

## Serdar Berdymukhamedov declared winner in Turkmenistan elections



Serdar Berdymukhamedov, the son of incumbent President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov was declared winner of the recently concluded elections. Serdar Berdymukhamedov secured 72.97 percent of votes in Saturday's election to lead the gas-rich country and succeed his father Gurbanguly.

## Germany will not support no-fly zone over Ukraine, says German Chancellor



German Chancellor Olaf Scholz has reiterated that his country will not support a no-fly zone over Ukraine or send troops to intervene in the war launched by Russia. Scholz told German lawmakers that NATO will not become a party to the war. Germans are in agreement on this with European allies and the United States.

Scholz further said that Germany would not support a boycott of Russian oil, coal and gas, but is seeking to wean itself off those imports by seeking out other suppliers and ramping up the use of renewable energy.

## Madeleine Albright, First Female US Secretary Of State, Dies At 84



Madeleine Albright, who came to the United States as a child refugee and rose to be the first female secretary of state, shaping American foreign policy at the end of the 20th century, has died at the age of 84. Born Marie Jana Korbelova in Czechoslovakia on May 15, 1937, Albright came to the United States as a refugee with her family in 1948 and became a US citizen in 1957.

She was named US ambassador to the United Nations by Clinton in 1993 and served in that role until 1997, when she became secretary of state.

## American mathematician Sullivan wins Abel prize



The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters has awarded the Abel prize for the year 2022 to American Mathematician Dennis Parnell Sullivan, who is with the Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York and the State University of New York at Stony Brook. The citation mentions that the award has been given, “For his groundbreaking contributions to topology in its broadest sense, and in particular its algebraic, geometric and dynamical aspects”.

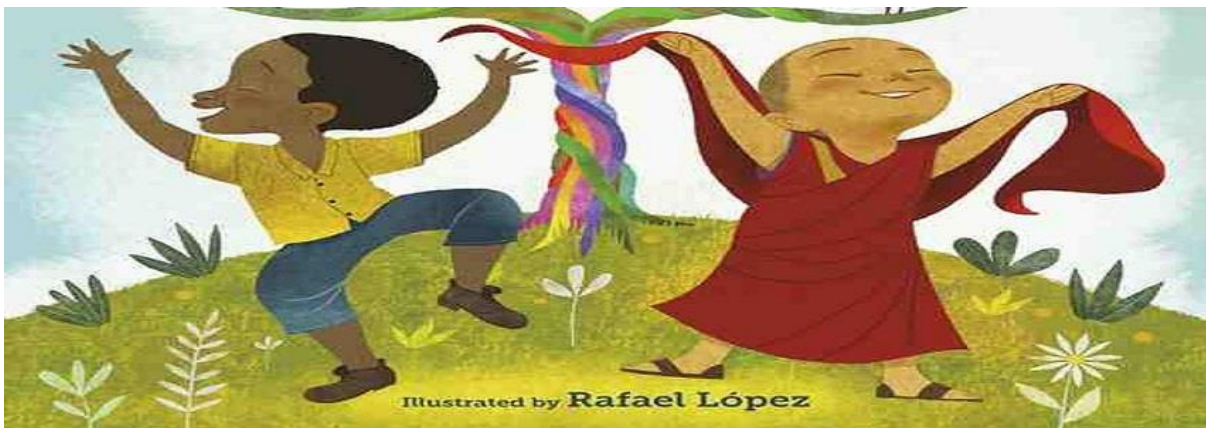
Topology is a field of mathematics which was born in the 19th century and has to do with properties of surfaces that do not change when they are deformed.

### India rejects China's uncalled remarks on J&K at OIC meet



India has rejected the uncalled reference to India by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi during his speech to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Pakistan. In response to media queries on reference to Jammu and Kashmir made by the Chinese Foreign Minister in his speech to OIC, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said matters related to Jammu and Kashmir are entirely the internal affairs of India. He said other countries including China have no locus standi to comment. He added that they should note that India refrains from public judgment of their internal issues.

