

DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS UPDATES - 08 April 2023

DAILY UPDATE 1 :OBITUARIES



Novelist and short story writer Sarah Thomas passes away:-

Sarah Thomas, a veteran Malayalam novelist and short story writer, passed away in the Thiruvananthapuram. She was 88 years old. Sarah Thomas wrote more than 20 novels. According to Kerala-based media reports, her debut work, 'Jeevitham Enna Nadi' (The river that is life), was published at the age of 34. The critically acclaimed Malayalam film 'Manimuzhakkam,' which won both state and national awards, was based on her novel 'Murippaadukal' (Scars). In 1979, the novel 'Narmmadippudava' won the Sahitya Akademi Award.

DAILY UPDATE 2 :AWARDS

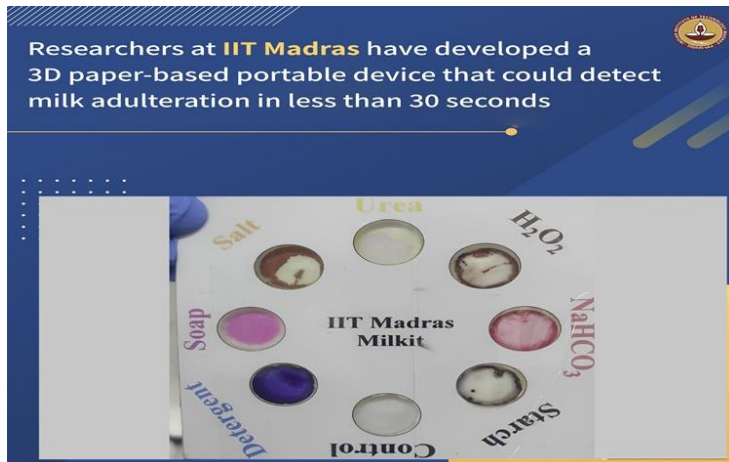


Naveen Jindal Honoured With 'Lifetime Achievement Award' By University Of Texas:-

The University of Texas at Dallas has bestowed a lifetime achievement award on Indian industrialist Naveen Jindal for his contributions to industry, politics, and education. Jindal, a 1992 graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas, is the

university's second Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, following noted Nobel Laureate Aziz Sancar. This is the highest award that the University of Texas, Dallas bestows on alumni to recognise a graduate whose contributions have bettered society.

DAILY UPDATE 3: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



IIT Madras Researchers Develop Pocket-Friendly Device To Detect Adulteration In Milk:-

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) have created a 3D paper-based portable device that can detect adulteration in milk in 30 seconds. The test could even be done at home. It can detect a wide range of substances commonly used as adulterating agents, including urea, detergents, soap, starch, hydrogen peroxide, sodium-hydrogen-carbonate, and salt. This research was led by Dr. Pallab Sinha Mahapatra, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Madras, along with Research Scholars Mr. Subhashis Patari and Dr. Priyanka Datta.

DAILY UPDATE 4 : RANK AND REPORT



Passport Index: India Ranks At 144th Spot In 2023:-

The Indian passport has dropped six ranks from last year, ranking 144th this year with a mobility score of 70 in the Passport Index 2023, the largest global drop. The Passport Index, published by financial advisory firm Arton Capital, ranks countries based on their mobility score, which is calculated on provisions such as visa-free travel, visa on arrival, an eVisa (if used within three days), and electronic travel authorization. With its current ranking, Indians can travel to 21 countries visa-free, need a visa for 128 countries.

DAILY UPDATE 5 :SPORTS



Sir Alex Ferguson And Arsene Wenger Inducted Into Premier League Hall Of Fame:-

Sir Alex Ferguson of Manchester United and Arsene Wenger of Arsenal have been inducted into the Premier League Hall of Fame. Ferguson, 81, is the most successful Premier League manager in history, having won a record 13 titles. During his 22-year tenure as Arsenal manager, Wenger won three league titles. Ferguson and Wenger are the first two managers inducted into the Football Hall of Fame. Ferguson, who managed Manchester United from 1986 to 2013, twice won three consecutive league titles.

