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National News

1. EAM Dr S Jaishankar unveils bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Asuncion, Paraguay



- External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar has unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Asuncion, Paraguay.
- In a tweet, he appreciated the Asuncion Municipality's decision to locate it at the prominent waterfront of the city.
- Dr Jaishankar said this is a statement of solidarity that was so strongly expressed during the Covid pandemic.
- The Minister also visited the historic Casa de la Independencia, from where Paraguay's Independence movement started more than two centuries ago.
- The Minister said, it is a fitting testament to our common struggle and growing relationship.

2. Former Jharkhand Governor Syed Sibtey Razi passes away



- Former Governor of Jharkhand, Syed Sibtey Razi passed away on Saturday in Lucknow.
- He was suffering from heart disease and was under treatment at King George's Medical College.
- He breathed his last at the Trauma Centre in Lucknow. He served as the Governor of Jharkhand from the year 2004-2009.
- Razi was associated with the Congress. He was a member of Rajya Sabha thrice.
- Later he was made the Governor of Jharkhand and Assam.
- Jharkhand Governor Ramesh Bais expressed grief over Razi's death and prayed for the peace of departed soul.
- Chief Minister Hemant Soren also prayed for the departed soul.

3. Govt extends service of Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla for period of one year



- Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla was on August 19, 2022 given one-year extension in service till August 22, 2023, according to a Personnel Ministry order.
- Mr. Bhalla, a 1984-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, was appointed as the Home Secretary in August 2019.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved extension in service to Mr. Bhalla as Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, for a period of one year beyond August 22, 2022, i.e. up to August 22, 2023, it said.

4. South Korea, US begin their largest joint military drills in years



- South Korea and the United States began their largest joint military drills in years today with a resumption of field training.
- According to media reports, the annual summertime exercises, renamed 'Ulchi Freedom Shield' this year and scheduled to end on 1st of September.
- Deep in a military bunker outside Seoul, two Air Force Colonels sit shoulder-to-shoulder.
- This week, for the first time in four years, the two militaries will run field exercises, to practise how they would respond to a North Korean attack.
- South Korea also launched the four-day Ulchi civil defence drills separately today, designed to boost government readiness, for the first time since the coronavirus pandemic emerged.
- The military and civil exercises are aimed at improving the country's preparedness to match the changing patterns of war, with evolving cyber threats against key facilities such as chip factories and supply chains.

5. India's Praggnanandhaa to face Carlsen in final of FTX Crypto Cup rapid chess tournament



- India's Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa will face Norway's world champion, Magnus Carlsen, in the final of the FTX Crypto Cup rapid chess tournament in Miami tonight.
- The 210,000 dollar tournament is hinged on a last-round match between the two players who have dominated the competition thus far.
- In the sixth round, Carlsen defeated the Iranian-French teenager Alireza Firouzjain in tiebreaks.
- On the other hand, R Praggnanandhaa battled back from the verge of defeat to force a blitz tiebreak in his sixth-round match against World Cup winner Jan-Krzysztof Duda of Poland.
- After the sixth round, Carlsen, with 15 points, is now two points ahead of his Indian opponent.
- He will win the FTX trophy if he reaches tiebreaks in the seventh and final rounds tonight.

6. U-20 World Wrestling Championships: Antim Panghal becomes first Indian woman wrestler to win Gold Medal



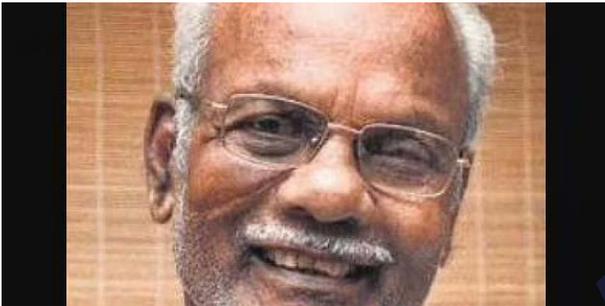
- **17-year-old Haryana wrestler Antim Panghal has become the first Indian woman wrestler to win Gold medal at Under-20 World Wrestling Championship in Sofia, Bulgaria.**
- **She scored an 8-0 win over Atlyn Shagayeva of Kazakhstan in 53kg category to achieve this feat.**
- **This gold medal is historic in its own ways as India has never won any gold medal in women's wrestling at U20 World Championships.**
- **Antim Panghal belongs to Haryana's Bhagana village in the Hisar district.**
- **Sonam Malik and Priyanka won silver medals in 62 kg and 65 kg respectively after losing the gold medal bouts.**

7. Sumit Antil, Yogesh Kathuniya create new world records at Para Nationals



- Tokyo Paralympics champion Javelin thrower Sumit Antil and silver medallist discus thrower Yogesh Kathuniya created new world records at the ongoing fourth Indian Open National Para Athletics Championships at the Sri Kanteerava stadium here on Friday.
- Sumit picked up from where he left off in Tokyo, and created a new world record after hurling the spear to a record distance of 68.62m in his event.
- The 24-year-old para athlete's previous world record throw of 68.55m in the F64 category came at the Tokyo Games last year. He also broke the world record thrice during his six attempts.
- Yogesh, on the other hand, also created a new world record in the discus throw event with a throw of 48.34m

8. Kerala's first tribal novelist - Narayan - passes away



- Kerala's first tribal novelist and short story writer Narayan has passed away at the age of 82 in Kochi.
- He was born in the Malayaraya community in Kadayathur hills in Thodupuzha taluk in 1940.
- His debut novel, 'Kocharethi' published in 1998, was selected for the Kerala Sahitya Akademi award in 1999.
- The novel has been translated to English, Hindi and south Indian languages. Kocharethi portrays the struggles of the Malayaraya community through the life of protagonist Kunjipennu.
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