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IMPORTANT DAYS

Safer Internet Day: 9 February

Safer Internet Day (SID) is celebrated around the world in February of each year, with Safer Internet Centres, SID Committees and other supporters in each of the countries coming together to plan and organise events. SID celebration for 2021 took place on 9 February with the slogan "Together for a better internet".

SPORTS

BCCI can use drones for aerial cinematography

Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) have granted a conditional exemption to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for the deployment of drones for live aerial cinematography of the India Cricket Season in 2021.

ICC announces BYJU'S as global partner

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced edu-tech company BYJU'S as its global partner from 2021 to 2023. The three-year agreement will see BYJU'S partner all ICC events over the period, including the forthcoming men's T20 World Cup in India and the women's World Cup in New Zealand.

Ishant: 3rd Indian to take 300 Test wickets

Ishant Sharma has become the sixth Indian and third pacer from the country to take 300 wickets in Test cricket, joining former India captains Kapil Dev and Anil Kumble. Ishant reached the landmark on 8 February 2021. Ravichandran Ashwin (377 before this game), Harbhajan Singh (417), and Zaheer Khan (311) are the other bowlers from the country who have reached the landmark.

APPOINTMENTS AND RETIREMENTS

IndiGo appoints Jiten Chopra as Chief Financial Officer

InterGlobe Aviation Ltd which operates India's biggest airline by market share IndiGo, Tuesday announced the appointment of Jiten Chopra as Chief Financial Officer effective February 21, 2021. Chopra will report to Ronojoy Dutta, Whole Time Director and CEO. Chopra succeeds Aditya Pande who is "leaving IndiGo to pursue other interests".

SCHEMES AND POLICIES

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NATIONAL

Government has decided to close 2 pharma PSUs, disinvest other 3: Gowda

The Department of Pharmaceuticals has five public sector undertakings (PSUs). Out of the five PSUs, the government has taken a decision to close two pharma PSUs, namely Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd (IDPL) and Rajasthan Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd (RDPL). The government has also decided to strategically disinvest the other three -- Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd (HAL), Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd (BCPL), and Karnataka Antibiotics & Pharmaceutical Ltd (KAPL).

India to overtake EU as world's third largest energy consumer by 2030

India will overtake the European Union as the world's third-largest energy consumer by 2030, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said on Tuesday as it forecast India accounting for the biggest share of energy demand growth over the next two decades. In its India Energy Outlook 2021, IEA saw primary energy consumption almost doubling to 1,123 million tonnes of oil equivalent as the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) expands to USD 8.6 trillion by 2040.

Several injured in Mizoram-Assam border clash

Several people were injured in a clash due to fresh dispute on the Mizoram-Assam border near Bairabi town in Mizoram's Kolasib district on Tuesday, state police said. The area is also called Kachurthal by Assam and falls within Hailakandi district. The clash between the border residents of the two states took place when two employees of Mizoram power and electricity department and a member of Bairabi village council who had gone for a survey were allegedly beaten up by some people of Assam when they took some photos.

World Sustainable Development Summit 2021

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the World Sustainable Development Summit 2021 on 10 Feb 2021. The theme of the summit is 'Redefining Our Common Future: Safe and Secure Environment for All'. It will be held till 12 Feb 2021. Energy and industry transition, climate finance, circular economy, clean oceans, are amongst the range of topics to be discussed during the summit.

INTERNATIONAL

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DEFENCE

Ministry Of Defence, BEL sign contract

Ministry of Defence (MoD) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) have signed a contract for procurement of Software Defined Radio Tactical (SDR-Tac) worth over Rs. 1,000 crores. The SDR-Tac has been designed and developed by the Defence Electronics Applications Laboratory (DEAL) of DRDO. The delivery will take place within three years.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Discovered in Bhimbetka, India's lone fossil of world's oldest animal

Hidden in plain sight, one of the rarest fossils in the world may have been discovered in the fascinating Bhimbetka rock shelters, a Unesco site about 40km from Bhopal. Researchers believe they have found the first-ever fossil in India of a Dickinsonia — the Earth's 'oldest animal', dating back 570 million years — on the roof of what's called the 'Auditorium Cave' at Bhimbetka.



OBITUARIES

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Tennis legend Akhtar Ali passes away

Tennis legend Akhtar Ali passed away in February 2021. He represented India in eight Davis Cup ties against Pakistan, Malaysia, Iran, Mexico, Japan, and Monaco between 1958 and 1964. He was the winner of the Asian mixed doubles championship. His last ATP tour outing was against Vijay Amritraj in Bombay on November 11, 1974.

MISCELLANEOUS

Aadhar authentication needed for availing online renewal of licence, 15 other services

Driving licence holders and vehicle owners would need to get Aadhaar authentication to avail 16 types of online and contactless services and avoid the hassles of visiting offices of transport departments. These include obtaining learner's licence, renewal of DL, changes of address and

certificate of registration, issue of international driving licence, notice of transfer and application for transfer of ownership of vehicle.

IMPORTANT TERMINOLOGIES

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MoCA = Ministry of Civil Aviation

DGCA = Directorate General of Civil Aviation

BCCI = Board of Control for Cricket in India

ICC = International Cricket Council

PSUs = public sector undertakings

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KAPL = Karnataka Antibiotics & Pharmaceutical Ltd

IEA = International Energy Agency

GDP = Gross Domestic Product

DRD = Ministry of Defence

BEL = Bharat Electronics Limited

SDR-Tac = Software Defined Radio Tactical

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