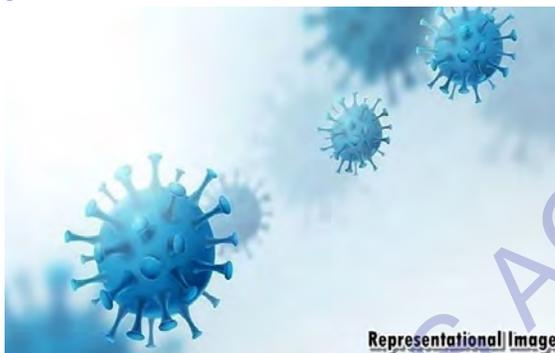




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National News

1. New zoonotic virus infects thirty-five persons in eastern provinces of China



- As the world is recovering from the novel coronavirus pandemic, a zoonotic virus has been discovered in two eastern provinces of China.
- The new type of Henipavirus is also called Langya Henipavirus or the LayV.
- As per media reports, it has infected thirty-five persons in Shandong and Henan provinces of China, so far. Many had symptoms such as fever, fatigue, and a cough.
- Media Reports said that there was no close contact or common exposure history among the infected patients.
- It said, the infections may be sporadic in the human population.
- The studies found that the new virus has jumped from animals to humans.

- The RNA of Langya Henipavirus has been predominantly found in shrews.
- The mole-like mammals may be natural reservoirs for the virus. About Five percent of dogs and Two percent of goats also tested positive for it.

2. Mexican President proposes 3 men commission for world peace including PM Modi



- Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has proposed a 3-men commission comprising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, and Pope Francis for global peace.
- The Mexican President is planning to submit a written proposal to the UN to create the commission, made up of three world leaders, including PM Modi, to promote a world truce for a period of five years.
- The Mexican President said, the aim of the commission is to present a proposal to stop the wars around the world and reach an agreement to seek a truce for at least five years.
- He said, the move will help governments around the world dedicate themselves to support their people, especially the people who are suffering the most from the war and its effects.

- **Calling for an end to warlike actions, the Mexican President has invited China, Russia, and the US to seek peace and hoped the three countries will listen and accept intermediation such as the one he is proposing.**

3. Union Minister Parshottam Rupala launches 'Fish and Seafood' book in New Delhi



- **Minister of Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Parshottam Rupala today launched a unique coffee table book titled - Fish and Seafood - a collection of 75 gourmet recipes in New Delhi.**
- **The Department of Fisheries has come up with this initiative to boost the domestic consumption of fish and seafood, along with popularizing the local fish species.**
- **The book was launched in the presence of both the Minister of States for Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Dr L. Murugan and Dr Sanjeev Kumar Balyan.**
- **The recipe book is a highlight of the diversity of fish available within the domestic water bodies and the fish culinary heritage of the country that signifies the diverse cooking and eating styles across the country.**

4. Center decides to remove fare cap on air tickets from August 31st



- **Center has decided to remove the fare cap on air tickets from 31st of this month.**
- **The cap on airfares was imposed by the Civil Aviation Ministry in May, 2020.**
- **In a tweet, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said, the decision has been taken after a careful analysis of daily demand and prices of air turbine fuel.**
- **He said, stabilisation has set in and the government is certain that the sector is poised for growth in domestic traffic in the near future.**
- **In its order, Civil Aviation Ministry has said the airlines and operators will have to ensure that the guidelines to contain the spread of COVID-19 are strictly adhered to and appropriate behaviour is strictly enforced.**

5. Justice Uday Umesh Lalit appointed as 49th Chief Justice of the country



- President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Justice as the 49th Chief Justice of India, CJI.
- He will take over the charge on 27th of this month. The present CJI Justice N V Ramana will retire on 26th August.
- Justice Uday Umesh Lalit was appointed as Judge of the Supreme Court of India in August 2014.
- He will become the second Chief Justice of India to be directly elevated to the Supreme Court from the Bar, after Justice S.M. Sikri, who served as the 13th CJI in 1971.
- Justice Lalit has served as a Member of Supreme Court Legal Services Committee for two terms.
- Born on 9th November, 1957 at Solapur, Maharashtra, Justice Lalit was enrolled as an Advocate by the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa in June, 1983.
- He practiced in the High Court of Bombay till December, 1985 before shifting his practice to Delhi in January, 1986.

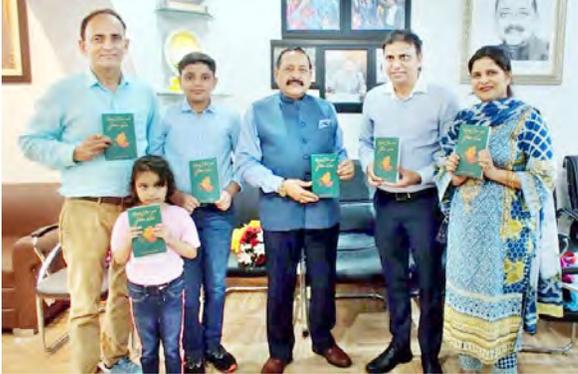
6. Ahmedabad University Professor Becomes First Indian Social Psychologist on US Heritage Wall of Fame



- Ahmedabad University Professor, Ramadhar Singh becomes the first Indian Social Psychologist on the US Heritage Wall of Fame of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) in the United States.
- He is currently a professor at the Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University.
- This recognition comes close on the heels of the College of Health and Human Sciences, Purdue University, conferring him with the Distinguished Alumni Award in Psychological Sciences (March 25, 2022).
- Professor Singh has been a member of the society (1990) and then fellow (1992).
- Professor Singh has been a breakthrough researcher in the field of psychology and management.
- During the 1980s, the predominant American view was that humans were cognitive misers, that is, people resort to short-cuts in thoughts and behaviours.
- Through his research, however, Professor Singh showed how cognitively affluent and dynamic humans were.

- To advance psychology as a science in Asia, Professor Singh played critical roles at the national level in India through the University Grants Commission (UGC) and in Asia through the Asian Association of Social Psychology.

7. Dr Jitendra Singh releases book 'Rusty Skies & Golden Winds'



- Union Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh, launched a poetry book titled 'Rusty Skies and Golden Winds' written by 11 years old Sannidhya Sharma, student of class 7th, here at Jammu.
- The book is published by Blue-Rose Publishers.
- The Union Minister lauded the efforts of the little author in crystallising his thoughts in the shape of a collection of his poems and his rare achievement at this tender age and wished him a bright future.
- The 100 book page is an anthology of 40 poems in which the budding author defines the nature of the world, at the moment.
- He lets himself be carried away by the unknown force and eyes the blood on the paper bravely.

8. James Marape returned as prime minister in Papua New Guinea after fraught election



- Following elections in the South Pacific island nation of Papua New Guinea, the parliament has reinstated Prime Minister James Marape.
- According to the media and election authorities, Marape was re-sworn in as prime minister after lawmakers in the new parliament elected Marape without opposition.
- The general election in Papua New Guinea took place between July 4 and July 22, although voting and vote counting were postponed due to unusual conditions, such as security concerns, attacks on ballot boxes, and logistical difficulties, according to the electoral commission.
- Marape and his predecessor, Peter O'Neill, who resigned in 2019, were the front-runners for the position of leader of the next administration.
- According to international election monitors, the national election of Papua New Guinea was also marred by violence, delays, accusations of fraud, and a sizable

number of voters who were not included on the electoral record.

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