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National News

1. India's Pranav Anand & A R Ilamparthi win titles at World Youth Chess Championship in Romania



- In the World Youth Chess Championship, India's Pranav Anand and A R Ilamparthi won titles in the Open under-16 and under-14 categories respectively in Mamaia in Romania yesterday.
- The top-seeded Anand scored nine points from 11 rounds to emerge clear winner.
- Anand's compatriot M Pranesh, who was the second seed, finished joint third with eight points along with three others.
- In under-14 category, A R Ilamparthi was half a point ahead of the rest of the field with 9.5 points from 11 rounds.
- Though he lost to Ukraine's Artem Berin in the fourth round, he won nine games and drew one to claim the top prize.

2. Actor Manoj Bajpayee releases book titled 'Muskurate Chand Lamhe aur Kuchh Khamoshiyan'



- Noted Film Actor Manoj Bajpayee today released a book titled Muskurate Chand Lamhe aur Kuchh Khamoshiyan in presence of Information and Broadcasting Secretary Apurva Chandra at a function in New Delhi.
- The book offers a bouquet of poems. It has been authored by Jiwesh Nandan.
- On the occasion, while sharing his views Mr. Apurva Chandra said that the book is based on philosophy and humor.

3. Varanasi nominated as first-ever SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital



- **Varanasi has been nominated as the first-ever Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Tourism and Cultural Capital during the period 2022-2023 at the 22nd Meeting of SCO Council of Heads of State in Samarkand, Uzbekistan yesterday.**
- **External Affairs Ministry said, the nomination of Varanasi as the first ever SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital will promote tourism, cultural and humanitarian exchanges between India and the SCO member Countries.**
- **It also underlines country's ancient civilizational links with Member States of SCO especially the Central Asian Republics.**
- **Under the framework of this major cultural outreach program, a number of events will be hosted in Varanasi during 2022-23, for which guests will be invited to participate from SCO Member States.**

4. India's First Forest University to Come Up in Telangana



- India is going to have its first Forest University. The Forestry Universities (UoF) Act 2022 was approved by the Telangana Assembly.
- The University of Forestry (UoF), will be the first of its kind in India. Globally, it will be the third University of Forestry after Russia and China.
- The Telangana government has decided to expand the Forestry College and Research Institute (FCRI) in Hyderabad. The FCRI will be turned into a full-fledged University.
- When FCRI gets upgraded into a university, additional 18 programs including Ph.D., Diploma, and certificate courses in Urban Forestry, nursery management, agro-forestry, tribal livelihood enhancement, forest entrepreneurship, climate-smart forestry, and forest park management are planned to be launched.

5. TCS becomes India's most valuable brand in 2022, says Kantar BrandZ report



- Kantar's BrandZ report said: IT services firm Tata Consultancy Services became India's most valuable brand in 2022, according to a report by market data and analytics firm Kantar, displacing long-time topper HDFC Bank.
- TCS, with a brand value of \$45.5 billion in 2022, is followed by HDFC Bank at \$32.7 billion. HDFC Bank has held the No.1 position since the ranking was unveiled in 2014.
- After bouncing back from the pandemic shock, India's top 75 brands now are worth a combined \$393 billion, or 11% of India's national GDP, Kantar said. These brands have reported a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 35% in their brand value since 2020.
- Technology providers and B2B brands aced the rankings this year, contributing over a third of total brand value. Purpose and sustainability are major drivers of value growth for brand success.

6. BVR Subrahmanyam (IAS) appointed as next CMD, ITPO



- **BVR Subrahmanyam (IAS) has been appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director of the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO).**
- **The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of Subrahmanyam on September 15.**
- **A 1987 batch Indian Administrative Services officer of Chhattisgarh cadre, Subrahmanyam is currently working as the Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.**

7. India stands fourth in Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022, despite ban China remains active in space



- Blockchain analysis platform Chainalysis published its global crypto adoption index for 2022 of nations with the highest cryptocurrency adoption rate with India ranking fourth in the list, two spots down from last year.
- Chainalysis report noted that the emerging markets dominate the Global Crypto Adoption Index this year.
- The report noted, “Out of our top 20 ranked countries, 10 are lower-middle income: Vietnam, Philippines, Ukraine, India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Morocco, Nepal, Kenya, and Indonesia.
- Eight are upper-middle income: Brazil, Thailand, Russia, China, Turkey, Argentina, Colombia, and Ecuador.”
- On the index, India ranks above the US, UK and Russia suggesting that the country’s crypto community is not far behind in pushing for further use of the technology.
- The Philippines and Ukraine have taken the second and third rankings, respectively, showing a significant preference for crypto adoption in the near future.

- The global index is led by Vietnam for the second consecutive year, emerging as the country that is most eager to embrace cryptocurrency adoption.

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