DAILY UPDATE 6 :DEFENCE



First Batch Of Agniveers Passes Out Of INS Chilka:-

A total of 2,585 Agniveers, including 272 women from the Indian Navy, were passed out from INS Chilka in Odisha. The post-sunset Passing Out Parade was held under the auspices of Southern Naval Command and was said to be the first of its kind. Admiral R. Hari Kumar, Chief of Naval Staff, reviewed the parade, which was attended by Vice-Admiral M.A. Hampiholi, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command, Member of Parliament P.T. Usha, former Indian Women Cricket Team captain Mithali Raj, and other senior naval veterans.

DAILY UPDATE 7 : DEFENCE



MoD inks two contracts with BEL, worth Rs 2,400 crore:-

Ministry of Defence, signed two contracts with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Ghaziabad to bolster the defence capabilities of the country. The first contract with BEL is for the Indian Army to purchase an Automated Air Defence Control & Reporting System (Project Akashteer) worth Rs 1,982 crore. The second contract with BEL is for the acquisition of Sarang Electronic Support Measure (ESM) systems and associated Engineering Support Package from BEL, Hyderabad, at a cost of Rs 412 crore.

DAILY UPDATE 8 : AWARDS

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Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academy Awards Declared:-

The fellowships, awards, and Gurupuja Puraskaram for the year 2022 have been announced by the Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi. Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi fellowships have been awarded to theatre artist Gopinath Kozhikode, music director P.S. Vidyadharan, and Chenda/Edakka artist Kalamandalam Unnikrishnan for their contributions to their respective fields. Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi, established on April 26, 1958, under the Department of Culture, nurtures and encourages Kerala's various forms of dance, music, drama, and folk arts.

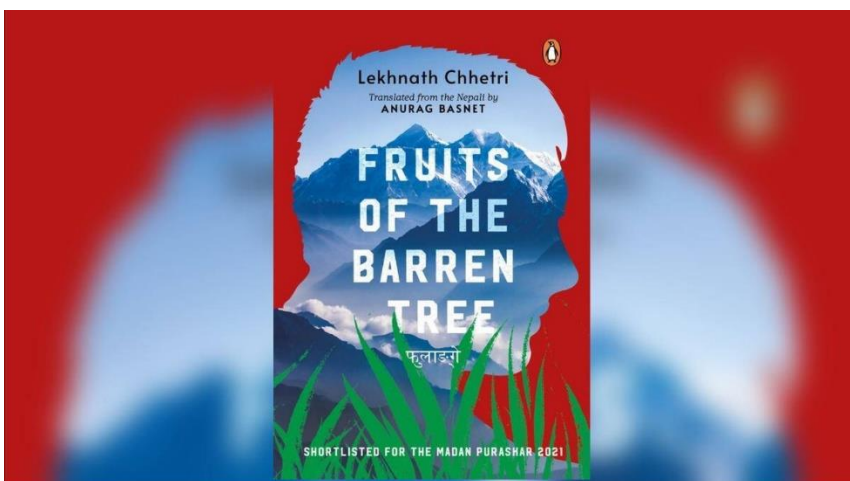
DAILY UPDATE 9 :SPORTS



BCCI Announces Herbalife As Its Official Partner For TATA IPL 2023:-

“We are pleased to welcome Herbalife on board as an Official Partner for the 2023 edition of the TATA IPL,” announced Jay Shah, Secretary, Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), in regards to the 2023 edition of the sporting event. Herbalife has a track record of assisting athletes in optimising their performance by providing high-quality, science-backed food products for all. Mr Shah added during the announcement that the partnership between IPL and Herbalife brings together two powerful brands with a shared passion for sports.

DAILY UPDATE 10 :BOOKS



A Book Titled “Phoolange” Penned By Darjeeling-Based Writer Lekhnath Chhetri:-

The English translation of Nepali novel "Phoolange" will be released on April 17th announced by Penguin Random House India (PRHI). The book is written by Darjeeling-based writer Lekhnath Chhetri and focuses on the failed Gorkha movement for a separate state. The novel delves into the social, political, and economic conditions that led to the formation of the movement, as well as the ensuing violence. The novel's original Nepali version was shortlisted for the Madan Puraskar, Nepal's most prestigious literary award, in 2021.