

Prime Minister Hasina inaugurates upgrade work of Cox's Bazar as International Airport



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the upgradation work of the Cox's Bazar airport to an international standard.

The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) signed a deal for the upgradation of the airport with the Chinese joint venture company of Changjiang Yichang Waterway Engineering Bureau (CYWEB) and China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC).

Situated on the Southeastern tip of Bangladesh, Cox's Bazar is the world's longest unbroken sea beach of approximately 155 km length. It is the most popular tourist destination in the country attracting a large number of visitors from Bangladesh and abroad.

China, Pakistan, Thailand, Mongolia to hold military exercise "Shared Destiny-2021"



The armed force of the country China, Pakistan, Mongolia and Thailand will take part in a multinational peacekeeping exercise named "Shared Destiny-2021".

The exercise will be held in China in the month of September 2021.

The four countries will take part in the first multinational peacekeeping live exercise "Shared Destiny-2021" at the combined-arms tactical training base of the PLA in Henan's Queshan county.

Cuba to recognise and regulate crypto-currencies



Government of Cuba announced to recognize and regulate crypto-currencies for payment in the Island nation. This decision was taken following the popularity of crypto-currencies increased among a technologically savvy group in Cuba as it became harder to use dollars.

As per officials, Central Bank will set rules for such currencies. It will also determine how to license the providers of related services in Cuba. Crypto-currencies are used for long-distance transactions and are supposedly anonymous. Thus, they are often popular among people who are attempting to evade government regulations.

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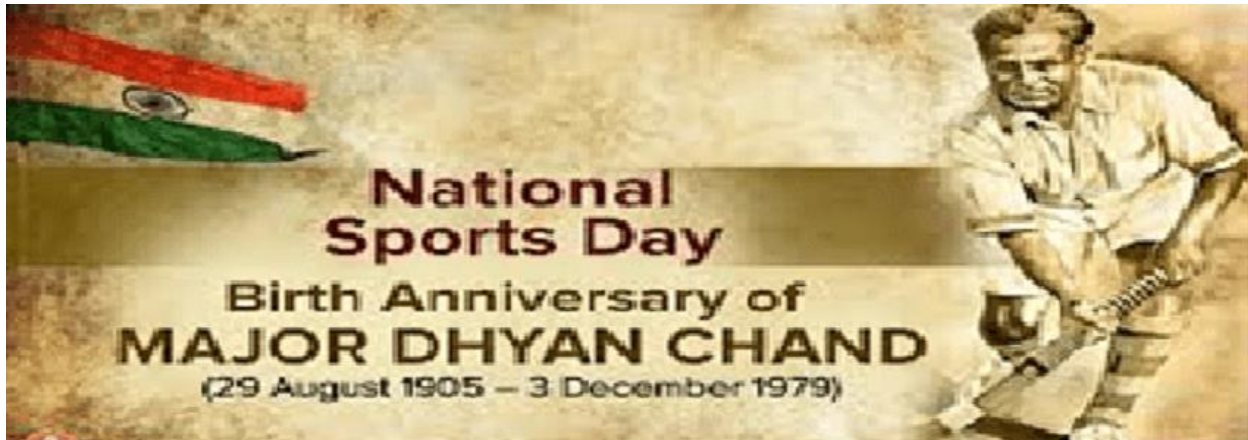


The Pulitzer Prize Board awarded a special citation to journalists of Afghanistan including reporters, drivers, photographers and interpreters yesterday for their courageous work.

The Pulitzer Prize Board decided to honour the women and men of Afghanistan who have dedicated themselves at great personal risk to create and support journalism that has chronicled decades of life and war.

The board co-chairs Katherine Boo, Gail Collins and John Daniszewski also stated that the efforts of such courageous Afghan residents helped produce Pulitzer-winning and Pulitzer-worthy images and stories that have contributed to a wider understanding of profoundly tragic and complicated circumstances.

National Sports Day: 29th August



National Sports Day is celebrated on 29th August every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand.

The Government had announced that India's highest sporting honour Khel Ratna Award has been named as Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award in the honour of the hockey wizard.

Ministry of Minority Affairs organises 'Mera Watan Mera Chaman' Mushaira as part of Amrit Mahotsav



Ministry of Minority Affairs organised 'Mera Watan Mera Chaman' Mushaira in New Delhi as part of Amrit Mahotsav of 75th Year of India's Independence. During the programme renowned poets from the country mesmerised the audience through their poetry and couplets.

