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BANKING / FINANCIAL / ECONOMICAL NEWS

India in top 10 agricultural produce exporters

India is in the top ten list of agricultural produce exporters in 2019 with a significant share within the export of rice, soya beans, cotton, and meat. This was given in a report by World Trade Organisation (WTO) on trends in world agricultural trade in recent 25 years. In 2019, India ranked ninth with a share of 3.1% in global agricultural exports.

Jharkhand enhances DA for employees

The Jharkhand government on 27 July 2021 announced hiking Dearness Allowance for state government employees from the present 17 per cent to 28 per cent. The decision would be effective from July 1, 2021. Consent has also been given to increase the rates of dearness relief to the pensioners/family pensioners of the state government with effect from 1st July 2021.

IMPORTANT DAYS

CRPF Raising Day: 27 July

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) celebrated its 83rd Raising Day on 27 July 2021. The CRPF came into existence as Crown Representative's Police on July 27, 1939. It became the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) on the enactment of the CRPF Act on December 28, 1949. It is India's largest Central Armed Police Force and functions under the authority of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Day for the Conservation of Mangroves

The International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem is celebrated each year on 26 July. It was adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO in 2015. It aims to raise awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems as a unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem and to promote solutions for their sustainable management, conservation, and uses.

World Nature Conservation Day: 28 July

World Nature Conservation Day is celebrated on July 28 annually. The main purpose of celebrating the day is to conserve the animals and trees that are on the verge of going extinct from the natural environment of the Earth. The balance in the natural beauty of the earth can

be maintained by preserving various components of nature – water, air, soil, energy, vegetation, minerals, and fauna.

SPORTS

British swimmer Tom Dean wins gold at Olympics

Britain's Tom Dean won gold in the 200-meter freestyle on 27 July 2021 and led a historic 1-2 in swimming for Team GB as teammate Duncan Scott took silver. He had contracted COVID-19 not once but twice in the run-up to the Olympics. It was also Britain's first 1-2 finish in the pool at the Olympics in over 100 years, since the 1908 Games in London.

Weightlifter Diaz gets 1st Philippines gold

Hidilyn Diaz became the first ever Olympic gold medallist from the Philippines on 26 July 2021, winning the women's 55-kilogram category. At her fourth Olympic Games, Diaz overtook Liao Qiuyun of China on her last lift in the clean and jerk to win with a total of 224 kilograms. That was one more than Liao. Zulfiya Chinshanlo of Kazakhstan took bronze with 213kg.

Pramod: Differently Abled Sportsman of Year

World No. 1 para shuttler Pramod Bhagat has been named Differently Abled Sportsman of the Year at Indian Sports Honours for 2019. Bhagat won two gold medals and a bronze at the Dubai Para-Badminton Tournament 2021. He will be participating in singles and mixed doubles events at the Paralympics which opens in Tokyo from August 24, 2021.

Carissa Moore: Olympic women's surf champion

Carissa Moore of the USA is now the Olympic women's surf champion. She beat Bianca Buitendag of South Africa and registered a score of 14.93. She is the first woman to ever win a gold medal in her sport at the Olympics. In men's surfing, Brazilian Italo Ferreira went on to beat Japan's Kanoa Igarashi and secured a gold medal.

Clarisse of France wins gold in women's judo

French judoka Clarisse Agbégénou won the gold medal in the women's -63 kg weight class on 27 July 2021 by defeating Slovenian Tina Trstenjak in the final. Italy's Maria Centracchio and Catherine Beauchemin-Pinard of Canada were awarded bronze medals. Romain Cannone won France's first gold medal of the Games on July 25, beating Gergely Siklosi of Hungary 15-10 in the men's épée final.

APPOINTMENTS AND RETIREMENTS

Manipur govt to appoint Mirabai Chanu as ASP

The Manipur government has decided to appoint Olympic silver medalist Saikhom Mirabai Chanu as Additional Superintendent of Police (Sports) in the Police Department. She would also be rewarded with one crore rupees as announced by the government earlier. Olympian Judoka Likmabam Sushila Devi would be promoted from the post of Constable to Sub-Inspector.

Nasir Kamal appointed BCAS DG

Senior IPS officer Nasir Kamal has been appointed the Director-General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS). Kamal is a 1986-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved Kamal's appointment to the post of Director General in BCAS for a tenure up to his superannuation on July 31, 2022.

Basavaraj Bommai sworn-in as Karnataka CM

Basavaraj Bommai took oath as the 23rd Chief Minister of Karnataka. Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot administered the oath of office and secrecy to him. The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) legislature party elected him as the successor of BS Yediyurappa who resigned from the top post on 26 July 2021. Basavaraj Bommai was the home minister in the BS Yediyurappa government

SCHEMES, MoU's AND POLICIES

Madhya Pradesh govt prepares Devaranya Yojana

The Madhya Pradesh government has prepared the Ayush-based economic upgradation scheme – Devaranya Yojana. The objective is to improve people's health and livelihood of tribals. This was announced by MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan while addressing a workshop on the scheme. He informed that Ayush Super Specialty Hospitals are also being constructed in Indore and Bhopal.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Delhi to send names of doctors for Padma award

The Delhi government has decided to send the names of doctors and healthcare workers for the Padma awards for 2021. The Delhi government has formed a screening committee that will screen the names in the next 15 days and recommend the names to the government. Instituted in 1954, these awards are announced on the occasion of Republic Day every year and seek to recognize 'work of distinction'.

Vinay Badhwar gets Alexander Dalrymple award

India's chief hydrographer, Vice Admiral Vinay Badhwar, received the Alexander Dalrymple award in recognition of his leadership in the disciplines of hydrography and nautical cartography. He was conferred with the prestigious award in 2019, but the award ceremony was delayed due to the pandemic.



NATIONAL

Relief of Rs.10,000 per family: Maharashtra

Maharashtra government has announced an immediate relief of Rs 10,000 per family and foodgrains to the flood-affected people in Konkan and Western Maharashtra. Rescue operations in the Raigad district have now been called off but continued in other districts. The death toll due to flood has increased to 192 and 25 persons are still missing.

INTERNATIONAL

NO MAJOR UPDATES

DEFENCE

Exercise Indra-21 to be held in August

12th Edition of Indo-Russia joint military exercise INDRA 2021 will be held at Volgograd, Russia from 1-13 Aug'21. It will entail the conduct of counter-terror operations under the UN mandate by a joint force against international terror groups. 250 personnel from both nations will form part of the exercise. The Indian Army contingent will comprise a Mechanised Infantry Battalion.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Evidence of water vapour on Jupiter's Moon

Astronomers have found the first evidence of water vapour in the atmosphere of Jupiter's moon Ganymede by using new and archival datasets from NASA's Hubble Space Telescope. According to the study published in the journal Nature Astronomy, water vapour forms when ice from the moon's surface turns from solid to gas. Temperatures there are so cold that water on the surface is frozen solid.

OBITUARIES

Nandkumar Mahadev Natekar passes away

Legendary badminton player Nandkumar Mahadev Natekar popularly known as Nandu Natekar passed away in July 2021. In a career spanning 15 years, Natekar won over 100 national and international titles including six times national singles titles. Natekar was the first Indian badminton to win an international title in 1956. He was also the first Indian sportsman to receive the Arjuna Award.

MISCELLANEOUS

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IMPORTANT TERMINOLOGIES

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CRPF = Central Reserve Police Force

BCAS = Bureau of Civil Aviation Security

IPS = Indian Police Service



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