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India and Colombia have reviewed bilateral relations and discussed cooperation in international fora. Secretary East in the Ministry of External Affairs Ministry, Saurabh Kumar held discussions with his Colombian counterpart Francisco Jose Coy Granados.

During the meeting, the Colombian side highlighted the priorities of the new government and gave an assessment of the regional situation.

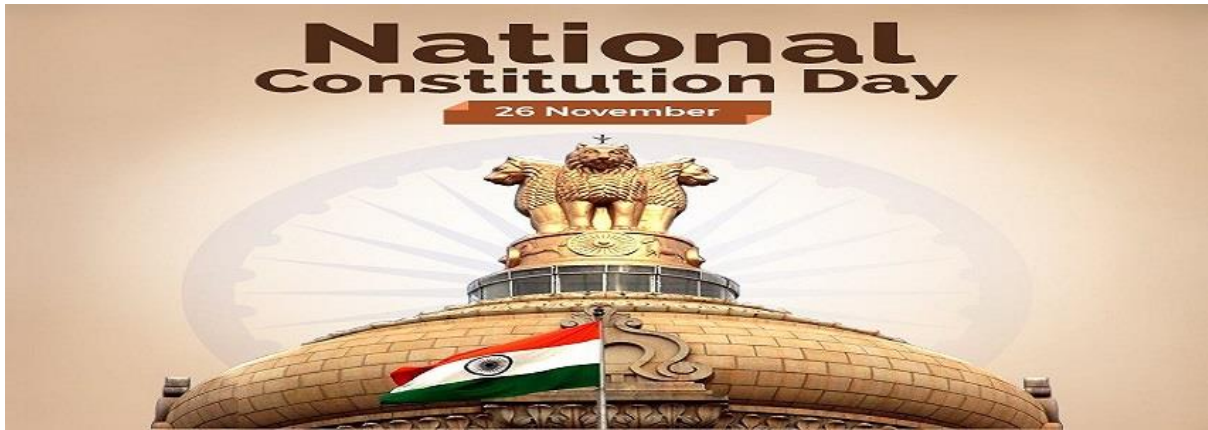
National Milk Day: 26th November



National Milk Day is celebrated on 26th November every year to signify the importance and benefits of milk. Milk day is a special day that is observed to spread awareness among people about the importance and need for milk.

Vergheese Kurien is known as the “Father of the White Revolution” in India. He was a social entrepreneur whose vision of the “Billion-Litre Idea”, Operation flood, made dairy farming India’s largest self-sustaining industry and the largest rural employment sector providing a third of all rural income. This made India the largest producer of milk in the world.

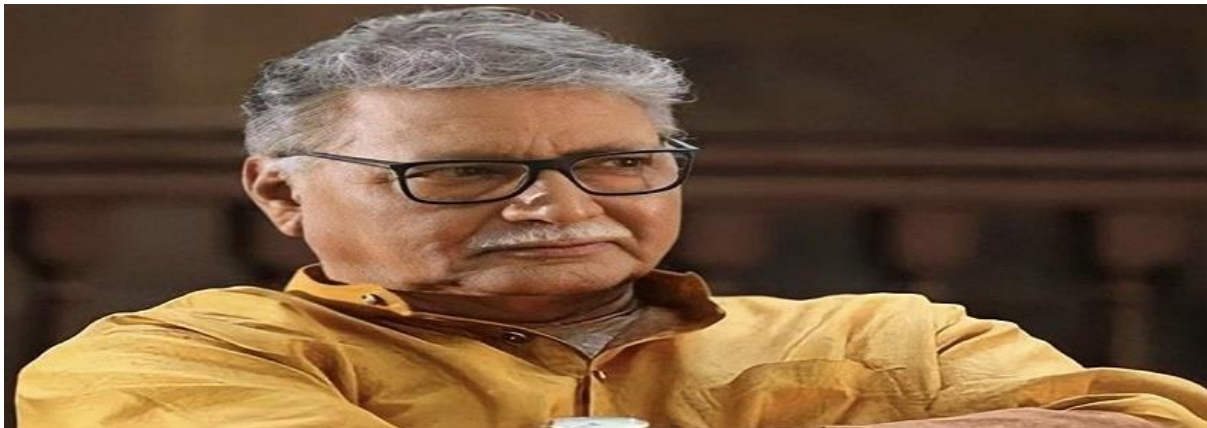
Constitution Day of India: 26th November



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Veteran Marathi actor Vikram Gokhale passes away in Pune



Veteran Marathi actor Vikram Gokhale passed away in Pune. In a career spanning more than 50 years, Vikram Gokhale had mastered all three media of theatre, TV and cinema. Vikram Gokhale acted in over 100 Marathi and Hindi films and dramas. He was equally synonymous with the small screen by acting in at least 25 television serials.

