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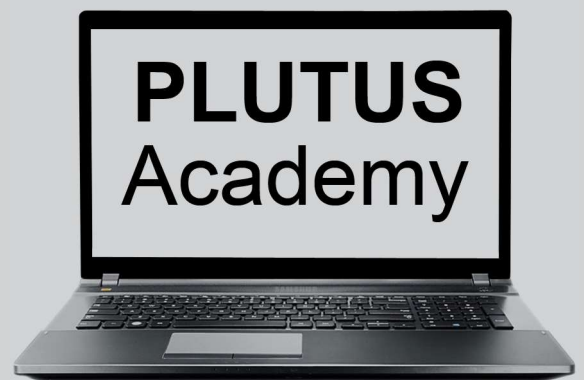
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National News

1. VINAY MOHAN KWATRA ASSUMES CHARGE AS NEW FOREIGN



- Senior IFS officer Vinay Mohan Kwatra today assumed
- charge as India's new Foreign Secretary.
- He succeeded incumbent Harsh Vardhan Shringla.
- A 1988 batch IFS officer, Mr. Kwatra was earlier serving as
- India's Ambassador to Nepal.

2. INTERNATIONAL LABOR DAY IS BEING CELEBRATED ON 1ST MAY



- International Workers' Day or Labour Day is celebrated on May 1 in most countries. Labor Day is observed to commemorate the struggles and sacrifices of the workers' and laborers' movement. It is also known as May Day.
- May Day is celebrated in more than 80 countries, including India, Cuba and China.
- The origin of Labor Day can be traced back to the United States of America in the 19th Century.
- May 1 in particular was chosen as the date to mark Labor Day to commemorate the nationwide strike for an eight-hour day in 1886 that began on May 1 and ended as the Haymarket affair in Chicago US.
- The Haymarket affair refers to the tragic incident where a labour protest rally turned violent after someone threw a bomb at the police leading to the death of seven police officers and at least four civilians.
- It was first celebrated in India in Chennai then known as Madras on May 1, 1923. The initiative was taken by the Labor Kisan Party of Hindustan.
- The leader of the party, Comrade Singaravelar arranged two meetings to celebrate this occasion.

3. FORMER PETROLEUM SECRETARY TARUN KAPOOR APPOINTED AS ADVISOR TO PM



- Former Petroleum secretary Tarun Kapoor has been appointed as advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Mr Kapoor is a 1987 batch Himachal Pradesh cadre officer.
- Mr Hari Ranjan Rao and Atish Chandra both have been appointed as Additional Secretaries in the Prime Minister's office.
- Mr Rao is a 94-batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre while Mr Chandra is 94 batch of Bihar cadre. has prepared detailed project reports for the Ken-Betwa link, the Daman Ganga-Pinjal link, and the Par-Tapi-Narmada link.

4. EID-UL-FITR TO BE CELEBRATED ACROSS COUNTRY TOMORROW



- Eid-ul-Fitr will be celebrated across the country tomorrow including Kerala as the crescent moon was not sighted last evening.
- Today is the last day of holy fasting month of Ramzan.
- Eid-ul-Fitr is celebrated at the culmination of fasting month.
- In Gulf countries, Eid is being celebrated today

5. AIRTEL BUYS 7% IN CLOUD NETWORKING STARTUP CNERGEE TECH FOR UNDISCLOSED SUM



- Bharti Airtel, India's second-largest telecom operator, announced that the Airtel Startup Accelerator Program has acquired a 7% investment in cloud-based networking solutions firm Cnergee Technologies.
- Cnergee, situated in Navi Mumbai, specializes in cloud-based comprehensive networking solutions for enterprises of all kinds.

- The telco purchased the interest at a pre-money enterprise valuation that was mutually agreed upon, but the figure was not disclosed due to confidentiality concerns.
- Airtel said in a statement that the stake purchase will allow it to strengthen its NaaS offering for Small and Medium Businesses (SMBs) aiming to speed their transition to cloud-based applications.
- The Navi Mumbai-based business has created a set of 5G-ready software tools for Network-as-a-Service (NaaS) that can be scaled up to enable zero-touch service provisioning, central remote monitoring, and management of all connected devices, as well as a variety of real-time analytics.

6. JIOSAAVN APPOINTS FORMER AMAZON MUSIC DIRECTOR SAHAS MALHOTRA AS CEO.



- JioSaavn has named Sahas Malhotra, a former Amazon Music director and entertainment industry expert, as its new CEO.
- Previously, Sahas Malhotra worked for Sony Music India and Tips Industries.
- Sahas Malhotra was the business leader at Tips Music and the marketing director for Tips Film Production at Tips Industries.
- From the JioSaavn company's Mumbai headquarters, Sahas Malhotra will manage the company's efforts in the rapidly changing and fascinating Indian market.
- Sahas Malhotra has more than 24 years of experience in the entertainment sector, including team development, film marketing, music P&L management, licensing, media planning, music publishing, and product management, according to JioSaavn.

7. RAILWAYS, C-DOT TO WORK TOGETHER FOR MODERNIZATION OF TELECOMMUNICATION IN INDIAN RAILWAYS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICES



- The Ministry of Railways and the Center for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to form a strong collaborative working partnership for coordination and resource sharing in the provision of telecommunication facilities in the delivery and implementation of C-Telecom DOT's Solutions and services in railways.
- During the MoU signing ceremony, Rajkumar Upadhyay, Executive Director and Chairman of the C-DOT Board, Aruna Singh, Additional Member, Telecom and Railway Board, and other top Railways and C-DOT personnel were present.
- Long-Term Evolution for Railways (LTE-R) is a next-generation communications network specialised to railway services, allowing high-speed wireless voice and data connections within trains, as well as between trains.

8. BRO's ATAL TUNNEL BAGS IBC BEST INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT AWARD.



- The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) engineering marvel, Atal Tunnel, built-in Rohtang in Himachal Pradesh, received the Indian Building Congress (IBC) 'Best Infrastructure Project' award in New Delhi.
- More than thirty state-of-the-art infrastructure projects were nominated for the award.
- The IBC jury selected the strategic tunnel as the 'Best Project for Excellence in Built Environment' in 2021.
- The tunnel, built using the New Austrian Tunneling Method (NATM), was dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 3, 2020.
- It is equipped with a semi-transverse ventilation system, where large fans separately circulate air throughout the tunnel. For evacuation during emergencies, an emergency tunnel has been integrated into the tunnel cross-section beneath the main carriageway.
- Fires inside the tunnel will be controlled within an area of 200 meters, and fire hydrants are provided at specific locations throughout the tunnel.

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National News

1. DD NATIONAL PET SHOW WINS ENBA AWARD 2021



- Doordarshan has won ENBA Award 2021 for its TV series based on pet care namely 'Best Friend Forever' under the 14th edition of Exchange4media News Broadcasting Awards, ENBA Awards. Doordarshan's TV series has been selected for the best in-depth Hindi series.
- The 'Best Friend Forever' TV series is a half-an-hour weekly live phone-in show on DD National, wherein two pet experts guide people on how to take care of pets and other pet-related issues.

2. SATYAJIT RAY FILM FESTIVAL BEING ORGANIZED FROM TODAY TILL 4TH OF MAY IN MUMBAI



- Today is the 101st birth anniversary of master filmmaker
- Satyajit Ray. Born on May 2, 1921, Ray is regarded as one of the finest filmmakers the

world has ever seen.

- He created cinematic masterpieces like Apu trilogy comprising 'Pather Panchali', Aparajito and Apur Sansar as well as other masterpieces like 'Charulata' 'Nayak', 'Devi', 'Jalsaghar' and 'Shatranj ke khiladi'.
- The maverick maestro of Indian films died at the age of 70 on April 23 in 1992.
- The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has initiated various activities to pay tribute to the legendary filmmaker.

3. BADMINTON ASIA CHAMPIONSHIPS: PV SINDHU CLAIMS BRONZE AFTER LOSING TO AKANE YAMAGUCHI



- In Asia Badminton Championships, India's P.V. Sindhu won her second Asian bronze medal after a heartbreaking three-game loss to top-seed and defending champion Akane Yamaguchi of Japan in the semifinal in Manila.
- She had won her first bronze in the Asia Badminton Championships 2014 Gimcheon edition.
- Sindhu has assured a medal in the championship when she defeated He Bingjiao of China by 21-9, 13-21 and 21-19 in the quarterfinal.
- She has won silver in 2016 Rio de Janeiro, and bronze in 2020 Tokyo.

4. CABINET APPROVES SETTING UP OF MAHARASHTRA GENE BANK PROJECT



- Maharashtra Cabinet approved the 'Maharashtra Gene Bank', a first-of-its-kind project in India.
- To conserve genetic resources in Maharashtra including marine diversity, seeds of local crops, and animal diversity.
- In the next five years, an amount of Rs 172.39 crores will be spent on these seven focus areas.
- The project will be implemented by the Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board (MSBB) and will be overseen by committees under the chief secretary and the principal secretary (forests).
- The MSBB will coordinate with institutions like the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) Goa to document and conserve rare and endangered marine species.

5. ANDY JASSY TO BECOME AMAZON CEO ON JULY 5: JEFF BEZOS



- Andy Jassy will officially become the CEO of Amazon on July 5th, the company announced

at a shareholder meeting.

- Amazon announced that Jassy, who is the current CEO of Amazon Web Services (AWS), would replace Jeff Bezos as CEO of the entire company in February.
- Bezos will become executive chair of Amazon's board. Jassy joined the company in the late '90s and was tasked with exploring what would become AWS around 2003..

6. At 48 billion, India accounts for largest number of real-time transactions



- India's payments system has been bolstered by the fact that it registered the highest number of real-time transactions in the world last year, with 48 billion.
- India surpassed China, which had 18 billion real-time transactions, and was 6.5 times larger than the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, and Germany combined.
- This could be attributed to merchants' increasing adoption and use of UPI-based mobile payment apps and QR code payments.
- The growth can also be attributed to the increased usage of digital payments during the Covid-19 outbreak, which enabled India's real-time payments secure 31.3 percent of overall payment volume last year.
- Furthermore, India's real-time payments share of total global payments volume is expected to exceed 70% by 2026, resulting in \$92.4 billion in net savings for businesses and consumers.

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National News

1. GOA: 12TH HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR MEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2022



12TH HOCKEY INDIA SUB JUNIOR MEN
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2022
04 MAY, 2022 - 15 MAY, 2022
GOA

FIXTURES OF THE DAY

4 MAY 2022

POOL B	07:30 AM	HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OF GUJARAT	VS	KERALA HOCKEY
POOL E	08:00 AM	HOCKEY ANDHRA PRADESH	VS	HOCKEY MIZORAM
POOL D	10:30 AM	HOCKEY GUJARAT	VS	TELANGANA HOCKEY
POOL G	02:30 PM	HOCKEY ARUNACHAL	VS	HOCKEY JAMMU & KASHMIR

#TheKaGame

- The 12th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2022 will start in Goa this afternoon.
- A total of 29 teams will participate in the tournament.
- The participating teams are divided into eight pools.
- Pool matches will be played on the initial eight days and these will be followed by Quarter-Finals on May 12 and the Semi-Finals on May 14.
- The final match is scheduled to be played on May 15.

2. ITTF WORLD RANKINGS: MANIKA BATRA CLIMBS 10 PLACES TO ACHIEVE CAREER-BEST RANKING OF 38 IN WOMEN'S SINGLES



- India paddler Manika Batra has achieved a career-best ranking of 38 in women's singles

after she climbed 10 places in the latest ITTF Table Tennis World Rankings.

- The Olympian was ranked 48th in women's singles last week. Batra broke into the top 50 earlier this year and rose to 46th in March, her previous career-best standing, before dropping down to 48.
- Manika and Archana Kamath, who won bronze at the WTT Star Contender Doha in March, retained their fourth spot in the women's doubles rankings.
- Sutirtha and Ayhika are the next best-ranked Indian team at 29th.

3. HARSHADA SHARAD GARUD FIRST INDIAN TO WIN GOLD MEDAL AT IWF JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN GREECE



- In Weightlifting, Harshada Sharad Garud scripted history by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal at the IWF Junior World Championships at Heraklion in Greece yesterday.
- She lifted 153-kilogram in the 45-kilogram weight category, which included 70 kilograms in Snatch and 83 kilograms in Clean and Jerk to finish on top of the podium.
- Garud left eight competitors behind as India bagged a medal on the opening day of the competition.
- Turkey's Bektas Cansu bagged the silver medal while Moldova's Teodora-Luminita Hincu won the bronze medal.
- The other Indian in the same weight category, Anjali Patel finished fifth with a total effort of 148 kilograms which included 67 kilograms in snatch and 81 kilograms in clean and jerk.

4. BANGLADESH DISCOVERS A NEW GAS FIELD OF 20 MMCFD CAPACITY



- Bangladesh has discovered a new gas field with the capacity to produce 20 million cubic feet of gas per day (MMCFD) at the Koilastila Gas field.
- The announcement was made by the State Minister for power, energy and mineral resources Nasrul Hamid on Monday on his verified Facebook page.
- According to a press release from the Ministry of power, energy and mineral resources, the Sylhet Gas Fields authorities have said that it will be possible to supply 17-19 million cubic feet of gas daily to the national grid from the newly discovered well number 6 by May 10.
- The production capacity of the well will last for several years. The remaining extractable gas reserves of the Lower Gas Sand Zone at Koilashtila Field are 758 billion cubic feet.
- They hope that the remaining gas will be produced through various wells in phases.
- Minister Nasrul Hamid has said that the method and scope of gas exploration activities have been extended.
- He said that Koilastila Gas Field is one of the five gas fields purchased from the Shell Oil company by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1975 for just 4.5 million pounds which shows his foresight

5. IRS OFFICER SANGEETA SINGH GIVEN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF CBDT CHAIRMAN



- Sangeeta Singh, a 1986 batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer has been given additional charge of Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), after incumbent JB Mohapatra retired as the head of the direct taxes administration body on April 30.
- Currently, the board has four members including Sangeeta Singh.
- Singh is currently holding charge of Audit and Judicial. She is also holding additional charge of Income Tax and Revenue and Tax Payers services.
- Her Husband, Arvind Singh is a Maharashtra Cadre IAS and presently serving as Secretary of Tourism, Government of India.

6. NITISH INAUGURATES BIHAR'S FIRST GRAIN- BASED ETHANOL PLANT AT PURNIA



- Bihar's Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has inaugurated India's first ethanol plant in Purnia district, Bihar.
- The plant has been set up by Eastern India Biofuels Private Limited at a cost of Rs 105

crores.

- Bihar came up with an ethanol production promotion policy in the first half of 2021. It is the country's first grain-based ethanol plant.
- The plant, situated at Ganeshpur Parora, about 12 km from Purnia town, is spread over 15 acres of land.
- Purnia, Katihar, Araria and Kishanganj districts, known as the Seemanchal region, account for 80% of the total maize produced in Bihar and together produce 30-35 lakh metric tonnes (MTs) from April to August.
- Bihar came up with an ethanol production promotion policy in the first half of 2021.
- In Bihar, 17 ethanol production plants are being set up, which is likely to produce 35 crore litres of fuel every year by using sugarcane, molasses, maize and broken rice.
- The ethanol manufactured will be supplied to oil marketing companies for blending into petrol and diesel.

7. INDIAN BANK ROLLS OUT PRE-APPROVED PERSONAL LOAN



- The public sector bank, The Indian Bank has presented a
- pre-approved personal loan product under Project WAVE.
- The Chennai-based bank announced the World of Advance Virtual Experience, WAVE digital transformation project in January 2022 to introduce its first digital product, the Pre-Approved Personal Loan (PAPL), which intends to give consumers with rapid loan disbursements.
- They proclaimed their commitment to ushering in an era of digital change at Indian Bank through project WAVE at the start of the year. They debuted their first PAPL product, which will only be available through internet outlets.
- The service is offered to existing clients who have regular income and pension accounts,

as well as PAPL loan products, and can be accessed via a mobile application, the bank's website, and internet banking.

- The loan would have a ten percent annual interest rate and no foreclosure fees

8. SANTOSH TROPHY: KERALA BEAT WEST BENGAL IN PENALTY SHOOTOUT TO LIFT TITLE FOR SEVENTH TIME



- Kerala beat West Bengal 5-4 in the penalty shootout to win the 75th Santosh Trophy 2022 at the Manjeri Stadium in Malappuram, Kerala.
- The teams were level 1-1 after extra time in a pulsating encounter in which plenty of chances were created at both ends with the finishing being astray.
- This is Kerala's third win in a Santosh Trophy tournament on home soil.
- Earlier, they had won two editions in Kochi, in 1973-74 and 1992-93.
- Kerala captain Jijo Joseph, who was adjudged the player of the match for a commanding performance in the middle of the park.

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National News

1. GOVT PREPARES NEW DRAFT NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY



- The government has prepared a new draft National Youth Policy (NYP). The draft policy envisages a ten-year vision for youth development that the country seeks to achieve by 2030.
- Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports said, it is aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals and serves to unlock the potential of the youth.
- The draft policy seeks to catalyse widespread action on youth development across five priority areas including education, employment and entrepreneurship, youth leadership and development, health, fitness and sports and social justice.
- The Department of Youth Affairs has sought comments and views on the draft policy from all stakeholders.

2. JAIN UNIVERSITY BECOMES THE KHELO INDIA UNIVERSITY GAMES 2021 CHAMPIONS



- JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) with 20 gold, 7 silver and 5 bronze medals has won the

2nd edition of the Khelo India University Games 2021.

- Lovely Professional University (LPU) with 17 golds has placed second and Punjab University placed third with 15 gold medals.
- Siva Sridhar has emerged as the star swimmer by winning 11 gold.
- The closing ceremony of KIUG was held at Sri Kanteerava Outdoor Stadium, Bengaluru. Veera was the mascot of KIUG 2021.
- A total of 20 games were played and participated by 3900 students from 210 Universities in the second edition of the Khelo India University Games.
- The Games introduced indigenous sporting competitions such as Yogasana and Mallakhamba for the first time in the history of national sports.

3. RONNIE O'SULLIVAN WINS RECORD SEVENTH WORLD SNOOKER TITLE; BEATS JUDD TRUMP IN FINAL



- Ronnie O'Sullivan (England) has won the 2022 World Snooker Championship by defeating Judd Trump (England) against 18-13 in the finals, which were held from April 16 to May 2, 2022 at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, England.
- The tournament was organised by the World Snooker Tour and sponsored by sports betting company Betfred.
- The Total prize money is 2,395,000 Euros and the Winner gets a share of 500,000 Euros.
- O'Sullivan (Aged 46) becomes the oldest world champion in Crucible history, eclipsing Ray Reardon, who won his sixth title aged 45 in 1978.
- It was Ronnie O'Sullivan's seventh World Snooker Championship title, previously in 2001, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2013 and 2020, equalling Stephen Hendry's modern-day record of seven world titles (Hendry won all of his in the 1990s).

4. INDIA FALLS 8 POSITIONS TO 150TH RANK IN RSF 2022 WORLD PRESS FREEDOM INDEX



- Reporters Without Borders (RSF) has released the 20th World Press Freedom Index 2022, which assesses the state of journalism in 180 countries and territories.
- The Index highlights the disastrous effects of news and information chaos – the effects of a globalised and unregulated online information space that encourages fake news and propaganda.
- India's ranking in the Index has fallen down to 150th position from last year's 142nd rank.
- The ranking of India's neighbours, except that of Nepal, has also slid down, with the index placing. Nepal has climbed up by 30 points in the global ranking at 76th position.
- Pakistan at 157th position, Sri Lanka 146th, Bangladesh 162nd and Myanmar at 176th position.
- Norway (1st) Denmark (2nd), Sweden (3rd) Estonia (4th) and Finland (5th) grabbed the top positions, while North Korea remained at the bottom of the list of the 180 countries and territories.
- Russia was placed at 155th position, down from 150th last year, while China climbed up by two positions with the Reporters Without Borders placing it at 175th position. Last year, China was placed at 177th position. The availability of Fleet Card will permit the convoy to refuel at any IOCL fuel station, thus increasing the pace of movement and reducing the lead time for readiness at operational locations across the nation.