The Minority Affairs Ministry will organise the "Mera Watan, Mera Chaman" Mushairas and Kavi Sammelans across the country till 2023, where renowned as well as emerging poets will give effective and patriotic message of "Ek Bharat- Shrestha Bharat".

FM Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurates 'My Pad, My Right' project in Tripura



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated a project called 'My Pad, My Right' initiated by NABARD and NABFOUNDATION at Killa village in Gomati district of Tripura.

The project aims to bring livelihood and menstrual hygiene closer to rural women by way of grant, wage support and capital equipment.

The Union Minister also flagged off the mobile ATM van of Tripura State Co-Operative Bank Limited which will cover all Gram Panchayats and Village Committees of South Tripura District. Ms Sitharaman also interacted with women Self-Help Group members under the Micro-Enterprise Development Programme (MEDP) of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development.

Rajnath Singh commissions Indian Coast Guard Ship Vighra in Chennai Harbour



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commissioned the state of the art Indian Coast Guard Ship Vighra in Chennai Harbour.

The 100-metre long indigenously designed ship has been fitted with state of the art navigation system useful for patrolling the coastal borders. The Minister appreciated the Coast Guard for not only protecting the fishing community but also for the assistance of the department of customs and other authorities in protecting the islands and terminals. He remembered the involvement of the Coast Guard in the fire accident on the tanker.

Vighra is the seventh in the series of offshore patrol vessels and will be based in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

Mansukh Mandaviya takes charge as Stop TB Partnership Board chairman



Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Mansukh Mandaviya has taken over charge as the Chairperson of Stop TB Partnership Board. He has replaced Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan as the chairman. India aims to end TB by 2025 while the UN aims to end TB by 2030. The Stop TB Partnership is a United Nations-hosted partnership program that aims to fight against tuberculosis collectively.

Union WCD Minister Smt. Smriti Irani Addresses The First Ever G20 Ministerial Conference On Women's Empowerment

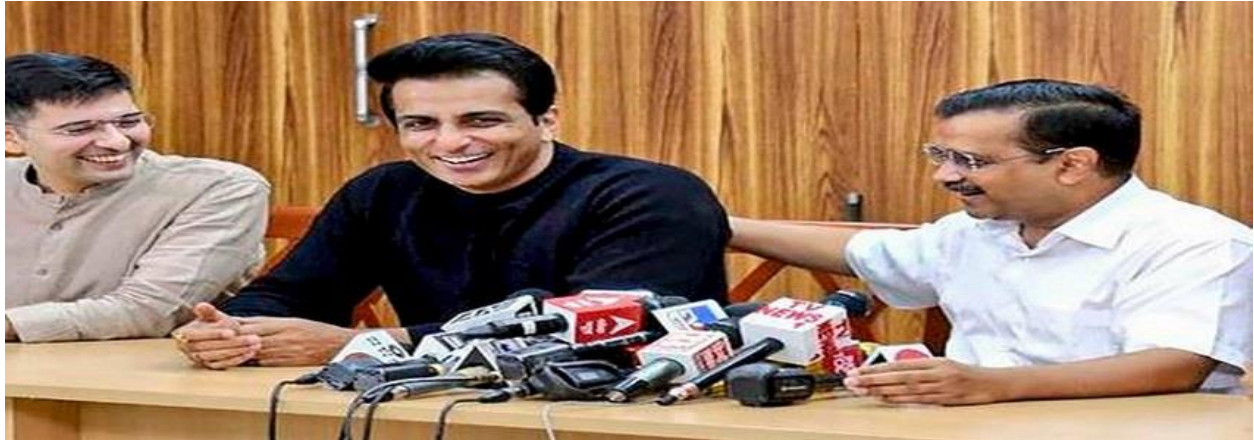


The First-ever G20 Ministerial Conference on Women's Empowerment was held at Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy.

The Union Minister of Women & Child Development, Smt. Smriti Irani addressed the meet on behalf of India. The Union Minister reaffirmed India's commitment towards addressing gender and women-centric issues through mutual cooperation.

G20 Conference on Women Empowerment acknowledged the common objectives and shared responsibilities to advance the goals of equality and development of women and girls in all spheres including STEM, Financial and Digital Literacy, Environment and Sustainability.

