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❖ **Border Roads Organisation Project Dantak 64th Raising Day**

- The Prime Minister has praised the initiative by Border Roads Organisation Project Dantak to commemorate 64th Raising Day.
- Project Dantak is one of the oldest projects of the Border Roads Organization (BRO). It was established on 24th April 1961.
- It was a result of the visionary leadership of the King of Bhutan and Jawahar Lal Nehru, then Prime Minister of India. It was established under the provision of the Indo-Bhutan Treaty of Peace and Friendship, 1949.
- The project is playing a major role in identifying the most important aspects of connectivity and promoting the socio-economic growth and development of Bhutan.
- It is tasked with the construction and maintenance of roads suitable for motorized transport in Bhutan.
- Border Roads Organisation (BRO), a pioneer in the field of infrastructural development in the border areas of the country.
- BRO is a major road construction agency under the Ministry of Defence with the primary objective of providing road connectivity to the border areas.

❖ **First Pharma Park to be built in Uttar Pradesh**

- The state government has given green signal to the project of setting up a state's first Pharma Park in Lalitpur district of Bundelkhand.
- For this, the state government will transfer 1500 hectares of land in Lalitpur district to the Animal Husbandry Department.

- The state government will spend Rs 1560 crore for development works and providing necessary facilities to the investors in Lalitpur Pharma Park.
- A proposal has been prepared to transfer the vacant land of the Animal Husbandry Department in Lalitpur to the Industrial Development Department.
- The Detail Project Report (DPR) will be prepared soon after selecting a consultant for the development of the Pharma Park.
- Entrepreneurs setting up units in Pharma Park will be given 100% exemption in stamp duty on land purchase, capital subsidy, construction of houses for laborers, employment generation etc. by the government.

❖ **Pakistan's Babar Azam becomes fastest player to reach 5000 runs in ODIs**

- Pakistan skipper Babar Azam became the fastest batsman to complete 5,000 one-day international runs during the fourth match against New Zealand in Karachi.
- He crossed the 5000 run-mark in 97 innings. Babar broke Hashim Amla's record of scoring 5000 runs in 101 innings.
- Azam has been the number one batsman in the International Cricket Council's ODI rankings for the last two years.
- He is the 14th Pakistani to complete 5,000 or more runs in ODI cricket, topped by former captain Inzamam-ul-Haq with 11,701 runs.
- Former Indian team captain Virat Kohli is fourth in this list with 114 innings.

❖ **Ajay Vij appointed as managing director of Accenture India**

- Accenture appointed Ajay Vij as Country Managing Director, a newly created role, and Sandeep Dutta as the lead of its India Market Unit.
- As country managing director, Mr. Vij would expand his current responsibilities as the Corporate Services & Sustainability lead for India to provide overall leadership and drive coordinated decision-making for key company priorities.

➤ Rekha M. Menon, Senior Managing Director and Chairperson for Accenture in India, would retire as of June 30 and primary responsibilities of the Chairperson would now be undertaken by the new appointees, according to the company.

➤ Accenture is a global professional services company that provides a range of services and solutions in strategy, consulting, digital, technology, and operations. The company was founded in 1989 and is headquartered in Dublin, Ireland. Accenture operates in more than 200 cities in 51 countries and has over 500,000 employees globally.

❖ **Max Life, Capital SFB ties up to offer life insurance solutions**

➤ Capital Small Finance Bank and Max Life Insurance have announced their partnership to offer life insurance offerings to Capital SFB's customers.

➤ Through this tie-up, Capital SFB will offer its customers a range of savings, protection, retirement, and group life insurance plans of Max Life.

➤ Prior to Max Life, Capital Small Finance Bank has also partnered with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance and HDFC life insurance to provide their life insurance products to its customers.

➤ This initiative is part of the bank's continual efforts to assist its customers in achieving a stable financial future for themselves and their loved ones.

➤ Started in 2016 as India's first SFB, Capital Small Finance Bank has an experience of over two decades in the banking industry.

❖ **India's first Air Force Heritage Centre inaugurated in Chandigarh**

➤ Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh has inaugurated India's first Indian Air Force Heritage Centre in Chandigarh.

➤ It will highlight the IAF's role in various wars.

➤ It also houses the first IAF-made patent aircraft Air Force 'Kanpur-1 Vintage Prototype Aircraft', a single-engine indigenous flying machine designed and built by the late Air Vice Marshal Harjinder Singh in 1958.

➤ In June 2022, an MoU on the heritage centre was signed between the Chandigarh administration and IAF.

❖ **Spain's Carlos Alcaraz wins Madrid Open 2023**

➤ Spanish tennis player, Carlos Alcaraz has successfully defended his title at Madrid Open 2023 and won his fourth ATP Tour trophy of the year and his tenth overall.

➤ In the final, he defeated Jan-Lennard Struff (German) 6-4 3-6 6-3.

➤ While Aryna Sabalenka from Belarus has clinched the Women's singles title at Madrid Open 2023.