5. NEOBANK OPEN 100TH INDIAN UNICORN; IIFL LEADS \$50-MN FUNDING



- India got its 100th unicorn when neobanking fintech portal, “Open”, raised fresh capital to push up its value to over a billion dollars.
- The five-year-old Bengaluru-based neobank raised \$50 Mn in a Series D funding round from IIFL, Singaporean state holding company Temasek, American investment firm Tiger Global and another Indian firm 3one4 Capital.
- This helped its valuation cross the \$1 bn mark.
- The funding comes just six months after Google, Temasek, Visa, and Japan’s SoftBank invested \$100 million in the neobank startup.
- This funding signifies the enthusiasm in the Indian startup ecosystem, which is the world’s third-largest according to Economic Survey, 2021-22.

6. COCHIN SHIPYARD TO BUILD FIRST INDIGENOUS HYDROGEN-FUELLED ELECTRIC VESSELS



- Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, announced that the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways would develop and build India’s first

indigenous hydrogen-fueled electric vessels at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), kicking off the country's efforts toward green shipping.

- At a session titled Green Shipping in India – 2022, organised by the Ministry in collaboration with the shipyard and The Energy and Resources Institute, he also revealed the government's intention for developing such vessels in order to stay up with the Global Maritime Green Transitions.
- Transportation, commodities handling, stationery, and portable and emergency backup power applications are all possible applications for hydrogen fuel cells.
- Fuel cells fueled by Hydrogen are an efficient, environmentally friendly, zero-emission direct current (DC) power source that has already been used in heavy-duty bus, truck, and train applications and is now being developed for marine applications.
- Sonowal stated that the project would be carried out in partnership with Indian partners by the Cochin Shipyard.

7. RAJ'S 'MIYAN KA BADA', 5 OTHER RAILWAY STATIONS RENAMED RECENTLY



- 'Miyan Ka Bada' railway station in the Balotra area of Rajasthan's Barmer district was renamed "Mahesh Nagar Halt." Since Independence, the people of Mian Ka Bada in Rajasthan have demanded that the village's name be changed, claiming that the village's original name was Mahesh Ro Bado
- Prominent stations have got their names changed, like Ayodhya, Bhopal
- The Habibganj railway station in Bhopal was renamed after Gond queen Rani Kamlapati in 2021.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had inaugurated the revamped railway station with world-class amenities.
- Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath on October 21 last year announced the renaming of Faizabad railway junction as Ayodhya Cantt, this three years after the Faizabad district was renamed as Ayodhya.
- In October 2018, the Yogi Adityanath government approved the renaming of Allahabad to Prayagraj amid protests by the opposition parties.

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National News

1. OVER 3 LAKH 65 THOUSAND TELE CONSULTATIONS CONDUCTED UNDER eSANJEEVANI, SAYS HEALTH MINISTER DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA



- Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya said, over three lakh 65 thousand teleconsultations were conducted yesterday across the country.
- In a tweet today, Mr. Mandaviya said, government is working relentlessly towards creating a holistic digital health ecosystem in the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The e-Sanjeevani is a telemedicine service to provide general and specialized health services in rural areas.
- It enables virtual connection between the beneficiary at Wellness Centres, doctor and specialist at the hub.

2. COVID FORCES FIRST-EVER POSTPONEMENT OF ASIAN GAMES



- In a surprising development, the Asian Games, scheduled to be held in Hangzhou, China,

from September 10-25, was postponed on Friday.

- The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) said the decision was taken “after carefully considering the pandemic situation and the size of the Games.” OCA has not said whether the Games will happen anytime this year or be pushed to 2023.
- This is the first time ever that an Asian Games has been postponed since its inaugural edition in New Delhi in 1951.
- Chinese Olympic Committee (COC) and the Hangzhou Asian Games Organising Committee (HAGOC), the OCA Executive Board (EB) decided to postpone the 19th Asian Games.
- The new dates will be agreed between the OCA, the COC and the HAGOC and announced in the near future
- The host city of Hangzhou is less than 200km away from Shanghai, which is currently fighting another major COVID19 outbreak and has strict restrictions in place, including a weeks-long lockdown.

3. INDIA’S FIRST REGIONAL RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM TRAIN-SET TO BE HANDED OVER TO NCRTC AT SAVLI IN GUJARAT



- At Alstom’s Savli project in Gujarat, the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) will receive India’s first semi-high-speed train set for Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS).
- Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, will be present at the occasion.
- The RRTS train sets are produced under the Make in India initiative and can reach a top speed of 180 kilometres per hour.
- The train will be transported to Duhai Depot in Uttar Pradesh, where it will be repaired and operated.
- Cushioned seating, laptop-mobile charging, luggage racks, and a dynamic route-map are

among the modern commuter-centric features of the completely airconditioned train.

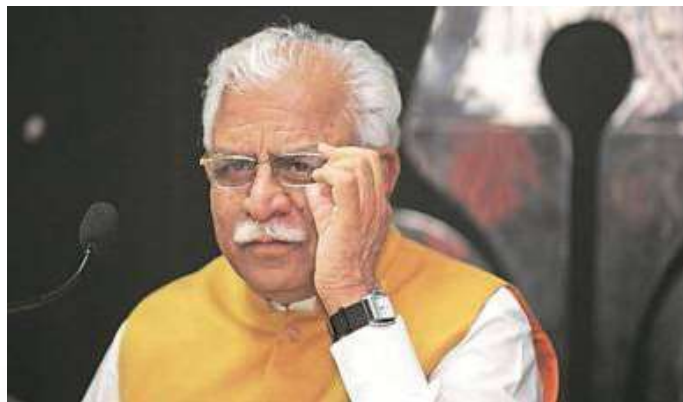
- The NCRTC is in charge of putting India's first RRTS corridor between Delhi and Meerut into action. The 82- kilometer-long route is now under construction.
- The 17-kilometer priority segment between Sahibabad and Duhai is expected to be operational by 2023, with the entire corridor completed by 2025.

4. AIR MARSHAL SANJEEV KAPOOR ASSUMES THE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL (INSPECTION AND SAFETY)



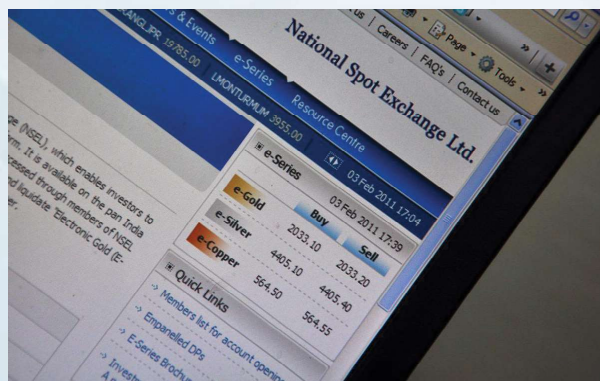
- The Air Marshal is a graduate of National Defence Academy and was commissioned in the Flying branch of IAF in December 1985 as a Transport Pilot.
- He is an alumnus of Defence Services Staff College (DSSC) Wellington, College of Defence Management and National Defence College.
- The Air Officer is a Qualified Flying Instructor with more than 7700 hours of flying experience on various aircraft in the inventory of IAF.
- He was Commandant of National Defence Academy, Pune prior to assuming the present appointment.

5. HARYANA LAUNCHED 'VEHICLE MOVEMENT TRACKING SYSTEM' MOBILE APP



- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Wednesday launched a Vehicle Movement Tracking System (VMTS) mobile app that will help in tracking vehicles carrying sand and other mining material.
- The app will be used at different checkpoints in all the districts of Haryana and vehicle details —like vehicle number, vehicle type, moving from, moving to — along with driver details, like name, driver mobile number and driver license number, will be punched into it.
- All the travel history of the vehicle will be logged and can be viewed through the app at anytime.

6. SC APPOINTS PANEL TO MONITOR RECOVERY FROM NSEL DEFAULTERS



- The Supreme Court on Wednesday formed a high-level committee, headed by Retired Bombay High Court Judge Pradeep Nandrajog, for recovery of money from the defaulters against whom National Spot Exchange (NSEL) has secured money decrees.
- NSEL has already secured decrees and arbitration award of ₹3,534 crore against the defaulters.
- Further, defaulters' liabilities of ₹ 760 crore have already been crystallised by the

committee appointed by the Bombay High Court

- Proceedings for a decree against NK Protein worth Rs 964 crores is pending before the Bombay High Court.
- In 2013, investors and traders in NSEL lost about Rs 5,600 crores after the exchange shut trading abruptly leading to a series of defaults.
- Two of the defaulters have already paid their liabilities worth Rs 196 crores.

7. BANGLADESH TO CELEBRATE 161ST BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF GURUDEV RABINDRANATH TAGORE MAY 8



- The Government of Bangladesh will organise several programmes across the country to celebrate the 161st Birth Anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore on 8th of May.
- The main event will be held at the Rabindra Kuthibari in Shilaidaha of Kumarkhali upazila of Kushtia district.
- Parliament Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury will be the Chief Guest on the occasion.
- The decision was taken at the meeting of the National Committee chaired by State Minister for Culture K M Khalid in Dhaka today.
- Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy will organise a three-day long cultural programme and a month-long exhibition of Tagore's painting. A documentary on the poet will also be shown.
- The theme of this year's celebration of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore Birth Anniversary has been kept as 'Crisis of Humanity and Rabindranath'.

8. KHELO INDIA MASCOT AND LOGO LAUNCHED AT PANCHKULAIN IN HARYANA



- In Haryana, the Mascot, Logo and Jersey and theme song of Khelo India Youth Games were launched in a special ceremony held at Indradhanush Stadium in Panchkula today.
- Chief Minister Manohar Lal along with Union Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Anurag Thakur launched the Mascot and Logo and theme song on this occasion.
- They were accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala and Haryana Sports Minister Sandeep Singh and other dignitaries.
- More than 8,000 athletes will be participating in the Khelo India Youth Games scheduled to take place from 4th to 13th of June at Panchkula, Ambala, Shahbad, Chandigarh and Delhi.

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National News

1. WORLD THALASSEMIA DAY BEING OBSERVED TODAY



- World Thalassemia Day is being observed today. The day is celebrated every year on 8th May to honour the struggles of patients suffering from thalassemia as well as to make people aware of the disease and its symptoms.
- Thalassemia is an inherited blood disorder in which the body fails to create enough haemoglobin.
- On this occasion, Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has asked people to take pledge to work towards creating awareness about thalassemia.
- He also asked to share knowledge to support the best possible health, social and other care for people suffering with the disease.

2. EXCAVATIONS UNDERWAY AT 3 MOUNDS IN HARYANA'S RAKHIGARHI, ONE OF LARGEST SETTLEMENT OF HARAPPAN CIVILIZATION



- Rakhigarhi in Hisar district of Haryana has been a very important site of Harappan civilization. It is one of the largest settlement of Harappan civilization.
- Talking exclusively to All India Radio News at Rakhigarhi, Joint Director General of Archaeological Survey of India Dr Sanjay Kumar Manjul said, there are seven mounds at the site and excavation is underway at Mound 1, Mound 3 and Mound 7.
- He said, the site is too vast and it is spread over more than three thousand five hundred hectares.
- The cultural span of the Harappan Civilization can be broadly subdivided into three periods, early 3300 BC to 2600 BC, mature 2600 BC to 1900 BC and late 1900 BC to 1700 BC.
- Dr Manjul said different mounds have different depositions that shows the cultural continuity. Rakhigarhi site is one of the five iconic sites declared by the Centre.

3. NEPAL'S KAMI RITA SHERPA CLIMBS MOUNT EVEREST FOR 26TH TIME TO SET NEW WORLD RECORD



- Nepal's legendary climber Kami Rita Sherpa has climbed the Mt Everest, the tallest peak in the world for the 26th time to set a new world record.
- Leading an 11-member rope fixing team, Kami Rita and his team reached the summit yesterday, breaking his own previous world record.
- After ascending Everest, the rope fixing team led by Kami Rita is successfully descending from the top to the base camp.
- As the Everest climbing season is approaching fast and hundreds of climbers are waiting for fair weather to reach the top, Kami Rita and his team went to the top of Everest to fix the ropes so that the Everest expedition becomes easier for the other climbers.
- Born in 1970 in Solukhumbu district, he first climbed the Everest in May 1994.
- His father was among the first professional Sherpa guides after Everest was opened for foreign mountaineers in 1950. His brother, also a guide, scaled Everest 17 times.

4. MADRID OPEN: RISING SPANISH TENNIS STAR CARLOS ALCARAZ BEAT ALEXANDER ZVEREV TO WIN TITLE



- Rising Spanish tennis star Carlos Alcaraz clinched the Madrid Open title, beating defending champion Alexander Zverev last night.
- The Spaniard brushed aside the German second seed 6-3, 6-1 in 62 minutes in the men's singles final. The victory took the 19-year-old's winning streak to 10 matches.
- Alcaraz beat Rafael Nadal and world No. 1 Novak Djokovic on his way to the final, the first such instance in a clay-court tournament.
- Alcaraz is set to rise to sixth in the world today before the French Open later in May. It is his second Masters 1000 crown after Miami last month and his fourth title of the year.
- Earlier, Tunisia's Ons Jabeur clinched women's singles title to become the first African player to win a WTA 1000 event.
- The 27-year-old, the world number 10, trailed 4-1 early on and failed to win a game in the second set but still beat American Jessica Pegula 7-5, 0-6, 6-2.
- She was the first Arab player, male or female, to break into the world's top 10.

5. SECI SIGNS MoU WITH MHA TO SET UP SOLAR ENERGY PANELS ON CAMPUSES OF CAPF AND NSG



- Solar Energy Corporation of India has signed an MoU with the Home Ministry in order to harness the potential of solar energy on the available rooftop areas on the campuses of the Central Armed Police Forces and National Security Guard.
- Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla and Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy were present on the occasion.
- The MoU is a step ahead toward supply of green power to the country's security forces and reinforces the government's commitment to a sustainable future.
- Solar Energy Corporation of India is a PSU under Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

- It is engaged in promotion and development of various renewable energy resources, especially solar energy, trading of power, and Research and Development.

6. JUSTICE SUDHANSHU DHULIA AND JUSTICE PARDIWALA TAKE OATH AS SUPREME COURT JUDGES



- Chief Justice of India Justice N V Ramana today administered the oath of office to Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia and Justice Jamshed B Pardiwala at a function in the Supreme Court.
- Before their appointment in the Apex Court, Justice Dhulia was Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court and Justice Pardiwala was Judge in the Gujarat High Court.
- With the appointment of Justice Dhulia and Justice Pardiwala, the top court has now full strength of 34 judges.

7. PM MODI EXPRESSES GRIEF ON PASSING AWAY OF ODIA WRITER RAJAT KUMAR KAR



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed grief on the passing away of noted scholar and Odia Writer Rajat Kumar Kar.

- In a tweet, Mr Modi said, Dr. Rajat Kumar Kar was a doyen of the cultural world and his multifaceted persona was seen in the manner in which he chronicled the Rath Yatra, wrote on diverse topics and worked to revive Pala art.
- The Prime Minister expressed condolences to his family and admirers.

8. ADANI WILMAR BEATS HUL TO BECOME THE LARGEST FMCG COMPANY IN INDIA



- Adani Wilmar Limited became the largest Fast Moving Consumer Goods Company (FMCG) in India beating Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL), after the announcement of its Quarter Four results for the financial year 2022 (Q4FY2022).
- AWL has reported total operating revenue of Rs 54,214 crore in the Financial Year 2022 whereas HUL reported a revenue of Rs 51,468 crore in the Financial Year (FY) 2021-22.
- In Q4FY22 (January-March 2022), the AWL has seen a 40 per cent jump in revenue from operations to Rs 14,960 despite a 26 per cent i.e., Rs 234.29 crore hit in net profit in the same period.

9. L&T INFOTECH, MINDTREE ANNOUNCE MERGER TO CREATE INDIA'S 5TH LARGEST IT SERVICES PROVIDER



- L&T Infotech and Mindtree, the two independently listed IT services companies under

Larsen & Toubro Group, on Friday announced a merger that would create India's fifth-largest IT services provider.

- The combined entity will be known as "LTIMindtree".
- The Boards of Directors of Mindtree and L&T Infotech (LTI) at their respective meetings held on Friday approved a composite scheme of amalgamation of both these independently listed IT services companies under the Larsen & Toubro Group

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National News

1. RAILTEL LAUNCHES PM-WANI BASED ACCESS TO ITS WI-FI AT 100 RAILWAY STATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY



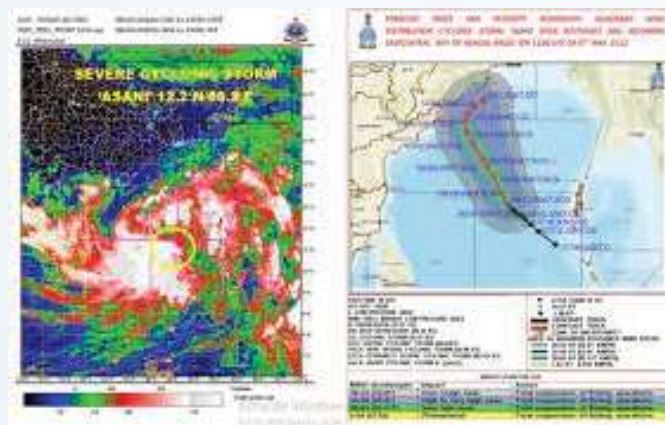
- RailTel, a Mini Ratna PSU, has launched Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) scheme based on access to its Public WiFi services across 100 railway stations across the country.
- This public-friendly service was virtually launched by RailTel chairman and managing director Puneet Chawla yesterday.
- To access this WiFi network, android users can download the mobile app 'Wi-DOT' available on Google Play Store. This app has been developed in close coordination with C-DOT.
- This method of accessing Wi-Fi through the 'mobile app' will be in addition to the existing method of accessing WiFi at these stations through the conventional method of selecting RailWire Service Set Identifier (SSID).
- PM-WANI is an ambitious program of the Department of Telecom (DoT) to connect all silo Wi-Fi networks for ease of use and proliferate broadband usage for the masses.

2. GOVERNMENT TO RE-EXAMINE AND RECONSIDER PROVISION OF SEDITION LAW



- The Union Government told the Supreme Court yesterday that it has decided to reconsider and re-examine the provisions of Section 124 A of the Indian Penal Code on sedition.
- The Government also urged the Apex Court not to take up the relevant petitions till the matter is examined.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs, in an affidavit, said, the Prime Minister believes that at a time when the nation is marking the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', as a nation, it is essential to work harder to shed the colonial baggage that passed its utility which includes outdated colonial laws and practices.
- The top court is scheduled to hear petitions today filed by Major General S.G. Vombatkere (Retd.) and the Editors Guild of India and others, challenging the constitutional validity of Section 124
- A which carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment. The Centre filed its response to these petitions.

3. SEVERE CYCLONIC STORM 'ASANI': HEAVY RAIN LIKELY TO LASH ANDHRA PRADESH, ODISHA AND WEST BENGAL



- The Severe Cyclonic Storm 'Asani' over West-central and adjoining South Bay of Bengal

moved nearly northwestwards with a speed of 16 kilometres per hour during past six hours and lay centered at 1430 hours IST

- It is the first cyclonic storm of the season and was named by Sri Lanka. Asani means “wrath” in Sinhalese.
- The District Collectors of Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam of North Coastal Andhra Pradesh have alerted the District Administration to face any situation arising due to the impact of ‘Asani’ Cyclone.

