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BANKING / FINANCIAL / ECONOMICAL NEWS

India signs \$32 million loan with World Bank

The government of India, the government of Mizoram and the World Bank have signed a \$32 million Mizoram Health Systems Strengthening Project. It will improve the management capacity and quality of health services in Mizoram, particularly for the benefit of under-served areas and vulnerable groups.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of the Seafarer: 25 June

International Day of the Seafarer is observed every year on 25 June. In 2010, the International Maritime Organization (IMO), decided to designate June 25th as the International Day of the Seafarer. The purpose of the day is to give thanks to seafarers for their contribution to the world economy. The theme for the year 2021 is “Seafarers: at the core of shipping’s future”.

SPORTS

Saurabh Chaudhary bags bronze medal

In shooting, world number two Saurabh Chaudhary won a bronze medal at the ISSF World Cup at Osijek, Croatia in the men’s 10-meter air pistol event on 24 June 2021. Saurabh scored 220 in the eight-man finals after qualifying with a score of 581. Iran’s Javad Foroughi claimed gold, his 2nd in successive ISSF World Cups, while the seasoned three-time Olympian Damir Mikec of Serbia won silver.

Manu, Saurabh settle for silver medal

The Indian duo of Saurabh Chaudhary and Manu Bhaker settled for a silver medal in the 10m air-pistol mixed team event at the ISSF Shooting World Cup in Osijek, Croatia on 26 June 2021. The duo lost to Russia's Vitalina Batsarashkina and Artem Chernousov in the gold medal match.

New Zealand crowned World Test Champions

New Zealand has become ICC World Test Champions after beating India. They defeated India by 8 wickets in Southampton on 23 June 2021. This is their first-ever ICC title. Kyle Jamieson (NZ) has been adjudged as the “Player of the match”, while Kane Williamson (NZ) is the “Player of the series”.

Sajan Prakash creates history, becomes first-ever Indian swimmer to make Olympic 'A' cut

Sajan Prakash on Saturday became the first-ever Indian swimmer to breach the Olympic qualification time, clocking 1:56:38 seconds in the men's 200m butterfly event at the Sette Colli

Trophy in Rome, Italy. The 27-year-old, who represented India in the 2016 Rio Olympics, made the Tokyo Games 'A' standard, set at 1:56.48 seconds, by 0.1 seconds.

TN CM announces Rs 3 cr for gold medal winners

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin has announced prize money of Rs 3 crore for sportspersons from the state who win gold medals in the Tokyo Olympics. Silver medalists would be given prize money of two crore rupees and bronze medalists would get one crore rupees. The government has given Rs. 5 lakh to seven sportspersons in the state for participating in Olympics.

APPOINTMENTS AND RETIREMENTS

NO MAJOR UPDATE

SCHEMES AND POLICIES

Delhi government launches a portal

The Delhi government has developed a portal through which families of COVID-19 victims will apply for "Mukhyamantri COVID-19 Pariwar Aarthik Sahayata Yojana" to avail financial assistance. Under the scheme, an ex-gratia of Rs. 50,000 will be provided to those who have lost a family member to coronavirus. An additional Rs. 2,500 pension per month will be given if the deceased was the sole earner.

Rs 4,698.10 cr paid for death claims under PMJJBY last fiscal

Around Rs 4,700 crore has been paid against more than two lakh death claims filed under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) in the last financial year which witnessed COVID-19 leaving a trail of death, according to an RTI reply. The information regarding death claims under the PMJJBY, given by the Department of Financial Services to Neemuch district based RTI activist Chandrashekhar Gaur, do not mention the cause of deaths.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Hockey India nominates Sreejesh, Deepika for Khel Ratna

Veteran India goalkeeper PR Sreejesh and former women's team player Deepika were on Saturday nominated by Hockey India for this year's prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award. Besides the duo, vice-captain of India's Tokyo Olympics-bound men's team Harmanpreet Singh and women's team members Vandana Katariya and Navjot Kaur were nominated for the Arjuna awards. The national federation also nominated RP Singh and Ch Sanggai Ibemhal for the Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement, while coaches BJ Kariappa and CR Kumar were recommended for the Dronacharya Award.



NATIONAL

Tax exemption for COVID-19 treatment expense

The government has announced tax exemption for expenditure on COVID-19 treatment and ex-gratia received on death due to COVID-19. The government has also decided to provide income-tax exemption to ex-gratia payment received by family members of a person from the employer of such person.

INTERNATIONAL

Online hate speech to be a crime: Canada

Canada's Liberal government has unveiled plans to make online hate speech a crime, although the proposed legislation excludes social media platforms for now. The proposed amendments would make it easier for people to launch complaints against individuals who publish on the Internet - including on social media, on personal websites, and in blog posts - as well as operators of websites.

DEFENCE

India's first IAC will be commissioned in 2022

India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) will be commissioned in 2022. The Carrier will be called INS Vikrant on commissioning. This was announced by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh when he visited the IAC being built at Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kochi.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Longest recorded case of covid infection

A 72-year-old British man tested positive for Coronavirus for 10 months, the longest recorded case of continuous infection. Dave Smith, a retired driving instructor from Bristol in western

England tested positive 43 times and was hospitalized seven times. A paper on his case will be presented at the European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases.

RAT kit for COVID-19 launched

Minister of State for Education, Sanjay Dhotre has launched a Rapid Antigen Test kit for COVID-19 developed by IIT Delhi. This kit is used for in vitro qualitative detection of SARS-CoV-2 antigen. The test is found to be suitable for early Ct values with a 90 percent sensitivity, 100 percent specificity, and 98.99 percent accuracy and is certified by the Indian Council of Medical Research.

OBITUARIES

John McAfee passes away

John McAfee, who created the anti-virus software McAfee, was found dead in a Barcelona cell in June 2021. McAfee who founded the McAfee associates in 1987 was a programmer at NASA's Institute for Space Studies in New York City from 1968 to 1970.

MISCELLANEOUS

NO MAJOR UPDATE

IMPORTANT TERMINOLOGIES

IMO = International Maritime Organization

ISSF = International Shooting Sport Federation

PMJJBY = Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana

IAC = Indigenous Aircraft Carrier



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