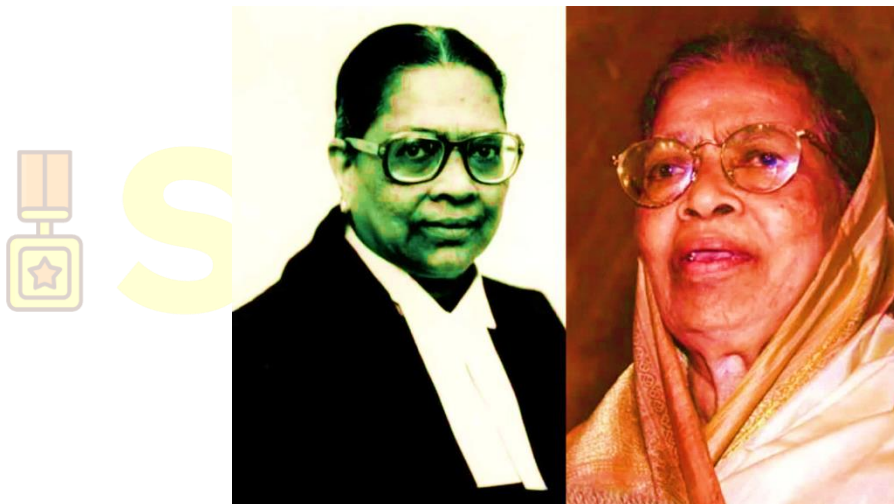


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Justice M. Fathima Beevi

- Justice M. Fathima Beevi, the **first female Judge** to be appointed to the **Supreme Court of India**, passed away today at the age of 96 in Kollam in Kerala.
- She was undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Kollam. Justice Beevi was the first woman to be a judge of the Supreme Court of India.
- She was also the **first Muslim woman** to be appointed to the higher judiciary in the country.



- She was born in Kerala in 1927 and her father encouraged her to study law. In 1950, she topped the Bar Council exam, becoming the **first woman to receive a Bar Council gold medal**.
- She started her career as an advocate in Kerala and worked her way up to become a district and sessions judge in 1974.
- In 1980, she joined the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal and was appointed as a High Court judge in 1983. She **made history in 1989** by becoming the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court.
- After retiring in 1993, she served as a member of the National Human Rights Commission and then as Governor of Tamil Nadu. She resigned from the post of Governor of Tamil Nadu after rejecting the mercy petitions filed by four condemned prisoners in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case.

Agreement Between Israel & Hamas

- Israel and Hamas have reached a significant diplomatic breakthrough in their ongoing conflict.
- The deal, announced involves the **release of at least 50 hostages** and numerous Palestinian prisoners.
- The agreement also includes a **four-day truce** for besieged Gaza residents after weeks of intense warfare. As part of the deal, Palestinian militants are set to release 50 women and children who were kidnapped during a raid into southern Israel on October 7.



- After weeks of **negotiations facilitated by Qatar**, Israeli Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu's** cabinet approved the truce accord following an almost all-night meeting.
- Hamas welcomed the **"humanitarian truce,"** indicating that 150 Palestinians would be released from Israeli jails.
- The **negotiations involved various parties**, including the US Central Intelligence Agency, Mossad, Egyptian intelligence, and leaders in Doha, Cairo, Washington, Gaza, and Israel.
- US President Joe Biden expressed satisfaction, highlighting the reunion of "brave souls" with their families. Qatar confirmed the deal, specifying the release of Palestinian women and children from Israeli prisons.

World Wushu Championship

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has congratulated **Roshibina Devi, Kushal Kumar, and Chavi** for winning medals at the recently held 16th **World Wushu Championship in the USA**.



- In a social media post, the Prime Minister said that their determination and skill have truly made the nation proud and he is confident that their success will make Wushu more popular in India. He extended his best wishes to them for their future endeavours.

Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan

- **Department of Social Justice & Empowerment** signed a MoU with **International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON)** for **Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)** in the presence of Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Virender Kumar, senior officers of the Department and senior members of the ISKCON in New Delhi.



- The saffron **production area**, aptly named **Mandal**, covers about 120 hectares of cultivable land, making Kishtwar a significant hub for saffron cultivation.
- The quality of Kishtwar saffron stands out, even in comparison to the well-known **Pampore saffron from Kashmir**.
- The superiority is attributed to various factors such as the quality of the land, the climate, and the meticulous technique of plucking flowers and separating the red and yellow carpels from the petals.



2nd CII India Nordic Baltic Business Conclave

- The 2nd edition of the **CII India Nordic Baltic Business Conclave** is taking place in New Delhi.
- This initiative, in collaboration with the MEA, GOI, aims to **foster collaboration between India and the Nordic Baltic Eight (NB8)** countries, known for their progress in **innovation and technology**.



- The conclave is strategically designed to facilitate dialogue among diverse stakeholders.
- **Its primary focus is on key sectors**, providing a platform for discussions that can potentially lead to groundbreaking partnerships. The event will also lay the groundwork for potential policy changes, fostering an environment conducive to impactful collaborations.



- The NB8, comprising Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, and Sweden, represents a formidable force in innovation and technology.
- This collaboration holds immense promise, especially given India's increasing emphasis on technology as a driver of economic growth.

Kerala's Responsible Tourism Mission

- Kerala's pioneering **Responsible Tourism (RT) Mission** has achieved global acclaim by securing a spot on the prestigious list of Case Studies curated by the **United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)**.