The drama titled 'Barrister' Vikram gave him fame. He did this play for almost 8 years.

ISRO launches PSLV-C54 rocket carrying earth observation satellite Oceansat & 8 nanosatellites



India's PSLV C 54 was launched from Sathish Dhawan Space Centre Sriharikota.

The mission payloads including Oceansat and eight other nanosatellites have separated in the specified two hours in two different sun-synchronous orbits.

The payload includes an Ocean satellite to monitor sea surface. Ku Band Scatterometer is to take precise pictorial data to reveal weather and other information. ARGOS, a french payload will reinforce the existing fleet of Indo-French satellites working on weather surveillance that are already in orbit.

Rabi area coverage increased by over 24 lakh hectares over last year: Narendra Singh Tomar



Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said, that the Rabi area coverage in the country so far has increased by over 24 lakh hectares over last year. He said, the wheat coverage has increased by over 14 lakh hectares as compared to the corresponding period of last year which is the highest ever since the last four years.

While taking stock of the Rabi crops position with senior officials, Mr Tomar expressed hope that with favourable soil moisture conditions, better live water storage position and comfortable availability of fertilisers across the country, Rabi crops area coverage is expected to accelerate further in the coming days and a good Rabi harvest can be expected.

As on 25th of this month, total area sown under Rabi crops reported was 358.59 lakh hectares as compared to 334.46 lakh hectares of the corresponding period of last year.

Union Minister Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan presents National Gopal Ratna Award



Union Minister of State for Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairying Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan presented the National Gopal Ratna Award to the farmers, Cooperatives and technicians involved in Artificial Insemination for their exemplary contribution towards milk production in the country.

Participating in the National Milk Day function in Bengaluru, the minister said, India is the highest milk producer with a 32 percent contribution to global production. There are 222 cooperatives in the country with over 17 million farmers supplying milk. The minister appreciated the Karnataka State Government's decision to give five rupees incentives over the cost price to the farmers supplying milk to the Karnataka Milk Federation.

Film Bazaar concludes at IFFI in Goa; Bangladesh film 'Agantuk' wins Prasad DI award



The 5-day long Film Bazaar concluded at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa with Bangladesh feature film 'Agantuk' being named the winner of the Prasad DI award.

The Biplob Sarkar-directed movie was screened in the Viewing Room section, which presents Indian and South Asian films looking for film festivals, world sales, distribution partners and also finishing funds.

Two short movies, 'Perianayaki' by Bala Murali Shingade and Suchana Saha's animated film 'Priyo Ami', received the under the "Film Bazaar Recommends (FBR)" category. The French Institute Award by the French Embassy was given to 'Kissa - E - Circus' by Savita Singh which was showcased in the co-production market.

Union Health Ministry appoints Dr. Deepa Malik as Nikshay Mitra ambassador



Union Health Ministry designated the President of the Paralympic Committee of India Dr. Deepa Malik as Nikshay Mitra ambassador. It is an initiative under Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan.

Ms. Malik said, she herself is a Tuberculosis survivor. She said that the treatment of TB is a long process and to eliminate it the patients must not feel demotivated to continue the treatment.

Ms. Malik, who bagged 23 international sports medals at various events, said she herself is an example of not giving up in spite of various health issues for the past 23 years.