4. SANTOOR MAESTRO PANDIT SHIV KUMAR SHARMA PASSES AWAY; PM MODI EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES

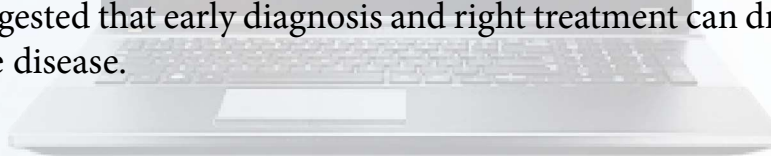


- The legendary Santoor maestro and renowned musician Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma passed away in Mumbai this morning. He was 84.
- Born on 13 January 1938 in Jammu & Kashmir, Shiv Kumar started learning vocals and tabla at age of five years. He started learning Santoor at age 13.
- He was suffering from kidney-related issues for past six months and was on dialysis. He passed away due to cardiac arrest.
- Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma was awarded Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1986, the Padma Shri in 1991, and the Padma Vibhushan in 2001.
- He was scheduled to give a jugalbandi performance in Bhopal live concert on 15th of this month along with flute legend Hariprasad Chaurasia under ‘Mahima Samaroh’.
- The duo of Shiv-Hari have given soulful music to films like ‘Silsila’, ‘Lamhe’ and ‘Chandni’ amongst others.

5. WORLD LUPUS DAY: 10 MAY



- Today is World Lupus Day. The day is observed every year to raise awareness about Lupus which is an autoimmune disease that can cause damage to any part of the body.
- An autoimmune disease is one in which the immune system is unable to recognize the difference between healthy cells in the human body and the foreign cells it fights to remove.
- Dr. Uma Kumar, Head of the Department of Rheumatology at AIIMS, New Delhi said that the most common symptoms of Lupus disease are intermittent fever, recurrent mouth ulcers, joint and muscle pain, and extreme fatigue.
- Dr. Kumar suggested that early diagnosis and right treatment can drastically improve the outcome of the disease.



6. 25,000 HOMES IN EAST DELHI TO GET FREE SEWER CONNECTIONS



- A total of 25,000 households in East Delhi will be provided free sewer connections under the 'Mukhyamantri Muft Sewer Connection Yojana', according to a communication from the Delhi Jal Board (DJB).

- These free connections will be provided in 12 colonies in Karawal Nagar and Mustafabad, for which an amount of Rs 19 crore has been allocated.
- The households will be connected to the existing sewer network, which will carry the waste to the Yamuna Vihar sewage treatment plant, according to the DJB.
- The aim is to prevent sewage from landing in the Yamuna river. The decision was taken at a board meeting of the DJB chaired by Water Minister Satyendar Jain.
- Through the free sewer connections, the households will be connected to Delhi's existing sewer network. The waste generated will be carried to the Yamuna Vihar sewage treatment plant.
- The aim of providing the free sewer connection is to prevent the sewage that is generated from landing in the River Yamuna.
- The sewer connections in these colonies will help to prevent 2.5 crore litres of untreated waste from falling into River Yamuna.

7. PULITZER PRIZES 2022 ANNOUNCED



- The 106th class of Pulitzer Prize winners in Journalism, Books, Drama and Music were announced.
- The Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements in newspaper, magazine, online journalism, literature and musical composition within the United States.
- It was established in 1917 by provisions in the will of Joseph Pulitzer, who had made his fortune as a newspaper publisher, and is administered by Columbia University.
- Public Service- The Washington Post
- National Reporting-The staff of The New York Times.
- The Journalists of Ukraine: The Pulitzer Board awards a special citation to the journalists of Ukraine for their courage, endurance, and commitment to truthful reporting during Vladimir Putin's ruthless invasion of their country and his propaganda war in Russia.

8. GOVT NOTIFIES NEW J&K ELECTORAL MAP: 47 SEATS FOR KASHMIR, JAMMU GETS 43



- Redrawing the electoral map of Jammu and Kashmir, a three-member Delimitation Commission on Thursday earmarked 47 Assembly seats for Kashmir division and 43 for Jammu in its final order submitted just a day before its two-year tenure was to end.
- A gazette notification was issued after the panel, headed by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai, signed the final order giving Jammu six additional seats and one more to Kashmir.
- The Commission, which was set up in March 2020 and entrusted with the work of delimiting Assembly and parliamentary constituencies in the Union Territory on the basis of the 2011 Census.

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National News

1. V.PREZ NAIDU, PM MODI EXPRESSES GRATITUDE TO SCIENTISTS ON OCCASION OF NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DAY



- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted scientists on National Technology Day.
- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has greeted scientists on National Technology Day. In a tweet, Mr. Naidu conveyed his appreciation of the efforts of the accomplished scientific community and their outstanding contribution to nation-building.
- He said, it is their diligence and pathbreaking work to which we can attribute our technological progress in a large measure.
- On this day, Vice President urged scientists and technologists to find innovative ways to make the lives of people more comfortable and happier.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi also expressed gratitude to nation's scientists and their efforts that led to the successful Pokhran tests in 1998 on the occasion of National Technology Day

2. INDIA UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED AS NEW CHAIR OF ASSOCIATION OF ASIAN ELECTION AUTHORITIES FOR 2022-2024



- India has been unanimously elected as the new Chair of the Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA) for 2022-2024 at the recently held meeting of the Executive Board and General Assembly in Manila, Philippines.
- The Election Commission of India's three-member delegation headed by Deputy Election Commissioner Nitesh Vyas, along with CEO Manipur Rajesh Agrawal and CEO Rajasthan Praveen Gupta, attended the Executive Board meeting in Manila.
- The mission of the AAEA is to provide a non-partisan forum in the Asian region for sharing experiences and best practices among election authorities to discuss and act upon ways to promote open and transparent elections with the objective of supporting good governance and democracy.

3. PRESIDENT KOVIND PRESENTS GALLANTRY AWARDS TO ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL; ARMY CHIEF RECEIVES PARAM VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL



- President Ram Nath Kovind on Tuesday presented Gallantry Awards at Defence

Investiture Ceremony- 2022 at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

- He conferred 13 Shaurya Chakras, including six posthumous, to the personnel of Armed Forces for displaying gallantry, courage and devotion to duty.
- The President also conferred 14 Param Vishisht Seva Medals, four Uttam Yudh Seva Medals and 24 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals for distinguished service of exceptional order.
- Army Chief General Manoj Pande received Param Vishisht Seva Medal from the President. Captain Ashutosh Kumar was awarded the Shaurya Chakra posthumously.
- He was martyred during a counter-terror operation in Jammu and Kashmir.
- Havildar Anil Tomar of Rashtriya Rifles, Havildar Pinku Kumar, Havildar Kashirai Bammanalli, Naib Subedar Sreejith M, and Sepoy Jaswanth Reddy were awarded Shaurya Chakra posthumously for their acts of gallantry.

4. HUNGARY ELECTS KATALIN NOVAK AS FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTRY



- In Hungary, Katalin Novak has taken over as the first female President of the country.
- Her predecessor, Janos Ader, greeted the new president at the entrance to the Sandor Palace, the residence of the Hungarian president yesterday.
- The Parliament elected Novak as President of Hungary on March 10. Following her election, Novak said that she wanted to be a “President of peace.”
- The official inaugural ceremony will take place on Saturday morning at the Kossuth Square in front of the Parliament.

5. YOON SUK YEOL SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF SOUTH KOREA



- A new political era is underway in South Korea. Yoon Suk Yeol was sworn in as President on Tuesday morning, ushering in the country's first conservative government in five years.
- The ceremony attracted about 40,000 people, including US second gentleman Douglas Emhoff and Japan's Foreign Minister Hayashi Yoshimasa.
- One of Yoon's main challenges will be dealing with North Korea, which is accelerating its nuclear and missile development. He said there is room for dialogue and a way for the North to benefit.
- Yoon also touched on domestic policies, saying economic growth based on science, technology and innovation is one way to help solve problems, including the widening wage gap.
- The new President also has some new digs. Yoon relocated the Presidential office from the compound known as the Blue House, to a building once used by the Defense Ministry.
- He says it's meant to show his office is away from a "symbol of imperial power" and closer to the public.

6. WORLD'S LONGEST GLASS-BOTTOMED BRIDGE OPENS FOR DAREDEVILS IN VIETNAM



- World's Largest Glass Bottom Bridge was opened in Vietnam. It is called as Vietnam's Bach Long pedestrian bridge, which is 632m (2,073ft) long and located 150m (492ft) above a huge jungle.
- As per the reports, the Asian country has opened a glass-bottomed bridge suspended above a lush jungle. It surpasses a 526m Glass Bottom Bridge in Guangdong, China.
- The Bach Long pedestrian bridge which means 'white dragon' in Vietnamese.
- The bridge suspends above the rainforest. The bridge can support up to 450 people at a time and the floor of the bridge is made from tempered glass.

7. MADHYA PRADESH GOVT LAUNCHES SECOND PHASE OF LADLI LAXMI SCHEME TO MAKE GIRLS SELF-RELIANT



- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the second phase of the Ladli Laxmi scheme (Ladli Laxmi scheme-2.0).
- The scheme is an innovative initiative to encourage girl children to pursue higher

education and make them self-dependent.

- The scheme is being implemented by the government of
- Madhya Pradesh since 2007 to enhance the economic and educational status of the girls.
- Ladli Laxmi scheme is a comprehensive scheme that offers financial assistance for a girl from birth until her marriage in instalments.
- The family of the girl child should be a permanent resident of Madhya Pradesh.
- The family should come under below the poverty line (BPL), i.e., should not be an income taxpayer. A maximum of two daughters can be registered under this scheme.

8. DHANUSH SRIKANTH, PRIYESHA DESHMUKH EXTEND INDIA'S SHOOTING GOLD RUSH AT DEAFLYMPIC



- Shooter Dhanush Srikanth has won gold and Shourya Saini has won the bronze in the men's 10m air rifle competition in the 24th Deaflympics at Caxias do Sul, Brazil.
- Later, the Indian badminton team also won gold after beating Japan by 3-1 in the final to make it a double celebration for the country.
- Ukraine is leading the chart with 19 gold, six silver and 13 bronze medals. With two gold and one bronze medal, India has placed eighth on the medals table.
- Deaflympics is also known as world games for deaf and international games for the deaf.
- It was started in the year 1924 by ICSD, The international committee of sports for the deaf.
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- It multi-sport sports event which is sanctioned by the International Olympics Committee.

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1. INDIA'S JYOTHI YARRAJI SMASHES NATIONAL RECORD TO CLINCH GOLD MEDAL IN 100M HURDLES IN CYPRUS MEET



- In Cyprus International Athletics Meeting 2022, India's Jyothi Yarraji smashed the national record to clinch a gold medal in the women's 100m hurdles in Limassol yesterday.
- 22-year-old Jyothi clocked 13.23 seconds for the top step of the podium, shattering the 20-year-old national record held by Anuradha Biswal since 2002.
- With this, Jyothi also breached the Asian Games 2022 qualifying standards of 13.30 seconds.
- Another Indian athlete Lili Das won gold in the women's 1500 meter race. While in the men's 200m, India's Amlan Borgohain won bronze medal.

2. PM ADDRESSES UTKARSH SAMAROH IN GUJARAT'S BHARUCH MARKING 100 PERCENT SATURATION OF FOUR KEY BENEFICIARY SCHEMES OF STATE GOVT



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi today virtually addressed 'Utkarsh Samaroh' held at

Bharuch in Gujarat.

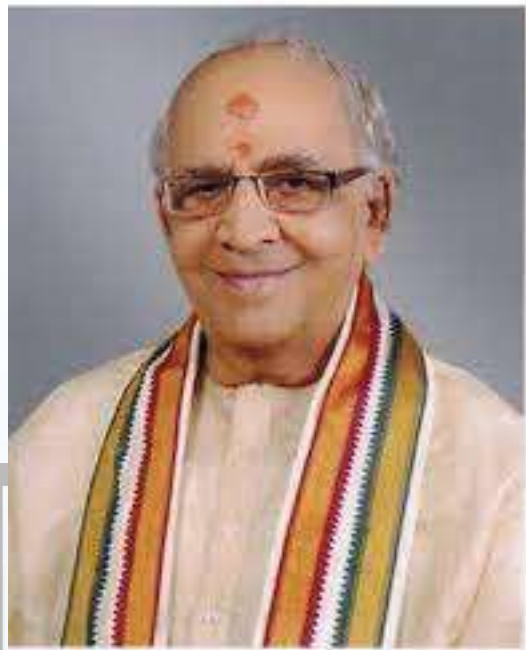
- The programme has organized to mark the celebration of 100 percent saturation of four key schemes of the state government in the district.
- These will help in providing timely financial assistance to those in need.
- Speaking on the occasion through video conferencing, the Prime Minister Modi said that today's Utkarsh Samaroh is a testimony to the fact that when the government sincerely reaches out to the beneficiary with a resolution, that earned fruitful results.
- Bharuch district administration has carried out 'Utkarsh Initiative' drive to ensure complete coverage of schemes providing assistance to widows, elderly and destitute citizens..
- A total of 12,854 beneficiaries were identified across the four schemes, which include Ganga Swaroopa Aarthik Sahay Yojana, Indira Gandhi Vrudh Sahay Yojana, Niradhar Vrudh Aarthik Sahay Yojana and Rashtriya Kutumb Sahay Yojana

3. RAJIV KUMAR TO BE NEW CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER OF INDIA



- Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar will be the new Chief Election Commissioner of India. President Ram Nath Kovind has cleared his appointment.
- In a tweet, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju informed that Mr. Kumar, the senior most Election Commissioner, will assume the charge of office of CEC with effect from 15th of this month.
- He will replace incumbent Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra who will be demitting the office on 14th of this month.

4. PM EXPRESSES GRIEF OVER DEMISE OF SANSKRIT GRAMMARIAN PROF BHAGIRATH PRASAD TRIPATHI



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed deep grief over the demise of Sanskrit Grammarian, Prof Bhagirath Prasad Tripathi known as Vagish Shastri.
- In a tweet, Mr. Modi said, Prof Bhagirath Prasad made priceless contributions in making Sanskrit more popular among the youth using modern scientific methods.
- The Prime Minister said, he was extremely knowledgeable and well-read.

5. YURI AVERBAKH, CHESS' FIRST CENTENARIAN GRANDMASTER, DIES AT 100



- Russian chess grandmaster, Yuri Averbakh who was among the world's best players for a decade, trained world champions and was the last surviving participant in one of the greatest competitions in history, has died in Moscow at 100.

- He won the Moscow Championship in 1949 and earned the Grandmaster title in 1952.
- In 1954, he became the champion of the USSR. He also chaired the Chess Federation of the USSR from 1972 to 1977.

6. MAMATA BANERJEE HONOR WITH SPECIAL BANGLA ACADEMY AWARD

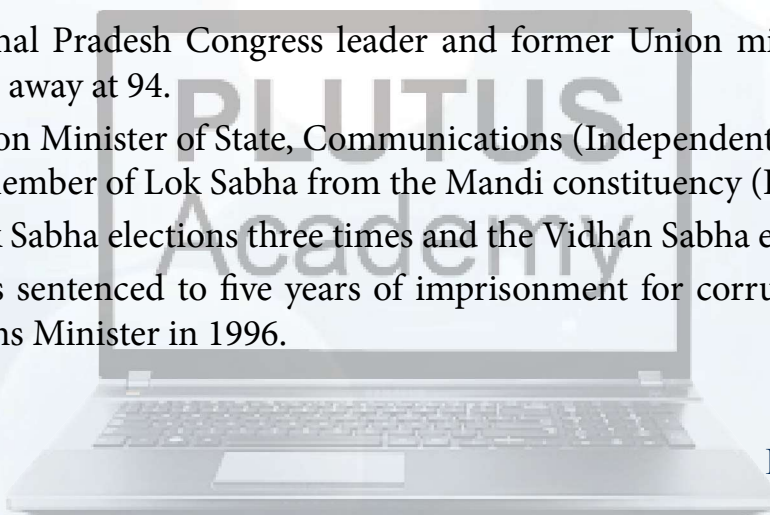


- West Bengal Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee received the Bangla Academy Award for her “relentless literary pursuit”.
- The award, introduced this year by Sahitya Academy, was presented to Banerjee for her book “Kabita Bitan”, which pays tribute to the best writers of West Bengal.
- Mamata Banerjee’s ‘Kabita Bitan’ was launched at the 2020 Kolkata Book Fair. The book contains 946 poems written by the TMC supremo.
- Despite being on the stage, Mamata Banerjee did not accept the award on her own and it was received by state Education Minister Bratya Basu on her behalf.
- Banerjee was given the award at the “Ravi Pranam” function organised by the government’s information and culture department on the occasion of Rabindranath Tagore’s birth anniversary.

7. FORMER UNION MINISTER PANDIT SUKH RAM PASSES AWAY



- Veteran Himachal Pradesh Congress leader and former Union minister, Pandit Sukh Ram has passed away at 94.
- He was the Union Minister of State, Communications (Independent Charge) from 1993 to 1996 and a member of Lok Sabha from the Mandi constituency (Himachal Pradesh).
- He won the Lok Sabha elections three times and the Vidhan Sabha elections five times.
- In 2011, he was sentenced to five years of imprisonment for corruption when he was Communications Minister in 1996.



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National News

1. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PLANT HEALTH



- International Day of Plant Health is being observed today.
- The day is celebrated on this day to raise global awareness on protecting plant health.
- The United Nations designated 12 May the International Day of Plant Health to raise global awareness on how protecting plant health can help end hunger, reduce poverty, protect biodiversity and the environment, and boost economic development.

2. ISSF JUNIOR WORLD CUP: ESHA SINGH AND SAURABH CHAUDHARY WIN GOLD IN MIXED TEAM PISTOL EVENT IN GERMANY



- Indian pistol pairs Esha Singh and Saurabh Chaudhary won the mixed team pistol gold at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany yesterday.
- India's Palak and Sarabjot Singh settled for the silver medal after losing to Esha and Saurabh 16-12 in the gold medal match.
- Ramita and Paarth Makhija also won silver in the 10m air rifle mixed team competition, going down 13-17 to the Polish pair of Julia Piotrowska and Wiktor Sajdak but not before making it three medals on the day.
- Esha and Saurabh came through after topping a 38-field qualification round of 60 shots with scores of 578 and 575 respectively.
- In all, India has so far won 10 medals, including four gold.

3. BAJAJ FINSERV'S SANJIV BAJAJ TAKES OVER AS CII PRESIDENT



- Bajaj Finserv Limited's Chairman and Managing Director Sanjiv Bajaj has assumed the office of Confederation of Indian Industry, CII President for the year 2022-23.
- During a meeting today, CII elected its new office-bearers and accordingly Chairman and CEO of Hero MotoCorp Limited Pawan Munjal, has taken over as CII President-Designate.
- Executive Vice Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions R Dinesh has taken over as Vice President.
- According to an official press release, Mr. Bajaj has been engaged with CII for many years.
- He had led CII National Committees on Insurance and Pensions and CII Taskforce on Fintech.



4. RAILWAY FLAGS OFF JAIPUR-DELHI SARAI ROHILLA-JAIPUR SAINIK EXPRESS



- Union Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw today flagged off the Jaipur-Delhi Sarai Rohilla-Jaipur Sainik Express via video conferencing from Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.

- The train number 14021/14022 - Sainik Express is now extended to Delhi Junction with increased frequency from tri-weekly to daily.
- The Ministry of Railways said that this train will boost the rail connectivity of Shekhawati region of Rajasthan.
- The Ministry highlighted that this train service is especially popular among soldiers. The soldiers residing in this area use Railways for transportation.

