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BANKING / FINANCIAL / ECONOMICAL NEWS

DBS tops Forbes' 'World's best banks' list

DBS has been named by Forbes in their list of World's Best Banks 2021 in India category. It was ranked number 1 out of 30 domestic and international banks in India for the second consecutive year. The second bank on the list is Kerala-based CSB Bank, followed by ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, and Axis Bank. State Bank of India ranks seventh on the list.

IMPORTANT DAYS

June 14: World Blood Donor Day 2021

World Blood Donor Day, an initiative by the World Health Organization, is observed every year on June 14. For 2021, the World Blood Donor Day slogan is 'Give blood and keep the world beating'. The day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Austrian biologist and physician, Karl Landsteiner.

SPORTS

Neeraj Chopra wins javelin gold medal

India's Neeraj Chopra won the javelin gold medal in the Meeting Cidade de Lisboa in Lisbon on 10 June 2021, with a throw of 83.18 meters recorded with his sixth and last attempt. His opening throw was 80.71m while his second and third attempts were no throws.

Krejcikova wins French Open women's singles

Barbora Krejcikova has won her maiden Grand Slam Women's Singles Tennis title, beating Russian Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova in the French Open final. Former doubles world number one Krejcikova defeated 31st seed Pavlyuchenkova 6-1, 2-6, 6-4 at Roland Garros on 12 June 2021. Barbora became the first Czech women's singles champion since 1981.

APPOINTMENTS AND RETIREMENTS

Justice Sanjay Yadav: CJ of Allahabad HC

The President of India has appointed Justice Sanjay Yadav, Judge of the Allahabad High Court to be Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court. His appointment will be in effect from the date he assumes charge of his office. He was appointed as an Additional Judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court on March 2, 2007, and as a Permanent Judge on January 15, 2010.

Wipro appoints Anup Purohit as CIO

Wipro Ltd has appointed Anup Purohit as its Chief Information Officer (CIO). Purohit will report to Sanjeev Singh, Chief Operations Officer, at the Bengaluru-based company. His most recent role was as the CIO of Yes Bank.

Ukhnaa Khurelsukh: President of Mongolia

Former Mongolian PM Ukhnaa Khurelsukh has become the country's sixth democratically elected President. Khurelsukh was forced to resign as PM after protests earlier in 2021. Khurelsukh will replace incumbent Khaltmaa Battulga, who was denied an opportunity to seek re-election following controversial changes to Mongolia's constitution that restricted Presidents to one term in office.

SCHEMES AND POLICIES

Rs 7,622 crore released to states, UTs

An amount of 7,622 crore rupees has been released to states and Union Territories. The amount was released under the Samagra Shiksha scheme for the continuity of various educational initiatives. This money will be used for providing free textbooks and uniforms to students. It will also be utilized for teachers' salaries, training, vocational education, and digital initiatives.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Cadet from Bhutan awarded at IMA

In an award ceremony at the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun on 9 June'21, Junior Under Officer (JUO) Kinley Norbu, a Foreign Gentlemen Cadet (FGC) from Bhutan was awarded the prestigious motivational trophy for his excellent all-round performance during his training.

Indian-origin journalist wins Pulitzer Prize

Megha Rajagopalan, an Indian-origin journalist, has won the Pulitzer Prize for exposing China's vast infrastructure for detaining Muslims. She shared the award with two colleagues namely Alison Killing and Christo Buschek, all of are from internet media, BuzzFeed News. Another journalist of Indian origin, Neil Bedi, won a Pulitzer for local reporting.



NATIONAL

Airport to be named after Bal Thackeray

The Maharashtra government has decided to name the upcoming Navi Mumbai International Airport after Shiv Sena founder late Bal Thackeray. The decision has been taken by the City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO), the nodal agency which is implementing the project. The state government has already named Mumbai-Nagpur Samruddhi Expressway after Bal Thackeray.

'My Safe Pune' app inaugurated

Maharashtra Deputy CM Ajit Pawar on 11 June 2021 inaugurated the "My Safe Pune" app, an initiative by Pune city police. The initiative aims to ensure effective patrolling by beat marshals and offer a quick response to people during any incident of crime.

INTERNATIONAL

G7 leaders launch Build Back Better World

G7 leaders have launched a new global infrastructure initiative Build Back Better World (B3W) to help developing nations, countering China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). G7 described the initiative as a values-driven, high-standard, and transparent infrastructure partnership led by major democracies to help narrow the over 40 trillion Dollar infrastructure need in the developing world.

DEFENCE

Saudi, US forces launch military exercise

The Royal Saudi Land Forces (RSLF) and the US Army Ground Forces (AGF) have launched a joint exercise in the northwestern region of the Kingdom. The exercise called "Falcon Claws 4" aims to strengthen military relations between the two countries.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

First solar eclipse of the year occurs

The first solar eclipse of the year occurred on 10 June 2021 beginning at 1.42 pm and lasted till 6.41 pm. The duration of this solar eclipse at the Great Eclipse was around 3 minutes and 51 seconds. The full annular or ring of fire eclipse was only visible in the far north in the Arctic.

3D-printed masks coated with anti-viral agents

An integration of 3D printing and pharmaceuticals has resulted in a novel type of mask which attacks the virus when viral particles come in contact with it. Developed by Pune-based start-up firm Thincr Technologies India Private Limited, these masks are coated with anti-viral agents known otherwise as virucides.

OBITUARIES

Padma Shri Prof Radhamohan passes away

Noted social worker and retired professor in Economics Padma Shri Radhamohan passed away in June 2021. Radhamohan and his daughter Sabarmatee were conferred with the prestigious Padma Shri Award, the fourth highest civilian honor of the country, in 2020 for their contribution to the agriculture sector.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sonu Sood launches a new initiative

Actor Sonu Sood has announced free coaching scholarships for those aspiring to join civil services. He has launched a new initiative —SAMBHAVAM to help IAS aspirants. Aspirants can register on Sood Foundation by visiting - www.soodcharityfoundation.org.

Amartya Sen's new book to be released in July

One of the world's leading public intellectuals, Nobel laureate Amartya Sen has penned his memoir 'Home in the World'. The book will be published in July 2021 by Penguin Random House. In 'Home in the World', Sen shares details from his life and explores the idea of 'home'. Some of Amartya Sen's notable books are 'The Argumentative Indian', 'The Idea of Justice' among others.

IMPORTANT TERMINOLOGIES

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IMA = Indian Military Academy

JUO = Junior Under Officer

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CIDCO = City and Industrial Development Corporation

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