

National News

Tata AIA Group is ranked 5th globally and 1st in India. - Report by MDRT Advisors.

- **Tata AIA Life Insurance (Tata AIA)**, one of India's leading life insurance companies, has secured the highest number of ratings and **ranked 5th globally for qualified advisors and 1st in India** as per the **MDRT Advisors Company Rankings** in its September 2023 notification.
- This ranking list has been made considering the assessment of their **level of knowledge** and **expertise** in the field of life insurance. It is significant that an Indian company has entered the **top 10 of this world leader for the first time**.

Varuna naval exercise for 2023 begins.

- **Phase II** of the **bilateral naval exercise** between the **Indian and French navies** was recently conducted in the **Arabian Sea**, according to a statement issued by the **Indian Navy**.
- It is significant that this exercise is the **21st edition of Varuna** for this year and its initial exercise has been conducted from **January 16 to January 20** off the **western coast of India**.
- The exercise is aimed at enhancing the combat capabilities of the **two navies**, enhancing their **ability to operate** in a coordinated **manner** and **ensuring peace and security in the region**.

A pavilion for Indian tribes has been set up in Bharat Mandapam.

- For 2023 and the **18th G-20 Leaders' Summit** on **September 9 and September 10**, the **Crafts Bazaar** is set up as part of the grand **Bharat Mandapam** in the national capital, **New Delhi**.
- A pavilion named **'Tribes India'** showcases traditional tribal **artifacts, paintings, textiles, ceramics, natural products** and more. It is noteworthy that the **Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)** of the **Ministry of Tribal Welfare** has been implemented.

International news

Introduction of Alif Pay in UAE.

- **Alif Financial Services**, a leading fintech company in the **Central Asian region**, has recently launched in the **UAE**.
- Business and economic experts have said that the launch of the **Alif Pay initiative** in the **UAE** has targeted the **Middle East region**. It is notable that this company was launched in **Tajikistan** in **2014**. It has been established with the aim of providing **quick and economical financial solutions** to the customers, the statement issued by the company stated.

A new strategic agreement has been signed between Singapore and the UK.

- **British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak** signed a **new strategic partnership agreement** with the government of **Singapore** as part of the G20 Leaders' Summit held in **New Delhi**, the capital of India, on **September 09, 2020**.
- It is significant that this partnership agreement has been carried out with the aim of creating employment opportunities and its development between the economies of the **two countries**, increasing the **"new and modern"** **bilateral investment agreement**, and devising strategies for cooperation between the two countries related to security.

State news

Chief Minister Dhama has laid the foundation stone for various development projects in Haridwar.

- **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama** laid the foundation stone for various developmental projects worth nearly **Rs.941.39 lakh** at **Bhalla Stadium complex in Haridwar, Uttarakhand** on **September 08, 2023**.

- The Chief Minister mentioned that these development projects will be undertaken by the **Haridwar-Roorkee Development Authority (HRDA)**.
- Also, the chief minister said that the main objective of the development of the state sports department is to repair and improve the **cricket, football and tennis grounds, and the badminton court in the city sports complex**.

Appointments

Taj was appointed as Chairman and CEO of Gold Line.

- **Gold Line Resources Ltd**, a well-known Canadian company, has appointed Indian-origin **Taj Singh** as the **Director and Chief Executive Officer** in its latest announcement.
- He has more than **22 years of experience** in the mining and gold resources industry and prior to this appointment served in various key roles including **CEO and COO** at **Discovery Silver Corp and OA Lithium Brines**.

L'Oréal appoints Indian-origin Manashi as Regional Managing Director

- Global beauty services company **L'Oréal** has appointed Indian-origin **Manashi Guha** as the **CEO of Consumer Products for its UK and Ireland region** in a recent announcement.
- It is reported that he will take charge of this post on **October 1, 2023**. The **French-based company** said that through this appointment, it will ensure the **commercial development of the specific regional areas**.

Sumathi was appointed as President of Andhra Pradesh Masters Athletics Association.

- **Arikatla Sumati** has been appointed as the **President of the Andhra Pradesh Masters Athletics Association**, according to a recent notification issued by the organization.
- It is to be noted that this appointment has been made at the general body meeting of the **Indian Masters Athletics Organization** held in **Bangalore** on **September 6**. It has been announced that through this appointment, he has assured that he will remove the problems in the organization and take appropriate measures.

Awards

eDAS wins Best Digital Solutions for NBFC Awards 2023

- **Eureka Digitization and Automation Services(eDAS)** has won the award under the category "Best Digital Solutions Provider for NBFC" at the prestigious **NBFC Leadership Awards 2023** organized by **Crypton Business Media**.
- The **NBFC Leadership Awards** are presented every year to various institutions to celebrate the achievements in the **NBFC and Fintech sectors** and recognize the **key stakeholders, thought leaders, regulators, entrepreneurs and investors** who have worked towards it.

Important day

World First Aid Day 2023

- First aid is the immediate assistance given to a person in case of an accident or injury. Accordingly, every year the second Saturday of September is observed as "**World First Aid Day**".
- So the **second Saturday of September** this year falls on **September 9** and this day is widely observed. **First Aid** is a basic skill that everyone should be aware of and this day is observed with the primary objective of **providing awareness to the general public**.

World Suicide Prevention Day 2023

- **Suicide** is a serious and **regressive decision** that many people take to end their lives. In this world, every day, a certain amount of people are faced with the decision to end their lives. **Suicide** is a **serious decision** and has many possible causes.
- Accordingly **financial dependence, mental trauma** or **poverty** or any other **factors** are not only ours and to bring the nobility in life to the people every year **10th September** is observed as World Suicide Prevention Day.
- **Creating Hope through Action** is the theme for this year.