5. INDIAN AIR FORCE SUCCESSFULLY FIRES EXTENDED RANGE VERSION OF BRAHMOS MISSILE FROM SU-30 MKI



- Extended range version of BrahMos Air Launched missile successfully fired from Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft today.
- The missile achieved a direct hit on the designated target in the Bay of Bengal region.
- Defence Ministry said, it was the first launch of extended range version of BrahMos missile from Su-30 MKI aircraft.
- With this, the Indian Air Force has achieved the capability to carry out precision strikes from Su-30 MKI aircraft.
- The extended range capability of the missile coupled with the high performance of the Su-30 MKI aircraft gives the IAF a strategic reach and allows it to dominate the future battle fields

6. DEEPIKA PADUKONE BECOMES LOUIS VUITTON'S FIRST INDIAN BRAND AMBASSADOR



- Actress Deepika Padukone has become the first-ever Indian brand ambassador of luxury brand Louis Vuitton.
- The news was announced by the French brand.
- The brand unveiled the role of a 36-year-old Bollywood actress during their new handbag campaign.
- It saw Padukone joining in actors Emma Stone and Zhou Dongyu for promotional shots.

7. LEONID KRAVCHUK, FIRST PRESIDENT OF INDEPENDENT UKRAINE, PASSES AWAY AGED 88



- Leonid Kravchuk, a former communist who helped sign the Soviet Union's death warrant and then served as the first president of independent Ukraine, passed away at the age of 88.
- Kravchuk was known as the “wily fox” as he rose through the ranks of Ukraine's Communist Party and take over as head of the parliament in 1990.
- He signed the Belovezha accords with Russian President Boris Yeltsin and Belarusian leader Stanislav Shushkevich in December 1991 which effectively triggered the Soviet

Union's collapse.

8. SAUDI ARAMCO BECOMES WORLD'S MOST VALUABLE STOCK AS APPLE DROPS



- Oil giant Saudi Aramco has dethroned Apple Inc. to become the world's most valuable company, underscoring the recent surge in oil prices that have boosted the energy giant this year.
- Aramco traded near its highest level on record, with a market capitalization of about \$2.43 trillion, surpassing that of Apple for the first time since 2020.
- The iPhone maker fell 5.2% to close at \$146.50 per share, giving it a valuation of \$2.37 trillion.
- Even if the move proves short-lived and Apple retakes the top spot again, the role reversal underscores the power of major forces coursing through the global economy.
- Soaring oil prices, while great for profits at Aramco, are exacerbating rising inflation that is forcing the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates at the fastest pace in decades

9. BHAGWANT KHUBA REACHES MUNICH TO ATTEND INTERSOLAR EUROPE 2022



- Shri Bhagwant Khuba, Union Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy, has arrived in Munich, Germany for Intersolar Europe 2022.
- In Munich, the Indian Union Minister will deliver a keynote talk at the investment promotion event India's Solar Energy Market. The Indo-German Energy Forum (IGEF) is organising the event.
- The event is critical in terms of possible benefits for India, such as solar technology transfer, international investor investments in solar manufacturing, KfW development bank financing, and knowledge exchange pacts with Europe.
- Intersolar is the world's largest solar industry and partner show series. It brings together individuals and businesses from all over the world with the goal of boosting the use of solar energy in our energy supply. Intersolar has the unique ability to bring together participants of the solar business from all over the world, thanks to its more than 30 years of expertise.

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National News

1. HM AMIT SHAH TO INAUGURATE NATIONAL CYBER FORENSIC LABORATORY IN HYDERABAD TODAY



- Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the National Cyber Forensic Laboratory in Hyderabad this afternoon.
- During his day-long visit to the city, Mr Shah will take part in a couple of programmes.
- Mr Shah will also address a public meeting on the concluding day of the month-long 'Prajā Sangrama Yatra' Phase-2 taken up by BJP State President and Lok Sabha Member B. Sanjay Kumar.

2. ISRO SUCCESSFULLY TESTS HUMAN-RATED HS-200 SOLID ROCKET BOOSTER



- In an important milestone, ISRO, India's Space Research Organisation successfully conducted the static test of a human-rated solid rocket booster HS-200, a key component for the Gaganyaan manned mission programme.
- The test was conducted at Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, the spaceport of India.
- HS-200 booster loaded with 203 tonnes of solid propellant was tested for a duration of 135 seconds.
- HS-200 rocket booster is the human-rated version of the well proven S-200 rocket booster of GSLV Mark-II satellite launch vehicle, popularly known as LVM3.
- The successful test today is a major step towards realising the prestigious human space flight mission of ISRO, the Gaganyaan.
- The event that took place at 7.20 a.m. today was witnessed by ISRO Chairman S. Somanath along with other senior ISRO scientists.

3. COMMERCE MINISTER PIYUSH GOYAL INAUGURATES INDIA-UAE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT



- Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and Economy Minister of United Arab Emirates Abdullah Bin Touq Al Marri inaugurated India-UAE Economic Partnership Summit in Mumbai on Friday.
- Both leaders also launched India-UAE start-up bridge to boost the economy. This summit was organised by Confederation of Indian Industry.
- Speaking at the inaugural session, Mr. Piyush Goyal said, India and UAE have huge potential to work together and the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) will significantly open the doors to a plethora of markets across the globe and help in building a future ready, more robust and resilient bilateral partnership.
- The Minister said, the India-UAE partnership is best defined by its tagline 'Openness, Opportunity and Growth' and asserted that the trade between the two countries is

expected to grow to at least 100 billion dollars in the near future.

- Now, entrepreneurs and stakeholders from both countries will have access to know about the start-up ecosystem.
- It will help in capacity building of incubators, incubation opportunities for start-up, he said

4. UAE PRESIDENT SHEIKH KHALIFA BIN ZAYED AL NAHYAN PASSES AWAY, INDIA DECLARES ONE-DAY STATE MOURNING TODAY



- India has declared one-day state mourning today as a mark of respect to the President of United Arab Emirates and ruler of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan.
- He passed away yesterday. Ministry of Home Affairs said, the National Flag will be flown at half-mast today across the country on all buildings where the National Flag is flown regularly.
- There will be no official entertainment.
- President Ram Nath Kovind and Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu have expressed grief over the demise of President of UAE Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed.
- In a tweet, the President said, India will always remember Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed's contribution towards bilateral relations and the welfare of the Indian community in UAE.
- Mr. Kovind extended his condolences to Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed's family, the UAE government and the people of the UAE.

5. INDIA TO PLAY FIRST EVER FINAL IN THOMAS CUP AGAINST INDONESIA TOMORROW



- In Badminton, Indian men's team created history by entering the finals of Thomas Cup for the first time after defeating Denmark 3-2 in the semi-finals.
- HS Prannoy took the team into the finals beating Denmark's Rasmus Gemke 13-21, 21-9, 21-12 in the fifth and deciding match of the semifinal tie yesterday.
- India will now face Indonesia in the summit clash tomorrow
- Earlier, India's ace shuttler Kidambi Srikanth registered a thumping win against Anders Anderson by 20-18, 12-21, 21-15.
- Indian duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won against Kim Astrup and Mathias Christiansen.

6. ARMY TO ESTABLISH COACHING CENTER IN MANIPUR FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED STUDENTS



- The Indian Army has started providing residential tutoring to children from economically

disadvantaged and deprived areas of the northeast to prepare them for all-India competitive tests such as engineering and medical admission.

- The Indian Army's Red Shield Division has inked a tripartite Memorandum of understanding with enterprise partner State Bank of India Foundation and mentoring partner National Integrity and Educational Development Organization to develop the Red Shield Centre for Excellence and Wellness, according to Lt Col Mohit Vaishnava, a spokesman for the Indian Army's Red Shield Division.
- The centre will be in the Manipur's Bishnupur district. According to Lt Col Vaishnava, the scheme should be completely operational for the first batch of 50 students by the first week of July.
- The MoU signing ceremony was attended by Manipur Governor La Ganesan, GOC Red Shield Division Maj Gen Navin Sachdeva, and others.

7. WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY 2022



- World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is a global campaign that emphasises the importance of migratory bird conservation and habitat preservation.
- We commemorate this day on the second Saturday in May and the second Saturday in October.
- This year, World Migratory Bird Day is on May 14, with October 8 being the second time.
- The day raises awareness about the problems that migratory birds face, their ecological value, and the need for worldwide collaboration to protect them.
- WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY: THEME
- "Impact of Light Pollution on Migratory Birds" is the theme of this year's World Migratory Bird Day campaign.

8. CZECH REPUBLIC REPLACES RUSSIA ON UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL



- Following Russia's suspension due to allegations of horrendous rights violations by Russian military in Ukraine, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously opted for the Czech Republic to replace it on the world organization's primary human rights council.
- The Czech Republic was the only contender for a seat on the Human Rights Council, which has 47 members.
- A successor for Russia has to come from an East European country because seats on the Geneva-based council are divided among regional groups.
- In the General Assembly's secret ballot voting, 180 of the 193 members cast ballots. 157 countries voted in support of the Czech Republic, with 23 abstentions.
- The assembly voted 93-24 with 58 abstentions to support a motion proposed by the United States to suspend Russia from the Human Rights Council.
- The vote was much lower than the March vote on two resolutions calling for an immediate cease-fire in Ukraine, the departure of all Russian soldiers, and civilian protection. At least 140 countries voted in favour of both resolutions.

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National News

1. INDIAN SHOOTERS CLEAN-SWEEP WOMEN'S 25M PISTOL AT SUHL JUNIOR WORLD CUP



- Indian shooters made a clean sweep of the women's 25m pistol competition at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany, to consolidate their lead at the top of the medal tally today.
- Rhythm Sangwan won gold, Manu Bhaker silver and Naamaa Kapoor bronze, as India completely dominated the event .
- Rhythm topped the round with a score of 588 while Manu was second with 584 and Naamya third with 583.
- India also swept all the three medals in the 25-metre sports pistol for junior men, through Shiva Narwal, Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu and Sameer.
- India was on top of the medals table with nine gold, 10 silver and a bronze.

2. HISTORY CREATED: INDIA BEAT INDONESIA 3-0 TO LIFT MAIDEN THOMAS CUP TROPHY



- Indian Men's Badminton team today scripted history by winning the Thomas Cup for the first time ever, dethroning 14 time Champions Indonesia in Bangkok this afternoon.
- In a heroic effort, India defeated Indonesia 3-0 in the finals of the prestigious team championship.
- World Championships medallist Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth and world number 8 doubles duo of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy produced memorable performances and won the tie in first three games itself.
- Sen gave India a 1-0 lead with a come-from-behind win over world number five Anthony Sinisuka Ginting 8-21 21-17 21-16.
- The doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty then defeated Mohammad Ahsan and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo 18-21, 23-21, 21-19.
- In the second singles, Srikanth then produced a fine performance to outclass Asian games gold medallist Jonatan Christie 21-15, 23-21 to seal the contest.
- It is India's maiden medal and that too Gold in this tournament.

3. FORMER AUSTRALIAN CRICKETER ANDREW SYMONDS DIES IN ROAD ACCIDENT



- Former Australia cricketer Andrew Symonds died in a car crash last night. Symonds was the sole passenger in the crash just outside of Townsville in his home state of Queensland.
- He died on the spot.
- Police said, emergency services attempted to revive the 46-year-old Symonds but he died of his injuries.
- Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has expressed grief on the demise of former Australian Cricketer Andrew Symonds.
- In a tweet, Mr Thakur said, it is extremely tragic news. Gone too soon. He said, Andrew Symonds had an illustrious career and enthralled fans across the world.

4. CANNES FILM FESTIVAL TO BEGIN ON TUESDAY IN FRANCE



- AIRThe prestigious Cannes Film Festival in France opens tomorrow.
- Red Carpet event at the 75th Cannes Film Festival is going to be a gala event as Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur along with movie celebrities including AR Rahman and Nawazuddin Siddiqui are set to walk as part of Indian delegation.
- It is one of the “Big Three” major European film festivals, alongside the Venice Film Festival in Italy and the Berlin International Film Festival in Germany, as well as one of the “Big Five” major international film festivals, which consists of the three major European film festivals, the Toronto International Film Festival in Canada, and the Sundance Film Festival in the United States.
- The lineup of Indian films to be screened at Cannes includes the world premiere of R Madhavan starrer Rocketry-The Nambi Effect, Marathi film Godavari, Hindi film Alpha Beta Gamma, Mishing language film Boomba Ride, Hindi and Marathi Film Dhuin, Malayalam film Tree Full of Parrots. RaviKumar for Parikrama.

5. BUDDHA POORNIMA IS BEING CELEBRATED ACROSS THE GLOBE



- Buddha Purnima is being celebrated today.
- According to Buddhist legends, Buddha was born as Prince Siddhartha Gautama on the Baisakh full moon day in 563 BC at Lumbini in Nepal.
- His birth anniversary is also known as Vaisakhi Buddha Purnima or Vesak.
- The full moon day, Buddha Purnima is the most sacred day for Buddhists.
- Prince Siddhartha was born at Lumbini Grove on the full moon day of Baisakh month of the Buddhist calendar and the Bikram Sambat Hindu calendar, he attained enlightenment under the shade of the Bodhi tree and became Gotama Buddha at Bodh Gaya also on the same full moon day and after 45 years of teaching the Truth, when he was eighty, he

passed away at Kusinara on the very same full moon day

6. INFRA FOR 5G ROLLOUT: GATI SHAKTI SANCHAR FOR RoW NOD LAUNCHED



- The Department of Telecommunications has launched the GatiShakti Sanchar portal, which would streamline the application and approval procedure for right of way (RoW) across the country.
- According to Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, the platform would help achieve the goal of Ease of doing business for telecoms infrastructure projects, which is in line with the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- The prompt disposal of RoW apps by various service and infrastructure providers would allow for faster infrastructure building, which will aid in the timely deployment of 5G networks, he added.
- The minister praised the states' and UTs' contributions and collaboration with the central government in bringing the GatiShakti Sanchar portal online.
- Applicants from various telecom service providers (TSPs) and infrastructure providers (IPs) would be able to apply to states and local governments for right of way licences to lay down optical fibre cable and erect mobile towers through a single platform.
- The platform even has a powerful dashboard that shows state and district-level pendency status for effective tracking of RoW applications across the country.

7. SHEIKH MOHAMMED BIN ZAYED AL NAHYAN ELECTED UAE PRESIDENT



- The Supreme Council of the Union elected Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler of Abu Dhabi, as President of the UAE.
- The Council held a meeting at the Mushrif Palace in Abu Dhabi, headed by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.
- He has replaced Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who died at the age of 73.
- Sheikh Mohamed began wielding power in a period when his half-brother Sheikh Khalifa suffered bouts of illness, including a stroke in 2014.
- Under his low-key direction, the UAE has put a man in space, sent a probe to Mars, and opened its first nuclear reactor.

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National News

1. DEFENSE MINISTER RAJNATH SINGH LAUNCHES INDIGENOUS NAVY DESTROYER WARSHIP INS SURAT, FRIGATE INS UDAYGIRI



- Defense Minister Rajnath Singh today said in the years to come India will not only limit itself for building ships for Indian use but cater to the demand of the entire world.
- Speaking at the launch of indigenously built naval ships Surat and Udaygiri in Mumbai Mr Singh recalled India's long history spreading over many centuries of expertise in developing Naval warfare-based technologies.
- The Defence Minister launched the two indigenously built state of the art warship Surat and Udaygiri.
- The warships are a “true testament of Atmanirbhar Bharat” as approximately 75% of the orders for equipment and systems for the warships were given to indigenous firms including micro, small and medium enterprises.
- INS Surat is the fourth destroyer in Project 15B which is named after the second-largest commercial hub of western India.
- While INS Udaygiri is the third ship under Project 17A Frigates, named after the mountain ranges in Andhra Pradesh.

2. MoS EXTERNAL AFFAIRS V MURALEEDHARAN TO LEAD INDIAN DELEGATION FOR FIRST INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION REVIEW FORUM



- Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan will lead the Indian delegation for the First International Migration Review Forum being held under the auspices of the General Assembly at the United Nations in New York from 17th to 20th of this month.
- The International Migration Review Forum will serve as the primary inter-governmental global platform to discuss and share progress on the implementation of all aspects pertaining to migration and its intersection with the Sustainable Development Goals.
- It will consist of four interactive multi-stakeholder round tables, a policy dialogue and a plenary. It will result in adoption of a Progress Declaration.
- Mr Muraleedharan will deliver an official statement at the Plenary Session of the IMRF.
- In New York, He is expected to meet with President of the UN General Assembly Abdulla Shahid and Director General of International Organisation for Migration Antonio Vitorino.

3. RAMGARH VISHDHARI WILDLIFE SANCTUARY NOTIFIED AS 52ND RESERVE FOREST FOR WILD CATS



- Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav has said that

Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan has been notified today.

- In a series of tweets, Mr Yadav said, it is the 52nd Reserve of India, which will conserve biodiversity and bring in ecotourism and development to the area.
- He said, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, government is committed to preserving the wildlife.
- The newly notified tiger reserve includes the tiger habitat between Ranthambore Tiger Reserve in the northeast and Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve on the southern side and facilitates dispersal of tigers from Ranthambore Tiger Reserve.
- The Minister said, the floristic diversity of this new tiger reserve makes it an important area for research and education.
- Mr. Yadav said, historic and cultural sites like Bhimlat, Ramgarh palace will encourage eco-tourism and provide employment opportunities to local communities.

4. SWEDEN DECIDES TO FORMALLY APPLY TO JOIN NATO



- Sweden has decided to formally apply to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), following in the footsteps of neighboring Finland.
- Both Finland and Sweden have ended their long-held positions of neutrality in the wake of the Russia's military operation in Ukraine.
- NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg has said, the Nordic countries would be welcomed into the alliance, however the process could take months once their formal applications have been sent in.
- Since NATO was founded in 1949, the alliance has expanded to include 30 member countries, including three former Soviet republics, and the inclusion of Sweden and Finland would further expand the alliance's influence in the Arctic and in the areas around Russia.

5. PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON NAMES ELISABETH BORNE AS FRANCE'S NEW PRIME MINISTER



- French President Emmanuel Macron has named Elisabeth Borne as the country's new Prime Minister. Borne, 61, is a former Minister of transport, ecology and labor.
- She is the second woman to hold the position after Edith Cresson (1991-1992) under President Francois Mitterrand.
- Borne succeeds Jean Castex, who had led the French cabinet since July 2020 and resigned earlier yesterday.
- A long-time member of the Socialist Party (PS), Borne voted for Macron in the 2017 presidential election and later joined the centrist La Republique en Marche party.

6. KENYAN FIGHTING FGM CROWNED WORLD'S BEST NURSE



- A Kenyan nurse has won the first ever global nursing award that has a prize of \$250,000.
- Anna Qabale Duba, who practices at Marsabit County Referral Hospital in northern

Kenya, was honoured for her dedication towards eradicating harmful cultural practices like female genital mutilation in her community.

- Ms Duba has also set up a foundation - Qabale Duba Foundation - aimed at empowering young girls.
- “Through my organisation, I have built a unique school in my village that teaches both children and their parents, because for me education is key to a better future,” Ms Duba said in her speech.

7. POWER MINISTRY ADDITIONAL SECY VIVEK KUMAR DEWANGAN APPOINTED CMD OF REC



- Vivek Kumar Dewangen, a Manipur cadre 1993 batch IAS officer, has been appointed Chairman and Managing Director of REC Ltd., Ministry of Power.
- In a top-level bureaucratic upheaval, the Centre has nominated senior IAS officer Nidhi Chibber as the chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).
- Vivek Kumar Dewangen is now the Ministry of Power's Additional Secretary. Nidhi Chibber is the Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Heavy Industries.
- She is a 1994 batch Indian Administrative Service officer from the Chhattisgarh cadre.
- She has been appointed as the chairwoman of the CBSE with the status and pay of Additional Secretary to the Indian government.

