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National News

1. Ranji Trophy Final between Mumbai and Madhya Pradesh underway



- In the Ranji Trophy Final, Mumbai were 351 for 8 against Madhya Pradesh at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru when the reports last came in.
- On Day 2, Mumbai resumed their first innings at overnight score of 248 runs for the loss of five wickets.
- Sarfaraz Khan on 119 and Tushar Deshpande on 6 were at the crease. Yashasvi Jaiswal made 78 runs.
- For Madhya Pradesh, Gaurav Yadav, Saransh Jain and Anubhav Agarwal took two wickets each.

2. Indian Oil develops Surya Nutan- an indoor solar cooking system



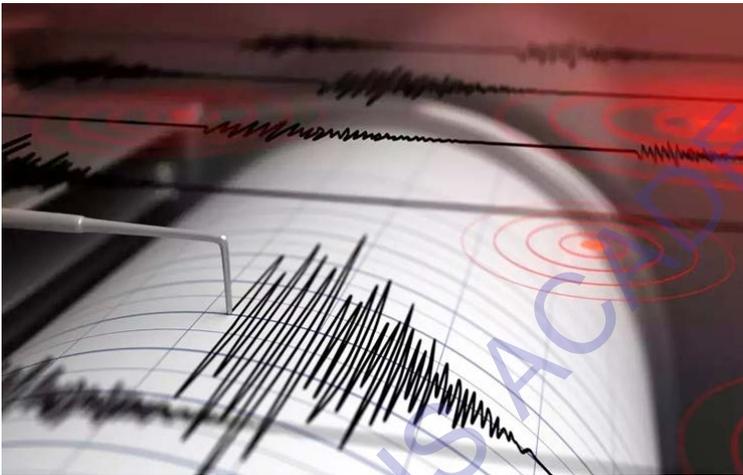
- Indian Oil has developed an indoor solar cooking system - Surya Nutan.
- It collects energy from sun and converts the sun energy into heat through a specially designed heating element.
- The product is rechargeable and suitable for four persons. While observing the demonstration of the system Surya Nutan in New Delhi today, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said, it is a revolutionary step.
- He said, the system has been installed at 60 locations for its testing.
- Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Giriraj Singh and Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Kaushal Kishore were also present on the occasion.

3. ISRO successfully launches India's Communication satellite GSAT-24 from Kourou in French Guiana



- Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has successfully launched communication satellite GSAT-24 from Kourou in French Guiana early this morning.
- GSAT-24, built by ISRO for NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), was launched by French company Arianespace.
- GSAT-24 is a 24-Ku band communication satellite weighing 4180 kg with pan-India coverage for meeting DTH application needs.
- It was the first demand driven communication satellite mission undertaken by NSIL post space sector reforms.
- NSIL, a Government of India company under the Department of Space, has leased the entire satellite capacity to Tata Play.

4. Deadliest earthquake in decades claims over 1,000 lives in Afghanistan



- The Taliban in Afghanistan have appealed for international support, as the country deals with the aftermath of a devastating 6.1 magnitude earthquake.
- More than 1,000 people have died and at least 1,500 were injured.
- Paktika province in the south-east has been the most affected.
- The UN is scrambling to provide emergency shelter and food aid. The rescue efforts are being hampered by heavy rain and hail.
- The deadliest earthquake to strike the country in two decades is a major challenge for the Taliban, which regained power last year.

- The earthquake struck about 44 km from the city of Khost yesterday and tremors were felt as far away as Pakistan and India.
- Witnesses reported feeling the quake in both Afghanistan's capital, Kabul, and Pakistan's capital, Islamabad.

5. Lisa Sthalekar becomes first female president of FICA



- Former Australia cricketer Lisa Sthalekar has become the first female president of Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FICA), the sport's international player's association.
- Her appointment was made at a meeting of the organisation's executive committee in Switzerland, the first in-person meeting since the start of the Covid pandemic.
- Sthalekar played 8 Tests, 125 ODIs and 54 T20Is for Australia between 2001 and 2013, finishing her career with a World Cup win.
- Last year, she was inducted into the Australian cricket hall of fame and has been a regular member of the broadcasting media around the world.
- She has also worked with the Australian Cricketers' Association and has experience in player welfare.

