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DAILY UPDATE 1 : DEFENCE



Gagan Strike-II: Indian Army, IAF Conduct Joint Exercise in Punjab:-

The Indian Army's Kharga Corps, operating under the Army's Western Command, recently completed a three-day joint exercise with the IAF at several locations in Punjab. The exercise was designed to enhance protocols and validate the use of attack helicopters in support of mechanized operations in developed terrain. The Gagan Strike-II exercise, which included Apache and ALH-WSI helicopters, unarmed aerial vehicles, and Indian Army special forces, was designed to validate various force multipliers in support of ground offensives by strike corps, as well as live firing by helicopters as required by mechanized forces during offensive maneuvers.



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DAILY UPDATE 2 : ECONOMY



The central government has permitted exports of 14,000 tonne of non-basmati white rice to Mauritius :-

According to an official notification, the central government has allowed the export of 14,000 tonnes of non-basmati white rice to Mauritius. Notably, non-Basmati white rice exports were outlawed in July 2023 to keep domestic prices stable and ensure domestic food security. Earlier, India allowed the export of such a variety of rice to Nepal, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, the Republic of Guinea, Malaysia, Philippines, Seychelles, UAE, Singapore, Comoros, Madagascar, Equatorial Guinea, Egypt, and Kenya, though with varying quantities.



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DAILY UPDATE 3: INTERNATIONAL



Nepal's population witnesses lowest growth rate in eight decades :-

According to an official, Nepal's population growth rate over the last decade has been 0.92 percent per year, the lowest in the previous eight decades. The National Statistics Office (NSO) released its demographic indicators report, revealing that the population growth rate was less than 1% per year during the evaluation period. "The population growth was at the lowest level compared to the statistics of the last eight decades," said Dhundi Raj Lamichhane, director at the NSO. According to the NSO report, Nepal's population is around 29.2 million at present.



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DAILY UPDATE 4 : MISCELLANEOUS



Gurugram Administration Ropes In Yuzvendra Chahal To Boost Voter Turnout :-

Amid poll boycotts and concerns about poor voter turnout in urban areas, the Gurgaon administration has named cricketer Yuzvendra Chahal as its election brand ambassador. Officials stated the well-known bowler will encourage voters to make use of their rights. Haryanvi singers MD Desi Rockstar and Naveen Punia have also been chosen as brand



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ambassadors. The administration has also launched an app – Voter In Queue – to help voters find out their position in the polling queue and determine how long it will take for their turn to vote.

DAILY UPDATE 5 : SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Bajaj Auto Set To Revolutionize Transportation With World's First CNG Motorcycle :-

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Bajaj Auto, India's leading two- and three-wheeler manufacturer, plans to introduce the world's first compressed natural gas (CNG) motorcycle on June 18, 2024. According to Bajaj, the new CNG motorbike will be a game changer, providing customers with a more affordable and ecologically responsible alternative to petrol motorcycles. Bajaj had mentioned earlier, fuel reduces the operational cost of automobiles, making it an appealing option for buyers. Bajaj revealed that the company will start with an initial capacity of 20,000 CNG motorcycles.

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ISRO Achieves Milestone with Successful Pre-Burner Ignition Test for Semi-Cryo Engine :-

Isro, which is building a 2,000kN thrust semi-cryogenic engine using a Liquid Oxygen (LOX) Kerosene propellant mixture to improve the payload capability of the LVM3 rocket and future launch vehicles, announced a significant milestone. “With the successful ignition of the semi-cryo pre burner, a major milestone in the semi-cryo engine development has been achieved. This will be followed by development tests on the engine powerhead test article and fully integrated engine. The development of a semi-cryo stage with 120-tonne of propellant loading is also under progress,” Isro said.

DAILY UPDATE 7 : SPORTS



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Bangladesh gear up to host ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 :-

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the schedules for the highly awaited ninth ICC Women's T20 World Cup in 2024, which will be held in Bangladesh from October 3 to 20. Cricket fans worldwide are looking forward to this famous tournament, which promises to be an action-packed display of skill and sportsmanship. The T20 World Cup 2024 will feature ten teams competing in 23 matches spread across 18 action-packed days. The matches will be held at two venues in Bangladesh: the Shere Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Dhaka and the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium in Sylhet, providing fans with an opportunity to witness the best in women's cricket.



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DAILY UPDATE 8 : SPORTS



Indian women's and men's 4x400m relay teams qualify for Paris Olympics 2024 :-

The Indian men's and women's 4x400m relay teams advanced for the Paris Olympics by finishing second in their respective second-round heats at the World Athletics Relays. In the women's category, the quartet of Rupal Chaudhary, M R Poovamma, Jyothika Sri Dandi, and Subha Venkatesan clocked 3 minutes and 29.35 seconds to place second behind Jamaica (3:28.54) in heat number one, earning a trip to the Paris Games. With this, India now have 19 Paris-bound track and field athletes and the list includes defending javelin throw champion Neeraj Chopra among others.



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DAILY UPDATE 9 : SPORTS



Nitin Menon, Jayaraman Madangopal, and Javagal Srinath Named as Match Officials for ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 :-

Umpires Nitin Menon and Jayaraman Madanagopal, as well as ICC match referee Javagal Srinath, will represent India at the next T20 World Cup in the Americas next month. There will be 20 umpires overseeing 55 matches across nine venues, including four notable ICC umpires: Richard Illingworth, Kumar Dharmasena, Chris Gaffaney, and Paul Reiffel. Besides Madanagopal, the likes of Sam Nogajski, Allahudien Paleker, Rashid Riaz and Asif Yaqoob will also be making their ICC senior men's competition debut.



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DAILY UPDATE 10 : SUMMIT AND CONFERENCE



Japan, China and South Korea arranging summit for May 26-27 :-

Final preparations are being made for a summit between Japan, China, and South Korea in Seoul on May 26 and 27, according to a South Korean Foreign Ministry official. It will be the first such gathering since December of 2019. The three Asian countries were unable to have a trilateral summit because to the deterioration of Japan-South Korea relations and the COVID-19 epidemic. At present, South Korea serves as chair of the three-way summit framework. The three countries agreed to hold such a meeting as soon as possible and Seoul has been having talks with Tokyo and Beijing, the official said.