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1. World Games 2022: Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam pair wins first medal in Archery



- Compound Archers Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam beat Mexico's Andrea Becerra and Miguel Becerra by a solitary point in the mixed team compound archery event at the World Games 2022.
- In a tweet, Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur said this is India's first medal in these World Games and first-ever Archery medal at the event.

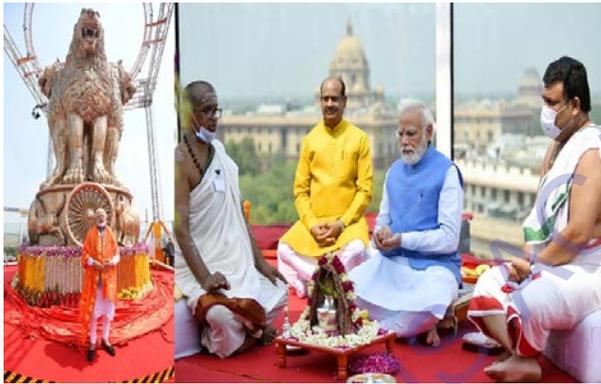
2. India's Arjun Babuta wins first gold medal at ISSF World Cup in South Korea



- In Shooting, India's Arjun Babuta have won his first gold medal at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup stage at Changwon in South Korea.
- He defeated Tokyo 2020 silver medallist Lucas Kozeniesky of the USA 17-9 in the final yesterday. Arjun Babuta had also topped the eight-men ranking round with a score of 261.1 ahead of Lucas Kozeniesky's 260.4.
- Israel's Sergey Richter settled for bronze with a score of 259.9 while India's Paarth Makhija managed 258.1 for a fourth-place finish.
- Arjun Babuta had qualified second to make it to the eight-man ranking round behind Sergey Richter on Sunday. Paarth Makhija had qualified in fifth place from the 53-strong field.

- The third Indian shooter in the mix, Shahu Tushar Mane finished 30th. This was India's first medal under new national foreign rifle coach Thomas Farnik.

3. PM Modi unveils National Emblem cast on the roof of New Parliament Building



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the National Emblem cast on the roof of the New Parliament Building this morning.
- He also interacted with the Shramjeevis involved in the construction work of the new Parliament.
- The National Emblem is made of bronze with a total weight of 9500 kilograms and is 6.5 meters in height.
- It has been cast at the top of the Central Foyer of New Parliament Building.
- A supporting structure of steel weighing around 6500 kilograms has also been constructed to support the Emblem.
- The concept sketch and process of casting the National Emblem on the roof of New Parliament Building has gone through eight different stages of preparation from clay

modeling and computer graphics to bronze casting and polishing.

4. Sites associated with Babasaheb Ambedkar to be declared as Monuments of National importance

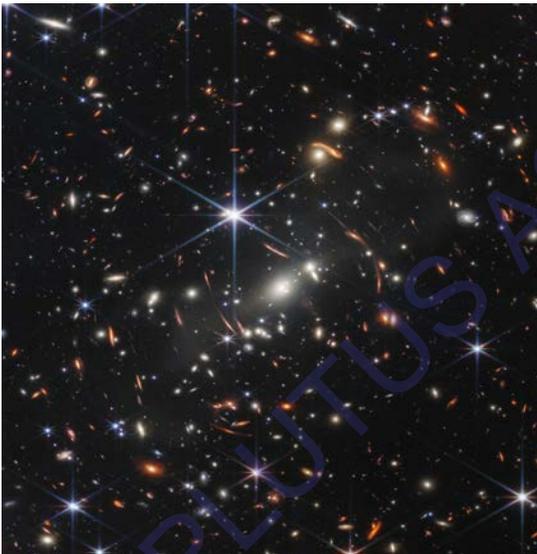


- National Monuments Authority has recommended two sites associated with architect of the Indian Constitution Babasaheb Ambedkar to be declared as Monuments of National importance.
- Culture Ministry said, Sankalp Bhumi Banyan tree campus in Vadodara, where Dr. Ambedkar had taken a resolve to eradicate untouchability on 23th September, 1917 be declared as Monument of National Importance.
- This place is more than hundred years old and a witness to the beginning of social respect revolution heralded by Dr. Ambedkar.
- The National Monuments Authority has also recommended a place in Satara in Maharashtra where Dr Ambedkar received his primary education in Pratap Rao Bhosle High

School to be declared as monument of National importance.