Sonu Sood to be brand ambassador for 'Desh ke Mentor' programme



Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal has announced that Bollywood actor Sonu Sood will be the brand ambassador of the Delhi government's 'Desh Ke Mentors' programme.

The programme entails "adopting" one to ten government school students who can be mentored by citizens who are successful in their respective fields.

Mentors will take out 10 minutes every week to guide students over the phone. Interested citizens can adopt between one to ten children studying in the city's government schools as part of the initiative.

India's proposal to mandate using green hydrogen in fertilizer and refining



In line with the Government's commitment of replacing grey hydrogen with green hydrogen, India is proposing to mandate the use of green hydrogen in fertilizer and refining.

This proposal was put forward by Power Minister R K Singh while holding talks with U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, Mr John Kerry. He noted, India and US can work together in the fields of innovations for power and technology.

According to the Minister, India has achieved a milestone of crossing 100 GW in Installed Solar and Wind Capacity. Total installed renewable capacity is 147 MW, by adding the Hydro capacity.

Mahindra Defence Systems bags Indian Navy contract worth Rs 1,349.95 crore



Mahindra Defence Systems Limited (MDS) has bagged a contract worth Rs 1,349.95 crore for manufacturing of Integrated Anti-Submarine Warfare Defence Suite (IADS) for modern warships of Indian Navy from the Indian government.

Mahindra Defence would be supplying 14 IADS systems for the Indian Navy warships.

IADS is high-end underwater equipment that uses the latest technology along with a complex array of sensors, designed to detect and protect warships from underwater threats.

RBI holds talks with SFBs on enhanced board oversight, risk management



With the aim of making small finance banks (SFBs) more resilient, the Reserve Bank of India held talks with chief executives of SFBs to increase board oversight and improve risk management and make IT setup robust.

The discussions were held on a range of themes such as evolution of the business models of SFBs, enhancing Board oversight and professionalism.

The four listed small finance banks (SFBs) — AU, Ujjivan, Equitas, and Suryoday — reported a combined net loss of Rs 66 crore in the June quarter (Q1FY22) on a sharp rise in provisions amid the second wave of the pandemic.

Deputy governors M K Jain and Rajeshwar Rao applauded the crucial role SFBs are playing in financial inclusion by extending credit and reaching out to the underserved sections of society.

Govt issues guidelines for release & utilization of grants recommended by 15th Finance Commission for RLBs, PRIs for water & sanitation



Government of India has issued the Guidelines for release and utilization of grants recommended by the 15th Finance Commission for Rural Local Bodies and Panchayati Raj Institutions for water and sanitation during the period 2021-22 to 2025-26.

The Finance Commission has recommended over one lakh 42 thousand crore rupees tied grant to Panchayats for water & sanitation for this period.

This is a big step towards strengthening the local self-government in line with the 73rd Amendment to the Constitution of India.

Nirmala Sitharaman launches EASE 4.0



Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman, launched the fourth edition of Public Sector Bank (PSB) Reforms Agenda called 'EASE 4.0' for the financial year 2021-22. It is a simplified, tech-enabled and collaborative banking.

On the occasion, finance minister launched the annual report for PSB Reforms Agenda EASE 3.0 for the year 2020-21 and also witnessed the awards ceremony to felicitate the best performing banks on EASE 3.0 Banking Reforms Index.

Bhavina Patel settles for Silver medal, becomes first Indian table tennis player to enter finals at Tokyo Paralympics



India's Bhavina Patel has settled for Silver medal in the table tennis event at Tokyo Paralympics. Bhavina lost to China's Ying Zhou.

She had entered the final beating China's Zhang Miao in a closely-contested semi-final match. Bhavina scripted history by becoming the first Indian table tennis player to enter the final in the Paralympics.

England win 3rd test by an innings and 76 runs



In Cricket, England have won the 3rd test at Headingley defeating India by an innings and 76 runs.

Earlier, the visitors resumed their second innings at the overnight score of 215 for two and they were all out for 278 just before lunch. India lost eight wickets adding just 63 runs.

England skipper Joe Root continued his fine run with the bat in the series as he brought up his third century in three games.

With this win, the hosts have levelled the five match series 1-1. India had taken 1-0 lead after trouncing England by 151 runs at Lord's in the second test. The first Test had ended in a draw.