### Children's edition of 'The Book of Joy' coming this fall



A picture-book edition of a bestseller co-authored by the Nobel Peace Prize winners the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu will be published this fall. Random House Children's Books announced that "The Little Book of Joy" will come out Sept. 27, with Rachel Neumann and Douglas Abrams collaborating on the text, and illustrations provided by artist Rafael López. In 2016, Archbishop Tutu and the Dalai Lama worked together on "The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World," which has sold more than 1 million copies and has been translated into more than 40 languages.

### Dhami takes oath as Uttarakhand CM



Pushkar Singh Dhami has taken oath as the Uttarakhand Chief Minister, beginning his second term, at a ceremony attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several top BJP leaders here. Eight Ministers also took oath on the occasion. Pushkar Dhami was administered the oath by Uttarakhand Governor Lt Gen (retd) Gurmit Singh.

### Rape Is Rape, Marriage No License To Unleash Brutal Beast: Karnataka HC On Marital Rape



In a ground-breaking judgment in a case of marital rape, Karnataka High Court said marriage is not a license to “unleash a brutal beast”. The court, while upholding charges against a husband accused of raping his wife, observed, “A man is a man; an act is an act; rape is a rape, be it performed by a man the “husband” on the woman “wife”.

The court also called for the “age-old thought and tradition that husbands are the rulers of their wives, their body, mind and soul” to be effaced.

## **India successfully test-fires surface to surface BrahMos supersonic cruise missile in Andaman and Nicobar**



India has successfully test-fired surface to surface supersonic cruise missile BrahMos in Andaman and Nicobar. The extended range missile hit its target with pinpoint accuracy. Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari congratulated on the successful test-firing of BrahMos missile. Earlier, in the first week of March the Indian Navy also successfully test-fired a long-range version of the BrahMos cruise missile.

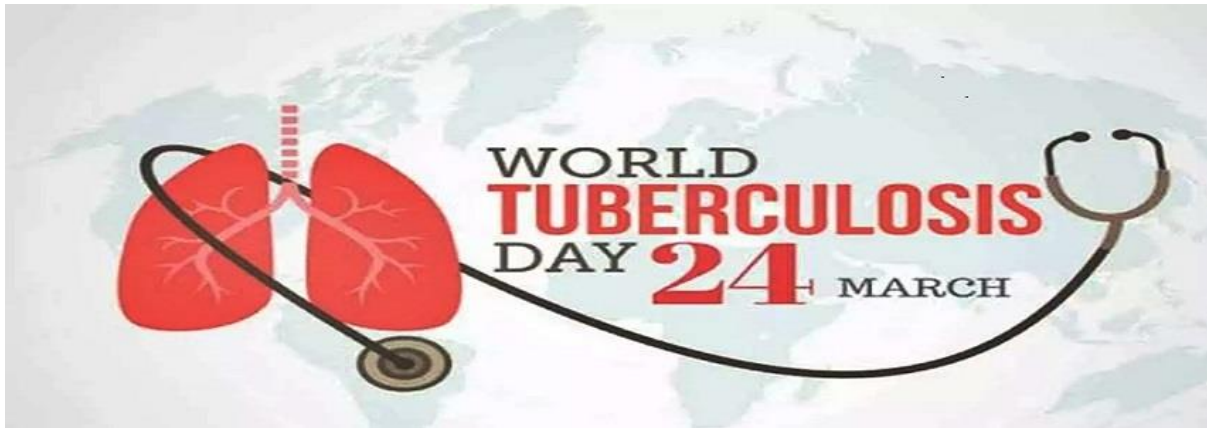
BrahMos is the main weapon system of the Indian Navy warships and have been deployed on almost all of its surface platforms.