- **The school register still shows with pride a child student Bhim Rao's signature in Marathi.**

5. NASA released first full-color image captured by James Webb Space Telescope



- **The first full-color image from NASA's James Webb Space Telescope was released yesterday. It provides glimpses of what the early Universe looked like.**
- **US President Joe Biden presented the image at an event at the White House.**
- **The clearest image to date of the early universe, going back 13 billion years, has been released and it was stunning.**

- The image showed thousands of galaxies and some of the faintest objects observed, colorized in blue, orange, and white tones.
- The image, captured by the James Webb Space Telescope, the most powerful to be placed in orbit, covers a patch of the sky roughly the size of a grain of sand held at arm's length by someone standing on earth.
- The full-color image came on the eve of a larger unveiling of photos and spectrographic data that NASA plans to showcase Today at the Goddard Space Flight Center in suburban Maryland.

6. Renowned archaeologist Padmashree Enamul Haque passes away



- Eminent archaeologist, historian and former Director-General of the Bangladesh National Museum Dr. Enamul Haque passed away in Dhaka yesterday.
- He was 85. Dr. Enamul Haque was conferred with Padma Shri for the year 2020 for his work on Bengal's Iconography and terracotta art.
- Dr. Enamul Haque was instrumental in setting up the Bangladesh National Museum.
- He was appointed its Director in 1973 and served as its Director-General between 1983-91.

- Dr Haque is credited with finding and protecting several invaluable sculptures from various archaeological sites in Bangladesh.
- During his illustrious career, he was awarded the Ekushey Padak in 2016 and the highest civilian award of Bangladesh Swadhinta Padak in 2020.
- Dr. Enamul Haque was a multi-faceted personality. He was a scholar, museologist, cultural activist, freedom fighter, song-writer and TV personality.
- His TV programme 'Amader Oitirjo' or 'Our Heritage' brought out the rich historical past of the country to the common people.

7. Railways terminates services of NHRCL MD and bullet train project head Satish Agnihotri



- Rajendra Prasad has been appointed as the Managing Director of National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHRCL) after the government dismissed Satish Agnihotri over corruption allegations.
- He is working as Director of Project with NHRCL since November 2017 and is overall in charge of civil engineering works of the Mumbai Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Project, popularly known as the Bullet Train Project.

- As the Director of Project, NHRCL, he has spearheaded the civil works of the MAHSR section in the state of Gujarat i.e. 352 Km including the award of the biggest single Infrastructure contract in the country comprising of 237 Km long via-duct and 4 stations.
- He has worked as Divisional Railway Manager, Chakradharpur (Feb 2015- May 2017), Group General Manager, DFCCIL (Dec 2011- Feb 2015), Chief Engineer, Construction Southern Railways (June 2006 – April 2009) and Resident Engineer, General Consultants to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (Feb 1999 – Feb 2004).

8. Former VSNL chief, 'father of internet in India', B K Syngal dies



- Brijendra K Syngal, former Chairman of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd (VSNL), passed away after a prolonged illness.
- He was 82. Syngal, who has been acknowledged as the father of the Indian Internet, was known for his strong views and fearlessness in taking on the establishment.
- As the Chairman of VSNL, he was unofficially known as the 'bulldozer' for his ability to push through bureaucratic hurdles, as a result of which VSNL grew from a \$125

million company in 1991 into a \$1.65 billion communications giant by 1998.

- Born in Ambala a year after World War II broke out, he started his schooling at DAV Model School in 1945, in Lahore.
- After the partition in 1947, he moved with his family to Delhi. During his school days, he took a liking for cricket and stamp collection.
- In 1957 he got into the Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur, where he pursued electrical engineering.

9. Union Min Jitendra Singh To Inaugurate IS4OM For Safe & Sustainable Space Environment



- With the help of the ISRO System for Safe and Sustainable Space Operation and Management (IS4OM), India has increased its ability to protect its space assets on its own.
- Mr. S Somanath, Secretary of the Department of Space and Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organization, are slated to officially launch the IS4OM in the presence of Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of Science and Technology, Earth Sciences.
- The IS40M system was developed with a comprehensive viewpoint, according to ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation), to assure the safety and sustainability of the

space environment while enjoying the benefits of sustainable use of space for national development.

- **Additionally, as part of IS4OM, specialised labs for space debris reduction and cleanup, compliance verification of UN/Inter-Agency Space Debris Coordination Committee (IADC) recommendations, and diverse R&D activities have been set up.**

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