8. SWIGGY ACQUIRES TABLE RESERVATIONS PLATFORM DINEOUT



- Food-delivery app available online Swiggy has agreed to buy restaurant technology and dining out platform Dineout from Times Internet in a formal deal.
- Swiggy said in a statement that Dineout will continue to operate as an independent app following the acquisition.
- The mostly all-stock transaction is likely to close in the next month for roughly \$120 million, or about Rs 930 crore.
- The acquisition would allow Swiggy to investigate synergies and create new experiences in a high-use area, according to Sriharsha Majety, Swiggy's cofounder and CEO.
- Swiggy is expected to expand Dineout's products, such as table bookings and events, while Dineout's restaurant.
- partners will have access to Swiggy's enormous consumer base, expanding their reach.

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National News

1. DR. KAMAL BAWA ELECTED TO US NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES



- Indian born conservation biologist has worked extensively in the Himalaya on biodiversity conservation to climate change issues
- Dr. Kamal Bawa, a noted, Indian born, conservation biologist and President of the Bengaluru, India-based Ashoka Trust for Research and Ecology and Environment (ATREE) has been elected to the US National Academy of Sciences.
- Election to the 170-year-old Academy is a recognition of the significant contributions to science by its members, ATREE said in a press release on May 5. Bawa is also an elected fellow of the Royal Society (London) and the American Philosophical Society.
- A few years ago, Dr. Bawa brought together scientists from India's leading institutions to develop the National Mission on Biodiversity and Human Wellbeing under the banner of the Biodiversity Collaborative.
- The effort was supported by the office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India and is currently funded by the Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies.

2. SOMALIA ELECTS HASSAN SHEIKH MOHAMUD AS NEW PRESIDENT



- Hassan Sheikh Mohamud elected president for the second time, defeating incumbent President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed in a final round.
- Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, who served as Somalia's president between 2012 and 2017, won the contest in the capital, Mogadishu, amid a security lockdown imposed by authorities to prevent deadly rebel attacks..

3. B GOVINDARAJAN APPOINTED AS CEO OF ROYAL ENFIELD



- Govindarajan led the development of the Himalayan, Meteor and Classic 350 as well as the 650 Twins.
- Eicher Motors has appointed B Govindarajan as the Chief Executive Officer of Royal Enfield. He will also serve as the Wholetime Director of the Board of Eicher Motors Limited.
- Govindarajan has been with Eicher Motors for more than 23 years. Prior to his recent appointment as CEO, he served as the Executive Director of Royal Enfield. He was also

the Chief Operating Officer of the motorcycle brand since 2013.

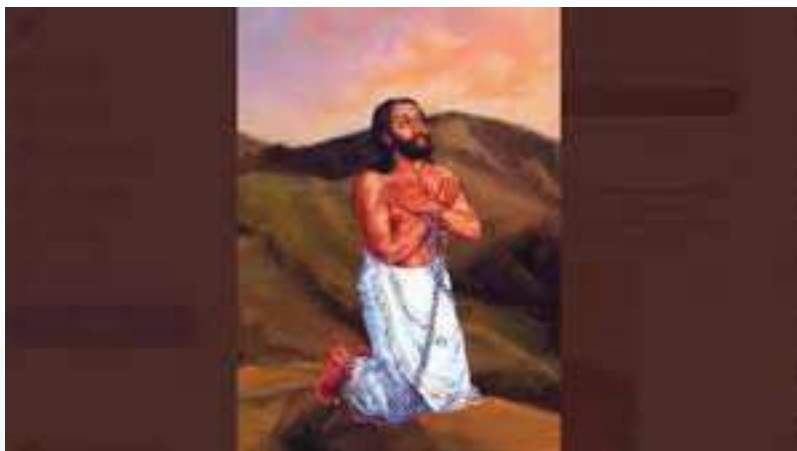
- Govindarajan played a key role in the development of the Himalayan, Continental GT 650 and Interceptor INT 650 and the recent J-platform based Meteor and Classic 350 models.
- Royal Enfield is an Indian multinational motorcycle manufacturing company headquartered in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.
- The company is the oldest global motorcycle brand in continuous production and operates manufacturing plants in Chennai in India.

4. RAMGARH VISHDHARI NOTIFIED AS INDIA'S 52ND TIGER RESERVE



- Ramgarh Vishadhri, located mostly in Bundi district and in part in Bhilwara and Kota districts.
- It is also home to the Indian wolf, leopard, striped hyena, chinkara, antelope and foxes among other animals.
- It is now India's 52nd tiger reserve and Rajasthan's fourth, after Ranthambore, Sariska and Mukundra.
- The reserve will be spread in an area of 1,501.89 sq km.
- The area has been called 'critical' for the movement of tigers by wildlife experts and conservationists.
- Though the tiger population in Ramgarh itself was not high, it plays an important role in connecting the Ranthambore and Mukundra Tiger Reserves of Rajasthan.

5. DEVASAHAYAM PILLAI: FIRST INDIAN LAYMAN DECLARED SAINT



- Pope Francis of the Vatican canonized Devasahayam during the Canonization Mass in St Peter's Basilica.
- Devasahayam Pillai was born a Hindu and got converted to Christianity in the 18th century. He was baptized in 1745, and later assumed the name 'Lazarus', which means 'God is my help'.
- In 2004, he was recommended for beatification. In 2012, he was declared Blessed by the Kottar diocese. In 2014, a miracle attributed to Devasahayam was recognized by Pope Francis, paving the way for his canonization.
- In 2020, he was approved for sainthood and 'Pillai' was dropped from his name. The Vatican refers to him as "Blessed Devasahayam".

6. SRESTHA- GUJARAT PROJECT



- USD 350 million in aid has been approved by the World Bank for the "Systems Reform Endeavors for Transformed Health Achievement" in Gujarat or the SRESTHA-G project.
- This project aims on transforming key health delivery systems in Gujarat. This programme

will also be focusing on the key areas of improving equity, quality, and inclusiveness of primary healthcare services for all adolescent girls in the state.

- It will also focus on the disease surveillance systems' capacity. The project will also be aiming to increase the state's quality of psychiatric and non-communicable disease services, and the quality of nutrition services for children and mothers.

7. TALIBAN DISSOLVES AFGHANISTAN'S HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



- Afghanistan faces a budget deficit of 44 billion Afghanis (\$501 million) this financial year these departments were not deemed necessary and were not included in the budget, they have been dissolved according to Taliban.
- Also dissolved was the High Council for National Reconciliation (HCNR), the once high-powered National Security Council, and the commission for overseeing the implementation of the Afghan constitution.

8. FINLAND, SWEDEN TO SUBMIT NATO MEMBERSHIP BID TODAY



- NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said on May 18 that Finland, Sweden have officially applied to join the world's biggest military alliance, a move driven by security concerns over Russia's war in Ukraine.
- The application must now be weighed by the 30 member countries. That process is

expected to take about two weeks, although Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has expressed reservations about Finland and Sweden joining.

- If his objections are overcome and accession talks go as well as expected, the two could become members within a few months. The process usually takes eight to 12 months, but NATO wants to move quickly given the threat from Russia hanging over the Nordic countries' heads.
- Canada, for example, says that it expects to ratify their accession protocol in just a few days.
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is a military alliance established by the North Atlantic Treaty (also called the Washington Treaty) of April, 1949, by the United States, Canada, and several Western European nations to provide collective security against the Soviet Union.
- Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium.

NATO is committed to the peaceful resolution of disputes. If diplomatic efforts fail, it has the military power to undertake crisis-management operations.

- These are carried out under the collective defence clause of NATO's founding treaty - Article 5 of the Washington Treaty or under a United Nations mandate, alone or in cooperation with other countries and international organisations.
- NATO has only once invoked Article 5, on September 12, 2001 following the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center in the US

9. ODISHA BESTS KARNATAKA, CLINCHES THE TITLE



- Odisha claimed the honours at the 12th Hockey India senior women's National championship in Bhopal on Tuesday with a 2-0 win against Karnataka

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National News

1. UNION MINISTER ASHWINI VAISHNAW INAUGURATES NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (NIELIT) CENTRE AT LEH



- Union Cabinet Minister of Electronics & Information Technology, Communications and Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw has inaugurated the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) Centre Leh, Extension Centre Kargil and IT Enabled Incubation Centre for Handicraft and Handloom Sector.
- Union Minister, Sh. Ashwini Vaishnaw, while inaugurating the NIELIT Centres at Leh, Kargil and Incubation Centre at Leh, reiterated the commitment of the Hon'ble Prime Minister for the development of UT of Ladakh.
- He informed that after the abrogation of Article 370 and the formation of the new UT, the path of development in this area has opened manifolds.
- Any proposal related to IT Education, Training, and Incubation for the development of UT of Ladakh will be approved immediately by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

2. PM ADDRESSES UTKARSH SAMAROH IN GUJARAT'S BHARUCH MARKING 100 PERCENT SATURATION OF FOUR KEY BENEFICIARY SCHEMES OF STATE GOV



- Ruchi Soya, an edible oil company, has announced that it will buy Patanjali Ayurved's food division for Rs 690 crore.
- Ruchi Soya's transition to the fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) category is likely to be accelerated as a result of this.
- After regulatory permissions, the name of Ruchi Soya Industries Ltd would be changed to Patanjali Foods Ltd. Ghee, honey, spices, juices, and wheat are among the 21 products in the acquired food industry.
- According to a company source, Ruchi Soya will pay Patanjali Ayurved an annual royalty estimated at 1% of the gross turnover of the items under the transfer agreement.
- It's a debt-free transaction, with Ruchi Soya paying for it with internal accruals.
- With effect from, the board of Patanjali Ayurved has approved the transfer of food business to Ruchi Soya Industries.
- In trading, Ruchi Soya's shares closed 10% higher at Rs 1,192.15 per share.

3. RAJNATH SINGH LAUNCHES INDIA-MADE 'SURAT' AND 'UDAYGIRI' WARSHIPS IN MUMBAI



- Defence minister Rajnath Singh has launched two made-in-India warships INS 'Surat' and 'Udaygiri' at the Mazgaon Docks in Mumbai.
- This is the first time that the two indigenously built warships have been launched together, the Mazgaon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL).
- Both warships have been designed in-house by the Directorate of Naval Design (DND) and built at MDL, Mumbai.
- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Surat is the fourth destroyer in Project 15B which is named after the second-largest commercial hub of western India.
- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Udaygiri, named after a mountain range in Andhra Pradesh, is the third ship of Project 17A Frigates.
- It is a follow to the P17 Frigates (Shivalik Class) with improved stealth features, advanced weapons and sensors and platform management systems

4. PANEL OF PM'S OFFICE RECOMMENDS URBAN JOB GUARANTEE SCHEME



- The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) has recommended that the government implement a guaranteed employment programme for the unemployed in cities and implement a universal basic income (UBI) scheme to eliminate income gaps.
- Citing the country's uneven income distribution, the report also advocated raising the minimum wage and increasing government investment on the social sector to make vulnerable groups more resilient to shocks and prevent them from falling into poverty.
- According to the report that is titled, "The State of Inequality in India", given the disparity in labour force participation rates between rural and urban areas, the urban equivalent of demand-based and guaranteed employment programmes such as MGNREGS should be implemented so that surplus labour can be rehabilitated.
- It added that boosting the minimum wage and implementing universal basic income are two ideas that can help close the income gap and ensure that wages are distributed equally in the labour market.
- The EAC-PM stated that charting the mobility into and out of poverty is the most significant part of quantifying poverty in a multi-dimensional environment

5. WCR DEVELOPS BATTERY-OPERATED DUAL-MODE LOCOMOTIVE 'NAVDOOT'; RUNNING AT JABALPUR, MUDWARA, AND OTHER STATIONS ON TRIAL BASIS



- After e-bikes, e-cars, and e-bus in the country, now the dream of e-train is also going to

come true. West Central Railway has developed a battery-operated dual-mode locomotive named Navdoot.

- This engine runs on both modes i.e. battery and electricity. Currently, it is being used during shunting of trains at Jabalpur, Mudwara, and other stations on a trial basis.
- AIR correspondent reports that this e-engine can pull 18 coaches at a speed of 30 kmph.
- It has 84 batteries and has a capacity to pull 400 tonnes at present.
- Chief Public Relations Officer of West Central Railway Rahul Jaipuria told AIR that this innovation has been performed by the Electric Department of New Katni Junction.
- This Dual Mode Locomotive has also received the Best Innovation Award from the Railway Board.
- Railways will save 1000 liters of diesel every day with this new locomotive.

6. INDIA OVERTAKES GERMANY TO BECOME 4TH LARGEST VEHICLE MARKET



- According to the report released by Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles (OICA), India has surpassed Germany to become 4th largest vehicle market in the world.
- The 1st was occupied by China, followed by the US and Japan. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, India sold 3,759,398 vehicles in 2021 as compared to 2,973,319 vehicles in Germany.
- This is almost 26 per cent of growth and the only country to register double-digit growth among the top 5 countries.
- India is expected to become the third-largest Vehicle market by 2025, However, it requires India to surpass Japan which sold 4,448,340 units in 2021.
- The personal mobility space is around 33 vehicles per 1,000 which is one of the lowest compared to the developed market.
- The topmost position is secured by China however the automobile sales remained stagnant. Similarly, the United States of America (USA) too reported 4 per cent growth.

7. AFTER \$10.5-BN DEAL, ADANI MAKES OPEN OFFER FOR AMBUJA AND ACC STAKE



- A day after announcing a \$10.5-billion (about Rs 81,000-crore) deal to acquire Holcim's stake in Ambuja Cements and its subsidiary ACC, the Adani family on Monday made open offers to the public shareholders of the two companies which would cost the conglomerate Rs 31,139 crore.
- In a notice to the stock exchanges, ICICI Securities and Deutsche Equities India, the joint managers to the open offers, said that Holderfin BV, a company incorporated in the Netherlands, was selling its entire stake in HolderInd Investments, a Mauritius-based firm which owns stakes in Ambuja Cements and ACC. Ambuja, in turn, owns 50 per cent in ACC.
- On a combined basis, this would be among the largest open offers in the history of India's capital markets.

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1. KERALA TO LAUNCH INDIA'S FIRST STATE-OWNED OTT PLATFORM ON THIS DATE



- The Kerala government will launch a state-owned over-the-top (OTT) platform on November 1, offering film lovers an array of movies, short films and documentaries of their choice.
- Kerala will become the first state in India to have a state-owned OTT platform.
- Kerala Minister for Cultural Affairs Saji Cheriyan revealed the name of the OTT platform as CSPACE.
- CSPACE is an initiative of Kerala State Film Development Corporation (KSFDC) on behalf of the state government.
- The OTT platform will also showcase films with artistic value irrespective of their performance at the box office, along with internationally recognised and award-winning films, best films screened at the annual International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK), and short films and documentaries.
- The registration of films to be streamed on CSpace will begin on June 1.

2. PUNJAB CABINET APPROVES ₹1,500/ACRE FOR FARMERS OPTING FOR DIRECT SEEDING OF RICE



- The Punjab cabinet on Wednesday approved Rs 1,500 per acre incentive to farmers for sowing paddy through DSR (direct seeding of rice) technique.
- A sum of Rs 450 crore has been earmarked to provide incentive to farmers for promotion of the less water consuming and cost-effective DSR technique.
- The Punjab Cabinet has authorised a Rs 1,500 per acre incentive for farmers who grow paddy using the direct seeding of rice technology.
- A total of Rs 450 crore has been set aside to provide incentives to farmers who promote the DSR (Direct Seeding of Rice) technique, which uses less water and is more cost-effective.
- The incentive scheme was approved by the Cabinet in a meeting headed by chief minister Bhagwant Mann.

3. MADAM TUSSAUD MUSEUM TO START IN NOIDA NEXT MONTH



- The wax museum Madame Tussauds is returning to India. The museum will be located in a Noida mall.
- 50 Indian and international luminaries from sports, entertainment, history, and music will be featured at the new venue.
- Madame Tussauds India will let visitors to get up up and personal with celebrities as well as some of their most iconic moments.
- The museum first opened in Connaught Place, Delhi, in 2017, but was forced to close owing to the pandemic.

- DLF Mall of India, one of the country's major shopping malls, would be its new destination. The museum is open to the public under rigorous anti-Covid guidelines.
- Madame Tussauds has a 200-year history and legacy, having first opened its doors in London in 1835.

4. 17 MAY INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA, BIPHOBIA



- On May 17, the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia is commemorated, with the goal of coordinating international events to raise awareness of LGBT rights violations and inspire interest in LGBT rights work around the world.
- There had been commemorations in over 130 countries till now. Despite progress, consensual same-sex relationships are still illegal in nearly 70 nations.
- Only one out of every three countries protects people from discrimination based on sexual orientation, one out of every ten protects people based on gender identity, and a minority protect people based on sex characteristics.

5. TESLA'S REMOVAL FROM S&P INDEX SPARKS DEBATE ABOUT ESG RATINGS



- Tesla Inc has been excluded from S&P Dow Jones Indices' widely watched S&P 500 ESG Index, citing issues such as racial discrimination accusations and crashes tied to its autopilot vehicles, a move that provoked a series of angry tweets from Tesla CEO Elon Musk.
- Tesla's lack of disclosed details relating to its low-carbon plan or business behaviour norms were also significant factors, according to Margaret Dorn, the organization's head of ESG indices for North America, in an interview.
- Even if Tesla's electric cars help to reduce emissions, Dorn believes that the firm's flaws and lack of disclosures in comparison to industry rivals should raise concerns for investors evaluating the company based on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) standards.
- Tesla officials did not react to inquiries right away. Tesla CEO Elon Musk, meanwhile, tweeted on Wednesday after the index revisions that ESG is a hoax.
- Fake social justice warriors have turned it into a weapon.

6. GOPAL VITTAL APPOINTED AS BOARD MEMBER OF GSMA



- Bharti Airtel board has reappointed Gopal Vittal as Managing Director & CEO for a further period of five years ending on January 31, 2028.
- The reappointment came on a day the telco posted a consolidated net profit at Rs 2,007.8 crore in the March quarter, up 141% sequentially and 164% on the year.
- Analysts had an estimated net profit of around Rs 1,970 crore.
- This was Airtel's sixth successive quarter in the black after six straight losses earlier.
- For the India business, its revenue growth stood at 23 per cent during the fourth quarter, while mobile revenues rose 21 per cent on the back of an increase in Average Revenue Per User ARPU led by healthy flow-through of tariff revision and strong 4G customer additions during the year.

7. AJAY PIRAMAL RECEIVES ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE AWARD



- Chairman of the Piramal Group, Ajay Piramal has received an honorary Commander of

the Order of the British Empire (CBE) by Her Majesty The Queen.

- He received the award for services to the UK-India trade relationship as India Co-Chair of the UK-India CEO Forum.
- As co-chair of the India-UK CEO forum since 2016, the endeavor has been to help strengthen the strong bilateral relations between the two countries through greater economic cooperation.
- A prominent national role of a lesser degree, a conspicuous leading role in regional affairs through achievement or service to the community, or a highly distinguished, innovative contribution in his or her area of activity.
- The award was Instituted in 1917 by King George V.

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1. RAILWAY MINISTER ASHWINI VAISHNAW INSPECTS MANUFACTURING OF MODERN TRAINS IN INTEGRATED COACH FACTORY IN CHENNAI



- Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has said that the manufacturing of the semi hi-speed Vande Bharat train sets are on fast track.
- He inspected the manufacturing of the modern trains in the Integrated Coach Factory (ICF) in Chennai today.
- He flagged off 12-thousandth LHB-type coaches that were readied in the ICF and also interacted with its workers.
- Later, in a tweet, he said the manufacturing process is going on a fast track.
- Earlier, the Minister inspected the Egmore Station in Chennai last night. He told reporters

that the Indian Railways is undergoing transformation to provide world class services to the public.