Kerala's Responsible Tourism Mission Earns Global Recognition from UNWTO

- This recognition not only reflects the mission's commitment to **eco-friendly tourism** but also serves as an inspiration for further advancements in promoting sustainable travel.
- Kerala's Responsible Tourism Mission's **global recognition by UNWTO** stands as a testament to its impactful initiatives and dedication to sustainable tourism practices.



- The inclusion of Kerala's RT Mission in the UNWTO's global list of Case Studies is a noteworthy achievement, positioning it alongside Maharashtra's **Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve** project as the only Indian representatives on this esteemed list.
- These two case studies from India stand among **seven G20 countries** recognized by UNWTO, which include Mexico, Germany, Mauritius, Turkey, Italy, Brazil, and Canada.

'Water Smart Kid Campaign'

- Meghalaya Chief Minister **Conrad K. Sangma** launched the '**Meghalaya Water Smart Kid Campaign.**'
- This initiative, operating under the **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**, aims to educate children about the vital importance of water conservation.
- To address the urgent need for **water conservation and sustainability**, the Meghalaya State Government has undertaken various interventions.
- These initiatives receive support from **externally aided projects (EAPs) and the Ministry of Jal Shakti**, Government of India.
- Chief Minister Sangma informed that the state is currently constructing 1000 water reservoirs to harness water effectively.



- These efforts are complemented by soil rejuvenation projects aimed at increasing the groundwater table. Chief Minister Sangma emphasized the paradox of Meghalaya's water situation during the campaign launch.
- Despite its designation as one of the wettest places on earth, the state encounters challenges in preserving its water resources.
- Annually, Meghalaya receives an impressive 63 billion cubic liters of water through rainfall, but it can retain only 1 billion cubic liters.
- The Chief Minister explained that out of the total, 31 billion cubic liters flow to Bangladesh, and an equivalent amount flows to Assam.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who Was The First Woman Judge Of The Supreme Court Of India

- A. Sujata Manoha
- B. Ranjana Desai
- C. Fathima Beevi
- D. Gyan Sudha Misra

ANSWER: C

2. Fathima Beevi Became Supreme Court Judge In

- A. Year 1989*
- B. Year 1990*
- C. Year 1997*
- D. Year 1995*

ANSWER: A

3. World Wushu Championship Is Held In

- A. China
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. India

ANSWER: B

4. Roshibina Devi, Kushal Kumar, And Chavi Relates To Which Sport

- A. Badminton
- B. Tennis
- C. Wushu
- D. Swimming

ANSWER: C

5. MoU For Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan Signed Between ISKCON & _____

- A. Ministry Of Health
- B. WHO
- C. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- D. AIIMS

ANSWER: C

6. Navchetna Module For Drug Education Is Initiative By

- A. Ministry Of Health
- B. Indira Gandhi Medical College
- C. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- D. Indian Health Organisation

ANSWER: C

7. Kung ,Pampore Seen In News Are Varieties Of

- A. Kesar
- B. Walnut
- C. Apricot
- D. Apple

ANSWER: A

8. Which Of The Following Is Not The Part Of NB8 Countries

- A. Denmark
- B. Estonia
- C. Finland
- D. Greece

ANSWER: D

9. 'Water Smart Kid Campaign' Is Launched In

- A. Assam
- B. Meghalaya
- C. Kerala
- D. Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: B

10. Lupex Is The Joint Effort Between ISRO & _____

- A. NASA
- B. ESA
- C. JAXA
- D. CNA

ANSWER: C

11. Institute, In Collaboration With YNOS, Recently Unveiled An Information Platform For India's 1,000 Active Incubators

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IIM Bangalore
- C. BITS Pilani
- D. ISI Kolkata

ANSWER: A

12. Who Has Assumed The Position Of Prime Minister In Luxembourg

- A. Luc Frieden
- B. Xavier Bettel
- C. Jean-Claude Juncker
- D. Etienne Schneider

ANSWER: A

13. Who Made History By Winning His Seventh ATP Finals Title In Turin, Italy

- A. Roger Federer
- B. Rafael Nadal
- C. Novak Djokovic
- D. Andy Murray

ANSWER: C

14. Dhol Festival, Which Was Seen In News, Is Celebrated In Which State

- A. Odisha
- B. Goa
- C. Telangana
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: B

15. Which Indian State Ban On The Production, Storage, Distribution, And Sale Of Halal-certified Product

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: B

16. During Which Dates Is World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week Scheduled To Take Place In 2023

- A. November 1-7th
- B. November 10th -16th
- C. November 15th -21st
- D. November 18th -24th

ANSWER: D

17. Who Appointed As The Managing Director Of The State Bank Of India

- A. Rajnish Kumar
- B. Arundhati Bhattacharya
- C. Vinay Tonse
- D. Shikha Sharma

ANSWER: C

18. Who Has Been Appointed As International Ambassador For Tata Steel Kolkata

- A. Usain Bolt
- B. Colin Jackson
- C. Haile Gebrselassie
- D. Florence Griffith-Joyner

ANSWER: B

19. Who Has Been Appointed As Global Delivery Center Leader At Microsoft

- A. Sanjay Mehrotra
- B. Satya Nadella
- C. Alok Ohrie
- D. Aparna Gupta

ANSWER: D

20. Which Of The Following Chemicals Is Also Known As Lachrymatory Agent Or Lachrymator

- A. Mustard Gas
- B. Tear gas
- C. Diborane
- D. Chlorine gas

ANSWER: B