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National News

1. G7 leaders pledge 600 billion for developing countries



- Leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) began three days of talks yesterday in Germany's Bavarian Alps.
- One of the first announcements was a 600 billion dollar infrastructure initiative to help developing countries tackle climate change.
- The initiative is seen as the West's response to China's massive Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).
- US President Joe Biden said, this is not aid or charity but an investment that will deliver returns for everyone, including the American people and the people of all our nations.
- It will boost all of our economies, he said. China has been accused of trapping low-income countries into unaffordable debts to be part of its trillion-dollar BRI push.

- **EU Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen said G7 is offering sustainable, quality infrastructure and will be listening closely to the recipient countries.**

2. Iran launches a solid-fueled rocket into space



- **Iran has launched a solid-fueled rocket into space. Defense Ministry Spokesman Ahmad Hosseini said Zuljanah, a 25.5 meter-long rocket, is capable of carrying a satellite of 220 kilograms that will ultimately gather data in low-earth orbit and promote Iran's space industry.**
- **Zuljanah is named for the horse of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad.**
- **However, it drew a rebuke from Washington ahead of the expected resumption of stalled talks over Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers.**
- **The White House said it is aware of Iran's announcement and criticized the move as unhelpful and destabilizing.**
- **The White House said it is committed to using sanctions and other measures to prevent further advances in Iran's ballistic missile program.**

- Iran, which long has said it does not seek nuclear weapons, maintains its satellite launches and rocket tests do not have a military component.

3. Madhya Pradesh clinch first ever Ranji Trophy title with six-wicket win against Mumbai



- In Ranji Trophy Final, Madhya Pradesh defeated Mumbai by six wickets to win their first-ever Ranji Trophy title at M.Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru today.
- Needing 108 runs to win in the second innings, the Aditya Shrivastava-led Madhya Pradesh took just 29.5 overs to achieve the target riding on Shubham Sharma's 30 and Rajat Patidar's unbeaten 30.
- Sharma and Patidar had also scored centuries in the first innings along with Yash Dubey. With the ball, Kumar Kartikeya picked up four wickets as Madhya Pradesh bowled Mumbai out for 269 in the first session of Day 5.
- Mumbai's Suved Parkar scored 51 off 58 while Sarfaraz Khan added 45 but Mumbai kept losing wickets at regular intervals to be bundled out for 269.

- Madhya Pradesh: 536 and 108 for 4
- Mumbai: 374 and 269

4. Qosanov Memorial Athletics Meet: Navjeet Dhillon Grabs Gold in Discus Throw



- Indian women's discus thrower Navjeet Dhillon won the gold medal at the Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet in Almaty, Kazakhstan, yesterday.
- Navjeet Dhillon, who is looking to seal her place in the Indian team for Commonwealth Games, won the women's discus throw with a 56.24m effort.
- Local athlete Karina Vasilyeva with 44.61m and Uzbekistan's Yulianna Shchukina with 40.48m followed Navjeet Dhillon on the podium.
- Meanwhile, Dutee Chand produced a season-best 11.38s to top the 100m but failed to repeat the performance in the finals.
- Dutee Chand, who has been selected in the 4x100m relay team for CWG, clocked 11.49s in the 100m final to finish

second behind Olga Safronova of Kazakhstan, who claimed gold in 11.40s.

- India's MV Jilna came third in 11.61s. India won 14 medals on the day, including seven golds.

5. Seafarer Day:25 of June



- The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is celebrating Seafarer Day today.
- It is celebrated on the 25 of June each year to pay respect to Seafarers and sailors who help the entire world function by conducting sea transport.
- The day was proposed by International Maritime Organization in 2010 to celebrate the contribution of the seafarer to the world economy and civil society.
- Day of the Seafarer recognizes the invaluable contribution of seafarers to the worldwide commerce and economic system.

- Almost 90 per cent of the world's goods trade are transported by ships and behind these ships are the seafarers who work relentlessly to ensure the smooth flow of trade via water.
- The day honours their contributions and is celebrated to show reverence to them.
- The theme of this year is 'Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future.'

6. Noted lyricist, author and journalist, Chowalloor Krishnankutty passed away



- In Kerala, noted lyricist, author and journalist, Chowalloor Krishnankutty passed away at a private Medical College Hospital in Thrissur last night. He was 86.
- A former Staff Artist with AIR, Krishnankutty penned over 3000 devotional songs and authored more than 200 books. He retired as an Assistant Editor with the Malayala Manorama daily.
- He won several awards including the Kerala Sahithya Academy Award for satire, Poonthanam Jnanapana and Revathy Pattathanam Awards among others.

- **Chowalloor Krishanankutty also made his mark as a screen writer in Malayalam movies and produced documentaries on some well-known Kathakali artists. He also served as the Vice-Chairman of the Kerala Kalamandalam.**

7. Odisha's Mo Bus Won UN's Public Service Award



- **Mo Bus, Odisha-based public transport service has been honored with a prestigious United Nations award, for their role and efforts in helping the world recover better from Covid19.**
- **The public transport service has been recognised for its role in “promoting gender-responsive public services to achieve the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)”, the UN said.**
- **Among the other winners of this year’s awards, announced by Liu Zhenmin, United Nations Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs during a virtual event to commemorate the United Nations Public Service Day (celebrated on June 22), were public service initiatives**

from Thailand, Brazil, Canada, Ireland, Panama, the Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, and Ukraine.

- The UN recognition said the “problem” was that “bus services in the city of Bhubaneswar needed improvement”, as a result of which “the majority of people used private vehicles, two-wheelers and auto-rickshaw to commute instead of taking public transportation”.

8. Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel launches 17th ‘Shala Praveshotsav’



- In Gujarat, the Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has launched the 17th ‘Shala Praveshotsav’, the drive to enrol students in primary schools in the state.
- The three-day enrollment drive begins from Memadpur primary school in Vadgam taluka of Banaskantha district. Chief Minister Patel said that the dropout rate of students’ reduced drastically following the mass enrolment drives of the children.
- He said that the drop out rate has been reduced to just 3.07 percent from 37.22 percent in 2002.

- **According to official sources, the state officials including IAS and IPS officers and Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly will visit different schools of the state and enrol children in Class I.**

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