- He said, it will help in the transformation of the Indian economy as well. He added that, on the lines of the redevelopment of the Gandhi Nagar Station in Gujarat and Rani Kamlapati Station in Madhya Pradesh, many more are being redeveloped.
- They include Chennai Egmore, Kanyakumari, Madurai, Rameswaram and Katpadi stations in Tamil Nadu in the first phase.

2. PM MODI TO PARTICIPATE IN QUAD LEADERS' SUMMIT IN TOKYO ON MAY 24



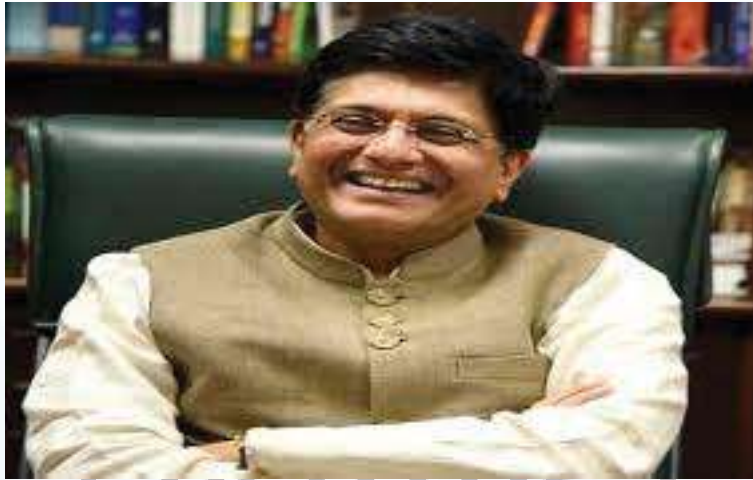
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the Quad Leaders' Summit in Tokyo on 24th of this month at the invitation of Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.
- US President Joe Biden, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and the Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida will participate in the summit.
- Briefing media in New Delhi this evening, External Affairs Ministry Spokesman Arindam Bagchi said, the summit in Tokyo is the fourth interaction of Quad Leaders since their first virtual meeting in March last year.
- He said, the forthcoming Quad Summit provides an opportunity to the leaders to exchange views about developments in the Indo-Pacific region and contemporary global issues of mutual interest.
- The leaders will review progress of Quad Initiatives and Working Groups, identify new areas of cooperation and provide strategic guidance and vision for future collaborations.

3. ANTI-TERRORISM DAY IS BEING OBSERVED ON 21ST MAY



- Today is Anti-Terrorism Day and it is observed on 21st of May every year. The day is highly important for the nation as it has been a victim of terror attacks for several years.
- The objective behind the observance of this day is to wean away from the youth from terrorism and the cult of violence by highlighting the sufferings of common people and showing how it is prejudicial to the national interest.
- Meanwhile, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu said that terrorism is a grave threat to humanity and world peace.
- In a series of tweets today, he said, terrorism has adversely affected the lives of innumerable innocent people across the world.
- Mr. Naidu paid tributes to the countless brave men and women who have made many sacrifices in the fight against terrorism.
- He urged the countrymen to take resolve to eliminate the scourge of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.
- Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha also in a tweet today said that terrorism is the gravest threat to peace and prosperity

4. UNION MINISTER PIYUSH GOYAL TO LEAD INDIAN DELEGATION AT WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM IN DAVOS FROM TOMORROW



- Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will lead the Indian delegation at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos from 22nd to 26th of this month.
- The delegation will include Health and Family Welfare Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, and Chief Ministers and Senior Ministers of six states - Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Telangana.
- Several industry leaders will also participate in the deliberations of World Economic Forum.
- This event would further help reinforce country's position as an important and relevant stakeholder in shaping the global narrative, particularly as India assumes Presidency of the G-20 next year.
- The WEF will also be a platform to project India as an attractive investment destination in view of its robust economic growth and stable macroeconomic indicators.

5. UNION MINISTER BHUPENDER YADAV ADDRESSES 8TH BRICS ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS MEETING



- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav participated in the 8th BRICS Environment Ministers Meeting which was held virtually under Presidency of China.
- The theme of the meeting was 'Foster High-Quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era for Global Development'. Ministers and delegates from Brazil, Russia and South Africa also participated in the meeting.
- Addressing the Meeting, Mr Yadav mentioned about the significance and important role of the BRICS nations while combatting the global environmental and climate change challenges.
- He highlighted historical responsibility of developed countries for consuming the carbon budget; equity at all scales in climate action and sustainable development and fulfilment of commitments made by the Developed Countries on climate finance and transfer of technology.

6. NATIONAL MISSION FOR CLEAN GANGA APPROVES 11 PROJECTS WORTH RS 660 CRORE



- Executive Committee of National Mission for Clean Ganga has approved 11 projects

with an estimated cost of around 660 crore rupees.

- The decision was taken in the 42nd Meeting of the Executive Committee which was held yesterday under the chairmanship of Director General G. Ashok Kumar.
- Several projects for different parts of the country were approved during the meeting.
- In addition to this, two projects of River Front Development in Badrinath were also given a go ahead.
- One of these projects include construction of river embankment, promenade, public amenities like drinking water facility, public toilets, seating space, pavilions and ghats along River Ganga.
- Two big projects for Septage Management in Uttarakhand and West Bengal were also approved in the meeting.

7. NATGEO INSTALLED WORLD'S HIGHEST WEATHER STATION ON MT. EVEREST



- National Geographic Society has installed the “world’s highest weather station” on Mount Everest at an altitude of 8,830 metres to automatically measure various meteorological phenomena.
- Nepal’s Department of Hydrology and Meteorology (DHM) said the automatic weather station was installed a few metres below the summit point last week as the snow and ice on the summit are not suitable for fixing equipment.
- The weather monitoring system, powered by solar energy, is supposed to measure various meteorological phenomena like air temperature, wind speed and direction, air pressure, change in surface height of snow, and incoming and outgoing short and longwave radiation.
- Under the MoU, the National Geographic team will fully operate the stations till 2025 before transferring the technology to the Nepal government in 2026, the report said.
- According to Chinese media reports, Beijing has eight stations set up from 5,200 metres to 8,800 metres on Mount Everest, with four stations exceeding 7,000 metres at 7,028 metres, 7,790 metres, 8,300 metres, and 8,800 metres.

8. ADANI BECOMES FOURTH INDIAN GROUP TO ACQUIRE FRANCHISE IN UAE'S T20 LEAGUE



- Adani Sportsline, a division of the diverse Adani Group, has created history by gaining the rights to own and manage a franchise in the UAE's top T20 competition.
- The UAE T20 League, which is licenced by the Emirates Cricket Board, is an annual event that will include six franchise teams participating in a 34-match tournament.
- The line-ups of various teams are likely to include top players from all cricket-playing countries.
- The league would provide future young cricketers a platform and exposure.

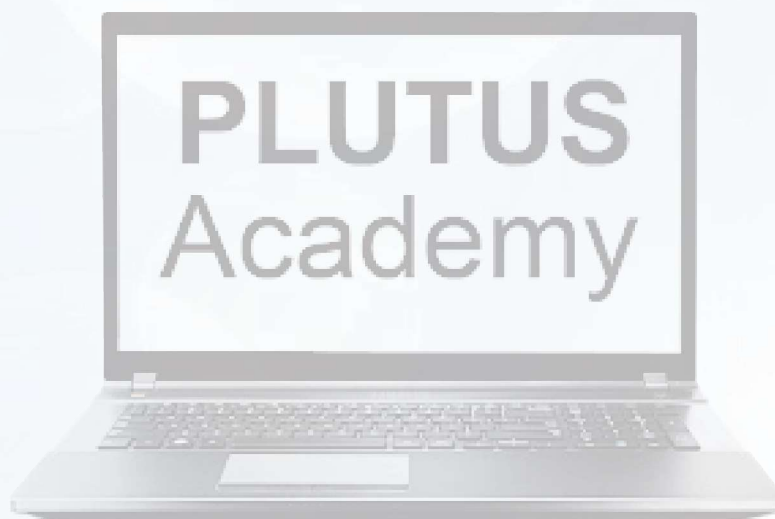
9. WORLD METROLOGY DAY 2022



- World Metrology Day(WMD) is annually observed across the globe on 20th May to create awareness about the Metrology, the science of measurement and its application.

- The day highlights the use of Metrology in scientific fields, innovation, industries, trading and other fields.
- The day is an annual celebration of the signing of the Metre Convention on 20th May 1875.
- The theme for World Metrology Day 2022 is Metrology in the Digital Era.
- This theme was chosen because digital technology is revolutionizing our community, and is one of the most exciting trends in society today.

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1. INDIA TO CLASH WITH PAKISTAN IN FIRST MATCH OF 11TH ASIA CUP HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP IN JAKARTA



- Arch-rivals India and Pakistan will meet in their first match of the 11th edition of the Asia Cup hockey championship at the GBK Arena in Jakarta, Indonesia, today. The match will begin at 5 PM Indian time.
- Defending champion India has been placed in the Pool A with Pakistan, Japan, and hosts Indonesia.
- India will take on Asian Games gold medallists Japan in their second match on May 24 and meet hosts Indonesia on May 26, to round off their league engagements.
- India and Pakistan have won the tournament three times each, while South Korea is the most successful team, having clinched the title four times in 10 previous editions.
- In the previous edition of the continental tournament, which is also the World

Cup qualifier, India had defeated Malaysia 2-1 in the final held in Dhaka.

- The top three teams at the end of the Asia Cup will qualify for next year's FIH Hockey World Cup, to be held in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela.

2. FRENCH OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT BEGINS AT ROLAND GARROS IN PARIS



- French Open Tennis tournament, the second Grand Slam event of the year, has begun at Roland Garros in Paris.
- The Day 1 of the tournament witnessed a major upset as World No.6 Ons Jabeur gets knocked out in the first round of Women's Singles.
- The Tunisian star lost to Poland's 56th-ranked Magda Linette 3-6, 7-6 (7/4), 7-5.
- Two-time French Open runner-up Dominic Thiem also crashed out in the first round of Men's Singles, losing 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 to Hugo Dellien of Bolivia.

3. MANCHESTER CITY CROWNED 2021/22 PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



- In Football, Manchester City have been crowned 2021/22 Premier League champions their fourth title success in the last five seasons.
- Manchester City's dramatic 3-2 win over Aston Villa in the final game of the season sealed the title and saw them finish one point ahead of second-place Liverpool at the end of a grueling battle for supremacy.
- In Manchester City's 38 league matches this season, they have won 29, drawn six, and lost three, scoring 99 goals in the process.

4. CITIZENS CAN NOW USE MYGOV HELPDESK ON WHATSAPP TO ACCESS DIGILOCKER SERVICE



- In a major initiative to make government services accessible, inclusive, transparent, and simple, MyGov today announced that citizens will now be able to use the MyGov Helpdesk on WhatsApp to access the Digilocker service.
- This includes creating and authenticating their Digilocker account, and downloading documents including PAN card, driving license, and vehicle registration certificate all on WhatsApp.
- The centre has been working for Ease of Living through Digital India. In this context, the MyGov Helpdesk on WhatsApp is a major step to ensure governance and government services at the fingertips of citizens.
- MyGov Helpdesk will now offer a suite of services for integrated citizen support and efficient governance, starting with Digilocker services.
- The new service will enable citizens to access the following
- documents with ease and convenience, from the safety of their homes.
- WhatsApp users across the country can use the chatbot by simply sending 'Namaste or Hi or Digilocker' to the WhatsApp number 91 9013151515

5. WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM MEETING BEGINS MINISTER PIYUSH GOYAL LEADS INDIAN DELEGATION



- The Annual Meeting of World Economic Forum will begin today at Davos in Switzerland. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will lead the Indian delegation at the five-day meet.
- The delegation will include Health and Family Welfare Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Chief Ministers and Senior Ministers of six states - Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Telangana. Several industry leaders will also participate in the deliberations of World Economic Forum.
- This event would further help reinforce country's position as an important and relevant stakeholder in shaping the global narrative, particularly as India assumes Presidency of the G-20 next year.

6. YEAR-LONG CELEBRATIONS OF 250TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF RAJA RAM MOHAN ROY BEGINS



- On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of independence, the Central

government has taken the initiative to increase expansion of general libraries in the country as a means of expanding public education.

- This was stated by the Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, Shri G. Kisan Reddy, while participating in a virtual event at the Science City Auditorium in Kolkata today to mark the 250th Birth Anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy.
- He called upon the states and Union Territories to take the lead in this endeavor.
- Shri Reddy said that Raja Ram Mohan Roy, as a pioneer of renaissance, realized the importance of spreading universal education in social reform.
- In order to honour great men like him, initiatives have been taken to strengthen the country's library network as part of the nectar festival of independence.

7. FOURTH EDITION OF INDIAN NAVY-BANGLADESH NAVY COORDINATED PATROL CORPAT



- The fourth edition of the Indian Navy-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Patrol CORPAT commenced in the Northern Bay of Bengal today.
- Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy units will undertake joint patrolling along the International Maritime Boundary Line IMBL till tomorrow.
- The last IN-BN CORPAT was conducted in October 2020.
- Two indigenously built IN Ships - Kora, a guided-missile corvette and Sumedha, an offshore patrol vessel are participating in the exercise along with Bangladesh Navy Ships BNS Ali Haider and BNS Abu Ubaidah.
- In addition, Maritime Patrol Aircraft of both navies would also be participating in the Coordinated Patrol.

8. BELGIUM BECOMES FIRST COUNTRY TO MAKE QUARANTINE COMPULSORY FOR MONKEYPOX PATIENTS



- Belgium has become the first country to make a 21-day quarantine compulsory for monkeypox patients after four cases of the disease were reported last week.
- Taking to Twitter, the microbiologist Emmanuel Andre, who is in charge of the National Reference Lab for COVID-19 in Belgium, yesterday said that the fourth case has been confirmed in the country.
- Monkeypox is a disease in the same family as smallpox and symptoms include a distinct bumpy rash, a fever, sore muscles, and a headache.
- Monkeypox is less deadly than smallpox, with a mortality rate below four percent, but experts are worried about the unusual spread of the disease beyond Africa where it usually circulates.

9. LABOUR PARTY LEADER ANTHONY ALBANESE SWORN IN AS AUSTRALIA'S NEW PM



- Labour Party leader Anthony Albanese was today sworn in as Australia's new Prime Minister.
- He was sworn in with four key Cabinet members, including new Foreign Minister Penny Wong.
- Richard Marles is the new Deputy Prime Minister and Employment Minister, Jim Chalmers is Treasurer, and Katy Gallagher is Attorney General and Finance Minister.
- Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's centre-left Labour Party ousted predecessor Scott Morrison's conservative coalition in Saturday's election.
- The coalition had been in power under three Prime
- Ministers for nine years. It is Australia's first Labour Government in almost a decade.

10. LABOUR PARTY LEADER ANTHONY ALBANESE SWORN IN AS AUSTRALIA'S NEW PM



- IT major Infosys announced that its Board of Directors has reappointed Salil S. Parekh as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director (CEO & MD) of the Company effective from July 1, 2022, for a period of five years till March 31, 2027, subject to the approval of shareholders.
- This is based on the recommendations of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC) and is subject to the approval of shareholders.
- Salil Parekh has been the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Infosys since January 2018 and has successfully led Infosys over the last 4 years.
- He has more than thirty years of global experience in the IT services industry with a strong track record of driving digital transformation for enterprises, executing business turnarounds, and managing successful acquisitions.

11. WORLD TURTLE DAY: HISTORY & SIGNIFICANCE



- The world celebrates World Turtle Day on May 23.
- The goal of this day is to spread information about these animals and encourage people to work to protect them.
- The American Tortoise Rescue (ATR) came up with World
- Turtle Day in 1990. It is a non-profit organisation that rescues and rehabilitates all tortoise and turtle species.
- The day was made so that people could celebrate turtles and also take part in programmes to protect turtles and tortoises.
- Turtles are one of the world's oldest reptile groups, dating back much further than snakes, crocodiles, and alligators.
- These organisms predate dinosaurs, having evolved 250 million years earlier. Apparently, there are 300 kinds of turtles in the world, with 129 of them being endangered.

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1. QUAD LEADERS REAFFIRM MAINTAINING PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION



- Quad Leaders today reiterated their strong resolve to maintain the peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese of Australia, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida of Japan, and US President Joe Biden renewed their steadfast commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific that is inclusive and resilient.
- In a statement issued after the four leaders met in Tokyo, they reaffirmed their unwavering support for ASEAN unity and centrality and for the practical implementation of ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific.
- The leaders welcomed the EU's Joint Communication on the EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific which was announced in September 2021 and increased European engagement in the Indo-Pacific region.
- They said, the Quad is a force for good, committed to bringing tangible benefits to the region.
- The leaders reaffirmed their resolve to uphold the international rules-based order where countries are free from all forms of military, economic and political coercion.
- The leaders reiterated their commitment to the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, consistent with United Nations Security Council Resolutions.

2. PBKS SHIKHAR DHAWAN BECOMES FIRST PLAYER TO HIT 700 FOURS IN IPL



- Punjab Kings opening batter Shikhar Dhawan has become the first player to hit 700 fours in the history of the IPL.
- Dhawan reached this feat during the last league stage match of IPL 2022, between PBKS and Sunrisers Hyderabad, at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on Sunday.
- The batter has now a total of 701 IPL fours to his name. He is followed by David Warner and Virat Kohli, with 577 and 576 fours, respectively.

3. INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY: 22ND MAY



- Today is the International Day for Biological Diversity. The term Biodiversity refers to the diversity and variability of life on Earth.
- The United Nations General Assembly designated May 22 as International Day for Biological Diversity in December 2000.
- The day is celebrated to raise awareness about the environment and all species that live on this planet.
- The theme of this year's International Day For Biological Diversity is -Building a shared future for all life.
- Speaking to All India Radio, Professor and noted environmentalist CK

Varshney said that the time has come to stop abusing nature and protect it for future generations.

- Prof Varshney also said that the high emissions of carbon dioxide is resulting in global warming and added that only planting more trees can save earth from the rising temperatures.

4. 10-YR-OLD MUMBAI GIRL BECOMES YOUNGEST INDIAN TO SUMMIT EVEREST BASE CAMP SITUATED AT 5,364 METERS



- A little 10-year-old champion skater from Worli, Rhythm Mamania, has become one of the youngest Indian mountaineers to summit the Everest Base Camp (EBC) in the Himalayan ranges in Nepal.
- She has joined young Indian climbers to climb the base camp.
- Rhythm has achieved a rare feat by completing the climb to the base camp at an altitude of 5,364 meters in 11 days.

5. VERSTAPPEN WINS SPANISH GRAND PRIX, LEADS CHAMPIONSHIP



- Formula One world champion, Max Verstappen won the Spanish Grand Prix

in a Red Bull to take over at the top from Ferrari's Charles Leclerc, who retired with an engine failure while leading at Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya.

- Mexican Sergio Perez finished second, 13 seconds behind but with the consolation of a bonus point for fastest lap, after being told to let his teammate pass for a third victory in a row after Imola and Miami.
- Britain's George Russell came third for a revived Mercedes and after going wheel-to-wheel with Verstappen early on in a thrilling display of defensive driving as they battled for second place behind Leclerc.