➤ Other winners:

➤ Men's doubles: Karen Khachanov / Andrey Rublev

➤ Women's doubles: Victoria Azarenka / Beatriz Haddad Maia.

❖ **Union Minister G Kishan Reddy inaugurates PM Jan Aushadhi Kendra**

➤ Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy inaugurated a PM Jan Aushadhi Kendra at Warasiguda in Secunderabad.

➤ It aims to provide affordable healthcare and generate self-employment opportunities for youth

➤ It was launched to make quality generic medicines available to the common man at a low cost.

➤ PM Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana:

➤ Launched by: Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

➤ Initially launched in 2008.

➤ The scheme was rechristened in 2015.

❖ World Red Cross Day 2023: May 8

- World Red Cross Day is celebrated on May 8 every year to honor the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, who founded the Red Cross.
- World Red Cross Day is also known as Red Crescent Day.
- The theme of World Red Cross Day 2023 is 'Everything we do comes #from the heart'.
- This day recognizes the significant contributions of the International Red Cross toward providing humanitarian services to individuals regardless of their race, religion, or political beliefs.

❖ Joe Biden appoints Indian-American Neera Tanden as Domestic Policy Advisor

- United States President, Joe Biden named Indian-American Neera Tanden as his Domestic Policy Advisor to help him craft and implement his domestic policy agenda.
- She has replaced Susan Rice as Biden's Domestic Policy Advisor.
- She served in both the Obama and Clinton administrations, as well as presidential campaigns and think tanks.
- Tanden previously served as senior advisor for health reform at the Department of Health and Human Services.

❖ MoS Nityanand Rai inaugurates Dawki land port in Meghalaya

- Union Minister Nityanand Rai has inaugurated the Dawki Land Port in West Jaintia Hills district, Meghalaya.
- It is to promote trade and commerce between India and Bangladesh
- The corresponding Land Port in Bangladesh is Tamabil, located in the Sylhet district.

➤ The Dawki Land port will facilitate the movement of goods, people, and vehicles across the border.

➤ It will also facilitate passenger movement across the border.

❖ **World Thalassaemia Day 2023: 8 May**

➤ World Thalassaemia Day is celebrated every year on May 8 to create awareness about the disorder and explore treatment options.

➤ Theme for 2023: Be aware. Share. Care: Strengthening Education to Bridge the Thalassaemia Care Gap

➤ This day was created by Panos Englezos (President and Founder of the Thalassaemia International Federation) in 1994.

➤ Thalassaemia is a genetic blood disorder that is inherited by children from their parents.

❖ **Bindyarani Devi wins silver at Asian Weightlifting Championships 2023**

➤ Indian weightlifter, Bindyarani Devi has won the silver in the women's 55kg category at the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2023, held in South Korea.

➤ She had lifted a total weight of 194kg (snatch 83kg and 111kg in clean & jerk) in the non-Olympic 55kg category.

➤ Chen Guan Ling (China) won the gold medal with a combined lift of 204kg (snatch 90kg + clean & jerk 114kg) and Vo Thi Quynh Nhu (Vietnam) won the bronze with a lift of 192kg.

❖ **Centre for Innovation Incubation Research and Entrepreneurship inaugurated**

➤ The Centre for Innovation Incubation Research and Entrepreneurship was inaugurated at the KITS Warangal campus in Telangana.

➤ It was inaugurated by Telangana's IT Minister K Taraka Ramarao.

➤ The Govt. has promoted innovation and entrepreneurship in the student community to inculcate research and innovative skills among the students, faculty, and young researchers.

➤ Its aim is to face the latest Engineering, technological, and entrepreneurship challenges in the 21st Century.

❖ **World Athletics Day 2023: 7 May**

➤ World Athletics Day 2023 is observed every year on May 7 to mark the importance of athletes and sportspersons globally.

➤ The theme for World Athletics Day 2023 is 'Athletics for All – A New Beginning'.

➤ This day was established by the late Primo Nebiolo, the then-president of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).

➤ The first World Athletics Day was held on May 15, 1996.

➤ The IAAF was founded in Stockholm, Sweden on July 17, 1912.

❖ **BharatPe rebrands PAYBACK India as 'Zillion'**

➤ BharatPe Group has rebranded its multi-brand loyalty program, Payback India to Zillion.

➤ Its aim is to target customers across age groups and add a new dimension to their overall shopping experience, across categories and brands

➤ Zillion will offer a wide range of options for customers to earn and redeem at a wide range of partners across the country.

➤ The customers will be able to earn 'Zillion coins' for their routine spending.

➤ BharatPe CEO (Interim): Nalin Negi.

❖ India operationalizes Sittwe port in Myanmar

- India has operationalized the Sittwe Port in Myanmar with the departure of the inaugural shipment, the MV-ITT LION (V-273), from Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata.
- It is a part of the Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport project.
- It carried 20,000 bags containing 1,000 metric tonnes of cement and is expected to reach Sittwe Port on 9 May.
- It was built under a grant of assistance from the Indian government.
- Its aim is to boost trade and commerce between the two countries.