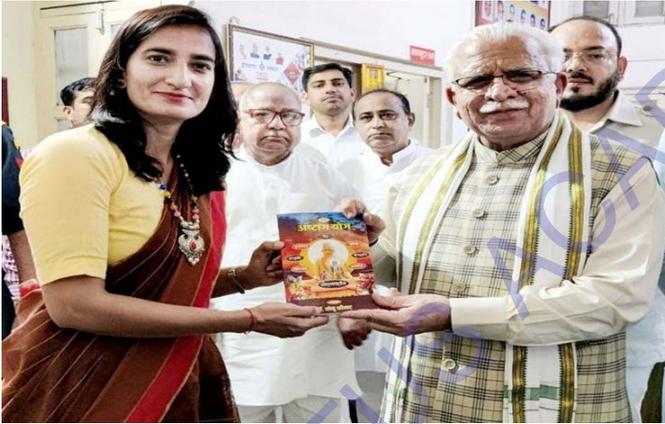
6. 1st Indian mountaineer to climb 2 peaks without supplemental Oxygen



- Skalzang Rigzin, the first Indian Mountaineer to climb Mount Annapurna peak without supplemental Oxygen, received a warm welcome in Leh.
- Fellow mountaineers received him at the Leh Airport on arrival after the successful summit of two mountains Annapurna and Lhotse, in Nepal.
- With 16 days of gap between climb of Mt Annapurna on April 28 and Mt Lhotse on May 14, Skalzang Rigzin has set a record to summit two peaks without oxygen supplements.
- The 41 year old Skalzang Rigzin has 23 years of experience in guiding adventure tourists in mountaineering in Ladakh.

- Mt Annapurna is one of the most difficult among the 8000 meters height peaks in the world and is also known as the Killer Mountain due to its fatality to summit rate.
- Skalzang Rigzin said, a fellow Mountaineer and Founder of Boots and Crampons Bharath Thammineni supported the expedition of Mt Annapurna, while Nepal-based Peak Promotion Company helped in climbing the Mt. Lhotse, which is close to Mt Everest.

7. Haryana CM releases a book 'Ashtang Yoga' by Dr Sonu Phogat



- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal today on the eve of 8th International Yoga Day released a book titled Ashtang Yoga authored by Dr Sonu Phogat.
- Speaking on this occasion Haryana CM said that this year the theme of the International Yoga Day (IYD) is Yoga for Humanity. He said that on IYD various programmes are being organised in Haryana.
- He said that every person should have a resolution for Yoga and he has to connect himself with the resolution.
- He said that the Mantra of Yog to Sehyog will show us a new way to the future.
- Appreciating the efforts of writer Dr Sonu Phogat, it is a matter of pride that the book on Yoga was released on the eve of International Yoga Day.

8. PhonePe to offer vehicle cover from Kotak General Insurance



- **Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited (Kotak General Insurance) announced that it has partnered with PhonePe Insurance Broking Services Pvt. Ltd (PhonePe), a digital payments platform, to offer motor insurance to PhonePe's 380 million users, placing a significant bet on the digital distribution and direct-to-customer space.**
- **Kotak General Insurance will provide its clients quick and easy vehicle and two-wheeler insurance policies via PhonePe.**
- **Through this partnership, PhonePe users will be able to quickly and easily purchase automobile and two-wheeler insurance online from the convenience of their smartphones.**

- The relationship with PhonePe will enable to connect and engage with customers who are digital natives and seeking convenience.
- Kotak General Insurance, made it a mission to serve customers with straightforward and simple-to-understand solutions.

9. India added 3rd highest renewable power capacity in 2021 after China, US



- The REN21's renewables 2022 global status report noted that with this growth, India is now the third-largest market in the world for new solar photovoltaics (PV) capacity and ranked fourth in the world for total solar energy installations (60.4 GW) by overtaking Germany at 59.2 GW and following China (305.9 GW), US (121.4 GW) and Japan (78 GW).
- The largest energy crisis in modern history started in the second half of 2021, and it was made worse by the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine in early 2022 and an unprecedented global commodities shock.
- The research states that India increased its hydroelectric capacity by 843 MW in 2021, bringing the total to 45.3 GW.

- India was the third-largest market globally and the second-largest market in Asia for new solar PV capacity (13 GW of additions in 2021).
- In terms of overall installations, it came in at number four (60.4 GW), passing Germany (59.2 GW) for the first time.
- India was in third place overall for installed wind power (40.1 GW), trailing only China, the US, and Germany.

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