Irdai approves amendments, simplifies rules to set up insurance firms



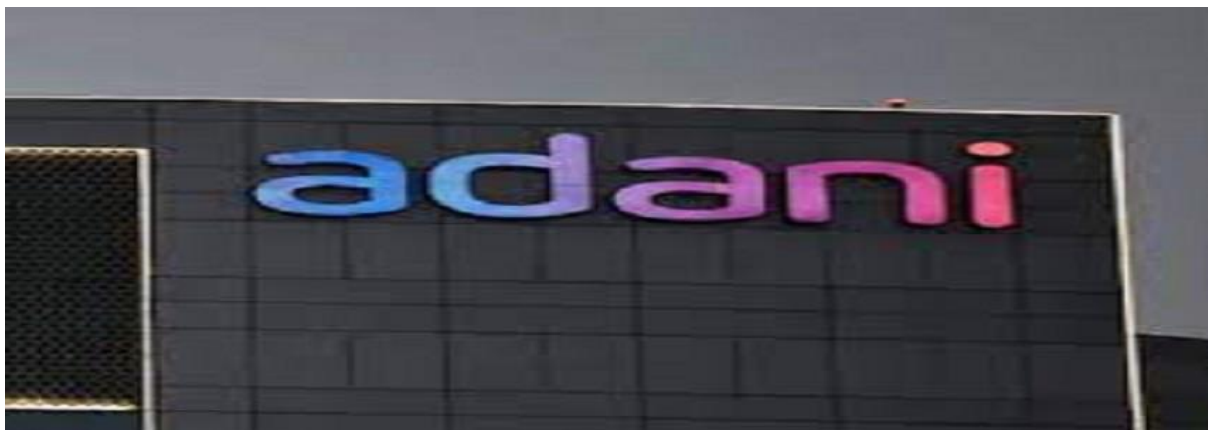
The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) on Friday approved amendments to rules on registering insurance companies and investing in them.

Private equity (PE) funds can now directly put in money in insurance companies, and investment by them through special purpose vehicles (SPVs) has been made optional, thus providing flexibility.

This has been a long-standing demand of PE players looking to invest in insurance.

Under the current guidelines, to invest in insurance companies as “promoter”, a PE fund can do so only through an SPV.

Adani Enterprises to raise Rs 20,000 crore in India's largest FPO



Adani Enterprises, the flagship company of the Adani group board of directors had approved a follow-on public offer (FPO) of Rs 20,000 crore. This will be the country’s largest FPO, bettering the record of YES Bank, which raised Rs 15,000 crore in July 2020.

This would be the group’s second fundraise from the public in 2022. In January, Adani Wilmar came out with an initial public offering of Rs 3,600 crore.

The group’s market capitalisation was around \$16 billion in 2015, which has now risen to \$229 billion (Rs 18.71 trillion) — a jump of more than 14 times.

RBI, UAE central bank discuss mechanism to trade in local currencies



The central banks of India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are discussing the creation of a mechanism to engage in bilateral trade in local currencies, in order to reduce transaction costs for exporters and importers.

India has prepared a concept paper (regarding rupee-dirham trade) and has shared it with the UAE. UAE's central bank has already designated a nodal person for this. The discussion is now going on between the central banks.

UAE is India's third-largest trade partner and second-largest export market. Earlier this year, India and UAE signed a free trade agreement (FTA) that became operational in May. The West Asian nation is also a part of the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries.

FIFA World Cup: Australia upset Tunisia 1-0; Poland defeat Saudi Arabia 2-0



In FIFA World Cup Football 2022, Australia and Poland moved to the next stage. In a group D match, Australia defeated Tunisia 1-0 while Poland overcame a resolute Saudi Arabia to secure a 2-nil win, which moved it to the top of Group C.

In the first match of the day, Australia's Mitchell Duke scored the all-important goal in the 24 minutes of the match with a header. With this win, Australia has put itself back in the race for the knockouts.

In another match played between Poland and Saudi Arabia, Zielinski scored the first goal in the 39th minute of the play and then Lewandowski scored the second goal in the second half to put Poland in a commanding position in the tournament.

Madras Boat Club women lift Adyar trophy



The Madras Boat Club women lift Adyar trophy at the 81st Annual Madras-Colombo Rowing Regatta at Colombo. The Colombo Rowing Club men lift the Deepam trophy at the event. The hundred-year-plus-old event was held after a three-year gap owing to the pandemic. The first-ever Madras-Colombo Regatta was held way back in 1898 and is considered to be the second oldest sporting event next only to Oxford - Cambridge Regatta.

The two rowing clubs, the Madras Boat Club and the Colombo Rowing Club organise the regatta alternately. The regatta featured 12 races in men's and women's groups in the categories of coxless fours, coxless pair, double sculls, and single sculls.