## **Government starts process to amend IPC, CrPC**



Aiming to make comprehensive changes in criminal laws, the union government has initiated the process of amendment to laws such as Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act in consultation with all stakeholders, the Rajya Sabha was informed. Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Kumar Mishra also said that the Ministry of Home Affairs has sought suggestions from Governors, Chief Ministers, Lieutenant Governors and Administrators of Union Territories, Chief Justice of India, Chief Justices of various High Courts, Bar Council of India, Bar Council of various States, various universities, law institutes and all MPs regarding comprehensive amendments in criminal laws.

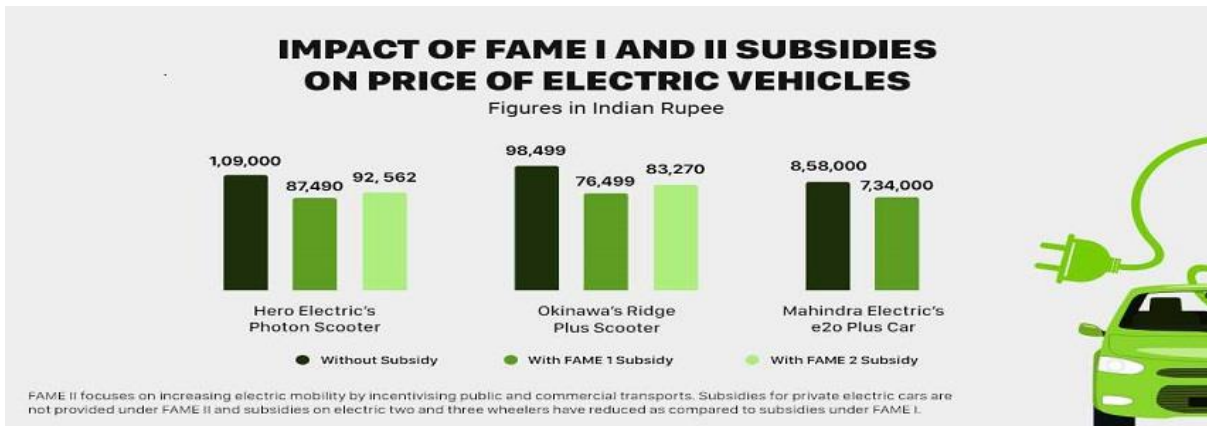
## President Kovind says everyone to work together to achieve TB-free India by 2025



President Ram Nath Kovind has said everyone to work together to achieve a Tuberculosis-free India by 2025. In his message on the eve of World Tuberculosis Day on March 24, Mr Kovind congratulated all the TB champions who have battled the disease and are showing the way for others.

World Tuberculosis Day is observed on 24th March to raise public awareness about Tuberculosis. On this day in the year 1882, Dr. Robert Koch announced the discovery of the bacteria that causes TB. It paved the way for the diagnosis and cure of this disease.

## Number of electric vehicles in the country is over 10 lakh 60 thousand till March 19: Nitin Gadkari in RS



Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has said that the number of electric vehicles in the country is over 10 lakh 60 thousand till 19th of this month and one thousand 742 Public Charging Stations are operational in the country. In a written reply in Rajya Sabha, Mr Gadkari said, Electric Charging Stations are to be provided by the developer on National Highways as part of the Wayside Amenities WSAs. He said, National Highways Authority of India NHAI has already awarded 39 such facilities for development.

## **Ayush Ministry to conduct first multicenter phase-3 clinical trial on the treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis**



Ayush Ministry is conducting the world's first multicenter phase -3 clinical trial examining the efficacy of Ayurveda in the treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis. The clinical trial will be conducted in accordance with stringent International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use - Good Clinical Practice guidelines. The Ministry said, the trial is being closely monitored by Dr Daniel Erick Furst, a renowned rheumatologist at University of California Los Angeles in the United States of America. World-renowned rheumatologist Dr. Edzard Ernst has endorsed the study as a model for future investigations on Complementary and Alternative Medicine

## **Former CJI Lahoti passes away at 81**



Former Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ramesh Chandra Lahoti died at a hospital. Justice Lahoti was appointed the 35th CJI on June 1, 2004. He retired on November 1, 2005. He was a former independent director on the board of directors of the Press Trust of India. He was appointed arbitrator by the Government of India in the Rs. 20,000-crore tax dispute case with Vodafone.