6. INDIAN TEEN R PRAGGNANANDHAA STUNS MAGNUS CARLSEN ONCE AGAIN TO BAG WIN AT CHESSABLE



- Indian teenager Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa stunned world champion Magnus Carlsen for the second time this year as he claimed victory over the Norwegian at the Chessable Masters online rapid chess tournament on Friday.
- The 16-year-old, who also won their duel at the Airthings Masters in February, took advantage of a one-move blunder by Carlsen in the closing stages to stay in the hunt for a place in the knockout stages.
- Praggnandha took his tally to 12 points while Carlsen was 2nd on the leaderboard behind China's Wei Yi on Day 2 of the tournament.
- Abhimanyu Mishra, the youngest Grand Master in the world, is also part of the 16-man tournament.

7. KHADI COMMISSION HEAD VINAI KUMAR SAXENA IS DELHI'S NEW LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



- Vinai Kumar Saxena, currently serving as the chairperson of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor (L-G) of Delhi.
- According to officials, the President of India has accepted the resignation of former L-G Anil Baijal and appointed Saxena as his successor.
- Saxena, 64, completed his graduation from Kanpur University. According to his profile on the KVIC website, he also has a pilot's licence and is a "philanthropist in vision and corporate scientist in action".
- He was appointed as the chairman of KVIC in October 2015.
- Over the last seven years, he has worked on schemes and products such as 'Honey Mission', 'Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana', 'Leather Artisans' Empowerment', Khadi Prakritik Paint, Project RE-HAB, Khadi Fabric Footwear and Plastic-mixed handmade paper.

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National News

1. THIRD EDITION OF INDIA-BANGLADESH NAVY EXERCISE BEGINS AT MONGLA PORT



- The third edition of Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy Bilateral exercise Bongsagar commenced at Port Mongla, Bangladesh. The Harbour Phase of exercise is underway.
- It will be followed by a Sea Phase in the Northern Bay of Bengal starting tomorrow.
- Exercise Bongsagar is aimed at developing a high degree of interoperability and joint operational skills through the conduct of a wide spectrum of maritime exercises and operations between the two navies.
- Indian Naval Ships Kora, an indigenously built Guided Missile Corvette, and Sumedha, an indigenously built Offshore Patrol Vessel are participating in the Exercise.
- Bangladesh Navy is being represented by BNS Abu Ubaidah and Ali Haider, both Guided Missile Frigates.
- The harbour phase of the exercise includes professional and social interactions and friendly sporting fixtures, in addition to the tactical level planning discussions on the conduct of the exercises at sea.

2. BANGLADESH: BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF POET KAZI NAZRUL ISLAM IS BEING CELEBRATED



- The 123rd birth anniversary of the national poet of Bangladesh Kazi Nazrul Islam is being celebrated in the country on Wednesday.
- Cultural and social organisations across the country are organising programmes on this occasion to pay tribute to poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.
- The birth anniversary programme of the poet started with the Minister of State for Culture KM Khalid laying a wreath on the grave of Kazi Nazrul Islam in the Dhaka University area early in the morning.
- Other eminent personalities such as Director-General of Bangla Academy, Poet Muhammad Nurul Huda, Director General of National Museum Khondakar Mostafizur Rahman and senior officials from the government also paid floral tribute to the poet.
- After a gap of two years, programmes with off-line participation of the audiences and the artists are taking place in the country as covid situation has eased substantially.
- The government of Bangladesh has announced the theme of the birth centenary of Kazi Nazrul as 'Rebel's Centenary'.

3. WHO DIRECTOR-GENERAL TEDROS RE-ELECTED FOR SECOND TERM



- World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has been reelected for the second term.
- In a tweet, the WHO said, the World Health Assembly Member states re-elected Dr Tedros to serve a second five-year term as Director-General of the WHO.
- His new mandate officially commences on 16th August, this year. His re-election was confirmed during the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva.
- He was the sole candidate. Dr Tedros was first elected in 2017.
- After re-election, Dr. Tedros said, he is humbled by the opportunity provided by Member States to serve a second term.

4. WORLD THYROID DAY IS BEING OBSERVED TODAY



- Today is World Thyroid Day. The day is observed on 25th of May every year to promote awareness and understanding of Thyroid diseases, their symptoms, prevention, and treatments.
- It is dedicated to those suffering from Thyroid and all those working around the world to better understand and treat Thyroid disorders.
- The day was officially adopted as World Thyroid Day during the Annual General Meeting prior to the European Thyroid Association (ETA) Congress in September 2007.
- AIR correspondent reports that as per a report by Public Health Update, globally, more than 200 million people are estimated to be dealing with Thyroid disorders and 50 percent of these cases remain undiagnosed

5. HEALTH MINISTER MANSUKH MANDAVIYA ADDRESSES 75TH SESSION OF WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY IN GENEVA



- Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya today stressed on the need to build a resilient Global Supply Chain to enable equitable access to vaccines and medicines.
- Addressing the 75th session of World Health Assembly in Geneva, the Minister called for streamlining WHO's approval process for vaccines and therapeutics and strengthen WHO to build a more resilient global health security architecture.
- Mr. Mandaviya reiterated India's commitment to build a more resilient global health security architecture.
- The Minister noted that India believes that this year's theme linking peace and health, is timely and pertinent because there can be no sustainable development and universal health and wellbeing without peace.
- At the session, India also raised dismay and concern over WHO's recent exercise on all cause excess mortality, where country-specific authentic data published by the statutory authority has not been taken into account.

6. IAF RANKS 3RD ON WORLD AIR POWER INDEX



- World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA) has released the World Air Powers Ranking of 2022.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) has been placed at the third position on the World Air Power Index in terms of the total fighting strength of the various air services of different nations of the world.
- This report has placed the Indian Air Force (IAF) above the Chinese Aviation based armed forces (PLAAF), Japan Air Self-Preservation Power (JASDF), Israeli Aviation based armed forces, and French Air and Space Power.
- The report says that the Indian Air Force (IAF) currently counts 1,645 total units in its active aircraft inventory.
- The Global Air Powers Ranking (2022) report has given the highest TvR score to the United States Air Force (USAF).
- It comprises a broad mix of aircraft types and many products are locally sourced from the massive industrial base of the country.
- The highest attainable TvR score is 242.9 held by the United States Air Force (USAF).

7. VETERAN COMMUNIST LEADER SHIVAJI PATNAIK PASSES AWAY



- Veteran Communist leader and three-time Member of Parliament, Shivaji Patnaik passed away at the age of 93. Shivaji Patnaik is lauded as the founder of CPI (Marxist) in Odisha.
- He was born on August 10, 1930, the veteran leader had joined the State student's movement at the age of 17 when he was studying in Ravenshaw College.
- He had a crucial role in the formation of CPI(M) when the Communist party faced division in 1964.
- He remained the party secretary from 1971 to 1990. He was also elected to the Central Committee of the party.

8. UP ENERGY MINISTER AK SHARMA LAUNCHES 'SAMBHAV' PORTAL TO MONITOR GRIEVANCES, SCHEMES



- Minister for energy and urban development AK Sharma on Wednesday launched 'SAMBHAV' (sambhav.up.gov.in) platform/portal that will monitor the grievances, schemes, programmes and policies of the departments under him.
- "SAMBHAV is a multi-modal platform which has been launched to dispose public grievances swiftly and effectively and provide good governance and make the public service delivery transparent and accountable.
- SAMBHAV will work as an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) platform for flagging grievances received from the public to the concerning officers who have been provided login IDs.
- The officers are required to feed their response and action taken report (ATRs) on the issues concerned.
- The portal will also have the facility of videoconferencing and teleconferencing for dialogue with the officials.
- The portal will take grievances and issues from various sources, including pending cases and grievances under the chief minister's Jan Sunwai/ Integrated Grievance Redressal System (IGRS) system.

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1. NARINDER BATRA STEPS DOWN AS PRESIDENT OF INDIAN OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION



- Narinder Batra has tendered his resignation from the post of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president.
- Mr Batra also confirmed that he will not be running again for IOA president. He is also the president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH).
- In a letter, Batra said that his association with FIH as its president will require more time due to various initiatives taken by the organisation.
- Batra added that it's time for someone with a fresh mind and ideas to succeed him into the role to which he was elected in 2017.

2. PRESIDENT KOVIND INAUGURATES NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF WOMAN LEGISLATORS IN THIRUVANANTHAPURAM



- President Ram Nath Kovind has recalled the inspiring contributions of women

who made relentless fight for liberation from colonialism and said that India's freedom struggle has laid the foundation for gender equality in the country.

- The President was addressing the national conference of woman legislators in Thiruvananthapuram today.
- He said, women are entering more challenging spheres of life and as a powerful force, women have shown their might in help fighting out the Covid-19 pandemic in the country.
- Hailing Kerala's women empowerment initiatives Mr. Ram Nath Kovind noted that of the 15 women the Constituent Assembly had, three were from Kerala.
- He contended that women have always participated in the freedom struggle of the country starting from the 19th century.
- He said that the Non-Cooperation Movement and Quit India movement have had remarkable participation by women under the able guidance of Gandhiji.

3. INDIA'S BIGGEST DRONE FESTIVAL-BHARAT DRONE MAHOTSAV 2022 TO BE INAUGURATED BY PRIME MINISTER TOMORROW IN NEW DELHI



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate India's biggest Drone Festival-Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022 tomorrow at 10 AM at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.
- The Prime Minister will interact with Kisan drone pilots.
- He will witness open-air drone demonstrations and interact with startups in the drone exhibition centre.
- During this two-day Bharat Drone Mahotsav, over 1600 delegates will participate.
- Several industry leaders, government officials, foreign diplomats,

representatives from Public Sector Units, private companies and drone startups will participate in the Mahotsav and deliberate upon India's Civil Aviation sector.

4. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION RELEASES NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SURVEY 2021 REPORT



- Department of School Education and Literacy has released the National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 report.
- It assesses the health of school education system in the country by conducting comprehensive evaluation survey of children's learning competencies at classes 3, 5, 8 and 10th with a cycle period of three years.
- The report reflects the overall assessment of school education system. The last National Achievement Survey was held in 2017. The NAS 2021 was held on 12th of November last year at all India level and covered Government Schools, Government Aided Schools and Private Unaided Schools.
- About 34 lakh students of 1.18 lakh schools in 720 districts from both rural and urban areas have participated in NAS 2021.
- The National Report Card has been released and placed in the public domain on nas.gov.in

5. CAPTAIN ABHILASHA BARAK BECOMES FIRST WOMAN COMBAT PILOT IN ARMY



- Captain Abhilasha Barak has become the first woman officer to join the Army Aviation Corps as a combat aviator after successful completion of training.
- She was awarded the coveted wings along with 36 other army pilots by the Director-General and Colonel Commandant of Army Aviation during a valedictory ceremony in Nashik yesterday. Abhilasha Barak hails from Haryana.

6. JSW APPOINTS MR GAURAV SACHDEVA AS CEO OF JSW ONE PLATFORMS



- JSW group has appointed Gaurav Sachdeva as the CEO of JSW One Platforms, an e-commerce venture of the group.
- He has transitioned from his role at JSW Ventures where he led venture capital investments for the fund.
- In his role as the CEO of JSW One Platforms, Sachdeva will aim to create a nimble organization backed by the credibility and scale of JSW Group that

will ease buying and selling of steel and other products for manufacturing and construction MSMEs in the country

7. ROLLS-ROYCE INDIA PRESIDENT KISHORE JAYARAMAN RECEIVES HONORARY BRITISH AWARD BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN



- Kishore Jayaraman, President, India and South Asia for Rolls-Royce, has received an honorary Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) by Her Majesty The Queen, British Deputy High Commission.
- Jayaraman is a board member of the U.K.-India Business Council, which supports U.K. businesses set up in India.
- He has also been instrumental in promoting bilateral ties by setting up a strategic ecosystem for boosting manufacturing in India enabled by U.K.'s technology.
- Under his leadership, the company set up the 'Engineering Centre' in Bengaluru in 2015, 'Digital Centre of Excellence' with over 60 digital technologists in 2017, and its first 'Start-up Accelerator Programme' in India in 2019.

8. INDIA'S HEALTH SECY MADE CHAIRPERSON OF KEY WHO PANEL AT 75TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY



- Union Health Secretary, Rajesh Bhushan has been appointed as the chairperson of the Committee B at the 75th World Health Assembly (WHA).
- Committee B primarily discusses administrative and financial matters of the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Each year, the World Health Assembly has a long and complex list of health challenges and responses to review and the Assembly functions through two committees — A and B.
- Committee B will discuss and prepare a report on many important issues which includes health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory including East Jerusalem and the occupied Syrian Golan

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National News

1. FINTECH STARTUP MAHAGRAM PARTNERS WITH INDUSIND BANK TO NURTURE DIGITAL PAYMENTS



IndusInd Bank

- Rural NEO Bank Mahagram has tied up with the IndusInd Bank to digitize the nation's payment ecosystem and provide a wider scope to transact for its customers in rural India.
- Mahagram was launched with a vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.
- The partnership between the two aims to boost financial inclusion, encourage socio-economic development, mitigate the risks of a shadow economy, and accelerate the growth of a cashless society.
- This association will also ensure the building of an efficient, reliable, and secure payment ecosystem, which will not only promote and encourage the use of e-payments methods but will also help merchants across the country to accept digital payments easily, making it more accessible for everyone.

2. PM MODI CHAIRS 40TH PRAGATI INTERACTION



- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has urged infrastructure agencies to map their projects with the water bodies being constructed under the Amrit Sarovar.
- Mr Modi stated that this would be a win-win situation because the material needed for the Amrit Sarovars could be used by the agencies for public works.
- The Prime Minister presided over the 40th edition of PRAGATI, an ICT-based multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation that brings together the Centre and State governments.
- Nine agenda items, comprising eight projects and one programme, were reviewed during the meeting.
- The total cost of these eight projects in the 14 states is around 59 thousand 900 million rupees.
- Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Sikkim are among the states involved.
- Prime Minister Modi also discussed the 'National Broadband Mission' programme at the meeting. States and agencies were asked to use the centralised Gati Shakti Sanchar Portal to ensure that Right of Way (RoW) applications were processed quickly

3. INDIA BEATS INDONESIA 16-0 IN ASIA CUP 2022 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



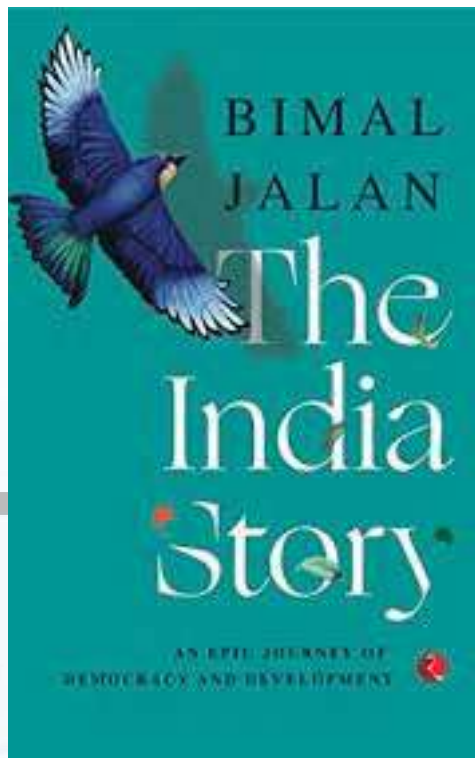
- Knowing that their fate wasn't in their hands, a nervous Indian hockey team was silently but keenly watching the Japan vs Pakistan clash from the stands of the GBK Sports Complex in Jakarta on Thursday.
- Only a win for Japan would hand India a distant opportunity of progressing in the Asia Cup. And the lifeline was given when Japan won 3-2.
- By virtue of the victory, India also knocked out neighbours Pakistan out of the eight-team competition, ending their hopes of qualifying for the 2023 World Cup.
- Japan topped the pool with nine points with India and Pakistan finishing with four but the former advanced on better goal difference (+13 to +12).

4. SC BRINGS PRAFUL PATEL ERA IN INDIAN FOOTBALL TO AN END



- The Supreme Court today appointed a three-member Committee of Administrators (CoA) to oversee the affairs of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and the adoption of its constitution in accordance with the National Sports Code and model guidelines, led by former apex court judge AR Dave.
- The COA will include two previous members — Dr SY Qureshi, former Chief Election Commissioner, and Bhaskar Ganguly, former captain of the Indian Football Team, in addition to Retired Justice Dave, according to a bench of Justices DY Chandrachud, Surya Kant, and PS Narasimha.
- The top court stated that the current state of affairs in the AIFF is not conducive to the federation's legitimate governance.
- It instructed the CoA to assume control of the AIFF immediately and oversee the AIFF's approval of the constitution.

5. FORMER RBI GOVERNOR BIMAL JALAN PEN'S 'THE INDIA STORY'



- Former RBI governor Bimal Jalan writes a new book titled 'The India Story'.
- The book focuses on India's economic history and aims to provide lessons for the future of India's political economy.
- He traces India's economic policies from 1991 to 2019 to offer insights on learning from the past, before moving
- 'Beyond the Metrics of Economy' to talk about the role of governance in implementing these policies.
- He also authored the books 'India Then and Now', 'India Ahead'.

6. 'MADE IN INDIA' SKIN TEST FOR TUBERCULOSIS TO BE INTRODUCED SOON: MANDAVIYA



- India will introduce a newly approved “made in India” TB infection skin test called ‘c-TB’, said Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.
- This cost-effective tool will be of immense benefit to other high burden countries as well.
- A new initiative, “Adopt people with TB” will be launched this year, based on Indian values of collectivism, which will call upon corporates, industries, organisations, political parties and individuals to come forward and adopt TB-infected people and families and provide them with nutritional and social support.

7. PARAM PORUL SUPERCOMPUTER INAUGURATED AT NIT, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI



- In a joint initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

(MeitY) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST), a state-of-the-art Supercomputer, PARAM PORUL was inaugurated at NIT Tiruchirappalli on May 25, 2022.

- NIT, Tiruchirappalli has been carrying out research in the areas of societal interest such as Health, Agriculture, Weather, and Financial Services.
- The PARAM PORUL supercomputing facility is established under Phase 2 of the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).
- The majority of the components used to build this system have been manufactured and assembled within the country. This includes the indigenous software stack developed by C-DAC, in line with the Make in India initiative.

8. AAROHAN 4.0: TWO DAYS MEET OF SENIOR FUNCTIONARIES OF POSTAL DEPARTMENT AND INDIA POST PAYMENTS BANK (IPPB) BEGINS



- Two days meeting of senior functionaries of the Postal Department and India Post payments Bank (IPPB), AAROHAN 4.0 started in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
- The agenda of the meeting is to discuss and deliberate ways to further deepen the Financial Inclusion drive in the country and to provide banking solutions to every citizen of India.
- Postal Department along with IPPB is working on the vision of the Prime Minister's Digital India initiative to promote digital payments and bring digital banking services to every nook and corner of the country in a customer-friendly manner.
- IPPB leverages upon the world's largest postal network of the Department of Posts to offer interoperable banking services at the doorstep benefiting senior citizens, farmers, migrant labourers and women amongst others.

- The meeting was inaugurated by Shri. Alok Sharma,
- Director General Postal Services in presence of Shri J Venkatramu, MD & CEO of IPPB, Chief PMG of 23 Postal Circles and other senior functionaries of the Department and IPPB.

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1. INDIAN SHOOTERS CONCLUDE THEIR CAMPAIGN ON TOP WITH TOTAL OF 33 MEDALS AT ISSF JUNIOR WORLD CUP 2022



- Indian shooters concluded their campaign on top with a total of 33 medals at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2022 in Suhl, Germany this week.
- India's tally of 33 medals - 13 golds, 15 silvers and five bronzes - was the most by any country at the 2022 edition.
- Italy - with four golds two silver and five bronze medals - finished second on the table.
- Sift Kaur Samra and Surya Pratap Singh won the silver medal in the 50m rifle prone mixed team event on the final day.
- India's Anish Bhanwala, Vijayveer Sidhu and Sameer beat Thailand's Waster Warakorn Kongklang, Wachiravit Phuangthong and Thanawit Kruawongkaew 17-1 in the men's 25-metre rapid fire pistol event.
- Simranpreet Kaur Brar and Vijayveer Sidhu, meanwhile, won the mixed team gold in the same event after beating fellow Indians Anish Bhanwala and

Tejaswani 17-9 in the final.

2. WORLD MENSTRUAL HYGIENE DAY 2022



- Menstruation is still a taboo in many parts of the world. While it is a natural phenomenon which occurs to every girl after puberty, this has not been addressed as 'normal' yet.
- Many girls do not even have access to sanitary pads, clean toilets, or even safe disposal of used cloth during this time of the month.
- This not only leads to urinary infections, but can also cause infertility if not addressed on time.
- To create awareness about menstruation, provide safe and hygienic practices to girls, and burst the bubble of taboo, World Menstrual Hygiene Day is celebrated on May 28 all over the world.
- According to UNFPA, May 28 signifies the menstrual cycle of females.
- This year, the theme for World Menstrual Hygiene Day is 'making menstruation a normal fact of life by 2030'. The theme is not just about celebrating the day, but rather a goal that has to be achieved by 2030.

3. PRESIDENT KOVIND INAUGURATES 'AROGYA MANTHAN' PROGRAMME AT BHOPAL IN MADHYA PRADESH



- President Ram Nath Kovind has said that the more we stay in touch with nature, the healthier we will be. Speaking on the topic 'One Nation, One Health, the need of hour', in the 'Arogya Manthan' programme organized by Arogya Bharti in Bhopal today, the President advised citizens to adopt routine, ethics and food according to nature in daily life.
- Referring to the usefulness of traditional medicine, Mr Kovind said that these systems of medicine are being adopted globally.
- He clarified that any medical system is not specific to any particular religion, but it is meant to keep the entire human race healthy.
- Appreciating the idea of One Nation, One Health system, the President said that it is clear from ancient texts like
- 'Yoga Sutra', 'Hatha Yoga Pradipika', 'Hiranya Samhita' that centuries ago our country had One Nation, One Health system existed in some form.
- Mentioning the goals of the National Health Policy announced in the year 2017, Mr Kovind said that the main goal of this policy is to make quality health services accessible to all the people at an affordable cost.
- He said that it is also the goal of this policy to make arrangements for the health of all in a comprehensive and holistic manner.

4. RAJNATH SINGH UNDERTAKES SEA SORTIE ON SCORPENE CLASS SUBMARINE INS KHANDERI AT KARWAR NAVAL BASE



- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh undertook a sea sortie on a Scorpene class submarine INS Khanderi at Karwar Naval base in Karnataka yesterday.
- The submarine built at Mazagon Docks in Mumbai was commissioned in September 2019.
- The Indian Navy operates four submarines of this class with two more likely to join the fleet by the end of next year.
- Speaking on the occasion, Defence Minister said that indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant will be inducted soon to bolster the maritime security of the country and guarantee peace and security in the Indian Ocean region.
- According to a press release issued by the Navy, during the sea sortie for over four hours, the Defence Minister was shown the combat capabilities and offensive strength of the submarine.

5. NEW ARUNACHAL MONKEY NAMED AFTER SELA PASS



- Sela macaque (*Macaca selai*), the new-to-science primate was identified and analysed by a team of experts from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) and the University of Calcutta.
- Their study has been published in the latest edition of Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution.
- Phylogenetics relates to the evolutionary development and diversification of a species or group of organisms.
- The phylogenetic analysis revealed that the Sela macaque was geographically separated from the Arunachal macaque (*Macaca munzala*) of the Tawang district by Sela. This mountain pass acted as a barrier by restricting the migration of individuals of these two species for approximately two million years.
- Sela is situated between Dirang and Tawang towns in western Arunachal Pradesh.

6. DR. JITENDRA SINGH INAUGURATES INDIA'S 'FIRST LAVENDER FESTIVAL' IN BHADERWAH ORGANIZED BY CSIR-IIIM



- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of Earth Science; MoS of Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today said that Bhaderwah is the potential destination of Agri-tech StartUps of the country.
- After Inaugurating the country's first 'Lavender Festival' here, the Union Minister described Bhaderwah as the birthplace of India's Purple Revolution. Dr. Jitendra Singh said that the country's first lavender festival in Bhaderwah has been possible today only by the progressive thinking of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who after taking the oath as PM in 2014 stressed that the regions which have been disconnected from the mainstream India must be connected to the mainstream through development.

7. INDIAN OFFICER ANWAR HUSSAIN SHAIK IS NEW CHAIR OF WTO'S COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS ON TRADE



- After a gap of ten years, an Indian government officer -- Anwar Hussain Shaik -- has been made the chair of the WTO's Committee on Technical Barriers on Trade, an official said.
- He will take this role from Elisa Maria Olmeda de Alejandro from Mexico. "Our officer posted in PMI (Permanent Mission of India) Geneva has been made the chair of this TBT committee.
- The Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreement aims to ensure that technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures are non-discriminatory and do not create unnecessary obstacles to trade.
- TBT Committee work involves two broad areas - review of specific measures and strengthening implementation of the TBT Agreement.
- WTO (World Trade Organisation) members use this committee to discuss specific trade concerns, specific laws, regulations or procedures that affect their trade, usually in response to notifications.

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1. POPE FRANCIS ELEVATES ARCHBISHOPS OF HYDERABAD AND GOA TO CARDINAL RANK



- Pope Francis announced yesterday that he will create 21 new Cardinals, including two from India at a Consistory on, 27 August. They represent the Church worldwide, and reflect a wide variety of cultures, contexts and pastoral ministries.
- The two Cardinals from India are Archbishop Filipe Neri António Sebastião di Rosário Ferrão, Archbishop of Goa and Damão and -Archbishop Anthony Poola, Archbishop of Hyderabad , the official Vatican News reported.
- These cardinals represent the Church worldwide, and reflect a wide variety of cultures, contexts and pastoral ministries. A cardinal is a senior member of the clergy of the Catholic Church, immediately behind the pope in the order of precedence. Collectively, they constitute the College of Cardinals, and are appointed for life.
- Their most solemn responsibility is to elect a new pope in a conclave, almost always from among themselves (with a few historical exceptions), when the Holy See is vacant. During the period between a pope's death or resignation and the election of his successor, the day-to-day governance of the Holy See is in the hands of the College of Cardinals.

2. INS GOMATI DECOMMISSIONED AT NAVAL DOCKYARD IN MUMBAI



- INS Gomati was decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai yesterday, in an elegant, solemn and poignant ceremony. The ship was paid off under the command of Captain Sudip Malik.
- INS Gomati derives her name from the vibrant river Gomti and was commissioned on 16 April 1988 by the then Defence Minister, KC Pant, at Mazgaon Dock Ltd, Bombay.
- The third ship of the Godavari class guided-missile frigates, INS Gomati was also the oldest warrior of the Western Fleet when decommissioned. During her service, she participated in Operations Cactus, Parakram and Rainbow, and several bilateral and multinational naval exercises.
- For her remarkable spirit and stellar contribution to national maritime security, she was twice awarded the coveted Unit Citation, once in 2007-08 and again in 2019-20.

3. SHAUNAK SEN ON WON 'L'OEIL D'OR' AWARD FOR HIS DOCUMENTARY AT CANNES FILM FESTIVAL



- Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has congratulated Indian filmmaker Shaunak Sen for the conferment of 'L'Œil d'or' award for his documentary "All That Breathes" at Cannes Film Festival.
- In a tweet, Mr Thakur expressed confidence that it will inspire other Indian documentary makers to make it big at the world stage.
- L'Œil d'or is a documentary film award created in 2015. It is awarded to the best documentary presented in one of the sections of the Cannes Film Festival (Official Selection, Directors' Fortnight, International Critics' Week and Cannes Classics)

4. 17TH EDITION OF MUMBAI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL TO BEGIN TODAY



- Films_Division Celebration of films at the 17th edition of Mumbai International Film Festival will begin today at 5 PM. at Nehru Centre Auditorium, Worli, Mumbai.
- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles Piyush Goyal, will be the Chief Guest at the inaugural ceremony.
- MIFF is scheduled to be held from 29th May to 04th June 2022 and will celebrate documentary, short fiction and animation films from across the globe in hybrid mode. As a fitting tribute to the golden jubilee of the liberation of Bangladesh, it has been made 'Country of Focus' during the 17th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF).
- The films in the 'Country of Focus' category from Bangladesh will include the 'Hasina: A Daughter's tale' which depicts the persona of the iconic political figure and its current Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Directed by Piplu R Khan, the film has won critical acclaim internationally

5. HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX IN AHMEDABAD



- Union Home and Cooperative Minister Amit Shah laid a foundation stone for the new international sports complex in the Naranpura area of Ahmedabad city this evening.
- This ambitious project will be completed in the next 30 months in 20.39 acres of land at a cost of 631.77 crore rupees.
- Speaking on this occasion, Mr. Shah thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for allocating the requisite funds for this ambitious project.
- He said that this world-class sports complex will boost the sports and athletics activities in the children and youngsters.
- He said that Sardar Patel Sports Complex near Narendra
- Modi Cricket Stadium at Motera and other such facilities will also help organize international sports events like Olympics in Ahmedabad.
- Mr. Shah said that the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency represented by him will be the most developed constituency in the country by 2024.

6. BANGLADESH-INDIA PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICES RESUME AFTER TWO YEARS



- The Bangladesh-India passenger train services resumed after two years on Sunday with the flagging off of the Maitree Express train from Dhaka.
- The train with more than 170 passengers was flagged off from Dhaka Cantonment station by the Director General of Bangladesh Railways Dhirendra Nath Mazumder.
- The Bandhan Express between Kolkata and Khulna was also resumed on Sunday with the flagging off of the train at Kolkata. It reached Benapole railway station around 9.45 a.m. local time. The newly introduced train Mitali Express between New Jalpaiguri and Dhaka will be flagged off jointly by the Railway Ministers of India and Bangladesh on June 1.
- The bi-weekly train will start from New Jalpaiguri on Sunday and Wednesday at 11.45 hrs IST and reach Dhaka Cantonment at 22.30 BST.
- Passenger train services between the two countries had remained suspended for over two year after the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic in 2020.

7. GUJARAT TITANS WIN IPL FINAL DEFEATING RAJASTHAN ROYALS AT AHMEDABAD



- In IPL Cricket final, Hardik Pandya's all-round performance powered debutants Gujarat Titans to seven wicket win over Rajasthan Royals at the Narendra Modi stadium in Ahmedabad last night.
- Needing 131 runs to win, Gujarat Titans chased down the target with seven wickets and 11 balls to spare. Shubman Gill scored unbeaten 45, Hardik Pandya 34 while David Miller also contributed with 32.
- Earlier, three-wicket haul by Hardik Pandya helped Gujarat Titans restrict Rajasthan Royals at 130 for the loss of nine wickets in the stipulated 20 overs after Sanju Samson won the toss and opted to bat.
- Hardik Pandya was declared Player of the Match.
- Orange Cap(Maximum Runs): Jos buttler
- Purple cap(Maximum Wickets): Yuzvendra Chahal

8. UTTARAKHAND FORMS PANEL TO IMPLEMENT UNIFORM CIVIL CODE



- The Uttarakhand government has formed an expert committee headed by a retired Supreme Court judge for implementing Uniform Civil Code (UCC) and to check all the relevant laws that control personal matters for those living in Uttarakhand.
- A state government order said that a five-member committee will be headed by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Desai, who currently heads the Delimitation Commission of India.
- Other members of the committee are: retired Delhi High Court judge Pramod Kohli, social activist Manu Gaur, retired IAS officer Shatrughan Singh, and Doon University Vice-Chancellor Surekha Dangwal.
- “The Governor has given his permission to establish an expert committee to check all the relevant laws which control personal matters for people living in Uttarakhand
- The UCC is referred to a common set of laws governing personal matters such as marriage, divorce, adoption, inheritance and succession for all citizens, irrespective of religion.
- The UCC will be an important step to solidify the spirit of the Constitution.
- This will also be an effective step toward Article 44 of the Constitution which talks about securing a UCC for every citizen of the country.

9. ADANI GREEN ENERGY ARM COMMISSIONS INDIA'S FIRST WIND-SOLAR HYBRID PLANT IN RAJASTHAN



- Adani Green subsidiary Adani Hybrid Energy Jaisalmer One Limited has commissioned a 390 MW wind-solar hybrid power facility in Jaisalmer, contributing significantly to India's green energy effort.
- The plant will be India's first hybrid wind-solar power producing facility.
- The hybrid power plant, which combines solar and wind generating, unlocks the full potential of renewable energy by eliminating generation intermittency and providing a more stable option to meet rising power demand.
- The new plant has a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), with a tariff of Rs. 2.69 per kWh, which is significantly lower than the national Average Power Procurement Cost (APPC), ensuring that everyone has access to affordable, modern, and clean energy.
- Wind-Solar Hybrid energy, according to Vneet S Jaain, MD and CEO of AGEL, is a key part of the company's business strategy, which aims to address India's growing demand for green energy.
- The inauguration of this hybrid power plant is a small step toward India's long-term energy aspirations.
- This project is part of Adani Green's first construction facility, which was funded by foreign banks. It is impressive that the project was completed effectively despite the global pandemic's uncertainty.

10. JUSTICE MOHANTY GETS ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF LOKPAL CHAIRPERSON



- President Ram Nath Kovind has given justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty the additional charge of Lokpal chairperson after justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose completed his term as the Lokpal chief.
- At present, there are six members in the Lokpal. President
- Ram Nath Kovind had on March 23, 2019, administered the oath of office to justice Ghose as the Lokpal chairperson.
- Two posts of judicial members have been lying vacant for over two years.
- The Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, which envisages the appointment of a Lokpal at the Centre and Lokayuktas in states to look into cases of corruption against certain categories of public servants, was passed in 2013.
- A Lokpal chief and members are appointed for a term of five years or until attaining the age of 70 years.

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1. BORDER COORDINATION CONFERENCE BETWEEN BSF-BGB BEGINS IN BANGLADESH



- The Inspector General BSF- Regional Commander BGB level Border Coordination Conference between India and Bangladesh started in Sylhet on Monday.
- The four day conference will conclude on June 2, said an official press release of the Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB).
- The Indian delegation entered Bangladesh through the Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Dawki on the Meghalaya border where they were welcomed by senior officials of BGB.
- A five member BSF delegation led by IG BSF Sumit Sharan is attending the conference. The Bangladesh delegation BGB is led by Brigadier General Tanvir Gani Chowdhury, Regional Commander, Chittagong.
- Apart from the BGB officials, the Bangladesh delegation also includes officials from the Home Ministry, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Department of Land records and survey

2. FRENCH OPEN: BOPANNA-MIDDELKOOP STORM INTO MEN'S DOUBLES SEMI-FINAL



- In French Open Tennis, India's Rohan Bopanna and his Dutch partner Matwe Middelkoop have reached their first-ever Men's doubles semi-final.
- They defeated British-Finland pairing of Llyod Glasspool and Harri Heliovaara in the quarterfinals. 16th seed Indo-Dutch duo beat Glasspool and Heliovaara 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (3) in a match spanning over two hours.
- Bopanna and Middelkoop will clash with 12th seeds Marcelo Arevalo of El Salvador and Jean-Julien Roger of the Netherlands
- In Men's Singles, Daniil Medvedev and Stefanos Tsitsipas suffered surprise fourth-round exits on a day of shocks at the French Open.
- World Number two Medvedev lost to former US Open champion Marin Cilic of Croatia.

3. WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY BEING OBSERVED TODAY



- World No Tobacco Day is being observed today to raise awareness about the damage caused by consuming tobacco.
- This Day is celebrated on 31st May every year to inform the public on the dangers of using tobacco, and the business practices of tobacco companies.
- The theme of World No Tobacco Day is “Protect The Environment”.
- Tobacco kills over 8 million people every year and destroys environment.
- The harmful impact of the tobacco industry on the environment, scarce resources and fragile ecosystems is vast.
- Several events are being held across the country to mark the day. In Rajasthan, a swearing-in programme will be held in Jaipur during which one crore people will take oath simultaneously across the state to spread awareness about harmful effects of consuming tobacco.

4. FILM HISTORIAN SANJIT NARWEKAR HONORED AT THE LAUNCH OF 17TH MIFF



- The 17th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival of India (MIFF 2022) confers Dr V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award on noted author and documentary filmmaker Shri Sanjit Narwekar to commemorate his exquisitely deep, remarkably diverse and inspiring body of work.
- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles Piyush Goyal presented the award to Sanjit Narwekar along with a cash prize of Rs 10 lakhs (Rs 1 million), Golden Conch and a citation.
- Shri Narwekar is a National award-winning film historian, author, publisher and documentary filmmaker with more than four decades of cross-media experience in Journalism, Public Relations, Publishing and Filmmaking. Winner of the National Award for the Best Book on Cinema in 1996, Shri Narwekar's passion for film history has manifested in writing and editing more than 20 books on cinema, including Marathi cinema 'In Retrospect', which won him the Swarna Kamal.

5. FORBES RELEASES 2022 30 UNDER 30 ASIA LIST

Forbes UNDER 30 ASIA

- Forbes magazine has released the 7th edition of the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia List 2022, featuring 10 categories each honouring 30 individuals under the age of 30.
- The list was edited by Rana Wehbe Watson. The honourees on the list represent 22 countries and territories across the Asia-Pacific region.
- India tops the list in terms of the number of entries with 61, followed by Singapore (34), Japan (33), Australia (32), Indonesia (30) and China (28).
- The average age of the 2022 list is 26.8 and the youngest honouree on the list is 14-year old Japanese Olympics skateboarding gold-medalist Momiji Nishiya.

6. THIS STATE HAS INDIA'S LARGEST GOLD RESERVES, SAYS GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA



- A survey by the Geological Survey of India has stated that gold reserve of around 222.88 million tonnes including 27.6 tonnes of mineral-rich ore are

present in Jamui district of Bihar, PTI reported.

- The Nitish Kumar government in Bihar has now decided to give permission for the exploration of what is being called as India's largest gold reserve.
- "The state Mines and Geology Department is in consultation with agencies engaged in exploration, including GSI and the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), for exploration of gold reserves in Jamui," Additional Chief Secretary cum Mines Commissioner Harjot Kaur Bamhrah told the agency.
- "As per the National Mineral Inventory, the total resources of primary gold ore in the country as on 1.4.2015 are estimated at 501.83 million tonnes with 654.74 tonnes of gold metal and out of this, Bihar is endowed with 222.885 million tonnes (44 per cent) of ore containing 37.6 tonnes of metal,"

7. 2022 UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL



- The 2022 UEFA Champions League Final was the final match of the 2021–22 UEFA Champions League, the 67th season of Europe's premier club football tournament organised by UEFA, and the 30th season since it was renamed from the European Champion Clubs' Cup to the UEFA Champions League.
- It was played at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis, France, on 28 May 2022, between English club Liverpool and Spanish club Real Madrid.

- It was the third time the two sides have met in the European Cup final, after 1981 and 2018, the third final held here, after the 2000 and 2006 finals, and the first time the same two teams have met in three finals Real Madrid won the match 1–0 via a 59th-minute goal from Vinícius Júnior for a record-extending 14th title, and their 5th in nine years.
- As the winners of the 2021–22 UEFA Champions League, Real Madrid earned the right to play against the winners of the 2021–22 UEFA Europa League, Eintracht Frankfurt, in the 2022 UEFA Super Cup.

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