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National News

1. PM Narendra Modi to flag off Rajasthan's 1st Vande Bharat Express train tomorrow



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off Rajasthan's first Vande Bharat Express train tomorrow morning via video conferencing.
- The inaugural train will run between Jaipur and Delhi Cantt railway station.
- The regular service of the train will start on 13th April between Ajmer and Delhi Cantt., with stops at Jaipur, Alwar and Gurgaon.
- The new Vande Bharat Express will cover the distance between Delhi Cantt and Ajmer in 5 hours 15 minutes.
- The fastest train in the same route, Shatabdi Express, takes 6 hours 15 minutes from Delhi Cantt. to Ajmer.
- Thus, the new Vande Bharat Express will be faster by 60 minutes as compared to the present fastest train running on the same route.

2. 196th birth anniversary of Jyotirao Govindrao Phule.



- Jyotirao Phule Jayanti is an annual observance in India, celebrated on April 11th every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Jyotirao Phule.
- Jyotirao Phule was a prominent social reformer, philosopher, and writer who played a crucial role in women's education and the upliftment of the oppressed castes in India during the British rule.
- He was born on April 11, 1827, in Maharashtra, and his contributions to the Indian society and culture are celebrated on this day.
- Jyotirao Phule founded the Satyashodhak Samaj, which advocated for the education of women and the lower castes and fought against the oppressive caste system prevalent in India.
- On Jyotirao Phule Jayanti, various events and programs are organized across India to celebrate his life and achievements, including seminars, cultural programs, and speeches on his life and legacy.
- Satyashodhak Samaj is a social reform movement that was founded by Mahatma Jyotirao Phule in 1873.

- The name of the movement translates to “Society of Seekers of Truth.”
- The Satyashodhak Samaj aimed to fight against casteism and other oppressive social practices prevalent in Indian society at the time.
- The movement also sought to promote education and equal rights for women and other marginalized communities.

3. World Chess Armageddon Asia and Oceania: Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh Seals Title in Berlin



- In the World Chess Armageddon Asia & Oceania event, Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh, who is a teenager, pulled off a major upset by defeating former world rapid champion Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan in the final.
- Gukesh emerged as the winner in a thrilling summit clash that was full of ups and downs.
- The first game of the match ended in a draw after Gukesh employed a perpetual check strategy.
- However, he managed to win the following game, securing the championship.
- Both Gukesh and Abdusattorov have qualified for Armageddon’s Grand Finale in September.
- The 16-year-old Indian won in a field that included former world classical champion Vladimir Kramnik, Daniil Dubov, Yangyi Yu (China), Vidit Gujrathi and Karthikeyan Murali (both India) and Param Maghsoodloo (Iran), apart from Abdusattorov.

- An Armageddon game is a variant of blitz chess to determine a winner after a series of drawn games.
- A drawn game in Armageddon is counted as a win for Black.

4. David Warner became the fastest to score 6000 runs in IPL.



- During a match against Rajasthan Royals at the Barsapara Stadium in Guwahati, Delhi Capitals' captain David Warner became the fastest batsman to reach 6000 runs in the Indian Premier League (IPL).
- He is now the third player to achieve this feat after Virat Kohli from Royal Challengers Bangalore and Shikhar Dhawan, captain of Punjab Kings.
- It took Warner 165 innings to reach this milestone, while Kohli and Dhawan achieved it in 188 and 199 innings respectively.
- David Warner, who has been the recipient of the Orange Cap three times in IPL 2015, 2017 and 2019, reached the milestone of 6000 runs with a boundary during a match against Rajasthan Royals at the Barsapara Stadium in Guwahati.
- He achieved this feat by pulling a short ball from Trent Boult behind square for four. Warner completed his

half-century off 44 balls with a four off Ravichandran Ashwin.

- This was Warner's 57th fifty in the IPL, and he has also scored four centuries in the tournament.

5. Mumbai Enters List Of Best Cities For Public Transit



- Berlin in Germany has been named the city with the most exceptional public transport system globally, according to a survey conducted by Time Out, a London-based media outlet that specializes in the hospitality industry and identifies itself as a global brand committed to urban life.
- Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, came in second place.
- Mumbai, the top-ranked Indian city, secured the 19th spot in the rankings.
- Meanwhile, Mumbai boasts a grand suburban railway network that is a boon for the metropolitan region with a population of about 12.5 million.
- "81 percent of locals say it's easy to cross Mumbai by public transport, and the system certainly keeps the metropolis moving, with millions using the city's buses, rickshaws, metro and taxis on a daily basis.
- A survey conducted by Time Out, which polled 20,000 respondents across 50 cities worldwide to measure public

opinion on their local transportation systems, revealed that Berlin has the most dependable, secure, and comfortable public transport network, with 97% of its residents commending the system.

- Among the top 10 cities ranked in the survey, five were in Asia, with Tokyo topping the list at number three.
- Berlin's U-Bahn, which includes nine easily accessible lines and a total of 175 stations, received particular praise from respondents for its efficiency.

6. Election Commission grants national party status to AAP; withdraws national tag of Trinamool Congress, CPI, NCP



- In a significant development, the Election Commission has granted national party status to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).
- The party's recognition as a national party is based on its electoral performance in four states- Delhi, Goa, Punjab, and Gujarat.
- With this recognition, the AAP joins the list of national parties in India such as the Bharatiya Janata Party, Congress, Bahujan Samaj Party, and Communist Party of India (Marxist).
- The recognition also means that the party can contest elections in all states and union territories of India.
- On the other hand, the national party status of the All India Trinamool Congress, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), and Communist Party of India (CPI) has been withdrawn by the Election Commission.

- **Additionally, the state party status of RLD in Uttar Pradesh, BRS in Andhra Pradesh, PDA in Manipur, PMK in Puducherry, RSP in West Bengal, and MPC in Mizoram has been revoked.**

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