## Gurugram-based Couple Mints to own unicorns within a year



An Indian couple became the country's first husband and wife to build their respective startups into enterprises with at least \$1 billion valuation, also known as unicorns. Oxyzo Financial Services, a digital lending startup co-founded by Ruchi Kalra, said it hit the milestone with its maiden fundraising round of \$200 million led by Alpha Wave Global, Tiger Global Management, Norwest Venture Partners and others. Less than a year earlier, her husband Asish Mohapatra's OfBusiness reached the same valuation after backing from SoftBank Group Corp. and others.

## India scripts history by achieving highest ever goods export target of 400 billion US dollars within single year, says Piyush Goyal



India has scripted history by achieving an ambitious target of 400 billion dollars of goods export within a single year. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said that is for the first time in history that India has crossed 400 billion dollars in merchandise exports. He said it is an important milestone in the journey towards an Aatmanirbhar Bharat.



## Imports of toys, games, sports equipment from China is showing a declining trend: Government in LS



The Union government has said that the import of toys, games, sports equipment from China is showing a declining trend. The imports of these products from China have reduced from 451 million dollars in 2018-19 to around 206 million dollars in 2021. The Minister said, government has also issued Toys (Quality Control) Order, 2020 through which toys have been brought under compulsory Bureau of Indian Standards certification.

## HDFC sanctions Rs. 2 lakh cr. retail home loans in FY22



HDFC Ltd. said it has approved retail home loans worth more than Rs. 2 lakh crores between April 1, 2021, and March 21, 2022, the highest ever in a financial year. The demand for these loans came from across the country, it said. HDFC said that its digital initiatives and inherent demand for housing helped to get back to normalcy faster than expected and has been instrumental in achieving this milestone of Rs 2 lakh crore. The NBFC said that it focused on an online digital platform for loans and retail deposits.

## **Gold imports fell in FY21 to 651.24 tonnes**



India imported 651.24 tonnes of gold in financial year 2020-21 as compared with 719.94 tonnes in the year-earlier period, the union government said. In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel said the imports stood at 982.71 tonnes in FY 2018-19.

## **3rd ODI: Bangladesh Thrash South Africa To Seal Historic Series Win**



Bangladesh sealed an historic series triumph with a nine-wicket win in the third one-day international against South Africa at SuperSport Park in Centurion. Fast bowler Taskin took five for 35 as South Africa were bowled out for 154, their lowest total against Bangladesh. Visiting captain Tamim then scored 87 not out off 82 balls to take Bangladesh to victory with 23.3 overs to spare, sharing a century opening partnership with Liton Das (48).

Bangladesh won the World Cup Super League series by two matches to one, consolidating their place at the top of the table.

## Sprinter Pranav Prashant Desai wins India's first gold at World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Dubai



Sprinter Pranav Prashant Desai won India's first gold medal at the 2022 World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Dubai, claiming the top prize in the men's 200 metre T64 final. Desai, a former gold medallist at the Fazza Championships, led from start to finish to end the race in 24.42 seconds. The day also witnessed a world record in men's javelin F40 finals when Iraq's Naas Ahmed hurled the javelin to a distance of 39.08 metres to take the gold.

## 15th edition of Indian Premier League TATA IPL 2022 to begin on Saturday



The 15th edition of Indian Premier League - TATA IPL 2022 will begin on Saturday. There are 10 teams to compete for four playoff spots in this edition. BCCI added two new teams, Lucknow Super Giants and Gujarat Titans for this season of IPL. A total of 74 T20 matches are to be played. Defending champion Chennai Super Kings will take on Kolkota Knight Riders in the opening match on Saturday in Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai.