical Service was established by the Central Government on the recommendation of the Dr B C Roy Committee on 'Armed Forces Medical Services and Research Integration.'
- ❖ **Headquarters:** New Delhi

India beat Bangladesh in Kanpur to sweep the Test series 2-0

India swept away Bangladesh to win the Test series 2-0 and maintain their leadership at the World Test Championship table.



Key Points

- ❖ With the win in Chennai, India became the fifth country in the world to have won more Test matches than lost, after Australia, England, Pakistan, and South Africa.
- ❖ India has played 581 test matches, won 180 and lost 178 Test matches.
- ❖ Australia is the most successful team having won 414 test matches in 866 matches with 232 losses. After Australia is England with 397 wins, West Indies 183 matches.

Record set at the Kanpur Test by Indian team

- ❖ **Fastest to score 100 runs in Test matches** – India's hundred came in just 10.1 overs. India broke their record of 100 runs in 12.2 overs scored against West Indies in 2023 at the Port of Spain Test.
- ❖ **Fastest to score 200 runs in an inning**– India reached 200 marks in the first inning in 26.1 overs breaking

the Australian record of 28.1 overs against Pakistan in the Sydney Test match of 2017.

- ❖ **Fastest team to score first 50 runs**– India scored its first 50 runs in just 3 overs, breaking England's record of scoring 50 runs in 4.5 overs against West Indies in the Nottingham Test in 2024.

Record of Ravichandran Ashwin

- ❖ Ravichandran Ashwin was declared the Player of the Series for his 114 runs and 11 wickets.
- ❖ He equalled Sri Lankan spinner Muthiah Muralidaran's record of 11 Player of the Series awards in the Test series.

India won the Men's SAFF U17 Championship

Indian football team lifted the 2024 Men's SAFF U17 Championship by defeating Bangladesh 2-0 in the final.



Key Points

- ❖ The final was played at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu, Bhutan.

- ❖ The Indian boy's football team, is also famously known as Blue Colts.
- ❖ Seven teams -India, Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Pakistan participated in the 2024 Men's SAAF U17 Championships.
 - **Player of the Tournament:** Mohammed Arbash of India.
 - **Goalkeeper of the Tournament:** Aheibam Suraj Singh.

About SAFF (South Asian Football Federation)

- ❖ It was founded in 1997 by Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Bhutan later joined the Federation.
- ❖ **Headquarters:** Dhaka, Bangladesh
- ❖ **President of SAFF:** Kazi Md. Salahuddin of Bangladesh

India to host first-ever Kho Kho World Cup in 2025

India will host the first-ever Kho Kho World Cup in 2025, as announced by the Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) and the International Kho Kho Federation.



Key Points

- ❖ This tournament will feature 24 countries across six continents, showcasing 16 teams in both men's and women's categories.
- ❖ Kho Kho was originated in India
- ❖ The sport is gaining international recognition, with participation from 54 countries.
- ❖ The KKFI aims that this international event will elevate the visibility of Kho Kho and pave the way for its inclusion in the Olympic Games by 2032.

About Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI)

- ❖ The Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) is the national governing body for kho-kho in India.
- ❖ Its president is Sudhanshu Mittal.
- ❖ The 2024 National Kho Kho Championship was held in Delhi, and was won by Maharashtra in both the men's and women's categories

News Shorts

- ❖ Israel has declared UN Secretary-General António Guterres persona non grata, banning him from entry.
- ❖ BharatGen is a pioneering initiative in generative AI launched to enhance public service delivery and citizen engagement.

- ❖ The Ayush Medical Value Travel Summit 2024 was inaugurated in Mumbai with the theme 'Global Synergy in Ayush: Transforming Health and Wellness through Medical Value Travel.'
- ❖ Mount Erebus, Antarctica's second-largest volcano, is unexpectedly spewing gold dust, surprising scientists.
- ❖ EURONAVAL 2024, the world's leading naval defence exhibition, will be held from November 4-7, 2024, in Paris.
- ❖ Taiwan received the first shipment of 100 land-based Harpoon anti-ship missile systems from the U.S.
- ❖ Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) has announced Dwayne Bravo as KKR's

new mentor succeeding Gautam Gambhir.

- ❖ Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk was detained on the Delhi border on Monday night as he led a group of protesters to petition the Central government for the inclusion of Ladakh in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution among other demands for autonomy to the region.
- ❖ The National Quantum Mission has established Thematic Hubs to foster interdisciplinary collaboration.
- ❖ Meghalaya Government signed an MoU with The/Nudge Institute to promote livelihood development for 50,000 poorest households.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which company has deployed 800 electronic data capture (EDC) devices across 42 Krishi Mandis in Madhya Pradesh?

- (a) PhonePe
- (b) Paytm
- (c) Google Pay
- (d) BharatPe

Answer-B

2. Who is the first woman to be appointed as the Director General of the Armed Forces Medical Services?

- (a) Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin
- (b) Surgeon Vice Admiral Punita Arora
- (c) Surgeon Vice Admiral Madhuri Kanitkar
- (d) Surgeon Vice Admiral Nirmala Kannan

Answer-A

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