

Afghanistan: 180 people killed this month due to Flood in central, eastern provinces



In Afghanistan, at least 180 people have been killed this month due to Flood in central and eastern Afghan provinces in recent weeks. Flooding has wrought widespread devastation and washed away thousands of houses and exacerbated the country's economic and humanitarian crisis. More than 3,100 houses had been completely destroyed and thousands of livestock also killed.

Pakistan govt declares national emergency in wake of rain-induced floods



In Pakistan, the government has officially declared a national emergency in wake of the rain-induced floods which have so far killed 937 people and left at least 30 million without shelter. The Pakistani government called the incessant monsoon rains a climate-induced humanitarian crisis of epic proportions. The abnormal increase in rainfall has generated flash floods across the country, particularly in the southern part of Pakistan. Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) said, the country received 166.8mm of rain in August, as compared to the average of 48mm.

India, Tanzania to set up task force for defence



India and Tanzania have decided to set up a task force to prepare a five-year roadmap to boost bilateral defence cooperation. The decision to boost the bilateral defence ties as well as military-to-military cooperation is in sync with India's broader priority to deepen its strategic ties with Africa. The two ministers reviewed the existing military-to-military activities and discussed ways to enhance cooperation in all domains with a focus on defence industry cooperation.

Centre picks 75 tribal districts for TB intervention project



After having run an active case-finding campaign to detect instances of Tuberculosis (TB) among tribal populations over the past six months, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Central TB Division of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have now zeroed in on 75 tribal districts, where focused interventions will be run over the next few months with the aim to make them TB-free.

The campaign to detect TB cases across 174 tribal districts started this January under the Aashwasan Campaign, under which door-to-door screening was done in over 68,000 villages.

CBI records conviction rate of 67.56% in 2021



The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) recorded a conviction rate of 67.56% in 2021, compared to 69.83% in 2020, according to the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) annual report. The CBI registered 680 regular cases and 67 preliminary enquiries last year, while it had registered 589 regular cases and 87 preliminary enquiries in 2020.

Noted Islamic scholar Umri passes away



Renowned Islamic scholar and former president of Jamaat e Islami Hind, Maulana Jalaluddin Umri, passed away in New Delhi after prolonged illness. He was 87. Maulana Umri was president of Jamaat e Islami Hind for consecutive three terms (2007-19). He was widely considered, among the Islamic circles of India, an authority on human rights and Muslim family system.

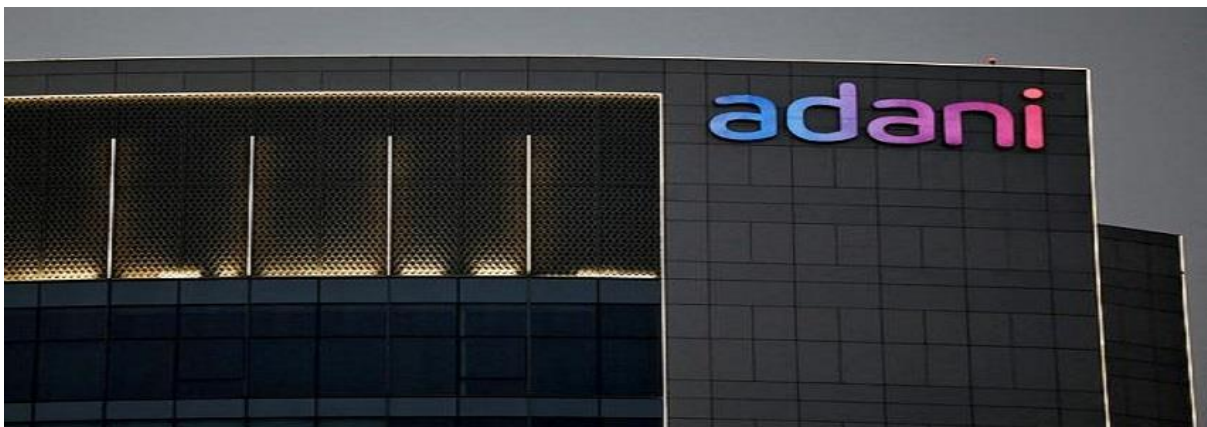
Jalaluddin Umri had written over two dozen books which were translated into various languages.

NTPC board okays Rs. 11,843-crore investment for 1,320 MW Talcher power project Stage-III



The board of state-run power giant NTPC has approved an investment of ₹11,843.75 crore for 1,320 MW Talcher Thermal Power Project, Stage-III. The Talcher plant is one of the oldest and top-performing thermal power stations in the country and is situated in Odisha's Angul district.

Adani unveils open offer for ACC, Ambuja



Adani Group has unveiled a Rs. 31,000-crore open offer to acquire 26% additional stake from the public shareholders of Swiss firm Holcim's two Indian listed entities ACC Ltd. and Ambuja Cements. Ambuja Cements and ACC currently have a combined installed production capacity of 70 million tonne per annum.

Essar to sell port, power units to AM/NS for \$2.4 bn



Essar Group said its entities have signed definitive agreements for divesting port, power and other logistics and infrastructure assets in India to ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS) for a net value of \$2.4 billion (Rs. 19,000 crore). The steel unit, which belonged to Essar, was taken over in 2019 by AM/NS via the IBC (Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code) route. The Ruias-led firm said the deal also envisages a 50:50 joint venture between Essar and AM/NS for building a 4 million tonne a year LNG import terminal at Hazira.

GeM eyes procurement of ₹2 lakh crore in FY23



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Government e-Marketplace (GeM), a national procurement portal, is eyeing annual procurement worth ₹2 lakh crore during FY23, following a buoyancy in its adoption, said Prasanth Kumar Singh, CEO. While terming the growth of public procurement as phenomenal, he said since inception, it took almost four-and-a-half years to reach the first ₹1 lakh crore (March 2021), while in the last fiscal, the GMV was ₹1.70 lakh crore. The cumulative GMV till date is ₹2.86 lakh crore.

FIFA lifts suspension of All India Football Federation; India to host U-17 Women's World Cup



FIFA has lifted the ban imposed on the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) after the Supreme Court terminated the mandate of the Committee of Administrators. The decision has cleared the decks for India to host the Women's U-17 World Cup scheduled to take place on 11-30 October. World football governing body FIFA had suspended the All India Football Federation on August 15 for undue influence from third parties.

Neeraj Chopra creates history, Wins Lausanne Diamond League Meet title in Javelin throw



Neeraj Chopra has won the javelin throw competition at the Lausanne Diamond League with a best throw of 89.08 metre. With his best throw at the event, Neeraj became the first Indian to clinch the prestigious Diamond League Meet title. Neeraj has thus qualified for the Diamond League Finals, which will take place in Zurich, Switzerland from September 7 and 8. He has also now qualified for the 2023 World Championships.

Asia Cup 2022 begins on Aug 27; Sri Lanka to take on Afghanistan in opening match

ASIA CUP 2022						
MATCH	DAY	DATE	TEAMS	GROUP	VENUE	
1	Saturday	27-Aug	Sri Lanka vs Afghanistan	B	Dubai	
2	Sunday	28-Aug	India vs Pakistan	A	Dubai	
3	Tuesday	30-Aug	Bangladesh vs Afghanistan	B	Sharjah	
4	Wednesday	31-Aug	India vs Qualifier	A	Dubai	
5	Thursday	1-Sep	Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh	B	Dubai	
6	Friday	2-Sep	Pakistan vs Qualifier	A	Sharjah	
7	Saturday	3-Sep	B1 vs B2	Super 4	Sharjah	
8	Sunday	4-Sep	A1 vs A2	Super 4	Dubai	
9	Tuesday	6-Sep	A1 vs B1	Super 4	Dubai	
10	Wednesday	7-Sep	A2 vs B2	Super 4	Dubai	
11	Thursday	8-Sep	A1 vs B2	Super 4	Dubai	
12	Friday	9-Sep	B1 vs A2	Super 4	Dubai	
13	Sunday	11-Sep	Final 1 st Super 4 vs 2 nd Super 4		Dubai	

The Asia Cup 2022 will kick off on August 27 with a match between Sri Lanka and Afghanistan. On the other hand, defending champions India will start their campaign with a match against arch-rivals Pakistan on Sunday. The gulf nation UAE will be hosting the event across two venues - Dubai International Cricket Stadium and Sharjah Cricket Stadium. The continental event will be played in the T20 format, featuring 6 teams divided into two groups at the start.

UEFA Awards: Karim Benzema, Alexia Putellas Bag Top Player Honours



Karim Benzema and Alexia Putellas were rewarded for outstanding seasons by winning the UEFA men's and women's player of the year prizes at a ceremony in Istanbul. France striker Benzema captained Real Madrid to victory over Liverpool in the Champions League final and scored 15 goals in the competition, while Putellas was the top scorer in the Women's Champions League, helping Barcelona reach the final which they lost to Lyon.

The coaching awards went to the winners of the two biggest events last season – Carlo Ancelotti of Madrid and Sarina Wiegman, who led England to the Euro 2022 title.